

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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THEATRE PARTY

In response to a number of requests from members for an organised theatre party, a provisional block booking has been made at the Phoenix Theatre. Details as follows:

- Date:** Monday, 27th March
- Musical:** "THE CANTERBURY TALES"
- Transport:** A coach will leave Brentham at 6.45 p.m. arriving back at 11.30 p.m.
- Cost:** Theatre seat £1 maximum, reducing as numbers increase above 20. Return coach fare 25p, if the coach is filled (38 seats); it will cost slightly more for fewer passengers.

Names should be given to Brian Wesley, 27 Meadvale Road (997 1203) not later than 12th March.

THE STately HOMES OF ENGLAND

As Spring approaches, our thoughts turn towards the countryside and members may appreciate an opportunity to visit some of the "stately homes" which are within easy reach of West London. For a start, the Committee proposes a coach outing to Blenheim Palace near Oxford, to take place shortly after Easter on a Saturday or Sunday. Will those who would be interested in joining the excursion please give their names to Brian Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent (997 1056) if possible by 20th March.

VISIT TO PERIVALE BIRD SANCTUARY

Peter Edwards, a member of the Selborne Society, has kindly offered to conduct a party through the nature reserve and bird sanctuary in Perivale Wood. This is one of the finest bluebell woods in South East England and is not open to the general public. Date: Sunday, 7th May meet at 2 p.m. at Perivale Station.

CHORAL GROUP

Our amateur choristers got off to a good start on 1st March when nearly 20 people turned up to try out their voices in a varied programme of songs. It was agreed that the group should continue. Next meeting: Wednesday, 12th April 8 p.m. at 1 Winscombe Crescent.

CONCESSIONS FOR THE ELDERLY

Retired residents who did not see the announcement in the local press may like to know that the concessionary fares scheme for pensioners on London Transport

buses has been extended, and cheap fares may now be obtained all day on Saturdays Sundays and Bank Holidays. In addition, the cost of the necessary permit has been reduced from £1 to 50p for the year beginning 1st April (the permit is issued free to those in receipt of supplementary benefit).

Did you know too that pensioners can reserve books and gramophone records at the public library without payment of the usual reservation fee?

BRENTHAM GREEN

After negotiations with the Bradford Property Trust, Ealing Council has agreed to take over responsibility for the Green in Meadvale Road on condition that the legal costs are paid by the Brentham Society. This your Committee has gladly agreed to do, since we feel sure it will be for the benefit of the Estate to have the Green maintained and planted by the Parks Department. Last summer this task was carried out by volunteer labour and it is gratifying to have our efforts officially recognised.

We shall get tangible recognition in the form of a plaque to be placed on the Green, which will commemorate the founding of the Brentham Estate in 1901 as the first "co-partnership suburb" and record the "reclamation" of the Green by the Brentham Society in 1971 - a fitting seventieth birthday tribute!

A commemorative plate is also to be fixed to one of the two seats on the Green, which was generously donated by a resident in memory of her husband.

BEWARE OF BURGLARS!

In recent weeks an unpleasant increase in daytime robberies has been reported from various parts of the Estate. A local police spokesman warns householders to be sure and lock the back-door even when going out on quite brief errands. A favourite time for "breaking and entering" is between 2.00 and 5.00 p.m. and particularly during the period when mothers are collecting young children from school. Do not think you have nothing worth stealing so need not bother - the average value of goods stolen, we are informed, is only about £4.

AIRCRAFT NOISE

A member has suggested that the Society should make a complaint to the airport authority at Heathrow about the volume of noise from low-flying aircraft. Is there a strong feeling that this constitutes a nuisance? We should be glad to know residents' views. We understand the recent increase in noise was due to re-routing of aircraft during repairs to a runway, so the nuisance may only be temporary. We shall certainly continue to watch (and listen to!) the situation.

THE MISSING LINK?

A funny thing happened on the way to the Wine and Cheese Party on 31st January - not on the way back, despite the success of this bibulous occasion, so it must be true ... It appears that an object taken out of the earth from a garden in Brunswick Road has been identified as the tooth of a red deer! Can anybody complete the set? Or offer any clues in tracing the owner? Is it purely coincidental that the secretary of the London Natural History Society lives on the Brentham Estate?

MEMBERSHIP

As we are just finalising the collection of subscriptions, the total number of houses who are members on the Estate is 353, with an increase in the number of Associate Members. If you were out when our collector called - and some calls were made three and four times - it is still not too late to join (30p per household).

I should like to support the Brentham Society:

Name Address