

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing

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## SOCIAL EVENING

On Friday, April 11th, at the Methodist Church Hall, 8 p.m. we have arranged a social gathering for Brentham residents - refreshments will be provided - do come and join us. Tickets £1 per head at the door.

New residents are particularly welcome and there will be an opportunity to join the Society.

(Members not currently paid up will also be able to renew their subscriptions).

## BRENTHAM MAY DAY

The prettiest sight of the year on the Brentham Estate is our traditional May Day. Local children all dressed in white with fresh flowers in their hair and carrying posies, process around the Estate and return to the Brentham Club where the May Queen is crowned and the children perform their May-pole and Country dances. The date this year is Saturday, 17th May. The procession leaves Brentham Club at 2.30 p.m., and the route is:-

Meadvale Road, Neville Road, Brunswick Road, Brentham Way, Winscombe Crescent, Woodfield Crescent, Woodfield Avenue, Pitshanger Lane, Denison Road back to Club.

If you normally park your car in one of these road, would you consider moving it just for half-an-hour while the procession takes place. We do appreciate the problems of parking, but it would make a tremendous difference if the procession was unimpeded by parked vehicles. Perhaps other residents, not on the May Day route, would be tolerant of extra parked cars outside their houses for a very short time?

Brentham Estate has maintained this lovely tradition for over 70 years. Please give generously when collecting tins come to your door as the organisation is entirely voluntary and your support means that May Day will continue to be a part of Estate life.

If watching the children on May Day makes you wish you could join in too - you can. Come to the Barn Dance for adults at Brentham Club in the evening - a very friendly, informal occasion. Tickets will be available from 24 Brentham Way.

## 1985 GARDEN COMPETITION

Having announced and described the winning gardens in our last newsletter, we should like to say a little about the other gardens which were highly commended at the AGM.

64 Meadvale Road was a very deserving runner-up. This is one of the largest front gardens on the estate, with a south aspect, and these advantages have been well exploited in a sound architectural form with varied planting. Rich colour effects in summer gave way to quieter autumn colour.

At 2 Ruskin Gardens the corner site has been divided into very attractive areas with differing characters. Contrasting plant forms and foliage give a background to soft and harmonious flower colours, with no bright effects. Every corner, even the fence by the garage with its pots and climbing plants, is given care and attention.



61 Fowler's Walk is a tiny paved garden, beautifully planted to look generous but not overcrowded. Foliage colours and textures are used to give a background to flower colour which is always gentle. It was particularly fine in mid-summer with golds, purples, pale mauve and a flash of dark red.

Other gardens mentioned were 54 Brentham Way (1984 winner) and 34 Brentham Way with a promising new layout with an excellent brick path. 71 Fowler's Walk is another small paved garden with creepers and brightly planted pots giving a very cool summery effect.

45 Woodfield Crescent is a gravel garden with groups of stones and wide-spaced plants. This is more sophisticated in concept but well in scale with the house which is of the villa style rather than cottage.

7 Brunner Road always looks charming with its pots and topiary, and 16 Neville Road is another tiny cottage garden with lovely colour, well in scale with the house and its neighbours.

198 Pitsbanger Lane has a mysterious quality, with an inviting view to the front door. Excellent planting punctuated with pots and a tub at strategic points.

21 Denison Road is another mysterious garden, very full with taller plants than usual. This is not easy in a small space and has been very cleverly handled. It was particularly attractive in late summer with magnificent colour scheme of dusky pinks.

67 Meadvale Road, (1984 3rd prize) is still very nice, with its quiet atmosphere. It is not an easy shape to plan but done successfully.

For 1986, let us hope for more balanced weather, happy gardening and a good showing for this year's competition.

It is always nice to award prizes and commend gardens not previously mentioned. There are nearly always a few new ones each year and many more gardens are considered than can possibly be discussed at the AGM or reported in the Newsletter. So make a special effort this year, perhaps to try something new or to give extra care, to make yours one of the top gardens of 1986.

#### FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S, PERIVALE

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#### April Events

Sat. 12th & Sun. 13th. 10a.m.-5p.m. Art Exhibition, "Portraits of Baling"  
Sat. 19th. 7.45 for 8.00. Gala Supper Concert, "Four Course Opera"

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

The response to the reminder for the 1986 subs was very disappointing. Few residents took advantage of the standing order mandate and even fewer delivered their subs by hand. We cannot run the Society without funds. If you are members, please both support the Society financially and reduce the work of the committee.

#### STANDING ORDER MANDATE

TO:

(Name of your bank)----- BRANCH -----

Please pay National Westminster Bank, plc, NORTH BALING BRANCH, SORTING CODE NO. 60-15-19

for the credit of THE BRENTHAM SOCIETY, A/c No. 45265305, the sum of £1.00 (one pound), commencing now and thereafter every year on 1st January until you receive further notice from me/us in writing and debit my/our account accordingly.

Account to be debited ..... A/c No. ....

Signature(s) ..... Date .....

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