



Once again the Society have been invited to participate in this four week celebration of Cookham. At the time of writing, the schedule has not been finalised but the Society will be presenting some of our life story on **19th June at 6.30** for those of you who would like to tune in. There are a number of other slots where we will be appearing on phone-in shows or discussions so keep an eye on the programme which is available on the **Cookham.com** web site.

Events

The Society will be participating in the following events this year so please make a note of the dates in your diaries. Any member who would like to help for an hour or two on our pitch will be welcome
Please contact a Committee member if you need more information.

Scout Fair	Cookham Moor 17th June
Village Plan Launch	Pinder Hall 28th June at 7.30
Cookham Regatta	Marsh Meadow 2nd September
Cookham Dean Fête	Cricket Common 16th September
Christmas Fayre	Moor Hall 25th November
Cookham Charity afternoon	High Street 10th December



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There are many issues facing the Society - and the Cookhams which we will touch on in this Newsletter.
If you would like to discuss any of these or contribute to or work on them, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Committee members.
We will appreciate any help or suggestions from our members.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held on 16th March at Moor Hall by kind permission of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. At the AGM a new Committee, the ruling body of the Society, was elected. A number of long serving Committee members retired – particular thanks are due for their efforts on our behalf to *Sally Lloyd Parry, David Callund and Georgina Kilner* – and new members elected in their places: **Josephine Crabb, Evert Groenweg and Tord Norstrom**. A full list is shown at the end of this newsletter.



The Forge Cottages, Dean Lane

At the meeting the Chairman reviewed some of the year's activities in several areas: Planning (including an attempt to register the Society's views on the change in the licensing laws), flooding, the railways, footpaths and events. All those who had worked so hard over the year to ensure the success of the Society's efforts were thanked.

Under the heading of Any Other Business the Meeting debated the Society's participation in the proposed **Cookham Village Plan** and it was proposed that we contribute a sum of up to £10,000 to the costs of preparing a new Village Plan.

In addition the Members approved a donation of £250 to **Cookham Summer FM** which will provide publicity for the Society and the Village Plan.

The meeting concluded with an inspiring presentation about Village Planning by Richard Simmonds who has lived in Cookham all his life and has enjoyed a distinguished career as Local and County Councillor, MEP and Chairman of the Countryside Commission.

Cookham Village Plan Steering Group

Project Launch
Come and have your say

28th June Pinder Hall 7.30pm

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Cookham Village Plan



Marsh Meadow, from Terry's Lane

The creation of a Village Plan is becoming an urgent necessity. Developers are attempting to take advantage of Government rulings to encourage greater housing density in built up areas regardless of the effect such developments may have on the environment and living conditions of the residents. Such proposals exert pressure on the whole infrastructure of an area and all the amenities which have drawn people to live in the Cookhams.

It is not enough to confine our wishes to the Planning issues; the Village Plan might be called "a Village Design Statement" or "Parish Plan" or even "Community Healthcheck".

The completed "Plan" should reflect the views and wishes of the widest possible cross section of our community and members of the Society are invited to participate as much as possible in gathering these together.

The present timetable envisages the completion of a fairly final draft "Plan" by April 2007. The project will be launched with a public consultation meeting at the Pinder Hall on **28th June starting at 7.30.**

All those attending will be invited to record their views on a number of topics to provide a basis for the in-depth opinion seeking enquiries needed to formulate the "Plan".

There will be no formal presentations but the session is expected to last about two hours. **Refreshments will be provided.**

Footpaths



There is renewed activity on the part of Sustrans, the body charged with establishing a countrywide network of cycle paths. They are seeking to complete a link between the cycle path from Maidenhead to join up with the path to the Chilterns near High Wycombe.

Their preferred route at present is from Lightlands Lane along Maidenhead Road, down the Pound and then across Marsh Meadow to the towpath and thence to Bourne End railway bridge. We do not feel that Sustrans have evaluated the alternatives to this route and are awaiting their response to our remarks.

The Royal Borough is still delaying on the subject of opening the 10 yard stretch of the **footpath under Cookham Bridge** which would allow walkers to avoid climbing the steps to cross the A4094 by the Ferry (this despite a favourable ruling by their QC to allow them to reopen). The Maidenhead Civic Society and the Royal

Borough have obtained permission from Mr John Edwards of White Place Farm to open the top of the bund between the Lower Cookham Road at Widbrook Common and the River to link up with the Thames Path. It is proposed to open this route with the Maidenhead Boundary Walk on 8th October and before that date help will be needed to make sure that the path is clear of obstructions – any members who would like to be involved should contact a Committee member or telephone **Ann Darracott** on 01628 620280.

Railways

Most members will be aware that the franchise for our local branch line and the Paddington main line has been awarded again to First Great Western and that FGW have published a new draft timetable to come into force in December. This timetable offers a substantially less attractive service to Maidenhead, Cookham and Marlow passengers both in terms of journey times, connections and comfort. The Society is lobbying our MP and the Department for Transport as well as FGW to try to address the situation. Georgina Kilner has agreed to continue to represent the Society on the Committee of the Maidenhead, Marlow Passengers Association which is the body recognised for consultation by the D of T.



Planning

A brief update on some of the most significant planning applications:

Sandpipers and Laburnam Cottage: the Royal Borough approved the latest detailed application without any objection despite considerable public disapproval. Work has apparently started already.

GKL House and Colin Hatch Yard

Applications have gone to Appeal: these are being heard by written representation and anyone wishing to object further should send their objections in as soon as possible.



GKL House, opposite Cookham Post Office

Entrance to the Colin Hatch Yard, Lower Road



Wedgeways on the corner of **Peace Lane** and High Road is the subject of another application, this time for a smaller version of the previous application (to demolish Wedgeways and replace it with two semi detached dwellings). Our main concern about this application as well as the increase in density is the difficulty of parking.

Telephone Masts are a regular subject of applications. The latest request is for a 10 metre high mast on the corner of Peace Lane and High Road (opposite Wedgeways) for T-Mobile's G3 service. The health implications of such Installations have not yet been convincingly explained and we will be objecting to the installation within 250 metres of the Primary School.

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