

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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Newsletter Editor:
Miss M. Tims,
137 Fowlers Walk.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 1973 ARE NOW DUE: IF YOU DID NOT REVIEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT THE AGM IN NOVEMBER PLEASE DO SO NOW: IF YOU HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN A MEMBER PLEASE JOIN US: WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL RESIDENTS: KINDLY COMPLETE THE FORM OVERLEAF AND HAND IT TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OR TO YOUR NEAREST COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Mrs. Christine Dix	49 Meadvale Road
Brian Fallon	12 Winscombe Crescent
Clive Hicks	72 Brentham Way

Mrs. Dix has kindly consented to act as Treasurer for 1973 and has been co-opted on to the Committee.

SOCIETY'S FUNDS

We have deliberately kept the membership fee at a very low figure (30p per year) so that nobody will be excluded for financial reasons. But we hope those who can afford to give a little more will regard the subscription as a minimum rather than a maximum. Our funds have been badly depleted recently owing to the following extra items of expenditure:

1. Supplying 18 Christmas parcels to some of the most elderly residents. Appreciative messages have come from recipients and we feel sure members will endorse this annual outlay. One generous donation towards the cost has already been received and is gratefully acknowledged.
2. Payment of legal fees for transfer of Brentham Green from the Bradford Property Trust to Ealing Borough Council. It was agreed by all parties that the Society would meet this charge; the site has been made available free by the BPT and the Green will henceforth be maintained by the Borough Parks Department.
3. Purchase of a secondhand duplicating machine. This is essential if we are to continue our regular Newsletters and other circulars when necessary.
4. Wine & Cheese Party. This very enjoyable evening ended up temporarily "in the red" as unfortunately those responsible failed to collect the money from all who attended. If you did not pay on the night, please settle with the Treasurer (35p single, 60p double.)

NEXT MEETING

Friday, 16th February:
8 PM.

"GARDENING IN BRENTHAM"
by J.R. Barralet, F.R.H.S.

Mr. Barralet has kindly invited the Society to visit the new indoor garden centre in Pitchanger Lane for this meeting. Refreshments provided too! The talk will be followed by questions and discussion. Now is the time to plan your garden for next summer: don't miss this opportunity for some expert advice. To facilitate catering, it would be helpful to have some idea of numbers. Please give names in advance if possible (by Wednesday 14th February) to Brian Fallon (997 1056) - but come anyway.

WHO CARES?

Not enough people in Ealing, it seems, to fill the Nelson Room at the Town Hall where our public meeting took place on 12th December. Nevertheless, those who made the effort to come were stimulated to fresh thought and action by Mr. Stacey's

wide-ranging work which dealt with problems of deprivation both in our own community and in the wider world. The Director of Social Services said that the available resources are inadequate to the needs in all sections of the welfare services in Ealing. Some 200 voluntary workers are helping out the overworked professional staff and more volunteers could be used as visitors, car-drivers, etc.

This point was taken up in a leading article in the Middlesex County Times, arising out of the lecture, which suggested that lists of "volunteer vacancies" should be issued by the social services department; the paper would gladly publish these.

HELPING THE ELDERLY

Meanwhile, the Society has been asked by the Ealing Central Old People's Welfare Committee whether any members would be willing to visit residents in the council's old people's homes. Many old people without relatives never have a visitor, and the service can be rewarding for both sides. If you would like to help in this way, please get in touch in the first instance with Mrs. Miles 34 Holyoake Walk, 997 4311.

The Committee also feels that some of our own elderly residents might be glad to have a visitor from time to time, or to be put in touch with someone they can call on in an emergency. We should like to build up a "register", quite informally, both of those residents who wish to be visited and of those who would serve as contacts when needed. Please give names to Mrs. Miles.

BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

The luncheon club for retirement pensioners is now in full swing at the Brentham Club, Sandvate Road. Favourable reports have been received from "consumers" and the accommodation is rapidly filling up. As previously stated, lunches cost 7½p a day and there is a membership subscription of 3p a month. For the time being priority is being given to the "over-eighties" on a full-time basis (Monday to Friday), but others may still join for fewer days in the week. New members may enrol at the Club any weekday at about 12.30 p.m.; pension books must be shown.

Voluntary helpers are still needed between 11.45 and 1.45 for serving lunches, washing up etc. If you would like to help, one or more days a week, please get in touch with Mrs. Turner, 92 Pitchenger Lane (997 7143).

A local shop has kindly donated 17lbs. of tinned meat to the club.

ACTION PLEASE!

Ealing Council is now issuing for the general public printed postcards on which any defective service may be immediately reported by posting the card (reply pre-paid; no stamp needed) to the Technical Services Group at the Town Hall. Examples of matters that may require attention are street lamps, traffic lights, paving stones, abandoned cars, etc. The Society has a supply of these postcards, which may be obtained from Colin Dix, Brian Fallon or Clive Hicks.

FOR SALE

Modern teak "mini home office" desk: 32½" long x 21" deep x 44" high - to view ring 997 8391 after 6 p.m.

WANTED

Has anyone an unwanted radio, mains or transistor? This would be much appreciated by an elderly resident with failing eyesight who is no longer able to read - please ring 997 7401 if you can offer a set (after 7 p.m.).

If anyone has a fairly small meshed fireguard which they would be prepared to sell, please contact Mr. Elwens, 22 Neville Road, 998 6205.

I should like to become a member of the Brentham Society and enclose 30p Membership fee for 1973

NAME ADDRESS

February 1973

To: The Owner/Occupier.

Brentham Garden Estate-Conservation Area
Indoor Bowling Centre - Appeal by
Brentham Club Ltd., Meadvale Road, W.5.

Most of you will have realized how extremely important it is that you respond to the letter you have received from our Town Clerk: Mr.Coomber.

Brentham people have accepted the challenge magnificently on earlier occasions by rejecting the four applications, three of which were refused by a Conservative Council, and the fourth by our present Labour Council.

No doubt you will again pay your respect to the wonderful men who brought Brentham into being by asking the Inspector from The Department for the Environment that our homely little village be spared the devastating effect of yet more traffic with its noise and fumes.

The proposed indoor bowling centre must by nature of the cost of such a specialized building, and because of the perpetual maintenance necessary, be a commercial undertaking in what is apart from Brentham Club Ltd. a wholly residential area. It would almost certainly be open twelve to fourteen hours a day seven days a week, and both players and the hundreds of spectators who could be accommodated would have immediate access to the bars.

Traffic arrangements in and around Brentham are under review. Even purely local traffic must soon be shared. If you live in a road which is at present quiet, don't be lulled into a sense of

FALSE SECURITY

You are privileged to live in a charming and historical area built by famous architects. Your Borough Council has generously advised you. Now it is up to YOU.

If you have not already written, write now, or complete the attached slip and post it quickly. If this thing should get through, the law is so arranged that

YOU HAVE NO APPEAL

This notice has been prepared and distributed by Mrs. Edith Harris
and associates. (14 Neville Road)

To:- The Inspector,
C/o The Town Clerk,
REF: K/DH/ES/5514
Town Hall,
New Broadway,
Ealing, London, W5 2BY.

Name: _____

Address: _____

I object to the proposed indoor bowling centre on the grounds that it would be entirely incompatible with the neighbourhood in which it is sited.

FURTHER COMMENTS (if any)

Signed: _____