

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's AGM will take place on

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER at 8.00 pm at St. Barnabas' Church Hall

All members are urged to attend. Please bring your current membership card with you; dues for 1974 and/or 1975 can be paid.

Election of Committee: Four members of the serving committee (Marjorie Miles, Christine Dix (tresurer, co-opted), Tony Scanlon and Margaret Tims) will not be standing for re-election. The following five members are willing to continue and need not be re-nominated: Brian Fallon, Martin Jiggins, Tony Oliver, Clive Hicks, Stefanie Poulain.

According to our constitution, the elected committee shall consist of eight members. Three new nominees have indicated their willingness to stand for the coming year. Any further nominations (with the consent of the nominee) should be received by the Secretary not later than one week before the date of the A.G.M.

Film Show: After the business meeting, the Ealing & Boston Manor Cine Club will present a filmshow; it is hoped to include in the programme the complete film of the Brentham Garden Estate, of which excerpts were shown at our last AGM.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The forthcoming Annual General Meeting will mark the end of the 4th year of the Brentham Society's existence. Our membership has increased and the Society is now prominent amongst organisations in the Borough.

There may be some families having recently come to live in Brentham who may not know of our aims. For their benefit, and as a general reminder, I quote from the Society's constitution:

"The objects of the Society shall be to stimulate interest in the original form of the Estate

- (1) To encourage, preserve and improve the character of the Brentham Garden Estate;
- (2) To promote the interests of the Estate and its residents;
- (3) To promote any activity desired by the members;
- (4) To co-operate with any body or individual with similar or related aims."

Membership is open to anyone who is a resident of the Brentham Garden Estate. Membership is 30p per household per annum, and this is our primary source of income.

Two important issues during the year have been the future of the allotment site and a plan to extend Holyoake Court to the detriment of

the immediate surroundings. The future of the allotment site has still not been decided. The Holyoske Court application was rejected by the Borough Council, following a concerted protest.

We continue to enjoy good working relationships with the various departments of the Borough Council and there is frequent two-way communication. We are equally concerned to communicate with members, which we do through the Newsletter. Is there anything you want to say to us.

It is thought by the Committee that there is a need to amend item 5.7 of the Society's Constitution, which reads "No person shall hold one office for more than two years consecutively." The Committee proposes that this be amended to the following: "No person shall hold the office of Chairman or Vice Chairman for more than two years consecutively." The reason for this is that the office of Secretary and Treasurer, by their nature, demand a continuity which may extend beyond two years. The Constitution stipulates that amendments require a two-thirds majority vote from members present at an Annual General Meeting and the Chairman is required to give 14 days notice of any proposed amendment. This will be put to the vote at the next AGM, which will be at 8.00 pm on Thursday, 24th October at St. Barnabas' Church Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

PERSONAL STATIONERY

Don't forget to look at our sample Brentham letterheadings which will be on show at the AGM, and for which orders will be taken. The popular notelets will be on sale, still at the old price of 8 for 10p with envelopes.

DISTRIBUTORS WANTED

An invaluable link in our communications network is provided by the voluntary distributors who circulate our Newsletter to every house on the estate. Owing to removals, we are now short of distributors to cover one half of Meadvale Road and the whole of Denison Road. Would any volunteers for the job (which occurs only about one in two months) kindly give names to the Secretary.

LUNCHEON CLUB

The Jumble Sale on 18th September was a great success and a total of 65 was raised, which will go towards the cost of the Christmas party.

If you have not yet sampled the luncheon club for retired residents, why not go along to the Brentham Club in Meadvale Road any weekday, for a cheap hot meal and some good fellowship. New members will be welcomed and should come between 11.30 and 12.45 bringing pension books. More voluntary helpers would also be welcomed by the organiser. Please give names to Mrs. E. Smith, 6 Queens Gardens (997 4973).

CLASSIFIED CORNER

Situation Vacant: Domestic help wanted two mornings a week, 70p per hour - 998 2641 (evenings)

For Sale: Wardrobe, single size, beautifully made by Greaves & Thomas in mahogany. Compartmented one side for shirts, etc. Good quality and in excellent condition - 997 1056 (evenings)

Just published: "The Beauty of Life", by William Morris. Reprint of an address given in Birmingham in 1880, with a message for all concerned with the quality of living today; 24 pages, 30p (by post 35p) from Brentham Press, 137 Fowler's Walk

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

Name Address

