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Ockwells Manor house, Cox Green

*The full story of the history of this magnificent building is now told
See more on page 11*

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Editorials

By the time you will be reading this, the make-up of the Royal Borough's new administration will (hopefully) be clear. Whichever party or grouping is returned, the Society would like to see certain items on the new Council's agenda. Our priorities would be:

1. An early launch of the process for a town centre plan. Since the Borough Local Plan eradicated the Area Action Plan, we haven't had a masterplan, leaving the town open to speculative developments.
2. An appropriate mechanism for community engagement in planning issues. Snapshot online consultations and knee-jerk reactions to protest groups are no way to plan the future. Considered, constructive debate is required. It's high time the Civic Society had the status of a statutory consultee.

Membership Update May 2023

We're pleased to welcome the following new members: **Lisa Curtin** and **Rich Smith**. If you have any friends, relatives or neighbours who may be interested in joining us contact Joyce Delasalle, telephone 07917 876145 or email joyce@delasalle.me.uk.

Membership Subscriptions

We would like to remind our members who pay by cheque that your subscriptions are due on June 1st. If you would like to change the way you pay to a Standing Order the details are: Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-95-36, Account number 00277876. Subscriptions have not changed for the coming year but could you please check that your Standing Order is for the correct amount as listed below. Your prompt payment would be appreciated as this helps the Society carry out its good work on behalf of the members and to the benefit of Maidenhead.

If you have any queries please contact me on joyce@delasalle.me.uk or telephone 01628 637342.

Single membership	£15.00
Family Membership (2 members at one address)	£20.00

Newsletter Contributions

We have recently had several contributions from members in addition to the usual pieces from the Committee. Please be inspired and send in items that you think may be of interest or present a different viewpoint. The Society is a broad church and at the end of the day it's the views and concerns of all our members that give the Society its strength and authority.

Planning Matters

Firstly, an update on three applications that were featured in our last newsletter. **Thames House, 17 Marlow Road** is an office block that already has Permitted Development for change of use of the existing space into 40 flats over three floors. An application was submitted to add an additional two floors to create an additional 33 mainly 1-bed flats for single occupancy. Since our last newsletter this application has been refused because of the height and mass of the additional floors, the overlooking of neighbouring houses and the fact that a number of the minimally sized flats had no natural light in the bedroom. A further application was submitted to reduce the number of flats by 6 to 27 and reconfigure the layout to provide the required natural light. Our concerns about height and impact on neighbours remained, but we are pleased to report that this application was refused at the end of April; we hope it stays that way.

We have positive news on the proposal to demolish 3 bungalows at **66 to 70 Sheephouse Road**. The proposed scheme to demolish and replace with 8 x 4-bed detached homes has been refused for all the reasons put forward in our letter of objection. We also recorded that the application to demolish a 3-bed detached dwelling at **59 Norden Road** to be replaced by a block of 5 x 1-bed flats had been refused. A new application has been submitted which reduces the number of flats to 4 (2 x 1b2p and 2 x 2b4p). This has been achieved by omitting the fifth flat which was in the roof space. Technically, there is a deficit of one parking space (5 rather than 6) but visually the street scene elevations appear as a large, detached house rather than flats. We have not objected to this scaled down scheme.

Our August 2022 newsletter reported on the proposal to demolish **Mattel House** (*right*) to be replaced by 91 flats in blocks of 4 to 5 storeys. Amazingly this application is still outstanding and consequently is the subject of an appeal. Permitted Development has already allowed change of use of the existing office block into 28 dwelling units. The decision on the scheme to demolish is out of RBWM hands and the decision of HM Inspector is awaited.



Applications since our last newsletter include a proposal to convert the offices at **Maidenhead Court Boathouse, Court Road** to a nursery/preschool. Only one planning application was submitted relating to the installation of heat pump/cooling plant and the associated screening. It is maintained by the applicant that no change of

use is required as the same planning category applies to offices and nursery/preschools. The building (*below*) is Grade 2 listed and is located in the Riverside Conservation Area. Although changes to the exterior of the building itself are minimal, the setting of the building will be visually obstructed by the high-level security fencing that will be required to surround the site for the safeguarding of children. Internally, there is significant restructuring that will be of interest to the Heritage and Conservation officers.



There will be around 120 children and 30 staff on site, so the demands for parking and drop off/pick up space will be considerable as will the number of vehicle movements. Opinion is divided on the proposal. On the one hand it is a much-needed facility in Riverside which will breathe new life into an iconic and underused building. Alternatively, it will generate noise, traffic and parking problems in a residential area in a unique riverside setting and is an unsuitable use of an iconic building. We have objected at this stage, primarily because the limited scope of the planning application relating to heating plant etc. does not facilitate the fuller planning scrutiny that the proposal warrants.

