

MEETING PLACE.

For some years now, we have held our meetings in the old P.O. opposite the City Hall. As this building is required for other purposes, future meetings of the Society will be held in the 'Committee Room' in the City Hall. This is at the top of the second flight of stairs leading off the main corridor. We greatly appreciate the Council making this room available for our meetings.

NOVEMBER MEETING.

At the November meeting we were shown a selection of slides taken during a recent visit to France by Mr. & Mrs Jim Pollet who are members of our Society.

The accent was on Historic Buildings and their preservation. Jim Pollet had some very pertinent comments regarding the problems of preserving historic buildings which apply here also. We thank the Pollets for a most interesting evening.

COMMUNITY DAY.

Despite our intention to do so, the Society was not able to take part in Caulfield's Community Day in the Caulfield Park on December 10th. However, we hope to have a similar display in the Caulfield Library shortly. This will be shown for three weeks, in turn, at each branch in Caulfield.

CAULFIELD CONTACT.

The Caulfield Council's newspaper - 'Caulfield Contact' - is to be issued monthly. (formerly about six-weekly). This should be a much more satisfactory arrangement for everybody.

NEWSLETTERS.

Older members of the Society will remember our printed newsletters which were issued frequently up to 1975. (No. 16 was the last issued). These were published chiefly through the efforts of former Secretary Trevor Hart and ceased only because of his lack of time to give to the project.

It is very good news indeed that Newsletter No. 17 is currently being compiled.

'HALSTEAD' in Bambra Rd.

Halstead, part of which dates back to the 1850's, was recently sold. The new owner wishes to sub-divide the property. (but not demolish the building). This was passed by Council and went to the Historic Buildings Preservation Council for their concurrence. (They are considering placing this building of their register).

Our Society was invited to make a submission on the matter at a hearing held on 8th December. At very short notice, Trevor Hart put a submission to the Council in a very able and convincing manner. We are grateful to Trevor for his effort on behalf of the Society. So far, no decision has been announced.

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

A proposal regarding an increase in the number of meetings held in each year will be put to the next meeting of the Society. If you think that we should meet more than the present five or six times per year, and you will not be at the next meeting, you may care to pass your opinion to the President or Treasurer before the next meeting. With this matter clarified, we hope to issue a fixture list forthwith.

NEXT MEETING

Our first meeting for the year will be an 'OPEN' night on Wednesday, March 21st at 8 pm in the Committee Meeting room. Members are invited to bring along anything of historic interest, or to raise any matter of general interest. We hope to provide a 'cuppa' and to give members the opportunity to fraternise.

NATIONAL TRUST.

The National Trust is conducting a survey of gardens - public and private. Have we any in Caulfield worth recording? Let's have your suggestions.

STOP PRESS. Material urgently needed on Caul Tech Inst. CAN YOU HELP?