

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



*Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing*

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Hon. Secretary:  
Martin Jiggins  
1, Winscombe Crescent.

## St. Mary's Church, Perivale

On Wednesday 29th September (sorry for the short notice) at 8.00 p.m. at the Methodist Church Rooms in Pitshanger Lane, Alan Gillett, who is the Chairman of the Friends of St Mary's, will be giving a talk on the history of St Mary's Church. This will be an illustrated talk on a fascinating piece of local history; please come along. There will be light refreshments.

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Brentham Society will be held on Wednesday 13th October 1982 at 8.00 p.m. This event will also be in the Methodist Church Rooms and there will be light refreshments.

We are making arrangements to show again the Brentham film, made about eight years ago and last seen at the 1980 AGM. We shall be announcing the Garden Awards with the customary prizes, and of course there will be full reports on the Society's activities of the past year.

We are always happy to see old friends and new faces at the AGM, and we hope that any one who wants to join the Committee or help in any other way will approach any existing Committee member. Although we have no anticipated vacancies amongst the present Committee, our number is flexible and we always welcome more hands to help with our fairly light work.

## Guided Tour of the Estate

We said in the last Newsletter that we hoped to arrange such a tour. Clive Hicks, a former Chairman of this Society and quite an expert on the Estate, has agreed to conduct a guided walk around the Estate on Sunday 31st October at 2.30 p.m. This should be a very interesting excursion, showing us all the care and planning which went into views we now take for granted every day.

Please meet at the war memorial by St Barnabas' Church in time to start at 2.30; only if it is exceptionally wet will the walk be postponed to the following Sunday at the same time and place.

## Dustbin Collections

We understand that there is a current proposal from the council to cut costs on dustbin collections in various ways, including by asking householders to take their own refuse bags and deposit them (presumably sealed) at the front of one's garden for easier collection by the dustmen.

It is safe to say that most residents who can do this already do so, not to cut costs but because we have discovered that the alternatives are broken bags, gates left open or no collection service at all.

In other cases (most of us live in the middle of terraces) it is impossible to transport large bags of rubbish over our carpets to the front.

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We have spoken to the Town Hall about refuse before, and we regard the present proposals as unsatisfactory unless they are defined more clearly (hands up the boy at the back who said they're talking rubbish). The Secretary of the Society will therefore take up the matter with the council again.

If you have any specific points to add to the foregoing, or complaints about aspects of rubbish collection such as the large bins from certain flats and the Club, please let us know.

#### Traffic Counts

You may have seen the traffic counter wires laid across Brunswick Road recently. This was a routine check on traffic displaced from the A40 by the Perivale roadworks. There have also been traffic and pedestrian counts taken in the shopping area of Pitshanger Lane recently to check once again whether there should be a pedestrian crossing there. No result is yet known but the council is aware that we are keenly interested and we shall keep in touch with them.

#### Burglar (or Stray Cat or Puff of Wind) Alarms

Metropolitan Police statistics for 1981 show that 98% of all burglar alarm calls known to police were false. If you join the growing band of residents who fit such devices to their homes, it therefore seems very likely that you will disturb your neighbours a lot before you disturb a would-be burglar.

With that in mind, a code of practice for burglar alarms was introduced throughout the country earlier this year. It does not have the force of law but provides that breaches of the code (eg by unnecessarily frequent or prolonged sounding of an alarm) can provide evidence for court proceedings under the Control of Pollution legislation (such noises being "noise pollution").

The main points of the code include (1) that police and the local council should know of the existence of your alarm and police should always, when you are out, be able to get some one to attend the premises and turn off the alarm within about 20 minutes; and (2) that the alarm bell should switch itself off after 20 minutes in any case and go over to a flashing light to continue the task without keeping all your neighbours awake all night.

The Crime Prevention Officer from Ealing Police (who gave a talk to members of the Society earlier this year) can always be contacted for free and impartial advice, and the Society will shortly buy and keep for reference a copy of the code of practice.

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To: Crispian Strachan, Hon. Treasurer, Brentham Society, 26, Holyoake Walk.

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                                  at £1 each (reduced from £2 originally)

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