

THE BRENTHAM SOCIETY

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The large attendance at our AGM, held on 20th October, was most encouraging and we were very glad to welcome a number of new residents at this meeting. Future activities were discussed and the general feeling was that social events rather than formal meetings would be welcomed; the Committee will bear this in mind in drawing up the programme for the coming year.

The slide show which followed the business meeting was, as usual, a popular attraction. It was particularly interesting on this occasion to be shown examples of other estates in which the Brentham influence could be seen. It was also gratifying to be told by our Chairman - who has visited these estates in various parts of the country - that Brentham compares very favourably, both in design and upkeep, with most of the others.

Our grateful thanks are due to Father Hetherington for making the St. Barnabus Church Hall available for the AGM at very short notice.

RE-ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

As no new nominations were received, the serving Committee was re-elected en bloc. They are:

Mrs. Mauroon Aarons	8 Winscombe Cres.	Mr. Tony Oliver	48 Donison Road
Mr. Colin Dix	7 Ludlow Road	Mrs. Stefanie Poulain	6 Noville Road
Mr. Brian Fallon	12 Winscombe Cres.	Mr. Tony Scanlan	3 Winscombe Cres.
Mr. Clive Hicks	72 Brentham Way	Miss Margaret Tims	137 Fowlers Walk
Mr. Martin Jiggins	1 Winscombe Cres.		

MEMBERSHIP

A good start was made at the AGM, when nearly one hundred members joined or re-joined the Society, but we still have a long way to go to reach our target of at least 300 households in membership this year. Our financial year runs from 1st October to 30th September and the subscription is only 30p per household.

If you have not already joined, all you need to do is fill in the form at the foot of this Newsletter and leave it with any Committee Member or with one of the following distributors who have kindly agreed to act as post-boxes:-

Miss Anthea Grubb	5 Meadvale Road
Mr. J. Robertson	41 Woodfield Avenue
Mrs. M. Miles	34 Holyoake Walk

A Committee Member will then call to collect your subscription and give you a membership card.

SHOPPING DISCOUNTS-

We should like to remind old members, and inform new ones, that discounts are available to members at a number of local shops. A revised list is being prepared and will be distributed with the next Newsletter.

NOTELETS

Our remaining stock of the popular Brentham notelets sold out at the AGM. They are now being reprinted and will shortly be available again at the same price: 8 notelets with envelopes for 10p, obtainable from any Committee member.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 14th December:

PUBLIC LECTURE

8 p.m. in the Queen's Hall, Ealing Town Hall.

Professor Sir Nikolaus Pevsner
on - WILLIAM MORRIS
Designer and Social Reformer

In his talk, which will be illustrated with slides, Professor Pevsner will discuss Morris's belief that an ugly society produces ugly design; and ugly design reflects an ugly society. So aesthetics must be the handmaiden of social reform; and reform must be concerned with beauty as well as justice. This concept inspired the first "garden city" planners and was certainly in the minds of the founders of the Brertham Estate. The subject is therefore a most suitable one for our first public meeting for a wider audience, and we are fortunate to have Professor Pevsner with his unique knowledge of the history of art, architecture and design, to expound it to us.

Seat Reservation: This is a free, public meeting but a number of seats will be reserved for Society members who will be issued with admission tickets. Please give your name to a Committee member, if possible by 1st December, if you wish to reserve a seat. Unreserved seats will of course be available on the night, but priority will be given to ticket-holding members.

Transport: A limited number of car seats will be available for members who might otherwise have difficulty in getting to the meeting. If you would like a lift to and from the Town Hall please give your name to a Committee member not later than 7th December. We shall also be grateful to hear from any car owners who can offer a spare seat.

NOTES ABOUT THE ESTATE

We think this is perhaps an appropriate moment to circulate with the Newsletter some "background notes" on the history and development of the Brertham Garden Estate. Whilst these notes have been drawn up mainly for the benefit of newer residents, we hope they may serve to remind all of us that we have here a "horitage" that is well worth preserving - and may all too easily be lost. The price of conservation - like freedom - is eternal vigilance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday, 20th December: Carol Singing - all welcome to join in. Any money collected will be given to charity, but we are mainly coming together to sing for pleasure. Time and place will be announced later.

Monday, 3rd January: Members Wine & Cheese Party - tickets 30p single, 50p double. Please give names to Colin Dix. We should like to have some idea of numbers by 1st December, so as to arrange suitable accommodation.

I would like to support the Brertham Society by becoming a member for 1971 - 1972.
(Membership Fee 30p for household)

NAME ADDRESS