

Oxford Pedestrians Association



OXFORD PEDESTRIANS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER No. 7 JAN/FEB 1996

A Happy New Year to all our members! And may we see improved situations for walkers and legitimate pavement users in 1996. Many people who joined when we first formed, a little over a year ago, will be due to renew their membership around now. We have about 60 members, and the numbers are slowly going up, however we want to keep as well as to attract members, so please do renew. It has been fairly quiet over the festive season, but we have made plans for a busy year ahead.

1) If anybody is *not* happy to have their name and address circulated amongst members, please contact Tony Cox (tel. no. at bottom of Newsletter). We have a continually updated membership list which we would like to make available to active members who wish to know who to send things to, contact etc.

2) With reference to our enormous (1500 signatures) petition for a crossing outside Gloucester Green/Worcester College, the petition has not yet been presented, as we wished to wait until we could do so with maximum publicity, and there was no suitable opportunity before Christmas. However, a copy of Tony's speech to accompany the presentation was sent to various City and County councillors living in and around Oxford, and these resulted in a reply to OxPA from Eva Barnes, County Councillor, West Oxford Labour Group. She writes that the Labour Group support the need for a crossing/pedestrian phase at that junction, and that we can present our petition at their February meeting, when the issue will be an item on the agenda. We are not yet certain about the date of the meeting, but anyone wanting to come can ring one of the contact numbers at the end of this Newsletter for further information.

3) The next crossing we plan to petition for (Death Row Crossing II) is the junction on Park end Street, outside the railway Station. Anyone willing to be involved will be very welcome. The idea is to spread it out over three sessions, taking in a morning, an afternoon, and a Saturday. To be discussed at the next meeting.

4) Trading & Stalls: We are solvent, with £12 cash and about £60 of stock. A vote of thanks was given to Margaret for her commitment and organisation. We are always looking for where we can have stalls. If there is a sale or bazaar in your local area, please consider having a little OxPA stall to advertise. We may see about having a stall on Gloucester Green on one of the market days. Any help welcome!

5) The Civic Society held a meeting to get a lot of groups together, which Jenny spoke at. Jenny proposed we affiliate to the Civic Society, which would cost £5 a year, and keep us in touch with all that they are doing.

6) Overhanging foliage: Margaret got two bad hedges cut back by going to see Mr Halib from the Dept of the Environment. Another one is in the pipeline. Just to show that something *can* be done if one is persistent and knows one's rights.

7) Re. Trading Stands on pavements outside shops. It is very difficult to legally do anything about these. There has to be a judicial review, done within 3 months, through a solicitor. You have to pay, and you can't say anything, the solicitor asks if you can have a judicial review. An ombudsman makes reports, writes letters, and makes a fuss.



8) If anybody knows anybody, or groups, who would like us to go and give talks with slides, Jenny and Patrick are happy to do that in the evenings. We need to build up a timetable of projected talks.

The next two meetings are Monday Feb 19th and Monday March 18th, both at 7.15pm in the Town Hall. Please come, everybody welcome. *

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* Please note : The Town Hall is apparently not available for the March meeting, and we shall fix another venue. Please phone one of the above numbers for information nearer the time of this meeting.

February's meeting will be in the Town Hall.