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SOCIAL SERVICES IN EALING

In accordance with the recommendations of the Seeborn Report, the borough's social services department is being decentralised in order to provide easier access to the services available. Four area offices have now been opened to serve the Ealing, Acton, Greenford and Southall districts. For those living in W5 and W13 the area office is: 26 Castlebar Road, W5 2DP (corner of Blakesley Avenue). Hours 8.45 a.m. to 5.15 p.m. Monday to Friday, tel. 997 3391.

Since many people are unaware - until an emergency hits them - of the services which can be called on, these are briefly listed:-

For the elderly - meals on wheels; home helps; lunch clubs; day centres; cheap holidays; residential homes.

For children - foster care; adoption; day nurseries; pre-school play-groups; juvenile courts.

For the physically or mentally handicapped - work centres; hostels; training centres; home aids.

For the homeless - help with temporary accommodation.

VIEW FROM HAMPSTEAD

'The design of the Suburb ... lays emphasis on the pictorial effect of the whole street. Its beauty lies in harmonious visual compositions, in groupings in which individual houses merge in a larger unity, in the scale of these groupings and the different sense of place which each of them conveys as opposed to rows of anonymous houses.'

Not a comment on Brentham, but an extract from the 1972 report of Hampstead Garden Suburb. The writer describes the many ways by which to ensure that new work in a conservation area may fit naturally into its surroundings and harmonise with the old, for instance - careful matching of tiles and brickwork; co-operation in painting adjoining houses so as not to leave a lopsided gable or arch; retaining existing proportions in windows; keeping hedges or other green growth as the natural garden boundary.

THOSE MAGNIFICENT MEN

Our efforts to initiate community activities in Brentham have so far received limited support, but we are now planning another excursion, this time a visit by coach to the Shuttleworth Collection. No, this is not an exhibition of paintings or furniture, but of vintage aeroplanes and motor vehicles. The display is at The Aerodrome, Old Warden, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, and we plan to go there on Saturday, 30th September.

We have chosen this particular date because on that day the aircraft will be flying, unlike most weekends when the exhibition is static. Admission is 50p for an adult, 25p for a child (children under five free).

This is a relatively short coach ride and provided we can fill all the seats the cost of travel should not be more than 75p return. The coach will leave Brentham at 1 p.m., returning in the late afternoon. Names please to Brian Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent (997 1056) as soon as possible and not later than Friday, 15th September.

MORE CONSERVATION

At risk of becoming a bore on the subject, may we draw attention to some wider aspects of conservation in relation to that other overworked phrase, "the environment". Though we may get tired of hearing about them, most people would agree that the issues of population, resources, pollution, and economic growth are vital to our future survival.

The Conservation Society is a national body which studies these problems and makes policy recommendations. A branch has recently been formed in Ealing and we have invited the secretary to speak to our own Society in the autumn (details below).

Members may also be interested to know that a W.E.A. course of 24 lectures on "Man and Environment - Ecology and Conservation" will start on 28th September at the Methodist Church Hall, Windsor Road, W.5. Fee: £2.30. Further details from Miss Lines, 1 Highcliffe, Cleverlands, W.13., or descriptive leaflet available from Miss Tims, 137 Fowlers Walk.

MISCELLANY

Best-kept Garden: The second judging takes place in September, and the Brentham Horticultural Society informs us that the standards will be those of the Royal Horticultural Society (one of whose judges will make an inspection).

Smoking Bonfires: A less happy side-effect of enthusiastic gardening is the disposal of rubbish. Complaints are constantly being received, so please be considerate of your neighbours and light your fires only after dusk and well away from other people's doors and windows. Fires should always be stamped out at night.

Rubbish Disposal: Our more durable household "rubbish" may defy the most ardent arsonist. Did you know that unwanted furniture, household equipment, old bicycles etc. can be dumped without charge at the GLC Refuse Reception Depot in Greenford Road? It is open Monday to Friday, 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Saturday, 8.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Tel. 578 3615.

Brentham Green: A third seat has now been installed on the green in Meadvale Road, and we are pleased to report that the borough council has officially sanctioned the name of Brentham Green for this site.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 10th October: Mr. Ian Mutton of the Conservation Society will speak on "Protecting the Environment".

8 p.m. at St. Barnabus Church Hall, Pitshanger Lane.
All welcome.

Is there a lady living on the estate who would like to look after a three-year old ~~boy~~ in his own home at the following times? Terms by arrangement.

Monday, ^{boy}Tuesday, Wednesday: 12.00 to 1.30 p.m.

Thursday and Friday: 9.30 to 1.30 p.m.

Please apply to Dr. Tholma Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent (997 1056).