

# Pembridge Association

## Newsletter

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Free!

The Newsletter has fallen victim to the pressures of what might be remembered as the 'Year of Elections'! However, if you read on, you will see that the Association has not suffered a total eclipse, and has now arranged its third Annual General Meeting, for Thursday 12th of December.

First of all, in this review of the year, we are sorry to have to report that our first Chairman, Alan Greengross, has been forced by pressure of work, to resign from the Chair. Since being elected to the Leadership of the Opposition in Camden Council, he has found it impossible to continue working for the Association. It is his firm intention however, to remain a diligent member.

Despite the loss of our Chairman, routine matters continue and, as before, most of the Planning Applications in the area have been vetted by the Association's Planning Committee, whose views are made known to, and often accepted by, the Borough's Planning Committee.

A major development during the year was the inauguration of the Borough Development Plan, and we have been invited, along with other groups and personalities, to co-operate on this with the Council, by means of representation on the Development Plan Advisory Sub-Committee. The three Associations in the area, Ladbroke, Norland, and Pembridge, have been asked to send a delegate to represent all three groups. We are glad to announce that, after discussions with the other two Associations, Mr David Campion was chosen. The deputy for the Pembridge area will be Mr Peter Pilkington.

One of the early matters we were asked to look into by the Borough, was the question of Community, what it is, its boundaries and relationships: an especially difficult task in any inner city area. The idea that London is a series of villages received some confirmation amongst us, and some of those villages were surprisingly

small. There is no prize for estimating how many we have in the area covered by the Association, which, you will see, has been enlarged recently. The map overleaf shows that the new Pembridge Estate Conservation Area now includes most of the area between Notting Hill Gate and our previous southern boundary, principally Linden Gardens, Clanricarde Gardens and that part of Ossington Street that lies within the Borough.

The increased size of our area, coupled with the Borough Development Plan, makes your continued support for us all the more essential because, like most Associations, we rely entirely on voluntary support for both money and effort, and both are in short supply.

We are financed solely by our Membership subscriptions, and we would like to remind members that their subscriptions fall due on January 1st. We would be much obliged therefore, if you will use the tear-off sheet on the back of this Newsletter. The same form may also be used as an Application for Membership.

During the year we have become registered as a charity with the Charity Commissioners, a status which at present seems only to increase our respectability with Bank Managers, but which, in the long term, may be of considerable financial benefit.

What of the year ahead? The routine work of the Association will continue generally unremarked by people until it is the house next door that has applied for permission to build a five storey back extension, or turn its front garden into a parking lot. We hope to add our voice to the shaping of the Borough's development through the Advisory Committee, and bring the Council's discussion papers to your notice by holding further 'Open Fora' to which everyone is invited.

And in the years to come? No bets on whether we still have a refuse problem.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 12th December 1974 at 8.00 pm.

#### AGENDA

- 1 Report of the Executive Committee
- 2 Treasurer's Report
- 3 Resignation of the Existing Committee
- 4 Election of new Officers and Committee
- 5 Guest Speaker: Ashley Barker FSA FRIBA  
Surveyor of Historic Buildings to the GLC

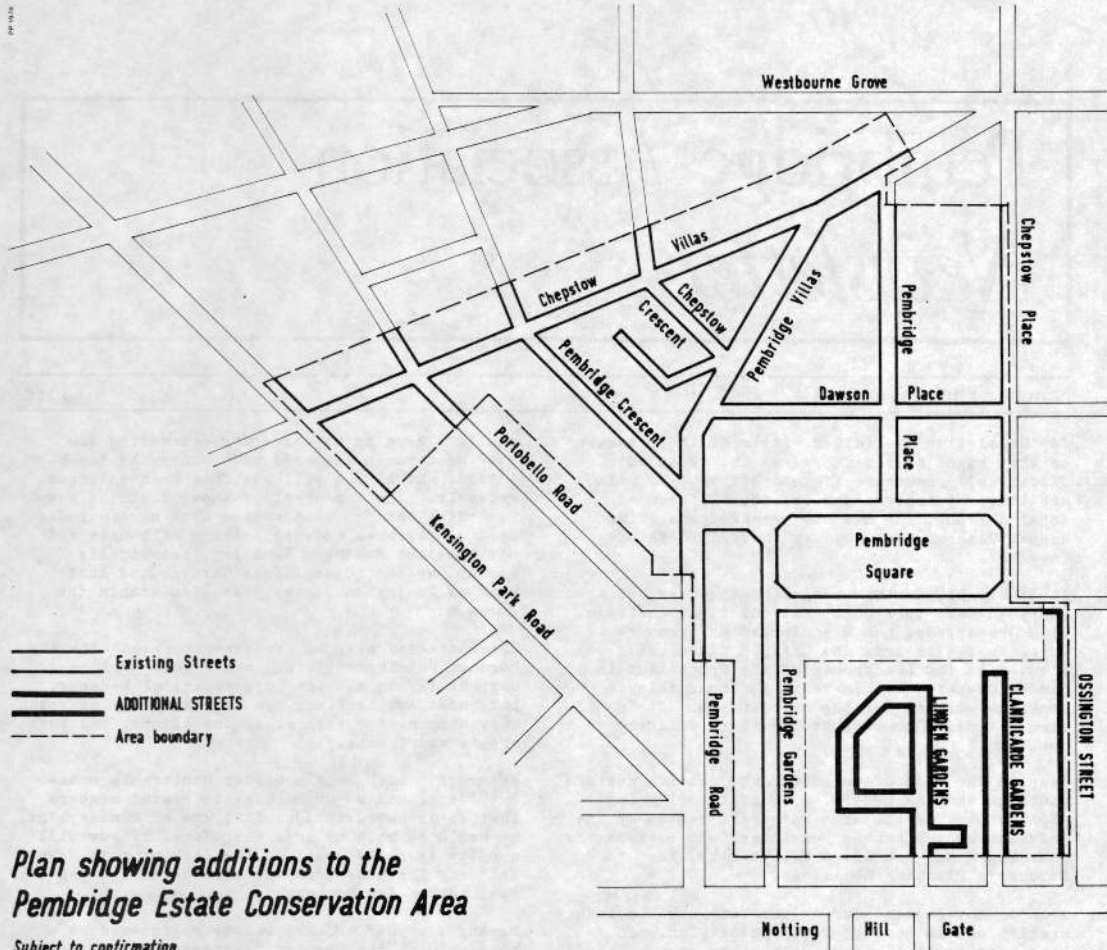
The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Pembridge Association is to be held at 8.00 pm on Thursday the 12th of December, in St. Peter's Church Hall, 59 Portobello Road, W 11.

If you wish to nominate an Officer or Committee Member for election, please complete the first form contained in this Newsletter, duly signed by yourself and a Seconder. May I remind you that the Nominee must have indicated his or her willingness to serve.

The second form may be used for Membership renewal. When completed, please fold it up as indicated and return it to the Secretary at 24 Denbigh Terrace, W 11.

S K Linton, Honorary Secretary.

November 1974



*Plan showing additions to the Pembridge Estate Conservation Area*

*Subject to confirmation*

**PEMBRIDGE REVISED**



We understand that among the extensions to the Pembridge Area being considered by the Council, are those shown on the plan above. These proposals have yet to be confirmed by the GLC, and so far we have not been informed by the Borough Council officially of any changes.

live theatre and an asset to Kensington." Negotiations are at present going on to purchase the lease of the building outright.

But in a Press statement recently, Sir Brandon held no punches in emphasising what a tremendous task will face the Trust. "I hope that no-one will underestimate the difficulties" he wrote.

**GAUMONT SALE? Sir Brandon speaks**

Negotiations with the Rank Organisation, owners of the old Coronet Theatre at Notting Hill Gate, (now the Gaumont Cinema), are continuing, and hopefully nearing a conclusion.

Members will remember that following an intensive resident's campaign, backed by the Association together with many other local societies and distinguished local and national figures, a safeguarding order was put on the building last

year. The Kensington Theatre Trust, a charitable body set up at the suggestion of the local authority, then started discussion with Rank to see if a solution could be worked out to provide a long term restoration project for the building.

Talks began in October 1973 and have been proceeding ever since. Chairman of the Trust, the district's MP, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, points out that its aim "is to revive the building as a

"There is a major practical problem of renovation and modernisation to meet the exacting modern by-laws; and there is also the prospect of hard times ahead for the Theatre in London which is likely to make competition intense.

"To succeed we shall need the wholehearted and generous support of the people of Kensington. The purchase of Rank's leasehold interest is a major step for us to take as a charitable body with limited resources. But we are determined to succeed and I believe we can depend on Rank's goodwill."

# committee nominations

\* Please delete as applicable

## Pembridge Association

I propose \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

who has indicated willingness to stand as an  
Officer / Committee Member \* of the  
Pembridge Association for 1975

Proposer's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder's signature \_\_\_\_\_

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# membership renewal/ application

\* Please delete as applicable

## Pembridge Association

I wish to become a Member of / renew my subscription to \*  
the Pembridge Association, and enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum £1.00)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I have the following skills / I would be prepared to help  
in the following ways \* \_\_\_\_\_

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# concerned?

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of this form, please detach it from  
the rest of the Newsletter, fold it  
as indicated, tucking the last part  
in, and return it to the Honorary  
Secretary at the address shown.

Have you any views on the more important matters  
with which the Association should be concerned ?

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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON & CHELSEA  
INFORMATION BULLETIN

This notice is to keep you informed of the latest situation in the refuse collection dispute.

STREET COLLECTION

Private lorries will be street collecting in the following Wards on specified days.

TUESDAY

PEMBRIDGE, Avondale, Norland.

Residents are asked to leave their rubbish, bagged, tied and tidy, on the pavements or at the end of roads, for collection. It is in the interests of everybody to see that as many residents as possible know of this emergency service. The elderly and infirm will need help. Please do your best to ensure they are not left out.

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