

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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## LAST MEETING

We were very fortunate to have the Ruislip Chamber Ensemble to sing and play for us at St. Barnabas Church Hall on 26th March. The varied programme included madrigals, French chansons, settings of epigrams by Robert Burns and English folk songs; these were alternated with recorder music, lute songs with counter-tenor, string trios and a prelude for guitar. During the interval we had an opportunity to examine the harpsichord which had been made by a member of the Ensemble and to discuss the programme with the musicians. Altogether a very pleasant evening's entertainment was enjoyed by the sizeable audience and it is hoped the Ensemble will visit us again.

## NEXT MEETING

Friday, 27th April: "LONG-DISTANCE FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS"

8 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church Hall. Mr. S.F. Taylor of the Countryside Commission has very kindly agreed to come and give this lecture which will be illustrated by colour slides. There are now six approved long-distance footpaths and bridleways in various parts of Britain, with pedestrian rights of way. This pleasurable form of recreation for the more energetic town dweller is bringing a new appreciation of the beauties of the countryside. Even as we go to press some members of your Committee are heading for Offa's Dyke, and will no doubt bring back an account of their experiences to this meeting.

## BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

The official opening of the club, which has actually been serving lunches since January, took place on 3rd April in the presence of the Mayor of Ealing; also in the party were the Mayoress, Mr. & Mrs. William Molloy, and Cllr. Mrs. Elsie Prodham. By a happy coincidence, this turned out to be the Mayor's birthday and he was presented with a very handsome cake baked by Mrs. B. Barrett.

Jumble Sale: this will be held on 27th June. Offers of help and/or rummage will be very much appreciated. Further particulars from the club's hon. secretary, Mrs. E. Smith, 53 Ludlow Road (997 2378).

Holidays for the Elderly: Mrs. Smith can also give information to anyone interested about the annual one-week holidays which are arranged by local welfare organisations at a cost of only £2 per head. These are organised both for the "active" elderly - 8th - 15th September closing date 1st June - and for "housebound" old people - 23rd - 30th June closing date 1st May. Transport is provided.

Home visiting: Following our previous announcement, we have received several offers from residents to visit elderly people who would like to have someone to turn to if they need help - or simply to have a social call. Visitors are still needed for old people in Council Homes. Please give names in both categories to Mrs. Miles, 34 Holyoske Walk (997 4311).

## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ALLOTMENTS

Your committee has written on behalf of the Society to the Ealing Members of Parliament; local councillors and planning officers; GLC representative;



Department of the Environment, etc. (as listed in Newsletter No. 25) and also to the following influential individuals: Countess of Dartmouth, Sir John Betjeman and Sir Nikolaus Pevsner. Suggestions for any further co-ordinated local action will be made later in the light of future developments.

#### MAY DAY FESTIVITIES

We are very pleased to report that the May Day children's festival will take place as usual at the Brentham Club on Saturday, 12th May. There was an enthusiastic response to our appeal for extra helpers, and a 1973 May Day Committee has been formed. For many years the responsibility of organising the festivities has been borne by a very small number of stalwart workers, whose efforts are now all the more appreciated as we realise how much hard work was needed to maintain the tradition.

More than 130 children <sup>have</sup> now enrolled and have elected as May Queen Sara Dingley of Brentham Way.

The Committee is taking care of arrangements for the dancing and children's tea-party, but help is still needed on the day for the following duties:

Ladies without children in the procession may like to help by laying out tea in the Club hall while the dancing is taking place outside.

Fathers will be required for humping a piano and other heavy objects from the hall to the maypole arena on the Saturday morning and then for taking them back after the event.

Adults will be needed during the procession round the estate in the afternoon, to cover road junctions and ward off unsuspecting motorists.

If you can help in any of these capacities please contact Tony Scanlan (997 6995) or Sheila Wildash (997 8094) after Easter week.

Please also support the event financially by attending either or both of the following functions:

Coffee morning: Wednesday 2nd May at 13 Brentham Way (Ann Brodie); admission 10p from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

May Day Party: Saturday 12th May at Brentham Club (evening). wine & Cheese bar; dancing. Details from Tony Scanlan.

#### BRENTHAM ROADWORKS

Residents will be relieved to hear that we are informed by the local authority that the renewal of sewers in many roads on the estate should be completed within the next month. The road surfaces and pavements will then be repaired and we can hope to be back to normal by the end of June - not before time! In passing, may we shed a tear for the kerbside cobble-stones which are being replaced by concrete strips - easier on the broom and the ankle, no doubt, but how much less picturesque..

#### SITUATION VACANT

Mr. Harris is urgently needing an assistant for hedge-cutting, lawn-mowing etc. Is there an active pensioner, student or senior schoolboy who would like to earn a little extra by helping to keep Brentham tidy? Average rate paid is 40p per hour. Please contact Brian Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent (997 1056).

#### MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions have now come in well and we have solved our immediate financial difficulties - but please join NOW for 1973 if you have not already done so.

I should like to become a member of the Brentham Society and enclose 30p Membership for 1973

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