

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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Hon. Sec.: Mrs. S. Poulton  
6 Neville Road

Chairman: Martin Jiggins  
1 Winscombe Crescent

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Approximately 65 members attended the AGM held at St. Barnabas Church Hall on the 24th October. The retiring Chairman, Brian Fallon, reported the year's activities to the members and advised the meeting of the changes in the Committee for 1974/5. The new Chairman would be Martin Jiggins, and the accepted nominees for the vacancies caused by retiring members were Roger Crocombe, Stephen Janisch, and Dennis Johnson.

The Ealing and Boston Manor Film Society then showed an interesting selection of their films, including one about the River Brent.

## CAROL SINGING - Monday, 23rd December

Our carollers will be out once again this Christmastime doing a tour of the Estate. We start at Brentham Green, Meadvale Road at 8 p.m. Wrap up well and join us in the singing! There's coffee and mince pies afterwards.

## FILM NIGHT - 16th January, 1975

At long last the film about Brentham, called "Village in the City", is ready. As promised, there will be a private first showing to all members of the Brentham Society on Thursday, 16th January at 8 p.m. in St. Barnabas Church Hall.

Before the showing, Andrew Gates - the Director of the Film - will talk about why and how the film was made. Clive Hicks will show more slides of Brentham and altogether this should be an enjoyable evening.

There will be an opportunity at this meeting to renew Society membership for 1975 and indeed for new enrolments. Make a note in your diary and do please come to see the film about your "Village in the City".

## THE BRENT VALLEY FLOOD ALLEVIATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

The G.L.C. recently held a Consultative Meeting at County Hall in connection with this Study and invited all local amenity societies to attend. We attended and made our voice heard and, together with the Brent Valley and Canal Society, pressed for full and detailed consultation, to ensure that our amenities should not be destroyed by a purely "engineering solution" to the problems of the River Brent. We will, of course, keep you fully informed of developments.

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## \*\* BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

This club is providing a valuable social service for retirement pensioners. The small band of volunteers who keep it going would welcome others who can spare an occasional lunch time to help them. A free lunch is provided. Please contact Mrs. K. Lloyd, 997 3024.

## BRENTHAM GREEN

Residents will be pleased to know that the Parks and Amenities Department of the Council have recently planted a variety of bulbs and flowering shrubs in this area. We look forward to seeing the results in the Spring.

## THE FOX RESERVOIR

The Society recently supported a campaign by the Montpelier Schools Parent Teacher Association for the early development of the Fox reservoir site as a park and playing fields for local schools. The Council replied that this was the eventual aim, but that a further two to three years would be required before the filling in the old reservoir would be sufficiently compacted for the land drainage needed for playing fields to be laid. The matter, therefore, cannot be pursued at present, and the School will continue to use playing fields in Pitshanger Park.

## \*\* BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB (Cont~)

The Brentham Luncheon Club held its annual party at the Brentham Club on Wednesday 11 December. Over eighty members were entertained by the Brentham Townswomens Guild. The Mayor of Ealing who was present thanked the volunteers who kept the luncheon club going.

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