

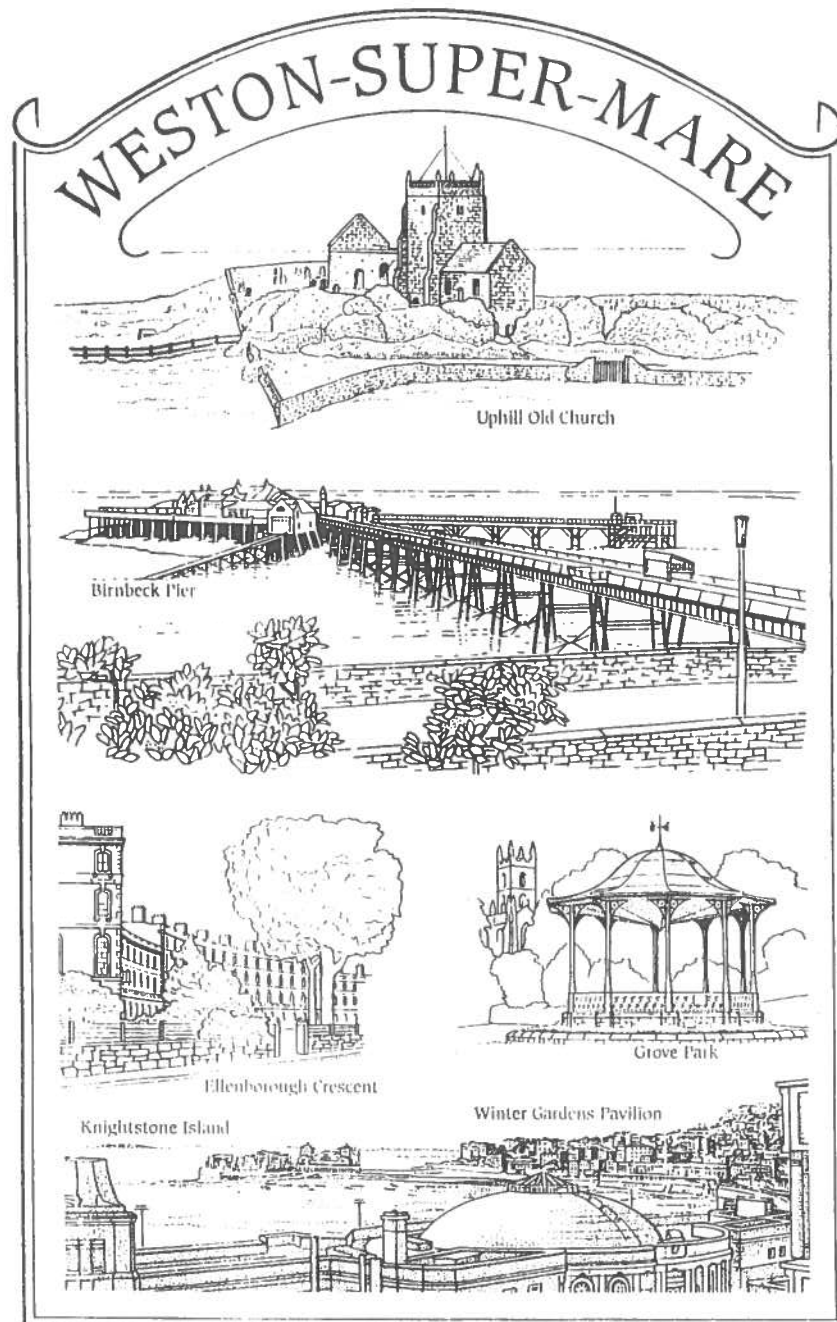


Weston View

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In the News

A WINNER FOR WESTON

THE CIVIC SOCIETY has proposed to North Somerset Council that a **heritage strategy** for Weston should be prepared, and this is being investigated.

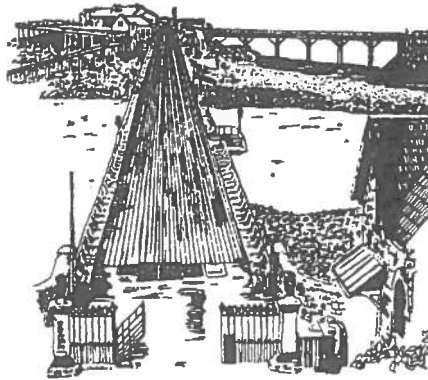
The proposal follows the Heritage Lottery Fund's nationwide process of consultation on how its grants should be allocated. The Fund is revising its criteria. It is now looking at historic townscapes, for example, and at support for community heritage projects, to complement grants given to single prestige sites and monuments. Although there must still be clear 'heritage value', the trend seems to be towards a relaxation of the criteria and a widening of the rules about what may be eligible.

