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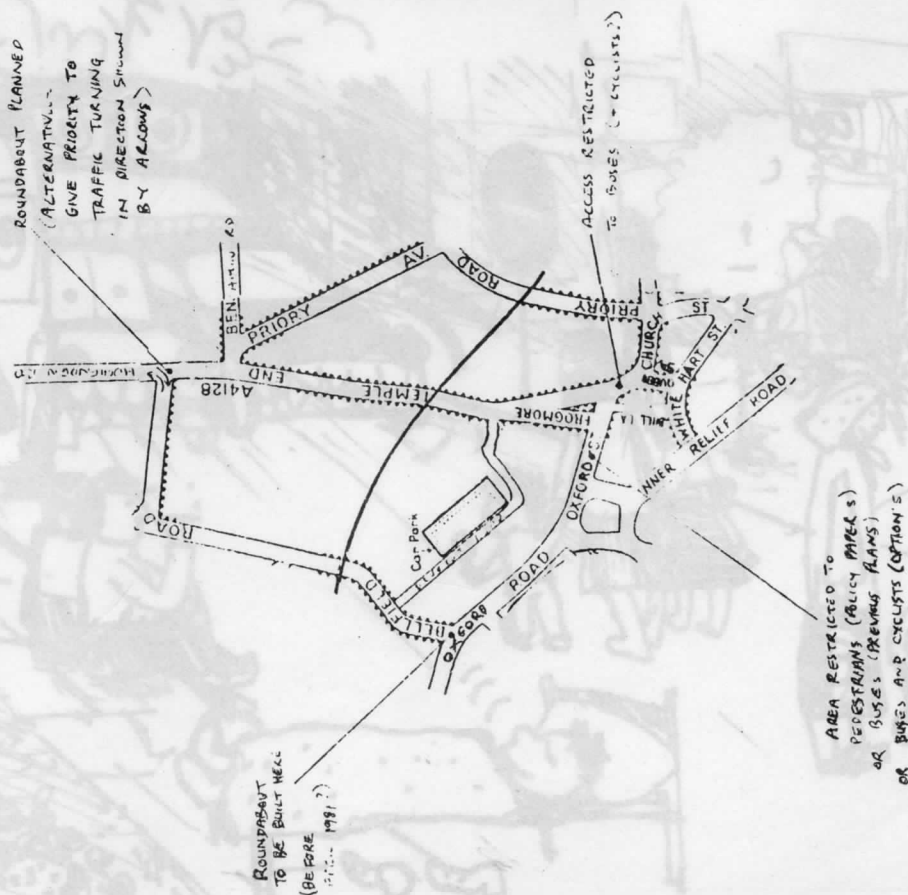
PLANNING GROUP

Policy Paper No. 7 - Roads

The proposed four Road options which were placed before the people of Wycombe and District caused a storm of protest from the majority of those who responded. We feel sure that most of us were very much relieved by the recommendation of the District Council Joint Committee to place the proposals in abeyance. Whether any of them will be taken up in the future is uncertain, but we are sure the opposition will remain.

We are still concerned about two of the recommendations. One is the proposal that the "corridors" defining the routes of the roads should be protected for an indefinite period. This has already caused distress and alarm among those who live in or near these corridors. They fear that their properties have been 'blighted' and they deserve much sympathy. We hope the Council will decide on a much shorter period while they carry out their proposed monitoring.

The other recommendation - to retain the Frogmoor Relief Road - seems to be a mistake. Quite apart from the great expense, it would lead to considerable demolition of much needed shops, and the creation of a ponderous roundabout out of keeping with Temple End. We have suggested that during an interim period the possibility of using Bellfield Road should be explored. This could be a sensible solution used in conjunction with the proposed roundabouts at both ends.



Wycombe District Area Plan - Policy Paper No. 8 - Town Centre

After the convulsions brought about by Paper 7 on Roads, it was something of a relief to study Policy Paper No. 8, the last of the Policy Papers. The District Council's proposals for the Town Centre should command a good deal of support, but we had some reservations about a number of items. The following is a summary of some of the more important comments from the Society.

Shops and Offices

We expressed alarm about the increasing number of Offices known euphemistically as "quasi-retail" because they attract customers. Premises such as Building Societies, Estate Agents and Banks are beginning to dominate the Town Centre, nudging out normal shops. Easton Street has almost gone, and the High Street is becoming a dead place. The District Council has claimed that they are really shops, hence the term "quasi-retail", and they consider it is hardly a change of use. We hope they do their utmost to prevent any more intrusions.

We supported the High Street market and hope that any further extensions of the Market will be sited in the High Street.

The upper floors of many premises seem to be unoccupied. We have suggested a survey with the possibility of using them residentially, although we are aware of some of the problems.

We cannot agree with the large scale plans submitted by the Prudential to develop the site to the south of the High Street. A large office block would not only be contrary to Structure Plan policy, but it would ruin the opportunity which exists for a much more imaginative development. We have suggested a mixed development to include specialist shops, craft workshops and some housing. Such a scheme would bring a great deal of life and interest near to our fine High Street.



Traffic Considerations

We stressed the need for positive traffic restrictions and urged the Council to gradually bring about the traffic free areas depicted in their document. So many towns have adopted traffic free schemes and found them a boon in so many ways. Shopping becomes a pleasure, town centres become human again, and the local traders find their trade increasing. High Wycombe is certainly behind the times and we hope the Council will do something positive at last.

Frogmoor

Since the formation of the Society we have pressed for some kind of action about poor old Frogmoor. Schemes have been prepared and then abandoned on financial grounds, and we wonder if the Council are now determined to do something. This barren place was once held in great affection by the townsfolk, and many bitter feelings are held about the neglect and lack of interest which has brought about the present scene. We support any scheme which brings about some improvement, but we are opposed to the construction of the massive road to take traffic away from Frogmoor. We think there is a better solution.

Vacant Sites

The tragedy of the Bridge Street car park was stressed, with the colossal error of culverting the river. We do not accept that it has to be a car park.

There is no doubt that this car park is hideous and the worst possible introduction to the town centre.

We have suggested that the vacant site adjacent to the Dovecote Car Park should be used for shopping, and that the Temple End area should be improved.

We support the Council's intention to use the vacant site at Saffron Platt for housing. This Eastern desert is certainly a blot on the landscape. We want to see a lively community of mixed ages living there once more and we hope that the Council will move quickly.

Additional items not included in Policy Paper

We were surprised about the lack of comment about tree planting. We feel that there should be considerable tree planting in some parts of the town centre, and special provision be made by the replacement of trees in trouble.

No mention has been made about the provision of an Arts Centre. We feel the need is a very real one and just as important as the provision of a Sports Centre.

No mention was made either of the proposed new Council Offices. If the plan does go ahead we hope that it will not be just a functional box. The site adjacent to the present Council Offices in Queen Victoria Road is a very prominent one and we feel that a high quality design is essential in order to match the high standard set by the other public buildings in the vicinity.

The Rye

Recently the Thames Water authority resurrected an old planning approval to build an access on the Rye at the Pann Mill Water Works. This new application was opposed by the Rye Society and the High Wycombe Society on legal and planning grounds. We believe that the great majority of the townsfolk do not want any infringements of the Rye. Strangely the Planning Officer supported the application. Fortunately it received short shift from the Councillors and was refused. It seems that the Rye is in good hands.

Terriers Farm

Recently another application was submitted by Costain Homes to build 108 houses at Terriers Farm. This is part of the area known as H 7 and any applications to build on this land is bound to meet massive hostility. We opposed the application for a number of reasons. It would not satisfy local need for low-cost housing and there would be a loss of agricultural land. Kingshill land forms a natural town boundary and the open countryside beyond, which is part of the AONB, needs to be protected. Any development there would create serious traffic problems.

The District Council maintained their opposition for similar reasons and because the proposal does not conform with the Structure Plan. The application was refused, but Costain Homes may well appeal against the decision.

