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COUNCIL VISIT

Your Committee were pleased to co-operate in planning a guided tour of the estate for the chairman of the council's Town Planning Committee, Alderman Dr. Ivor Williams, and other councillors, on 8th August. This was the second in a series of "walkabouts" in Ealing's conservation areas, initiated by Dr. Williams as a means of familiarising councillors with the essential character of these areas. On this occasion, each of the visitors was provided with some background notes on the founding and development of the Brentham Estate and the tour was conducted chronologically showing the varying styles of housing. Attention was drawn to the allotment site which is being considered for housing development by the Council, with a consequent threat to existing houses in Neville Road. It was evident that there was a greater appreciation of local objections after the site had been inspected. Altogether this was felt to be a very useful exercise.

Committee members have also visited other conservation areas on similar tours, and as a result have been in touch with the Hanger Hill Residents' Association. It is hoped to arrange an exchange of speakers with this society at a future meeting.

NO BOWLING GREEN

As reported in the local press on 31st August, the Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, has rejected the application by the Brentham Club to build an indoor bowling green, thus upholding the decision of the Ealing Council that this development was not appropriate in a conservation area. No further appeal can be made by the Club against this decision.

In his report on the public enquiry held last March, the Ministry's Inspector described the Brentham Estate as "a unique residential area, the special character of which should be safeguarded". He pointed out that there was already too much street parking of residents' cars, due to a shortage of garages, and any extraneous traffic in the area would worsen the problem.

BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

The jumble sale held in June raised the excellent total of £60. The organisers wish to express warm thanks to the many residents who responded so generously to our appeal for goods and contributed to the success of the occasion.

Voluntary Helpers: A few more helpers are needed to attend between 11.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Can you give this service on one or more days a week? Duties are mainly serving meals, clearing away and washing up; lunch is provided for helpers. Please give names to Mrs. Smith, 53 Ludlow Road (997 2378).

FUTURE MEETINGS

Sunday, 30th September: THAMES VALLEY OUTING. A coach will leave Brentham Green at 2.00 p.m. on this Sunday afternoon for a drive to the river at Henley. Bring your own picnic tea. We expect to return at about 6.00 p.m. Cost is 50p per person. Names to Brian Fallon (997 1056) by Monday, 24th September.

Monday, 8th October: "SOME OF EALING'S PEOPLE". 8 p.m. St. Barnabas Church Hall.

This interesting recital is to be given by the wellknown local amateur dramatic group, St. Peter's Players, and was originally presented as part of the Festival of London 1972. The programme consists of flashbacks to life, culture and employment in Ealing from the early eighteenth century onwards. Did you know how many notable people lived in our borough? - novelists Henry Fielding and William Thackeray; politicians Spencer Perceval and Spencer Walpole; W.D. Gilbert (of "Gilbert and Sullivan) and the murderer William Corder of Red Barn fame. These are just a few of the fascinating glimpses into history to be recreated from local archives and biographies by this talented group of players. Admission by programme, all seats 25p; pensioners and schoolchildren 10p. On sale at Mrs. Miles 34 Holyoake Walk; Mrs. Poulain 6 Neville Road; or Mrs. Scanlan 3 Winscombe Crescent. To ensure a good seat it is advisable to come early!

Tuesday, 30th October: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Details later, but please book the date now.

Committee: we regret that Colin Dix will be resigning at the end of the month due to pressure of other commitments. Nominations are invited and an election will be held at the AGM. Please give names to the chairman, Brian Fallon (997 1056), 12 Winscombe Crescent.

BRUNSWICK ROAD TRAFFIC

A meeting of the Brunswick/Residents' Association was recently held to discuss proposals for combatting the excessive through traffic from the west of Brentham to Hanger Lane and a representative from the Society attended. Two separate schemes were adopted as being acceptable and these will be publicly discussed at a meeting to be held in St. Barnabas Church Hall in Hanger Lane on 2nd October at 8.00 p.m. This subject is of great interest to the majority living in the area and should be well supported.

COMING ATTRACTION.....

Filming on the estate by the Boston Manor cine club went according to plan in June and July, and we are told that the resulting miles of film are now in the "cutting room". Shots included a committee meeting in progress, examination of a planning application both at the Town Hall and on site, a visit to the Brentham Club and sports ground, horticultural activities, and interviews with residents. It is hoped the film will be ready for its premiere at the Town Hall before the end of the year; more news will be given at our AGM.

PERSONAL STATIONERY

Orders are already coming in for the Brentham notepaper, overprinted with individual address, of which a sample was circulated to all residents last month. Just a reminder that 100 sheets with envelopes cost £2.95 and orders should be given to Mrs. Poulain 6 Neville Road.

Notelets are also available at 8 for 10p with envelopes and can be obtained from 48 Denison Road, 3 Winscombe Crescent or 72 Brentham way.