The Fund clearly wants to see proposals from local communities that emerge from well prepared strategies. These must be more than a collection of ideas for dealing with problem sites or buildings. They need to take account of the whole heritage of an area, its general characteristics and distinctive strengths.

All this throws into relief the situation at Weston. It hardly needs stressing that what is at stake is big money – the chance to get to grips at last with a catalogue of issues and possibilities locally, and to launch a programme of action for Weston's heritage that turns it into

a driving force for the town's fortunes in the future.

Obviously our most distinctive slice of heritage is first and foremost our Victorian sea front. The Society proposes a strategy that takes this as the key feature.



Birnbeck Pier

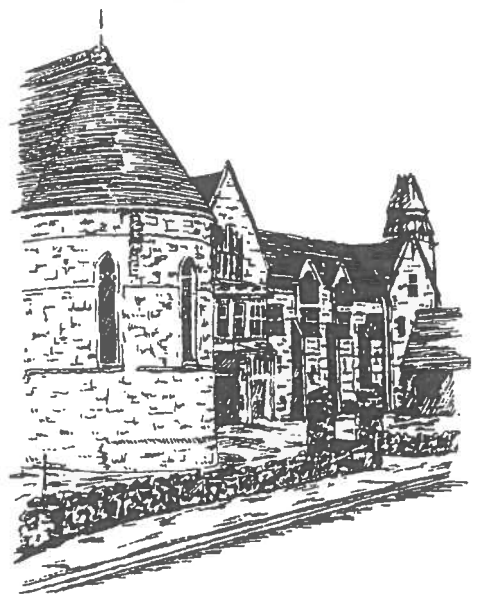
Along its length are major urban events, some of which are now receiving attention, some of which continue to pose problems: Birnbeck Pier, Knightstone Island, Royal Crescent, Ellenborough Park and Crescent, the Royal Hospital. Linking these high spots is the largely unspoiled 1880s sea front scheme – sea wall, esplanade and lawns – with parks and gardens punctuating it. Other buildings support the 'stars', and the town centre and the rest of the stone town stretch back from the bay.

The stars can be specific projects on their own, but they do not exist in isolation: a strategy provides a framework and deals with the whole experience. The strategy should demonstrate that the whole picture has been analysed, with policies and measures put in place or identified which support the

special cases: Local Plan policies and supplementary guidance; conservation areas; advice and information on a range of common issues; enhancement of public access and enjoyment. All this needs to dovetail with other local authority responsibilities, such as traffic management, tourism and economic development.

In this way the case for help with the special problems will be strengthened and the potential pot of money maximised. Our heritage at Weston is a strong one, underneath the years of neglect, and it is distinctive. It is potentially a winner for the town, a way to prosperity and success in the future.

That potential cannot be realised if our heritage is dealt with piecemeal. In other areas it has been shown that the way to turn Weston's fortunes round is to take a strategic approach. The time for taking such an approach to our heritage has surely come.



Royal Hospital

TOWN CENTRE VITALITY

THE TOWN CENTRE Steering Group, formed earlier this year, has produced a Business Plan as a foundation for work extending into the next millennium.

Formed as an outcome of a seminar last year, the group unites local authority, business and environmental interests, including the Civic Society, seeking to protect the traditional role and status of the town centre, under threat from out-of-town shopping and leisure facilities as well as competition with other places.

Extensive surveys of fact and opinion have been carried out and a 'Spaces and Movement' study has been commissioned from Urban Initiatives, incorporating a review of development opportunities by Hillier Parker.

The Mission Statement sets out an intention to 'enhance Weston-super-Mare Town Centre for the benefit of all, by developing its potential, improving quality, attracting investment, seeking the highest standards, protecting its character, vitality and viability to create a clean, attractive, safe and civilised town centre in which to live, work, shop, socialise, enjoy and invest, in order to meet the needs of users, both now and in the future'.

This seems to cover pretty well everything that could be desired and the work deserves the support that it seems to be attracting both within the local authority and from the other participants in the long haul back from the brink.

