

BRENTHAM SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 18th October 2001
The Millennium Hall – St. Barnabas Church
8.00 pm

Residents in Attendance: approximately 45

Committee members present: Heather Moore, Rosanna Henderson, Sue van Raat, Krystina Mackersie, Nicky Cadisch, George Barnes, Graham Fox, Chris Holdsworth

The meeting was in two parts.

Part 1: 'Re-inventing the Garden Suburb'

Talk given by Sir Peter Hall – Bartlett Professor of Planning
University College, London

Part 2: Main business

1. Minutes of 2000 Annual General Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting – proposed by Peter Bigwood, seconded by Bevan Jones.

2. Committee's Report

Outgoing Chair, Heather Moore, gave heartfelt thanks to her committee members, street representatives, membership collectors, events organisers and all other estate helpers who had given their support so generously during the Society's centenary year. Alan Henderson was singled out for special mention with his hard work in producing the Brentham Newsletter and Krys Mackersie for heading up the Vivian Green renaming project. Barry Murphy had sadly had to resign as Vice Chair due to family commitments but hoped to be able to rejoin the Society at a later date.

Heather outlined the main events of the year which had started with the Brentham Book launch and concluded with the renaming of Vivian Green. The range of merchandise had been increased, and refurbishment had begun on the Estate's street signs. Membership had unfortunately decreased slightly over the previous year and the uptake on a free trial membership of the Brentham Club had also been disappointing. A planning application from the Brentham Club to extend their sports facilities had been turned down and a subsequent appeal also dismissed.

The Chair emphasised the close yet separate relationship between the Brentham Society and its Heritage offshoot, stating that the main objective of the Brentham Society was the conservation aspects of the Estate. A revised policy design guide was still awaited from the council.

Rosanna Henderson reviewed specific events organised by the Society during its centenary year. These covered the book launch in November 2000 with an attendance of over 400 as well as a craft fair, carol singing and Xmas parcels to elderly residents. 2001 had seen the recreation of a meeting by Vivian Green and his associates at the Haven Arms public house in February with Committee and Society members dressed in Edwardian garb. Another craft fair followed in March with a ceremony re-enacting the first sod laying of the Estate in April. The main centenary events took place during the last week-end in June with an Edwardian picnic visited by 250 people and the annual Open Garden Day and Strawberry Tea which was attended by over 100. A family cycle ride took place in July with the opening of Vivian Green in September.

3. Treasurer's Report

Sue van Raat presented the annual accounts which showed a healthy bank balance of £4,366. Subscriptions were up on the previous year due to donations towards the centenary celebrations. The Society had joined the Ealing Civic Society during the year.

Sue thanked Heather for her three years as Chair which she now sadly had to relinquish under the Society's rules.

4. **Election of Committee**

The following members were re-elected to the Committee for 2001/2 – Nicky Cadisch (Secretary), Sue van Raat (Treasurer), Graham Fox, Rosanna Henderson, Chris Holdsworth and Heather Moore. Two new members were elected to Committee - Ian Brocklebank (proposed by Rosanna Henderson, seconded by Nicky Cadisch) and Sue Elliott (proposed by Alan Henderson, seconded by Heather Moore). Sue Elliott (proposed by Paul Fodrio, seconded by Wendy Sender) accepted the role of Chair and was duly elected.

5. **Garden Awards**

Graham Fox introduced the garden awards and, once again, thanked Brian Vaughan for his expert judging.

Spring Award	-	38 Fowlers Walk
Summer Award	-	1 Ruskin Gardens
Autumn Award	-	45 Woodfield Crescent

The rose bowl was awarded to 18 Ludlow Road.

6. **Questions from the Floor**

Mary Fear-Hill thanked the Committee on behalf of the residents for their work during the past year and then spoke about the apparent lack of interest by the Council in the upkeep of local paths and verges. Another resident voiced his concern at the number of Cable & Wireless cabinets erected allegedly without Council permission. General concern was expressed about the lack of information granted new residents by estate agents on the conservation status of the Brentham Estate. Wendy Sender asked if anyone could advise on the original frame/door colours of Holyoake House as the residence was due for renovation.