

TEDDINGTON SOCIETY NEWS LETTER

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HELLO AND WELCOME

Welcome to our first news letter. The news letters will keep you up to date with the work of our newly formed Society.

BIRTH OF THE TEDDINGTON SOCIETY

The Teddington Society has now finally come into existence. The early meetings were held at Adam Joseph's house. The first Public Meeting was held at Craig Hall in July, attended by about 250 people, from which a Steering Committee emerged to carry on the difficult job of laying the foundations for the Teddington Society. A set of rules, approved by The Civic Trust, formed the basis of the constitution which was worked out by the Steering Committee. This was discussed at some length at the second Public Meeting held at Broom Road Secondary School on September 11th. This meeting was attended by well over 200 people. The Society is now planning to join the Civic Trust,

We would like to thank John Parton of the Kew Society for guiding us through the difficult early stages.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

One of our members, a professional photographer, Fred Wilfred has volunteered to take photographs of controversial developments involved in local Planning Applications which will directly affect (visually or otherwise) people living nearby. Some of these excellent photographs were on show at the second Public Meeting and we should like to thank him for these.

Ten working parties were set up, each headed by a convenor. Each group is responsible for a different aspect of the environment and community. Names and addresses of all officers and committee members are attached to this news letter and each working party convenor is indicated. Please contact any convenor if you think he or she can help you with a problem.

The historic cottage at 159 Teddington High Street was threatened with redevelopment. The Teddington Society, together with other objectors, brought about the listing (Class II) of the building which means it cannot be demolished without permission from the Department of the Environment.

The Goods' Yard at Teddington Station is being closely watched by the Environment and Planning working party. We hope that a community structured comprehensive development scheme may be put forward by the Society to British Rail which could rid us of this eye-sore. It could provide us with something of use to Teddington as a whole.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We are keeping a watchful eye on 59/61 Kingston Lane; we were concerned about the emergence of Teddington High Street as an Estate Agents paradise; 10 Bushy Park Road; the proposed large-scale redevelopment suggested for Munster Road; St. Albans church.

The future of St. Albans Church, the once proposed cathedral with its interesting French design, is one we should all be considering at this time. Although not very old it is certainly a local landmark with its green roof. However, it is estimated that £¼ million will be needed to keep it standing. If you have any thoughts on this matter, do let us know.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17th

This meeting was mainly concerned with the consolidation of the work to be done by the working parties. The betterment of Teddington and the community - the aim of the Teddington Society - depends to a large extent on the concern, action and pressure of its working parties.

REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES

The Riverside working party would welcome any ideas on how the riverside could be improved. If you notice any pollution taking place; do let us know.

The Tree working party hope to plot all significant trees in the area and to encourage the replacement of dead trees. They also want to encourage the planting of new trees where possible especially in this "Plant a Tree in '73' year.

The Road & Transport working party are considering the problems of on-street parking, unsuitable use of residential roads as short cuts by vehicles, public transport, helicopter and aircraft noise and the possible positioning of new zebra crossings.

The Old & Handicapped People's working party are still considering their future plans.

The History working party will be researching into the history of Teddington and its building, and are making appeals for old photographs, postcards etc for exhibiting at the Society meetings. They also hope to record the houses, sites, roads, parks etc. as they are now, so that we can leave a well documented description for the future residents of Teddington. Both these projects and many more that members may suggest can start now. This collected evidence would be invaluable if any part of Teddington were threatened by re-development. We could also make sure that we have a record of what the present scene was like before any re-development took place.

The Social and Cultural working party is planning varied events to bring people together within a friendly atmosphere.

The Legal and Advisory working party are available to help anyone who requires professional advice concerning Planning Applications.

The Young People's working party which will also include children and their special needs such as nursery education, play facilities etc, are hoping to use local schools in the area for compiling a detailed study using Teddington as its subject.

The Nasty Smells working party will include the improvement of the tattier side of Teddington such as dumped rubbish and cars, litter in general, blocked drains, fouling by dogs, the condition of the local baths and out-dated equipment in local recreation grounds.

The Environment and Planning working party asks every member of the Society to look out for any kind of development or change of use of buildings or land around Teddington. In this way Planning Applications can be checked for anything detrimental to Teddington. It can then be brought into the open and considered before any definite decision is taken. It is hoped to look at Teddington as a whole and then to divide it up into areas and decide what is the important aspect of each area. In this way, a general planning policy can be formulated for each area.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our thanks to Lloyd Warburton, Olga Wilkins, Ron Buckingham and Alec West for their help during the early days of our Society. We hope their help and advice will continue.

We need secretarial help and aid with legal matters. If anyone has skills in these directions or in any other way they think might be of help, please let us know.

We will also need funds to finance future ventures. Again, if you have any ideas for raising money, such as talks, films, informal meetings and discussions, which would be of interest to the Society please let us know.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please send to Elainer Dalby, 6 Gomer Place,
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