

BRENTHAM SOCIETY

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Brentham Garden Estate, Ealing

THE TREES

The ceremonial tree planting on February 13th was attended by about 100 people - the planting programme is now virtually completed. Of the 89 trees planted, 80 are the first choice but some alterations had to be made owing to shortage of stock, notably the Cockspur thorns.

"Men of the Tree" are donating £60 for an oak to be planted on the Denison Road/Ludlow Road green in agreement with Bradford Property Trust. We planned a coppice of 3 trees, one an oak and two others - hawthorns have been suggested but we are open to other suggestions from residents bordering the green. Planting will take place next autumn.

Adopters are still needed. Nothing very difficult to do - no watering till June or July; in the meantime you just check that the tree and stake are firmly in place and the straps are secure. If you think your tree is not thriving, please call Brian Gould at the Town Hall (579 2424, Ext 52596).

Surplus funds are being offered to St Barnabas' Church to replant their hedge along Denison Road - we shall keep a small reserve in hand for future contingencies.

If you have not already volunteered to be an 'adopter', please contact Audrey Jones (997 9640) - it would be such a pity if the trees we have paid so much for should die of neglect. And please carry on collecting Target Bonds from the Ealing Gazette.

The Council has decided to enter this estate for the 'London Garden in Bloom Competition'.

THE TREE FUND COMMITTEE THANKS EVERYONE FOR THEIR WONDERFUL GENEROSITY AND CONTINUING SUPPORT.

ASBESTOS

A resident was recently concerned to find that panelling he was removing from a stair spandrel was made of asbestos cement. This substance is quite harmless when undisturbed but particles of it could be harmful if breathed in in sufficient quantities and over a period of time; therefore in case you are considering the removal of flush panelling in your house, we list a few commonsense precautions which should still further reduce the very small element of risk inherent in this operation.

- 1) Check on whether your panel is plywood, hardboard or asbestos by exposing a small area with a screwdriver or similar tool. If it is asbestos cement....
- 2) Wear a simple dust mask obtainable at most D.I.Y. shops.
- 3) Lay polythene dust sheets on carpets in the vicinity of the work.
- 4) Avoid breaking the panels if possible and thoroughly damp down exposed surfaces.
- 5) Carefully place all the pieces and the dust sheets in sealed plastic bags for disposal.
- 6) Wipe down all painted surfaces in the vicinity with a damp cloth.

Further advice may be obtained from the Environmental Health Officer: Mr McHardy - phone

BRENTHAM MAY DAY

Apologies if you missed our usual procession around the estate last year - but we were well and truly rained off! As many of you will be aware, St Barnabas' came to our rescue and we were able to crown the May Queen and perform the dances in the beautiful setting of the church itself. Grateful as we are to St Barnabas', we are really hoping for good weather this year. The date is Saturday, May 14th. If you have never seen the Brentham May Day it is really worth seeing. The procession leaves the Brentham Club at 2.30 pm to walk round the estate - our usual plea for as many parked cars as possible to be removed just for the half-hour of the procession PLEASE!!

Maypole and Country dances then take place in the grounds of the Brentham Club where the May Queen will be crowned. In the evening we have a Barn Dance for the adults - this has proved to be a real success in recent years. Tickets are available from May Day committee members, and after last year we urge you to get your tickets early.

Any enquiries may be made to Janet Shapley on 998 7320.

PILLAR BOXES

In response to a request from the Brentham Society Committee, Ealing Council has made conservation orders on the 3 pillar boxes on the estate (Brentham Way, Ludlow Road and Woodfield Road). At the same time they have preserved 28 boxes on other conservation areas throughout the borough. We regard this as a 'stitch in time' in view of what happened to our telephone kiosks and we hope that the idea will spread.

We had some good publicity in the local press too. Did you see it?

BLACK BAGS

We expect you have noticed that the refuse bags now are printed with a warning to users not to put them on the pavement but to leave them inside the gate.. This advice is given to protect pedestrians with poor sight. You perhaps you do not realise that if you leave a bag on the pavement and someone falls over it, you could be held responsible.

BRENTHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

The club will shortly be losing its Treasurer. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile job to help the elderly, please ring the club chairman, Tony Oliver for further particulars (997 7523)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Those for 1988 are now due - still only £1 per household - and can be given to the Treasurer, Crispian Strachan, 26 Holyoake Walk or to any committee member.