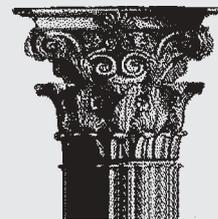


The Pembridge Association NEWSLETTER



Texaco and our lost treasures... I understand that the Central Library Local Studies Archive Department is increasingly being asked for Pembridge Area archive material and information. This is heartening as it seems more often that not that the Association is battling, along with the RBK&C Planning & Conservation Department, local disregard for conservation. The Association's concern regarding the uncertain future of the Texaco Garage site at the junction of Pembridge Villas and Chepstow Place, pales into insignificance when, on researching the history of this site, I have uncovered, with the help of Mr Eddie Adams, an early photograph showing the original villa that proudly occupied this prime position. Mr Adams, of the Kensington & Chelsea Community History Group, has lived all his life in the area and is an absolute mine of information. I have now learnt from him that No 7 Pembridge Villas was a magnificent house and studio,

where WP Frith RA lived in the 1850's. It was here that he painted "Derby Day" and "The Railway Station", a scene at Paddington. Queen Victoria visited this house to sit for a painting she commissioned to celebrate the marriage of the Prince of Wales circa 1875. Incidentally, it was on one of her visits to WP Frith that she discovered William Whiteley's department store and commissioned them to supply the wedding breakfast and decorate Buckingham Palace and the Chapel Royal. Consequently, Whiteley's was granted a Royal Warrant. The photograph shown here also clearly shows the original house next to No 7 that was replaced by the New Church in 1930 but which happily is a jewel of a building and ought perhaps, now, to be considered for Listing. No bombs destroyed No 7 Pembridge Villas, a fine building of immense historic interest. Whatever the reasoning in previous years behind demolishing a fine building to replace it with modern commercial premises, there is now no justification. The basic 1930's Texaco building is not a particularly outstanding example of its genre,

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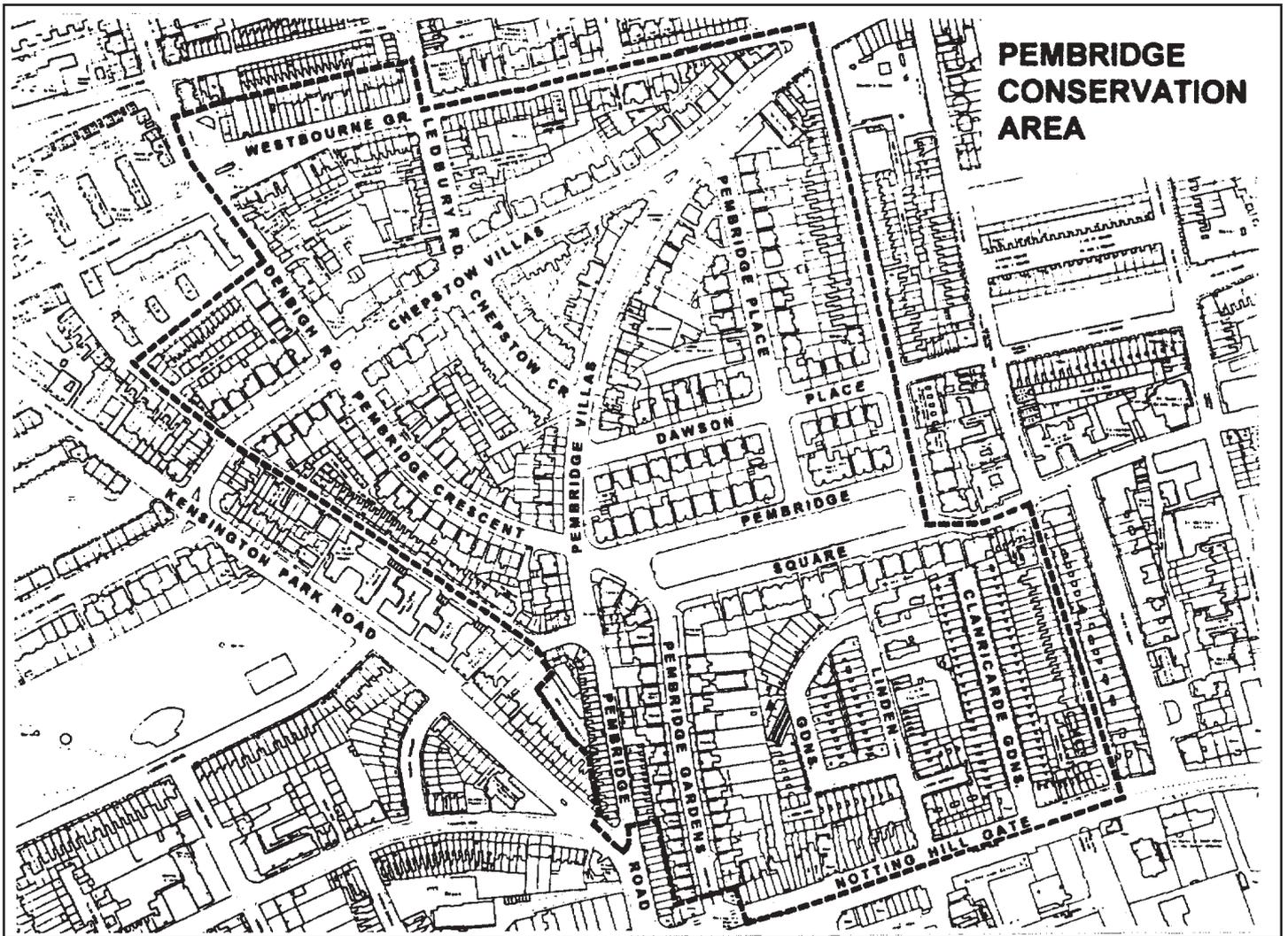
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MONDAY
13th March 2000
AT 8 PM**

