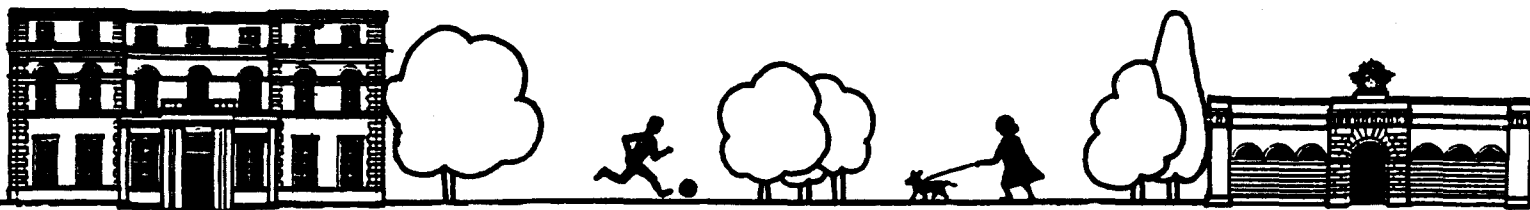


# FRIENDS of GUNNERSBURY PARK & MUSEUM

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# NEWSLETTER



## HORSES, CHILDREN AND CARRIAGES?

In this Newsletter you will find the Draft Planning Brief on which LB Hounslow's Environmental Planning Committee wants your comments by 2nd December.

You will remember that, when LB Ealing and the Gunnersbury Park Joint Committee together "won" the Arbitration, the only way the councillors from Hounslow could stop it progressing was to suggest getting a Planning Brief drawn up for the site. Ealing disagreed; Hounslow said that as it was the planning authority, it would go ahead anyway. This is the result.

At the last GP Joint Committee the Hounslow councillors declared that they had half the money for this scheme, but they would not say where it had come from, nor how much the scheme would cost. They insisted that the Ealing councillors find the other half! When Ealing's councillors demurred, the Hounslow lot waved their fingers, banged the table and declared that they were the only ones to take the Park and its problems seriously!

Comments, please, to the Environmental Planning Committee, Civic Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow.

## FRIENDS CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The Friends are having a Christmas Party in the Museum on the evening of Thursday, 13th December. Come along at 7.30, meet your friends and neighbours, have a glass of wine and a mince pie, talk things over with other Friends and members of the committee and see the three new exhibitions. These have been most enjoyable occasions in previous years - perhaps you might bring a friend along?

The Christmas Cracker is the Friend's Christmas Bazaar! We will be in the Temple from 11 o'clock till 4 on Sunday 2nd December, along with stalls brought by our colleagues in other local charities. An hour with us and half your Christmas present worries will be over!

## IN THE MUSEUM

The three new exhibitions at the Museum are on the history of Ealing Studios (which includes some of the costumes used in the Chronicles of Narnia on TV - children cannot believe their eyes!), some recently-donated high-fashion Gina Fratini dresses and a display on the work of a local architect, Nowell Parr, who built many of the borough's 19th century municipal buildings (like Brentford Market, Hounslow Library and Town Hall and Brentford Baths - hurry, before it all goes!).

# What friends are for



FRIENDS of Gunnersbury Park Museum have donated postcards of the museum's painted ceiling to its shop and a palm tree for the Orangery.

The friends raised money for the donations by holding monthly bric-a-brac and book sales.

Earlier this year they donated two trees to the museum which are due to be planted.

Their next venture is the annual Christmas Fair, along with other local charities, on Sunday, December 2 in the Temple from 11am.

Our picture shows Joan Catterall, secretary of the friends, and daughter Lucy presenting a cheque to Nicholas Pratt, Hounslow Council's principal recreation manager.

The Concerts in the Orangery which we advertised in the last Newsletter were a great success - 39 came to the first and 54 to the second. The music was excellent, the setting was remarkably good (except one part of the roof leaked!) and we had some money at the end to put to the purchase of the palm trees. Roger Nicholson organised them for us and did an excellent job - we will be putting together a programme next year, by popular demand.

