

# BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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## APRIL MEETING

A good crowd turned out on 27th April to hear the talk by Mr. S.P. Taylor of the Countryside Commission on Long-distance Footpaths and Bridleways. Mr. Taylor illustrated his very interesting lecture with colour slides and provided us with a quantity of literature giving details of routes, maps, accommodation and everything else the prospective walker needs to know. For those who were not present at the meeting, these leaflets can be obtained free from The Countryside Commission, 1 Cambridge Gate, London, N.W.1.

## MAY DAY 1973

Most of you will not need to be told that the May Day celebrations went off very successfully, weather included. The rather odd selection of pictures in the Middlesex County Times hardly did justice to the many photographs available for inspection and private order at the offices of the newspaper in The Mall; some of these are also on show at the Brentham Club.

The evening event was attended by over 100 people and a "thank you" party for the many who helped in all aspects of the day was given the following weekend by Mary and Tony Scanlan. The "lucky programme" had to be redrawn because it was found to be an unsold copy; the winning number is therefore 1065. A half bottle of brandy awaits the winner at 3 Winscombe Crescent.

It was nice to see our M.P., Mr. "Bill" Molloy and Rev. David Mason, our GLC representative at the afternoon ceremony, and Rev. Father Hetherington at our evening party.

## BRUNSLICK ROAD ALLOTMENTS

The Society's concern about Council proposals to build on the allotments site, with the possibility of demolition of two houses in Neville Road, has already been stated (Newsletter No. 25). Your chairman has written to the following people, setting out our objections and asking for support:

Local Members of Parliament; local Councillors; heads of relevant Council departments; chairmen of relevant Council committees; heads of relevant GLC departments; several public figures interested in conservation.

We have received a great deal of encouragement and support and there can be little doubt in the minds of the council officers concerned about the weight of opposition to these proposals. We shall keep you advised of further developments.

## CLEANING UP THE BRENT

The Society was represented by its chairman and vice-chairman at the packed public meeting held in St. Mary's Church Hall, Hanwell on 9th May, when the newly-formed Brent River and Canal Society announced plans for a major attack on rubbish,

pollution and obstruction of footpaths along the River Brent and Grand Union Canal.

Your representatives volunteered to take responsibility for patrolling the river between Western Avenue and Perivale Lane and reporting any unsightly objects. If you would like to help in this operation please inform Brian Fallon (997 1056) or Martin Jiggens (998 2641). In addition, regular working parties are being organised by the BRCS and volunteers will be welcomed; watch the local press for dates. Membership of the BRCS costs only 10p. Chairman: Luke FitzHerbert, 7 Manor Court Road, Hanwell, W.7.

#### POET'S CORNER

..... Near us  
a shrunken river ran, fouled  
by the effluent; a few rodents  
survived on its banks .....

This apt description of the Brent in its present state appears in a poem written by Peter Williamson of Ludlow Road, which was published in the New York Times a few months ago. The poem, which is called 'Shrunken River with Owls', records the sighting of a tawny owl in the boughs of the magnificent oak tree on the green between Ludlow Road and Denison Road. Has New York anything to show more fair?

Mr. Williamson's poetry has also been published in Britain and broadcast by the BBC.

#### THE CAMERAS ARE COMING

Do not be alarmed if strange men with even stranger equipment appear at the bottom of your garden later this month. This is all part of a combined operation by the Brentham Society (in providing information), the borough Council (in providing a generous grant towards the costs) and the Boston Manor Cine Club (in providing the expertise) to make a film about the Brentham Garden Estate. The interest and enthusiasm of the members of the cine club is most gratifying and we shall want to offer them every facility so as to make this film as successful as their previous productions which have won prizes at international festivals.

The actual filming, including aerial shots, will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 29th/30th June and 1st July. May we ask for the co-operation of all residents in making their own corner of the estate as attractive as possible for this occasion?

#### BRENTHAM STATIONERY

We regret that there has been some delay in reprinting the Notelets, but supplies are now available again at 8 for 10p including envelopes.

In addition, writing paper bearing the Brentham design can be supplied to order with individual addresses overprinted. Specimens may be seen, and orders taken, at the following addresses: 48 Denison Road; 72 Brentham Way; 3 Winscombe Cres.

#### JUMBLE SALE

Wednesday, 27th June: 7 pm at the Brentham Club. Rummage of all kinds welcomed; proceeds to the Brentham Luncheon Club. Please telephone Mrs. Smith (997 2378) for collection of jumble; or just take it along to 53 Ludlow Road.