

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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Hon. Sec:

Martin Jiggins  
1 Winscombe Crescent

Chairman: Marjorie Miles  
34 Holyoake Walk

The Chairman and the Committee of the Society would like to wish all residents of the Estate a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place on Thursday 21st October, 1976 and was attended by some 40 residents. The Society's Committee for 1976/77 is as follows:-

Chairman:	Marjorie Miles, 34 Holyoake Walk	997-4311
Hon. Sec:	Martin Jiggins, 1 Winscombe Crescent	998-2641
	Clive Hicks, 72 Brentham Way	997-7974
	Pam Turner, 43 Ludlow Road	997-8614
	Brian Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent	997-1056
	Tony Oliver, 48 Denison Road	997-7523
	Valerie Winborn, 43 Holyoake Walk	998-3912
	Bernard Johnson, 23 Neville Road	997-2793
	David Skelton, 16 Denison Road	997-8353

## ALLOTMENTS

The Housing Committee of the London Borough of Ealing have at their meeting of the 4th November recommended that the Brentham allotment land, appropriated for housing purposes, should be released and handed back to the Parks and Amenities Department for future use as allotments. This Housing Committee Resolution was confirmed by the full Council Meeting on the 30th November.

The problem now remains as to who is to be responsible for the cost of reinstatement of the allotments and the Parks and Amenities Department estimate that this will be in the region of £6,000. This will ensure that the allotments are brought up to standard, and will mean the provision of new paths, new water supply etc.

We understand that the Housing Committee have agreed to meet the majority of this cost and we are pressing for the work to be put in hand

## RELIEF SEWER

Residents will recall the London Borough of Ealing wish to lay a relief sewer to run from Connell Crescent (near Park Royal Tube) to Argyle Road. The sewer would affect the allotments along part of its route. However, we are advised that only the west section (from Argyle Road to Neville Road) is to be constructed because of lack of funds, and the remaining section may not be constructed until the 1980's, if at all. So any residents allotments which were under threat are safe until at least 1980!

## CONSERVATION & PLANNING REGULATIONS

Since early 1975 local planning regulations have made it necessary to obtain permission for any alterations affecting the external appearance of buildings on the Estate. These include proposals to renew windows, build garages and small extensions, provide storm porches and make alterations to walls and fences. They also now include any proposal to re-paint houses in a different colour scheme.

Such regulations are not meant as arbitrary restrictions on personal liberty. They exist to preserve the architectural character of the Estate which could otherwise quickly deteriorate through the cumulative effect of minor unplanned alterations.

Because of the way most houses in Brentham form part of a terrace or block, it is especially important to have control over the way they are painted. These terraces and blocks are not simply clusters of individual dwellings; rather the individual dwellings are divisions of a larger building and many architectural features such as gables and roofs are shared. For individuals to paint their homes without regard to the others in the block can only serve to worsen the appearance of the neighbourhood. Indeed, there are already many examples of multi-coloured gables, houses that have been singled out with coloured stucco, and pairs and groups of houses with clashing colour schemes.

The ideal would be for neighbours within the terrace or group to co-operate so as not to detract from the overall design. It is always good to see this in practice. A recent example is the newly painted semi-detached pair, 44 Brunner/2 Neville.

Such co-operation does not necessarily dictate a drab uniformity. Variety in the colour of front doors is often enough to give a proper measure of individuality.

## GARDEN COMPETITION

We are advised that the Garden Competition did not take place this year due to the very long hot summer when nobody was able to produce a good display. It will, of course, take place next year, weather permitting!

## BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club Christmas Party takes place at the Brentham Club on Wednesday 15th December.

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