

TEDDINGTON SOCIETY NEWS LETTER

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

A "mini" conservation area is under consideration by the Council for the part of Teddington close to Teddington Station (part of Clarence and Park Roads). We hope to make suggestions to the Council concerning this area. The idea of the "mini" conservation area is wholeheartedly endorsed by the Society to prevent unnecessary spoiling and development of some of the most attractive parts of Teddington.

There was a rumour of a motorway-type road from Apex Corner, through Teddington High Street, across the river with a bridge starting at St. Albans Church, across the Ham lands, by-passing Kingston and then up to London; this gave us much concern. Letters were sent to the Department of the Environment, the G.L.C. and Richmond Council. The answers showed that no plans are in existence for the immediate future but the idea for a bridge across the river at Teddington Lock has been around for years and possibly at some future date something may happen. We'll remain aware of this situation.

St. Alban's Church has been discussed at all our committee meetings. Some of you may have seen a letter from Alan Sibley of the Environmental and Planning Group in the local paper asking for residents' views on the matter. If you would like to write to Alan, he is keen to hear your ideas for the church.

Some of the Committee do not wish the Church to come down but future financing of its upkeep is obviously getting to be an expensive task. The Committee was unanimous, however, that if the Church did come down, we as a society should press for either making the site an open space with trees; or for a community development of some kind. We are opposed to speculative office development or a dense housing estate there.

The proposed plan for an office block to be built on the South Eastern Electricity Board's land at Sandy Lane to Bushy Park has also given the Committee concern. The proposed office block is appropriate for a tight urban site and totally out of place in that rural setting. Letters have been sent from the society to the Manager of Seeboard, the Town Clerk, our local Councillors and M.P. and four local newspapers.

## GENERAL SOCIETY INFORMATION

Like any other Society, we need financial support to run smoothly. Please help us by encouraging people to join the Society and pay their subscription, a minimum of 25p. If anyone wishes to make a donation to the society, this would be gratefully received

A very attractive and striking emblem has been chosen for the Society, an etching of a classic white swan superimposed on a black background (the swan being the emblem of Teddington). Posters and membership cards are now available. Please bear with us for the delay in receiving these due to the young nature of our society.

After a number of attempts to get Shell to allow us a room at the Lensbury Club, Broom Road for a series of meetings, we have unfortunately been turned down. But happily we have managed to book the brand new Ellera Hall for a series of meetings.

The first meeting – on January 24th at 7.30 – 10.30. will be a get together for members of the societys working parties. On Saturday February 16th we are holding a “getting to know you St. Valentines” party also at Ellera Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet each other socially. On Friday March 29th, again at Ellera Hall, a lecture on the History of Petticoat Lane and the growth of Cockney London will be given by Adam Joseph, who is an authority on this subject. 8pm. prompt.

It is also hoped to hold a party on a boat cruising on the River Thames sometime in April, arranged by Dave Hastings our Riverside Convenor who is also the Twickenhan Ferry man. This “cruise” would be for members only and should be enjoyable entertainment. So look out for further information.

## GENERAL INFORMATION.

### AIRCRAFT NOISE.

When you think a plane is too low or too noisy or when you become angered by aircraft noise and you wish to complain – phone 759 – 4321, British Airports Authority, Heathrow. Say you want to register a complaint and ask for a written reply as you are entitled to one.

The responsibility for helicopters is divided between the G.L.C. and the Civil Aviation Division of the Department of Trade and Industry, so protests can go to either or (best of all) both. Please help by writing or telephoning to them.

- a) Bernard Collins, Dept. of Planning and Transportation, G.L.C., County.Hall, London, S.E.1. Tel 633 2084.
- b) Civil Aviation Div., Department of Trade and Industry, Heston Aerodrome, Hounslow, Middlesex. Tel. 897-0091.

### DUMPED CARS.

If anyone wants to dump an old car, it may be disposed of, FREE OF CHARGE, at Town Mead Road, Kew.

If this fails, then contact the Society to see if they can help.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

If you are concerned about a planning application, visit or phone the Architect & Planning Officer, Michael Edwards, Regal House, Twickenham, Middlesex. Phone 892-4466.

If you write, state your objections and reasons for them. Anyone can ask to see plans relating to any development in the Borough. Sometimes an indication may be given when you visit the Council as to the outcome of the planning application. If you are not satisfied contact your local councillors to ask for advice and help.