Times, Friday, November 16, 1990



## NEWS

The Park has now been declared a Conservation Area by Hounslow's Environmental Planning Committee. If this means that they will show more concern for the buildings, then this is something we welcome. Meanwhile, just outside the new boundary, on the Great West Road, a planning application is in for office development on the British Oxygen site which will be large enough to overlook the Park, and there may be others, even larger, nearby. The plans are available, in office hours, at the Civic Centre - it makes public consultation so simple!

The two newspaper photographs tell their own story. Remember, some of your annual subscription goes to these donations, so don't fail to renew!



With a little help from the friends: Friends of Gunnersbury Park (from left to right) Joan Catterall, Joan Fenton, Scott Bird and James Wisdom, display one of the postcards and cheque for £250 that they donated to the Gunnersbury Park Museum on Tuesday. The postcards are of the museum ceiling and were printed using donations from monthly bric-a-brac and book sales held in the park by the Friends.

GUNNERSBURY PARK MUSEUM

# WORKSHOP



## Victorian Christmas Decorations

Learn to make Victorian Decorations  
Help us decorate the Museum's Christmas Tree  
Take some of your decorations home

December 15th

£2 per session 10.30~12.30 1.30~3.30

For children (7 upwards) and adults

Come either the morning or the afternoon

Ring to ensure a place

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GLORY TO GOD

**A VICTORIAN  
CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION**

SONGS ~ CAROLS ~ READINGS

◎ THE PERFORMANCE ◎

DECEMBER 16th

11am & 2pm

AT THE ORANGERY  
IN GUNNERSBURY PARK

You are invited to stay  
for mince pies and mulled wine

Adults £2.50 Children £1.50

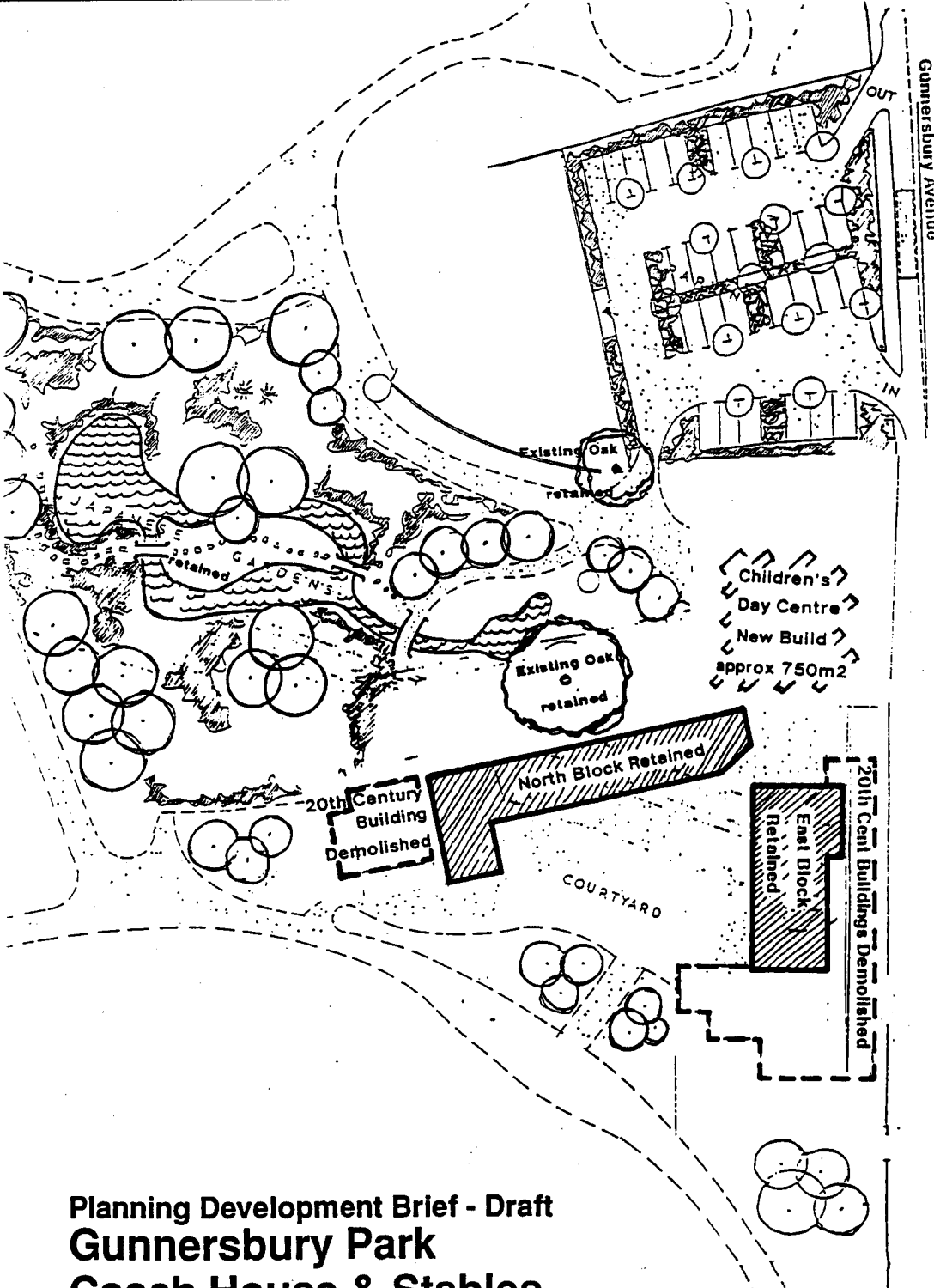
Tickets from the Museum

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THE HIGHEST

# Planning and Development Brief Draft

# Gunnersbury Park Coach House & Stables



Planning Development Brief - Draft  
Gunnersbury Park  
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GUNNERSBURY PARK  
COACH HOUSE AND STABLES  
PLANNING BRIEF

LAND USE (See attached Plan)

The Coach House (North Block) and the Stables (East Block) are mid-nineteenth century Grade II and II\* listed buildings, located within the Grounds of Gunnersbury Park.

The Coach House (North Block)

To be retained and renovated for use as an annexe for the Transport exhibits in the large mansion, using both floors, with twentieth century buildings attached to the coach house to be demolished.

The Stables (East Block)