Council for the protection of Rural England (Penn Country Branch)

The Penn Country Branch of the C.P.R.E. was formed on 20th October 1930, and has worked continuously since then in defence of the local environment. This is the Golden Jubilee Year of the Branch and we would like to congratulate them on this long and effective battle to protect so many precious things in this area.

We have always worked closely with them and have welcomed their support on many occasions. We hope the Branch will continue to flourish - they are certainly needed more than ever. We look forward to continuing our association in the years ahead.

Rosemary Shooter

HISTORIC BUILDINGS GROUP

Bright Lights in the High Streets

The High Street has its share of illuminated signs and fascia boards for which permission was given some time ago, before it was declared a Conservation Area. There is nothing that can be done to alter this situation. The District Council have set themselves against any illuminations of this kind and the Society supports them wholeheartedly. However, some firms do not wait to seek planning permission but erect illuminated fascias and signs and hope to get away with it. Fortunately, the Council is prepared to take enforcement action against them and we hope they will continue to do this.

If every shop in the street had an illuminated sign and fascia board it would be the ruination of our very fine High Street.

We have found recently that the desire for bright lights has spread to the High Street in West Wycombe. The George and Dragon Hotel has submitted three applications for extra lanterns and illuminations on the building. We have opposed these applications as we feel that illuminations on this scale would disfigure not only the building on which they were placed but also the whole character of the village street.

West Wycombe

In our last Newsletter, we wrote of a Public Enquiry about the way four cottages in West Wycombe High Street should be restored. The Wycombe District Council and the National Trust felt that the cottages must be restored and modernised but they differed in the way it should be accomplished. The Trust wanted to remove some of the small extensions and old chimney stacks but the Council thought these should be kept as they were characteristic of this outstanding Conservation Area.

We have now received the decision of the Secretary of State. The Inspector agreed that it was a very narrow decision he had to make but he came down on the side of the National Trust. We have no hard feelings in this matter and are quite sure that the National Trust will bring these cottages up to the high standard which they have reached in the rest of the village.

Janet Tully

The Old Chequers

The battle for the Old Chequers continues. The decision of the District Council Planning Committee to permit demolition caused little surprise. The Old Town Council is on record as wanting the building demolished "at the earliest opportunity" as long ago as 1972.

In co-operation with the Chiltern Society, and with some crucial assistance from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, we have sent a letter to the Department of the Environment asking for the decision of the Council to be called in, giving reasons why the decision could not be allowed to stand. Our letter is at present being considered and may go to the Secretary of State for a decision. Meanwhile, the Council has been requested by the D of E to hold its hand.

The Bucks Archaeological Society, previously the only dissenting voice among the Societies consulted, has now decided to support our stand.

We do hope, most sincerely, that the Old Chequers can be saved without a third Public Inquiry, but if need be we are ready for this. Unfortunately what is at stake is not merely the survival of one timber framed building, important though it is, but the wider question of whether or not listed buildings are protected by law in any real sense of the words.

Walter Kraft

Walkabouts in Chesham and High Wycombe

On a glorious summer's day, 11th May, we paid a visit to Chesham and our friends in the Chesham Society took us on a tour of the town. Arnold Baines was a delightful guide with his unique knowledge of the town and its history. Chesham has many interesting buildings and other features, not least the River Chess and the water meadows. A visit to the Council Chamber was a fine climax. Here, Mr Baines showed us the colourful tapestry of Chesham's history. Our visit came to an end with a most delicious cream tea served in the garden of a member of the Chesham Society.

A return visit was paid by the Chesham Society when they came to Wycombe on 7th September. Again, the weather was beautiful and helped a great deal in our wanderings. After a brief look at buildings in Easton Street and a glance at the High Street, we visited the Mayor's Parlour where we met Councillor Mrs Kathleen Peatey, our Town Mayor and Ivan Sparkes, our Librarian. A masterly summary of High Wycombe's history from Ivan was followed by a delightful account of Mayors and regalia from Kathleen. All of us were fascinated by the famous Ledger Book and other ancient documents and charters and it was difficult to drag the party away to continue the walk. We followed part of the Water Trail as far as Marsh Green Mill where some of our members had prepared most welcome refreshments and Sheila and Keith Latimer had kindly allowed us the use of their lovely garden.

We feel the two visits have been very worthwhile and have created a bond between our two Societies and we are indebted to all those who helped to make them so successful.

Stuart King



HIGH WYCOMBE

Not Quite "Bonnetts over the Windmill"

Having fixed a date for the visit to Lacey Green Windmill, fondly we imagined it would take place in Autumn sunshine. Came the day and our illusions were rudely shattered by gale force winds, driving rain and low temperatures.

Arriving at the site, reluctantly we left the warmth of our cars to huddle in shivering groups, wondering if anyone was at home. Then a bearded, tin-hatted brigand-like character appeared in the doorway of the windmill and yelled at us to get inside quickly. Thankfully we rushed for shelter, crowding around on the ground floor. On closer inspection, the 'brigand' turned out to be none other than Chris Wallis!

Over the years, Chris and his gallant band of volunteers, have used their weekends in helping to restore this grand old structure. Chris explained about the work involved and we marvelled. Following him from floor to floor, swarming up and down ladders, ducking under beams, we were filled with admiration for the progress already achieved. We listened in awe as he unfolded a tale of sheer dedication and determination on the part of all concerned in the work. We heard of the mammoth task that faced them in the beginning, the difficulties to be overcome and the painstaking effort required for such a long term project.

The end is surely in sight, for happily the work is well advanced. From a sagging, derelict structure, the 300 year old Windmill is now waterproof, and stands proudly erect waiting for the sails to be fixed. In the not too distant future we can hope to see it fulfilling its true destiny once again - that of grinding corn.

Elsie B. Fowler



LACEY GREEN WINDMILL, Circa 1650
now being restored by The Chiltern Society

WATER GROUP

Wycombe Show

On Saturday 6th September, we managed to turn the Water Wheel at Penn Mill - or rather we again persuaded the water to run down the Mill stream to do this. The old wheel was in a co-operative mood and was eager to turn again. Chris Woodman had arranged an attractive mini exhibition about the work of the Society, and this, together with the wheel, was seen by large numbers of visitors to the Wycombe Show. Our thanks are due to Chris Woodman, Colin Kennedy and Hugh Harrison for all their help, and to the Woodman children for selling so many Town and Water Trails.

Sheila Latimer

Trees Group

In our last Newsletter we welcomed the news that the Wycombe District Council would appoint a new Arboriculturalist following the departure of Mr Martin Ward. We have since learned that, despite our appeal, they have made the regrettable decision not to fill the vacancy at present. The outlook for trees therefore looks bleak. With no money for tree planting this year, the retention of an Arboriculturalist is most important to advise on the care, maintenance, protection and retention of those trees we have. Without such a person with the time, education and training to look after tree interests there is little hope for the future of trees in the Wycombe District. The Planning Department receives many applications each month to top, lop or fell trees, and their decisions on these applications gives us no confidence that the Department has any real knowledge or care for trees.

The latest and very serious case concerns Planning Application W/6623/80, which involves felling over 100 trees at Penn to make room for development. The area is described by the Technical Services Officer as "classic unspoilt Chiltern Woodland ... subject to Tree Preservation Order" --- the strongest possible reason, it would seem for resisting development. The Planning Department have given outline planning permission --- because they have three times in the past lost appeals to develop in the area, which, they say, creates a precedent, therefore "the chance of winning an appeal on amenity ground is not considered likely". What deplorable reasoning! What about the precedent they are now creating --- to allow development of unspoilt Chiltern Woodland, to allow felling of at least 100 trees covered by T.P.O. How, after this, can they oppose development anywhere by defending trees?

What are the District Council afraid of? Is it the cost of the appeals --- the time and effort taken by correspondence in defending their decision? The cost and amount of work involved is no more than ours in our Society, and we are not paid! Is our local council so impoverished that it cannot afford to take the advice of its trained expert, but must submit without protest to decisions of the past? Since those past decisions we have lost many, many trees to development and our tree cover nationally and locally grows ever scarcer.

As the Woodland Trust says (Bucks Free Press 17.10.80 p.8) "Regrettably it is only when trees vanish from the scene that people complain of the missing amenity or the spoiled view ... by then it is too late. Trees take decades, even centuries to grow and enhance the landscape, but only a few seconds to cut down".

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Surely each case should be treated on its merit and with trees vanishing all around, and in our area no hope of replacement, the case for protection grows ever stronger. It seems the District Council prefer the easy way out, Heaven help our trees!

Barbara Rippington

Heritage Group

Since progress is transitory and all must decay, our Group has deemed it desirable and fun to undertake an on-the-spot observation of the High Street, its recent improvements and areas still in need.

Hence the formidable sight of the massed throngs of the Heritage Group was to be seen in various stages of alertness on a splendid autumnal Sunday morning, clip-boards and sensibilities, ready and alive (mostly) to their surroundings.

A first general observation was the unexpected hustle and bustle of the Sunday morning High Street; a fine melee of various churchgoers, hamburger buyers, newspaper sellers and the steady build up of those awaiting opening time.

However, all distractions were soon ignored as the serious business began. Generally it proved to be a relatively encouraging morning with quite as much to praise and encourage as there was to deplore and depress.

While many minor improvements were suggested, shops such as Berrys, Emlers and Cyril Roberts continue to delight and recent improvements to the Abbey National, the Bakehouse and the Co-op we felt should be thanked for their actions.

On the black side, we deplored aesthetically the lavatorial aspect of Win Hong, fascia displays such as Parkers, Fads, Argos and Nationwide. Little action seems possible on legal grounds and appeals on any other fall on deaf ears.

Continued action was proposed on several fronts including the Little Market House and the Guildhall.

By a most strange coincidence, this worthy group managed to reach the Wycombe Society garden, situated next door to the Angel public house at precisely 12.10 and it was again deemed desirable to partake of both locations, therein to discuss our findings. JS having purchased a round of drinks (this being noted in official documents), and no-one being willing to buy a second, a most pleasant and rewarding walkabout terminated happily.

For some time the Group has been pressing the various occupants of the fine Listed terrace Nos. 24 - 27 High Street to carry out a comprehensive scheme of decoration. The Bristol and West Building Society had recently disposed of their ugly box sign, substituting copper lettering. This gave us hope for further improvements and we were not disappointed. On the day following the walkabout, the scaffolding went up and the painters, woodworm men and others moved in. This is a splendid terrace and when the work is finished it will be a tremendous asset to the High Street.

Bill Willson

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Exhibition of Pictures and Prints of High Wycombe

The Public Library, High Wycombe, November 27th - December 16th 9.30 am - 8.00 p.m.
This is an exhibition of collages (torn paper and newspaper), water colours, lithographs, screen prints and etchings all depicting scenes in and around High Wycombe.

Recently, at Burleighfield House I reprinted nearly all the etching plates I had done over the last twenty or so years. This was for a trip I made by bicycle to Kelkheim near Frankfurt in Germany last Easter. We had invited some Germans to come from Kelkheim and help mount an exhibition "Views of Kelkheim" as part of the Arts Festival here in March. They took a suitcase of forty etchings of mine back with them.

The exhibition there was a great success and I sold about thirty five prints. Strangely enough, the most popular was a view of some partly demolished houses by the river that used to run beside the Oxford Road.

This has encouraged me to mount up and frame more of these views so that a comprehensive collection of available works can be shown in High Wycombe.

Perhaps I should explain that an etching is worked on a copper or zinc plate. The view has to be done mirror wise so that when printed it appears the right way round. In the past I have devised various ways of achieving this feat. I remember even sitting by the river in the Oxford Road looking at the buildings opposite through a mirror. More often I traced the outline then worked back to front one thinks mirrorwise after a while. Sometimes I took photographs and printed them back to front. All these efforts have enabled me to see the changes in Wycombe as nothing else could have done. There was a real urgency to depict certain buildings before they were demolished.



