

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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Hon. Sec. Martin Jiggens
1 Winscombe Crescent

AGM

The Annual General Meeting took place at St. Barnabas Church Hall and was attended by about 40 people. The outgoing Chairman, Pam Turner, reported on progress during the year. The Hon. Treasurer, in presenting the accounts for the year, reported a surplus of £19 against £47 for the previous year. The meeting agreed to an amendment to the Constitution, proposed by the Hon. Treasurer, that the Society's financial year end on 31 August, and also on an increase in subscriptions. (see below)

The new Committee now comprises the following people:

Chairman	Crispian Strachan	28 Fowlers Walk	997-1904
Hon. Secretary	Martin Jiggens	1 Winscombe Crescent	998-2641
Hon. Treasurer	David Skelton	39 Woodfield Avenue	998-3450
Committee Members	Brian Fallon	12 Winscombe Crescent	997-1056
	Charles Rigg	7 Meadvale Road	997-7867
	Malcolm Reynolds	9 Winscombe Crescent	997-9995
	Pam Turner	43 Ludlow Road	997-8614
	Tony Oliver	48 Denison Road	997-7523

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions have remained constant at 30p per household ever since the Society was first formed in 1970. Costs have risen enormously since then and at the AGM :

- A. A member of the Society proposed that we should raise subscriptions to 50p per household for 1980.
- B. This was carried without dissent.

ALLOTMENTS

The new Brentham Allotment site is shortly to be marked out into plots and should be ready for occupation very shortly. The site will be fenced, with paths and a water supply. The rent of a 5 rod plot is £5.50 per annum and concrete huts are available to rent at £3.45p.a. or can be shared (all rents less 50% for OAP's). Plots are to be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and are available to anyone resident in the Borough. If any resident is interested in a plot (or sharing one), they should contact Mr. W.G. Palmer at 21 Woodfield Avenue (tel.no.997-5736) or at the site on Saturday or Sunday mornings.

GARDEN COMPETITION

This year the Society organised its own competition and the Committee awarded prizes for "The Most Attractive Front Garden". This opened our sights and gave greater opportunities than in previous years when the aim was for The Best Kept. A well kept garden stands a better chance than one not cared for, but we were able to look just as much at basic design, scale, ingenuity, interest over the seasons and all the other subtle qualities which attract the attention and then delight and satisfy.

The first prize, to have the Brentham Horticultural Society rosebowl for a year, was won by Mrs. Barbara Murray of 2 Winscombe Crescent, where a well balanced layout is made of good materials and interesting plants. Colours are never gaudy, and foliage contributes as much as flowers. We were particularly attracted to the view down the side path where a tree in full autumn colour closed the narrow vista and made a most inviting pathway.

The second prize, of a £5 garden token, was awarded to Mr. & Mrs. Bennett of 51 Meadvale Road for their lovely riot of a garden, where plants run and intermingle through the paving and give glorious colour from spring to autumn.

Third prize of a £3 token, went to Mr. & Mrs. Harrison of 2 Denison Road for an interesting layout and variety, particularly suited to the scale and design of the house. The long frontage has been used to advantage and the asymmetrical shape is well arranged.

Runners up were 18 Ludlow Road, a tiny garden of most beautifully chosen foliage plants which look well even in the depth of winter, though this is not a garden for those seeking flower colour. No. 9 Brentham Way is similar in tone, beautiful in scale with the house and nicely relating garage and side gate. No. 84 Meadvale Road is a pretty cottage-style garden, not small but creating a tiny scale, with good plant grouping to form contrasts of just the right weight. No. 7 Brunner Road has been full of colour and interest, and reflects a lot of loving care.

Other gardens which were noted were: 21A and 47 Brentham Way; 3 Brunswick Road; 50 and 71 Fowlers Walk; 42 Holyoake Walk; 33 and 51 Ludlow Road; 1,15 and 27, Meadvale Road; and 14 Neville Road. There will be a further appreciation of these gardens in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to all those receiving a mention. It is a most apparent example of how much effect private effort has on the public good, and it is hoped that everyone will be waiting with renewed enthusiasm for, what is now, this year's display.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

The Society, as in other years, delivered Christmas Parcels to certain residents on the Estate. A number of letters of thanks have been received by the Committee.

BRENTHAM BOOKLET

The Society's own booklet 'Brentham-Ealing's Garden Suburb', price 90p is available from W.H. Smith & Son or Ealing Books (opposite Ealing Broadway Station), or from David Skelton, 39 Woodfield Avenue. It provides a concise history of the Estate, from 1901 to the present day, and is fully illustrated.

NOTEBOOK

Notepaper, incorporating the heading used in the Newsletter is available to order at very favourable prices. Contact Crispian Strachan for full details.

I should like to become a Member/Renew my Membership of the Brentham Society and enclose 50p Membership.

Name: Address:

Send to Hon. Treasurer, David Skelton, 39 Woodfield Avenue, London W5 in exchange for your Membership Card.