There is a re-submitted application for 6 dwellings to be constructed at **47 Courthouse Road** and land to the rear of **Nos. 49 to 53**. This is a back garden infilling scheme that requires the demolition of No 47 to provide access to the rear. Previously refused and then dismissed on appeal, an alternative application with 5 dwellings has also been refused. The latest proposal reverts to 2 x detached and 4 x semis. There are adequate parking spaces in total – although two of the semis have tandem spaces, which are not ideal. The main change from the original refused scheme appears to be the replacement of two undersized garages by two parking spaces. The access road is too narrow, especially when shared with pedestrians.

There has also been a speculative application from BT to install 4 so called “Hubs” in the town centre. These hubs are large (3 mtr x 1 mtr) double-sided, self-illuminated digital advertising pods. They can occasionally be used for emergency messaging and are also intended to boost mobile signal strength in town. They are visually intrusive, adding to so called street clutter and are out of keeping with the setting of

Maidenhead High Street – which is a Conservation Area. They have been installed elsewhere as part of a nationwide roll-out but are generally unpopular. MCS initiated the objections and the application has been refused.

There are two sites where previous plans have been scaled down favourably. On surplus car parking area, **The Crown, Wootton Way**, had applied unsuccessfully to construct 12 flats in 2019, which was refused and dismissed on appeal. In 2021 the proposal was reduced to 10 flats. We objected to both proposals, so it is heartening to see that the current application is for just 4 dwellings – 2 pairs of semis. So, good to see some common sense prevail.

Over the years we have followed with interest the planning trail of **Zaman House** and **Awan House** in Church Road, The Fisheries. After a succession of applications for two blocks of flats on the site, in 2021 permission was granted for a development of 6 substantial houses arranged as 3 pairs of semi-detached in a gated development. Currently, a new application is in the pipeline to construct 5 large detached houses on the site. The application states that because of prevailing market conditions it is believed that more value will be realised by building detached dwellings rather than the permitted semis. It is also stated that detached houses are more in character with the prevailing street scene on the Fishery Estate. A positive development indeed.

The **Authority Monitoring Report 2021/22** which is published by RBWM has been delivered on time this year. Although there is a time lag with the data being a year in arrears the information in the Housing section of the report is a very important indication of the planning trends over time. Here is a summary:

Planning / Housing Summary

The report was published at the end of March and provides a snapshot in time of where we stand in the delivery of Maidenhead's housing stock. As always it is a year behind in the data provided, covering the year up to the end of March 2022.

- The total number of net new dwellings (allowing for demolition etc.) was surprisingly low at only 288 compared with 328 the previous year. It was also the lowest for the 9 years reported historically – the highest number of new dwelling units was 705 in 2018/19.
- The number of flats was 234 - 81% of the total. This was the same percentage as the previous year. The highest percentage of flats was 84% in 2018/19 when 591 flats were completed.
- The number of houses was 54 – only 19% of the total. This compares with an average number of new houses of more than 200 p/a for the four years from 2013 to 2017. The highest percentage of houses was 45% in 2013. 54 is the lowest number of houses for the 9 years reported – the previous year delivered 61 – again 19% of the total.
- There is a positive shift away from 1 bed units – the number has dropped from 123 (38%) to 49 (17%) in the latest year. 2-bed units have increased to 175

- (61%) from 164 (50%) and 3-bed to 16 (20%) from 9 (13%). Although the numbers are low the number and proportion of 4-bed has also increased.
- Development on the Green Belt remains low with 14 units (4%) being completed in 2021/22. The previous year there were 30 units (8.5%) but 28 were accounted for by the development of the new Thames Hospice site. This year is the lowest for the 9 years reported with the highest number in 17/18 when the marginal Green Belt of the former Park and Ride on Tip Lane (now Vicus Way) was developed – 140 units (26%) were on the Green Belt in that year.
 - The trend for change of use from office to residential has slowed significantly. Only 19 units (5.5%) were recorded in 21/22. At its peak office conversions generated 216 units (31%) in 18/19 and was obviously a factor in delivering the record number of completions in that year
 - A total of 57 “affordable” homes were completed in the year (20%). Within these there is a movement towards Social/Affordable Rented with 21 units compared with Shared Ownership at 36. The highest year for “affordable” was in 20/21 with 85 units (26%). In that year there were only 7 units for rental and 78 Shared Ownership.
 - Housing development continues to be very Maidenhead focussed with 233 net completions in the unparished wards. This represents 81% of the total across RBWM.
 - There were 640 net dwelling units granted planning permission during the 21/22 year. At the year end there were 3,331 units in the planning pipeline – granted permission but not yet delivered. Of these 1,505 (45%) were under construction.
 - There have been significant increases in Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) revenues. £1,133,000 of S106 was raised in 21/22, up £600K on the previous year. CIL generated £8m which was up £2.8m. In expenditure terms S106 saw £1.81m spent on projects, which was £700K up on 20/21. The correlation in timing between planning permission and the feeding through of S106 and CIL is unclear.