Early successes include a reported fall in the town central crime rate since the introduction of CCTV cameras. The determination of a range of developers to open up all manner of retail outlets on the edges of the town is meeting with an even firmer determination on the part of the authority that this threat to town centre vitality must be countered.

An emphasis on partnership to build on existing strengths is just what the town needs as the millennium approaches.

LOCAL AGENDA 21

THE PRIME MINISTER, Tony Blair, strongly endorsed Local Agenda 21 when he attended a special session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. He commended the 70% of local authorities that have signed up and called on the remaining 30% to adopt LA21 strategies by the year 2000.

Two reports timed to coincide with the UN Assembly highlighted how much further some councils still have to go.

A review by the Local Government Management Board, *Local Agenda 21: the First Five Years*, found that LA21 Action Plans are too often just 'bolt-on' extras. Instead of colouring mainstream council activities and achieving real status in all areas of decision making, LA21 is likely to be just a matter of greening a few areas such as

waste management. Sustainability principles should be integrated into the heart of local authority work, but on many areas they still have little influence. LA21 should be a vision for an area, expressing what people wish to see happen, a genuine product of community participation.

The Audit Commission's report, *It's a Small World: Local Government's Role as the Steward of the Environment*, had a similar message. Among its findings were:

- ◇ too much waste is sent to landfill sites when there is scope to increase recycling and reduce the production of waste;
- ◇ many councils could save more money and protect the environment through energy conservation;
- ◇ more could be done to reduce the damaging effects of car commuting.

The Audit Commission says: 'No council rejects the importance of the environment; and a growing majority have prepared initial policy statements. But in too many cases these policies have not changed traditional behaviour. Such councils are failing to take an effective corporate approach and could stand accused of paying only lip service to the environmental agenda'.

Both reports found that there was much innovation and good practice, but both found that there was more that councils could do as regards their own services. Local authorities need to work harder at integrating sustainable development policies into the whole range of their activities. They are uniquely placed to build partnerships with other organisations to raise public awareness.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY FOR WESTON

A SUITABLE CASE for the practical application of Local Agenda 21 principles must surely be the issue of local democracy within Weston-super-Mare. It is a vital element of LA21 philosophy that local people should be given a proper say in the the way the life of their community is organised: in setting objectives and playing a part in achieving targets.

Over the years we have repeated the case for finding a permanent remedy for the remoteness which characterises the way local affairs are run in a medium-sized town, as compared with small towns and villages. Weston-super-Mare is currently deprived of a whole layer of local directly-elected representation.

The first disadvantage of this, in terms of what people both need and can contribute, is that town dwellers currently have no opportunity to appoint parish councillors who will undertake to find the time to deal with the detail of parochial affairs: it is unreasonable to add these matters to the burden of individuals who have accepted a share in running a large unitary authority with responsibility for education, social services, environmental planning and a whole range of other things for every community between here and Bristol. The second, and closely related, disadvantage of the present anomalous system is that the very people, in the town, who might make a worthwhile contribution as parish councillors, have no opportunity to offer their services and their specifically local knowledge.

Once again the debate has surfaced, but this time the legislation is in place and the pressure for change seems to be gathering momentum. North Somerset Council has launched a survey to seek the opinions of local people: the Council's view is that Weston should be 'parished'; the question that is now being posed is how many parishes there should be.

Our contention has always been that the creation of a single parish of some 65,000 inhabitants would hardly improve the present situation. If equivalent representation is to be provided to that already on offer everywhere else the villages, the population of an urban parish needs to be rather closer to that of a large village or small town.

The notion that the Charter Trustees could somehow provide a valid substitute for proper local democracy is not tenable. The individuals involved, councillors in the unitary authority, ought already to have quite enough to occupy their time and energies.

It is pointless to pretend that division into a number of parishes must mean that Weston-super-Mare would somehow cease to exist. The parishes constituted within the existing boundaries of the town could be given names that did not imply that one of them was Weston while the others were not. If the mayoralty is an issue, all the Weston parishes could combine, or take it in turn, to provide the civic figurehead. Or, if one of the new parishes were what amounts to the Old Town, this could continue to appoint a mayor and would in any case be much about the size of the community that was given borough status, and a mayor, in the first place.

CONSERVATION AREAS PARTNERSHIP

OUR PROPOSAL for a heritage strategy for Weston is made in the context of excellent work already going on in the restoration of buildings within the town's conservation areas.

