

The
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Society for maintaining the amenities of Wimbledon.

Museum at Village Club, Ridgway, S.W.19.

Dear Member,

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Autumn Programme

Dates and times have now been confirmed for the following functions:-

✓ 14th September Unveiling of the Civic Trust Award Plaque on the L.E.B. building (the old Fire Station) in Wimbledon High Street opposite the "Dog and Fox". The unveiling will be performed by Lord Munster, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, at 10.30 a.m. and will be a civic function attended by his Worship the Mayor (Alderman N.S. Clarke, J.P.) and other civic dignitaries. If the weather is not favourable the party will assemble in the "Dog and Fox".

✓ 12th October Unveiling of the new Caesar's Camp Stone replacing the one destroyed by vandals. Sir Hugh Linstead, Chairman of the Commons Conservators, will unveil the stone at 11.30 a.m. in the presence of his Worship the Mayor, Sir Cyril Black, M.P., and Col. Hutton (Captain of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club). We think you will agree that the lettering reflects great credit on the artist, Miss Freda Skinner, Head of the Department of Sculpture at the Wimbledon School of Art. If the weather is not favourable the party will assemble at the Golf Club.

13th November The Autumn Lecture at the Lingfield Hall, 8.30 p.m. We have been extremely fortunate in obtaining the services of Viscount Esher, Past President of the R.I.B.A., who is expected to talk on the restoration of York. Arrangements are being finalised and invitations will be sent out one month before the lecture.

Members will have seen reports in the local press regarding efforts being made by Mr. Robin Brackenbury to save the historic Old Central School in Camp Road which the Council propose to demolish to make way for a new school for the educationally sub-normal. Your Executive Committee agree with Mr. Brackenbury in that they would like to see the octagonal portion of the old building retained in the new school, and indeed wrote to the Council to this effect some time ago, but the Borough Architect's report on the state of the building was such that the Council could not agree with us. The present position is that the Borough Architect has prepared a model of the proposed new school but the Council have deferred further action pending receipt of the views of the Ministry and other bodies whose interest has been aroused. The site is part of a proposed Conservation Area which the Council have submitted for approval under the terms of the Civic Amenities Act.

✓ The model of the new building is now on display in the Lending Department of Wimbledon Library, and we would urge all who are interested in education and in amenities to see the model and make their views known.

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Hon. Secretary