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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Brentham Club, Meadvale Road on Wednesday 20th October at 8 p.m. Nominations for Committee Members should be received by the Secretary, Mr. A. Scanlan, not later than one week before the AGM. All members of the present committee are standing for re-election. In order to shorten the routine proceedings the annual report and treasurer's report will be circulated to members in written form prior to the meeting.

The formal meeting will be followed by a Slide Show illustrating the Brentham Estate and related housing developments. We shall again show some of the most interesting slides of the Estate, from its construction to the present day, together with new photographs not previously seen. These include views of the Estate from the air, taken during the first world war, other early scenes, and pictures of similar estates in Liverpool, Stoke-on-Trent and near Chester.

MEMBERSHIP

May we remind members that subscriptions for 1971-2 (30p) are due in October. These may be paid to any committee member or handed in at the AGM, and a form for the purpose is attached to this Newsletter. Please renew your subscription promptly - or join the Society now if you have not previously been a member.

BRENTHAM GREEN

Work on Brentham Green (as we are now starting to call it) in Meadvale Road has proceeded through the summer, and the post-and-chain fence is now complete and painted. Two benches will shortly be installed, together with paving and waste bins. Maintenance of the grass and flower-bed remains a problem, but the Society is trying to arrange for this to be carried out by the Council.

It has been gratifying to those working on the site to receive compliments from passers-by and we are all rather pleased with the improvement. But only comparatively few people have been involved - what a transformation we could make to our neighbourhood if we really set about it! Have we lost the knack of working as a community and forgotten what can be achieved - and what pleasure gained - by a common effort?

HOLYOAKE WALK

The Society has forwarded to the Town Clerk a petition, which was organised by local residents, for an improvement of the footpath from Pitshanger Lane to Holyoake Walk. When the matter was previously raised, we were told that finance was not available for the purpose in the current year.

BRENTHAM CLUB

Residents will already know of the opposition of the Society to the Town Planning application by the Brentham Club for the erection of an indoor bowling green. As in the case of previous applications, we regret the necessity of opposing the plans of the Club, which is the only other organised group on the Estate. We trust that the matter will be considered finally settled with this application.

There are several alternative possibilities for the development of the Brentham Club which the present committee of the Society would welcome as being of benefit to the Estate, and we hope that the Club will explore these in due course.

CHEAP FARES FOR THE ELDERLY

Most retirement pensioners are probably aware that Ealing Council recently introduced a scheme of reduced fares on London Transport red buses in off-peak hours, for men of 65 and over and women of 60 and over. To obtain the concession - which means paying fares at the children's rate - a £1 permit must be purchased, which lasts from April to April. So if you apply in October, the cost until next April will be 50p. (Those in receipt of a supplementary pension or a rate rebate do not have to pay for the permit). Application forms may be obtained from the Town Hall, and the Society has received a small quantity, together with explanatory leaflets for local distribution (obtainable from Miss M. Tims, 137 Fowlers Walk).

Luncheon Club: As mentioned in Newsletter No. 10, the Committee is looking into the possibility of forming a "luncheon club" for elderly residents. The response so far received suggests that such a club would be welcomed and well supported. A local church has expressed interest in the scheme and we are now discussing the practical arrangements. We hope to have some definite information by the time of our AGM.

MEETINGS

As a result of our June meeting, when Mr. G. Harper spoke on the work of the Ealing Arts Council, the Committee has recommended that the Brentham Society should affiliate to the Arts Council. This means that our meetings will be included in the "Diary of Local Events" and our activities reported in the EAC Newsletter. We shall also hope to pass on information to our own members about coming events in the Borough.

In July we heard a talk about adult education facilities in Ealing by Mr. Ray Holt and some of those present were no doubt inspired to enrol in one or more of the 600 classes which are now starting their autumn sessions - if you have not yet enrolled it is probably too late, since many of the most popular classes fill up very quickly, but details of courses are available at the Public Library.

For your Diary: Tuesday, 14th December - 8 p.m.

PROFESSOR SIR NIKOLAUS PEVSNER, CBE on "William Morris". Professor Pevsner is the distinguished art and architectural historian who is perhaps best known for his series The Buildings of England (Penguin Books), a unique guide which will eventually cover every English county. He is also the author of An Outline of European Architecture and Pioneers of Modern Design, and he has a special interest in the "garden suburb" movement. We are most grateful to him for agreeing to speak to our Society. This meeting will take place at Ealing Town Hall. Full details later.

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I would like to support the Brentham Society and enclose 30p (6s.) (Per household) Membership Fee for 1971/2.

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