Since 1995 there has been a Conservation Area Partnership Scheme involving the local authority and English Heritage. Building on the scheme's successes, North Somerset is applying for a further year of funding. The original Action Plan objective was 'halting the loss of the town's identity and providing a springboard for the resort's rejuvenation in the 21st century'.

The two target areas for funding are grant aid to owners of specified historic properties to carry out essential repair work in an appropriate way; and enhancement of public spaces linking buildings. The proposed new fifth conservation area will allow these benefits to be spread into a fresh part of the stone town. £190,000 of grant aid was made available in the first two years of the Scheme.

Grant-aided projects, some of which are quite small but thoroughly justified, have so far included repairs to window frames, lead gutters and roofs and to stonework at Ellenborough Park, Victoria Park and South Road, some of which have attracted Civic Society Awards. The resplendent restoration of the Art School has been a beneficiary.

We are delighted to be able to support this imaginative and practical initiative.

Viewpoint

LIVING IN THE FUTURE

Is there a future for 'futuraity'? Are we equal to 'equity'? Can we sustain 'sustainability'? Behind the jargon lie some of the most important concepts of contemporary environmental thinking. We review and redefine our philosophy and our activity in the light of developing awareness and understanding.

WE ARE BEGINNING to learn, as a civilisation, that our use of resources must be sustainable. Dangerous power games with nuclear weaponry have taught us that we could very easily destroy the world through violence. It has taken longer to convince ourselves that we can also gently, quietly, almost imperceptibly, drop the world, bit by bit, into the waste-bin until there is nothing left and the lifestyle we enjoyed, the very means of maintaining life at all, are just not there any more. If life is to carry on in a recognisable and acceptable form – to be sustained – we must leave behind the assumption that unlimited change, growth, development are not only right but necessary. When change, growth, development are demanded, we must learn to ask: 'Is this sustainable? Can it be justified in terms of what we owe to ourselves and our children?'

Our Civic Society was founded in 1973 in response to a widely-held feeling that parts of Weston-super-Mare, and with them, gradually, the character of the town that we love, were being sacrificed in a gathering momentum of change, growth, development. As we explored the situation we realised that the tower blocks and the dual carriageways, the tree-felling and the plastic

window frames were not inevitable, not necessary at all, but made to seem so under pressure from greed, fashionable dogma or sheer ignorance.

We had a major struggle to convince some residents, and especially those in authority, that Weston as a town was not a lost cause: that the coat of arms should not after all be replaced by a bulldozer rampant! Take one example. Our older houses are made of two kinds of limestone: the hard dark grey and the softer creamy colour. Lemming-like, a generation of householders took to painting the softer sort when it got dirty instead of cleaning it. This was not sustainable. It had to be repeated, at increasing cost, at regular intervals, or the stone would look even more scruffy. At its best the dabs of colour made the house look silly anyway, and underneath the layer of paint the frost was able to work away quietly causing far more damage ultimately that could ever have been dreamed of. The Mercury Office was the most spectacular example of this, rescued in the nick of time. Now around the town you can see contractors removing the paint applied twenty years ago – a lengthy process – and repairing the damaged stone and then leaving it to breathe and look beautiful. Some property owners, it seems, have learnt from the original mistake and they at least will not be tempted to throw their money away again.

What works at the level of a private house or a public building must also be made to work at the level of planning policies, and there is now a generation of local authority officers and local councillors who understand about caring for the fabric of the town as opposed to allowing it to slide into mediocrity or getting whole swathes of it pulled down and carried off.

Over the years we have come to understand, as a Civic Society, that conservation as a philosophy is not just about buildings and townscapes and trees and parks: it is about every aspect of community life: it is about taking care of whatever is worthwhile and useful; about not throwing things away heedlessly. And this is not any longer because we suspect that the replacement will not be an improvement, but because ultimately there may never be a replacement. Our business is,

increasingly, not just to concentrate on looking after the pretty bits of Weston, but to articulate the message that the whole fabric of our civilised life depends for its future on taking proper care of what we have been given.

We can all think of particular horror stories about the effects of pollution: rivers with no fish; asbestosis; acid rain; high incidence of leukemia near nuclear power stations; Chernobyl. We and our leaders are less and less able to take refuge in pretending that these are unfortunate accidents, that everything is fine really. Apart from these high-profile dangers, we also now know that we are inexorably exhausting the finite resources which we have come to depend on for lighting and heating our homes, fuelling our transport, packaging our food. Even producing the food: intensive farming exhausts the land and the chemicals we pour in to delay the process are now understood to inflict far-reaching and long-lasting damage on the environment. We must urgently, as a society, as humankind, take stock of our practices and our expectations or we risk finding that the practices cancel out the expectations.

This dawning realisation led to the United Nations Rio Earth Summit in 1992. For the first time the leaders of the nations met together to discuss not war, or even peace, but survival. They agreed to Agenda 21, the global plan for sustainable development. They resolved on programmes of action for national government, but crucially and wisely, on targets for local government and local communities: Local Agenda 21. There is absolutely no point in the Prime Minister uttering fine words and the Cabinet getting up action plans if North Somerset carries on regardless and the public do what they always did before. Local Agenda 21 is the process of:

- ◊ planning for local sustainable development;
- ◊ building partnerships for local sustainable development;
- ◊ fostering the local quality of life.

Sustainability is the ability to keep going in a robust, healthy and diverse form. Sustainable development, as recognised at Rio is a **process** not a one-off achievement. It is certainly not something that can be embraced as the year's good cause and then abandoned. It is not about keeping things the way they are, still less about bringing back the golden past. It is about the future. It is about *having* a future: maintaining 'futuraity', to

use the jargon. Keeping the options on having a future may mean limiting consumption in the present. The amount of load that any system can take before it starts to lose its stake in the future – becomes unsustainable – is known by ecologists as its 'carrying capacity'. What is the carrying capacity of private car driving in this country? That will depend to an extent on availability of raw materials for making the vehicles and powering them and providing roads for them to go on. But what is the carrying capacity for traffic in your street? What effect does it have, not just on the road surface but on the quality of life of the people who live there? How will it change if more cars and lorries pass there? Can you put up with it? Should you be expected to put up with it? It is an essential feature of Local Agenda 21 that people should get a say in these local issues – that they should not simply be left to experts and committees. Consensus building is at the heart of the Local Agenda 21 process.



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The Earth Summit agreed that local authorities are the natural agencies to co-ordinate Local Agenda 21. They are closer to the people than central government; already responsible for land-use planning and the local environment; and accountable in a way that private and voluntary bodies are not.

The Civic Society is seeking to cooperate with North Somerset Council in implementing Local Agenda 21. Our Conservation Shop in Wadham Street has temporary displays encouraging local people to take part in specific recycling projects and for the future we plan to reinforce the permanent Heritage Centre exhibition in the spirit of Local Agenda 21. At the Town Quarry, alongside the nature reserve, we plan to offer information about environmental issues and solutions, including recycling. Funded by the local authority, the Society has a small team, with a van, which collects cans from schools and keeps a certain number of public recycling bank sites clean and tidy. We sell and distribute composter bins. People who do have gardens really should compost plant clippings and use them eventually to restore the goodness to the soil, rather than burning them and then applying chemical fertilisers to the garden instead, which is a crazy way of going on and quite unsustainable. We have so far sold 7000 of these bins locally, which suggests an encouraging commitment on the part of the gardeners of North Somerset. We also have a mobile shredder which is taken round the local villages for chopping up branches into a compostable form.

At the same time we are reinforcing the message to those who wield power locally that Local Agenda 21 is not a bolt-on accessory – a compartmentalised bit of business with an officer assigned, a sub-committee perhaps, a report or two. It is a philosophy which must pervade every aspect of the administration of our communal life.

Alongside the concept of 'futuraity', another key aspect of Local Agenda 21 is 'equity' – fairness or equality. We are charged with giving subsequent generations at least as much access to resources as we enjoy ourselves. But there is also supposed to be equality of opportunity among those living now. For a system to be sustainable, it must maintain diversity. Diversity, in human terms, means that all kinds of people survive and prosper, not just the strong or the rich. Making sure that everyone has access to basic resources is a way of supporting diversity. But so is making sure that

everyone is listened to. Globally, these include the people of the 'under-developed' world who may after all have something to teach the industrialised societies. Locally they may be community groups and volunteers; old people and very young people; disabled people; people without homes or jobs; even people whose views may seem rather odd.

