

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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## SILVER JUBILEE PARTY

Arrangements are under way for a Jubilee Party on behalf of the children living on the Brentham Estate. The Party will be held at the Brentham Club, Meadvale Road, on Saturday July 9th from 3pm - 5pm and will be for children from 4-11 years of age. In the near future a representative of the Jubilee Party Committee will be visiting all households with children in this age range to ascertain numbers to be catered for.

## EALING BRENTHAM TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Ealing Brentham Townswomen's Guild extends a warm welcome to new members and visitors. The Guild meets on the first Tuesday of the month. 2nd Tuesday Coffee Morning 10.30 am - 11.45 am. 3rd Tuesday Social Studies. 4th Tuesday Social Afternoon. The last two will resume in September. All meetings start at 2.15 pm. Classes in Drama, Handicraft and Choir are held in conjunction with the Adult Education Classes. New sessions will start in September. The Guild's Choir is giving a Jubilee Concert on Thursday May 26th at 2.15 pm. Admission free. TOMBOLA. Tea and Biscuit 5p. Owing to the Jubilee Celebrations during the first week in June, there will be an extra meeting on Tuesday 31st May at 2.15pm. Further details from Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. Hooton, 16 Ludlow Road, W.5. Tel: 998-2502.

## ALLOTMENTS

We are advised by the Parks & Amenities Department that the allotments are about to be treated with weedkiller and will be ploughed up in the middle of July and be prepared for handing back to plottolders by September.

## BRUNSWICK ROAD TRAFFIC

Apparently, as a result of a survey which the Local Authority carried out, the majority of residents have rejected any proposals to restrict traffic in Brunswick Road. These findings have caused a considerable amount of concern, mainly because people felt that the survey was far from adequate. The Committee still feel that width restrictions and/or speed bumps in the road would help cut down the speed of traffic and, as a result, the amount of traffic.

## NEW RESIDENTS

We have a number of informative leaflets dealing with various aspects of the Brentham Estate. These will be of particular interest to new residents and anyone requiring them should please contact Brian Fallon, 12 Winscombe Crescent, tel: 997-1056.

MAY DAY 1977

This year's festivities were outstanding for two reasons: the Silver Jubilee May Queen, and the record number of children who took part; including the Boys' Brigade Band, the procession numbered over 200.

The following extract from "The Brenthamite" of June 1924 is worth quoting as it could almost be a description of this year's event:

"Preparations for Brentham's May Day were carried out during two of the wettest weeks that have been experienced during the last few years. Deluge followed deluge as the day drew near, but those engaged in the preparations worked away cheerfully in spite of the audible whisperings "hopeless" and "postponement" which came from all quarters.

Surely enough as the pretty procession moved through the Institute gate the sun shone out, and everybody looked happy. A bright sun, a lively march played by the Cuckoo School Band, a May Queen whose charm inspired everything and everybody.

The return to the Recreation Ground, the crowning of the May Queen, her speech (spoken clearly and heard by all), the obeisance of loyal subjects and the dancing, all charming and dainty, these kept a great crowd pleased for an hour, all unheeding the storm clouds that threatened in the west."

Our May Queen, Amanda Walling, was crowned by Andrea Miller, in the presence of the 1974 May Queen, Clare Clements, together with Sarah Wildash and Fiona Leighton, who very kindly stood in for Sara Dingley and Lindsey German who were unable to take part.

Apart from the 1952 May Queen, Marion Aldridge, who joined the more recent queens, there were a number of past May Queens present at the crowning ceremony and who came forward for a group photograph for the Ealing Gazette. These were Beryl Templer (1933), Margaret Hawkins (1948), Anne Hawkins (1950), Margaret Miles (1954), Corinne Dwyer (1956), Christine Hughes (1957), Georgina Wilson (1959), Frances Lisle (1969) and Kim Ely (1972).

(If anyone on the Estate has any information on past May Queens, i.e. photographs, press cuttings, etc., could they please contact Mary Scanlan, 3 Winscombe Crescent, as she is compiling a history of the event from its inception around 1908).

The Dance in the evening was a success and the May Day Committee would like to thank the Club for making the hall and grounds available for the day as usual.

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I should like to become a member/renew my membership of the Brentham Society and enclose 30p membership.

Name..... Address.....