



*Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing*

## NEWS

*This version of Brentham News has been adapted for the Brentham website.  
Private telephone numbers and addresses and commercial ads have been deleted.*

### Notes from the Chair

This issue contains news of the launch of our Centenary Book in November which opens our Centenary Celebrations in 2001.

Our AGM in October gives you a chance to hear what we've been doing and what we plan for the centenary year. We're pleased to welcome Adam Watrobski, Conservation Officer for LB Ealing, as our guest speaker. Adam and his family were among the guests at the 20<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Tea in June. It was as successful as ever attended by our MP, Steve Pound, the Mayor and Mayoress Dave and Eileen Bond, and the new vicar of St Barnabas Rev Neil Nicolls and his wife Vanessa. As a special thank you the Society gave Barbara Murray a clematis for hosting the tea for 20 years.

Autumn is a time for clearing up our gardens, which for some means bonfires and the attendant possibility of nuisance to neighbours. The Environmental Health Department of Ealing Council produces a useful leaflet giving advice to lessen the nuisance. In a nutshell the advice is to consider the site, time of day, weather conditions and only burn dry materials. Composting and a trip to the dump are less anti-social alternatives!

I hope you'll find this newsletter interesting. I look forward to meeting many of you at the AGM and the Book Launch.

**Heather Moore**

### In the picture?

Were you one of the 100 or so residents who gathered on the green between Denison Road and Ludlow Road for the big photo shoot for the book (and sang Happy Birthday – thank you - Ed.) ?



This is the photo, which will be going in the book, but there are others. Photographer Stuart Freeman is offering six different prints for sale (see the Book Newsletter for details).

**Contact Stuart**

### AGM – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

The AGM of the Brentham Society will be held in St Barnabas Millennium Hall at 8pm.

Nominations for membership of the committee should reach Rosanna Henderson by 12<sup>th</sup> October.

AGM will follow a talk from our guest speaker Adam Watrobski – Ealing Council's Conservation Officer.

Refreshments will be served.

***'Brentham: a History of the Pioneer  
Garden Suburb 1901-2001'***

**NOW ON THE PRESSES**

Full details of progress on the Brentham book, and the amazing progress made over the last six months are in the Book Newsletter, delivered with your *Brentham News* in this special double mailing, but here are the highlights:

- ❑ We have been awarded a grant by the Local Heritage Initiative – a partnership between the Heritage Lottery Fund, Nationwide Building Society and the Countryside Agency – of just over £7,000 towards print costs. Ours is the first urban project given a grant under this recently established scheme so we feel doubly honoured!
- ❑ This means we can produce additional copies of the book and include more colour pictures.
- ❑ HRH Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales, has agreed to write a Foreword. In it, he describes Brentham, and our project, as “inspiring”.
- ❑ The book will be launched at St Barnabas Millennium Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> November (full details in the Book Newsletter). Shareholders will get their invitations soon, and can pick up their signed copies and order additional ones for friends and family at a special price at the Launch.

**NOW READ THE FULL STORY  
IN THE BOOK NEWSLETTER  
ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWS.**

**Book Launch – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2000**

**Shareholders** - if you haven't received your **Launch Invite** yet please contact  
Rosanna Henderson

Please note entry will be by  
**Admittance Ticket only**  
to be issued in November

**THE BRENTHAM SOCIETY  
AND THE BRENTHAM  
HERITAGE SOCIETY**

You may have noticed over the past News and Book Newsletters, that we've been talking about the “Brentham Heritage Society”. We'd like to explain what the new organisation is, and how it will work with The Brentham Society.

The Brentham Heritage Society (BHS) is the charitable offshoot of the Brentham Society. It has its own Constitution and was established in October 1999 and granted charitable status by the Charity Commission in March 2000.

It was set up to work alongside the Brentham Society, carrying out specific educational and heritage projects such as the centenary book, and taking formal charge of the Brentham archive. In practice, this means looking after it, cataloguing, captioning the pictures, and organising exhibitions and public access to this rich local resource. Whilst the centenary book was the catalyst for establishing the BHS – because we needed to be able to accept funds from Trusts – it will have a life long beyond the book. The BHS Objects are:

“To advance the education of the general public in the heritage, architecture and development of Brentham Garden Suburb, in

particular by the collection and preservation of photographs, documents, films and other artifacts that relate to the history, architecture or development of Brentham Garden Suburb.”

