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

Society for maintaining the amenities of Wimbledon.

To All Members:

PROPOSED NEW CONSERVATION AREA. The Annual General Meeting in May gave its approval to a new conservation area, delineated by Mr. R.O. Bridges of the Town Planning Committee, which would cover both sides of the Ridgway and coalesce with the two conservation areas already in existence. The Borough of Merton has agreed to receive a deputation from the Society to discuss the proposal.

MANN EGERTON SITE in the High Street. The Society has lodged with the Borough an objection to the redevelopment of the site as currently proposed by the British Land Company.

The **ANNUAL OUTING**, on this occasion to Althorp, the seat of Earl Spencer, took place successfully on Saturday, 19th June. Undeterred by the extremely discouraging weather of the previous day, nearly 100 persons had a most enjoyable excursion, thanks to Earl Spencer's hospitality, the smoothly-working arrangements made, as ever, by Mr. Shields Forshaw, and the merciful cessation of the rain.

MUSEUM. After very many years of devoted service, Mr. Warren has been forced by ill-health to resign his curatorship, in which he has been succeeded by Mr. Myson. We may here remind members that the museum is open on Saturday 3-5 p.m. and will be represented at the Commons Centenary Celebration referred to below.

HISTORICAL SECTION. The Section meets regularly on the first Friday of the month at 8.15 p.m. at 1 Leopold Avenue, S.W.19. Any member of the Society interested in any aspect or period of Wimbledon's history will be welcome. A previous telephone call to Mr. Parsloe (946-0764) from an intending visitor would be appreciated, as numbers are happily increasing and accommodation is limited.

Meetings are informal discussions of topics raised by members. Many points have arisen from the Commons Centenary; among many others arising from individual interests are 17th century Wimbledon, St. Mary's Church, the well at Well House, air-raids of the last war.

The Section has started tape-recording old residents' memories with a recording of Mr. John Gore, who was born in 1885 at West Side House. We hope the tapes will be preserved at the Museum.

The Section may start to plan further developments in the autumn, such as a co-operative survey of materials for the history of Wimbledon, and a programme of lectures, exhibitions and publications.

Historically-minded members may be interested in the quarterly magazine 'The London Archaeologist' (60p., p.f.). Subscription Secretary, 92 Kingsway, West Wickham, Kent BR4 0JQ.