Quality of life depends on economic, social and environmental factors. The advantage of a materialist society is that for most people, most of the time, economic needs are well met. The disadvantage is that other aspects of life are devalued: social wealth (relationships between people); environmental wealth (links between people and the world around them); human wealth (the capital stored up inside people that comes from ideas and understanding). Real wealth creation includes drawing on these sources of well-being for socially and personally enriching experiences: looking after someone, going for a walk in the countryside, learning how to repair your house. People and groups that can bring about these things are real wealth creators as much as business and industry.

When Adam Smith wrote *The Wealth of Nations* in 1776 he declared that trade was the key to national prosperity. That was a revolutionary idea at the end of the 18th century. We could now be on the verge of another revolution, based on the understanding that real wealth creation depends on preserving futurity and ensuring equity and that this is most effectively achieved by involving people.

So we all have a part to play in Local Agenda 21; we can think globally and act locally: compost the peelings, recycle the tins and the bottles and the paper, keep away from ozone-unfriendly spray cans, leave the car at home, turn off some lights, wash the stone but never paint it, contribute to the real wealth of the community, support the Civic Society, encourage the ward councillor, have a say in setting objectives and play a part in achieving targets. There is no point looking for a 'way to local sustainable development'. Sustainable development *is* the way.

We are happy to acknowledge the outstanding contribution made to the literature on this subject by Local Societies 21, published regularly by the National Council of Civic Trust Societies and by the Information Sheets of the Shell Better Britain Campaign.

Around the Society

TOWN QUARRY

WE WERE DELIGHTED to welcome the Chairman of North Somerset Council, Councillor Jack Dagnall, to the Town Quarry. He came to see the headquarters of our **Recycling Project**, which we have run in conjunction with the Council for the past four years. Richard Greenland and his team were able to explain all the different activities and give a demonstration of the mobile shredder, which is taken to people's homes to chew up 'green waste' such as cuttings from shrubs. Deliveries of composter bins continue at a healthy rate. The Chairman also heard about plans to create a Discovery Centre in the Quarry, with displays and demonstrations on environmental topics, as well as workshops.

This summer we also submitted comments on the District's **Waste Management Review**. The Society's contribution to the recycling strategy in the District is, of course, tiny in the overall context, but we have pledged our support for efforts to make North Somerset more sustainable in this respect. We are keen to play a part in assisting with developments and experimental schemes, and to support educational initiatives and exploration of how we can all manage waste better.

We continue to be grateful to the Homemakers who have created and look after the garden areas next to the buildings near the Quarry entrance.

NEW SHOP LINES

OUR NEW RANGE of **mounted pictures** of Weston and district, based on old postcards, have been a great success, and we are grateful to

Angela Lewis for initiating this new product. They sell at £3.75 and make an attractive local gift.

Soon to join them will be our new Weston **tea towel**, featuring some favourite views of Weston – Birnbeck Pier, Knightstone, Winter Gardens Pavilion, Grove Park, Ellenborough Crescent and Uphill Old Church. It joins our Weston Mug, still selling well, in our special local range. We aim to offer a variety of local souvenirs which project the 'true' image of Weston!

AUTUMN SALE

WE URGE READERS to support the Autumn Sale at the Boulevard United Reformed Church Hall on Saturday, October 18th. Starting at 10.00 a.m., the Sale will be the better for offers of help running it or supplying things to be sold, or both! Ring Sheila Sutton 518135 to offer.

PROGRAMME

A **STRONG PROGRAMME** of Monday evening meetings has been prepared for the coming season and members will receive a Programme Card with this edition. Please treasure it, consult it and come to the meetings which are designed to complement our understanding of issues affecting Weston and its hinterland. The first of the series of meetings is on October 20th at 7.30 p.m. in the Blakehay, when Alison Scott, North Somerset Council's Arts Development Officer will discuss **Art & Urban Renewal**. We have come at urban renewal from various angles over the years, but this will be a new and stimulating approach and well worth a trip down to Wadham Street.

STUDIO TO LET

WESTON COLLEGE is not renewing its lease of our top floor studio at the Heritage Centre, which has been used for the past two years for life drawing classes. So we are looking for new tenants for this extremely attractive and pleasant space. A smaller room is also available. There is permission for office or workshop use. Our agents are Palmer Snell at 9 The Boulevard (Tel. 413735)

MOST MEMBERS HAVE RENEWED THEIR SUBSCRIPTION BY NOW AND HAVE RECEIVED A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD. IF YOU HAVE NOT, PLEASE TAKE ACTION WITHOUT WAITING FOR A PERSONAL CALL AS WELL AS THE PERSONAL LETTER OF LAST APRIL.
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THE BLAKEHAY

WE ARE GRATEFUL to the Charter Trustees of Weston-super-Mare for recommending a grant of £250 for crockery for the Blakehay. Funds are being raised to fit out a kitchen in the School House so that the Blakehay is available to provide a venue for local clubs and societies. This community centre function will complement the arts potential, already so clearly established by events in the main auditorium.

