

# Brent Island Trust

## Newsletter, May 2019



### Silver Jubilee Fair – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2 – 5pm

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP...

... for the Silver Jubilee fair on The Island. We are marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our purchase of Brent Island with an event for the whole village, especially families. (Note our smart new logo for the occasion at the head of this newsletter). We have had a great response from organisations who will be bringing display stands for the afternoon, and helpers are in place for the bar and barbecue, while the ladies of the WI are kindly providing cream teas. We are building a team of volunteers who can help not only on the day but also with the setting up on Friday afternoon and evening and also with taking down and clearing up on Saturday evening. **If you are able to assist please contact Mike Roberts on 01364 73842.**

#### TOMBOLA

We would like to make the tombola a real success in raising funds, and to do this we need as many prizes as possible. As for our Christmas stall the Mare and Foal charity shop in the village has kindly agreed to receive donations for this. Please watch out for the box in the shop and give generously if you can. Alternatively, you can drop them off with Guy Pannell at Greenfield, Corn Park, TQ10 9DQ (01364 72275) or Laurette Guest at 1 Chapel Mews, Church Street, TQ10 9AF (01364 72034).

#### WE INVITE EVERYONE...

... to join us as we celebrate a quarter of a century of caring for The Island. It promises to be a memorable event in the life of the Trust. Among the groups who have accepted our invitation to attend are the Westcountry Rivers Trust, Dartmoor National Park, Devon Wildlife Trust, Sustainable South Brent and other wildlife groups. There'll be refreshments, musical entertainment and activities for children, with live music throughout the afternoon. Seats will be available but you might like to bring a blanket to relax on the grass if the weather is fine. Please do come along, and bring your friends and family.



### Annual General Meeting 2019

A reminder that our AGM takes place in the side room at South Brent Village Hall on Wednesday 26th June at 7.30pm. Kevin Bishop, Chief Executive of Dartmoor National Park Authority, is the guest speaker, and is likely to have some very interesting thoughts about the future for Dartmoor and our other national parks. Do try to attend this important occasion for the Trust. We elect our committee at this meeting and we need some new members to take on this rewarding and not too onerous role. If you are interested please do talk to our Chairman or Secretary, whose details are the foot of this newsletter.



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## Easter Egg Trail

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our Easter Egg Trail on Easter Saturday. The Island was looking glorious and around 50 families came down to enjoy exploring the Meadow. The fine weather probably tempted some to head for the seaside instead, but it was a really worthwhile event, enjoyed by everyone who came and helped to raise funds towards looking after The Island.



Children receiving their eggs after successfully finding all the clues!



Helpers guarding the Easter eggs!!

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## Spring Working Party

Thanks to everyone who helped at our Spring working part in April. They filled in holes dug by visiting dogs, and cut back paths in readiness for the Easter Egg Trail the following Saturday.

The picture shows some rather attractive Dead-nettle photographed on The Island by Guy Pannell. This was left uncut!!



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## Annual Subscriptions

A big thank you to all of those who have paid their annual subscriptions for 2019/20, due on 1st April. Some of you may pay by a standing order dated later in the year, which is fine. But if you are a cash payer, who has not yet paid, we should very much appreciate an early settlement. In case you have mislaid your renewal form another one is attached with this newsletter. Very many thanks for your continuing support for the work of the Trust.

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