



Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing

NEWS

LINES FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

This newsletter will reach you at the end of another beautiful summer. The gardens on the Estate are looking wonderful despite too little rain and surprisingly most of the new trees planted by the Council seem to be thriving. If there's one near you it may need watering in dry times.

Lots of properties seem to be changing hands at the moment to judge by the number of Estate Agents' boards to be seen and phone calls from new owners about possible changes to their property. We have prepared a leaflet about planning permission which is being distributed with this newsletter. We hope it will help to answer some of your questions.

On behalf of the Society I should like to welcome new residents. Please make yourself known to a committee member (list on back page). We have prepared a welcome pack which will be of interest to you as you settle into your new home in what many of us feel is a rather special place. To residents leaving we say farewell and hope that you take happy memories of Brentham to your new home.

Last year the Silverman family moved from Brentham Way. I'm sure I'm not alone in missing Mike Silverman's occasional 'Nature Notes' in the newsletter. Is there anyone else who would like to write from time to time about the wild side of Brentham?

If so Delphine Nunn, 997 1208, would be delighted to hear from you. In my garden a fox is a regular visitor, hedgehogs try to eat the cat's food and I'm amazed at the variety of birds, butterflies, moths and beetles to be found

Over the summer the Committee has organised two events which were successful and well attended, the long established Strawberry Tea and a Family Fun Day on Ludlow Green. The latter is a new venture, but one which attempts to keep alive the spirit of Brentham's early days.

Our AGM is planned for 17th October. We are hoping to arrange a talk on William Morris whose centenary falls this year and whose legacy influenced the co-partnership and garden suburb movements of which Brentham is an example. Tree posters will give further details. All are welcome for the talk. The business part of the AGM is for members of the Brentham Society.

There is currently a vacancy on the Committee for an elected member and a space for two possible co-opted members. Have you considered becoming more involved in the work of the Society? It is interesting and rewarding. If you would like to find out more about what is involved please contact any committee member.

Heather Moore

MAPPING OUT POSSIBILITIES

In 1987, a group called Common Ground launched their Parish Maps project. Since then hundreds of societies, W I's, schools, residents associations and all kinds of local organisations have made maps of their localities. However these maps have little in common with the A to Z. They are expressions of what people value in their local area. The maps are as varied as the places in which they were created. They are painted, embroidered, drawn, written, sewn, photographed - each map's design varies according to the skills of the people who made it.



Common Ground say that the project was started in an attempt to encourage people to come together to chart the things they valued most in their community. It was also an attempt to make their voices heard amongst the developers and local authorities, and to assert their views about what makes a locality distinctive.

We think this project is ideal for the Brentham Estate for two reasons. One, because we seem to be under more pressure than ever to allow alterations to houses which will change their unique style. A project that encourages us all to examine what we really value as a group would be timely. Secondly, our centenary is fast approaching, and it would be a great way to celebrate.

We've got some leaflets and booklets which show in more detail what could be achieved. If you would like to find out more, please ask any committee member.

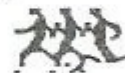
A SPORTING PICNIC !



An old tradition was revived on the Brentham Estate on Sunday 14th July - a sports day. Some residents can still remember this from their childhood on the estate. It was now the turn of current residents, children, parents and grandparents, to enjoy what turned out to be in my view, a delightfully old fashioned, relaxed afternoon of fun.



At around 3 p.m. families arrived and spread their picnic rugs under the old oak tree on the green between Ludlow and Denison Roads. There were toys for the toddlers and singing led by Nigel Younge who had brought his guitar. A small tiger appeared shortly to be joined by butterflies, leopards, foxes, cats, bats and clowns. No one was worried though as these came courtesy of those patient mums who painted faces all afternoon.



Before the races commenced Kirsten Kaluzynski announced the winners of the Children's Drawing Competition. Children of all ages on the estate had sent in pictures of their own Brentham house and what variety they displayed, from precise pencil sketches to bold poster paint and collage. Tony Oliver kindly presented the prizes to the budding young artists. Then the fun began in earnest.



