

## **Report of the Archive Team for 2016-17**

**Cataloguing:** The team has completed all the major catalogues for photos, slides, books, maps artefacts and legal documents and PDF copies have recently been sent to Stephen Yeo for the web site. The team is now compiling an index of archive material for people of note with a connection to Finchley.

**Acquisitions:** The archive continues to get a slow trickle of photos, books and documents for the archives. One member of our team has spent all year sorting out the papers donated by Bill Tyler. The lack of a filing system for correspondence has impeded the process.

**Enquiries:** The archives continue to receive a number of enquiries via the internet. Most are by members of the public requesting photos of places their ancestors lived or documentary evidence for them being there. I estimate we can help in about half the cases. The archives have also assisted research on the Bothy, a research project in East End Road, supported Finchley Remembered II and are helping ITV in their documentary of Sir David Jason. We had two enquiries, related to developments, for historical evidence of underground streams in the area.

**Digitisation:** The archive team will be able to participate in whatever digitisation programme the Society eventually decides on.

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