For Teddington.

Councillor M. Gold. 71 Broad Lane, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 3AX.  
Councillor L.W. Newstead. 11 Alton Gardens, Twickenham, TW2 7PD.  
Councillor A. West. 60 Hampton Road, Teddington, TW11 0JX.

For Hampton Wick.

Councillor A.F. Arbour. 20 Vicarage Road, Hampton Wick,  
Kingston-Surrey KT1 4ED.

Councillor G.M. Cooper. 2 Bolton Gardens, Teddington,  
Middlesex TW11 9AK.

Councillor Olga Wilkins. 5 Park Road, Hampton Wick, Kingston,  
Surrey KT1 4AS

Your local Member of Parliament is Toby Jessel, The Old Court House, Hampton Court, East Molesey, Surrey. It could carry more weight if you are able to get up a petition of people concerned and send it to the Architect and Planning Officer at Regal House.

If all this does not bring any reasonable result, contact the Society see what we can do to help. If you just wish to ask for advice consult the list on the back page of this newsletter. If you do request help from the Society and are advised by us, please do let us know if you receive a reply, even if no further help is required.

#### REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES.

History Group: This group is starting on the task of compiling historical notes on Teddington: researching old houses – like the Manor House; gathering information about St. Albans Church, whose future is uncertain; recording present-day Teddington, starting with the roads the group's members live in. Once again we appeal for any old photographs, press cuttings or documents of our neighbourhood. The History Group is looking for houses where famous people have lived so that the G.L.C. can be asked for a memorial plaque to be erected there. The famous person must have been dead for at least 20 years.

#### Children and Young People Group

The group have studied all the facilities in the Teddington area for children and young people and are now tackling specific problems. They are looking for places which might be usable for playgroups in the between Stanley Road and Hampton Road which is at present the only area with bad pre-school provision. They are examining some possible sites for future playgrounds and are attempting to discover the detailed play provisions intended for the two large new council housing estates in Teddington (The desperate shortage of playgrounds is such that, by present standards, the whole of Richmond Borough has enough playgrounds for only one half of Teddington). The group are also seeking a location for what would be the first adventure playground in the borough, but considerable persuasion will be needed so a very careful study will have to be prepared.

Tree Group: The initial tree planting project which we are endeavouring to carry out is that at the junctions of Broad Street, High Street, Station Road, and Waldegrave Road, and the Borough Engineers Department is at present preparing a plan and costing. The Automobile Association has very kindly promised a donation towards this and the Council will possibly help with funds still in hand in "Tree Maintenance Funds". Planned replacement of dead and dying trees in Connaught Road, Royal Road, Windsor Road and Paget Close is to take place soon. The Council does agree to plant saplings of large or medium sized trees in places where the pavements are wide or the frontage of houses is well back from the pavement line. In places where there is the likelihood of roof damage from large trees to foundations, walls, drains or service mains for which they are held responsible they will only plant the small type of oriental tree. On grass or other verges that are not the property of the Council, trees can only be planted with permission and a form of identification.

The Council are to approach Seeboard in Sandy Lane and the Telephone Exchange, High Street, regarding tree planting and also possibly at the junction near Teddington Hospital. The infected elms at the South End of Kingston Lane are to be felled and replaced with other types of trees, Trees .suspected of being killed by Natural Gas should be reported to Mr. English, of the Borough Engineers Department who will carry out all necessary investigations. In such areas, the Gas Board would be completely responsible for replacenents. We should like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Robson for presenting us with a very useful publication - "A Tree for Every Site."

Road and Transport Group: Two road projects which have concerned this group since its first meetings, seem to have been resolved; Colehill Road is to be made a one way street to prevent it being used as a by-pass from Queens Road to Hampton Road; and the very dangerous and congested junction of Shacklegate Lane and Waldegrave Road is to be widened and yellow lines installed. There is concern about irregular pavements in Park Road outside the flats for elderly people. The Council is to be asked to remedy this. Literature from Transport 2000, the umbrella movement for all public transport problems, is being closely examined. We are considering the serious problem of lack of suitable transport locally and we have discussed free bus rides and a Teddington mini-büs service around the area.

Nice and Tidy Group: This group has been concerned with the condition of local toilet facilities. The staffing of the Ferry Road toilet is under consideration by the Council. Litter bins are being distributed by the Council and it is hoped that Teddington's turn will come soon. It is also hoped to hold a Garden Competition in the area with 3 sections; window boxes, childrens garden and any local garden.

