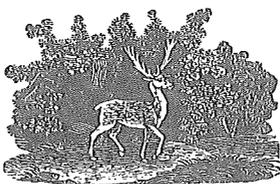


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TO FOSTER AND SAFEGUARD THE AMENITIES OF DULWICH

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DULWICH SOCIETY DINNER - 21 MARCH 1975

To: Mrs. K. M. Evans, 22 Dulwich Village, SE21 7AL (Tel: 693 3522).

Please send me . . . . . tickets for the dinner to be held at the Golf Club on 21 March 1975. I enclose a P.O./cheque for £. . . . . (£3.75 a ticket) and a stamped addressed envelope.

Signature . . . . . Name in blocks . . . . .

Address . . . . .

Please make cheques payable to "the Dulwich Society".

# THE DULWICH SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER 27: JANUARY 1975

NOTICE is hereby given that the 12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the DULWICH SOCIETY will be held at 8.0 pm. on Thursday 6 March 1975 in ST BARNABAS' HALL, DULWICH VILLAGE.

## A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting held on 7 March 1974 to be read and approved.
2. Chairman's report, including reports by the Chairmen of Sub-Committees.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Secretary's report.
5. Election of Officers for 1975/76:
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Vice-Chairman
  - c. President
  - d. Vice-Presidents
  - e. Secretary and Assistant Secretary
  - f. Treasurer
  - g. Executive Committee
6. Appointment of Auditor.
7. Any other business.

Note: Nominations for election as an officer or as a member of the executive committee must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee by two members not less than fourteen days before the 6 March and must be endorsed in writing by the candidate (Rule 9). Nominations may be sent by post to the Hon. Secretary.

Edgar Brady  
Hon. Secretary

15 January 1975

## THE NEW YEAR

We wish all our members a very happy New Year and we certainly hope that the depressing forecasts of forthcoming economic troubles will not be fulfilled, at least for members of the Society.

Now that 1975 has arrived we have to remind you that the new subscriptions are due. As usual we offer you the choice of paying by different systems, and it is all fully explained later in the Newsletter.

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held in St Barnabas Hall, Dulwich Village at 8.0 pm. on Thursday 6 March. The official notification and agenda come with this newsletter, page 3.

The main social event of the year, the Society Dinner, is now fixed to take place at the Dulwich and Sydenham Hill Golf Club on Friday 21 March 1975 at 7.15 for 7.45 pm; the price for the dinner, including table wines, VAT and service will be £3.75 a head. This event gets quickly booked up so please return the application slip on front page of this newsletter to Mrs. Evans as soon as possible.

## MEMBERS MEETINGS

Now that you have your new 1975 diaries handy this is a good time to note down the dates of the forthcoming meetings. We do not yet have full details of all of them, but this will come out in later editions of the newsletter. Unless otherwise notified the meetings are at 8.0 pm. in St Barnabas Hall in the Village.

- 6 February A talk on Pedestrian Precincts by Mr. David White, Chairman of the Southern Area Board GLC. This is organised by the Traffic Sub-Committee.
- 6 March The Annual General Meeting. Light refreshments will be available.
- 21 March Society Dinner at 7.15 for 7.45 pm. at the Golf Club. The guest of honour and speaker will be Mr. Neill Wates.
- 3/4 April Local History: Bill de Baerdemaeker will talk about historical Dulwich illustrated by fascinating slides dating back many years.
- 1 May The Wild Life Sub-Committee have invited Mr. P. H. Springall of the Kent Bee-Keepers Association to talk about his experiences in the world of bees. The talk will be illustrated with slides.

Other meetings will be arranged on the following dates, but no details have been fixed yet: 6 June, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November, 4 December.

## DULWICH CHORAL SOCIETY

In December our Corporate Member, the Dulwich Choral Society, gave us a delightful evening of Carol singing. During the second half the members of the audience joined wholeheartedly in the traditional carols. Wine and refreshments provided during the interval by the ladies of the Social Sub-Committee were much enjoyed.

## CHAIRMAN OF THE DULWICH SOCIETY

We are very sorry to say that Sir Frederick Everson, who has been our most able Chairman for the past six years, will not be standing for re-election at the Annual General Meeting this year owing to his pressing family commitments. We are quite sure that all members will join us in wishing him the best of good luck for the future and in thanking him most sincerely for all that he has given to the Society while he has been our Chairman. We shall miss him sadly. We are glad to know that he and Lady Everson will continue to live in Dulwich and that they will continue to take an active interest in the Society's affairs.

We are fortunate in having a nomination for the vacant position of Chairman. This is Mr. Roger Low of Oakfield, 41 College Road, SE21, a resident of Dulwich, now retired who has kindly agreed to stand for election at the AGM.

## WILD LIFE

The foxes are still active in the area. One member has reported seeing foxes drinking from a garden fishpond on a number of summer evenings in daylight and later taking fallen apples from the lawn and being chased off by a dog. Our Wild Life Committee would very much like to hear more of these sort of activities.

