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BRENTHAM NEWS

A Happy New Year to all our readers. We thought we'd start the New Year with a bit of a get together and so have organised a social evening at the Brentham Club.

Brentham Get Together

Thursday 18th February

7pm

Brentham Club

Join the new Brentham Society committee members for drinks and light refreshments and meet neighbours old and new.

During the evening we aim to find out what residents want from the Brentham Society and discuss ideas for the future – and we'd like to involve a wider range of people in what we do.

You will also receive your personal copy of the new **Residents' Information Pack** in advance of its distribution to all Brentham households. We think you'll be impressed!

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Other News

We're delighted to hear that negotiations for a consortium of residents to take ownership of **Denison / Ludlow Green** are nearing completion. Our thanks go to the tireless efforts of Jacqui and Roman Nemecek of Denison Road who made this all possible.

The **garage site** between Fowlers Walk and Brentham Way has now been sold by Grainger Trust and again we're delighted to hear that they remain in local ownership. Some of the individual garages are being made available for sale to residents (see page 3 for details).

However discussions are still ongoing over the future ownership and use of the **allotment land** bordered by St Barnabas Church, Denison Road and Holyoake Walk.

Ealing Council is at an early stage of seeking the views of key stakeholders on the effects and impacts of **traffic movements in the Brentham** area of the Borough. The Society was asked at very short notice to respond to an initial consultation exercise. There was no time to canvass Brentham residents but we drew on the results of a similar exercise we carried out in January 2007 and responded that this is an emotive issue for residents and that we would want a firm assurance that, should any proposal move forward, a full and formal consultation with sensible timescales must be undertaken to take into account residents' views and suggestions.

Annual Membership

It's that time of year again when we'll be asking for your membership subscriptions. Once again at only **£2** per household it is excellent value for money.

MBE for May Day Organiser

Parents and children in Brentham will be pleased to hear that **Pat Chapman** has been awarded an MBE. Pat, who was born in Hanwell, has chaired the Brentham May Day Committee since 1989. Brentham May Day involves a tremendous amount of organisation, much of it starting early in the year when rehearsal space, band, insurance, policing, finance etc. all have to be arranged. Although many volunteers help with rehearsals and the event on the day, this all has to be co-ordinated and Pat is the person who makes it happen, with the event becoming a full-time commitment for her for about a week before May Day.

Pat is also known to many Brentham girls as Brown Owl, and she has been a volunteer at Meadow House Hospice for 17 years. Her professional life involves working with children in situations of domestic violence so her voluntary work takes up much of her free time from a demanding job. Brentham congratulates Pat on her very well-deserved award for services to the community.

Brentham AGM

At the AGMs of the Brentham Society and the Brentham Heritage Society on Thursday 22nd October, members of both organisations voted to merge, forming a new consolidated Brentham Society, with heritage issues as part of its remit, and retaining vital charitable status. Thanks to all who attended and voted for the new arrangements.

Brentham Society Garden Awards

2009

(Announced at the AGM)

The Spring award went to 33 Ludlow Road, which is always lovely, but especially so in spring. A good general structure with small pond and background of varied permanent planting. Lots of spring bulbs mainly in yellow, complemented by lots of pale yellow polyanthus. Very fresh, clean and cheering start to the year.

The runners-up were 63 Meadvale Road, 51 Ludlow Road, and 27 Denison Road.

The Summer award went to 16 Woodfield Crescent, for quite a difficult small shady north-facing garden where the limitations have been overcome splendidly with a variety of pots brimming with diversity and colour, set among pebbles. A delightful sight for passers-by.

The runners-up were 46 Brentham Way, 91 Fowlers Walk, and 58 Holyoake Walk.

The Autumn award went to 46 Meadvale Road, where lots of late season colour is provided by geraniums in their prime set among a restrained structural background of many shades of green foliage. Well-maintained low-growing evergreens and small conifers.

The runners up were 1 Neville Road, 17 Woodfield Avenue, and 50 Meadvale Road.



The Rose Bowl for 2009 went to 64 Meadvale Road, where the informal and charming garden shows a wide knowledge of plants and their siting. A

succession of spring shrubs and bulbs, roses, clematis and varied perennials, continuing through to an eye-catching display of richly coloured exotic-looking dahlias.

Our thanks to the judges, Sally Kelly (seen above presenting the rose bowl to Brian Vaughan), Nita Davis and Gilda Kelly.

Beware the Oak Processionary Moth

A threat to Brentham's precious oak trees has emerged in the shape of the caterpillar of this species, native to central and southern Europe, which reached west London in 2006. Its common name comes from the caterpillars' striking habit of forming long lines, or 'processions' in trees, where they can cause serious defoliation, especially to oak trees, their principal host.