In conclusion, the number of completions at 288 seems surprisingly low, although it is expressed against a target (extracted from the BLP) of only 200 for the year in question. The BLP target climbs dramatically in coming years – 400/1,400/1,400/1,400 pa. Only 400 are targeted in 22/23 with 1500 dwellings already under construction and a further 1,830 units in the pipeline. However, the 1,400 pa. from 23/24 onwards looks challenging! In housing mix terms, the high proportion of flats continues, although they are getting larger in terms of bedrooms. New build houses/family homes remain in short supply.

In spite of our previous requests for an analysis of permissions in the pipeline, we still have no analysis of the housing type/mix of those 3,331 homes. If we have “too many flats” already, how many more have already been permitted?

Martin McNamee

DECISION ON BROADWAY CAR PARK URGENTLY NEEDED



The Civic Society has written to the Council to underline the urgency of finding at least a temporary solution to the problem of convenient parking in Maidenhead town centre.

The closure of Broadway Car Park is having a critical impact on business and footfall and, despite the Town Hall's best marketing efforts, residents and visitors are at a loss to find an acceptable alternative.

Following reports of falling masonry the 40-year-old car park was declared unsafe. The structure was assessed by surveyors and engineers in January. Their report which, we understand, includes an option for remedial work, is still being considered by the Council.

Broadway Car Park was earmarked for demolition as part of the Nicholsons redevelopment, though that now looks like a distant hope and the Centre seems destined to stay for a few years yet.

With so much disruption in the town centre currently and much more to come before the regeneration programme bears fruit, an early decision on the future of the Broadway Car Park would be a welcome step.

Bob Dulson

A TOWN TEAM

Local people have been invited to help shape the future of Maidenhead town centre by getting involved in the new Town Team.

In March, the Royal Borough called for expressions of interest to join the team, which will be made up of a number of action groups. These will be made up of representatives from the public, private, not-for-profit and community sectors, helping to shape a vision, and guiding community aspirations, for the future of Maidenhead town centre. They will lead on activities and projects which will benefit the users of the town and enhance its vitality and attractiveness. Expressions of interest were welcomed from those who are part of the Maidenhead community, whether they live, work or are involved in any organisations or community groups within the town.

The action groups will focus on specific topic areas such as movement and transport, sustainability innovation, open space and the environment, arts and culture, young people, retail and markets, and communications.

The council say they want the Town Team action groups to be as inclusive as possible and reflective of the demographic of the town and, therefore, give as many people as possible who are part of the Maidenhead community the opportunity to be part of them.

The RBWM's announcement said "This is an exciting opportunity for anyone with an interest in the future of Maidenhead town centre to have the chance to work together with other like-minded people, building on a spirit of cooperation, and delivering an attractive, vibrant and sustainable town centre for all. There are a wide variety of areas where the groups will work and where we will need passionate people, so please do sign-up if you would like to get involved."

The Town Team will work with partners, including the existing Maidenhead Town Partnership, enhancing partnership working and ensuring that all sectors of the Maidenhead community get the opportunity to help deliver a vibrant future for the town as its regeneration continues.

It is planned to hold a forum on the 24th May to bring together everyone who has shown an interest in joining to take part in a workshop and find out more, with the council looking to appoint the various action groups at the start of summer.

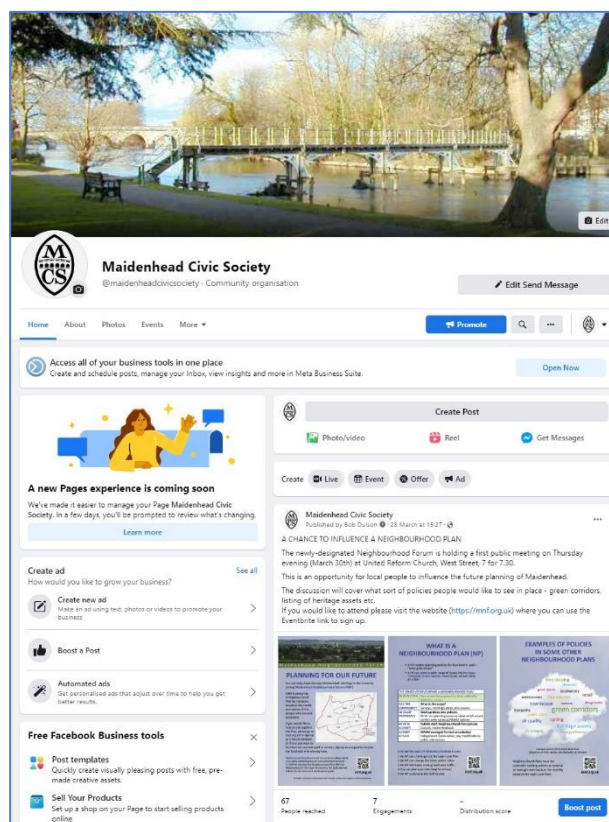
The Civic Society has signed up to the plan, and we already have a Member keen to take the lead in our involvement in this. But it would be good to have a couple more interested spirits to join us and lend their experience and views.

How should we Communicate?

A frequent response that we get when trying to explain to people what we do is along the lines of “What’s the Civic Society?” And this is from people who have been in the neighbourhood often for decades! We have a “brand awareness” problem. And often when people do say they’ve heard of us, the next question is along the lines of “What have you achieved?”

It is arguable that the Society has, in hindsight, been too timid in declaring its views on developments and shouting its successes. Perhaps we have been too careful/diplomatic in stating our case. However, today’s next generation down will no doubt see that as a weakness. This cohort is now used to regular, short and *sharp* statements on the matters at hand. Like it or not, we have to start using more cleverly the tools that the next generation expects – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, KiT, our website etc. The steady growth in “likes” on our Facebook is encouraging. These are not media most of us are either interested in or comfortable in using, but the reality is that this is the future, like it or not. In the past the *Maidenhead Advertiser* has been a good friend to the Society in reporting on our position – provided we say what it is, of course! As long as we remain strictly apolitical, I believe we must be far more assertive in stating our views on relevant local issues – politely aggressive, I once heard it described. If feathers get ruffled, so be it.

Tomorrow’s generation will most likely want to be informed more frequently and more succinctly. In this regard, and as the Editor, I believe the format of our Newsletter should also be open for discussion and re-evaluation, but for this we’d need our readers’ views. Over to you!



The Civic Society has a Facebook page, but do we use it advantageously?

(NOT SO...) SOCIAL MEDIA?

Waterways Group Chairman and Society member **Richard Davenport** offers this perspective:

To many Civic Society members of my generation, social media is a complete mystery, as well as being a bit of a minefield - some would say 'sewer'...!! Ignorance abounds; wild rumours are started and gather credibility unless promptly knocked on the head; insults fly in all directions from anonymous commentators; political bias is commonplace; and it is sometimes hard to even know what someone's 20-word cryptic comment is responding to.

Yet despite its shortcomings, social media has the power to target and reach many more people than traditional printed media, TV and most forms of advertising. For community groups it is a free and very effective way to share information, reach out and engage with like-minded residents in your local area, provided it is properly managed and understood.

If you dabble in it, as I do for the Waterways Group, you will know the main social media platforms are Facebook, Twitter and some more recent derivatives such as *InYourArea*, *UpmyStreet* and *Nextdoor* which try (badly, in my view....) to automatically send you information and updates based only on your location. No disrespect, but if you want to know about lost cats, items for sale or random issues, the last ones here may be for you.

Personally, I find Facebook the only social media platform worth using, because a) you choose which Facebook Groups to follow and b) topics are raised and discussed openly. Facebook groups are moderated by administrators, who set the rules and can block off-topic, rude or anonymous posts.

For me personally, Twitter is a confusing no go area, the 'wild west' of social media – unstructured and full of unpleasant anonymous posts, sniping, gossip and political comment on everything under the sun. Maybe I don't understand how to control it ... but life is too short, so I will stick to a small number of Facebook groups focused on Maidenhead.

If you want to give Facebook a try, I would recommend joining the largest and most active groups – *Maidenhead Past and Present* (12k members), *Maidenhead Future* (4k), *Maidenhead (Local) Politics* (1k), or perhaps *Wild Maidenhead* (2k) if that is your thing. There is lots of useful information and discussion in each and if you don't find them worthwhile you can always change your mind and leave. I am one of the admin team on *Maidenhead Future*, which stays out of politics but encourages a constructive (not 'rose-tinted') open dialogue about Maidenhead's current challenges and continued evolution as the place we like to call home.

