



Brent Island Trust



Newsletter, December 2025

Message from Graham

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2025! It has been another successful year for Brent Island with quite a few events and changes along the way. It must be nearly Christmas as we have recently held our annual Christmas stall, which was well attended. It is only because of the generosity of all those who contributed gifts for the Tombola, or cakes for the cake sale, or their time in helping, that we are able to make the event a success and raise funds for the upkeep of our Island. Many thanks to you all.

The recent spell of wet weather has seen the river flowing at high levels and The Island has become a bit muddy in places, especially where the paths are well used. Please do take care when walking around, especially near to the river. There are a few places where the bank is becoming undercut by the flow particularly where the old "Elephant Beech" has fallen across the stream. I do enjoy seeing the high flow of water around The Island and since its repair, the weir seems to be flowing really well and looks quite spectacular from the bridge.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you wonderful Brent Islanders a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Christmas Stall



On Saturday 6 December we enjoyed a very successful Christmas Stall. The weather forecast was not the best so like last year the Stall relocated to the OSCC. There in the warmth and dry, people were able to join in with the carol singing accompanied by the group of talented local musicians. Mulled wine was also on offer, to get visitors into the festive mood. There was an array of Christmas cakes, mince pies and other baked goods. Many tried their luck on the tombola and this year a children's 'Lucky Dip' was also included.

For those who were surprised not to find the Christmas Stall outside the Village Shop, there were Brent Island Committee Members and Volunteers who braved the showery weather to direct them to the Old School. We were also joined by Father Christmas.

Many thanks to those who baked cakes and donated tombola prizes, to the musicians who gave of their time. To all who those who came and parted with their well earned cash helping to raise over £400 to help to raise funds for The Island maintenance



Storm Bram

On the right of the path from the gate to The Island there is a tree which is progressively leaning further over the path. No doubt the recent strong winds and ground softened by torrential rain are contributing to its precarious angle. We'll get this attended to as soon as we can. However, if you see other trees, or anything else on The Island, which may be a hazard and needs to be looked at please let us know (see contact details at the end of this newsletter).



Another result of recent inundations is a substantial tree perched pun intended on the fish ladder. This is currently causing no problem and may well clear of its own accord but if not we'll remove that when the water levels subside.

Forthcoming Events

Spring Working Party: Date to be published in the New Year

Easter Egg Trail: Saturday 4 April 10am - 4pm at the Island

AGM: Tuesday 30 June 7.30pm Village Hall

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