

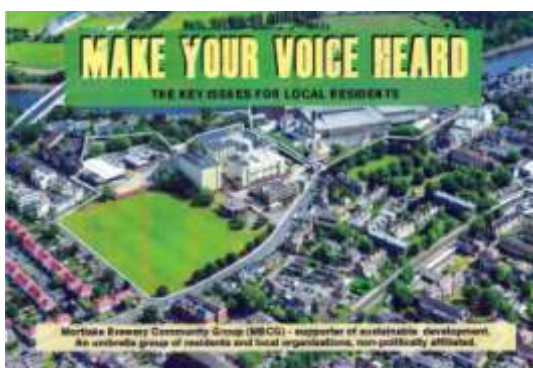
Mortlake with East Sheen Society Newsletter

The Mortlake with East Sheen Society is once again proud to be involved with **Open Gardens**. Our gardens have been opened on many previous occasions and it has always been a great pleasure to meet our neighbours and enjoy seeing the considerable variety of garden styles which we have. The majority of funds being raised are for our very important local charity, FiSH.



The aim of the Mortlake with East Sheen Society is to care for the character of the area and the protection, improvement and development of local amenities. It monitors residential and commercial planning applications and the Society has considerable experience of working with Richmond Council. MESS has a programme of meetings and events each year. This year these included talks on London's Transport Infrastructure, What next for Europe and Veteran Trees of Richmond Park. In the autumn we will have a Richmond Park talk on Tread Lightly.

Mortlake Brewery. The redevelopment of the former industrial site will of course have many benefits but serious concerns of the local community are being represented by the Mortlake Brewery Group with which MESS is closely associated. MESS member Howard Potter and MESS committee member Tim Catchpole have specific roles within the MBG and our Chairman, Shaun Lamplough, attends most meetings. The presentation of the Developer's plans at their March exhibition was followed up by MBG with a public meeting which received a large attendance.



Greatest concerns were raised over transport, the proposed secondary school and loss of green space. It is the responsibility of Richmond Council to promote workable plans for the secondary school but they have much less responsibility for finding effective solutions to the various transport problems.

Accordingly MESS has focussed on highlighting the nature of the various transport challenges. These include road congestion, parking, bus and train capacity and increased down time for the level crossing. There has been a traffic survey during this month at the level crossing and Chalkers Corner which has been led by Howard Potter.

