

THE FINCHLEY SOCIETY

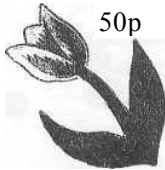
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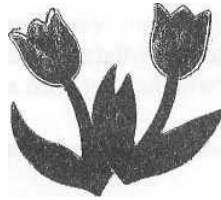
Founded 1971

Patron: Spike Milligan K.B.E. President:
Bill Tyler AADipl.ARIBA, IHBC



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30 YEARS OLD



JANUARY 2001

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As part of our celebrations we will meet on Sunday, 11th February, outside the North Finchley Post Office, opposite the Tally Ho pub, at 2.30pm. Our President, Bill Tyler, will then take us on a guided walk that will include Lodge Lane, to look at the cottages saved from demolition by the group of people who formed The Finchley Society.

We will end up at Nansen Village, 21 Woodside Avenue, at approximately 3.30pm where Kurt Weinberg will tell us about this interesting project, and provide us with a cup of tea. We will cut a birthday cake. Do come and celebrate. - Derek Warren, 8346 5258 e-mail: barwar@waitrose.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Terence Alan Milligan on his New Year honary knighthood. (-', ,

MONTHLY MEETING - JANUARY 2000

Members are cordially invited to the January meeting at Avenue House, East End Road, N3 on Thursday, January 25th at 7.45pm for 8.00pm. It will be a members evening with talks by Norman Bar, the chairman, who will talk on Victorian Advertisements; and Barbara Warren, the Vice Chairman, who will talk on The Scout Movement.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again the drawing Room at Avenue House rang with the convivial murmur of Finchley Society members and their guests enjoying themselves at their Christmas party. Much of the success was due to Joan Butcher and her willing helpers who provide the delicious food, and the quiz masters. Let me not forget Mari and her imaginative raffle, Kurt in his drinks corner and Heather in her tea corner.. We seem to have found a formula to please everybody.



At this pleasant social occasion we were happy to present, on their retirement, a framed picture showing their home now and in 1863 on a map, to Barbara Walls, PJ Kelly and Harry Sharpe in recognition and thanks for their outstanding contribution to the Society.

2000 has gone by very quickly and we are now well into 2001, the technological and space age. Communication around the planet is a mere push button away. Will The Finchley Society survive into the 3000s I wonder, and will Avenue House still be standing in its hallowed spot, ringing to the sound of merry laughter with our guests from Mars? And will we still be celebrating Christmas? Views to the editor please.



The Finchley Society received a Christmas card from Anne Denison and staff at Avenue House.

ENVIRONMENT and TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - D. Warren, Chairman, 8346 5258
Clean-up

It is clear that the poor street clearing in my road was an exception, as a number of members have reported to me on how successful the operation was in their area.

Do not forget, if you see rubbish and any other problem then ring the Hot Line on number 8359 6035. (Ed: I rang about the rubbish and leaves at Essex Park and it was cleared two days later!)

Thank you to those who have reported on what they have seen in their gardens. It is becoming clear that one question could be - "who has not seen a fox in their garden?"

As well as the greater spotted woodpecker, the green woodpecker is becoming a regular visitor in some areas.

Trees

It is interesting to note that a Council was successful in prosecuting a developer who cut down trees with a 'preservation order' on them. In Ashton-under-Lyme a developer was fined £24,000 plus £3,040 costs for having ignored a planning condition, thereby damaging the welfare of nearly all the trees on the site. They also agreed to provide 64 new trees.

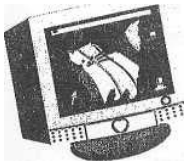
The Tree Council's magazine 'Tree News' also reports that the tree cover in Britain has now reached 11.3%. In 1947 this cover was 6.1%. The total forest area is now 2.6 million hectares (1 hectare= 2.471 acres)

A national survey is being carried out on the monkey puzzle tree, so please let me know where you have seen one - barwar@waitrose.com

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - David Smith, 8883 4154, Chairman

Web site

Stephen Yeo, the assistant editor, and the small web-site committee reported to the last Executive Committee and we should be ready to go public January/February. It will be updated regularly.



Stationery

New letterheads are being printed and a new simpler membership application form has been finalised

PLANNING COMMITTEE - Dorothy Fox, 8346 0331, Chairman.

Hertford Lodge

Janett Durrant reported that the planning application for the Lodge had been submitted, and items objected to by the Friends of the Avenue House Estate and Local Agenda 21 were withdrawn and work will probably start in January. It has been a long and hard battle and congratulations on the successful outcome.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT-Bill Tyler, 020 8883 2006

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As a contribution to Urban Design Week, the London Forum held a symposium at which

some of the excellent architecture and landscape work being undertaken in London was



illustrated. Most of the schemes will go unnoticed by glossy magazines and probably by the public, yet their often outstanding contribution to the streetscape and landscape is undeniable. Many types of buildings and reclamation of civic space show what a wealth of good design abounds in London. But what goes on in Finchley and Friern Barnet?

The presentations made it clear that a set of well worked out ground rules was the prerequisite for a successful and smoothly run awards scheme, and that local press coverage would give considerable kudos to the winning entry, and not least to the promoters of the awards. The Finchley Society will be considering setting up such an award scheme and Bill Tyler (or the newsletter editor) would like to hear from members who would be interested.

NEWS of THE FAMILY

We record the death of Nan Beasely, so soon after the death of her beloved husband, with great sorrow. She was a regular and very interested member of the Environment and Transport Committee., along with her friend Peggy Wells. We will miss her cheerful presence.

Congratulations to Nigel Doe, our new Treasurer, on his recent marriage to Tracy, all the way from Australia.

Mary Hodgkinson, a founder member of The Finchley Society, having voted for its formation at the first meeting on 11th February 1971, a former member of the Admin. Committee and a contributor to the newsletter wants us to know that she is out and about again in spite of becoming blind and lame. She has taken on the duties of a member of the Parochial Church Council of St John's , Friern Barnet and is helping towards a project in conjunction with the NHS and Barnet Council to improve the primary care of patients.

We think of David and Joan Smith whose grandson, youngest child of his son Julian, tragically died at three weeks old soon after Christmas.

OTHER SOCIETIES

HADAS has been much intrigued of late by the acquisition of a castle by one of their members. Derek Batten bought The Mount, Northamptonshire in 1997, little thinking how much interest it would cause. The villagers, English Heritage, Northamptonshire Heritage, the local tree officer were quick to point out that he had bought a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Time Team will be digging in a future programme, but in the meantime Derek will be talking at the Society's meeting on January 9*. Too late for us I am afraid.



Liz Holliday has prepared a book on the plaques of Barnet, which will include The Finchley Hi Society ones.

Hornsey Historical Society - has just received a lottery Grant of £5000 which they are using for a video.

LONDON FORUM - Peter Pickering - pe.pickering@virgin.net

I would like to draw to the attention of members -

- 1 to a meeting 6.30pm on Jan 23rd with Derek Turner, the Head of Street Management and Congestion Charging at the Greater London Authority.
- 2 to a meeting on Saturday morning Jan 27th in Camden Town Hall (by Kings Cross Station) to discuss the new Local Government Act (the one which 'modernises' the procedures of local authorities by replacing the traditional committee structures).

There is much concern at the proliferation of advertisements on the outside of telephone boxes.

A number of amenity groups in central London are unhappy about the Government plans to reform the liquor and licensing laws. They hope to set up a one- day national conference.

Strategies for transport, for planning and for the environment are being prepared by Ken Livingstone . To keep in touch with developments visit www.london.gov.uk

INVITATIONS

Friends of Barnet Libraries

Monday, Jan 15th, 'Woodland trust Nationally and Locally', talk by Ian Mackay.

Monday, Feb 19th, 'A Childhood in Finchley 1840 - 1900' by Hugh Petrie.

MEMBERS

Membership Secretary...Lyn Bresler, 30, Birkbeck Road , N. Finchley, London N12 8DZ...8446 6249

DONATIONS

Treasurer...Nigel Doe, 020 8445 1278

Many thanks to the following members who have given a donation:

Miss Jean Herbert,N3 Harry Sharp,N20

Auditor - Mark Longley has been approved as an Independent Examiner of the Society's accounts for 2001. Dennis Chandler, our previous auditor, resigned due to ill health and was presented with a picture showing his home now and in 1863 on a map.

EDUCATION

Secretary...Mollie Harris ACIS, 17, Finchley Lodge, Gainsborough Road, Finchley, London N12 SAL...8445 4175

Please note that we have a long list of speakers who know Finchley past and present, and lots of archive material.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Events Secretary...Josie Robinson, 46 Burleigh Gardens, Southgate, N14 SAG...
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ARCHIVIST - Norman Burgess, 020 8346 6337

An item of great interest has come our way for inclusion into our archives. John Bolton, now retired as the proprietor of C.W.Andrew, chemist, at 32, High Road, East Finchley, has donated his collection from the pharmacy, some 500 items. Finchley Society members will need to know that all the poison bottles have been washed out!! We are extremely indebted to Mr Bolton for this very unusual addition to our archive material.

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One of the interesting features of this newsletter in the past has been some refreshing items relating to members* past and their interests. I await my snail-mail and e-mail!!

"WE CARE FOR FINCHLEY and FRIERN BARNET"
Happ **m Year**