If you do try it, please contribute to the discussion ... and be polite...!!

Heritage & Environment

THE HISTORY OF OCKWELLS MANOR

The Society's longest running project has now come to fruition! The study of the history of Ockwells Manor house and its occupants over time has been finalised and the findings published in a full-colour book.

The book is the culmination of over thirty years of study of the fifteenth-century Ockwells Manor house in Cox Green, near Maidenhead, Berkshire, described by the eminent architectural historian Sir Nikolaus Pevsner as *the most refined and the most sophisticated timber framed mansion in England*. It began by accident. In 1988, in my role as secretary of Maidenhead Civic Society, I was asked to see if the new owners, Mr and Mrs Brian Stein, would agree to the Society holding a fund-raising concert in the tithe barn. They had recently moved, with their family, into the house which they had had restored – very necessary as it had been empty for around fifteen years with consequent deterioration. After the concert as a “thank-you” I presented Mr Stein with a copy of the 1892 sale catalogue dating from when the house was being sold after the Victorian restoration. He had an interest in the history of Ockwells, commissioning Mr Harvey Van Sickle to write an account, completed in 1987 but which remains unpublished, and I was asked by Mr Stein to see what additional material was in the archives at the Berkshire Record Office.

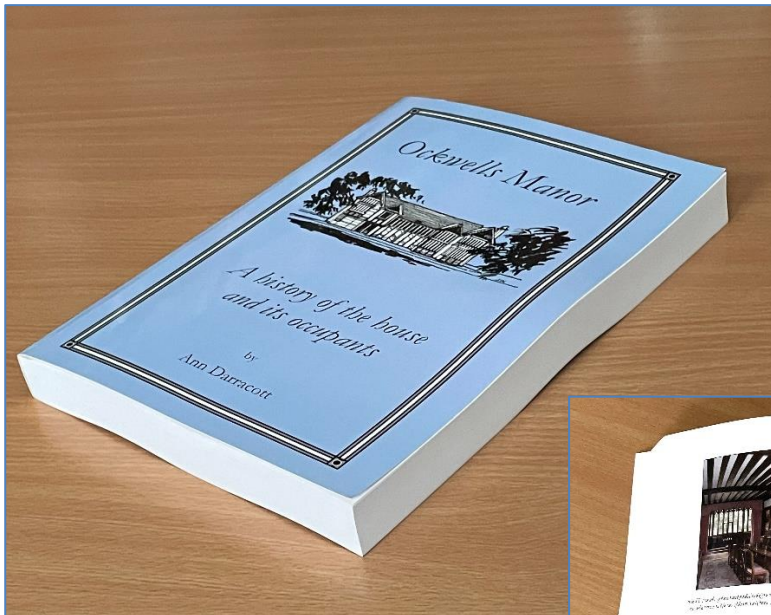
Thus began a search for Ockwells-related material that on the way led to the creation of an exhibition on the history of the house; several information leaflets – including one on the armorial glass prepared for a conference on the fifteenth century at Reading University in 1998; and PowerPoint presentations on the armorial glass of Ockwells Manor – and another that is a “virtual” tour of the house. Some valuable information has come from people attending such talks or visits to the house.

The full architectural and historic significance of Ockwells Manor only becomes apparent when seen in the context of the life and times of its builder – John Norreys Esquire. A significant portion of this book is therefore devoted to exploring and documenting his relationships, both professional and personal, with those he chose to honour in the glass. This has led to some re-identification of the personalities represented in the glass thus enabling the scheme Norreys devised to be fully understood – a scheme that illuminates mid fifteenth-century history including the loss of English-held lands in France that led to the Wars of the Roses.

Ockwells Manor house came on the market in 2019 and its future is uncertain. In the past, restrictive covenants have been lifted to allow roads and housing estates to be built nearby and threats to its setting continue. Information collected by Maidenhead Civic Society assisted the National Trust in successfully defending the covenant on the field opposite the house in 2012. However, the pressure to build housing on any available space is ongoing and unfortunately a restrictive covenant is not a material consideration in determining any planning application. On the plus side the RBWM has bought much of the farmland to the south of the house to create Thrift Wood