The work of the Brentham Society will of course continue, representing the interests of residents and working for the conservation and enhancement of the Brentham Garden Suburb. There will necessarily be some overlap in terms of aims and activities and personnel. By design, the BHS shares some Committee members with the Brentham Society; the 1999/2000 BHS Executive Committee is:

Wendy Sender (*Chair*)<sup>1</sup>  
Sue Elliott (*Secretary*)  
Sue van Raat (*Treasurer*)<sup>1</sup>  
Heather Moore<sup>1</sup>  
Alan Henderson  
Mark Greenwood  
Peter Sender  
Rosanna Henderson (*Co-opted*)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> also Brentham Society Committee members

Our current Membership is currently small; we would welcome people who are prepared to be actively interested in our work. Membership is free and open to everyone, regardless of whether they live in Brentham or not.



Contact : Sue Elliott

**Do you have internet access?**



We have set up a Brentham mailing list group on the internet to provide a focus for Brentham chat and announcements. A mailing list group offers a convenient way to connect with others who share an interest in the Brentham Garden Suburb.

Email groups allow you to send email messages to a group of people using just ONE email address. No more typing in a list of addresses! You have to register at the group web site before you are allowed to send email.

To register with egroups, just go to [www.egroups.com](http://www.egroups.com) and click on the "Sign up today for free" link on the left. You will need to supply some details (there's no check on accuracy, but you do have to fill in all the fields), a password of your choice and your e-mail address. This is the address that Brentham emails will be sent to. It is used with the password if you want to sign in to the egroups site at a later date.

Once you've registered, you can sign up for any group you're interested in. Our group is called **Brentham** and you can find it by typing Brentham in the Search field on the egroups site.

Please email me if you'd like any more information or have any problems signing up.

[peter@brentham.com](mailto:peter@brentham.com) Peter Sender

## Brentham Open Gardens

Following the success last year a number of residents opened their gardens one fine sunny afternoon in July. Over 100 people, including someone from Garden Inspirations magazine, viewed. One visitor had this to say:

“Brentham Garden Day was the first time that I had visited the Brentham Estate in its entirety, so it wasn’t just the gardens that interested me. It was fascinating to see the different styles of houses and the way in which Brentham was laid out, which I found quite complicated. However, thanks to my guide I did manage to find my way around – and a good thing too, as I wouldn’t have wanted to miss any of it.

The variety of garden design was amazing, especially among the smaller ones. These ranged from one with wooden decks and a gravel feature to a more formal square sunken garden surrounded by lush foliage. The large gardens obviously have more impact since there is more room in which to make something impressive. This was exploited to the full at Winscombe Lodge with its wonderful waterfall and pools. However, I enjoyed the sense of light and space at 28 Holyoake Walk. I hope the people living at 78 Brentham Way won’t mind if I pinch a few of their ideas. I liked their large hostas in pots dotted around the garden and we may follow their example by using gravel in our front garden. The patio full of colour and boasting some unusual exotic plants also proved exciting.

And we were lucky enough to have a good day to enjoy tea in the garden at No. 47 Brentham Way. We only just made it – going round the gardens took longer than I thought. I came away from Brentham feeling uplifted and inspired – I’d like to come next year !”

Thank you to everyone.  
**Janet Sacks - Hanwell**

## Brentham Cycle

A mixed bunch of Brentham cyclists met at Pitshanger Park and set off on a pleasant and informal “spin” towards Osterley Park. It was not a “nose down on the front wheel” marathon but a “green route” across parkland, playing fields and along towpaths. There were a few stops on the way but we found ourselves having our cream tea at Osterley in a surprisingly short time.

Suitably refreshed we set off on the return journey. I have lived in Brentham for 27 years and although I have visited most of the obvious places en route it was the off road “twiddly” bits that led from one place to the next that intrigued me. We ended at “Duffy’s” after that nasty little hill up from Meadvale – but it was worth the struggle – next year Hampstead here we come!

**George Barnes**

## OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

Thanks once again to Clive Hicks for leading two walks around our estate. Over 40 people took the opportunity of the Open House Weekend to visit us.

## COMING EVENTS

<b>AGM</b> <i>(Millennium Hall)</i>	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2000 (Thursday)
<b>Book Launch</b> <i>(Millennium Hall)</i>	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2000 (Thursday) Invited guests only
<b>Craft Fair</b> <i>(Methodist Hall)</i>	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2000 (Saturday)
<b>Carol Singing</b> <i>(Around the streets of Brentham)</i> Watch the notice boards for details.	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2000 (Saturday) and 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2000 (Wednesday)