

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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## OUR FIRST DECADE - AND ONWARDS

The Brentham Society was founded in March 1970 and is now celebrating, very quietly, its first decade of life. Rather than have a fanfare of trumpets and look backward, we think this is a good opportunity to look forward and look after, not only the Estate, but, more importantly, its residents.

The "Brentham spirit" of neighbourliness and friendliness has always been one of the most pleasant aspects of life here, and we commend to all residents three ways of retaining that spirit:

Firstly, be a good neighbour in as many ways as you can; do as you would be done by with noise, rubbish, pets and all the other things we have mentioned in Newsletters over the years. And get to know your neighbours; it's nice to have friends next door.

Secondly, if you have time to spare, contact Miss Susan Murphy at the Town Hall (579-2424 ext. 2408). She is the local Volunteer Organiser and can find all sorts of useful things for you to do in your spare time, from babes to visiting the lonely.

Thirdly, all the local Churches have many useful activities and look after local people too. The Rev. R.F. Swan, 66 Woodfield Road (998-0826), Vicar of St. Barnabas' Church, is particularly interested in looking after any local people, whether of his parish or not.

None of this need take any more time than any of us can afford, and none of it is interference but is necessary and neighbourly. Let us try by these means to not merely preserve Brentham, but infuse new life into our own area. Then, we shall have something to blow trumpets about!

## CRISIS REPORT FROM BRENTHAM CLUB'S MAY DAY COMMITTEE

Subject to the urgent replacement of a few Committee members, the annual May Day festivities will take place on the 17th May. The present Committee saved May Day from extinction in 1973 and, with various people moving away from the area, not to mention their children having outgrown the event, they now feel it is time some of those with younger children should take an active part for a while. One of our pianists is moving away from Ealing, and the other can no longer spare the time to play at the six weekly rehearsals and on the day itself. One of the maypole dancing teachers is turning her attention to having her novels published - another is now working full-time, etc. etc. In other words, HELP is urgently needed.

Please offer your services when enrolling your children - or telephone Mary Scanlan (997-6995) or Julie Simpson (998-5375) as soon as possible.

In addition to noting the 17th May for the children's festivities, would parents please note that the evening dance is the event on which the whole event depends for its financial success from year to year. The Club give their support, including use of the main hall on a busy Saturday evening, otherwise in demand, and it is hoped, therefore, that those who cannot take an active part on the Committee will at least put the date in their diaries, buy tickets and make the evening a success.



#### GARDEN COMPETITION

Again this year we plan to award prizes in the autumn for the most attractive garden through the year, and it has been noted that many have already begun work. The Committee would be interested to hear residents' own views on what they find makes for an attractive garden and if you think a particular garden would be your choice for an award, please drop a note to Pam Turner at 43 Ludlow Road.

We did promise in the last Newsletter to add something more about the gardens receiving a mention in last year's competition. The attraction of both 21A Brentham Way and 71 Fowlers Walk was the brilliance of colour; 15 Meadvale Road was also very bright, based on an unusual regiment of pots; 3 Brunswick Road was a marvellous dense carpet of colour, but a disappointment when late autumn left it bare soil underlay; 50 Fowlers Walk was neat as ever with some lovely colour combinations at times; 42 Holyoake Walk and 14 Neville Road were both very pretty in spring and perfectly in scale with their small size, but were less attractive later on; 33 Ludlow Road's attraction was also rather short lived, but worthy of mention for soft colour combination when the hollyhocks were out; 51 Ludlow Road similarly when its clematis montana was in bloom. This garden has arranged some very pleasant shapes from a most awkward corner site; 1 Meadvale Road is most attractive at the entrance but has not coped so well with its corner site in the main area; 27 Meadvale Road is a larger garden using fruit trees in traditional cottage-garden style; 47 Brentham Way was one of the few houses to use window boxes which helped to extend the tiny garden and the space available for plants.

These gardens, and those mentioned previously, were only a selection from the many others which were considered through the year. In fact, very few gardens were a real disappointment. It was not an easy task to make the short list, nor to select the winners. Please make it even harder for us this year.

#### BRENTHAM HALT ROAD

Many of you will know by now that Brentham Halt Road has ceased to exist, not only under the roadworks, but because Ealing Council have caused the name to be changed to "Westgate". Mrs. Edith Harris of 14 Neville Road, is leading a strong and successful movement to restore the rightful name, and the Committee support her fully. Mrs. Harris will no doubt welcome signatures on her petition to support her cause, and an extra copy is with the Committee.

#### STATIONERY

A4 (large) and A5 (small) stationery are still available from Crispian Strachan. Prices from £3 - £5 per 150 sheets, with envelopes - no increase yet! NOTELETS have also been re-printed and are now available at 30p for 10, with envelopes.

#### NEW MAYOR NOMINATED

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Anita Fookes, has been nominated Mayor for the coming year 1980/81.

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I should like to become a Member/renew my Membership of the Brentham Society and enclose 50p membership

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

Send to Hon. Treasurer:- David Skelton, 39 Woodfield Avenue, London W.5. in exchange for your Membership Card.