To be retained and renovated for use as a riding facility. This should include:

- (a) The provision of a Riding area to be located towards Kensington Cemetery.
- (b) The provision for ancillary facilities, for example, hay storage, within existing buildings or by means of new build.

The twentieth century buildings attached to the Stables to be demolished.

The provision of a 750m<sup>2</sup> (approximate) new building to be located on land between the North Block (Coach House) and the proposed car park, for use as a Childrens Day Centre.

To include:

- (a) The adaptation of part of the Japanese Garden for use as a Day Nursery open space.
- (b) The provision of a landscaped car park with 30 spaces to be located on land to the east of the Japanese Gardens.

ACCESS FOR DISABLED

Development must comply with the BS1 Code of Practice 'Access for the Disabled to Buildings' (BS5810: 1979) and Access for Disabled People: Part M. The Building Regulations 1985. In particular there should be satisfactory access for the disabled to the public areas within the site.

DESIGN AND LAYOUT

A good quality of design and materials should be used for the new building, to complement the design and materials of the existing buildings and to respect the setting of the listed buildings.

The height and scale of the proposed new building should not exceed that of the existing building's.

Specific items for conservation and environmental enhancement of the site to include:

- (a) Retention and Renovation of existing Stables and Coach House buildings.
- (b) Demolition of existing 20th century buildings.
- (c) Restoration of Japanese Gardens.
- (d) Retention of the two mature oaks (as shown on attached plan).
- (e) The retention of the boundary wall between the access points to the proposed car park.

ROAD LAYOUT, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, VEHICLE ACCESS AND PARKING

Access to and from the site shall be from Gunnersbury Avenue. Road layout to be designed so as to have separate access and egress points. The access points to be designed so as to retain the character of the boundary wall.

Necessary road improvements or alterations to provide vehicular access from Gunnersbury Avenue to be agreed with the Local Highway and Planning Authority and the Department of Transport.

Vehicle parking to be provided to the Council's standards.

GENERAL

This brief is to be read at all times in conjunction with attached plans, showing land uses and vehicle access arrangements.

This brief is also to be read in conjunction with the Council guidance on Child Care provision contained within the document 'Quality Child Care'.