

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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MAY DAY FESTIVITIES 1978

Despite threatening black clouds throughout Saturday, the 13th, this year's Brentham May Day festivities proved very successful and were enhanced by the Greensleeves Morris Men who danced during the mile-long procession route, as well as on the Club car park before the official programme of events. Their dancing entertained the crowd waiting for the procession to leave the Club and helped to take people's minds off the cold un-May-like weather. A wonderfully spontaneous gesture by a resident at the top of Brentham Way was to reward the Morris dancers with a very welcome glass of cider which no doubt speeded up their downhill progress back to the Club.

Back at the Club, last year's May Queen, Amanda Walling, crowned the children's choice for 1978, 13 year old Kirstine Fox. Apart from Amanda, there were three other past queens, Andrea Miller (1976), Lindsey German (1975) and Clare Clements (1974), each with four attendants, plus a small flag bearer indicating the year each was queen, an idea borrowed from photographs of the festivities in the 1920's. After the usual programme of country and maypole dancing, the children received their traditional reward of tea in the Club Hall provided by the mothers.

A very well attended dance was held in the evening and the May Day Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day such a success, especially the Club for making the hall and grounds available for the day as usual.

TREES

The Parks Department have done further work in caring for the trees on the Estate, in clearing basal growth and pruning some overhanging branches from established trees, and removing some young trees which failed to survive the droughts of two years ago. These are to be replaced, probably in the next planting season starting November, so you may wonder why the spaces left have been filled with tarmac. This is a temporary measure to keep a level surface to avoid accidents to pedestrians, and can be easily removed immediately before planting, when the soil is renewed.

BURGLARIES

Now that the holiday season is in full swing, we would like to remind everyone to ensure that all doors are locked and windows secured before departure. There has been a recent spate of break-ins, particularly through back doors and windows. We recommend you to tell your next door neighbour of your movements and if you have many valuables advise the police in addition. You should also check that you have cancelled the milk and newspapers and that you are fully covered by your contents insurance.

BRENTHAM BOOKLET

There are still a few copies of our booklet 'Brentham - Ealing's Garden Suburb' available. The booklet gives a concise history of the estate and is fully illustrated. Copies are available from either Martin Jiggins, 1 Winscombe Crescent or David Skelton, 16 Denison Road, price 90p. Alternatively, copies may be purchased downstairs in W.H. Smith's in the Broadway or at Ealing Books opposite Ealing Broadway station. Hurry before we sell out!

ALLOTMENTS

We are advised that the reinstatement of allotments is now well in hand and there have been problems with the question of the water supply and the Thames Water Authority have insisted on a tank supply rather than a direct tap supply from the mains. This is causing problems but they will be hopefully resolved in the near future and the allotments will be available to tenants in September.

GARDEN COMPETITION

Brentham Horticultural Society have agreed to judge the Garden Competition and this will be done within the next few months, so please ensure that your gardens are looking their best.

EALING TENANTS

Ealing Tenants had applied to the London Borough of Ealing for permission to use one of the residential flats above their offices in Fowlers Walk for office purposes and this application was refused by the local Planning Authority. The refusal was supported by the Brentham Society. Ealing Tenants have appealed to the Secretary of State against this refusal and the matter is being dealt with by written representation. The Committee have written to support the Local Authority and any resident who wishes to make comments should write to the Town Clerk, London Borough of Ealing, Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY (reference Legal/LM/PD/21029).

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

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