

Telephone:  
High Wycombe 25933

HON. SECRETARY:  
J. Scruton Esq.,  
17, London Road,  
High Wycombe Bucks

From:

Life Members	£10.00
Individual Members	.60p
Family Membership	.90p
Junior Members (up to age 18) and Retirement Pensioners	.20p
Affiliated Societies	Minimum .60p (with increments of 60p for each 50 members up to a maximum of £6.00)
Affiliated Junior Societies	.20p

It has been suggested by the Mid-Week Press that we might be in some financial danger, but we are very confident that we will avoid gobbling up any more of our reserves, and will continue to grow. Of course a great deal depends on the subscriptions of our members and we hope that all those who have not yet renewed their subscriptions will do so as soon as possible. A renewal form is attached for those concerned. Any member wishing to covenant a subscription or pay through a Banker's order, should ask for the appropriate form from Mrs. Roe our Membership Secretary, at No. 3 London Road.

a. Planning - High Wycombe Planning Review

Arrangements have been made for the Group to meet Mr. Bunn of the County Planning Department on 10th June, at the Friends' Meeting House. This will provide a very good opportunity to discuss and argue about the High Wycombe Planning Review in an atmosphere rather different from the highly charged one of the public meetings.

Office Tower Blocks

Members will no doubt have read about the growing concern in the town because of the possible erection of tall office blocks in Totteridge Road. The local residents are extremely worried, and many others in the town are concerned about the possible effects of these massive blocks. The Planning Group is investigating the present confusing situation, which has been brought about by the totally inadequate consultation with the public. When the full facts are known action will be taken by the Society.

c. Historic Works and Buildings

Toll House. A meeting was held recently between the Cricket Club, the Bucks County Council, and the High Wycombe Society, to discuss the possibility of restoring this Grade II historic building. It is unique, being the sole survivor of the toll houses in' this area, and with sensitive treatment could be an attractive feature. The Cricket Club do make use of the building and would continue to do so. A joint effort to raise money and encourage voluntary labour is contemplated. More news of this in our next newsletter.

Earthworks. High Wycombe has a number of interesting earthworks and we hope to awaken some local interest in their preservation. We have carried out a survey of, Desborough Castle, an Iron Age fortress within the Borough. This is kept in good condition by the Parks Manager, but is constantly marred by rubbish from the adjoining estate. We are hoping to interest people in the locality and perhaps persuade a local school to "adopt" this interesting site.

Conservation Area - Advertisements. Members may have noticed that window stickers in shops throughout the middle of the town have increased in number and do much to disfigure the town centre. We have had discussions with the Area Planning Officer and the Civic Trust, and it has been suggested that we might achieve more by persuasion than by attempting to enforce compliance with the new regulations about advertising. If the "soft" approach fails, then discontinuance notices will have to be served.

Guildhall. The repairs to our most important historic building have proved to be more extensive than were thought likely. In addition, urgent measures will have to be taken to strengthen the floors by means of extra beams and columns. The work may be completed by the early Autumn. The Borough Council is reluctant at this stage to spend more money on interior decorations, but we feel it would be a pity not to complete the restoration after all the efforts which will have been made to carry out the essential repairs and replacements.

Pann Mill. The Borough Council is in the final stage of buying this important site. The buildings are not only a terrible eyesore, but they are also a danger especially to children. As soon as the site has been purchased, the buildings will be demolished, and the site "tidied up". We are asking for the site to be made an attractive feature, with existing trees retained and the water allowed to run through the dried up channel. The Pann Mill site could be a most attractive addition to the Rye until the time comes to establish some kind of civic building.

d. Traffic

Recently we arranged a meeting of a number of our members interested in traffic, and it was agreed to form a Traffic Group to study some of the innumerable traffic problems in the town. As a first step it was decided to investigate the proposals for the High Street. A meeting has been arranged with the Borough Engineer, Mr. Richards, and his Deputy, Mr. Daplririg. This will take place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th July, at the Friends' Meeting House, 25 London Road, High Wycombe. If you would like to join this Group, please come to the meeting. You would be most welcome. The member who has taken the initiative in forming this Group is:

W. Kraft, Esq., 12 Wellfield, Hazlemere.  
Tel: Penn 2724 (Evening) or High Wycombe **35933.**

He would be glad to hear of any ideas and problems you have about traffic.

e. Water Resources.

