

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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Hon. Sec.

Martin Jiggins
1 Winscombe Crescent

AGM

The AGM took place on Wednesday 22nd October at 8.30 p.m. in St. Barnabas Hall. There was a good turn out of Members. Somewhere between 45 and 50. A report was given by the Chairman, Crispian Strachan, as well as a report by the Secretary and the Treasurer. The meeting was advised that Malcolm Reynolds was unable to stand for the Committee for the following year, and Mrs. Barbara Murray was proposed and seconded in his place. The Committee is now as follows:-

Chairman: Crispian Strachan, 28 Fowlers Walk. Tel: 997.1904
Hon. Secretary: Martin Jiggins, 1 Winscombe Crescent. Tel: 998.2641
Hon. Treasurer: David Skelton, 39 Woodfield Avenue. Tel: 998.3450

Committee Members:-

Barbara Murray, 2 Winscombe Crescent.	997.8115
Pamela Turner, 43 Ludlow Road.	997.8614
Brian Fallon, 10 Winscombe Crescent.	997.1056
Charles Rigg, 7 Meadvale Road.	997.7867
Tony Oliver, 48 Denison Road.	997.7523

After the meeting there was coffee and biscuits and a slide show of the estate.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

As is customary the Society delivered Christmas parcels to some of the elderly of the Society. A number of letters have been received in thanks.

TREES AT BRENTHAM

A complete survey of all the trees on the estate has been made by the London Borough of Enfield's Parks Department, together with a schedule of work to be carried out in 1981. This has been discussed with and commented on by the Committee. The work will consist of some pruning of all large trees and the felling of some over-large or rotten trees. Replacements are planned for most of these and, amongst others, include silver birch (*Betula pendula*) Raywood ash (*Fraxinus oxycarpa* Raywood) and some white flowering cherries, crabs and pears (*Prunus Hillien Spire*, *Malus Tschonoskii* and *Pyrus Chanticleer*.) While we do not entirely agree the smaller flowering trees, we appreciate the space problems and the many conflicting interests, not least that of cost. If you want particular information about the survey please ring Pam Turner.

GARDEN COMPETITION

Again this year prizes were awarded to the owners of the most attractive front gardens. Great interest and enthusiasm was shown at the 1979 AGM, so that it was a little disappointing that no-one came forward in response to the article in the April 1980 Newsletter with their views on what constitutes an attractive garden, nor with any suggestion of particular gardens they felt worthy of an award. There was nothing disappointing, though, about the gardens. It seemed an even more difficult task in selecting from so many that had so much to commend them at various

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times of the year. While the 1979 Winners' gardens were still attractive, and no reflection on them for receiving only a passing mention, the Committee were able to select new gardens this year and the First Prize of a £10 garden token went to Mrs. Lisle at No. 1 Ruskin Gardens, where excellent use has been made of the odd shapes of the corner site. Every corner was full without overcrowding and presented changing interest through the year. Mrs. Lisle will also hold the Brentham Horticultural Society's cup for the year. Second prize, of a £7 token, went to Mr. Walker of No. 3 Brunner Road for a charming profusion and showing what can be done in a very small space. Although it looked well all the year, the berries and autumn colour were particularly attractive. Third prize of a £5 token went to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of 41 Woodfield Crescent who have been resident only a few months and are still following their garden's progress created by the previous owner. This garden is a good example of the relation of spaces to each other and to the house and garage, by paving interspersed with an interesting succession of plants and with climbers. Highly commended gardens were 95 Fowlers Walk where delightful variety was achieved on a very small scale, turning smallness into a virtue; 50 Brentham Way where there is a good layout of interesting plants on a broader scale, particularly fine in autumn; and 17 Brunner Road where a restrained choice of plants creates beautiful contrasts, enhanced by the arched hedge at the gateway. Features of other attractive gardens will be discussed in the next Newsletter. Congratulations to the winners and runners up for their talent and efforts. Looking round the estate it is obvious there is a great deal of both talent and effort, and almost every garden has some quality worthy of development. The Committee plans to repeat the competition in 1981 and now is the time to plan for next season.

WASTE SKIPS

The Society is proposing to arrange for refuse skips to be provided again by the Local Authority (free of charge) at certain locations on the estate, week ending 6th March.

BRUNSWICK ROAD

We are advised by the Traffic Engineers Department of the London Borough of Ealing that there will not be a width restriction in Brunswick Road in the foreseeable future. This results from a tragedy that occurred in North London just before Christmas.

PITSHANGER LANE

Similarly we are advised that there will not be a pedestrian crossing in Pitshanger Lane because there is not enough traffic, nor enough pedestrian

PERIVALE LANE

Perivale Lane is closed for a period of six months from the 5th January for road works. This has resulted in severe traffic in Pitshanger Lane, Brunner Road and Brunswick Road.

LUNCHEON CLUB

There are some vacancies for new Members. Please contact Tony Oliver, 48 Denison Road. Tel: 997.7523.

I should like to become a Member/renew my Membership of the Brentham Society and enclose 50p membership

Name..... Address.....

Send to Hon. Treasurer:- David Skelton, 39 Woodfield Avenue, London W5 in exchange for your Membership card.