SALISBURY CATHEDRAL CLOSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY RUS IN URBE

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This Bulletin brings you up to date with the Committee's activity on your behalf over the past 6 months. There are also 2 important dates for your diary

- The Annual General Meeting of the Society on June 14th at 7.30 pm in Salisbury Library
- A Garden Party held by kind permission of Mrs Christopherson at Braybrooke House, 57 The Close on July 4th

Special General Meeting held on October 28th 1992

This meeting was attended by 41 members. One of the objectives was to obtain agreement to the revised constitution of the Society which had been circulated to all members previously. The amendments had been recommended by the Charity Commission to allow the Society to become a registered charity. Members agreed unanimously each of the amendments which were put to them by the Chairman. Following the adoption of the revised constitution the Society's videotape of the Close was shown and much appreciated. A brisk sale of packs of the Society's notelets took place at the close of the meeting.

The Charity Commission has since granted the Society charitable status as may be seen from the reference at the bottom of this paper.

Garden Party at Braybrooke House, 57 The Close, July 3rd

Mrs K Christopherson once again has kindly offered the Society the hospitality of her lovely garden this year. The garden will be open during the morning when coffee will be served and continue into the afternoon with teas. Various stalls are being planned. It is hoped that members will come and bring their friends and take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the beauty and peace of this setting.

SCCPS Exhibition - Wiltshire Libraries

This exhibition continued its circulation to branch libraries in Wiltshire until January 1993. Interest in the exhibition has been expressed as it proceeded from branch to branch. The exhibition panels are now stored and available again should they be required.

Planning Permission for Tennis and Netball Courts at Leadenhall School

The Society was notified at the beginning of March 1993 of an appeal by the Governors of Leadenhall School to the Secretary of State of the Department of Environment. This followed a refusal of listed building consent for the proposed development by Salisbury District Council. Further representations were made on the Society's behalf against the proposal. The outcome of the appeal is awaited.

Planning Permission for 6 De Vaux Place

Committee members considered this application which proposed the felling of a large Scots pine in the garden of 6 De Vaux Place. Permission was also sought for alterations to the entrance to the garden and house and for changing the use of the existing garage and stable and to the building of a further garage. Representations to the District Council were not made by the Society. The extensive work currently being undertaken is being monitored.

Planning Permission for an extension to St Nicholas Hospital

Permission was sought by the Trustees of St Nicholas to extend the accommodation provided at St Nicholas to allow residents who become infirm to remain within the Hospital. The Society commended the proposal to District Council in view of its architectural sensitivity to the site.

Redevelopment of Bishop Wordsworth School

The Chairman of the Society was invited to take part in a seminar in early March organised by Wiltshire County Council to discuss a proposal to redevelop the school on its existing site. Committee members were able to view the outline plan subsequent to the meeting. The Wiltshire County Council were informed of the Committee members view that the on site development was acceptable provided the school's capacity was not increased. It was also felt that the proposed plan seemed to be in keeping with the visual and sensitive character of the locality. It was further pointed out that should redevelopment proceed, vehicular access to the school should be given further consideration on the grounds of safety.

Landscaping Plans for the Cathedral Close

The Committee has been invited by the Dean and Chapter to take part in a presentation in the latter half of May of plans for landscaping the Close.

SCCPS Notelet

These have proved very popular. Packs of notelets are still available and will be for sale at the Open Garden Day on July 4th. In the meantime they are available from:

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