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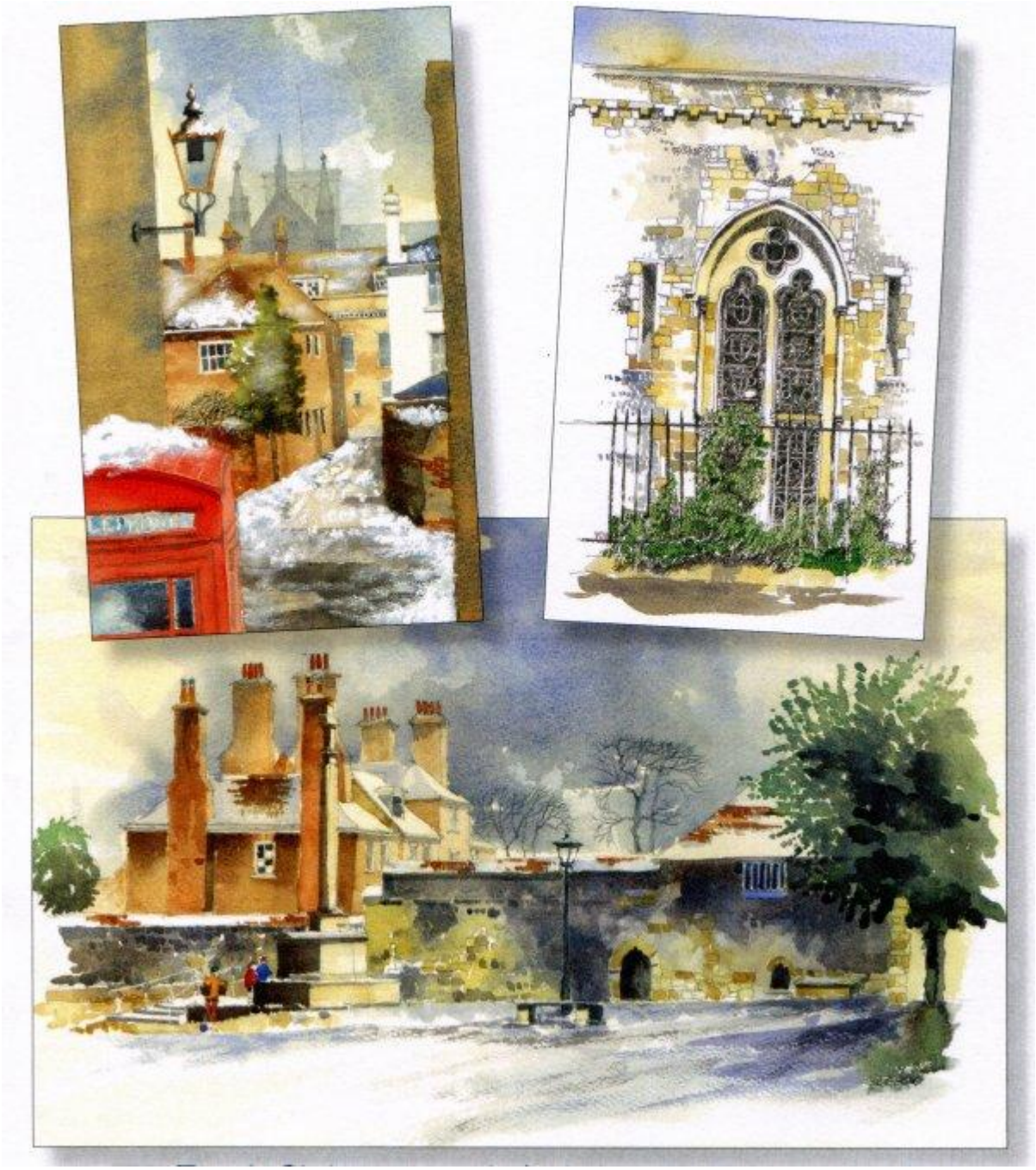

Trust Christmas Cards 2017 (paintings by Keith Leaman)
on sale at the Tourist Information Centre, Winchester Guildhall, until 16th December

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Chairman's Jottings - TrustNews Dec 17

As I am sure everybody is aware by now, there are a number of proposed development projects, which are under consideration at this time. There are also a number of development projects that are waiting in the wings.

