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MEMBERSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1974 ARE NOW DUE!

Please renew your subscription promptly - or join now if not previously a member - by completing the form overleaf and handing it with 30p per household to the Treasurer, Secretary or any Committee member.

All houses on the estate where subscriptions have not been paid will be canvassed over the next few weeks. Will anyone volunteer to help the Committee in this task? Whether you can call at just a few houses near your home or canvass another road on the estate, your offer will be gratefully accepted. Please give names to Brian Fallon (997 1056).

BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

The Christmas party on 19th December was, from all accounts, an enormous success. Guests were regaled with delicious refreshments, some first-class entertainers, and carols from the Brentham "choir". The Mayor and Mayoress of Ealing and the chairman of the Social Services Committee joined the club members for the evening, a gesture which was appreciated by the hard-working organisers of the event.

The luncheon club has become so much a part of Brentham life now that it is hard to believe it has been in existence for only twelve months. Its successful functioning has very much depended on the voluntary helpers who attend regularly between 12.00 and 2.00 to serve and clear away the meals. More helpers are needed to maintain the present service and make future expansion possible. If you can help even one day a week please get in touch with Mrs. Queenan (997 4524) or Mrs. Oliver (997 7523).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Did you know that there is now a special department at the Town Hall to organise voluntary work in the social services? If you have time on your hands you may like to consider taking up one of the following activities:-

Go to a youth club for autistic children; visit a hostel for mentally handicapped adults; teach immigrants to speak English; visit an old people's home or children's home; help in a hospital; sell flags for a good cause; give secretarial help to a local organisation.

These are only some of the ways in which volunteers can help the hard-pressed social services staff to meet the community's needs. For more information get in touch with Hans Lobstein or Julia Munday, Room 420, Town Hall Annexe, tel. 567 3456 ext. 408/9.

You may be wondering what has happened to the film which was shot on the estate last summer by the Ealing & Boston Manor Cine Club. It was hoped that production would be completed by the end of the year, but there has been an unavoidable delay in the colour processing due to an industrial dispute. We are assured, however, that the wheels (or reels) are now turning again and the finished product should be ready for exhibition fairly soon. Residents will be notified as soon as a public showing can be arranged.

WINDOW REPLACEMENTS

We are informed by a resident that she has just had one of her windows replaced with a matching "Brentham" window by a firm of joinery manufacturers whose name she has passed on to us: Messrs. Cryer & Pollard Ltd., Station Works, St. John's Road, Isleworth, Middx (tel. 560 2549). We have since been in touch with the firm and they are willing to quote for and supply window replacements in the existing style. We understand the price is very reasonable. We would suggest that residents wishing to replace windows should contact the firm direct, or if they have any special problems, consult Martin Jiggins first (998 2641).

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The absence of the local newspaper over the past few weeks may mean that residents who are affected are not aware of a change in schooling arrangements in this neighbourhood. We understand that the boundary between the primary school catchment areas has been moved, so that the area lying approximately between Denison Road and Brentham Way will now fall into the North Ealing school zone instead of Montpelier School. This will not affect families with children already at school, only "new" families. If you think you might be affected may we suggest that you should consult the schools concerned or the borough Education Officer.

SIXTY YEARS AGO.....

From the Brentham Magazine, December 1913:

"By purchasing the fields through which runs the path leading from West Ealing to Perivale, Ealing has taken a big step towards the completion of an irregular belt of open space on its northern border. Probably the belt could never have been possible had the land on which our estate stands been purchased by the ordinary town developing and spoiling builder; for the Brentham Recreation Ground is an essential part of the belt.... There is a general feeling that the belt must be completed by making sure that a large portion of the land to the east of Brentham, including the eastern end of the golf links, shall be preserved. Is Ealing expecting Brentham to see to this matter for her, or will the Council take steps to prevent building upon a portion of this land? It is essential that, as soon as the Ealing Golf Club ceases to require this portion for playing purposes, the Ealing Council should have first claim upon it. By presenting it to Brentham, the town would be discharging part of the debt of gratitude it owes to the most charming part of itself."

FOR BRIDGE PLAYERS

Is anyone interested in joining a small group to play bridge in each other's homes? If so, contact Brian Fallon (997 1056) who will put them in touch with others.

FOR SALE

Dark oak bureau with two drawers 997 8391.

Whitewood typing table with two deep drawers (painted grey) £2, yellow kitchen chair and cosy little armchair available free - 097 7401.

Simmonds single divan bed of good quality and very little used. Interior sprung quilted mattress on sprung base with castors. Contact Brian Fallon 997 1056.

I should like to become a member of the Brentham Society and enclose 30p per household

Name:
Address: