

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on Friday October 20th at 7.30 pm at the BRENTHAM CLUB.

All members of the Society are urged to attend and any resident wishing to do so may join at the meeting.

Nominations for election to the committee should reach the Secretary, Mrs B. Murray, 2 Winscombe Crescent by October 13th, proposed and seconded by paid-up members of the society and with the consent of the nominee who must also be a paid-up member.

Each member of the committee is given a particular task as his special interest but the whole committee works together when needed. Items allocated thus are such things as hedges, footways, lighting, drainage, refuse, trees, Christmas parcels, membership, archives, photography, planning advise etc. We are especially on the lookout for a resident / residents with the expertise needed to help us produce a new issue of the Brentham Booklet - is there anyone out there with knowledge of the printing/publishing business who can spare a few hours to help us.

Any motion or item for discussion at the AGM should be notified to the secretary for inclusion in the agenda not later than October 13th.

The results of the 'Garden of the Year' will be announced and the awards made.

Brentham Tree Fund.

Thanks to all residents who have been watering trees during this exceptionally dry summer. Quite a few were showing some distress (trees, that is, not residents !!) and many would not have survived but for your care and concern. Only about 4 of the 90 planted need replacement and these will be dealt with in the next planting season. If you have comments, suggestions or preferences please contact Audrey Jones as soon as possible (Tel. 997 9640,- evenings). Some trees which have not done too well this year will be given a reprieve to see if they can establish better growth next year. Some residents have asked for more trees in Denison Rd and this is in hand. Although the shopping area in Pitshanger Lane is not strictly part of the estate, you may have noticed that an effort has been made to care for the new trees there - thanks to the shopkeepers who helped.

Denison/Ludlow Green.

Over the last few years, due to lack of proper maintenance, this green has become more and more untidy. Although this is strictly the responsibility of the freeholder, enough money has been collected from residents with properties adjoining the green to enable us to pay a contractor to tidy up the area and maintain it for much of next year. The freeholder, Bradford Property Trust, has made a substantial contribution.

The green is an asset used also by others not from adjacent houses and if anyone would like to contribute please contact Paul Wharrier, 3 Ludlow Rd (998 7264). Cheques to The Brentham Society and marked Denison/Ludlow Green on the back.

Finally, now that the area has been cleared may we appeal to everyone to use it responsibly - PLEASE no rubbish dumping or dog fouling.

Pavements.

The committee has endeavoured to have (a) paving slabs restored to the estate and (b) to ensure that bituminous surfaces are smoothed out and tidied. A meeting with a council representative has resulted in assurances from the Chief Engineer on the following points:

- 1) areas presently paved will retain paving unless 'special circumstances occur'.
- 2) new car accesses across pavements which are paved will be constructed in paving - we are also trying to get recently constructed bituminous accesses changed to paving when they are across a paved area.
- 3) Footways in need of reconstruction (as opposed to resurfacing) will be restored to paving 'unless special circumstances occur'.
- 4) Bituminous footways which have cracked or had surface deterioration will be sealed or resurfaced as necessary. Although this will not help the return to paving it will produce a better surface. We have asked for Denison Road to be given priority.
- 5) If funds become available in the future, consideration will be given to conversion from bituminous back to paving.
- 6) The area adjacent to the War Memorial will be given priority for improvement work.

Street Signs !! again !!

We are loosing our street signs because we do not care enough. As we have mentioned in previous news letters, the Brentham Society has been given the mandate by the council to maintain and repair the original cast aluminium street signs which contribute so much to the character of our streets. If we do not do this they will be replaced by the large enamelled variety.

The Brentham Society is willing to pay out a reasonable sum for this work to be carried out but previous appeals have produced no response. If everyone would repair and repaint the sign in their own hedge or nearby, the problem would be well on the way to being solved.

If you can help please contact Paul Wharrier (998 7264). Remember, it is up to you.

Manhole covers. Many of the manhole covers located in gardens on the estate are still the original 80 year old cast iron ones. Many are now cracked and may not support the weight of a person walking on them - the pit underneath is often several feet deep - residents could be liable for damages for injuries sustained on their premises.

Disposal of CFC gases.

This was one of the subjects that was discussed with Mr Draper, the Council's man from the Technical Services Group, at our Spring meeting.

In a recent letter (August 16) to our Chairman from the Technical Services Group, the safe disposal of these gases was mentioned.

"The Environmental Health Committee are currently investigating the possibility of collecting CFC coolants from refrigerators either by employing a contractor to do the work or by carrying it out 'in-house'."

Subscriptions for 1989.

Some of these are still outstanding. Members of the committee have been calling round to collect the subscriptions of those who do not pay by standing order. You may have been out when we called but you can always pop it through the door of any member of the committee.

SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 20th - Friday at 7.30pm

The present committee - for your information.

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