In order to make certain we cover the progress of the projects we have put together a team of three for each. The teams consist of a planner, an architect and a Trust member. The team will report back to the Trust with recommendations for comments and forward those comments to the local authority if felt necessary.

Because these projects have a major impact on the City, we will be informing our members of the progress and our proposed comments as the schemes evolve. Our communication to you all will be via our website and the TrustNews, so please monitor the website and read the TrustNews! Any comments you may have, please contact the Trust Secretary. The year 2018 is likely to be busy!

One of our teams is monitoring the progress of the movement strategic study, currently being considered by both Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council. Under consideration will be vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian movement. Car parking is part of the remit. Research is currently under way and this includes not just the City but the district as well. I must admit that although one welcomes such a study, and the Trust has been calling for a strategy for some time, we are a little puzzled that major project 'master plans' are underway without an overall strategic thinking in place — this seems like the cart before the horse!

To remind ourselves what is under consideration, the projects are as follows:-

Central Area: Under way as a 'master plan project', being undertaken by J T Partnership.

Station Approach area: A recent appointment of a master planning firm to produce plans for this area.

Bar End Leisure Centre: Under way with a master plan being prepared by a multi-discipline firm and a building concept being considered by an architectural firm.

Strategic Movement Plan: On-going and in the research part of the project before proposals are made by Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council.

Barton Farm: Phase I of a 2000-house project is under way and being built. It is divided into several phases, spread over a number of years, and each phase needs monitoring.

Bushfield Camp and John Moore Barracks: Both these areas will have a major impact on Winchester and are likely to be considered for development over the next 5 years.

The central car parks may well also be considered, which is why we feel that it is important to have an overall strategy for Winchester, sooner rather than later! What we are looking for in all these developments is a positive contribution, which enhances Winchester and not development which is likely to detract.

Two important public consultations on planning and movement policies are running at the moment, one by Winchester City Council on the regeneration of central Winchester which includes the Silver Hill area, and the other by Hampshire County

Council in partnership with WCC on a movement strategy for Winchester. The Trust welcomes both of them and will be responding. We also encourage all members to submit their own responses using the on-line or paper forms provided; the Trust is happy to help any member on any aspect of the consultation if needed.

The Trust has long argued for a city-wide review of the way people come into Winchester and move around it. Our latest policy on traffic and movement appears on our website and our answers to the consultation on the movement strategy will conform with that. The public consultation ends on 8th December, soon after this edition is published, so all members on email should already have heard about it in an email from us.

The consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Document for the Regeneration of Central Winchester runs until 5th February, and at the suggestion of one of our members we will be holding a special meeting aimed at helping members with their own responses and to explain the Trust's views.

Keith Leaman and John Beveridge

Planning Appraisal Group - TrustNews Dec 17

My previous report noted that the proposed development of student flats at 180 Greenhill Road was refused by the City Council Planning Committee. At the time I also remarked that a number of commercial developers seem to see student accommodation as a profitable market investment since the planning rules for this kind of building are in some respects, especially with regard to provision of on-site parking, less stringent than for a similar number of residential flats. Now I can report that the application for redevelopment of the site of Pine Cottage, 4 Sparkford Road, with demolition of the existing building and replacement with 91 studio flats specifically designed for students was permitted after lengthy discussion by the Planning Committee. Our reviewing panels will shortly be looking at another application for purpose-built student accommodation, this time in Winnall (Balfour House, Winnall Close).

Various members of the Trust including myself had a meeting with Jenny Nell, head of Strategic Planning for WCC, at which the topic of student housing did arise. As you may know the Trust has been concerned about the City's lack of any specific policy for student accommodation (it instead relies on Local Plan Part ll, which has general language about ensuring diversity of housing). The Local Plan Review is due to start next year and policies can be proposed for this, but given the time it will take to finalise these, there will be ample opportunity for more applications to come forward for student halls of residence. Jenny Nell pointed out that the controversial sites were mainly sited close to Winchester University (such as Greenhill Road and Sparkford Road). We also learned from her that there is now a requirement from central government for local authorities to assess both the needs of older people and students and to plan for suitable accommodation for them. This will include the needs of both universities in Winchester. In this context we learned that currently student units do not count toward the Winchester housing inventory, but hat this is

likely to change given the more detailed accounting requirements. Because student units do not count they have not been counted, so apparently no one really knows at the moment how much student accommodation there is within the City - data which will now have to be collected.

