



*Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing*

## NEWS

### **Four Pounds for a bowl of strawberries.**

Over a hundred people visited Barbara Murray's garden on Sunday 26 May for our annual Strawberry Tea. Amongst them we were honoured to have Mr Steve Pound and Mrs Maggie Pound, Mayor and Mayoress of Ealing, with their two children, four Pounds in all!

I'm sure the whole committee were praying for good weather - and this year it was absolutely glorious.

There were homemade cakes and scones in profusion, the strawberries and cream were sumptuous and, of course, endless cups of tea were handed out.

The bring-and-buy-a-plant stall raised £26.52, all of which is going to 'Downhurst', a home for the elderly..

Many people are to be thanked for making the afternoon such a success. But special thanks must go to Barbara Murray for opening up her garden for us once again. If you missed it this year make sure you make it next year.

### **20th CENTURY FOLKS**

One of Britain's most active architectural appreciation groups, the 20th Century

Society recently visited the Brentham Estate.

This group was formed as a result of the fracas over the disgraceful demolition of the Firestone Factory on the A4. After initially concentrating on buildings of the '30's, they broadened their outlook to take in the whole of the architecture of the 1900's. They are a respected society and they are to thank for opening people's eyes to many previously unappreciated buildings.

They came to Ealing on Saturday 13 May to visit a series of architectural sights. Our estate was their last port of call after an exhausting day - earlier they had seen the Haymills Estate, the Hoover Building and the Guinness Brewery.

Clive Hicks of Brentham Way met the party of 50 at St Barnabas Church and gave a concise introduction to the estate, followed by a conducted walk, finishing up at the Brentham Institute.

The group were especially interested in the way the estate was laid out - and some of the oddly shaped houses in Ludlow Road. St Barnabas was also much admired and photographed.

At the end of the visit, the only regrets expressed were about the lack of time to retire to the bar at the club!

## HEATHROW TERMINAL FIVE.

Following the interest shown in our recent traffic survey we would now like to raise the issue of aircraft noise. Brian Sharp of Fowlers Walk has supplied us with the following information on behalf of the Ealing Aircraft Noise Action Group (EANAG).

The Public Inquiry into the planning application by British Airports Authority plc (BAA) to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow (T5), opened on May 16th at the Ramada Hotel. This event will last for at least 66 weeks. The inspector wishes to see the general public attend in force and 350 public seats are provided. Unfortunately we live in an era of apathy due to the belief that the outcome is a forgone conclusion. At least we can try to be aware of the scale of the proposals and listen to the arguments for and against. It is by no means a forgone conclusion and the Inspector is "on the ball".

Those in favour of T5 include BAA, British Airways and support groups. Those against include the combined local authority opposition (LAHTS) representing eleven local authorities including Ealing, and private local anti-noise and environmental groups such as EANAG, HACAN and Friends of the Earth. The proposal has met the near total opposition of the population of a large section of London and the Thames Valley.

The arguments for T5 have been put very eloquently by BAA. They claim that expansion is vital to the interest of UK plc, to maintain Heathrow's lead as an international 'hub' airport, or else we will lose out to Europe.

BAA claim that they can squeeze out a bit more runway capacity and that the extra passengers will be accommodated in bigger planes which will be no noisier than now. It is a fact that modern aircraft are less noisy and the maximum noise per plane occurred in the 60s and 70s. It is also a fact that flights here rose from the 275000 per year limit imposed in 1979, to 400000 now and could be half as much again with T5.

The arguments against are that the proposed expansion will result in a near doubling of air traffic over London with associated rise in surface traffic and air pollution, at a time when we are striving for lower levels of pollution. The demand is artificially created by excessively low landing charges. T5 will be the thin end of the wedge for more night flights and a third runway. No other major airport allows over-flying of intensely populated areas such as West London, noise nuisance at night and surface traffic congestion. Ealing is now monitoring air quality which is a major cause for concern.

Ealing residents suffer much less aircraft noise than their partners in LAHTS. Aircraft only take-off over Ealing during easterly winds and head for Hanger Lane Station. For a few hours or maybe days we all grumble then stop. For many of us the main concern is not the noise but the air quality and road congestion due to surface traffic. BAA are supporting positive means to increase the use of public transport, including the Heathrow link, Crossrail, the Piccadilly Line and bus and rail services. However the British love affair with the car is so strong that public access to the airport will



mostly be by road and a lot of that will go through Ealing. The express rail services will not stop at Ealing.

