

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing

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Hon. Chairman:

Barbara Murray
2, Winscombe Crescent

NEXT EVENT: SLIDE AND FILM SHOW

On Thursday 8th December at 8.00 p.m., at the Methodist Church Rooms, Pitshanger Lane, we shall be showing slides from the Society's collection, which will not be the same as those shown in September. We shall also be showing the Brentham film, last seen over a year ago at the 1982 AGM, as it is worth showing from time to time and there are always new members who have not seen it. Light refreshments will be available.

BRIEF REPORT OF THE AGM (19.10.83)

For members who could not attend: the Chairman reported on a busy year. At the Hampstead slide show 130 people were present - almost a record! The Committee was re-elected, with a new member, Mr John Rolfe, filling Martin Jiggins' place; but we still have no Secretary. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have been retained for a third year by a change to the Society's constitution. Accounts were presented: partly as a result of the membership drive, the Society is well off. However, future expenditure on street signs, and the likelihood of having to reprint the Society's book on the Estate, or update it, make a reserve of funds necessary. The garden competition and an item on Neighbourhood Watch are explained more fully below.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

You may have seen mention of this in the paper recently. It is a Metropolitan police scheme to get neighbours to help one another and the police by keeping their eyes and ears open for suspicious things, and thereby trying to prevent burglaries. We are still negotiating with police, after an introductory talk at the AGM by the local Deputy Crime Prevention Officer, to start a scheme locally and give you some statistics of crime figures on the estate. In the meantime please let us know if you wish to participate, because it will all depend on the interest shown by residents. We emphasise that the scheme is for your protection and we do not propose that any one becomes a nosy parker!

THE MOST ATTRACTIVE GARDEN, 1983

Despite the exceptionally hot, dry summer, when some gardens did go into a temporary decline, the number of attractive gardens on the estate still seems to increase. This makes the task of watching even more enjoyable, but the final judging rather more difficult. Sixteen streets is a lot

to get round and many thanks are due to the ten keen helpers whose notes and views were much appreciated.

The first prize went this year to Mr and Mrs Rolfe at 85, Fowlers Walk. While larger than average, the plan is very simple, with a central lawn carpet and straight path, bordered by beds of exceptionally fine colour, changing with the seasons.

In complete contrast, we selected for the second prize Mr and Mrs Parfitt's garden at 14, Meadvale Road. This is a minute plot and the continuous display of colour has been doubled in effect by the use of raised sink gardens and pots and trebled by window boxes. This is cottage gardening par excellence, with tomatoes and seed boxes packed in as well to catch the sun.

Mentioned many times in previous years, Mr and Mrs Durant's garden at 21A, Brentham Way won third prize this year, with its beautiful mix of most interesting plants and subtle colour variations.

There are many more gardens worthy of mention and we will discuss them in the next newsletter. In the meantime enjoy the winter's tidying, planning and planting for the 1984 season.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, PERIVALE

Forthcoming events at St Mary's: Sunday 4th December, 3.00 p.m.: Advent Carols. A retiring collection will be taken. Saturday 10th (Dec), about 7.45 p.m.: HMS Pinafore: singalong with the Julian Light Operatic Society. Tickets £1 (children 50p) from Mrs Biggs on 998-5881 (or at the door). Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th, both at 3.00 p.m.: Candlelight Carol Service. Tickets from Mrs Biggs - no charge but to restrict numbers, and a retiring collection will be taken.

"EALING WALKABOUT" BOOK

This is a new book about Ealing whose title is fairly self-explanatory, by Kate McEwan and with pictures by Alan Gillett. You may remember they did a few short walks in the local paper a while ago, and this book is said to be much more detailed, with photographs and 25 walks set out. It is to be published at the end of November, and we have been given some forms by the author for pre-publication orders to enable you to buy it for £4.70 (publ. price £5.25). This includes a 50p donation to the local society of your choice. Unfortunately we do not have enough forms to put one through every letterbox; so we are putting them through (roughly) alternate letterboxes. If you haven't got one, get together with a neighbour or contact the Treasurer (with the order form, below).

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

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

Please deliver ___ noteclets at 35p per 10/ ___ small sheets of notepaper at 40p per ten (both include envelopes)/ ___ Brentham estate history book(s) at 90p each / ___ Ealing Council planning study/ies at £1 each / an "Ealing Walkabout" leaflet. I ENCLOSE £ ___ (Cheques etc. to 'Brentham Society'.)

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____