

THE BRENTHAM CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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EALING TOWN CENTRE: OUR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the Brentham Club at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th September, when the Hon. Secretary, Mr C.G. Higgins, will explain the proposals for the redevelopment of Ealing Town Centre. Since this is something which affects us all very much, this will be a useful opportunity for those who are not yet familiar with what is proposed to learn about the Council's proposals. The meeting will be illustrated with slides and diagrams, and we are hoping also to be able to display the model of the Civic Society's proposals.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The first Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 21st October, at the Brentham Club. The meeting will elect a new committee, approve a constitution for the Society, and review the activities of the Society to date. It will also provide a fresh opportunity for suggestions on the direction or activities of the Society.

The Committee has drafted and agreed a proposed constitution for the Society. This is being circulated to all members, and the Annual General Meeting will be invited to accept the Constitution. Any proposed amendments will be considered first, and if approved by the meeting, the Constitution will be revised accordingly.

The meeting will then be called upon, subject to the approval of the Constitution as at present formulated, to elect a Committee of eight, who will elect from their own number a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. Apart from Mr Higgins, who is leaving the area, all members of the Steering Committee are standing for re-election.

THREE TIER EDUCATION: OUR LAST MEETING

The meeting held on 9th September heard a most interesting explanation of the three tier education system given by the Acting Chief Education Officer, Mr R.J. Hartles, supported by Councillor, Mrs Howard, the Chairman of the Education Committee. Constructive questions from the floor expanded the subject considerably, and those who were present appeared to be reassured on the proposals. In view of the opposition to the scheme, it was rather a surprise to find it

Talk by Mr. C.G. Higgins illustrated with slides

Both meetings at 8 p.m. at the Brentham Club, Meadvale Road. All residents welcome

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entirely absent from the meeting. The Committee particularly welcomes the assurance from Mr Hartles that the Society would be consulted on the details of the proposed Brentham School, if it is to proceed.

THE BRENTHAM CLUB INDOOR BOWLING GREEN

The Committee has separately notified all residents of its unanimous opposition to the third planning application by the Brentham Club for the construction of a four lane indoor bowling green adjacent to the club building on Meadvale Road. The Council has now been provided with the additional particulars, and the formal process of consultation with previous objectors and other bodies has now commenced. Objections must be submitted not later than Friday, 9th October, to The Director of Technical Services, 24, Uxbridge Road, Ealing, W. 5, and the Committee again takes this opportunity of drawing the attention of all residents to the significance of this matter and the importance of individual letters to the Council.

MAY DAY PROCESSION

We have been delighted to receive on loan a number of excellent photographs of the May Day procession of 1920 and 1936, one showing Mrs Molly Duncan, who taught the dancers as well as Peggy Cobbett, then a girl, but subsequently Mrs Duncan's successor. The photographs were lent by Mrs C.B. Doy, of 21, Connell Crescent, W. 5, who herself, then Kitty Mitchell, appears in one of the pictures. Mrs Doy recognised the names of several of our members, and would like to hear from old friends.

MEADVALE ROAD GARDEN

The Committee has approached the Bradford Property Trust on the maintenance of the small area of land at the junction of Holyoake Walk, Denison Road and Meadvale Road, and it has been agreed that the area would be improved as a garden if a group can be formed to maintain it. Volunteers are required for this excellent chance to improve the appearance of the Estate. If this is taken up, the Society will approach the Council with a request for the provision of a bench.

PATH BY ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

Following a request, the Committee has written to the Council requesting a light on the path by St. Barnabas Church, leading from Meadvale Road to Holyoake Walk. The reply has indicated that it cannot be put into the programme until the end of 1972.

PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

The Committee is still investigating the possibility of the formation of new pre-school play group on the Estate, although not necessarily confined to its borders, and would like to hear from anyone interested.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Society remains a most important matter if our collective views are to have any strength. Membership subscriptions of six shillings per household, for the year 1970/71 will be accepted at the forthcoming meetings, at which new members will be welcomed.

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The Society wishes to hear from anyone who knows of a secondhand duplicator to hire or buy for the reproduction of newsletters, circulars, etc. Please contact the Hon. Secretary.