Another area of policy concern arose in connection with a planning application for 2 St George's Street, on the corner of St George's Street and Jewry Street. This application included a request to extinguish highway rights for part of the pavement so that decking could be laid for outdoor seating. In the course of following this up we learned that it is Hampshire County Council that controls such highway rights and that there is a separate application process which has to go through the County Council before it can come to the City. In general we are opposed to moves which would permanently restrict access to parts of what is now the public realm. Many other restaurants do have outdoor seating but this is under licence from the City Council (licences which can be revoked).

Otherwise the reviewing panels continue their sterling work, for which we are very grateful. They have reviewed an average number of applications this quarter. Details of the numbers reviewed and those that we found controversial can be found on the left hand side of the home page of the Trust website.

Mary Tiles

In Memoriam - TrustNews Dec 17

Harvey Cole

Part of an address given by Michael Carden when asked to join others to make a tribute to Harvey Cole at a Commemoration in his honour given by the County Council in the Great Hall on 11th October 2017.

The City of Winchester Trust valued Harvey as our most expert of professional advisors. As a member of the Trust he helped us both before, during and after his membership of our Council, which ran for very nearly 20 years from 1988 to 2007.

During the years when we saw Harvey at our monthly meetings, we knew him as a sage and attentive guru on the subject of any complex problem from our own finances to matters of law, government, housing and, above all, retail - especially when we disagreed with the official shopping capacity proposals for Silver Hill. For a busy man with so many other commitments, which included County and City councillor, chair of the Pensions Committee for HCC and even its Leader for a while, he was invariably generous and relaxed with his time. His verbal explanations were masterpieces of reasoned clarity - the equal of any QC. He made things plain and understandable - though few of us could remember the details for much more than 5 minutes!

Otherwise one knew him personally as a kind, erudite and friendly soul who, together with his wife Sonia, were charming hosts. And of course, he was widely known for

his letters in the major newspapers; readers of the magazine Prospect always enjoyed his column called the “Numbers Game” that wittily debunked fallacious news items or opened one's eyes to surprising truths. I wish I could end by reading a whole example to you, but must confine myself to a brief excerpt at the end of one typical article entitled “Crime Busting":

“Be prepared for media indignation at a big increase in reported murders last year But remember that this will be due to the inclusion of all 275 of Harold Shipman‘s victims in the figures for a single year, instead of spreading them over 25 years at an annual rate of 9. "

Peter Radcliffe

The Trustees, along with very many others, deeply regret the death of Peter Radcliffe, a member for nearly 30 years and our Honorary Treasurer for 14, until two years ago when he retired from the post because of ill health. We greatly valued not only his very efficient management of the Trust’s finances and his chairmanship of our indispensable Finance & Resources Committee, but also his presence at meetings when he frequently gave us sage advice on a number of tricky questions and took a strong personal interest in such time-consuming things as the selection of our Christmas cards. Moreover, we owe it to their friendship that Judith Rich agreed to take on our previously somewhat chaotic membership affairs! His manner was always quiet and unassuming but with underlying authority, and invariable good manners, not infrequently spiced with his engaging dry sense of humour. It is typical of Peter that when he became aware of his ill health he set in motion his retirement as Treasurer and the smooth engagement of his successor.

We were very fortunate to have lured Peter to work with us in the first place, when he already had important roles with St Cross Hospital, the Cathedral and St Swithun's School. We shall all miss him and have expressed our sympathy and condolences to his wife Judith, who not only supported him but the Trust.

Michael Carden

Visits in 2018 - TrustNews Dec 17

Livery Company Halls in the City of London on 3 September: It has been necessary to book so far in advance as public access is very limited.

As Members will know, most of the Livery Companies developed from medieval trade guilds which regulated and controlled the manufacture and sale of goods, apprenticeships and the welfare of their members. In the morning, we shall have a private tour of the **Armourers and Brasiers’ Company** near Moorgate followed by a sandwich lunch in their atmospheric dining hall. In the afternoon we move on to the **Skinners’ Hall** which is only open to the public three times a year.

At the moment we have 25 places reserved on this tour and **it would be helpful if Trust members could register a provisional interest at this stage** as both Livery

Companies have many other applicants who would be grateful for the places if we cannot take them up. The cost is likely to be £30 for both tours and a sandwich lunch and we would be expecting members to make their own way there - bitter experience tells us that coach trips to London are more expensive and much slower than the train!

