

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM on 30th October was well attended and a lively discussion took place on matters of current concern: possible development of the Brunswick Road allotment site, about which no firm plans have yet been announced: traffic problems in and around the estate, the point being stressed that no satisfactory solution can be found on a local, piecemeal basis; and the perennial question of trees - how many, how big, and where they should be sited. The business meeting was followed by a showing of some very entertaining films made by the Ealing & Boston Manor Cine Club, including some unedited shots of the May Day ceremony from the film about Brentham which is now being finally processed for public showing.

Finance & Membership: The Treasurer's report showed the Society to be solvent but far from affluent. It was stressed that income depends almost entirely on receipt of membership fees. It is hoped that any members who have not yet paid for 1973 (30p per household) will do so immediately. Subscriptions for 1974 are due in January, although a number of members have already paid in advance at the AGM. It is very helpful if subscriptions can be paid promptly, thus saving your Committee members a lot of leg-work later in the year. Would those members who kindly volunteered at the AGM to help in collecting membership fees please get in touch with Mrs. Christine Dix, 49 Meadvale Road?

Committee: No new nominations having been received, the serving Committee was re-elected (as listed in Newsletter No. 29).

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

As usual at this time of year, we shall be distributing in the name of the Society a small gift of foodstuffs to a few of the most elderly residents. We know from the past what pleasure this gesture has given - as much for the thought as for the value of the parcel. If any members would like to contribute towards this expenditure, over and above their subscription, the Treasurer (Christine Dix) will be very pleased to hear from them.

CAROL SINGING

By very special request or so we hope, a party of carollers will patrol the estate on Wednesday 19th December, starting from Brentham Green, Meadvale Road, at 7.30 p.m. Do come and join us for the singing - and a mince pie afterwards! The tour will include a stop at the Brentham Club to entertain members of the luncheon club with some carols at their Christmas party (see below).

BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

Wednesday 19th December: Christmas Party. The organisers would be most grateful to hear from any residents who might be able to offer a lift home to some of the members at about 10 p.m. Only a short journey would be involved. Please contact Mrs. Barrett (997 1211).

Wednesday 30th January: Jumble Sale: there was a splendid response to our previous appeal for jumble, the proceeds from which have helped to provide the Christmas party. Jumble may be left at 6 Queens Gardens or will be collected on request. Please notify Mrs. Smith (997 4973).

Voluntary helpers: a few more volunteers are still needed to help on one or more days a week at the luncheon club, between 12.00 and 2.00 p.m. Lunch is provided for helpers. Please give names to Mrs. Queenan (997 4524).

NEW YEAR PARTY

Friday, 18th January: Wine & Cheese Party, 8.00 to 10.00 p.m.
at 34 Holyoake Walk.

Come and meet your fellow-members - new residents specially welcome - we can promise you a convivial social evening. Admission by ticket from Mrs. Marjorie Miles at the above address. Price 50p per person we regret the charge, but where else could you get three glasses of wine - not to mention the cheese and the company - for this?).

TELLING IT HOW IT WAS

A meeting at the town hall on 2nd November, organised by the Ealing branch of the Co-operative Party, was addressed by your Chairman, Brian Fallon, and committee member Clive Hicks on the history of the Brentham estate. The co-operative origins of the estate were naturally of great interest to this audience and the speakers described its subsequent development leading to its designation as a conservation area in 1968. As a result of this meeting, a tour of the estate is being arranged for "co-operators" in the spring.

Your Committee welcomes the opportunity of spreading information about Brentham by addressing meetings of local organisations. Our "village" is in many ways unique and should be better known, both as an example for other housing developments and as something valuable to be preserved.

BRENTHAM STATIONERY

Orders for personal stationery have exhausted the initial supply, but additional quantities can be obtained with very little delay. A pack of writing paper, headed with the Brentham motif and individually printed address, makes a welcome gift - at Christmas or any other season. Price £2.95 for 100 printed sheets with envelopes. Orders to Mrs. S. Poulain 6 Neville Road (997 8691). Notelets are also available at the very low price of 8 for 10p including envelopes.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

From The Brentham Magazine, November 1913:

"Happily, our estate is not smothered by notices and instructions. The visitor to Hampstead is amazed at the multitudes of printed and written notices which meet the eye at every street corner. The efficacy of these notices is uncertain, but if the complaints, of which we hear, about street noises have any foundation at all, our friends at Hampstead, in spite of their warnings to street vendors, suffer as much as we do in Brentham..... The coal hawker, whose voice seems engaged in breaking his own coal, is only a degree more pestilent than the muffin-man, whose daily tramp around our streets at twilight would be pleasing were it not for his bell-ringing.

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I should like to become a member/renew my membership of the Brentham Society and enclose 30p Membership

Name Address