



MINUTES OF THE BRENTHAM SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
28th OCTOBER 1997  
Brentham Club, Meadvale Road.

**Residents Attending.**

Approximately 65 residents, all members of the Brentham Society, attended the AGM.

**Committee Members Present**

Mark Greenwood, Delphine Nunn, Elizabeth Atkinson, Rosanna Henderson, Julie Gibson.

**Minutes of the 1996 AGM.**

Members were asked to read and verify copies of the 1996 AGM minutes. The minutes were accepted by the members, proposed by David Rogers and seconded by Pat Baxendale.

**Chairman's report.**

Mark Greenwood paid tribute to the hard work of the Committee members over the past year. Membership had increased and a new Welcome Pack was in progress. Much of the Committee's work had been with planning, improving the way it works with the council, and pressing for action on planning contraventions. Mark thanked the Planning Advisory Group (David Humphries, Pat Baxendale, John Kelly) for all their hard work. The group was not part of the Brentham Society, but a group of local people asked by the council to give views on every planning application on the estate. The Brentham Society has worked closely with them during the year.

The Committee had spent much time considering the application by St Barnabas Church for a new hall. After much discussion with members and residents the Committee decided not to take a specific view on the design for the hall but to take a lead from English Heritage. The revised plans received approval of English Heritage and planning permission from Ealing Council. Mark wished the church every success with project.

The Society had enjoyed a full calendar of events during the year, starting with a special evening to thank everyone who had helped the Society and to try to secure further help. This was followed by carol singing, a wine and cheese evening, the Strawberry Tea, a picnic and children's sports day and walks as part of the Open House weekend which attracted visitors from as far as Cardiff and Cambridge.

Mark thanked Alan Henderson for sorting out the Society's archive material. Mark announced plans for the estate's centenary in 2001 and that a definitive book of the estate's first 100 years was proposed.

Mark outlined what the current Committee would do if re-elected and then concluded by thanking the Society's members for their contributions, involvement and support.

**Treasurers Report**

Read by Delphine Nunn in the absence of the Treasurer Lawrence Hamilton.

The Treasurer reported a deficit of £475 in the annual accounts ending the 31st August 1997. Three elements combined to create this deficit:

1. Ludlow-Denison Green grass cutting. The Society acts as banker.
2. Volunteers' Social Evening. This one off event cost £136.
3. Craft Fairs benefited the Society approximately £200 in previous years. However Mandy Greenwood had to step down at the end of 1996.

The Society does not aim to make a profit and the underlying decrease in the Society's financial position is approximately £200.

The Committee believed that increasing the income was the key means to improve the financial position for 1998.

1. Improve scheduling and advertising of events.
2. Increase funds raised at each event - stationery sales and raffles.
3. Look for sponsorship.
4. Craft Fair - Society needs a volunteer to co-ordinate a stall.
5. Subscriptions and donations.

The membership subscription has remained at £1 per household since 1971 Committee therefore decided to recommend a subscription rate of £2 per household for 1998 and encourage donations from those who can afford to make them.

The 1996 Society Accounts were accepted by the members, proposed by Clive Hicks and seconded by Celia Busby.

### **Election of Committee for 1997-1998**

The following residents were elected to the Committee:-

Mark Greenwood	5 Brunner Road
Heather Moore	127 Fowlers Walk
Julie Gibson	40 Woodfield Crescent
Lawrence Hamilton	4 Brunner Road
Elizabeth Atkinson	12 Woodfield Crescent
Rosanna Henderson	47 Meadvale Road
Philip Sutcliffe	1 Ruskin Gardens

### **Garden Awards**

A group of residents with the help of Pam Turner chose the following gardens for awards in 1997.

Janet and Tony Sever	7 Brentham Way	Spring Award
Janice Parks	10 Woodfield Crescent	Summer Award
Mr and Mrs Rayner	194 Pitshanger Lane	Autumn Award

All Season Rose Bowl Winner

Krys Mackersie 39 Brentham Way

Glorious colour scheme - beds planted to overflowing. Excellent background layout.

### **A.O.B.**

Paul Foudrio asked if information about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme could be included with the Society's Welcome pack.

Mark Greenwood agreed.

Paul also asked about the organisation of the Funday.

Mark Greenwood replied that if the Denison/Ludlow Green was to be used, a letter would be sent to all householders backing onto Green for their consent to using the land for the 1998 Funday.

David Rogers asked about traffic calming measures on the estate..

Mark Greenwood replied that there was nothing to report since the Public Meeting at Montpelier School. Cllr Audrey Hider was keeping the Society informed about any developments.

Another resident asked who was responsible for the upkeep of the small plots of land owned by the Bradford Property Trust that were dotted around the estate - for example opposite the Brentham Club.

Mark Greenwood replied that the Society would investigate.

Mark reminded the meeting that the Committee relied on residents to keep Society informed about such matters.

Meeting closed at 22.00.