

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Brentham Society will be held on

THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER 1990

At 7.30 p.m. at The Brentham Club, Meadvale Road

All Members of the Society are urged to attend. Any resident wishing to become a member may join at the meeting. (Cost £1 per year)

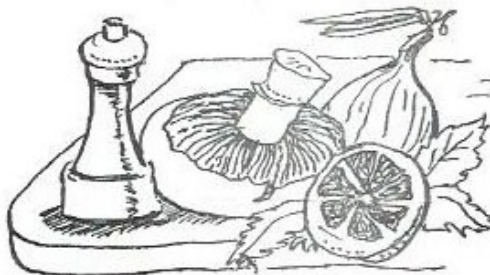
Nominations for election to the committee should reach the Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Murray, 2 Winscombe Crescent by October 13th, proposed and seconded by a paid-up Member of the Society and with the consent of the nominee who must also be a paid-up member.

The Committee of eight (plus co-options) works together as a team with each member taking responsibility for one or more particular activity, such as trees and hedges, footways and lighting, drainage, refuse and re-cycling, archives, publications, stationery, membership, planning advice, Christmas parcels, etc. We would especially welcome a resident who could help us produce a larger newsletter covering a wider selection of articles.

Any motion for discussion at the A.G.M. should be notified to the Secretary for inclusion in the Agenda not later than October 10th.

We look forward to welcoming everyone - whether a member of the Society or not.

CALLING RETIRED RESIDENTS!



Brentham Luncheon Club extends a warm welcome to new members. An excellent lunch is available to order from a two course menu which includes English, Indian, Vegetarian and Diabetic dishes.

Membership is free and you come when you want to. Why not try it out one day?

Please ring Tony Oliver on 997 7523 if you are interested.

Susan Floate has stock of Brentham writing paper which provides an ideal Christmas-time letter to old friends. It will be on sale at the A.G.M. And talking of Christmas, if you know of a pensioner, or disabled person living alone on the Estate, please tell a committee member so that we can include that person in our Christmas Hamper list.





"THE PIONEER CO-PARTNERSHIP SUBURB"

The Society's latest publication in Facsimile Edition has been selling well. Copies are available from committee members and shops in Pitchanger Lane, notably Crescent Arts, Balfours and Present Company, price £3.50 or with an extra 50p for postage from 32 Brentham Way.

We have received some interesting letters from "Old Brenthamites". Doris Marshall (now Mrs. Charles Palmer living in Worthing) writes to say she is one of the "lassies" who awaited the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at The Institute in 1911, pictured in the book. She was married at St. Barnabas Church in 1930 and celebrates her Diamond Wedding this month.

Mr. Eric Burrows writes: 'I was glad to learn of the Brentham Society, having been born in Holyoake Walk in 1923, living there until 1950 when I married and moved away. I had four cousins on the Estate. They lived in Fowlers Walk and Winscombe Crescent. My childhood memories are full of "the rec" where we played year round. Does anyone recall the groundsman's assistant, the dreaded Albert? He took exception to our hammering stumps into the ground "inside the boundary" and doing handstands against the then canvas sight screens. We never found out who spelt out his name with the white-lining machine across the field. Camps and rafts on the Brent were a big thing and I suppose we all fell in at least once. I had a particularly nasty ducking in water which was not even then very sweet. I also sank up to my ankles in the "quicksands" on May Day wearing my new white plimsols in which I was to later appear as Crown Bearer. My mother often mentioned this in later life! I doubt if anyone now remembers my twin cousins, the Batemans, collecting all the dustbin lids and stacking them in the "additional gardens" between Denison Road and Holyoake Walk.'

Mr. Burrows has sent copies of photographs taken during the war. He would be interested to hear from anyone who remembers him or who was in the Club when the bomb fell on the cricket field. He wonders if the ground is level over the crater. His address is: 18 Warren Close, Felbridge, East Grinstead, Sussex.

You will be able to see his photographs at the A.G.M. Please bring any of your own "Estate" pictures - we will make a space to display them.

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Audrey Jones is hoping to welcome "Old Brenthamites" at her house one Sunday in October (date to be announced). If you "date back" to pre-war days why not contact her - it would be nice for "O.Bs" to get together one afternoon. (Call 997-9640)

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Readers may like to know that Wendy Sender, who produced the Facsimile Edition, gave birth to a baby girl four days after the book launch. Congratulations on two jobs well done.