

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing

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Hon Secretary:
Martin Jiggins
1 Winscombe Crescent

STRAWBERRIES AND TEA

On Sunday 27th June 1982 from 3.00pm to 6.00pm we shall once again be opening up Barbara Murray's garden for strawberries and tea for all interested residents of the estate. This was a very popular event last year and you are advised to buy your tickets (£1 for adults and 50p for accompanied children under 10) as soon as possible from any Committee member. This will also help us to estimate numbers and get enough strawberries!

TIMES FUTURE

Mark your diaries now: in September (dates to be arranged) we hope to have a guided tour of the Estate for you and a talk by Alan Gillett about St Mary's Church, Perivale. Alan is the Chairman of the Friends of St Mary's.

TIMES PAST

The walkabout of the Estate on 8th May by the Victorian Society (about 50 members) took place as planned and was very well received. Their schedule was unfortunately a little hurried but they did stop for tea and bought some Brentham books. We have also received a handsome donation (£10) in general thanks for our efforts.

At the Rose Fair on 5th June we did have a stall at which it was a pleasure to see familiar and new faces. Again books and notelets were sold and a good time was had by all, including the elephant (who was not, we are happy to say, ours!).

COUNCILLORS

For your information the local councillors for this area are:

Mr J Marshall, 2 Birkdale Road, W5
Mr A Young, 43 The Mall, W5
Mr I Rogers, 47 Ormsby Lodge, The Avenue, W4

CONSERVATION AND PLANNING

We don't want to be boring, but recent cases have made it clear that problems in this field are as great as ever. As an example, take Holyoake Walk: two houses there have been worked on in the last couple of months, and in one case we have seen an ugly garage transformed with skill and imagination into an excellent extension to a house which only requires weathering to be almost indistinguishable from the architect's original idea.

In another case, however, subject to negotiations at the moment, replacement of windows has been carried out without planning permission. The appearance of the house has been, in our opinion, severely damaged, to the detriment of all who live near or pass by.

In other cases recently (eg Brentham Way, North View, and Ludlow Road) it has been shown that with a little advice and forethought you can get nicer windows and very often SAVE MONEY. Metal and plastic double glazing are very expensive.

If you are in any doubt about external works of any sort, please contact any Committee member (especially the Treasurer - details below) and seek advice. We are trying now to gather details of tradesmen and materials to help you and we hope and believe that we can save trouble on routine planning applications or prevent unauthorised work and expensive heartbreaks. (You may also contact us anonymously if you are really worried; we want to help you and do not automatically take a "Council" line!)

BOOKS ABOUT BRENTHAM

In addition to our own history of the Estate (90p) we have now got stocks of Ealing Council's Report of Planning studies (1979) which we have been authorised to sell to residents at £1 (not £2 as originally published). This is still a very valid report - far more so than the recent Borough Plan - and contains fascinating historical detail too. If you want to see which field of Pitshanger farm your house is on - order below!

To: Crispian Strachan, 26 Holyoake Walk, W5 (997 1904)

I wish to join/renew my membership of the Brentham Society and enclose 50p (membership per household).

Please deliver : _____ notelets at 35p per 10
_____ Brentham books at 90p
_____ Council books at £1.00p

I enclose : £ _____ (Cheques etc made to "Brentham Society")

Please call about one of the above _____ (tick here).

NAME :

ADDRESS: