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Earl's Court Square Residents' Association

INVITATION

The Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Rifkind QC MP

joins us for

an evening at the Poets' House

21 Earl's Court Square

(By kind permission of Jakob and Teena Stott)

Wednesday, 12th October 2005 from 7pm - 9pm

We are fortunate to be represented in the constituency of Kensington and Chelsea by The Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Rifkind QC MP who is Shadow Secretary of State for Work & Pensions and Welfare Reform. He will speak at about 8pm, and then answer our questions before meeting us informally and drawing the raffle.

Tickets will be sold in advance only through the application form.

The £12 price includes food and wine.

We regret that tickets will be limited. Please apply early.

THE POETS' HOUSE

Formerly the home of The Poetry Society, established in 1909 to encourage poets and poetry, which came to Earls Court Square in 1950 and for 40 years continued its good work here in our midst. In 1993 the Poetry Society moved to Endell Street in Soho. Since 1999 No. 21 has been the family home of Jakob and Teena Stott, to whom we are grateful for this evening's hospitality. Beautifully restored to its original state as a single dwelling house, it is amongst the most handsome in the Square and a heritage treasure.

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The Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Rifkind QC MP
Member of Parliament for Kensington & Chelsea

Sir Malcolm was born in Edinburgh in 1946 and was educated at George Watson's college and Edinburgh University, where he studied law before taking a postgraduate degree in political science. From 1967-69 he lived in Southern Rhodesia. It was while he was in Africa that he met and married his wife Edith whose parents had emigrated there when she was a small child.

On return to Britain, he was called to the Bar and practised as an Advocate until 1979. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1985. From 1970-74 he was a local councillor in Edinburgh and in 1974 he was elected MP for Pentlands and represented that constituency until 1997. In 1979, under Margaret Thatcher, he was appointed a parliamentary Under Secretary of State, first in the Scottish Office and then transferred to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at the time of the Falklands war.

In 1986, as a member of the Cabinet, he was Secretary of State for Scotland and in 1990 became Minister of Transport. In 1992 he was made Secretary of State for Defence and he was Foreign Secretary between 1995-97. He was knighted in 1997 in recognition of his public service. Since 1997 Sir Malcolm has worked in the private sector and has been active in a number of voluntary organisations. He is an honorary colonel in the Territorial Army as well as being a member of the Queen's Bodyguard, the Royal Company of Archers.

In May 2005, he was re-elected as Member of Parliament for Kensington & Chelsea and was appointed Shadow Secretary of State for Work & Pensions and Welfare Reform. He has been active with local residents and voluntary organisations. Malcolm and Edith Rifkind have a daughter, Caroline, and a son, Hugo, both of whom live and work in London.

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During the evening, a raffle will be drawn

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Name: _____

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If you know the name(s) of your guest(s) it would be helpful if you would supply them now:

Cut out and return this form to:
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