**Pembridge Hall School
18 Pembridge Square
London W2**

**Nominations for the Officers and
Executive Committee members
need to be sent to the Hon Sec (see
page 6) prior to the AGM.**

*All residents are welcome - wine will
be available after the meeting when
you will also have a chance to
discuss individual matters with
Committee Members.*



PEMBRIDGE CONSERVATION AREA

From the Chairman's Desk

The Executive committee met 7 times in 1999. The Committee is now fortunate to have found a new home for meetings after many months of uncertainty. We would like to thank Howard Turner and the New Church for their warm and friendly hospitality.

1999 was again a very busy year in our Pembridge Area, with unabating building activity. Westbourne Village, as it is now apparently known, in particular, has gained some fascinating new commercial residents, including a very specialist bookshop, art galleries and excellent designer shoe shops. Our fear that the "chains" would move in and take over have, thankfully, not materialised so far. The area still retains its charm, and a unique variety of interests is still well represented. The balance between retail opportunities and restaurants seems comfortable, but we do still have a problem with a serious lack of loo's, considering the huge numbers of people that pour into our area each week.

The Association is continuing to oppose the trend for applications to remove residential front walls in order to provide private forecourt parking. Our tree planting project,

in tandem with the Aborigicultural Department's programme, has made a significant difference to the area. However, if residents continue to flatten their once green and pleasant front gardens we shall achieve nothing and be running backwards. If anybody feels that a tree planting will enhance a particular street site, please let me know. On the positive side, the Association applauds the RBK&C Highways and Traffic policy of removing parking meters and replacing them with Pay and Display facilities. The consequent removal of unsightly street furniture, which is high on our list of objectives, has made a huge difference.

The Association supports, whole-heartedly, the Planning and Conservation Department's determined efforts to increase protection of buildings in conservation areas from harmful change by extending the Article 4(2) legislation to provide a broader protective umbrella.

In conclusion, the Association, once more, appeals to our readers for any unwanted local photographic archive material. Perhaps some of you may have old unwanted family snapshots that could contain local architectural gems somewhere in the background. We would be most grateful to take them into our archives.

Vicky Butler
Chairman

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unlike the Bluebird Building in the King's Road. However, some sensitive appropriate development could be created without continuing down the obsessional path of demolishing to replace. We should learn from the evidence and realise how much poorer the environment is when we disregard our heritage. The situation at this Texaco site is that after numerous development applications, consistently opposed locally and refused, and residents' fears fuelled by frightening rumours things seem to be hotting up again, with more proposals in the pipeline. The garage is currently being occupied by Jet and Scooter World.