If you are interested, please contact the Trust Secretary preferably by email to secretary@cityofwinchestertrust. co. uk, or by phone 01962 851664.

Sue Owers

Morris Singer Foundry, Lasham: No date yet. The delay is for the firm to satisfy the health & safety people. To that end, they have moved premises but there are still things to be done. Casting (sorry!) my mind back to my preliminary visit, this is all for the good. It was certainly exciting with hot metal in places but will retain our interest. I hope that we will be able to visit also the nearby workshop of Hugo Egleston and see his hand-made furniture. I will check again in February with the aim of a visit in April.

Christchurch Priory - May/June: A magnificent church in a beautiful setting. We will also visit All Saints, Thorney Hill, which was designed by Detmar Blow for Lord Manners, the local landowner, and includes work by Eric Gill and Phoebe Traquar who painted a mural in the apse showing local people and others from the “big house”, Avon Tyrrell, which is said to have been built by Lord Manners after winning the Grand National. There is a strong connection with the local gypsy population.

Mells and Chippenham - June/July: I anticipate a day visit by coach, led by Dr Antonia Whatley. The core of the trip will be the effect of the First World War on notable families living in these towns and, of course, their histories. Cost likely to be in the region of £50 - £60.

Further details and booking information for these three visits will be in the next TrustNews, at the end of February.

Iain Patton

Trust Walks in 2017 - TrustNews Dec 17

On the behalf of the City of Winchester Trust I would like to thank all our guides who provided such well-informed and interesting evening walks over this summer:

Clare Dixon; George Saumarez-Smith; Stephen Harte; Richard Baker;
Rod Graham; Clive Cook; Louise Dandy and Rachel White; Phil Yates and Rod Youngman;
David Spurling; Andrew Rutter; John Parker; Susan Simmonds

Over the twelve walks we averaged 20 attendees per walk, which I hope everyone agrees makes this all well worth the effort. In response to feedback received from

members we hope to introduce a further layer of variety to the programme with a couple of more focused talks perhaps within a single venue. To help widen the sources of inspiration and contacts I am appealing for volunteers to a small working party to draw together next year's programme.

My thanks to Keith Leaman and John Beveridge for their continued offers of help and advice, and Janet’s and Tessa’s tireless work in marshalling all the attendees.

Paul Williams

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www.cityofwinchester.co.uk - TrustNews Dec 17

The City of Winchester Trust website has been in existence for about 14 years now. Initially it was a few pages but in 2006 it was redesigned and began a long period of expansion.

The site is now effectively divided into two sections.

1. The ‘front end’ contains information concerning its general aims and achievements etc and current activities of the Trust. This includes Recent News, Published Reports, Planning News, Walks programme, and the latest TrustNews contents. Additional information includes how to join the Trust, entries and results of the most recent Awards Ceremony and the governance document for Trustees.

2. The ‘back end’ is very much larger and contains a whole range of archived material that has been built up over many years. This includes photographs in 7 separate Galleries which total over 2,000 many historic images. Contents of the Trusts annual reports are included from 1962 up to 2000, and every TrustNews published from 1985 to the present day with a searchable index. Other content includes all Booklets published by the Trust, a list of all archived documents, a list of all archived photographs and a List of all books held in the archives. The News Archive contains all the News items reported on the website since 2006 up to the most recently archived items from the ‘Recent News’ area of the ‘front end‘ of the website. There is a list of all Listed Buildings in the Winchester city area, with links to their listings and photographs. Archived Awards contains reports of all the Trust Awards ceremonies since 2007 to the present.

The website now consists of 2,000 web-pages covering all the topics described above.

Barrie Brinkman

Planning Coach Trip - TrustNews Dec 17

On Friday 6 October Gill Collymore and I presented ourselves in front of the Guildhall for 9:30am, ready for the tour which takes place every year and is attended by

member of the planning department, city councillors, parish councillors and two members of the CWT PAG team. The idea is to look at some recent developments which are either complete or well under way. The tour started toward Southampton looking first at a development on land that has formed the playing fields for Swanmore College (they have been provided with an alternative site). We then visited a McCarthy & Stone development for the elderly in Bishops Waltham.