Originally the plates were printed in black ink but in these last printings I have used colours and tried to evoke the certain atmosphere of these lost places. Sometimes there is still that hope that by showing the merits of some neglected corner it may be rescued before it is too late.

Lorna Cassidy

'Colour in Architecture' lecture at the Guildhall

On Wednesday, 22nd October 1980 Tom Porter came from Oxford to give the Society an exclusive talk on the topic of Colour in Architecture.

With the use of two projectors he launched us into the world of colour with an illustration that the Elgin Marbles from the frieze of the Parthenon were once the technicolour filmstrip of the Classical Age of Greece. The English Victorian painter, Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, produced a famous painting recording Greek artists decorating these reliefs and the French sculptor, Rodin, was reported to have said after viewing this controversial painting "I believe it here", thumping his heart, "that these were not coloured".

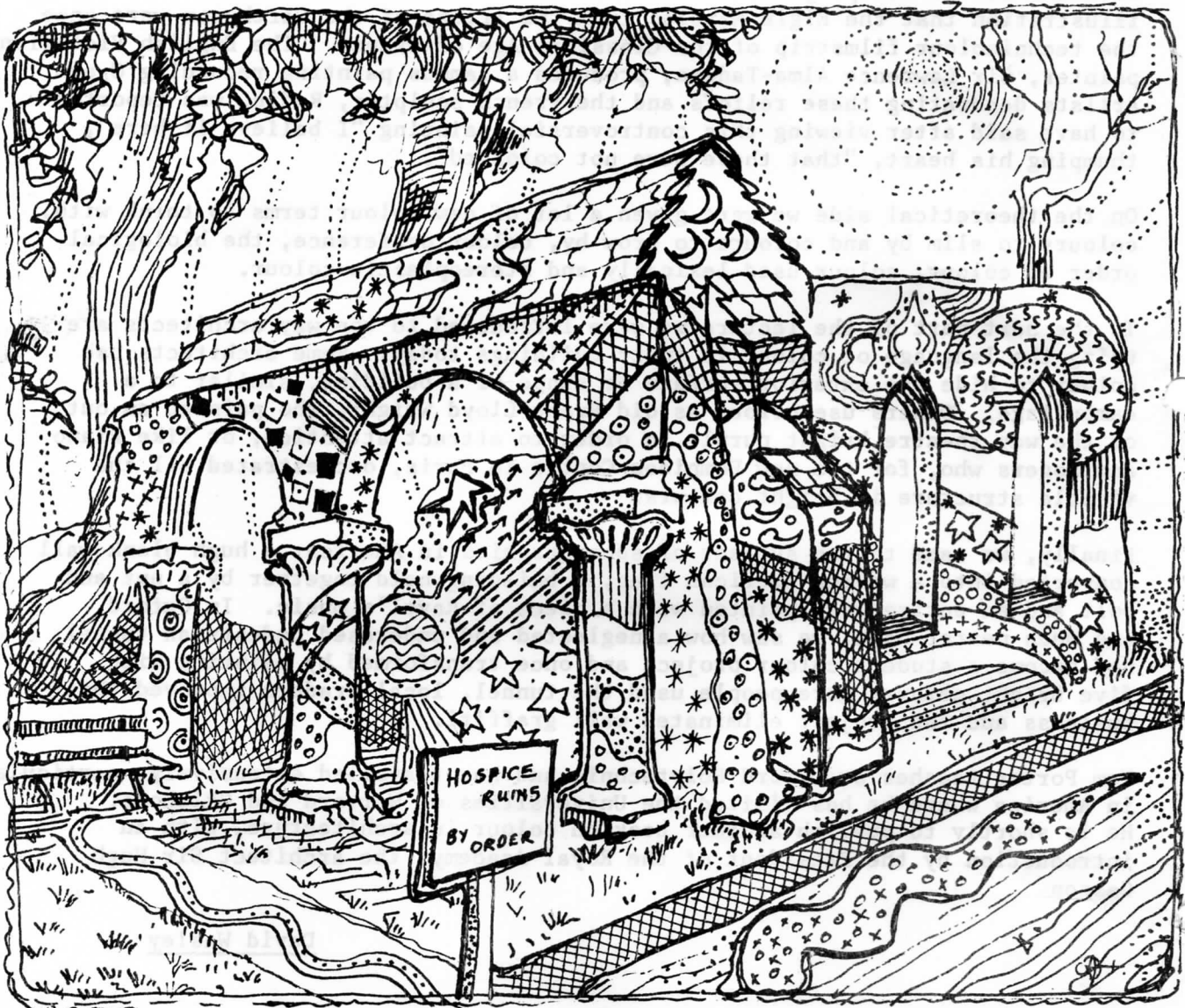
On the theoretical side we were given a lot of new colour terms to think with, colours to slim by and colours to grow by, colour preference, the biological order of colour, colour used lexically and stereoplastic colour.