Vicky Butler

Now to the other Texaco Garage site on Westbourne Grove...

There seems not to exist any archive reference for us to learn what originally stood on the site of this Texaco Garage.

It was previously believed to be an original single building. We know that World War II bombs landed here and that Archer Street was decimated, but with the help of Mr Adams's 1936 Street List. I have found entries for three properties at that pre-war time continuing the terrace that now ends at No 228 Westbourne Grove.



Drawing of proposed elevation for Texaco Garage development in Westbourne Grove with residential accommodation over shops and architectural details to match the existing adjacent terrace.

These three properties were listed as:-
 No. 230 Gordon Whiteley, builder
 No. 232 Claude Sturdy, 2nd Hand furniture and
 No. 234 Joseph Easter's Dining Rooms.

The three additional units would have extended the current terrace to the junction with Colville Road, and Mr Adams actually remembers playing, as a child, on this bombed site after the War and running from the remains of the old building roofs straight on to the roof of the existing terrace building No. 228.

So, it makes complete sense that the building application, now granted, is to be for a building, part retail, part residential, in the style of the elevations to the existing terrace to the east.

The Association is keenly watching and waiting as it feels strongly that this development should adhere to the highest possible building quality and that its required design authenticity is enforced.

The Association also hopes that the successful conclusion of this development will be a conspicuous enhancement to this area and will encourage the further restoration of the existing upper elevations of the existing terrace from 178 - 228 Westbourne Grove.
Vicky Butler

Membership Report 1999

In the absence of a campaign in 1998/99, membership of the Pembridge Association

showed a slight decline during 1999. As always, more people renew their membership or join the Association in the period up to and including the Garden Party.

At the end of December 1999 we had 212 paid-up members, with an average membership subscription of £8.06, an increase of 7.8%.

The subscription development continues to vindicate our policy of maintaining the minimum at a very low £3, a sum unchanged since 1992. We can only do this because many members generously pay considerably more than the minimum, with a few subscriptions reaching £20 or even £100. For example, 19 members (9.0%) paid more than £12, and 72 (34.0%) paid £10 or more. The latter is a relative and absolute increase on last year.

The number of members paying by standing order (SO) rose to 47% from just over 40%, a figure we would like to raise still further. This is a reflection both of a few more members paying by SO and the reduction in non-SO renewals. Standing Orders simplify and reduce the cost of administration and, of course, raise the automatic renewal rate. It costs on £3 to support your local conservation society so PLEASE JOIN US NOW!
Dori Schmetterling

Garden Party July 1999

We could not have been blessed with more perfect weather for the 1999 Garden Party, with the consequent huge turnout of residents and friends.

The venue in Pembridge Square was, as always, immaculate and we would like to thank The Pembridge Square Garden Com-

mittee for allowing us to use the Square. The previous year's torrential rain put a damper on that event, so it was a real pleasure to see everyone enjoying themselves, dressed in summer clothes, without umbrellas and wellies to spoil things!

In our all too busy lives it is rare to have the opportunity to meet our neighbours and friends in a relaxing and convivial environment. It makes it more possible to stay in touch with local opinion and respond personally.

Once again, the committee members and friends of the Association who prepared the party food came up trumps, all absolutely delicious, and our local retailers again excelled themselves with the generous raffle prizes they very kindly donated.

All in all, the 1999 Garden Party was an evening to remember. We hope that this year's garden party on 15th July will be a similar pleasurable date in our calendar and we look forward to seeing you all!