These caterpillars also have urticating (irritating) hairs carrying a toxin which can be wind-borne and cause serious irritation to the skin, eyes and bronchial tubes. A significant public health problem was caused in the Low Countries by these caterpillars in recent years.

If you notice an infestation of these caterpillars or larvae you should avoid touching them but alert Ealing Council (☎ 020 8825 5000 or send an email to trees@ealing.gov.uk) who will take action.

Brentham on YouTube



A charmingly quirky music video entitled "Unemployed in Summertime" has received 54,000 hits on the popular YouTube website. Can you identify the Brentham and Pitshanger Lane locations?

Go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0Ao8l-qPgo

Cinema on Our Doorstep

Can you imagine only having to walk down the road to see a quality film? Now it's possible: Pitshanger Pictures is a new initiative to bring 'the cinema experience' to our area with regular screenings at the Millennium Hall, St Barnabas. After the successful launch in January with family film 'Bugsy Malone', main feature 'Moon' and late-nighter 'District 9', there are more planned for February and March (see back page for more details)



Central Ealing Redevelopment Plans



In the past, Save Ealing's Centre (SEC) campaigners have sometimes been disappointed by the general lack of interest on the part of many politicians as to what is going on in the Town Centre and how it could be improved. They want this to change and so on February 22nd will kick off this election year with a public meeting in the Town Hall to debate priorities for the future and the role of public bodies in pursuing them. All local candidates will be invited to participate and all Brentham residents would be welcome to attend. More details will be announced soon - check the website www.saveealingscentre.com which also has the latest on the Arcadia and Dickens Yard site developments.

Carol Singing

In case you were wondering what happened to the carol singers this year, the poor weather scuppered our efforts on both evenings but nevertheless we managed to send just over £55 to the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust who were very appreciative.

Alterations to Your Home

Are you thinking of making alterations to your home? Then you need guidance on any aspect of planning and conservation and if you intend to carry out work to party walls, bear in mind that there is a legal requirement for you to inform your neighbours.



For an informal discussion contact either Heather Moore or Ealing Planning Department
☎ 020 8825 6600.

Be a Friend of Montpelier Park

Montpelier Park, the delightful mini-arboretum at the southern end of Brentham is about to get a new play area and other improvements.



Ealing Council's Parks Department is keen to involve local residents in its future care and development - including some hands-on work, like siting and planting new shrubs. If you're a keen gardener (or even if you're not!) and want to be involved with a small group in improving one of our key local assets, please contact Sue Elliott.

May Day 2010



Brentham May Day this year will be held on Saturday 15th May. The organisers are very appreciative of the teams of people who erect the maypole early in the morning, dress Jack in the Green's frame, and sell programmes. They would also be grateful for any help you can give with teaching the maypole and country dances, helping at rehearsals, stewarding on the field on the day, and walking with the procession. With offers and for more information please contact Pat Chapman, Brentham May Day Committee.

Garages for Sale

Refurbishment work is due to start on 16 garages situated between Brentham Way and Fowlers Walk. The improvements, including better security, should be completed by March.

Reservations are now being taken for the garages which are offered for sale at £12,000.



Pitshanger Pictures at St Barnabas Millennium Hall

February 13

3-00pm Bambi (U)
6-45pm A Bout de Souffle [Breathless] (PG)
9-00pm The Hurt Locker (15)

March 13

5-00pm Howl's Moving Castle (U)
7-30pm The Soloist (12A)

Adult tickets cost £7.50 (£5 for family screenings)
Including a glass of wine or a soft drink and nibbles, and there's a chance to discuss the films afterwards.

The Brentham Club

Mini Tennis Coaching

The Brentham Lawn Tennis club is offering a full range of junior coaching [January to March 2010]. We will be running groups of mini tennis [ages 5 - 11] in accordance with the Lawn Tennis Association mini tennis age structure. We also plan to hold mini tennis tournaments every Saturday during term time [weather permitting].

Contact **James Fiordelisi** for information and bookings.

Club Room Bookings

Various rooms in the Brentham Club are available for hire and use. Details of prices and deposits available on request.

Forthcoming Events

12 February - Bistro evening - with two sittings (1) 6.00 to 7.00 pm and (2) 7.30 pm until late

14 March - Mothering Sunday lunchtime carvery (two sittings (1) 1 pm to 3 pm and (2) 3.30 pm until 5 pm)
The cost is £12.00 for three courses

4 April - Easter Sunday lunchtime carvery (as above)

Booking is recommended for all meals

Fred Perry Coffee Shop

Everyone welcome to use the Fred Perry Coffee Shop

Monthly Social Membership

Monthly Social Membership is now available at a cost of £10 per person per calendar month from January 2010. Anyone wishing to become a Monthly Social Member will need to fill in an application form and pay the monthly fee in advance.

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