

THE FINCHLEY SOCIETY

VISIT: Your attention is drawn to the details of the visit to the Middlesex Record Office. These will be found on page three.

OCTOBER MEETING: Our next general meeting will take place at Avenue House, East End Road, N03~, on Friday, October 29th. at 8 p.m. This meeting will enable the Steering Committee to report back to members on its activities -during the last eight months. There will be ample opportunity for members to ask questions and to make suggestions about the work and organisation of the Society.. An important item on the, agenda will be ELECTIONS for the posts of Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and for four committee members. Nominations for the above posts are required before the start of the meeting and should either be sent to the Secretary by post or brought to the meeting. the present holders of the venous posts are:-

Chairman: Mr. R.H.V.Dixon
Hon. Secretery: Mr. D.W.Smith
Hon. Treasurer: Mr• A.J.Tew
Committee: Miss J. L. Scott, Miss J. Digby, Mrs A. N Cracknell, Mrs. E. Pentecost, Mrs. P. N. Sharland, Mr. W. Tyler, Capt. C. H. Kitchin, Mr. J. Tiplady, Mr. J. Fitzgibbon.

The posts of Vice-President and Vice-Chairman are at present vacant. Mr. Spike Milligan has already been voted in as President and Sir John Betjeman has agreed to be our Patron.

NOVEMBER MEETING: This will take place at East Finchley Library on Thursday, November 25th, at 8p.m. Following a short business meeting, the Hon. Desmond Guinness will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Historic Irish Homes'. Our visiting speaker will have gone-to considerable trouble in order to be with us on this occasion. It is hoped that members will give him generous support at this meeting.

SURVEY: The Society is grateful to those members who have already offered their services, in connection with the proposed survey. There is still a need for helpers, especially in the N12 and. N20 areas north of Tally Ho corner, and in the area within half a mile of East Finchley station, Offers of help should be sent to the Hon. Sec.

Chauffeurs: The Society would welcome offers of transport from members who have cars and who could take our more senior members to and from monthly meetings. A form for this purpose is provided with this letter.

WANT A LIFT? Naturally, the Secretary will welcome requests for transport from members who find it difficult to attend our monthly meetings. It would be helpful if these requests were to be made on the enclosed form.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: The following letter has been received from Spike Milligan.

Dear Friends "We are now a recognised Society. The Civic Trust, the GLC and the Borough of Barnet are all aware of our existence and our broad intentions. In our short life we have had successes and gathered 117 members, also a display corner at the Finchley Carnival. This letter is to thank you all.

I would like to thank the committee, who work hard in their own time - which is very limited, so if the machinery grinds very slowly this is not due to the lack of interest rather than that precious commodity - Time, But, be assured, the committee do work hard, so bear with us, and remember in 100 years time, people enjoying a visit to Terrace House will say, The Finchley Society saved that - and that is our reward. We have to fight the unscrupulous 'developer' and falling standards, but we have broad shoulders, stout hearts, of that I am certain. It has always been the quiet, back street citizen who has moulded this Island, not the politician, nor soldier, nor scientist, knowing this, I have every faith in our future,
Love, light and peace

SPIKE MILLIGAN

To Mr, Smith, The Finchley Society, 70, Glebe Road, N3 2AX

I wish to take part in the visit to the Middlesex Record Office on Saturday, October 2

I would like transport provided to and from the Record Office.
I would be able to offer a lift to ___passengers on this occasions
(*delete as applicable)

NAME _____ Telephone _____

ADDRESS _____

VISIT TO THE MIDDLESEX RECORD OFFICE: This has been arranged for the afternoon of Saturday, October 23rd from 3 – 5 p.m. The Deputy Head Archivist, Mr, W J Smith, M.A, F.R. HistS, will welcome us at 3.15 p.m. and will give a short explanatory talk about the exhibition that will have been arranged by the staff. We are most grateful to Mr, Smith and his staff for having arranged this visit at a time to suit us. It is hoped that members will show their appreciation by joining the party on this occasion.

Members are asked to make their own way to the Office. The address is 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Dartmouth Street, Westminster, SW1 (Tel 839 7799 ext 4431). The nearest Underground station is St, James's Park Proceed away from Petty France on leaving the station, and follow Tothill Street. Dartmouth Street is the second turning on the left. The Record Office is on the right hand side of the road approaching from Tothill St.

If you intend coming, please give the reply slip at the foot of page two your early attention.

FOR YOUR DIARY Saturday, October 23rd VISIT
Friday, October 29th, GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, November 25th. MEETING AND TALK
Friday, January 28th MEETING
Friday, February 25th MEETING
Friday, March 24th, MEETING

POSTMEN The Secretary is pleased to report that several offers of help have been received since the last letter in connection with the delivery of circular letters to members. Members will wish to thank all our volunteer postmen and women for their efficient service.

Yours sincerely

DAVID SMITH
Hon Secretary