21a Southgate Street



Winchester Village

On returning to Winchester we stopped to look at 21a Southgate Street - this is an awkward infill site that had been empty for many years. It has now been filled by a

modern building with retail space below and flats above. There was general approval of this modern design which blends into the street surprisingly well. It has very clean, simple lines but manages the differences in roof heights to either side as well and the difference set-backs from the kerb. Yellow brick has been used on the St Thomas Street (front) side and red at the rear. The black metal front door though is depressingly unwelcoming.


Winchester Village


Barton Farm Phase 1

After a very good lunch in St Cross we continued to **Winchester Village** – 200 houses, 40% affordable, many still under construction. Huw Thomas is the architect and so there is a typical mix of styles from him from small terrace cottages to very grandiose mock Georgian houses. There was considerable criticism of the name, especially as there is none of the infrastructure (church, pub, shops, school etc.) that one would associate with a village. There is a very nominal park and ride at the entrance - all very untidy at the moment. As far as could be seen none of the houses have solar panels. The overall effect was hard to determine given the amount of ongoing construction. The planners complained about problems getting compliance from the developers on all sorts of issues.


Barton Farm Phase 1


The Limes (Little Barton Farm)

Then it was on to see what has been going on at **Barton Farm - phase I** (some built already, 50-60 currently under construction), 40% either affordable or shared ownership. This was the most depressing site we saw, with rows of regimented red brick houses on a more or less flat site which currently has no redeeming human-scale features. The houses have tiny gardens, solar water heating panels but no PV. Some of the roof tiling looked decidedly uneven. The only people who seemed to like this were the planning officers who said that the developers were easy to work with and there were few compliance issues (unlike Winchester Village). We could see the site of the new Andover Road cutting right through the planned estate and there was considerable muttering about the wisdom of this.

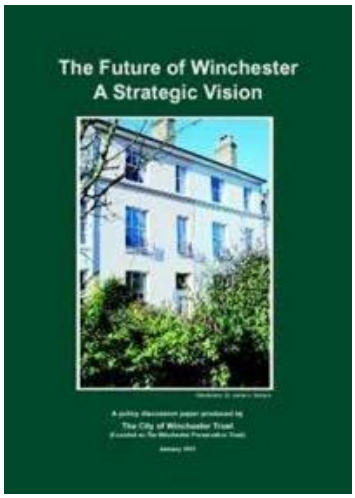
Finally a short hop to The Limes (Little Barton Farm) which was a little better, and a little more imaginative in terms of house design than the main Barton Farm development. The site is quite small and the layout very linear, but possibly there were few options. Eventually it will be part of the larger development. It includes some flats which are shared ownership. There is a lot of wood panelling and the light wood works quite well, whereas the dark was somewhat oppressive and the paint seemed already to be peeling off in places. Some PV was evident.

Most of the sites visited, with the exception of 21a Southgate Street, were for larger developments. What was depressing was that only in the case of that exception was there evidence of really good imaginative, problem solving design. Otherwise we seem to be continuing to build in very traditional ways. This is understandable where

there is an historic context into which the new development has to fit, but with green-field sites, such as Barton Farm and Winchester Village, this seems inexcusable.

Mary Tiles, with help from Gill Collymore

Small Visions - TrustNews Dec 17



In 2001 the Trust published a paper, ‘The Future of Winchester - A Strategic Vision’. The Trust is now in the process of reviewing and updating the Vision to provide a statement on the constraints and opportunities that Winchester should adopt over the next 10-15 years, to maintain its character and viabllity. This will be a strategic Vision that looks at Winchester from the top down. This article suggests that a strategic Vision could be supported by Small Visions, that if implemented could enrich Winchester. These ten visions were considered on a walk into the Town Centre from the Fulflood area, and are brie?y described in the hope that some or all may be recognised and realised by 2027.

This is a personal list of Small Visions for one part of the city. The Trust invites members to submit their visions for places where they live and walk. This would enable to Trust to compile a comprehensive portfolio of Small Visions for Winchester, and equip it to campaign and take action for their realisation, in conjunction with the Strategic Vision. Please send your ‘Small Visions‘ by letter or e-mail to the Trust and we will publish them in future editions of the Newsletter.



Richard Baker

Stockbridge Road the now common practice of parking on footpaths will become unacceptable.



Junction of Cranworth Road and Stockbridge Road this area of unused land is used to construct a stairway to provide a safe route between the Station and Peter Symonds College.



