

The Kemp Town Society



Winter 2007 Newsletter.

Dear Members,

The work of your committees and able supporters continues unabated during our autumn and winter months!

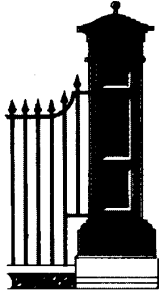
Much discussion surrounds planning issues, arranging social events, all of which consume much thought, require timely decisions and commitment of time! I am sure all will join in and confirm that the benefits enjoyed by members (and others) make those driving the events and issues know it all worth it!

The Theatre events this autumn have been much enjoyed including the visit to Glyndebourne, (thanks to Gina Bryson and Joan Griffiths) and Chichester (thanks to Pam Meek). Donizetti's "L'Elizir d'Amour and Verdi's Macbeth provided a contrasting mixture of venues. Derek Granger remains active in supporting these ventures with his knowledge and influence in the theatre and entertainment world!

A KTS sponsored trip to these events, whether London, Chichester or locally is so much more relaxed and cheaper! From being collected on Eastern Road to your return there, the journey to the event provides an opportunity to meet your friends and neighbours as well as enjoying the show itself without the hassle of driving – and allows drinking! A good meal and choice of worthy wine - and a memorable performance, all guarantee value for money. So make sure you check out what is promised for next year!

The immediate plan for **our first London trip** in 2008 is to see a combination of Tutenkhamen or The Terracotta Army along with a special performance of Tosca at the Royal Albert Hall! So apart from word of mouth check out our website (see below)!

The Halloween party for residents and neighbours, thrilled the children. The photos alone illustrate the creative efforts of parents and children alike. Take a look - even the uninterested will be surprised at the costume creativity!



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WEBSITE

Our Website is now LIVE!

I inherited a website over which last rites were pronounced. It was out of date and attracting undesirable spam. So we are starting again.

We have resurrected the old web address www.kempton-society.org.uk. The current www.kts.org.uk will be directed to it for one year. We are hopeful it will be the main source of information on a regular basis for the benefit of all members. At present it is only in its “basic” mode. More enhancements are on their way! Thanks to Adam Liversidge for his able efforts!

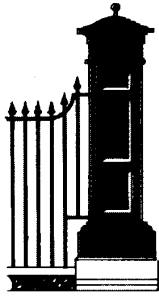
The more serious matter of **Planning Issues** continues to dominate our attention.

The **communal bins** debate is now fully engaged. All area Ward Councillors have been contacted by letter and some by phone and meetings are being held with them where possible and with City officials. We are participating with all other Conversation Groups in requesting proper consultation process with residents. This particular process is now on the agenda of the Ward Councillors and a special Working Party Group. See our **new website Planning section** with copies of our **letter to Councillors** and the joint letter signed by all Chairmen of the respective Societies.

The Asda Marina development.

The application for planning approval for the development of the Asda site has now been submitted. It is available to be reviewed on the Council website. Application Number BH2007/03454. It is a very large series of documents and it requires extensive amount of time to look at it, let alone read them! I strongly suggest you take a look. The size of the development and its visual impact on views around Kemp Town is very significant and the potential to overpopulate our area with all the attendant issues should be fully appreciated. Fuller details are to be found on our Planning section on our new website www.kempton-society.org.uk

NEWSFLASH! We have just been informed that there is a meeting to be held at the company Information Centre in the Octagon area of the Marina on Friday evening Dec. 1st at 6.30. All are strongly urged to attend. It is intended for the residents of the Marina. The importance of this is to learn what has been submitted and to know that **OBJECTIONS to the planning application have to be registered by December 12th. So not time to lose!**



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The developers website is www.brightonmarinaregeneration.com. They can also be contacted on 0800 0327620.

A new forum for raising awareness of the Marina issues is at www.savebrighton.com. This is a cross Brighton site specifically to object to the development. A Downing Street e-petition has been approved and is now available on:

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/savebrighton/>

The Brighton and Hove council also have their website at <http://brighton-hove.gov.uk/planningapplications>. Then type in the number above.

REMEMBER, issues raised should be registered with the planning department by no later than December 12th.

OTHER NEWS.

Hanbury Club Afternoon Tea and Entertainment.

Please don't forget the Hanbury Sunday afternoon events into next year. The first of these afternoon events was well received and the next ones are well worth booking up next year in advance to avoid disappointment. The Hanbury Club has been fully and tastefully renovated and provides a great venue of the light-hearted entertainment. It will be fun!

Enclosure and KTS Christmas Tree.

On Saturday December 9th at 6.0 pm, the "Lighting the Christmas Tree" event in the South Garden of the Enclosures will take place. Special thanks to contributions of funds and help from the Enclosure and dedicated Keith of KTS.

You are all welcome – children particularly and visitors too! It is planned for 6.00pm that evening (subject to change) – so please check.

It is hoped the lighted tree will add some charm to the evening views of occupants of and visitors to the Estate and a reminder of THE calendar event of the year.

We need to be reminded that Christmas is not just for children!

With very Best Wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year!

Paul Phillips
Chairman.