

THE BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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Hon. Chairman:
Barbara Murray,
2, Winscombe Crescent

Brentham Garden Party: SOON!

This high point of our social calendar will take place again in Barbara Murray's garden at 2, Winscombe Crescent, on Sunday 10th July from 3 pm to 6 pm. Tea, cakes, strawberries and cream, and good company - all for 75p per ticket, which is less than last year - how's that? Tickets are available from Committee members or at the door. You are all welcome and we look forward to seeing old and new friends.

History of Brentham

The slides which were found at Hampstead have now been copied with loving care by Clive Hicks, who has also made a black and white negative of each one, and has generously donated to our archives many of his own slides which he has shown at meetings in the past. We are now trying to do some cataloguing and research on this collection and will hold an evening show - possibly in the early autumn - or more than one show if the material attracts the interest which we believe it will.

Membership Drive

Committee members have begun calling in various roads around the Estate to invite residents to join or rejoin the Brentham Society. In the early days of the Society this was a regular occurrence, and the debates and chats which resulted were as good as any more formal meeting of the Society! We look forward to meeting you, whether you join or not. If you do, of course, the 50 pence per household per year which is all you pay helps to provide this newsletter and the other activities of the Society - meetings, Christmas parcels for our older residents, etc.

Street Name Signs

We have received the Council's agreement that we may repaint and maintain some of the older street name signs on the Estate to avoid their replacement with unsympathetically designed new signs. (This is, incidentally, another good cause for memberships being collected.) Please contact a Committee member if you can help in any way; we ought to start the work during our all too brief summer.

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Three Cautionary Tales...

No. 1:

There is a man in this area (possibly more than one) who behaves indecently towards young women, often picking on ladies who have children with them. The police are aware of this and want to receive any information which will help them to catch the man (or men). Please be aware of this problem and do not be afraid to contact police, even if you only see someone hanging around suspiciously.

No. 2:

Beware of tree felling cowboys, alleged gardeners or builders, or other salesmen who come to the door. In one recent case, on the Estate, a lady lost all her garden plants to one of these characters on the pretext that the garden would be 'tidied up'. No doubt there are genuine products and services sold door-to-door; but a friend's recommendation is far safer than dealing with a stranger. Don't be pressured or tricked.

No. 3:

If you now have a video recorder, remember that it is even more desirable to a burglar than it is to you. Don't tell everyone loud and clear about your new toy (and that means being careful where you rent your tapes, too). Don't have the machine where the little light or illuminated clock shows through a window and advertises the video to passers-by.

...and a Noise Abatement Plea

If you use power garden tools, you will know how much noise they make. Please do as you would be done by, and keep the noise down, especially in the evenings and on Sundays. Thank you.

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

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

Please deliver ___ Brentham Estate history book(s) at 90p each

___ Ealing Council planning study(ies) of the Estate at £1 each

(NB: Sorry; notelets are out of stock, but please let me know if you want them when they come in again. C.S.)

I enclose £ _____. (Cheques, etc., to "Brentham Society", please.)

NAME:

Address: