

# Pembridge Association

## Newsletter

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# PROTESTS FAIL TO STOP SCIENCE CENTRE

SION CONVENT, Chepstow Villas, is to be turned into a "Science Centre" in spite of protests by local residents, parents of children who go to the Convent school and the Pembridge Association.

Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council refused to allow the building to be turned into a Science Centre but after an appeal in April the Department of the Environment overruled the Council's decision

Mr. P.G.Tyler, the inspector who heard the appeal, said that the building should not be allowed to be used for any other purpose other than a Science Centre. He said: "This would preclude a commercial office use which would, in my view, be out of place in the area."

He gave six reasons for allowing the building to be used as a Science Centre:

- \* the convenient position;
- \* it would not be a commercial intrusion into a residential area;
- \* although the Greater London Development Plan says this kind of project should be in central London, the Convent is near enough to central London and has good enough public transport nearby to be an exception to the rule;
- \* the Centre would not reduce the area's sense of community;
- \* traffic would not significantly increase;
- \* the Centre would not cause noise or disturbance to residents.

Before the appeal, more than 70 parents of children at the Convent school wrote to the council objecting to the use of the building as a Science Centre.

At the appeal hearing, apart from those called by the two sides to give evidence, two people spoke in favour of the Science Centre; 14 objected to it including Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, MP for Kensington, Councillor David Campion, councillor for Pembridge Ward, and the Reverend Douglas Richardson, Vicar of St. Peter's Church and Chairman of the Pembridge Association.

## FOR SALE CLANRICARDE GARDENS

A COMPLETE ROAD in the Pembridge Area is up for sale.

Clanricarde Gardens, owned by Campden Charities, is to be sold by tender on October 27 and it is expected to fetch about £1m.

The 51 houses in the road were built in 1870 and the current value of the type of 6-storeyed house in Clanricarde Gardens is said to be about £120,000.

Chestertons, of Kensington High Street, who are dealing with the sale, say the annual income from rents from the street is approximately £40,000 a year.

## 18thC. Campden Hill

LIFE is very different in Campden Hill from what it was 200 years ago.

But one thing has not changed — the residents still get ill and doctors still visit their patients there.

Dr. Stephen Passmore will base an illustrated talk on Tuesday October 18 on what his predecessors of the 18th century would have

“What a swell party it was!”

“WHAT A SWELL PARTY it was!” said the headline from the Kensington News and Post, reporting the Pembridge Association's Jubilee Garden Party on June 11.

Thanks to the efforts of Miss Joan Lawton, who organised the party, it was an even greater success than had been hoped for.

The weather cleared up sufficiently for the party to be held in Pembridge Square garden, and not only did everyone have a good time, but without intending to the P.A. made a £25 profit.

The Executive Committee voted that the £25 should be donated to the Jubilee Fund.

Rev. Douglas Richardson, P.A. Chairman said: "The great thing was we introduced people to their neighbours. It was so much appreciated that a garden party could become an annual feature for the Pembridge Association."

seen on their rounds.

Dr. Passmore is a founder member of the Kensington Society and has also given talks to the Society.

His talk, "Life on 18th Century Campden Hill", is at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, at St. Peter's Church Hall, 59a Portobello Road, W11

# New to the Pembridge Area?

IF YOU'RE new to the Pembridge Area you might like to check whether your house is in the Pembridge Conservation Area.

The G.L.C. has just approved the addition of some houses in the Denbigh Terrace area and these are included in the following list of roads in the Conservation Area.

- Chepstow Crescent
- Chepstow Place (odd numbers)
- Chepstow Villas
- Clanricarde Gardens
- Denbigh Close
- Denbigh Road (even numbers 12-24)
- Denbigh Terrace (consecutive numbers 13-26)
- Kensington Park Road (even numbers 2, 56-74)
- Linden Gardens (except even numbers 1-5)
- Garden Mews
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- Moscow Road (odd numbers 87-95)
- Notting Hill Gate (1-6)
- Ossington Close
- Ossington Street (odd numbers 1-55)
- Pembridge Crescent
- Pembridge Gardens
- Pembridge Mews
- Pembridge Place
- Pembridge Road (even numbers 32-56, odd numbers 13-59)
- Pembridge Square (except 19-22)
- Pembridge Villas (except 1,2,3,5,7-)
- Portobello Mews
- Portobello Road (even numbers 2-92, odd 7-13, 57-63)
- Victoria Grove Mews

If you would like to join the Pembridge Association and support it in its efforts in maintaining the high standards of architecture in the area and improving the quality of life in general, just fill in the bankers order form and send it to the treasurer, T. de Zoete, 33, Pembridge Villas, London W11.

If you prefer to pay your subscription by cheque, make it payable to the Pembridge Association — minimum annual subscription is £1.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ST PETERS HALL 59A PORTOBELLO RD 8.00 PM

Tuesday 6th

December 1977

AFTER THE SUCCESS of the Jubilee Garden Party, another party is planned this time to follow the 1977 Annual General Meeting.

So make a note of the date now:  
Tuesday December 6 at 8 pm.

## CORRECTION

In the last issue of the Newsletter we said Astor Hotels had applied to use 22-23 Pembridge Square for hostel purposes. This should have read "21-22 Pembridge Square". We apologise for this mistake.

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