In its own right T5 will become the third largest airport in Europe, behind the present terminal 4, Heathrow and Frankfurt. T5 is to accommodate 30 million passengers a year on top of the present 50 million and yet it has got to make use of the so-called spare capacity of the present two runways. It can only achieve this by more and more flights and it is the sheer number that cause the nuisance.

Whatever your viewpoint, the issue is very important and will have a momentous effect on the future of West London. If you are concerned about the proposals then you should try and obtain more information and not leave it to the few. Brian Sharp (998 3677) has information and papers or you could join and support EANAG which through its diligence has won a place on the Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee. Brian Sharp is the Deputy to EANAG's chair on this important committee.

### **But I didn't realise I needed planning permission.....**

Recently there have been incidents of residents who, wishing to improve their property, have undertaken work without first gaining planning permission. They have had to apply for retrospective planning permission and to face the possibility of this being refused. All this has caused considerable anxiety and trouble.

Such situations need never arise if we remember to check before we do

anything to change the appearance of the outside of the property - the house or the means of enclosure. This applies equally to the back as to the front and even to replacing an external door or gate.

Contrary to what some people believe planning permission is not difficult to obtain for sympathetic developments. It saves you no end of time, money and trouble to get advice and if necessary, planning permission before you embark on work.

Any committee member will be happy to discuss with you the Council's requirements under the Planning Act, and if necessary, put you in touch with someone who can advise you further.

It is also worth remembering that the rigorous planning requirements in force on the Estate are to help to preserve the unique character of the Brentham Garden Estate and to prevent its destruction by inappropriate alterations over time. They act in the long term interests of each one of us!

*Heather Moore, Chairperson*

### **THE BRENTHAM PRESS**

Following the publication of Daphne Gloag's poetry collection by Brentham Press I was asked to contribute a few notes about the origins of the Press.

It was founded in 1974 when I was working in a publishing office in London. I was then living in Fowlers Walk as a second generation resident and Brentham seemed an

ideal name for the press. The first venture was a reprint of *The Beauty of Life* by William Morris, which proved very popular and was reprinted five times. ( Alas it is no longer available) This led to a request from the Guild of St George to publish the annual John Ruskin lectures which the press still does.

A year or two later I started *Poet's England*, a series of regional verse collections. The first volume covered Berks,Bucks and Oxon; the latest, published last year , were volumes 15 and 16 on Suffolk and Norfolk. From a very small tentative beginning, the series has grown into a major commitment- I had no idea what I was taking on! It now involves a team of compilers and a link-up with another publisher to take over the northern counties; the first two, Lancashire and Cumbria are just out. (July 1995)

In 1987 I moved to St Albans , but decided to keep the name Brentham Press as it was by then reasonably well know in the book trade. We have a lively poetry group here, the Ver Poets, with high standards and a nationwide membership - including Brentham residents Daphne Gloag and Peter Williamson. I had previously published Peter's verse in *Feathers Cut Stone*, from which one poem was printed in *The Independent* ' daily poem series

My current project is a collection of Nature Notes reprinted from the *Herts Advertiser* and should interest conservationists everywhere.

Greetings to all Brentham friends.

*Margaret (Peggy) Timms*

**Christmas starts earlier every year !** As I write this, it's the hottest day of the year. Just the weather to launch our search for this year's Brentham Christmas Card.

We are looking for some brilliant designs for a seasonal card with a Brentham theme. It's open to anyone on the estate, of any age. The card could be black and white or colour, a painting, a drawing, a photo, a collage - any medium you want.

Please bring your submissions, by September 4, to Mark and Mandy Greenwood at 5 Brunner Road. And this Christmas, it could be your card on mantelpieces all over the estate.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs Neena Pateman formerly of 1 Brunswick Road who was 100 on 9th July and to Mrs Bobby Prescott of 44 Denison Road who will be 100 on 23rd of August

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**CONTRIBUTIONS** to the newsletter are welcome. Copy to Delphine Nunn 24 Woodfield Crescent. ,15th September

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE BRENTHAM SOCIETY  
V will be held at 8pm N  
BREI on Tuesday 17th October 1995 3ERS  
in St Barnabas Church Hall.  
Members Welcome

*Nominations for membership of the committee should reach Delphine Nunn, 24 Woodfield Crescent, 997 1208, one week before the AGM*