On Sunday, 30th May, a number of our members made a tour of the lakes in West Wycombe Park, by kind permission of Sir Francis Dashwood. Afterwards a short discussion took place, in the West Wycombe Church Loft, and it was decided to form a River Group to help in every way to improve the quality of our much neglected river. The Group will carry out a survey of the River and decide on a list of priorities. Liaison with the local Authorities and the Thames Conservancy Board will be essential. If you are interested in this fascinating topic, why not get in touch with the Convenor (for the time being!): Mrs. D. Smith, Old Mill Cottage, Bassetsbury Lane,

High Wycombe. Tel: High Wycombe 29301.

2. WING AIRPORT RESISTANCE ASSOCIATION.

We feel sure that all our members will be delighted and relieved about the decision not to establish a Third London Airport at Cublington. We have just received a letter from Mr. Fennell, the Chairman of W.A.R.A., in which he wrote: "It has been a long, hard and expensive fight but I am delighted to think that in winning the first battle for the environment, we have managed to save our own homes and the Buckinghamshire countryside as well".

3. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

Canal and Coach Trips. On Saturday 29th May, a party of our members and friends travelled on a combined coach and canal trip, taking in that part of the Grand Union Canal from Marsworth to Linslade. Despite the rain it was a most enjoyable outing. These trios are certainly "away from it all" and give a great deal of pleasure.

On 19th June, Derek Woods has arranged a second trip from Yardley Gobion to Weedon including a visit to Stoke Bearne and the fascinating Canal Museum and the famous Blisworth Tunnel.

We are indebted to Mr. Woods for all his efforts. Nothing is overlooked in his

Careful preparations.

Ramble. Do you feel like an Ancient Briton? If so why not join the Ramble on Sunday, 4th July, arranged by Ron Sims? Those interested should meet at the car park in Chorley Road, West Wycombe at 10.30 a.m. and should bring with them some sandwiches for lunch. The walk will follow the route suggested by the famous Fieldfare of the Evening News. It is one of his early walks entitled "In the wake of the Ancient Britons", so if you wish to follow our sturdy forbears, please come along on 4th July, and bring your children as well if you think they can manage the distance of 14 miles. The walk is not particularly strenuous. Ron Sims would be delighted to have a reasonable gathering. It would certainly encourage him to arrange more walks.

SOUTH BUCKS ARTS TRUST.

Now that this exciting project to build the Dove has been launched, we hope that affiliated Societies and members will help to raise the large sum required. Many organisations and individuals are helping with varied activities, such as coffee mornings, garden parties, Bingo evenings, Charity walks, Barbecues, Cabarets and Sporting events. Many more "self starters" are needed with good ideas and the energy to carry them out. If you are interested please get in touch with Marjorie Martin, 11 St. Paul's Row, High Wycombe. Telephone: High Wycombe 30598.

PLEASE HELP TO BUILD THE DOVE.

GRAND DRAW.

The Raffle held recently had the following results:

1st Prize. Mr. C. Bray, 63 Brands Hill Avenue, High Wycombe.

2nd Prize. Mrs. E. Hodder, 30 Connaught Gardens, Muswell Hill.

3rd Prize. Mr. M. Williams, 26 Highwood Avenue, Bookerhill.

Consolation prizes:

Mrs. A. Root, 26 Marigold Walk, Widmer End.

Mrs. M. Dell, 62 Highwood Avenue, High Wycombe.

Welling and Partners, Amersham Hill, High Wycombe.

The Raffle made a profit of £12.47. Although we hoped for more, it was a very useful addition to our funds and our thanks are due to Mrs. Marshall for organising it and for all those members and friends who bought tickets.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This was held on Friday, 30th April, at the Methodist Church Hall, when there was a good attendance. Mr. Hownall, the Manager and Engineer of the Bucks Water Board, spoke about "Water Supply Problems in the South East of England". His talk was both serious and humorous and was much appreciated.

At this meeting a report of our year's work was distributed, but of course many members unable to attend did not receive a copy. This report is enclosed for the information of those who did not attend. Any comments would be welcome.

CONCLUSION.

As you see, we are extending our activities, but if we are to be successful we need new members all the time. Members move away and we must replace them, and if possible increase our numbers. In the battle for our environment, heads count. Please help by recruiting one new individual member or capture another family. The enclosed leaflet may help if you pass it on to a friend.

To: Mrs. E. Roe, 3 London Road, High Wycombe.

Herewith \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of renewal subscription for individual/family/Junior/Affiliation membership for the year 1971/72.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: (Block Capitals) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_