



The Henley Society

Protecting our heritage and environment in Henley-on-Thames



Executive Briefing to Members – December 2021

We are now pleased to give you details of our next scheduled talk...

The **talk** by the **Queen's Swan Marker, David Barber**, will take place in the Shiplake Memorial Hall, Memorial Avenue, Shiplake Cross, RG9 4DN **at 7.15pm on Wednesday 2nd March 2022**. Tickets priced at £5 can be obtained by calling 07860 145982, or email us thehenleysociety@btinternet.com and they are on sale now but selling quickly. An early booking is advised if you wish to come. There is plenty of parking available on site and you are cordially invited to complimentary wine and nibbles with the Executive Committee after the talk. The Society will be making a donation to the Swan Support Charity.

....and a further date for your diary

The Society's AGM will take place on **Friday 22nd April 2022** in the Pither Room at Christ Church Centre, Reading Road **at 7pm**. Full AGM paperwork will be forwarded to you in good time. This will include Minutes of last years meeting, 2021 Accounts, and Committee Nomination forms. We hope to arrange a speaker for after the formalities, and again you are invited to complimentary wine and nibbles after the meeting.

Remembrance Service in the Market Place – Sunday 14th November

The Society's wreath was laid this year by **Karen Grieve**, our Secretary, in front of a crowd in excess of 1,000 (Town Hall staff say they handed out over 900 Orders of Service) gathered in Market Place. As several remarked it was gratifying to see so many younger adults, and children, in attendance.



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Planning Matters -- Woodland at Parkside/Pack & Prime Lane & 18 Harcourt Close

We were pleased to be informed that the Planning Inspectorate have dismissed the appeal by the owners of the Parkside/Pack & Prime Lane site against the SODC decision to refuse Planning Consent for eight homes with associated parking.

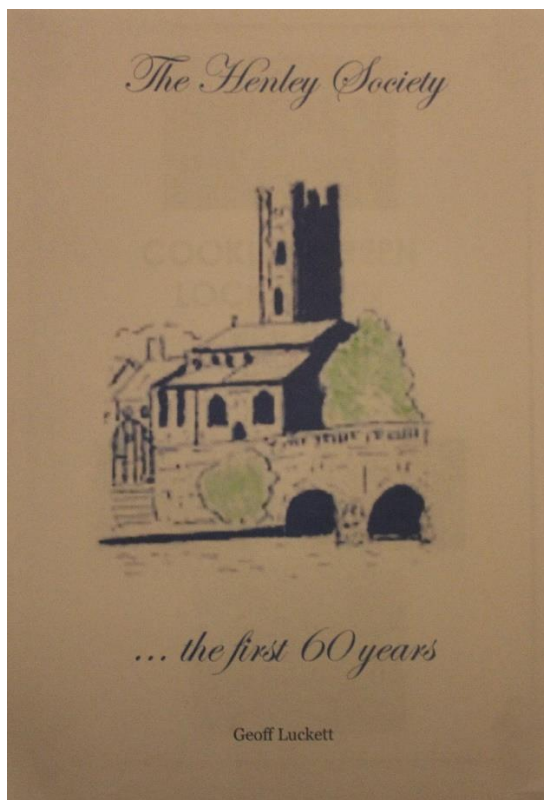
This is a prime woodland site containing many TPO'd trees and is home to bats, deer and many species of birds.

Once again public pressure, properly harnessed, has brought about a satisfactory result – congratulations to all who joined us in opposing this application. The site is safe from the developer's bulldozer- at least for the time being.

In a separate decision, SODC have turned down, again, the application to replace a property in Harcourt Close with a block of 5 flats which we considered, among other things, to be a total overdevelopment of the site.

As pointed out in a letter to the Henley Standard, it sounds as if the Society objects to everything, but this is far from the truth. Our Planning Committee, under the Chairmanship of David Whitehead, vet around 300 planning applications each year and many of them we are able to pass through without comment.

The Henley Society ...the first 60 years



To celebrate the Society's 60th Anniversary the Committee have commissioned a book to record the history of the Society from 1961 to date. From the initial meeting in the Town Hall in December 1961 until the present day the book records the campaigns and projects the Society has been concerned with, and has a Chapter on some of the personalities that have served the Society over the years from the first President, Osbert Lancaster, the Fleet Street cartoonist, to John Piper CH, artist and stained glass window specialist to some of our more recent members.

A4 and 72 pages printed in full colour, the book will be available shortly. If you would like to order a copy, price £8.00, please contact 07860 145982

The Executive Committee wish all members a happy and safe Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022 at some of our 60th Anniversary celebrations.