



NEWSLETTER

Message from the Chairman



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Early summer 2013

Dates for your diaries

Epping Town Centre Festival
Saturday 29 June

Epping Town Show
Sunday 7 July

Family Quiz
Sunday 1 September

Open meeting
Wednesday 18 September, 7.30 for 8
St John's Church
Speaker: Richard Morris – Verderer of Epping Forest and author. He will be speaking on the role of verderers in the management of the Forest.

Christmas lunch
Sunday 8 December, Pelly Court

Everyone is most welcome at open meetings.

Visit our stall

Your new committee is working hard to give the Society a fresh approach, including upgraded literature and use of the social media. We hope you like what you see.

The values of the Society today remain unchanged from the days when the M25 threatened to cut the area in two with a deep wide cutting. We won that campaign and we need your support now so we can challenge new, damaging proposals as mentioned on the second page overleaf. The more members we have the louder is our voice.

If you have not yet joined, don't delay – join us TODAY!

Andrew Smith

“Who do you think you are?”

We receive frequent requests for information from our archives. Here are some examples:

An author in South Africa has asked for information or photographs of gypsies in the Epping area in the early 1960s; a local student, completing under-graduate research, wanted information relating to the old steam laundry in Bower Vale; we helped a cousin of the Silley family in the USA to contact UK relatives (the Silley family owned the Theydon Grove estate between 1921 and 1962).

We have also provided St John's CofE VC school with

images from 1960s' local papers which will be included in the "Farewell to St John's" event on Saturday 6 July.

See the photo gallery on our website for Epping images old and new and for a host of additional information about the town.

Later in the year we hope to make major developments on the website to make it easier to navigate images and information.

If you have interesting material, hang on to it!

Our key messages for members and friends

CPREssex

The CPRE at national level continues to be concerned about the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) despite promises that the "Green Belt would be safe".

In practice we are seeing numerous planning appeals going the way of the developer because more weight is being given to economic growth at a cost to the Green Belt and national designated areas.

If the Government does not revise the NPPF we feel guidance is needed to promote sustainable development rather than growth at any cost.

Trevor Roberts

Membership subscriptions

At £5 per household, this year's outstanding renewals are now overdue.

A form and Standing Order mandate will accompany this Newsletter and we ask you to please use it. It may be more bother this year but renewal will be automatic in future.

Please contact me with any questions on 01992 577113 and I will be happy to help.

Don't forget, the more members of the Society, the more influence we will have which is vital in the coming year as the Local Plan and St John's Consultation move towards a final decision.

Mike Rigelsford

Planning

Since the last newsletter in January the Committee have considered 75 planning and TPO applications and have made 15 written submissions to EFDC, including:

1 Objection to an application in the High Street for extremely small flats with lack of amenity spaces (still in the system as a revised plan)

2 Complaint of inappropriate paint colour on a building in the Conservation Area (you know the one we mean!). EFDC say their policies do not provide for control other than for statutory listed buildings. We were disappointed that nothing could be done.

As usual, we encourage good design and sensitive development, especially for community benefit or to sustain the High Street.

Applications can be viewed on the EFDC website (search EFDC planning portal).

Charlie Geddes

Current risks to Epping

- Commuter parking
- High Street trading conditions
- Loss of market stalls
- St John's Road development
- Local plan for 10,200 additional houses, mainly on Green Belt



Ramblers at Epping station

Epping Society Walks

The last Sunday of the month the Society shares a walk with the West Essex Ramblers, starting at 10.00 am from Epping Station, finishing there at around 2.00 pm.

The distance is about 10 miles at a brisk pace with a stop for drinks only at a pub. Leaders are experienced volunteers. Dates:

30 June: Epping to Upshire, 9 miles, leader Ann

28 July: Epping to the "Mole Trap", 10 miles, leader Linda.



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