In the next part of the lecture we were introduced to the way architects are using the language of colour in their buildings today. Some architects use colour to hide the exterior surface or shape of a building, similar to a camouflage. Others use colour as did Frank Lloyd Wright, who painted an out of the way theatre bright purple in order to attract attention, or like Piano and Rogers who, for the new Pompidou Centre in Paris, orchestrated all the visible structure in bright colours.

Finally, we came to the subject of supergraphics in America: a huge blank wall converted into a waving American flag, a building held together by a nut and bolt and an entire wall painted with a piece of Ravel's music. In Oxford, and much nearer home, we saw how a neglected and underused pedestrian tunnel had become a student colour project and once transformed by painting with five bright colours more people used the tunnel, local traders improved their business and the project eliminated wall graffiti.

Tom Porter teaches at Oxford Polytechnic and has travelled extensively, particularly in America where he has visited the Universities of Harvard and Oklahoma. He is shortly to publish another book on colour in architecture, with an introduction by the President of the Royal Academy, the architect Sir Hugh Casson.

David Wasley



HOTBED OF COLOUR: A PRESERVATION TACTIC FOR THE HOSPICE

The Ruins of St. John's Hospice

We are worried about the condition of the Ruins of St. John's Hospice in Easton Street. The stonework is in poor shape and a fair amount of remedial work is needed. We have heard that the County Council, who own the site, may be able to provide the necessary funds soon. We hope so, as work should be undertaken urgently.

National Trust, Wycombe Centre

The National Trust, Wycombe Centre gave a collecting box to the Trust recently at a small ceremony when the presentation was made by the Centre's Chairman, Mr Donald Bedford to the Trust's Regional Land Agent, Mr Robin Mills. The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Kathleen Peatey was present together with many Centre members. The box has been built at the top of West Wycombe Hill and already several pounds have been collected from it.

An appeal has been launched by the Trust for the acquisition of the Boarstall Duck Decoy near Brill. It is surrounded by 13 acres of woodland and once purchased will be managed by the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Naturalist Trust. Restoration work has started and the National Trust is assisted by voluntary work parties. As well as improvements to the Nature Trail, a circulatory walk for handicapped visitors will be prepared and it is hoped to open it to the public next year.

The Wycombe Centre is active in helping to raise funds for the appeal and for other local Trust needs.

Olivia Price

Wild Life of the Chilterns

On 8th October 1980, a joint meeting was held of the High Wycombe Society and the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Naturalists' Trust, in the Guildhall. Susan Cowdy, a Vice President of the Trust, spoke in her inimitable way and showed superb slides. Her message was one for all of us - the grave threat now facing the flora and fauna of Bucks and the need for the protection of the habitats which remain. New houses and factories, roads, new agricultural methods and a growing population have reduced considerably the areas for wild life. The constant inroads of scrub vegetation, the ploughing of downland, the draining of wet land, the disappearance of water features and the relentless pounding of human feet are all taking their toll.

It was clear from her talk that B.B.O.N.T. is prepared to fight for this vital cause and Mrs Cowdy showed many examples of the devoted work carried out by members of the Trust in protecting rare species of animals and plants and the extraordinary amount of time members are prepared to sacrifice in order to carry out this work.

This joint meeting was a great success and it demonstrated that there is great scope for Amenity Societies such as ours to help the Trust in this very important work.

Jack Scruton



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High Wycombe District Arts Association

I am delighted to report that the High Wycombe Society is now affiliated to the Wycombe District Arts Association. The Arts Association, which was formed in 1978, aims to promote the development and improvement of the Arts within the district. Many societies are already affiliated to the Association, including "The Four Ways Drama Group", "High Wycombe Camera Club", and the "New Wycombe Arts" and the ultimate objective of the Association is to establish an Arts Centre to serve the whole district.

At present the Chairman is Mrs E Powton and the Secretary, Mrs E Dean.

An exciting development for the Wycombe Arts Association is the recent assignment of Mr David Wright as the Arts Officer for Buckinghamshire. This is a completely new appointment designed to co-ordinate the Arts within the County, and hopefully to affiliate the County to a Regional Arts Association.

With the assistance of the New Arts Officer it is hoped that there will be a wider and more varied programme of Arts Events in the Wycombe District. It is hoped to stage:

Berthold Brecht's
"The Good Woman of Setzuan" by the Aron Touring
Company in December and performances by the
Royal Shakespeare Company and Opera 80 are
planned for the New Year.

Brennie Halse

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the Executive Committee, may I wish all members and friends of the Society a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Ted Kearney

LATE NEWS

A MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8.00 P.M. ON MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 1981 AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, LONDON ROAD, HIGH WYCOMBE TO DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF A NEW GROUP IN THE SOCIETY WHICH WILL EMBRACE THE WATER, TREES AND WOODLANDS GROUPS. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING.

Rosemary Shooter

Rosemary has been Secretary of our Planning Group for a number of years and the Society is indebted to her for her valuable contribution to this important part of our work. Despite many calls upon her time, she has always managed to squeeze in work for the Society. Rosemary and Ken Shooter are now preparing to move to Dorset and another Secretary must be found as soon as possible. We shall certainly miss Rosemary's humour and Ken's background support.

The work is interesting and it can be fitted in to the busiest routine. An interest in the welfare of the town and some typing ability would be needed. If any members feels he or she can help, please contact the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

Sheila Latimer

Like Mrs Shooter, Sheila has helped the Society a great deal by her work as Secretary of the Water Group. She has found the work interesting and very worthwhile, but she is now heavily committed in other directions and has asked to be replaced.

We are thinking of forming a group to embrace both Water and Woodlands, but a lot depends on whether we can find a successor to Sheila. We hope that someone in the Society will volunteer to help us by acting as Secretary.

Please contact the Hon. Secretary.

Ted Kearney - Chairman

Keeping Warm in Winter

The District Council Environmental Health Officer has asked us to spread the word that grants to help with the insulation of roof spaces have been increased from £50 to £65 (or 66% of the cost of the work, whichever is the less), but in the case of elderly people in special need the amount of grant has been increased to 90% of the cost of the work up to a maximum of £90.

Further information from Mr Scott, H W 26100 Extension 353.

Future Programme of Events

Wednesday, 28th January 1981

Quarterly Meeting in the Carrington Room of the Guildhall, beginning at 8 p.m. John Few will talk about the work of Friends of the Earth.

Monday 16th March to Saturday 28th March 1981

Annual Society Exhibition in the Guildhall as part of the Wycombe Arts Festival. We hope to deal with the theme of Changing Shopping Patterns in the Town Centre.

Thursday 9th April, 1981

Annual General Meeting in the Guildhall, beginning at 8.p.m. John Sale, District Officer of the Forestry Commission, will talk about Trees and Woodlands around High Wycombe.