There were 25 races in all, old and new, starting with the egg and spoon which saw my daughter disqualified for "egg-holding". Then a toddlers race won by

THE STRAWBERRY TEA - TWO VIEWS

Two residents, one long established and the other new, give their impressions of the annual strawberry tea.

First, Maddy Parker.....

Having recently moved onto the Brentham Estate, the Strawberry Tea in June was a tempting opportunity to meet some of the local residents. On a sunny afternoon it was a pleasure to sit in a delightful garden in Winscombe Crescent and enjoy the delicious cakes and strawberries. I enjoyed meeting residents who had lived on the Estate for many years and who talked about changes they have seen. I think it was a reflection of this estate to see people of all ages mixing together in such a relaxed atmosphere.

Then Madeleine Jones.....

The Strawberry Tea is a lovely occasion and it's nice to meet old residents again... It is such a nice friendly occasion and get-together. It's good to see children roaming around - they're the future of Brentham coming along. It is very good of Barbara to lend her garden, a nice venue, so secluded and pleasant. Altogether a happy occasion.

Thank you Maddy and Madeleine. We are so pleased to hear residents comments and opinions. Any more?



AUTUMN TREES

Have you ever wondered about your local trees? If so, then why not join a

group looking at some of the Borough's exotic tree species.

Meet at Hanger Hill Park, off Hillcrest Road on Sunday 27th October at 1.30 - 3.30

More information is available from London Borough of Ealing's Parks and Amenities Dept. 0181 758 5744

NB National Tree Week is 20th November to 1st December. The Brentham Society will again be sponsoring trees around the Estate.



STATIONERY IS AVAILABLE ON PITSHANGER LANE AGAIN!

Sadly following the closure of 'Masters' picture framing gallery, the Brentham Society temporarily lost their stationery outlet. However, the full range of stationery is now on sale at 'Pitshanger Bookshop'.

Also on sale is the Brentham facsimile book (£3.50). For those of you who are not familiar with this book, it is a reproduction of 'The Pioneer Co-partnership Suburb - A Record of Progress' (1912), and we are sure you will find it interesting.

Brentham residents will be pleased to know this local book shop is able to offer a quick ordering service (usually within 1-3 days), local history books and maps and general books, including local authors.

We are grateful to Pitshanger Bookshop for their co-operation and support.

Sam Greenwood much to the immense pride of his parents Mark and Mandy. A junior and adult version of *Late to school*, a game involving dressing and running at the same time proved very tricky, whilst rolling the lemon revealed some interesting variations in technique or do I mean cheating? Both the sack race and three legged race were immensely popular with children and adults alike but probably the most thrilling to behold was the baby and buggy race. 10 determined parents mostly dads, offspring strapped in place, vied for a good position at the starting line. Then they were off hurtling around the green, often on two wheels. Who needed the Grand Prix that afternoon when we had this excitement on our doorstep?



All energies expended it was time for the picnic and an opportunity to chat to friends old and new whilst the youngest members of the day carried on with their own races. About 80 to 100 Brentham residents enjoyed this most pleasant afternoon. Even the weather was kind to us, the rain at the start of the races never amounting to more than a short shower and followed by sun in the late afternoon, the old oak affording shelter as well as shade.

Sincere thanks go to all the organisers Colin Gibson, Wendy Sender, Kirsten Kaluzinski, Elizabeth Atkinson, Lawrence Hamilton and Mark Greenwood for all their hard work. Also thank you to the mystery juggler who came and entertained the children. Please let the organisers know who you are as they would like to book you for next year!

Our thanks to Pam Burton for her entertaining report. Hopefully she has

made you determine to go to the Fun Day next year.

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If you have any comments or queries about anything in this newsletter please contact any of the committee members listed above.

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF THE
BRENTHAM SOCIETY WILL
BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 17TH
OCTOBER 1996
AT 8PM
IN ST BARNABAS CHURCH
HALL
SPEAKER TO BE
ANNOUNCED
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
SERVED**

**NOMINATIONS TO THE
COMMITTEE TO;
MRS ELIZABETH
ATKINSON
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CRESCENT BY THE 10TH
OCTOBER PLEASE**