

THE BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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MEETINGS

Our last public meeting took place on 2nd December last, when Mr. Brian Norcliffe spoke on the problems of the small garden. Mr. Norcliffe, who is himself a landscape gardener, gave a most interesting talk which was followed by many questions. About forty people attended the meeting and several have since said how much they enjoyed it.

Future Meetings: It is planned to hold public meetings of the Society regularly in future on the last Wednesday of each month, with the exception of August and December, at the Brentham Club (subject to accommodation being available). Since many people seemed to prefer the more intimate atmosphere of the December meeting which was held in the front lounge instead of the large hall, we hope to obtain the use of this room at the Club for future meetings. The next two meetings will be held on Wednesdays, 27th January and 24th February (see announcement overleaf).

EALING CIVIC SOCIETY

The Committee have decided to affiliate the Brentham Society to the Ealing Civic Society. The Civic Society has been prominently in the news lately due to its efforts to obtain a revision of the Ealing Town Centre Development proposals, but it is also continually concerned with maintaining environmental standards in Ealing generally and has assisted this Society on a number of occasions. Two members of our Committee, Mr. Scanlan and Mr. Hicks, are on the Executive Committee of the Civic Society.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BRENTHAM CLUB

As reported in the local press last December, Ealing Council has rejected a third application by the Brentham Club to build an indoor bowling green adjacent to the present building, with additional car-parking facilities. The main reasons given for refusing the application were that such a development would generate a considerable amount of extra traffic through the estate and that the design and scale of the proposed building would be 'unneighbourly' to adjoining properties in Meadvale Road.

VISIT TO HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB

The Committee has accepted an invitation to visit the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association later this month. As those who have read the history of our estate will know, the two suburbs had much in common in their early days and we think this visit should be very instructive. Amongst other things, we hope it may lead to arrangements for a larger party of Brentham residents to visit Hampstead during the Spring or Summer. Several members have already expressed interest in such an outing. Look out for more details in future Newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP

Committee members who have been knocking on doors to collect subscriptions for 1970/71 have been delighted to meet with such a friendly reception and gratified by the kind remarks about our activities so far. Already membership has climbed above the 1970 total of 150 households and is moving towards the 200 mark. Many householders have not yet been called on and others were out when we called, so if you have not already joined for this year, please fill in the form at the foot of this page without further delay. To those who are already members, don't forget to take your 'Brentham Card' and claim your discount when doing your local shopping. (See Newsletter No. 5 for list of shops in this scheme.)

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

One of our declared aims last year was to try and provide a cheaper means of house repair and decoration by arranging for work to be done jointly on a number of houses by the same firm; the houses would not necessarily have to be adjacent to each other. Each householder would deal directly with the firm concerned regarding their own needs, choice of colour schemes, etc. All you would have to do to benefit from the scheme is to obtain a quotation for the work through the Society. Martin Jiggins, 43 Ludlow Road (998 2641) will be glad to hear from anyone interested; also to have recommendations for plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc., which you may be able to give from personal experience. We shall then be able to give a useful service to members seeking craftsmen in these trades.

HOW TO CUT YOUR HEDGE WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

Although it may seem unseasonable to think about hedge-cutting in the middle of January, we are anxious to organise a service for those who need it before the Spring onslaught begins. As mentioned in Newsletter No. 5, a resident on the estate is willing to undertake this job on a regular basis, but before we can negotiate terms we must have some idea of the total numbers involved. So far we have only eight names. A resident who would be interested in such a scheme should give his name to Brian Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent (997 1056). There is no obligation at this stage.

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOUR

We think there may be a number of older residents who would like to attend our meetings but who find the journey to the Brentham Club rather difficult, especially in winter. If any of your near neighbours are in this position, have you thought of offering them a lift, or simply accompanying them? It might make all the difference. The Committee will be very glad to have suggestions as to how further help might be given to residents in this sort of situation. A member of the Committee is representing the Society at an area meeting this month to discuss help for the elderly in the Borough as a whole.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 27th January: "THE WORKING OF A LOCAL NEWSPAPER"
A talk by Mr. W.A. Goddard, Assistant Editor, Middlesex County Times at 8. p.m. at the Brentham Club, Meadvale Road. All residents welcome.

For your diary:

Wednesday, 24th February: Record Recital presented by Mr. A.J. Skinner. Details to be announced.

I would like to support the Brentham Society and enclose 6s. (per household) Membership Fee for 1970/71.