

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing

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## SPRING MEETING

In order to provide an additional opportunity for members of the Society to meet to discuss topics of Brentham interest we are planning a Spring Meeting on Thursday 20th April at the Brentham Club, Meadvale Rd at <sup>7.30</sup> 8-10 pm.

This is intended to be a general forum at which those subjects for which there is insufficient time at the Annual General Meeting, can be talked over. We intend to invite speakers to attend to answer specific questions and it would be appreciated if we could have these in writing as soon as possible - certainly not later than April 10th - to the Secretary, Mrs Barbara Murray, 2 Winscombe Crescent.

If this extra meeting proves popular, we hope to make it a regular feature.

## MAY DAY

The May Day festivities will take place on Saturday 13th May. The Procession will leave the Club at 2.30 pm, followed by the Crowning of the May Queen, Maypole Dancing and tea.

Children aged 3 and over are welcome to take part - enrolments at the Brentham Club, Meadvale Rd on April 6th and April 12th from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. Enrolment fee £1.00. Contact Patricia Chapman on 998 0520.

## The TREE FUND

This stands at £227.81 after the receipt of £60 from 'Men of the Trees'. This sum is set aside for two purposes: To help St Barnabas' Church to re-hedge their boundary on Denison Rd and to plant three trees on the green between Ludlow and Denison Roads.

May we remind residents that we still need 'adopters' for about a third of the street trees and offers will be welcomed by Audrey Jones (997 9640 - after 6 pm).



Hornbeam

## NATURE NOTES

Pairs of beady eyes began to peer out of our garden pond one month earlier than usual. Our frogs normally spawn at the end of March but exceptionally mild

weather seems to have terminated their hibernation prematurely. By 24th February the pond began to resemble a large sago pudding. Some frogs hibernate at the bottom of the pond, but clearly not all. The large numbers of dead frogs on our roads were presumably making their way from garden or allotment hibernation sites to breeding ponds. During the weekend 17th-19th February I counted 20 fatalities on a  $\frac{1}{2}$  km stretch of Meadvale Road. Numbers such as these are unprecedented in my experience.

It would be reassuring to nature lovers and a boon to gardeners if the increased numbers of dead came from an increasing local population. The mild winter will almost certainly lead to a blip in the population statistics, but the forces of nature are already at work to reduce the numbers to their regular level. Around here, the dominant force is MAN - in this case, MAN the MOTORIST.

Mike Silverman

#### MEMORIES OF BRENTHAM

We would like to talk to anyone who has resided on the estate since the early days. If you would like to share your memories of life in Brentham please contact Susan Floate (997 8550) or Roger Wright (997 0342)

Also 1989 sees the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II - there must be many who have stories to tell of Brentham at war.

#### RUBBISH

Much of the beauty of Brentham is due to spaces created around the houses. It is very easy for these spaces, especially the 'semi-public' footpaths and greens, to become rubbish dumps; we appeal therefore to everyone to do just that little bit extra to preserve and enhance the environment in which we live by disposing of your own rubbish thoughtfully, and by picking up and disposing of rubbish left around the estate by others.

#### PENSIONERS' LUNCHEON CLUB

A hot two-course meal is served every day at the Brentham Club - more members will be most welcome. Vegetarian and diabetic meals arranged for. For full particulars phone Tony Oliver (997 7523).

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1989

For yet another year the subscription still stands at £1 per household - the more households to join means that we can keep it at that figure!

Our Treasurer, Crispian Strachan, 26 Holyoake Walk will gratefully receive your subscription. We hope that new residents will join and make themselves known to us.

When paying, don't forget to enclose your name and address. About 50 pay by direct debit and if you want to adopt this easy method, have a word with our Treasurer.