

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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PERIVALE NATURE RESERVE

Sunday, 5th May: Open Day. This well-known nature reserve (reached via Sunley Gardens, Perivale), will be open to visitors at any time during the "open day". A group visit is being organised for Society members, leaving Brentham Green by car at 3 p.m.: those wishing to join the party should give names in advance to Brian Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent (997 1056). The bluebells should be at their best at this time of year, as members who came on the previous visit will recall with pleasure.

MAY DAY FESTIVITIES

Saturday, 11th May is the date fixed for the traditional May Day celebration, with a children's procession through the estate followed by the crowning of the May Queen and dancing round the maypole in the grounds of the Brentham Club. So far 105 children have enrolled to take part. Rehearsals have just started but the list is still open. Future rehearsals are as follows:

Thursday, 4th April, Tuesday 9th April, Thursday 18th April,
Thursday 25th April, Tuesday 30th April and Thursday 9th May.

all commencing at 5 p.m. at the Brentham Club.

Girls aged 13 by 11th May are invited to stand for May Queen; the election by the children will take place at the rehearsal on 9th April.

If anyone has any white dresses which they have outgrown and are willing to pass on (or sell) could they please contact Mary Scanlan, 3 Winscombe Crescent (997 6995) or bring them to a rehearsal? She would also be pleased to hear from anybody prepared to make new costumes, as some of the existing ones have seen better days (the material for this to be provided out of May Day funds).

In the evening of 11th May a dance will be held at the Club for the May Queen, to which all parents and friends are invited.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS

Brentham Lawn Tennis Club will be holding their annual pre-season Sherry Party at the Brentham Club at 12 noon on Sunday, 21st April. The committee will be pleased to welcome present members and their friends; potential new members are also invited to come along and get acquainted.

.... OR FOR CHESS?

Following our previous announcement for bridge players, a number of people have come together to enjoy a game in each other's houses. We now have a request to offer similar facilities on behalf of chess players. If you are interested and would like an occasional game, please give names to Clive Hicks, 72 Brentham Way (997 7974).

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We regret that we omitted to report last autumn the result of the Best Kept Garden competition. The silver cup was awarded to Mr. J. Smith, 39 Brunner Road.

All residents are invited to join the Brentham Horticultural Society and benefit from the advice of our resident experts. A trading shed on the Meadvale Road allotments site is open every Sunday morning for the sale of plants and equipment. The annual subscription is only 12¹/₂p and may be paid at the shed or to the secretary, Miss D. Lawrence, 36 Woodfield Avenue.

Allotments: There is now a waiting-list and although names can still be accepted it is unlikely that you will get a plot this year if not already on the list. Application should be made to the Allotment Manager, Mr. D. Shephard, Flat 2, 51 Mount Avenue, W.5.

HOLYOAKE COURT

A planning application to build additional flats at the rear of Holyoake Court in Fitzhanger Lane has been rejected by the borough council. The scheme was opposed by a number of residents and a letter setting out objections to the development was sent by the Society to the planning authorities.

TIME FOR A CHECK-UP

When spring-cleaning, don't forget to look in the medicine chest. The borough health department, in conjunction with the local Pharmaceutical Society, has been conducting a campaign for the collection of "unwanted pills". There must be many of these lying around in odd cupboards and drawers, a danger to children and even to adults if taken inadvertently. Why not clear them out and take them to the nearest chemist's shop for safe disposal? Most chemists will welcome empty medicine bottles too, in view of the current shortage.

OLD EALING REMEMBERED

Postcards depicting various aspects of life in bygone days have been issued by Ealing Public Libraries in sets of five cards, costing 20p per set. These are on display at branch libraries and may be purchased at the Central Reference Library, Walpole Park. The following sets have so far been issued:

A: Old Ealing; B: Ealing Transport; C: Old Hanwell; D: Old Southall;
E: Old Acton. A further set (F) on Old Greenford is in preparation.

FOR SALE

Polished Stone Pendants: The society has been given a number of hand-made pendants for sale at 75p each, the proceeds to go to our funds. Details from Mrs. Foulain, 6 Neville Road (997 8691).

Brown, "Silver Cross" prem: one Occupant, good condition; £15 or near offer 997 3718

Gas refrigerator (converted): perfect working order, £15. Reason for selling, too small for family. = 34 Holyoake Walk (997 4311).