The state of Railway Road is being investigated and the light on the bridge is being dealt with. The problem of dog fouling in the area is also being considered. The group is to ask the Amenities Committee of the Richmond Council to erect dog urinals at the entrance to the Wade Lane and the Manor recreation grounds. It is also hoped to have a big follow-up advertising campaign at the parks concerned, in the newspapers, on Elmfield House notice-board and the Library. Please, if you have a dog, do remember that other people especially young children and prams are going to use the paths and recreation grounds.

Old and Handicapped Group: This group have had their problems in setting up as there are already a lot of dedicated people and organisations working for these people in this area. Therefore this group has decided to try and fill any gaps in this field. It is hoped to find out what actually is available for old and handicapped people in this area and so be a ready source of information for anyone who might ask for help. The accessibility to buildings for handicapped people is the area that is being investigated. Also the possibility of bringing different generations together by a family with young children "adopting" or being "adopted" by an older person who has no grandchildren or even children locally. If you have any ideas or know of anywhere that has worked this scheme, please contact the Society.

Advisory and Legal Group: This group has a number of qualified people in their group so if you require advice, please contact the society.

Riverside Group: This group has been trying to save the Islet below Steven's Ait by encouraging the various public bodies concerned to donate money to save it from being washed away. Local residents are hoping that it may be saved as there are some trees on it and from time to time swans build their nests there. These Aits are a local feature of the Thanes and we as a Society want to encourage their preservation.

Planning and Environmental Group: The ward has been split up into four areas with one group member in charge of each area to deal with enquiries about small planning applications. The initial enquiry will still be made to David Cordingley who will then pass it on to the appropriate person for that area. The Planning and Environmental Group have also constituted 3 sub-committees: Robert O'Conner is looking into the developers plan re: Railway Bridge Area; Mr. Camarez is looking into the possible purchase by Marks and Spencers of storage space in Teddington High St; David Cordingley is looking into the General Policy for High Street area. A complaint has been made to the Council from the Society about the conversion of the Tyre Sales Showroom in the Kingston Pond into a showroom for the sale of used cars.

Finally we should like to congratulate Chris and Elainer Dalby on the birth of their daughter Hannah. Elainer has had to resign as Secretary but she hopes to return in the not-too-distant future.

PLEASE KEEP THIS LIST FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Names and Addresses of Teddington Society

Officers and Committee Members

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	POSITION
Adam Joseph	4 Broom Lock	977 6209	Chairman
David Cordingley	6 Cambridge Rd	977 1666	Vice Chairman Convenor-Planning
Tom Monk	30 Trowlock Island	977 5833	Secretary
Rosalind Sanford	12 Clarence Rd	977 5531	Treasurer
Pat Bishop	88 Bushy Park Road	977 3962	Membership Sec.
Sarah Strike	29 St. Winifreds Rd	977 3852	Press Officer
Geoff Draughn	29 Cedar Rd	977 3065	co-Press Officer
Weston Key	7 Udney Park Road	977 5287	Convenor-Trees
David Hastings	51 Railway Rd	977 1695	Convenor-Riverside
Jean Wattam	83 Teddington Pk Rd	977 3822	co-Convenor - "
Roger Eglin	53 Teddington Park	977 1088	co-Convenor-Planning
Alan Sibley	11 Twickenham Rd	977 4857	co-Convenor-Planning
Mark Rees	143 Fairfax Rd	977 7359	Convenor - Roads & Transport
Ann Jones	83 Teddington Pk Rd	977 1251	co-Convenor - Roads & Transport
David Nicol	8 Cambridge Road	977 5341	Convenor - Handicapped & Old People
Eileen Pilborough	11 Grove Terrace	977 1995	Convenor-History
Ruth Joseph	4 Broom Lock	977 6209	co-Convenor - Social & Cultural
Howard Stafford	15 Albrook Close	977 8559	Convenor- Advisory & Legal
Jeff Bishop	88 Bushy Park Rd	977 3962	Convenor - Young people
Wendy Dare	30 Broom Lock	977 2502	Convenor - Nice & Tidy

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please send to Pat Bishop, 88 Bushy Park Road, Teddington;  
plus 25p subscription)

Name: . . . . .

Address: . . . . .

Telephone: . . . . .

Special Interests: . . . . .