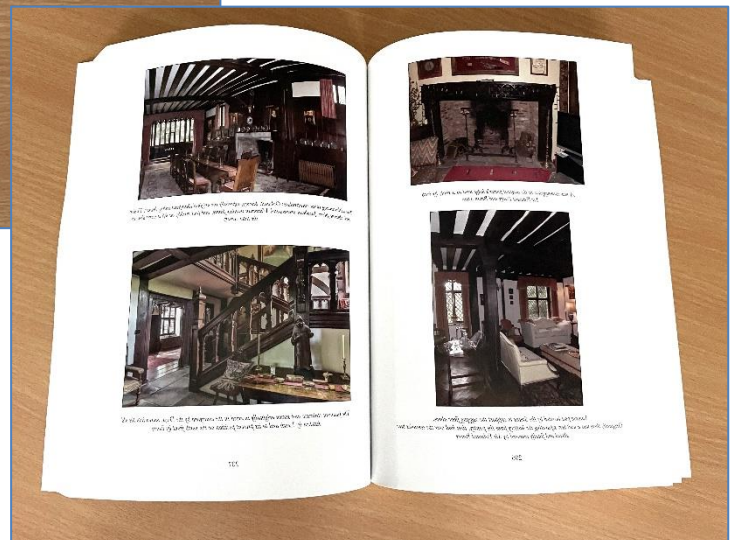
Park, which links with Ockwells Park, so preserving some of its setting. It is hoped that this present work will result in a more widespread appreciation of the historic and aesthetic value of Ockwells Manor House and help ensure its continued survival.

With the aid of some substantial grant funding the Society gained the confidence to consider publishing the research and we have now had printed an initial run of 150 copies. The book is an A4 sized paperback with some 360 pages in full colour. It weighs just under 2kg!



*Ockwells Manor – A history of
the house and its occupants*

By Ann Darracott



As a preliminary to putting the book on general sale a book launch event was recently held at Taplow Court, courtesy of SGI-UK, to which were invited guests who had an interest in or had contributed to the book in some way; representatives of organisations with connections to the various buildings e.g. almshouses, chapels, schools, linked to the men and women represented in the C15th armorial glass at Ockwells; descendants of former owners of Ockwells; and those involved in protecting the setting of Ockwells and representatives of local history and heritage organisations.

The book is being offered to Members of the Society at the cost price of £30, plus £4.50 postage & packing, if applicable, which represents a good discount on the price for the general public. If you would like to purchase a copy, please let us know either by phone on 07796 834542 or by email to info@maidenheadcivicsoc.org.uk and we'll take your details. More complete information will be sent to Members via a *Keeping in Touch* (KiT) email in due course.

THE GREEN WAY

The old Magnet leisure centre site has been cleared and will be replaced by several blocks of flats in due course. People living in these flats will join residents who currently walk into town by negotiating the A4. Unfortunately, one of the more attractive routes, following the Green Way from Town Moor, is still occasionally flooded. As of 14th April, it was impassable, unless you were wearing wellingtons, as the pump that takes away water from the leaks had stopped working (see attached). As the flooded section is not visible when walking on the Green Way northwards from the town centre, residents did not know it was flooded and were forced to retrace their steps.



This problem was raised in the *Advertiser* in July 2022 by a local resident, complaining about the constant leak of water onto the Green Way path, making it slippery and dangerous. The Civic Society wrote to the Editor at the time explaining that the section of the Green Way just north of the A4 bridge is constantly wet because of seepage through the brick wall, built instead of the flood wall as a temporary structure. In fact, leakage is also coming from between the concrete sections of the path itself. The leaks are due to the cable buried in the stream bed in this position in 1992.

We expressed the hope that by the time the remaining “missing link” in the Green Way path was fully open

at the beginning of 2023 when the Waterside Quarter was finished this leakage problem would be solved. The link is now open and the leakage has not been fixed.

What is needed is an engineering solution to remove the cable, deepen that area of stream bed to the same depth as the rest of the stream and complete the full height flood wall to comply with the original planning permission. We hope that the new councillors, following the election in May, will promote the use of developer contributions, arising from the development of the flats on the Leisure Centre site, to pay for it.

Ann Darracott

Events

VISIT TO LILLIBROOKE MANOR, Cox Green, Maidenhead Wednesday 19th July 2023

In April 2016 we visited **Lillibrooke Manor** for a tour of the site and afternoon tea. Since then, a lot of work has been undertaken and we have organised another tour to see the work that has been completed, to be followed by an afternoon tea.

Lillibrooke is located immediately to the west of Ockwells Manor. It is a Grade II listed complex of manor house, barns and other farm buildings dating certainly from the C16th, if not before. It was originally known as Lowbrooks. Probably because of its proximity to Ockwells Manor house, both places have in the past had a common owner. In the C19th William Henry Grenfell, Lord Desborough, owned both and both were farms with the manor house being the tenant's house. Both would later be owned by Sir Edward Barry who lived at Ockwells from the end of the C19th.



Lillibrooke Manor house

The visit will include a tour of the site and a talk about how the buildings are being used at the moment and the work that has been completed. We will also see the inside of the old manor house which has also been refurbished. This complex of buildings is well worth seeing. This will be followed by a full afternoon tea. The cost, to include the tea, is £17.00 per person for Society members and £18.00 for non-

members. Please be at the Manor by 2.45pm for a 3.00pm start. To book your place please return the booking form at the end of this Newsletter by 30th June at the latest.

Note: The manor is off Ockwells Road which is one-way. Don't use the postcode to find it as you will be led astray. Follow signs to it from the second roundabout on Shoppenhangers Road after crossing the A404M. If you end up in Ockwells Park you have gone the wrong way! Lillibrooke is at the end of a drive on the left as you approach the junction of Ockwells Road and Woodlands Park Road.

TAPLOW COURT OPEN DAYS

Taplow Court will be open to members of the public from 2pm to 5pm on 21st May, 4th June, 2nd July, 6th August, 3rd September and 10th September 2023 (National Heritage Day). On these days you may picnic in 85 acres of grounds.

Admission is free, and there is ample free parking. Note that only guide and alert dogs permitted. The House and grounds are open to the public with tea & cakes available for purchase.



Taplow Court is the home of SGI-UK, a socially engaged Buddhist network for peace.

SOME RECENT SUCCESSFUL EVENTS

Visit to Grundon

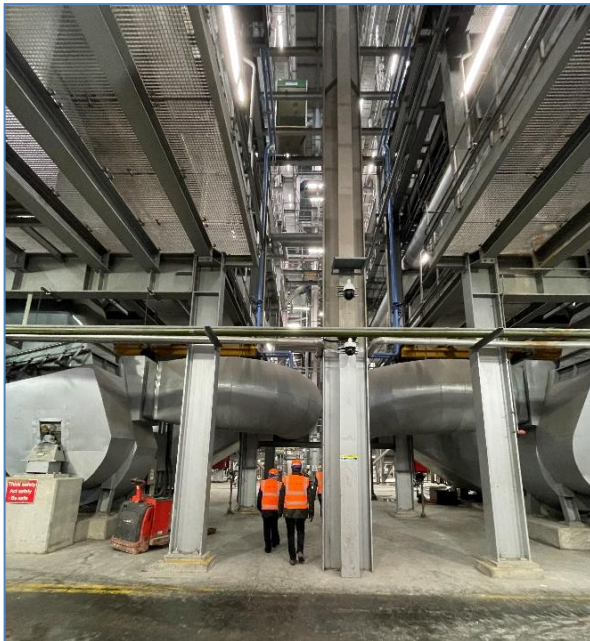
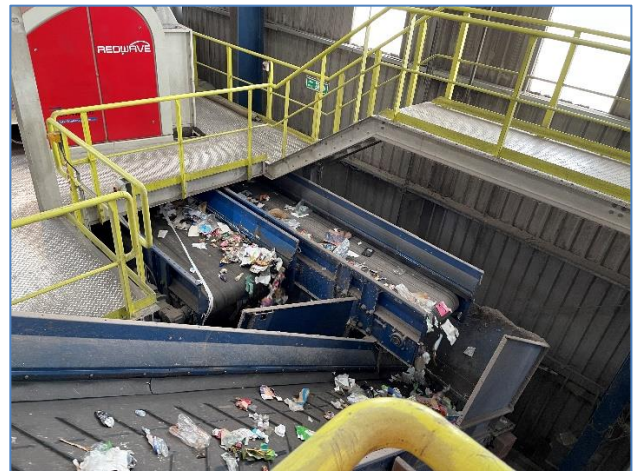
At the invitation of Norman Grundon, owner of Grundon Waste Management Ltd – the UK's largest family-owned supplier of integrated waste management and environmental services – some of our committee members were given a private tour of the facilities, which are in Colnbrook, not far from Heathrow airport (*right*). This



