

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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NATURAL HISTORY IN EALING

There was a record turn-out for our visit to Perivale on Sunday, 7th May. About sixty members accepted the kind invitation of the Selborne Society and enjoyed a conducted tour of the bluebell wood and bird sanctuary. This is a most delightful spot, and particularly so on that day when we saw the bluebells at their best. We are indebted to Peter Edwards for arranging this very pleasant afternoon.

It may be of interest to our own very young "conservation society" to know that the Selborne Society is described as "Britain's pioneer conservation society". It was founded in 1885 to commemorate that great naturalist, Gilbert White, author of the classic Natural History of Selborne. (Selborne itself is of course in Hampshire, but the Perivale sanctuary is an integral part of the Society and a nationally known centre for the study of natural history. It has been declared "a site of special scientific interest" by the Nature Conservancy. The Selborne Society's library of books and documents is housed at the Ealing Central Library.) Membership is open to any interested individual on application to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L.W. Edwards, 58 Merton Avenue, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Middx.

VISIT TO WISLEY

We regret that we had to cancel the suggested coach outing to Stourhead in Wiltshire last month as there were not enough people wishing to undertake this rather long trip. Instead, we have arranged for a party to visit the gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley in Surrey, on Sunday 2nd July. These extensive grounds are most attractively laid out in a woodland setting, and we shall have the services of a gardener/guide. We are informed that a number of wheelchairs are available, so members who are not able to walk long distances need not feel deterred from coming. Picnics are not allowed in the gardens, nor is the taking of photographs. Refreshments can be obtained if desired at a tea-house in the grounds. A coach will leave Brentham at 1.00 p.m. returning from Wisley at 6 p.m. If we can fill the coach, the cost of travel and admission will be £1.15 per head. Please give names immediately (Tuesday 27th June at latest) to Brian Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent (997 1056).

SUMMERTIME IN BRENTHAM

Our own gardens at Brentham are now coming into full bloom and the estate is looking at its most attractive. The houses too are showing their best advantage, set off by the hedges and trees. It is very pleasing to note that a number of residents have carried out some very tasteful decorations, which add considerably to the aspect of their houses. This is especially noticeable in Brunner Road, Denison Road, Ludlow Road and Winscombe Crescent. May we hope that these examples will inspire other residents to follow suit? Don't forget that, despite the unseasonable weather, your gardens are being inspected this month and again in September, for the prize for the best-kept garden which is awarded by the Brentham Horticultural Society.

We still need extra help for hedge-cutting and lawn-mowing. Is there a student, boy scout, or senior schoolboy who would like to earn some pocket money during the summer vacation and do his good deed at the same time? Some of our elder residents badly need this help. We cannot pay commercial rates, but the work is reasonably rewarded. Please get in touch with Brian Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent (997 1056).

CONSERVATION AREA REPORTS

We have noted with interest that a recently-published conservation report on Hampstead Garden Suburb proposed wide measures for the preservation of the area. We hope these recommendations will give encouragement to Ealing Borough Council when it prepares the conservation report for this estate. Surveys are now being carried out on all the borough's conservation areas. This may assist in protecting the characteristic charm of Brentham, which is one of the objects of our Society.

In this respect, we have been sorry to observe that more of the traditional windows have been lost recently - although it is encouraging that in at least two cases "converted" windows have been restored to their original style. May we appeal once again to householders to think twice before making any drastic changes in the appearance of their windows?

MARION TURTILL MEMORIAL

Many residents may know that one of the seats on Brentham Green was donated in memory of Mrs. Marion Turtill, who lived on the estate from about 1907 until her death in 1967, with only one period of absence. Mrs. Turtill was an early member of the Brentham Club, where her husband played cricket and football. She lived first in Woodfield Avenue, then in Pitshanger Lane and Moadvale Road, and finally in Holyoake Walk where her daughter, Mrs. Joyce Smith, still lives. The seat was donated by Mrs. Smith, her sister Mrs. Peggy Rice now living in Guildford, and her brother Mr. Bob Turtill now living in Jamaica.

We are pleased to report that a memorial plate has been made and is now being fixed to the seat. The Committee would like to express our thanks to the donors, on behalf of all residents, for choosing this means of remembering the life of their mother.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The recent resignation of Mrs. Maureen Aarons from the Committee was accepted with regret. Her active help over the past two years, particularly on promoting membership, has been greatly appreciated.

It was decided to strengthen the Committee by co-opting two additional members and the following have kindly agreed to serve:

Mrs. Miles, 34 Holyoake Walk
Mrs. U. Todd-Naylor, 77 Fowlers Walk

The whole Committee will of course come up for election at the AGM in October

WANTED: Does any resident still have the original room-doors, with beaded panelling, and wish to dispose of them? Two doors are wanted by Martin Jiggins, 1 Winscombe Crescent (998 2641) - these would be purchased or could be exchanged for two glazed doors.

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