Territorial Army Building, Gladstone Street
is removed and the site developed for housing, and provides a more attractive route between the station and the Town Centre.



Houses south side of Romsey Road significant improvements are made to improve the condition of many run-down houses between the railway and the Hospital.



Car Park/HCC offices Sussex Street trees and planting are introduced to soften the appearance of the hard and unattractive paved area In front of the car park.



Elizabeth II Court, HCC offices a better use of the courtyard that introduces some vitality to the entrance of this major public building.



Police station, junction of Tower Street and High Street removal of the ‘dead’ frontage created by the applied posters and a frontage created that contributes to the vitality of the High Street.



Space in front of the Law Courts the introduction of purpose and activity into this large and underused area.



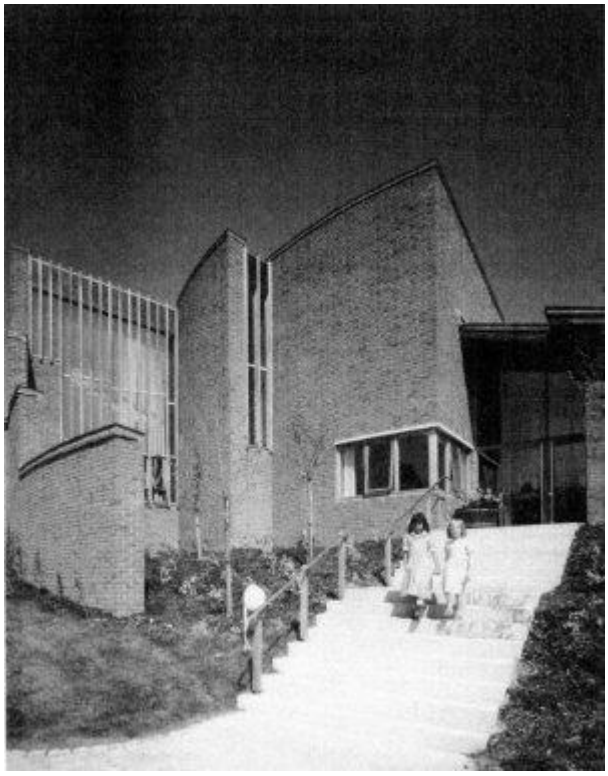
Cathedral precinct reinstatement of a traffic free precinct to restore respect for the setting of the finest building in the city.



National Tyre Service, St Cross Road redevelopment of the site that improves the street scene of this important entry into the city.

Architectural Authenticity - TrustNews Sept 17

Reply to Robert Adam's "Architectural Style" (TrustNews, September 2017)



Solent Infants School, completed 1994
(Portsmouth Society Award 1995)
Photo by Peter Durrant

Robert Adam is at his most persuasive when he is pleading for sensitive contextualism. Such an approach has long been part of the philosophy underling the designs of the best practices and was certainly well understood in the Hampshire County Architect's Department under Sir Colin Stansfield Smith, without recourse to the superficial emulation of past mannerisms.

Robert Adam complains that the “Modern Movement in architecture is international in character and therefore without authentic local roots. A visit to Fishbourne will convince anyone that architecture in UK has been international since at least Roman times. Indeed the palatial villa there was entirely unsuited to our climate, being based on a Roman model. The Normans imported their version of Romanesque as in Winchester cathedral. The more sophisticated and efficient gothic vaulting was first developed in France, the earliest example of which is seen at Bayeux c. AD 1150. Master builders came from France to build Canterbury cathedral and Caen stone was also imported for this and many of the important buildings in the Kent, Sussex, Hampshire Weald, where no workable building stone occurs.

Modernist architectural theory and practice has its roots in the industrial revolution. Some regard the Crystal Palace, May 1851 (a century earlier than Robert Adam’s date) as the earliest modern building in UK. That it was designed by an engineer, Paxton, rather than an architect, is no accident. Innovative cast-iron structures were built in the great ports of Liverpool and Glasgow. Pevsner cites Glasgow School of Art (1897) as one of the great early modern buildings of UK. pre-dating Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple at Oak Park, Chicago.

Solent Infants School, Portsmouth, completed 1994 (Portsmouth Society Award 1995)

Following the trauma and devastation of the First World War, the old hierarchical modes of operating were seen to be bankrupt and an obstacle to addressing the huge problems societies faced. The failure of humanity to address those dysfunctionalities in the inter-war period is part of our tragic history.

