

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This was well attended by about 60 residents. The Chairman's report was well received as was also Audrey Jones' report on the tree planting project. Discussion was lively and a number of points were raised for action during the coming year, the results of which we shall report in due course.

The meeting ended with coffee and biscuits and a look at the interesting displays of old photos of the estate and also of the storm damage and its aftermath. The 'storm' photos will be on display at Pitshanger library in the near future.

The committee for 1989 will be as follows:

Chairman	Brian Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent	997 1056
Vice-chairman	Paul Wharrier, 3 Ludlow Rd	998 7264
Secretary	Barbara Murray, 2 Winscombe Crescent	997 8115
Treasurer	Crispian Strachan, 26 Holyoake Walk	997 1904
	Tony Oliver, 48 Denison Rd	997 7523
	Audrey Jones, 32 Brentham Way	997 9640
	Susan Floate, 17 Ludlow Rd	997 8550
	Ken Butcher, 20 Brentham Way	997 0154

One item which came up at the AGM was the residents' concern about dog fouling. We are sure that local dogowners are careful not to allow their dogs to foul the pavements. May we draw your attention to the 'Pooper Scooper' with disposable plastic bags on sale at Aquapets in Leeland Rd W 13, price £2.99 - or if you prefer a more sophisticated version, Catos will order one for you for £5.99. Of course, a trowel and plastic bag serve the same purpose!

TREES.

The council's officers have inspected all the trees planted this year and those which have failed will be re-placed this winter. There are a number of other places where trees can be planted, subject to negotiation on price, some of which can be borne out of the residue of the Tree Fund.

A suggestion has been made that a tree just inside the grounds of St Barnabas' should be lopped as it shields the footpath from the light in Pitshanger Lane. We considered this but felt that, as the light only penetrates a short way down the path, leaving the rest in darkness, there was little to be gained in lopping the tree. Perhaps it would be wiser to avoid using the path until the council gets round to its lighting programme in 1990.

ITEM IN THE GAZETTE.

We hope you saw the article in the Gazette of Nov 11th. It was not quite what we had hoped for after our committee members were interviewed by the reporter but newspapers are a law unto themselves.

PAGEANT.

We received an enquiry recently from Hampstead Garden Suburb about a joint Brentham/Hampstead pageant, 'Merrie England', which took place in 1912. Do any of our older residents remember it?

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL RESIDENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.



GARDEN OF THE YEAR.

Last year's prizewinners have maintained their high standard but equally attractive are this year's winners.

1st prize - 58 Holyoake Walk. A luxuriant cottage garden, massed with nicotiana and marigolds, a climbing nasturtium engulfing the porch, succeeding a purple clematis; the brick path bordered by bellis, lobelia, stocks and poppies, tagetes, alyssum and pansies. In spring there were red and yellow tulips, kerria and magnolia, but this is primarily and gloriously a summer garden.

2nd prize - 24 Meadvale Road. A tiny garden and mainly paved, but with creeping thymes, other alpines and small bulbs in the paving, and a selection of terra-cotta pots and hanging baskets making a splendid summer display of geraniums, marguerites, busy lizzies - and tomatoes; a purple clematis by the door. Thoughtful and colourful use of a very small space.

Joint 3rd prizes. 2 gardens, commended last year, win prizes for their year-round appeal of foliage and form.

20 Ludlow Road. Dominated by its snakebark maple, superb in winter; green and gold evergreens in a raised bed, with early iris and snowdrops; spring colour from pieris; autumn flowering clematis by the door, and a berried pyracantha hedge. Year-round plant interest.

45 Woodfield Crescent. A gravel garden furnished in winter with conifer, ivies and euonymus; bronze foliage of berberis and maple added in summer to the green and gold of the evergreens; and a vine over the window promising autumn colour. A quiet, understated garden.

Highly commended. In addition to last year's prizewinners and commended gardens, who all continue to maintain a very high standard, we noticed the following:

43 Brentham Way. Perennial geraniums, symphitum, japanese anemones - shrubs including spiraea, lilac, caryopteris, ceratostigma - annual nicotiana and poppies; a long-lasting season of colour and interest in a crowded cottage garden.

50 Brentham Way. Spring bulbs, wallflowers and pieris - yellow and orange dominating in summer with montbretia, nasturtiums and potentilla blending with gold-variegated elaeagnus - autumn colour of two sumachs framing the garden prospect.

61 Fowlers Walk. A tiny garden of gentle colouring with green, gold and silver foliage; flowers here and there mark the seasons - daffodils, pulmonaria, aubrieta, iberis, astilbe, and long-flowering potentilla Miss Wilmott.

32 Holyoake Walk. A gravel garden with spreading contrasting evergreens - bronze heathers, silver senecio and santolina, with thymes and cotoneaster, and a young yucca in a pot. Well spaced-out and simple in style.

8 Ludlow Road. A geometrically laid-out garden with areas of different interest; ground-covering conifers and heathers - busy lizzies and begonias, antirrhinums and lobelia - a row of roses - wistaria and clematis on the house. A meticulously worked garden.

23 Nevill Road. Changing spring and summer bedding backed by interesting shrubs and perennials of varied leaf form and colour - pittosporum, sarcococca, spurge - and fronted by a row of white japanese anemones.

GREETINGS CARDS.

In addition to our standard range of stationery we now have correspondence cards which are ideal for use as Christmas Cards. They feature an attractive illustration of a typical Brentham scene.

£1 for 6 cards from Mrs E. F. Floate, 17 Ludlow Rd Tel: 997 8550