

# THE BRENTHAM SOCIETY

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## PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL

It has now been confirmed that the plans for a "three-tier" system of education in Ealing has been abandoned by the new Council and therefore the "middle school" project will not go forward (See Newsletter No. 9). Your committee has now written to the acting Director of Education recommending that the present Montpelier School be expanded to provide more primary school places. The Council's plans for secondary education are not yet known.

## MEETINGS

The film show held on 26th May provided a variety of entertainment and information which, judging by the applause, was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. Brian Fallon for obtaining these films on loan at no cost to the Society; to Mr. N. Howard who gave his professional services as projectionist; and to the Council who provided the projector.

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 30th JUNE, 8 p.m. at the Brentham Club

Brian Sear, chairman of Ealing Arts Council will talk on the function of the arts in local life.

Ealing Arts Council co-ordinates the activities of cultural societies in the Borough and is well known for its periodic publication of a guide to events in Ealing. We hope that this meeting can be used as an opportunity for all of us to discuss what we should like to see in cultural and social life not only in the Borough but in ~~the~~ *the Estate* ~~the Estate~~. We should specially welcome younger members and residents on this occasion for an exchange of views. As Brentham has a good social history and was a very lively community in the past, it would be a pity to see it become a mere dormitory suburb. Our proposals for future events outlined below may provide a starting-point for this discussion.

## FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday, 21st July: OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

A speaker from the Education Department will describe the courses available in Ealing and give news of programmes for the autumn and winter sessions. Is there any demand for classes to be organised on the estate? We shall be glad to hear your views.

Our Seventieth Birthday: Did you know that 1971 marks the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the Brentham Estate by Ealing Tenants Ltd.? The Committee will welcome suggestions on a suitable commemoration. We are already considering the possibility of holding a fete and/or exhibition in the late summer.

Advance Notice: We have a promise from Professor Sir Nikolaus Pevener, CBE to address a meeting in Ealing sponsored by the Brentham Society in early December. Full details later. This is a great honour for the Society and we hope to make it a big occasion.

## EALING WALKS

Brentham is again being included by the Civic Society in its Ealing walks this year. The Conservation Area walks held last year proved popular and enjoyable, so a further series of walks has been arranged at 7.30 p.m. on four Tuesdays starting from 29th June. The Brentham walk will be the second, the others being Ealing Green, a Canal walk and Bedford Park. Numbers at such walks are difficult to predict, but visitors were welcome last year - particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, R.A. Woollett at 133 Dormers Wells Lane, Southall or from Clive Hicks 72 Brentham Way.

## WINDOW SHOPPING

As mentioned in Newsletter No. 9 the Committee has looked into the possibilities of replacing our traditional window-frames as they wear out and estimates have been received from two firms of joiners who are willing to provide new frames to the right specification. Estimates are in the region of £1.50 per sq.foot of window and this will include glass. May we urge new residents in particular to think twice before installing "picture windows" which are quite inappropriate to the design of our Brentham houses? Your Committee feels strongly that the traditional, small-pane windows are an integral feature of the estate and if the present rate of loss continues Brentham will soon look just like any other characterless suburb. So if you have any problems with your existing windows may we suggest that you consult Martin Jiggins, 43 Ludlow Road (998 2641) before you carry out any changes, and he will put you in touch with the joiners who can replace your present windows if necessary.

## GARDEN CAR-PARKS

The early summer seems to be a popular time for moving house and may we again appeal to new residents on another point? We would assume that people are attracted to this area and feel they would like to live on the estate because of the individual character of the houses, attractive gardens and leafy roads. Unfortunately this effect is to some extent being eroded by the increasing practice among car-owners of paving over the front garden and using it as a car space. We are all aware of the parking problem in London streets, and the shortage of garages on the estate is rapidly approaching crisis point. What are the alternatives? Street parking? More access roads such as that between Ludlow and Denison roads? Use of allotment land? A petition to the Council to provide garages or car-parks? Constructive suggestions for solving this problem will be welcomed by the Committee.

## A CLUB FOR THE ELDERLY

The Committee feels that one of the concerns of the Brentham Society should be for the welfare of our older residents, and we are now represented on the Greenford Voluntary Committee for the Elderly. We have already helped in organising the Alexandra Rose Day collection, from which 80% of the proceeds will go to the Greenford committee. We should like to make known to retirement pensioners on the estate that the possibility exists of providing a "luncheon club" where hot meals may be obtained at a moderate cost every weekday. This scheme comes under our local authority welfare services and any pensioner is entitled to join the club. We need a minimum attendance of eight people in order to organise the service. It would be helpful to the Committee if we could have some idea of the demand for this facility on the estate. If you would like to join a luncheon club, or know of an elderly person to whom it would be helpful, please notify Tony Oliver, 48 Denison Road (997 7523).

## STOP PRESS: URGENT! MAYOR'S APPEAL FOR INDIA-PAKISTAN RELIEF

In response to the Mayor of Ealing's appeal for a house-to-house collection to aid the suffering people of East and West Bengal, your Committee has undertaken to organise the collection on the Brentham Estate. We are enclosing an envelope with this Newsletter, to be delivered to every household. All these envelopes must be collected before July 7th. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help with this collection - please give your name to Mrs. Aarons, 8 Winscombe Crescent (997 7961) if you can be responsible for a road or a block of houses. We have 700 houses to cover and time is limited. Nobody can remain unaware of the tragedy of the refugees. Please give generously, and please help us to send our donations to the Mayor's appeal as speedily as possible. Thank you all.