

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER NO. 70



Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing

MAY 1982

Hon Secretary:  
Martin Jiggens  
1 Winscombe Crescent

## GARDEN COMPETITION

While we have, for the most part, received an enthusiastic response to this annual competition, we have heard that some residents have been offended and hurt by some of the comments made about the winning and commended gardens.

We offer our sincere apologies for this, for it was never our intention to be hurtful nor to decry any of the ideas or work which residents have put into their gardens. We hoped our criticism had been positive and helpful, leaving residents to agree or disagree. However, in future we will restrict our notes to those of a general nature or purely favourable comments on the winning gardens.

A few residents have said they would prefer their gardens not to be considered, but we feel it would be a pity to have a competition which had to be entered, as it would become too small and elite. Many of our previous winners have been surprised and delighted by being selected. Please let us have your views. We would like the competition to continue and be an even happier and more successful part of Brentham life than in the past.

## MAY DAY PROCESSION

This year's May Day festivities will be held on Saturday 22nd May. Well over 100 children are busy rehearsing their country and maypole dancing and they have chosen 13 year old Josephine Day of Woodfield Road as their May Queen.

We hope the event will receive the usual, wonderful support from you. It is unfortunate that we have had no choice but to clash with the Cup Final but we hope you will not desert us for the television. The procession will start at 2.30pm so you can watch both if you really need to!

We are once again desperate for help on the Committee and all offers would be gratefully received by Mary Scanlan (3 Winscombe Crescent, 997-6995) or Brenda Clements (33 Ludlow Road, 997-2503). Able-bodie men who can help at the Club on the Friday evening and Saturday morning will be particularly welcome.

## ST BARNABAS MAY FAIR

This will be on Saturday 5th June, with (we understand) all the usual attractions, and we hope to have a stall to meet old friends and new members. Books and notelets will be for sale and we are trying to get STATIONERY printed for sale too!

## EALING BOROUGH PLAN

Your Committee was sent documents relating to the current draft statement of the plan. We have considered them and submitted comments regarding (i) the Brent River Park concept, which we welcome; (ii) traffic from Brunswick Road through to Pitshanger Lane, which we do not welcome; (iii) improvement of the E2 bus service, even though this is not directly the Council's responsibility;

and (iv) Pitshanger Lane shopping centre, where we would still like to see a pedestrian crossing installed. If any resident has any further comments, please let us know; but the plan as a whole is of little direct relevance to Brentham and we only replied to the particular issues touching us.

#### BRUNNER ROAD

Further to the question of through traffic mentioned above, the white lines and SLOW painted on Brunner Road recently arise from a request from this Committee. We hope that traffic will be safer and quieter as a result.

#### REFUSE AND BOTTLE SKIPS

We have no progress on general refuse skips. The new, small bottle skips which received some publicity recently will not be bought by the Council in any quantities yet. When they are, the Council will try to find a site in Pitshanger Lane, provided that any residents nearby will not have nuisance caused by noise and/or debris.

#### CRIME PREVENTION MEETING, 11TH FEBRUARY

This meeting was attended by only about 25 people, who were nevertheless enthusiastic about the advice given by Police Sergeant Pooley - a mine of useful information. Crispian Strachan (see below) still has a small stock of crime prevention leaflets.

#### HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB

Our younger but bigger cousin is celebrating her 75th birthday this year. The week of 1st - 8th May is full of festivities (and we are sorry we could not give you more notice) and particularly on 8th May a group of interested residents will be coming for a walkabout in Brentham. If you can help guide them or give them tea please contact Barbara Murray (2 Winscombe Crescent, 997-8115).

#### DOORS

If you have any simple four-panelled internal doors, about 6' 6" x 2' 6", which you do not need, please tell Crispian Strachan (below). He would like to replace some modern internal doors in his house.

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To: Crispian Strachan, 26 Holyoake Walk, W5 (997-1904)

I wish to join/renew my membership of the Brentham Society and enclose 50p.

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ (number) notelets at 35p per 10 and enclose \_\_\_\_\_ (amount).

(Cheques etc should be made payable to the Brentham Society).

Name:

Address: