

THE BRENTHAM SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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OUR JULY MEETING

The meeting held on 21st July at the Methodist Church Hall was attended by about 80 members. A number of issues were discussed and the meeting agreed on the following recommendations:

- a) that the experimental, partial closure of Brunswick Road was a continuing benefit to the estate, and that even re-opening the road to private cars should be avoided;
- b) that meetings of the Society should for the time being be held at the Brentham Club, subject to availability of the hall;
- c) that the Brentham Newsletter should continue to be circulated to all houses on the estate.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Society now stands at over 150 households, of whom twenty joined at the July meeting. For new members a subscription of only two shillings is now being charged, since the Society is due to start its first full year on 1st October. From that date the Committee proposes that the annual subscription should be six shillings per household.

Associate membership (see Newsletter No.2): it should be made clear that the proposal to admit associate members is subject to approval of the Society's constitution by the Annual General Meeting. It is not proposed that associate members should have the right to vote at meetings.

HELPERS

Thanks are due to those members who volunteered at the last meeting to give help with refreshments, etc. However, when meetings are held at the Brentham Club this help will not be needed since facilities for refreshments are usually available. The Committee would still welcome offers of assistance in preparing the hall on the evenings of meetings.

We should also like to express our gratitude to the volunteers who have undertaken the distribution of the Newsletter. It would be useful to know of others who might be prepared to take over this duty for their road, in case of emergency or when extra help is needed.

Another need is for help with typing. The Committee would be glad to hear of anyone who has a reliable typewriter at home and who could help with the typing of letters, material for the Newsletter, etc. from time to time.

EALING TOWN CENTRE PLAN

A subject of topical discussion in the Borough is the plan to re-develop the centre of Ealing. Proposals put forward by the Borough Council are causing a good deal of opposition and concern, and the Civic Society has recently presented an imaginative, and very practical, alternative. We have arranged to hold a meeting for all interested residents on 30th September, when our Secretary, Mr. Higgins, will explain the various proposals and show slides illustrating the alternative schemes.

Brentham School -- Brunswick Road -- Relationship with
Brentham Club -- Venue of meetings -- Autumn programme

SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

The results of the questionnaire circulated to all residents with our last Newsletter are as follows:

A total of 105 replies was received and these confirmed the interim results announced at the July meeting. The views of 74 residents were represented by statement (b) - 'I am not necessarily against a school but feel that great care should be taken not to reduce the amenity of the neighbourhood'; statement (a) - 'I am against a school on any part of the site' - was favoured by 24 residents. Additional comments and suggestions were made by 66 residents, the most frequent being opposition to any demolition of houses on the estate.

All this information will be forwarded to the Borough Council as evidence of the keen interest of residents in the planning aspects of any proposals affecting the estate. Thank you all for your co-operation.

THREE TIER EDUCATION

In view of the controversy surrounding the whole question of introducing a three-tier system of education in the borough, the next meeting of the Society on September 9th will be devoted to this subjects. Our speaker from the borough Education Department will explain the proposed three-tier scheme, and ample time will be given for questions. All interested residents are invited.

TRADE DISCOUNTS

The Committee is negotiating with a number of shops, both in Pitshanger Lane and in central Ealing, who may be willing to grant discounts to Brentham Society members. Six shops have already responded favourably, and when a complete list has been drawn up it will be distributed to members. It is anticipated that discounts will be granted for cash purchases only of £1 and upwards and will not apply to sale items or special offers; nor will discounts be available for repairs, servicing, or rental payments.

ANYTHING TO DECLARE?

The Committee feels that the Newsletter could offer a useful service to residents by offering space (at the editors' discretion) for 'small ads' or announcements for which publicity is desired. A maximum of three lines for any one item is proposed and to help meet our production costs a small charge will be made of one shilling per line for Society members and 1s.6d. for non-members (box no. 6d. extra). Please write clearly and do not abbreviate words. All items must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender (not necessarily for publication).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The first Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday, 21st October, and full details will be given in our next Newsletter. The agenda will include the election of the first full Committee of the Society and adoption of the Constitution. A draft constitution will be circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, 9th September: THREE TIER EDUCATION

Speaker: Mr. R.J. Hartles, B.Sc. (Eng.)
Acting Chief Education Officer, Ealing

Wednesday, 30th September: EALING TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

Talk by Mr. C.G. Higgins illustrated with slides

Both meetings at 8 p.m. at the Brentham Club, Meadvale Road. All residents welcome

For Your Diary: Wednesday, 21st October. AGM (members only).