

NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE SOCIETY



John Bowley, seen here with his predecessor Jean Stretton, has been co-opted as the Society's new President. A member of the Society since 1979, John was Chairman from 1989 to 1994 and again from 1998 to 2000. We are delighted he has agreed to take over as President.

John's first duty was to present a certificate of Life Membership to Jean at a brief ceremony outside The Crown in recognition of her many years of service to the Society.

The Celebration Party

John Bowley, our new President, presents a Life Member Certificate to Jean Stretton, the retiring President.

Greeting them are
(left to right)

Anne Hewitt - *Jean's daughter*, Glenn Maybury, Jim Peck, Tom Denniford, Ingrid Hooper, Bill Spicer and Shez Courtenay-Smith



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The Proposed Parish Community Centre: The Society's Position



The present Parish Centre—South Elevation

The Society has expressed its reservations to the Parochial Church Council over its proposals to construct a new Parish Community Centre on a choice of sites near Holy Trinity Church. Although the Society recognises the proposals are only part of an initial consultation programme, it considers there are significant issues which need to be resolved before the scheme progresses much further.

Two alternatives were offered for public consultation: (1) the erection of a new Centre in the Paddock (the field between the existing Parish Centre and the river) on a site due west of the church, or (2) construction of a new building in the present car park behind the Parish Centre. Both projects would be financed by the conversion of the Parish Centre into apartments of which 3 would be sold.



The Paddock – The new building would be on the left of the picture

In its reply to the PCC the Society highlighted 5 issues:

- the lack of clarity about land ownership and the planning history of the two proposed sites and in particular, the validity of any previous planning agreements;
- the need for more information about the PCC's financial position;
- what alternatives have been considered, bearing in mind the constraints applying to both the selected sites;
- what advice has been received from the Borough Planners ;
- how parking and access are to be dealt with.

As the Society said in its response to the consultation: "We understand the potential need of the Parish to realise the value of some of its assets in order to preserve the church building in the absence of funding from English Heritage." (over)

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Although the existing Parish Centre is well-used, the general character of the area is one of calm as befits the environs of Holy Trinity Church. Any development here will raise a number of issues that will have to be addressed, including: archaeology, flood risk, impact on the Conservation Area, traffic generation, potential noise nuisance, effect on listed buildings, etc. and, not least, the increased level of activity in this quiet location which will arise when the development is complete.



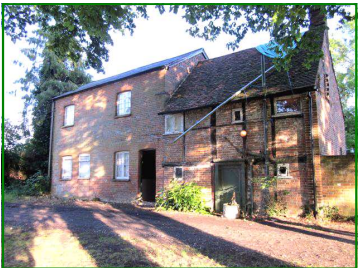
Surprise result of Housing Needs Survey



There was little evidence to suggest a need for older peoples' housing was the surprise result of the Housing Needs Survey recently commissioned by the Parish Council. However, there was concern there might be insufficient housing for the elderly in the future. In the meantime it is the lack of housing for younger people which is the greatest need.

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BOROUGH SUPPORTS SOCIETY'S OBJECTION TO HATCH PLACE EXTENSION

An outline application to build 3 pairs of semi-detached houses between the western end of Hatch Place, off Lower Road, and St. Elizabeth's Church was strongly objected to by the Society.

Commenting on the application, David Ashwanden, the Chairman of the Society's Planning Group, said the proposed density was excessive and since the proposal would extend an existing development there should be provision for affordable housing. He also pointed out that the access to Lower Road was already acknowledged as being sub-standard and there were continuing concerns about drainage overloading in this area.

Refusing the application, the Borough said the density was too great and the proposal amounted to over-development, which would have an adverse impact on nearby properties, and there were significant highway objections.



ACCESS TO COOKHAM DURING FLOODS

Luckily it has been a dry winter and spring. This has been very unhelpful to the farmers, but at least it has prevented Cookham from suffering the effects of being flooded since, it now appears, that having set its face against opening The Causeway the borough had no agreed procedure for the emergency services to access the village.

Your chairman together with two of Cookham's borough councillors duly met council officers at the end of March and secured an assurance that a proper procedure would be agreed with the emergency services by the end of May. He is awaiting confirmation this has been done.

"So far as the Society is concerned," he said "this is only a first stage. We have got to get back to a situation where there is adequate access for everyone when floods occur."