

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing

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CHAIRMAN:

BRIAN FALLEN

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NEW COMMITTEE ELECTED AT THE OCTOBER A.G.M

Brian Fallon, (Ch.) - 12 Winscombe Cres; Paul Wharrier (V.Ch.) 3 Ludlow Road
Barbara Murray (Sec) - 2 Winscombe Cres. Charles Rigg, (Treas.) 7 Meadvale Rd.
Tony Oliver, 48 Derison Road, Penny Silverman, 34 Brentham Way,
Crispian Strachan, 26 Holyoake Walk.

Charles Rigg - also co-ordinates renewal of membership.

Paul Wharrier - adviser on building and architectural matters.

Crispian Strachan - adviser on planning matters.

Penny Silverman - publicity and sale of stationery.

AIMS OF THE BRENTHAM SOCIETY

There will be many new residents who were not here when the Society was founded in 1970. We take this opportunity to re-state the objectives of the Society as incorporated in its constitution.

"The objects of the Society shall be to stimulate interest in the original form of the Estate.

To encourage, preserve and improve the character of the Brentham Garden Estate.

To promote the interests of the Estate and its residents.

To promote any activity desired by its members.

To co-operate with anybody or individual with similar or related aims."

PLANNING: Everyone living in Brentham will know that it is a Conservation Area covered by an Article 4 Directive - this means that you cannot do anything which alters the external appearance of your house or the means of enclosure (except for painting the front door a different colour) without first obtaining Planning permission. Although this may seem onerous, it is for the good of everyone and designed to protect the environment in which we have all chosen to live. There is, however, a temptation to carry out minor alterations without having first obtained permission on the basis that "it's a lot of trouble" and "they won't bother enforcing that". Not only is this course of action illegal but you may find difficulties arising when you come to sell your house. It is not difficult or expensive to apply for planning permission and the Conservation Dept. Town Planning Dept. Ealing are always extremely helpful. We are informed that there have been six applications this month in connection with Brentham and of these only one was refused on a technicality. If you have any queries about planning in Brentham, you should telephone the Conservation Officer of the London Borough of Ealing in the first instance on 579 2424 Ext. 3299.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

Parcels were delivered to 20 of the older residents on behalf of all the members.

BE WARNED! BURGLARS ARE AGAIN OPERATING ON THE ESTATE

LOUVRE WINDOWS

The recent Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter warned of the danger of this type of window which provide an easy access to intruders. If you have these windows and are thinking of replacing them in the light of this warning, don't forget you will need planning permission and Ealing Council will certainly insist on a replacement in the 'Brentham' style.

GAS METERS

It is apparently the policy of the North Thames Gas Board to replace internal meters with external boxes when the opportunity arises. Unfortunately, being a statutory body they are not subject to planning laws. We are sure you would agree that the rash of external meter boxes now appearing on the fronts of houses detracts from the general appearance of the Estate.

A Brentham resident had a meter fixed to the front of his house whilst he was on holiday and without his permission. One phone call to the Gas Board had the meter re-installed in its original internal position within 24 hours.

Moral: If you make a fuss, North Thames Gas are unlikely to insist that you have an external meter.

Stationery

Brentham stationery prices have not increased and IT is now available from Penny Silverman, 34 Brentham Way.

Notelets	80p for 10	} including envelopes.
Headed notepaper (size A5)	60p for 10	
" " (size A4)	70p for 10	

The picture heading the stationery is similar to the one on this newsletter but is printed in black.

A few copies of the Brentham Booklet remain at 90p each - it is recommended reading for new residents!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 1987 are now due. New members' subscriptions or renewals (£1 per household yearly on the 1st January) should be paid to the Treasurer, Charles Rigg, 7 Meadvale Road, to any other committee member or, best of all, by Standing Order. Please insert your personal reference number made up from the initial letter of your road, followed by your house number: e.g. ME/R/7. You are reminded that none of the main clearing banks now charge for this service if your current account is in credit and that Standing Orders may be cancelled at any time.

TO: Hon. Treasurer, The Brentham Society.

I wish to renew membership of / join the Brentham Society and enclose £1.

Name

Address