We are pleased that the Blakehay is able to host some of the events for this year's Weston Arts Festival and congratulate the Festival Committee on the packed and varied programme. The Festival's development since its first year has been a welcome contribution to the town's artistic life, now increasingly recognised as an important strand in the wider regeneration strategy for Weston

Diary of Events

We include in our Diary details of both our own programme and those of the other local groups who supply us with details. In order to simplify the diary pages we summarise below the arrangements which each organisation makes for its regular meetings.



WESTON CIVIC SOCIETY

CIVIC SOCIETY events are held, unless otherwise stated, at the Blakehay in Wadham Street, opposite the Heritage Centre. The Thursday Club meets at 2.30 p.m. at the Blakehay and makes a charge of 40p to Civic Society members and 60p to non-members.



THE NATIONAL TRUST

The Weston-super-Mare & District National Trust Association

The **NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION** holds regular Monday meetings at 1.45 for 2.15 p.m. at St John's Ambulance Hall, Oxford Street, and Friday meetings at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. at St Paul's Church Hall in Walliscote Road. Visitors pay 75p.



The **WESTON-SUPER-MARE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY** meets at 7.30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at Crossroads, 1 Graham Road. Visitors pay 50p.

The **WESTON ANTIQUE COLLECTORS CLUB** meets on the first Thursday of each month at St Saviour's Church Hall, Locking Road, 7.30 p.m. Visitors are welcome and pay a fee of £1.00. An expert knowledge is not essential and meetings are always followed by a friendly chat over a cup of coffee, enabling members to bring along objects for the speaker to comment on and to discuss new acquisitions and old treasures.

Thursday, October 2nd, 2.30 p.m.
CIVIC SOCIETY THURSDAY CLUB

Pat Hase
FAMILY HISTORY

Weston-super-Mare
Archaeological & Natural History Society



The **ARCHAEOLOGICAL & NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY** holds meetings at Crossroads, 1 Graham Road at 7.15 p.m. Lectures begin at 7.30 p.m. and refreshments are served. Visitors are welcome and they pay a fee of 75p.



The local group of the **WILDLIFE TRUST** (for Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) tend to meet out of doors, so details are best left to the diary pages. A joint working party, with the

Civic Society, meets at the Town Quarry each 1st Saturday 10.00 - 12 noon.

The **MENDIP SOCIETY** has an extensive programme of talks and walks. We shall publish details of those which take place in Weston itself.

Thursday, October 2nd, 7.30 p.m.
WESTON ANTIQUE COLLECTORS CLUB

Rev John O. Wilstead FRSA
**THE WORCESTER FACTORIES
1751—1850**

Friday, October 10th, 7.30 p.m.
Worle Library
WILDLIFE TRUST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
followed by a
MOSS WORKSHOP
led by Joyce Woodley
Bring specimens and hand lenses if possible.

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Tuesday, October 14th, 7.15 p.m.
ARCHÆOLOGICAL & NATURAL
HISTORY SOCIETY

Robert Jones
WILDLIFE IN YOUR GARDEN

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Friday, October 17th, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Mr D. L. Harding
AN AUDIO-VISUAL VIEW OF NATURE

Saturday, October 18th,
10.30 a.m. — 3.00 p.m.

CIVIC SOCIETY
AUTUMN SALE

Boulevard United Reformed Church Hall
Waterloo Street

* STALLS * REFRESHMENTS *

Offers of items for sale and help on the day
will be gratefully received

Monday, October 20th, 7.30 p.m.
CIVIC SOCIETY EVENING MEETING

**ART
& URBAN RENEWAL**

Alison Scott
North Somerset Council's
Arts Development Officer

Friday, October 24th, 7.30 p.m.
St Paul's Church Hall, Walliscote Road
WILDLIFE TRUST

THE MAGIC OF MUSHROOMS
an illustrated talk by Michael Jordan
(Channel 4 *Mushroom Magic*)
Admission: 50p members; £1.50 non-members
Bring specimens

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Monday, October 27th, 1.45 for 2.15 p.m.
NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Mr J. McVerry
**THE SHOWING OF COUNTRY HOUSES,
FROM CASTLE TO MODERN DAY**

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Tuesday, October 28th, 7.30 p.m.
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Jean Debney
DATING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS
Bring some photographs to date.