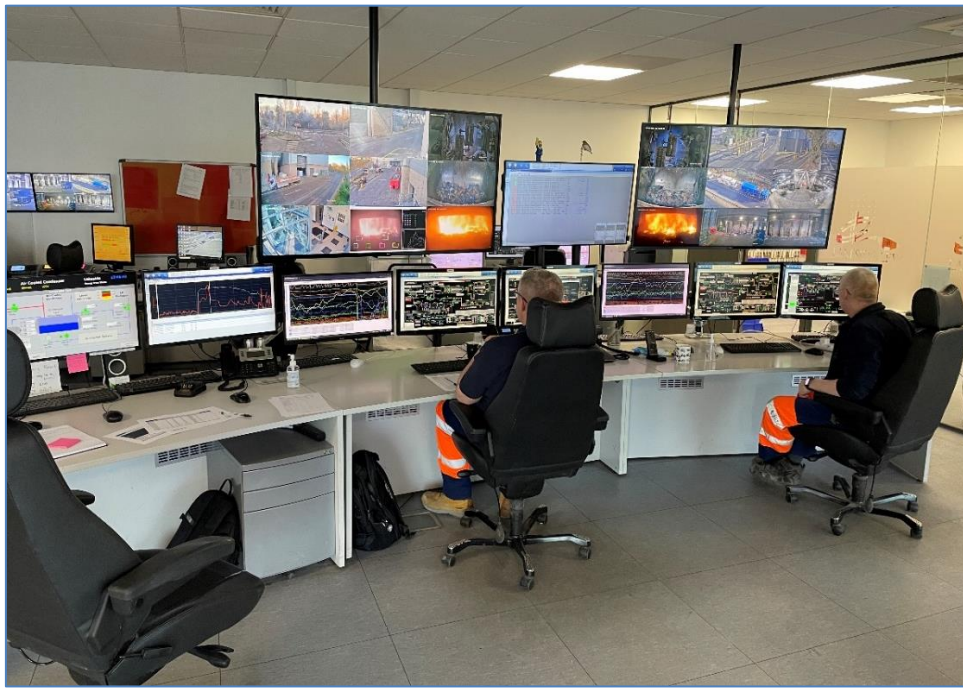
was part of their *ad hoc* programme of community engagement. You've almost certainly seen their large distinctive blue vehicles on the roads round and about our area. The Civic Society has always been a champion of the environment and it was fascinating to have seen what actually happens to all our rubbish when it leaves the waste depot at Stafferton Way.



Booted and suited and ready for the tour.....



On the right is an old bottle recycling receptor that was once on one of our streets



Waste disposal is a high-tech business today

The company's website is a mine of useful and interesting information about the whole range of recycling issues: <https://www.grundon.com>.

Waterways Fun Day

The Waterways Fun Day, held on Saturday 22nd April, certainly lived up to its name. It was a really fun and lively occasion, and it was a good first promotional outing of the year for the Civic Society. It was also an opportunity to meet and catch up with current members and to speak to members of the public to encourage them to join. Our next promotional event is the Cox Green May Fayre on Saturday 13th May, so please come and see us and encourage your friends and family to find out more about us.

Chris Brown, The Town Cryer (he's a big chap!) poses with Joyce and Ann at the Society's stand



Visit to Bray Keleher Water Treatment Works

On Wednesday 29th March some 30 members took up the opportunity to visit the water treatment works near Monkey Island, Bray. The Bray Keleher Water Treatment Works abstracts and treats up to 45 MI/d of River Thames water and is of strategic importance in maintaining supplies to the western region of South East Water (SEW) though not directly to Maidenhead. The site staff gave a most illuminating tour and members were able to ask some searching questions.



EVENTS VOLUNTEERS

As we have been able to start our events programme again, we are looking for volunteers willing to organise events for our members. We need a little group that can bring new ideas for events, talks and anything new for all ages. If you would like to join this exciting new team please contact: Joyce Delasalle, telephone 07917 876145 or email joyce@delasalle.me.uk.

Booking Form

Lillibrooke Manor Visit and Tea

Wednesday 19th July 2023, 2.45pm

Please detach and send this completed form, together with your payment (see below) to reach Joyce Delasalle, 7 Laxton Green, Maidenhead, SL6 3HW

no later than Friday 30th June 2023

NAME

ADDRESS

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.....POSTCODE

PHONE:EMAIL:

Please reserve ____ place(s) @ £17.00 each for Members.

Please reserve ____ place(s) @ £18.00 each for non-Members

I have paid as follows (please delete as necessary):

I enclose a cheque for £_____ payable to “*Maidenhead Civic Society*”

I have paid by bank transfer to the account: *Maidenhead Civic Society*,
Sort Code: 30-95-36; A/c: 00277876, quoting ref “Lillibrooke”

**If you have any problems, or for last minute cancellations, please contact
Joyce Delasalle without delay on 07917 876145**

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 19th July 2023
Visit

Lillibrooke Manor, Tour and Afternoon Tea
2.45pm for 3pm

Saturday 22nd July 2023
Event

Maidenhead Town Festival
All day

MAIDENHEAD CIVIC SOCIETY

Patron The Rt Hon Theresa May MP

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2023

All meetings are online via Zoom until further notice; times may vary.

12th January, 14th February, 14th March, 11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 8.00 pm

**The closing date for copy for the next issue
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