Robert Adam chooses an unfortunate example in the House of Commons in seeking to defend the value of tradition. Many, myself included, believe that the medieval layout and trappings of the House has a malign effect and bear some responsibility for the ya-boo style of infantile, point-scoring debate which seems to make the search for reasoned compromise impossible. Compared with the Bundestag or the Scottish or Welsh assembly buildings with their amphitheatre layout, this is not a building in which forward-looking, adult diplomacy is likely to thrive.

I question also whether his declared aim, to cherish the specific identity of “place” is best served by what he calls “traditional architecture”. The sort of cosmetic camouflage he appears to recommend, with added pediments, fan-lights, cornices and colonnaded porches, in my eyes dilutes, diminishes and confuses the untrained eye as to our true tradition, of constant learning and innovation, making it hard to distinguish from nostalgic fakery.

I share with Charles Rennie Mackintosh a love of J. D. Sedding’s aphorism ‘There is hope in honest error, none in the icy perfection of the mere stylist‘.

Kate Macintosh

Winchester's lost Victorian architect - TrustNews Dec 17

Thomas Micklam, 1847-1898

It began, as with so many things in Winchester lately, with the Silver Hill proposals. It seemed that the Antiques Market was doomed, despite many kind words from Thornfields, the initial developer, who even offered to move it at one stage. I didn't take that very seriously and, delightful and significant as it is, I acknowledge that it’s not really in the same league as most of the buildings at, say, the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum at Singleton.

Nevertheless, in 2002, when the Silver Hill plans had been a few years in the making, I tried on behalf of the City of Winchester Trust to have the building listed. That attempt failed, not helped by the fact that I was unable to find the original plans in the Hampshire Record Office. I did find plans for an adjacent building which had stood at right-angles, where the King's Walk cafe now is, with exactly the same roof construction, but that was an open-sided furniture van shed, built in 1879. Both buildings had been built for White & Co., carriers, and were connected by the large opening that can still be seen at the right-hand end of the market.



Fast-forward a dozen years: Thornfields has gone into administration and the site has passed to developers Hendersons. Cllr Kim Gottlieb has launched Winchester Deserves Better, several hundred people have marched in favour of a more sensitive plan for the area - some of them waving banners saying “Heritage Not Hendersons” - and Nicky Gottlieb, Kim's wife, has managed to identify the plans in the archive. They had recently been restored and made available. It turns out the Antiques Market was built as a furniture store in 1883 by local architect Thomas Micklam, for a company that by now was booming, with offices in Portsmouth and Southampton as well as Jewry Street. Another application for listing is filed, with some more input from me, but fails again. It's only a little industrial remnant in an unfashionable area of the city, after all. Then the City Council is deemed to have failed in its legal procurement duty, and Hendersons are finally despatched. In the next round of genuine consultations for the area, in the spring of this year, the popularity of the Antiques Market, together with Woolstaplers’ warehouse, is evident. Woolstaplers’ warehouse was never threatened with demolition, perhaps only by neglect. It was always given pride of place in the development plans, as one pan of an open square, which surely says something about the importance that attaches to history and patina, even of a workaday variety.

Once I knew his name, I found that there are no less than 95 entries for Thomas Micklam in the Hampshire Record Office files. The Hampshire Papers series had recently been revived; I couldn’t resist the opportunity for more research into this forgotten architect. I found that what he crammed into a short life was remarkable.

Born in 1847, in Southsea, it's possible he was illegitimate, which may account for what appears to have been quite a chip on his shoulder when dealing with the grandees of Winchester such as Thomas Stopher. When his stepfather, Thomas Micklam senior, died in 1897, only a year before the stepson, he is described in his will as a “gentleman”, but in the census of 1861 he is listed as a dock labourer. Thomas senior married Thomas junior’s mother when young Thomas was five. Thomas junior first appears in Winchester as clerk of works at Christ Church in about 1872, a few years after it was first built. By the mid 1870s he is working in the office of architect Charles Richard Pink, who had premises on Castle Hill before the

building of the Hampshire County Council offices there. Pink became president of the Architectural Association and an elected fellow of the RIBA. It was normal at the time for a student to learn in the office of a master, but there is no record of Micklam's qualifications in the RIBA, the RICS, or the Institution of Engineers, although he described himself professionally as architect and surveyor, and also prepared drainage plans.