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Thursday, November 6th, 2.30 p.m.
CIVIC SOCIETY THURSDAY CLUB
THE PROBATION SERVICE

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Thursday, November 6th, 7.30 p.m.
ANTIQUE COLLECTORS CLUB

Mrs Yvonne Bell
THE EDWARDIAN CHRISTMAS

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Tuesday, November 11th, 7.15 p.m.
ARCHÆOLOGICAL & NATURAL
HISTORY SOCIETY

Vince Russett
**RECENT ARCHÆOLOGICAL WORK
IN NORTH SOMERSET**

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Friday, November 14th, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Mr N. Calvert & Mrs R. Calvert
**HOT AIR, WICKER BASKETS
& ENVELOPES (Part 2)**

Saturday, November 22nd, 10.00 a.m. — 12 noon
WILDLIFE TRUST
St Paul's Church Hall, Walliscote Road

COFFEE MORNING

* RAFFLE * BRING & BUY * TRUST GOODS *

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Monday, November 24th, 1.45 for 2.15 p.m.
NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Professor J. Bond

**THE HISTORY & ARCHÆOLOGY
OF THE ENGLISH CANALS**

Monday, November 24th, 7.30 p.m.
CIVIC SOCIETY EVENING MEETING

LIFE ON MENDIP

Sarah Jackson

Officer for the Mendip Hills
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Tuesday, November 25th, 7.30 p.m.
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

MEMBERS' EVENING

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Thursday, December 4th, 2.30 p.m.
CIVIC SOCIETY THURSDAY CLUB

Chris Richards
BREAN DOWN

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Friday, December 5th, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Mr T. P. Burr

**THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
190 N.T. ASSOCIATIONS**

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Tuesday, December 9th, 7.15 p.m.
ARCHÆOLOGICAL & NATURAL
HISTORY SOCIETY

THE PRESIDENT'S LECTURE
followed by a Christmas celebration and raffle

Thursday, January 8th 1998, 2.30 p.m.
CIVIC SOCIETY THURSDAY CLUB

John Chapman

THE BANWELL BONE CAVES

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Tuesday, January 13th, 7.15 p.m.
ARCHÆOLOGICAL & NATURAL
HISTORY SOCIETY

Ron Snook

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ART OF
GLASS-MAKING BY HAND**

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Friday, January 16th, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Mr R. Davis

**RESCUE DOGS —
MOUNTAIN & URBAN**

Monday, January 19th, 7.30 p.m.
CIVIC SOCIETY EVENING MEETING

**WATER AND THE
ENVIRONMENT**

Jeremy Williams:
the work of Bristol Water

Monday, January 26th, 1.45 for 2.15 p.m.
NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Mr C. Crook

**THE HISTORY AND WORK
OF THE LANDMARK TRUST**

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Thursday, January 29th, 7.30 pm.
WILDLIFE TRUST
Worle Library

LIFE ON A SILKEN THREAD
An illustrated talk on British Spiders by
Francis Farr-Cox

Admission 50p; non members £1.00



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The Society campaigns for a good quality environment based on an appreciation of the town's origin as a Victorian seaside resort.

The Society owns and runs the Heritage Centre in Wadham Street, where it organises exhibitions, meetings and classes. It lobbies on planning matters and is active in practical environmental conservation work.

New members are welcome, and will find a variety of activities to suit their interests.

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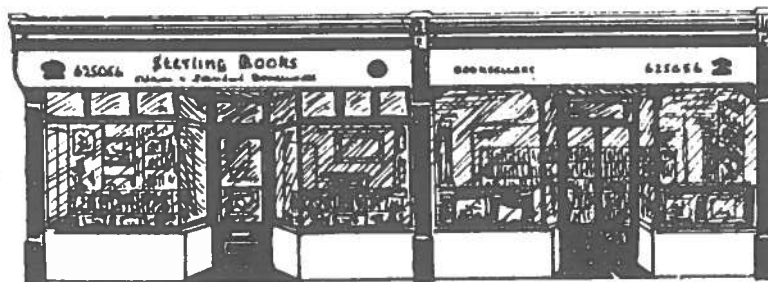
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