

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



NEWSLETTER NO. 39

Hon. Sec.:  
Stefanie Poulain

Chairman: Martin Jiggins  
1 Winscombe Crescent

## STOP PRESS !!! BRUNSWICK ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Residents will recall in our last newsletter that we advised you of the Council's intentions to appropriate a further 2.3 acres of the Brentham Allotments for housing. We advised you to write to the Council objecting to the proposal, and you will be glad to hear as a result of your letters and our official letter that any decision was deferred for further consideration by the Policy Committee of the Borough Council on Tuesday, 2nd September.

However, you **MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT**. Further representations must be made to ensure these proposals do not go through. You will remember that the Society have objected to these proposals from the outset on the following grounds:

1) Loss of excellent, much-needed allotment land in these days of economic hardship. At the present time there is a waiting list of 85 for allotments on the Brentham site. The Borough needs to preserve all its open space; it is fifth in population in the London Boroughs yet fourteenth in open space. The amount of allotment land in the Borough is below the minimum recommended by the Thorpe Report on Allotments in 1969.

2) In order to gain access to the site it is probable that the demolition of properties will be required. This will be either in Neville Road or, as now appears more likely, in Brunswick Road and this is totally unacceptable.

3) A housing development on 3.5 acres will provide 50-60 housing units which, together with the housing scheme on the Greystoke House site would mean a considerable increase in the number of children attending Montpelier School. There is not the space available for increase in school children.

4) Any development of the allotment site will generate more traffic and further stretch the already over-stretched amenities and the services in the area. The London Borough of Ealing in its own report in 1969 said that the conservation area depended on the existence of open space and once this open space is developed it will not, for any practical purposes, ever be available for open space again.

If you wish to protect, we suggest you write first, as soon as possible to:

(please turn over)

Miss W. Burge,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries  
and Food,  
Land Use Branch,  
Great Westminster House,  
Horseferry Road,  
London, S.W.1.

Mr. J.L. Parnell,  
Department of the  
Environment,  
2 Marsham Street,  
London, S.W.1.

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and head your letters "Proposed Appropriation of Part of the Brentham Leisure Gardens." Both these people have to be approached by the London Borough of Ealing for permission to appropriate the allotment land.

Secondly, as the Policy Committee of the Council will be considering this matter on 2nd September 1975, we suggest you write to the following people at the Town Hall during the last two weeks in August:

Councillors:

J. Telfer  
J. Haigh  
M. Elliott  
K. Aeoch  
W. Feldman  
J. Ledwith  
Mrs. Howard

Officers:

Mr. H.D. Peake, Director of Technical  
Services  
Mr. R.A. Emery, Chief Officer, Town  
Planning  
Mr. R. Hilton, Chief Officer, Parks  
and Amenities  
Dr. C. Hughes, Director of Housing

or your own councillors or any other member of the Policy Committee.

We would emphasize that personal letters of this kind carry great weight with the Council and can be delivered by hand to the Town Hall to save postage. You may attend the Policy Committee Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on 2nd September as observers are allowed in the Public Gallery.

BRENTHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Residents are reminded of the competition for the best kept front garden on the Estate. Entry is not necessary as all front gardens are considered by the officers of the Brentham Horticultural Society. The handsome Silver Cup will be held by the winner for one year.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We hope to hold an Exhibition of 1975 Holiday photographs. The idea is that we can have a pleasant social evening, admiring and perhaps laughing at our shapshots. So get out those cameras ... and MAKE IT SNAPPY.

We are also considering holding an exhibition of Flowers, Fruit, and Vegetables grown by folk on the Estate ... not a show, but an evening when we can show our own "special things" ... have a cup of coffee and a chat, and spend a pleasant evening among friends.

Dates of both these events will be in the next newsletter.