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE 1999

Grateful thanks to all our generous contributors for their splendid gifts which demonstrate the high quality products that can be found locally:-

Notting Hill Gate

Chalmers & Gray
 Discount Books
 Frontiers
 Lea & Sandeman
 Organic Restaurant
 Sally Heilbut
 Tylers Homecare
 Virgin Records

Westbourne Grove

Baywood Chemists
 Dinny Hall
 Fairman Carpets
 Lambton Place Health Club
 Parsons Skött
 Sheila Cook
 Space
 Wall
 Wild at Heart
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Ledbury Road

Beach Blanket Babylon
 Georgina von Etdorf
 Nick Ashley
 Roger Doyle (Jeweller)
 The Shirtsmith

Elgin Crescent

Graham & Green
 Mr Christian
 D R Evans Pharmacy

Other

Pentagram
Vicky Butler



Westbourne Grove in 1912



Westbourne Grove in 2000

Graffiti & Flyposting

Portobello Road, between Pembridge Road and Chepstow Villas, like many other streets in the Borough, has suffered its fair share of graffiti over the years.

An initiative, started by Cllr David Campion, in his role as Chairman of the Borough's Planning and Conservation Committee, was to get his committee to agree to set up a procedure for dealing with this problem.

The Council is currently carrying out a pilot project by targeting 12 properties in the Borough with the intention of tackling the disfigurement of walls and getting them cleaned up.

The Council served notice on the owners or agents for the properties concerned requiring them to clean up the graffiti by 31 January 2000 or the Council would undertake the work itself.

In the case of Portobello Road the work has now been successfully undertaken, as a result of the notices, without the Council having to intervene.

Photo of Westbourne Grove Garage Site



Pembridge Square

As part of its road safety initiatives, the Council has redesigned the roadway entrance into the west end of Pembridge Square by removing the central pedestrian island and building out the pavement on either side so that the crossing distance for pedestrians is now no greater than it was before.

The narrowing of the entrance has had the effect of slowing down vehicles approaching the Square and should make it safer for pedestrians as well as providing an enhanced visual effect. (See *photograph on page 6*)

Memories Appeal

Does anyone remember The Roxy Cinema in Westbourne Grove? If anyone has any information, either factual or anecdotal, relating to The Roxy Cinema that existed until the early '60s or early '70s on the site of the former DHSS offices at 88 Westbourne Grove opposite No 103 and near the junction with Hereford Road (not actually in the Pembridge Conservation Area) please would you contact Vicky Butler.

The Phantom Rubbish Depositors!

All over the Pembridge Conservation Area little piles of unwanted rubbish appear overnight. Plastic bags are left beside parking meters, sofas and chairs and occasionally beds appear along the enclosure of Pembridge Square and elsewhere. In Chepstow Place plans had been made for two years to plant a pair of trees beside the road. Within twenty minutes of the trees being installed, there appeared at the base of one of the trees ... yes, you guessed, two plastic bags full of rubbish!

Notting Hill Gate Improvements Group

Although the Pembridge Association is not directly involved with the work of NHIG, we are consulted on matters that relate to the Pembridge Conservation Area. Councillor David Campion, Chairman of NHIG, and David Hales, represent the Pembridge Association on the NHIG Executive Committee.

David Campion

Photo of Pembridge Villas Garage Site





*No 7 Pembridge Place, W2
New bottle balusters have been erected on the left of the front entrance gate but the proposed concertina railed gate has yet to appear on the right of the entrance to hide the parked cars.*



*No 13 Dawson Place, W2
The Pembridge Association supported the Council in opposing the formation of a car parking area in the front garden off Dawson Place and the refusal was upheld by the Inspector at the appeal.*



*No 30 Dawson Place, W2
It was not possible to prevent the formation of a carparking area in the front garden of this property because it was "permitted development" not requiring any planning permission.*

Now it can be told

During the term of the last government considerable concern was expressed regarding planning legislation for Conservation Areas and the General Development Order. This GDO, frequently referred to as 'Permitted Development' allowed a considerable degree of exterior alteration to a family dwelling and meant, in effect, that an owner could change a front door, install inappropriate windows, demolish gates and front garden walls and turn front gardens into hard standing *without* needing planning permission. This meant that years of effort by the Pembridge Association and the Planning and Conservation Department of the RBK&C in seeking to retain architectural detail and period features, could easily be negated and, visually worst of all, front garden walls razed to the ground and the gardens turned into car parks.

In the PEMBRIDGE CONSERVATION AREA this permission is *now at last* subject to a formal planning application - too late unfortunately to save several front gardens and their front walls.

7 Pembridge Place.

In September 1997 an application was submitted to demolish the garden wall and turn the charming front garden into hardstanding for car parking. The Pembridge Association and a large number of local residents wrote in to object and the application was subsequently withdrawn. We erroneously believed that the new owner had been sympathetic to the views expressed. We were therefore stunned and horrified to discover the wall and front hedge demolished and the garden turned into a carpark! This had been carried out quite legally as 'Permitted Development' and we were powerless to act after the event. Over two years later, it looks as

though the unloved and unfenced front garden is finally going to be improved.

30 Dawson Place

A similar situation occurred here. In February 1999, we wrote to the RBK&C urging that steps should be taken to prevent the front garden space being turned into hardstanding. We were informed that it was the opinion of the Planning Dept that "at this late stage it would not be possible to seek to have Permitted Development Rights withdrawn". The hardstanding was thus installed although much of the front hedge was retained and a gate pier installed to match the originals which did at least cushion the impact of the lost garden space.

13 Dawson Place

In June 1998 we inspected plans for the above property and were somewhat taken aback to note the proposal to demolish part of the front garden wall and turn a section of the garden into a carpark. . . especially since there was already a car driveway and double garage at the rear of the property. We objected to this proposal and on 24th July we were notified that the application had been withdrawn. By now we were wise to the procedure of withdrawing the planning application but going ahead anyway under 'Permitted Development' and we asked the RBK&C to put an emergency Article 4(2) Direction on the property. Such a step meant that Permitted Development rights were withdrawn and that planning permission had to be sought for the demolition of the wall and the hardstanding.

The RBK&C responded quickly and the Article 4 was soon in place. The owner of the Property challenged this but it was subsequently confirmed in June 1999. In July the owner appealed to the Secretary of State. The Pembridge Association and the RBK&C responded vigorously.

Finally, in October, the Inspector gave his report and ruled in our favour.

After all the planning furore on this property and building works lasting almost one year, it seems a shame to have to report that the architect/builders managed to use rows of bottle balusters that are quite unlike the approved model featured in the Conservation Area Policy Statement!
David Hales

Article 4 Directions

The Council has already submitted an application to the Secretary of State for a number of Article 4(1) Directions specifically to prevent "permitted development" in the case of single family properties within the Pembridge Conservation Area.

A number of Article 4(2) have now been agreed by the Planning and Conservation Committee of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, which do not require the permission of the Secretary of State, in order to control the provision of hardstandings, the alteration of doors and windows fronting a highway, and the rendering of exposed brickwork which were considered to be threats to the character of the Conservation Area.
David Campion

The RBK&C Unitary Development Plan

The Pembridge Association has taken part in the discussions in connection with the proposed alterations to the Council's UDP and has offered a number of suggestions covering open spaces and traffic. In particular, the view has been taken by the Association that it is inappropriate and ineffective to use traffic humps to slow down and deter traffic as it merely moves the problem to adjoining streets.



Planning Report

The following planning applications were considered during the last year:

13 Dawson Place

30 Dawson Place

7 Pembridge Place

These three applications are covered under the heading "Now it can be told".

10 Dawson Place

Planning application for substantial alterations and development - now approved after modifications. (See separate paragraph)

4 Pembridge Place

Application for mansard addition. Amended proposal granted.

42/44 Pembridge Villas

Application to build a separate dwelling at the rear. Considered inappropriate and intrusive and damaging to Pembridge Mews.

43/45 Pembridge Road

Application for extension at rear ground and first floor. We objected to it; it was refused by the Council and the applicant has appealed against the decision.

Pembridge Square

The new pavement build-out at the west end, off Pembridge Villas, is considered to be a success. Not only has this reduced the speed with which some traffic enters the Square but it has also improved the visual

appearance very considerably. Thanks to our Ward Councillors, Doreen Weatherhead and David Campion for their refusal to accept the new Council raised and paved "entry treatment" which would have spoiled the historic character of the Square.

Congratulations to the Pembridge Square Garden Committee for the progress of the work to install garden railings and gates. Retaining walls and one set of gates is now in place.

32 Ledbury Road

Application for rear extension to match next door No 34 was granted.

Ledbury Mews North

Persistent parking obstructing sight lines. Pavement build-out installed at entrance to mews off Ledbury Road.

Chepstow Corner

Application for change of use from retail to restaurant was strongly opposed and refused by the Council.

23 Chepstow Villas

An application to fell trees was opposed and refused by the Council as was the proposal to demolish part of the front garden baluster wall to provide carparking on the front garden.

Linden Mews

Application to install bollards. This was granted by the Council against our opposing views as it spoils the traditional appearance of this historic mews. Thanks to David

Campion, in his joint role as a Ward Councillor and Chairman of the Council's Planning and Conservation Committee, for bringing forward an Article 4 Direction to give the Council greater control over otherwise "permitted development" of the buildings in this mews. While this may be objected to by individual property owners it is important, for the conservation of this jewel that inappropriate alterations are controlled for the "common good".

Radford House

Congratulations to the freeholders of this large building in Pembridge Gardens, on the approach to the Pembridge Conservation Area from Notting Hill Gate, for the magnificent work being completed in restoring many of the historic features that were removed and spoiled during the conversion process many years ago. We are indebted to John Scott and Pietro Marcheselli for their campaigning work in pressing for this work to be carried out. The Council agreed to provide some "Brighten Up the Borough" funding towards the restoration of the front garden baluster wall; the latter increases still further the number of properties in Pembridge Gardens that have had their front garden walls restored over the years and this has made a very significant improvement to the visual appearance of Pembridge Gardens.

Baynard's House (Formerly Bradley's)

An amended proposal was approved by Westminster City Council which contains fewer residential units and retail uses to all the ground floor units.



Photograph of No 10 Dawson Place (centre behind lamp post) as it currently exists before alterations have been carried out.

No 12 is to the left and No 8 to the right in the photograph.

10 Dawson Place

After over 30 years of residence Mr and Mrs Stephen Tanner decided to sell up and move out of the Pembridge Area. The new owner submitted plans to alter the front elevation of the house, build a side-extension and turn the front garden into a carpark for three cars.

A number of local residents objected very strongly to these proposals and we wrote to the Planning Department of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea setting out the objections.

The side and rear extensions were obtrusive and impinged on the neighbour's space and visual outlook and the Pembridge Association now strongly resists the loss of front gardens which have been so much a feature of the quality and attractiveness of the area.

Revised plans were submitted by the new owner which went some of the way to meet our objections although the adjoining neighbour still felt very strongly that the side and rear extension was obtrusive, architecturally out of character and caused loss of privacy. We were sympathetic to this resident and supported the objectors case at the Council's Planning Services Committee; however, by a narrow margin, the revised plans were approved.

David Hales

Watching (Over) the Neighbourhood

Have you noticed the invasion of meerkats in the area, well, more particularly on that stretch of Portobello Road and Portobello Mews between Pembridge and Chepstow

Villas? But before you reach for pest control 's number let me explain quickly that meerkats are those ratty, anorexic looking little creatures that take it in turns to keep constant vigil to protect their nests, their loved ones, their overall environment. They do all this without being too nosy but just sufficiently aware and observant – the perfect neighbours. And this is why they are the symbol representing the metropolitan police's neighbourhood watch scheme and appear on all the window stickers for neighbourhood watch participants.

Well, six burglaries or attempted burglaries in as many months last year in our neck of Portobello, tales of the Chris Bonington of cat (not meerkat) burglars fearlessly scaling great heights and clambering over rooftops, a flasher, more car vandalism, never ending graffiti, and worries about the more vulnerable and elderly in the street (let alone the problems peculiar to the residential end of Portobello of buskers, beggars, illegal Sunday trading, icecream vans etc) was at last sufficient to spur us to action to set up a neighbourhood watch scheme. After six months of lobbying and eventually enough signatures (60% ideally) to get the scheme off the ground the first meeting was held in St. Peter's Church Hall with a good turnout of supportive residents plus at least six of our noble local police force including, of course, our very own WPC Karen Smith who has special responsibility for Pembridge Ward. (You may remember, she was the one who walked off with half the prizes at the Pembridge Garden Party raffle!).

Lots of issues were covered at that meeting and already we seem to be reaping the benefits. No more reports of burglary to date, fewer acts of vandalism, no flasher (but perhaps because some of the local ladies offered to form a posse) and joy of joys we are now, well, at the time of writing at least, a graffiti-free street. Admittedly the clean-up only took place last week, but what a thrill to open one's front door and not be

confronted with a cacophony of crass calligraphy (for want of a better word). Short of keeping an all night vigil like those meerkats (or having CCTV, but that's another story) we wonder how long we can be proud of our pristine street but surely we mustn't give in to the inner city ennui of "what's the point, it will only happen again". And to be honest, our neighbourhood watch scheme can't claim all the credit on this, the Council has been very active and supportive, but it does show how residents working with the Council can make a huge difference. But now so much has been achieved in cleaning the offending walls why can't the owners seal them too? Obviously it's costly but in the long run surely worthwhile and less damaging than frequent industrial scrubbing. And we, the residents, have long volunteered to help maintain this happy state once the walls are clean.

Just as an aside, does anyone know why these street "artists" feel it necessary to display their signatures and slogans over other people's property? One man caught "decorating" our lovely little local library said he was doing it to make it more beautiful! All a matter of taste I suppose and at one point I thought our Portobello walls so tasteful it was worth chipping a chunk off and sending it in to the Tate as a contender for the Turner Prize. The winnings could surely have paid for CCTV here.

The other advantage of neighbourhood watch, well most of us think it is, is that we are now on nodding terms with our neighbours if not Good Morning or Good Moaning terms (depending in days gone by on the previous nights harvest of graffiti) There is undoubtedly more communication about street issues, conservation, a better feeling of community and a greater sense of care for our environment. Surely that can't be bad. I know from my own experience when a guest accidentally locked herself in my house whilst I was out there were plenty of kind volunteers to help solve the problem. I am not sure that would have happened a year ago.

Above all it is worth pointing out to one and all in Pembridge Ward that the police at our last meeting emphasised that this is a highly sought after area – no, not only for would-be residents, we all know that, but for burglars. Apparently in the last few months the area has suffered from a serious increase in crime of all sorts, particularly burglary, with any address beginning with Pembridge being the most targeted. So how about more meerkats in the area to indicate and ensure a better awareness of security issues and general neighbourliness? You too can have your very own meerkat sticker for your window if you set up or join a neighbourhood watch. It can't do any harm and perhaps a lot of good.

Janey Burland

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The positions of Hon Planning Secretary and Hon Sec need to be filled as soon as possible. The 1999/2000 elections for the Committee will take place at the Annual General Meeting on 13th March 2000.

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THE AIMS OF THE PEMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION

1. To encourage and promote high standards of architecture and town planning in the Pembridge Conservation Area,
2. To stimulate and promote public interest and care for the beauty, history and character of the neighbourhood,
3. To encourage the preservation, conservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest within or affecting the neighbourhood.

These aims are pursued by charitable means only and the Association has no affiliation with any political party.

Our job is to show that conservation is important, and to provide a channel for the views of the community. To do this effectively we need your active support!

Membership is open to all those who are interested in the aims of the Pembridge Association. Anyone who is interested in becoming more closely involved with the work of the Association should initially make contact with the Hon. Sec. and will be welcome to attend a Committee Meeting,

If you have a point of view you would like to express about Conservation matters or issues raised in the Newsletter, write to the Chairman or the Hon Secretary whose names and addresses are shown at the top left of this page.

GARDEN PARTY

The Pembridge Association is holding its annual Garden Party in Pembridge Square Gardens on Saturday 15th July 2000 from 6pm until 8pm (by permission of the Garden Square Committee).

In the past, many residents attending the Garden Party have expressed their delight at the great opportunity that this gives to meet other people living in the area, whom they might not otherwise have come across.

Non-Members are welcome to come to the Party to support the Association.

The Garden Square Committee do not allow dogs to be brought into the Square and this must be respected.

15th JULY 2000

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