

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing

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MARCH 1984

Hon. Chairman:

Barbara Murray
2, Winscombe Crescent

MAY DAY:

This year's May Day procession will be on Saturday May 19th. Enrolment for children is at the Brentham Club on Thursday 22nd March, 4-4.30 p.m. In the last year the organising committee has lost two members; so if you would like to help, you will be very welcome. The job isn't hard because May Day only comes once a year! Please contact Janet Shapley 998-7320 or Mary Scanlan on 997-3707.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

On Saturday 5th May we hope to have a buffet party with wine: we are about to apply for the licence and will let you know more presently. Sometime in the spring we shall be having an open meeting, to be addressed by staff and councillors from Ealing Town Hall, on planning and future proposals for the Estate. We await more details from the Town Hall and will keep you informed.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS:

20 parcels were distributed and we are asked by several recipients to thank you, the members, for the parcels which you have made possible by your subscriptions, etc.

FURTHER NOTES ON 1983 ATTRACTIVE GARDENS:

In our last newsletter we reported on the winning gardens, 85 Fowlers Walk, 14 Meadvale Road and 21A Brentham Way. If we had a winning Street it might well be Meadvale Road for, amongst several other good gardens, 60 and 64 are two of our runners up. At 64 the plant groups are well proportioned and contrasted in form, height and colour, and the garden looked particularly fine in late summer and autumn when so many gardens lose their shine. At NO:60 heathers are used as a gently changing background to other plants, the brightest concentrated in pots on the terrace.

In equal place with these comes 2, Denison Road which has a very peaceful atmosphere centred on the magnolia tree with a little pond as a foil. Previous winners and mentions continue to look good particularly 7 Brunner Road (despite roofing works!), 18 Ludlow Road and 218 Pitshanger Lane. All four gardens in Ruskin Gardens were good for much of the season and 27 Neville Road maintains its interest of soft foliage against paring textures.

A group worth mentioning is 21, 22, 23 and 24 Woodfield Crescent, all tiny paved gardens with delightful creeping plants, and ivy hedge, some window boxes and all well in scale with the cottage fronts.

Other gardens we liked were 38 and 40 Holyoake Walk, 34 Brentham Way, 61 and 65 Fowlers Walk, 64 and 66 Fowlers Walk (a nice pair) and 18 North View for its most unusual spring study in red.

We now look forward to 1984, hoping for a little less rain in the spring and a little more in summer, but enthusiastic whatever comes.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION:

This year we are starting a new competition, for photographers of the Estate. The objects are to encourage interest in the Estate and build up a modern archive of photographic material. We have set certain rules to give it a try this year:

The competition starts now, but for this year previous photos are admissible. The competition ends at 31st August to allow time for judging and preparation for display - we hope at the A.G.M. There are three classes: (1) Life on the Estate - people and animals; (2) Views of the Estate - general, or detailed, e.g. architectural or gardens; (3) May Day.

All classes are for prints, which may be monochrome or colour, but must be of a minimum size of $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square or $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 5"$, depending on the camera. There is a maximum entry of six prints per person, which may be distributed between the classes in any way (2-2-2, 4-1-1, etc). Only current residents of the Estate may enter.

There will be one £5 cash prize in each class, subject to there being an entry of sufficient merit.

The name and address of the photographer, class entered and title of each photograph should be shown in the reverse of the print. Entries may be delivered to Barbara Murray, 2 Winscombe Crescent, Pam Turner, 43 Ludlow Road or Roger Craft, 44 Holyoake Walk, but it is our open intention to build up a modern photographic archive for the future and we hope that many entries will be given to the Society for that purpose.

No correspondence will be entered into after 31st August and the judge's decision will be final - sorry, but necessary!

Now, where's my Brownie?

36. HOLYOAKE WALK: WINDOWS AND DOORS.

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We reported in March 1983 that an appeal to the Department of Environment might be made to allow the work done at this house. An appeal was made, and a number of local representations were considered. The D of E has agreed with Ealing Council that "the replacements are markedly out of sympathy with the original window and door designs to be seen in surrounding properties." The appeal was therefore dismissed and the work is to be modified or reinstated. We report this only as a matter of fact because it has aroused public interest, and as a warning to us all to us all that standards for replacement doors and windows are very high and care needs to be exercised in doing such work. Prior advice can always be obtained from the Conservation Officer at the Town Hall on 579-2424, ext 3789.

BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB:

There are a few vacancies for this popular club. If you are retired state pensioner and would enjoy a good lunch in pleasant company for a modest price (70p) please ring Mrs Frances Hughes on 998-7417 or inquire at the Brentham Club, Meadvale Road, on any weekday between 12 noon and 1 p.m. Lunches are booked for one week in advance.

FOR THE RECORD:

Present officers and committee of the Society are:

Hon Chairman	Barbara Murray	2, Winscombe Crescent	997-8115
Vice Chairman	Charles Rigg	7, Meadvale Road	997-7867
Hon Secretary	Vacant		
Hon Treasurer	Crispian Strachan	26, Holyoake Walk	997-1904
Committee	Pam Turner	43, Ludlow Road	997-8614

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Committee	Elizabeth Clay	33, Brunner Road	997-8930
	Tony Oliver	48, Denison Road	997-7523
	Brian Fallon	12, Windscombe Crescent	997-1056
	John Rolfe	85, Fowlers Walk	997-8766
	Roger Craft	44, Holyoake Walk	997-5130

EALING 1977 SILVER JUBILEE FILM:

This film which includes some footage of the Brentham celebrations, is to be shown in the Queens Hall, Ealing Town Hall, on Thursday 29th March 1984 at 8 pm.
(The programme will last about an hour.) Brentham residents have been invited to attend.

TO: Crispian Strachan, Hon. Treasurer, Brentham Society,
26, Holyoake Walk.

I wish to renew my membership of/join the Brentham Society and enclose 50p (annual membership per household).

Please also deliver: ----- notelets at 35p per 10/ ----- sheets of small (A5) notepaper at 40p per 10/----- sheets of large (A4) notepaper at 50p per 10(all include envelopes) ----- Brentham estate history book(s) at 90p each/----- Council planning report(s) at £1. each.

I enclose £----- (Cheque etc to "Brentham Society").

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