In November eighteen members visited the Wildlife of Southwark exhibition at the Livesey Museum at a special late opening and were shown slides of the Surrey Dock area and the Nunhead Cemetery, both now teeming with wildlife, some of which may possibly spread further south to Dulwich if suitable habitats are available.

The supplementary list of wild plants in Dulwich mentioned in an earlier newsletter will be available in March. Anyone who would like a copy should contact Miss Pye-Smith, 9 Breakespeare, College Road, SE21, or any other member of the Wildlife Sub-Committee.

An albino squirrel has been seen in Low Cross Wood Lane area. This is the first sighting for more than two years although we cannot be sure that it is the same animal.

#### PLANNING MATTERS

##### 87-89 COLLEGE ROAD

In our last Newsletter we reported plans to erect seven 3-storey blocks of flats and maisonettes on the site, near the Toll Gate, on which a large Edwardian house now stands. This plan aroused a good deal of opposition, both from residents in Wood Hall and the other developments in the vicinity and also from other residents in, and visitors to, the area, who feared that a development of this kind would cut off the views from College Road up towards Sydenham Heights.

The Society convened a very well attended meeting of residents in October as a result of which a small Committee, with which the Society was associated, was formed with the task of formulating a view on the proposed development and entering into discussions about it with the Governors.

A meeting was accordingly held with the Governors in November, at which the residents voiced objections to the density of the proposed development, to the fact that it would encroach on a strip of "open space", and to the lay out and its effect on the skyline from below and of the view into London from above. The meeting was a constructive one, and as a result further plans for the development of this site (some development being inevitable) are to be prepared. But this is a most prominent and important site in our area, and the Society will be keeping a very close eye on it.

##### 78/96 PARK HALL ROAD

This is the oldest of the 3 rows of shops at the junction between Park Hall Road and Croxted Road, and the Governors have now submitted plans to demolish the entire block and redevelop it with shops, small offices for Solicitors etc., and housing on the Croxted Road end of the site.

As always when redevelopments of this kind take place, the rents charged for shops in the new development will inevitably be significantly higher than the present ones, and this has aroused fears among local residents that we shall lose some of the small shops whose services to

the local community are much valued. We have made representations to this effect to the Governors and have suggested as one possibility that the development might include some mini-shops of the kind which occupy only one half or less of the site of a normal shop unit and can therefore be let at lower rents. We realise the difficulties that small developments of this kind can present, but we hope that the Governors will find it possible to plan this one in such a way as to avoid driving out some of the smaller and more vulnerable traders.

#### 179 ROSENDALE ROAD

This is a triangular site, now occupied by allotments, alongside All Saints' Church, Rosendale Road. The site is zoned for housing, and the Parochial Council have proposed to erect two small blocks on it to house elderly and disabled persons and some one-parent families.

This proposal has aroused a good deal of feeling locally and a meeting, chaired by the Vicar and attended by Mr. Russell Vernon, was held in October.

Since the site is zoned for housing, some development (once again) is virtually inevitable, and the problem therefore has been less to prevent any development at all than to secure a development which meets its objectives without inflicting damage on the surrounding community. The plans for the buildings themselves are at a very early stage, but our own initial reaction was that to house elderly and disabled people, with their special needs, on the same site as one-parent families with their (quite different and often conflicting) special needs was not a terribly good idea; and that to revise the proposals to include one or the other but not both would not only be more likely to produce a socially acceptable solution, but also to make it possible to deal with some of the objections that local residents have made to the physical shape and bulk of the proposed buildings.

We await further proposals with much interest.

#### 15 ALLEYN PARK

This building, which was included in the Society's proposals to the Southwark Council for the extension of the Council's "List of Buildings of Local Interest" was regrettably demolished almost immediately after we had submitted our proposals. We now understand that proposals are being formulated for the construction of a block of flats on the site, and this has prompted us to seek the Governors' views on the future of this area generally. As members will know, Alleyn Road, Croxted Road and to a lesser extent Alleyn Park include a number of Victorian houses

which, while of no great architectural merit individually, do form part of the character style of Dulwich. With the passing of the Leasehold Reform Act the Society have become increasingly anxious about the possibility of piecemeal development of sites in these roads, and we have therefore approached the Governors - who still own or have influence over the future of much of the area - to seek their views in the hope that we might be able to present to the local authority a coherent and consistent view about the form of development that is or is not suitable for this area in the future. The Governors are considering our approach, and we shall of course keep members informed.

#### SOUTHWARK BOROUGH PLANNER

Ian Lacey, who has been the Southwark Borough Planner, and who was the first to be appointed to this post, for as long as the Dulwich Society has existed, has now left to take up a senior post as City Planner of Westminster City Council. We have always enjoyed the best of relations with him and his office and we wish him well.