The HRO plans range from two latrines at the rear of the British School in Jewry Street to villas in St Cross, from additions to Clifton House to numerous small houses for the Cottage Improvement Society, and a great many terraces for small developers – and sometimes for himself as man of affairs. Many of the 95 plans are for several houses, so the total of what he built is closer to 200 - and that assumes that all his plans have survived. When one starts to recognise his keynote style - red brick with yellow dressings, just like the furniture store – one sees other terraces that must surely be by him, especially in Hyde and Fulflood where he built so much that is verifiable. He built abattoirs and dairies, but the only remaining industrial building is the furniture store. Happily almost all his houses survive, mostly pretty unaltered.

As well as his work for the Cottage Improvement Society, he was secretary and surveyor to the 216th (Winchester) Starr-Bowkett Building Society, another largely forgotten piece of Victorian history. Established by a doctor from Poplar, who witnessed the shocking living conditions of his patients, this aimed to give “mechanics” - i.e. skilled working men, and even the occasional woman - the ability to buy their own houses. It's possible that many of Micklam’s small terraces were built for this purpose, but not possible to establish without a great deal more research. The few Winchester Starr-Bowkett mortgage documents that survive in the HRO are for houses already built. But such activities surely did Micklam no harm when he came to stand as a councillor in 1880. He was a Conservative, crossing swords often with his fellow architect, the rather grander Thomas Stopher, and his leading Liberal party. Micklam’s work in the area around Christ Church - at least eight villas - was for the Conservative Land Society, an organisation founded to provide, as its prospectus said, “either a profitable investment or an easy and speedy way of acquiring the franchise.” Housing provision has long been political; the originators of the Conservative Land Society were reacting to the Freehold Land Societies promoted by Liberal MPs like Cobden.

While Stopher kept a diary and notebooks commenting on Winchester building, not to mention becoming mayor three times and having his portrait painted for the Guildhall, Micklam left nothing but his buildings, a reasonable fortune - and nine children. All these children survived, which may be connected to their father's understanding of drainage and sanitation.

My Hampshire Paper, provisionally titled “Thomas Micklam — Architect, Surveyor, Drainage Engineer, Councillor - ‘Not Quite a Gentleman?’ should be published by the University of Winchester shortly. The City of Winchester Trust has generously funded the photographs by Joe Low. If any members would like to pre-order a copy, please let the Trust know. I suspect many members live in his houses.

Judith Martin

Special Meeting - TrustNews Dec 17

Special meeting for City of Winchester Trust members:
Central Winchester Supplementary Planning Document consultation

Wednesday 10th January 2018, 6-8pm,
at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Jewry Street

To inform you as you prepare your personal response to the consultation, we will explain the processes and the context in which the SPD is being created, with an overview of the policies. There will be plenty of time to put questions to an expert panel.

If you plan to attend, please let us know, preferably by email to secretary@cityofwinchestertrust.co.uk, or by phone 01962 851664.

Have your say on transport and movement in Winchester - TrustNews Dec 17

Traffic, pollution, public transport, roads, cycling, parking Do you have views on how these issues affect Winchester and what should be done about them? This is your chance to make your voice heard.

An in-depth review of traffic and movement in and out of Winchester is now taking place and you can have your say.

The review, called the Winchester Movement Strategy, is being carried out by Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council. The aim of the review is to understand more clearly how traffic and people move around Winchester so that the councils can develop a vision and long term goals for traffic and transport improvements in Winchester over the next 20 to 30 years. It will provide a framework from which the councils can develop detailed proposals and specific target measures.

The two councils are asking the public for their views on travelling in and around the city. Responses are required by 8"‘ December. The consultation document and the online response form are available on the Hampshire County Council website: vvww.hants.gov.uklwinchestermovementstrategy

Paper copies of the consultation document, and a paper response form, are available at the City Council's Colebrook Street reception or by phoning 0300 555 1388. The Trust has a few copies of the form which are available for members at the Heritage Centre (open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.45am to 3pm).

The Trust is currently working on our response. We have long wanted to reduce the amount of traffic in central Winchester and our comments will be made in the light of this policy.

This is a once in a generation opportunity to help shape transport policies in Winchester and we urge you to respond. If you would like any guidance then please get in touch - phone 01962 851664 or e-mail secretaly@cityofwinchestertrust.co.uk.

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