

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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## MIDSUMMER MERRY-GO-ROUND

Friday, 21st June: 8 p.m. in the Cyril Grant room, Greenford Hall. Ealing Arts Council's summer party offers an evening of music, entertainment and "international" delicacies. All welcome. Tickets 75p from Mrs. M. Miles, 34 Holyoake Walk. Proceeds in aid of autistic children.

## VISIT TO SELBORNE

The open day at Perivale Nature Reserve on 5th May was a very popular attraction, with a record number of visitors. The reserve is administered by the Selborne Society, which needs more members to carry on its good work. The annual subscription is only £1.05 and should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P.W. Edwards, 58 Merton Avenue, North Hillingdon, Middx. The chairman of the society is Brentham resident Mrs. L.M.P. Small, 13 Woodfield Crescent, who will be pleased to supply any further information.

There may be a number of residents who would also like to visit the village of Selborne in Hampshire after which the Society is named. This was the birthplace of the great 18th century naturalist Gilbert White and there is much of interest to see. If there is sufficient support, it is proposed to arrange a coach party to Selborne on Sunday, 7th July. The route will also take in a visit to Jane Austen's house at Chawton. The cost will depend on numbers (a full coach means a cheaper fare) but it likely to be something over £1. Please give names to Mrs. Poulain (997 8691) as soon as possible but not later than 24th June.

## MINI-CRUISE TO DENMARK

The Society is planning a weekend cruise to Denmark in September. We will travel in a modern passenger liner belonging to the Danish State Railway Co., and will leave Harwich at 18.00 on Friday, 20th September. We shall arrive in Esbjerg at noon Saturday 21st and will leave Esbjerg again at 18.00 on the same day. The ship will arrive back in Harwich at noon on Sunday 22nd. There will thus be only 6 hours in Denmark, during which we will be taken on a sight-seeing tour, if required, and provided the party is not less than 25 in number. Accommodation will be in 2-berth cabins. The fare for the ship will be only £8 return !! Meals in the ship's restaurant or cafeteria are extra. Another extra is the train fare to Harwich. If sufficient numbers are forthcoming, we could hire a coach to Harwich to reduce the cost. The tour operators assure us that if all meals are taken in the ship's restaurant, the cost will be about £6, and less if in the cafeteria. Names, soon please, to Brian Fallon (997 1056) and not later than 30th June.

#### RECEPTION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

Any new residents (within the last twelve months) who would be interested in meeting the Committee and other fellow-residents, please contact Brian Fallon (997 1056) for details of a proposed social evening.

#### BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

The dining-room facilities at the club have now been enlarged and there are vacancies for new members. All retirement pensioners are warmly welcomed to come along for a cheap, hot meal on one or more days during the week (Monday to Friday). If you are retired and have not yet joined, why not give it a try. Tickets must be obtained in advance, and new applicants should come to the Brentham Club, Meadvale Road, between 11.30 and 12.45, bringing their pension books.

Voluntary helpers who can give a couple of hours at the club on one or more days a week, to help with serving and clearing away, are always needed and especially so as the holiday season approaches. Please give names to the Secretary, Mrs. E. Smith, 6 Queens Gardens (997 4973), who will be very pleased to hear from you.

#### BRUNSWICK ROAD ALLOTMENTS

We understand that the Council is making progress in its intention to make use of 1.2 acres of these allotments for housing, but that it is probable that a public inquiry of some sort will take place before the housing development can proceed. The Committee of the Brentham Society is opposed to the use of any of this land for building, and in any case considers that other needs exist (such as for a clinic) for which the site might be appropriate, but a suggestion has been made that if the site is to be used for housing, that old people's housing would be a more suitable use in this restricted location, as well as filling a pressing, and local, need. Before we put this to the Council, your comments would be appreciated.

#### BRENTHAM STATIONERY

Notelets are again available at 8 for 10p including envelopes. Writing paper headed with the Brentham symbol can also be supplied, overprinted with individual addresses. Price £2.95 per hundred sheets with envelopes; plain follow-on sheets 85p per hundred. Orders to Stefanie Poulain, 6 Neville Road (997 8691).

#### STATE OF ROADS AND PAVEMENTS

The uneven condition of many of the estate's roadways and pavements, following the extensive laying of new gas and drainage pipes last year, has provoked a number of complaints. A letter on this matter has been sent from the Society to the borough's Chief Engineer and we hope some improvement will result. In addition, your Committee has recommended that road-widening should not be carried out in Pitshanger Lane and that the present width should be maintained. It is also suggested that some additional tree-planting would be an improvement in "the lane".

#### CHESS CLUB

Following our previous announcement, a number of people indicated that they would like to get together for a game of chess and are being put in touch with each other. Any others interested who have not yet responded may still give names to Clive Hicks, 72 Brentham Way (997 7974).