#### TREES

Members may be interested to know that the Republic of the Lebanon has donated a number of cedars to the GLC. One of these was planted on 22 October in Dulwich Park by a representative of the Lebanese Embassy at a small ceremony attended by members of the GLC, the Estates Governors & the Dulwich Society. Although only a small tree at the moment it will one day grow into a fine cedar which will greatly enhance the amenity of our park.

The Executive Committee has agreed to an expenditure of up to £150 to provide new trees in the Dulwich area to help to replace some of the recent losses from gales and from Dutch elm disease. The Trees Committee is therefore putting proposals to the Estates Governors and we will report progress in future newsletters.

#### TRAFFIC

##### TRANSPORT 2000

This is an organisation which exists to promote co-ordination of transport development, both road and rail, in the London area. A Committee is now being formed to deal with the area South of the Thames including Kent, Surrey and Sussex. The Dulwich Society has accepted their invitation to join this Committee, and Mr. J. S. Bumphrey of the Traffic Sub-Committee is our representative.

#### FARE DEAL - YOUR CHOICE

We would like to remind all our members that the GLC has issued a consultation paper with the title "Fare Deal - Your Choice" which invites all members of the public in the GLC area to contribute their views on the difficult question of how the GLC should deal with the problem of ever increasing transport costs. Should they, for example, raise fares, introduce a flat fare and, if so, at what rate, or add all the increases to the rates? This is a genuine and, in our opinion, valuable attempt by the GLC to consult the public on a question of vital interest to everyone.

The pamphlet can be obtained from the Public Information Branch of the GLC, The County Hall, London SE1 and they would like your comments back by the end of February 1975.

#### THE BOOK OF DULWICH

We reprint an extract from last July's newsletter.

" THE BOOK OF DULWICH is intended to be an extensively illustrated record of both town and village, throughout its history. The book itself will be a beautifully leather and cloth bound volume, with gold blocking and a colourful dust jacket, in a large format with some 200 illustrations. The book depends for its publication, by specialist publishers Barracuda Books Ltd., on sufficient subscriptions. The publishers and author are looking for 1000 people to reserve copies at £6 each, although they only want a commitment from would-be buyers, and expect no cash until the book is available for distribution. "

This book is now available and orders may be placed at the special rate of £6.00 a copy. If you would like to confirm your reservation, or order for the first time, please apply to Mr. G. C. de Baerdemaeker of 110 Woodwarde Road, SE22 (Tel: 693 4017) for a special application form which permits you to purchase at the reduced rate.

#### CORPORATE MEMBERS

The current list of Corporate Members is as follows:

Dulwich Choral Society - Secretary, 26 Knoll Court, SE19 1SP  
Alexander Pritchett, 391 Lordship Lane, SE22, Estate Agent  
Spencer and Kent, 19 Croxted Road, SE21, Estate Agent  
R. W. Gray & Co., 1-3 Half Moon Lane, SE24, Estate Agent  
J. W. Kennedy & Co., 28 Grove Vale, SE22, Estate Agent  
The London Steak House, Dulwich Village, Restaurant  
Chez Nico, 148 Lordship Lane, SE22, Restaurant

#### PLANNING MEETING 2 JANUARY 1975

Dr. John Goddard of the London School of Economics, who has made detailed studies of the movement of the working population in the UK over the post war period, gave a small but very interested audience a fascinating talk, illustrated by slides, of the movement of office jobs on Thursday evening 2 January. Obviously, so soon after the Christmas and New Year holidays, few people were ready to come out to Kingswood, but those who made the journey were well rewarded.

#### THE LAMBETHANS SOCIETY

The Chairman, Mr. B.K. Vale of 59 Tulsemere Road, SE27, has sent us copies of their newsletter from which we extract details of some of their meetings, to which all are invited. They all take place at Effra School, Effra Parade, SW2 at 7.30 pm. unless otherwise stated.

- 23 January: An evening about Yugoslavia with colour films  
13 February: Old Tyme Music Hall  
13 March: Concert performance of The Mikado by the Norwood Operatic Society.  
3 April: Jubilee Social at Brixton Training Centre, Brixton Hill, SW2, 7.15 - 10.15 p.m.  
24 April: "Discovering London", an illustrated talk by Miss B. Lastick  
22 May: "Croydon yesterday and today", a talk by Mr. John Gent, (illustrated).  
19 June: "World Population Problems", a talk by Brigid Fitzgerald.  
10 July: Old Tyme Music Hall.

#### DULWICH CHORAL SOCIETY

A concert is being given in Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 22 March 1975 at 7.30 pm. when there will be a performance of Dvořák's Stabat Mater. Tickets (70p) can be obtained from the Secretary (DCS), 26 Knoll Court, Farquhar Road, SE19 1SP (670 9758).



### RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we remind those who have not yet paid that the annual subscription of £1.00 is now due. Payments please to the Treasurer, Mr. R. C. Low of 14 Acacia Grove, SE21.