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## EDITORIAL

Being in waggish humour and having been vouchsafed a stoup of ale by a Clubb councillor, same being long overdue and, moreover, hard earned at Gowlf, did bethink to chronicle these notes in different vein, it being well known that the Editorial is of little consequence however it is writ—whether in Chinese or Double Dutch—it serving only to laud the great meryt of the artikles that follow and having no pretekst to journalistik merit. And so to our onions.

The valiant deeds of the Out Door Sektions do appear as of wont, albeit it is small knowledge that same cover official rekords only and take scant account of the great prowess of certain athletik members in the late hours, such as those that do wynn the game many times over in the Ale House.

Then on page 12 is set forth a droll account in ryme writ by a member, same describing a tour of the Clubb House, albeit it doth seem plaguey like a Pilgrim's Progress. Doth follow the Eaves Droppers again relating divers comik extracts concerning the speeches of certain members—what time the E.D.s<sup>4</sup> are seemingly invisible—though not so in the bar as I can vouch. So to another artyckle of great merit, called Opinion, which does discourse on certain items of topikal interest and is well worthy of note by all. And lastly is an artyckle writ in quaint humour called Clothes and Sport, wherein is discussed the correkt apparrel for divers sports: haply it doth not opine whether same appertains to men only or to both seckses.



## TENNIS

Although the weather has been far from ideal for tennis we have at least been able to enjoy a fair amount of play, and with the hard courts available have perhaps suffered rather less than some other outdoor sections. Membership of the Section is now approaching last year's figure of 120 which, if not a record in the history of the Club, at least testifies to the increasing popularity of the game and the strength of the Section itself. Not the least encouraging feature this season has been the increase in the number of younger members, which argues well for the future.

The Club tournaments are now well advanced, and by the time these notes appear will probably have been concluded. Full details will be given in the September BULLETIN. At the present time a Sub-Committee is busy making arrangements for a Finals Day Flannel Dance to take place on August Bank Holiday Monday, at which it is hoped the competition prizes will be presented. The opportunity is taken now of thanking all those who in any way have been concerned in the organisation of this function.

The results of Club matches played since our last report have been most satisfactory: the Ladies' team having won all three games; the Men having lost one and drawn four; and the Mixed team won one and drawn one. The Men's team consider themselves rather unlucky to lose 5—3 to Essendine in the Zone Final of the Middlesex County Competition, since the draw gave Essendine the advantage of playing on their own hard courts at Paddington, which our team found rather difficult to get accustomed to. In addition H. Clark was suffering from a severe cold on the day of the match, and completed his misery by breaking two rackets during the game itself. However, we have good reason to believe that by reaching the Zone Final we shall in any case be promoted to Division II of this competition, which is some small consolation.

Turning now to the subject of our own courts, our main concern continues to be lack of rolling. Members would wish to know that this has been the topic of much discussion between the Tennis Committee and the Grounds Committee, and that it is now understood that at long last facilities will shortly be available to remedy the situation. The top dressing for the hard courts, also an outstanding item, will of necessity have to be held over at least for this Summer, but it is hoped that it may be found possible to make some improvements to the playing surfaces during the early Winter.



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## CRICKET

During the last month the unseasonable weather has continued to dominate the cricket scene. Only two games had to be cancelled because of rain, but four others were abandoned or spoilt, whilst sweaters and sawdust have been far too frequently in evidence. The cricket "week" was much enjoyed by those able to participate, but there were too few spectators hardy enough to brave the elements.

Of the nine First XI games finished this month five have been won, three drawn and one lost. Some exciting finishes have taken place, including a win against the Polytechnic with five minutes to spare. In the Ealing match our runs were scored in 45 minutes less than our opponents, and our last five wickets fell in a fruitless endeavour to force a win, which a brilliant innings of 63 by Horace Brearley had merited. Northampton Polytechnic just failed to beat the clock after some brilliant hitting, and some spectacular fielding by Paul Swann saved the day in the last over. Ealing Dean were convincingly beaten after their batting had collapsed.

The "A" XI has not been very successful since our last report, four of the six matches concluded being lost, with only one win to their credit. Batting failures have been mainly to blame, but nevertheless their tail is still wagging, and a very good hard-hitting innings of 51 by Peter Sones at No. 8, ably supported by 34 not out from the skipper, put them in a strong position against Northampton Polytechnic, although time was called with their last wicket still intact. John Salisbury has found his earlier form again in scoring 48 against Guinness. "Dropped catches lose matches" has been proved by the "A" XI fielders recently.

The "B" XI are managing to be very consistent, but unfortunately this is in losing their matches. As a rule the bowling is quite steady, and Peter Howard is proving successful now that he is bowling more slowly, while Mick Dyason has adequately filled the place of Maurice Smith, whilst away. In the batting too much has been left to the more elderly element, and George Hines has penetrated the week-end haze with some success.

### RESULTS—1ST XI

- June 17th. D. A. Gunn's XI 82 (Felton 8 for 33).  
Brentham 128 for 5 (Felton 46 not out).  
June 18th. F. L. Dolman's XI 174 for 7 (dec.).  
Brentham 121 (Ahl 36, Waters 34).  
June 19th. Brentham 180 for 9 (dec.) (P. Swann 60, Ahl 55).  
Richmond Town 113 for 3.



- June 20th. Brentham 193 for 8 (dec.) (Felton 64, Alston 35 not out).  
Mill Hill 154 (J. Howard 4 for 28, Alston 35 not out).
- June 26th. Polytechnic 172 for 6 (dec.).  
Brentham 181 for 4 (Brearley 65, J. Swann 46).
- June 27th. Winchmore Hill 80 (Ahl 5 for 23).  
Brentham 212 for 9 (Felton 66, J. Swann 57).
- July 3rd. Ealing 164 for 9 (dec.).  
Brentham 152 for 8 (Brearley 63)
- July 10th. Ealing Dean 104.  
Brentham 113 for 4 (Merriott 48 not out, Ahl 45).
- July 11th. Brentham 175 for 7 (dec.) (Abel 69).  
Northampton Polytechnic 174 for 6 (J. Howard 4 for 55).
- July 17th. Brentham 176 (Mitcham 59).  
Finchley did not bat—rain.

#### "A" XI

- June 19th. Richmond Town 102 for 6.  
Rain—abandoned.
- June 20th. Brentham 186 (Honan 54, P. Swann 37).  
Mill Hill 83 (Haworth 5 for 36).
- June 26th. Polytechnic 132 (Haworth 6 for 43).  
Brentham 95 (Flint 31).
- June 27th. Brentham 132 (Balleine 38).  
Winchmore Hill 195 for 7.
- July 3rd. Ealing 253 for 7 (dec.) (Mitcham 6 for 31).  
Brentham 107 (Mitcham 31).
- July 10th. Ealing Dean 162 for 6 (dec.) (Sones 4 for 39).  
Brentham 76 (Hibbert 24).
- July 11th. Brentham 188 for 8 (dec.) (Sones 51, Hibbert 40).  
Northampton Polytechnic 122 for 9 (C. James 4 for 20).
- July 17th. Brentham 132 (Salisbury 48).  
Guinness 20 for 2. Rain—abandoned.

#### "B" XI

- June 19th. Brentham 121.  
Old Actonians 104 (Smith 5 for 21).
- June 26th. Brentham 75.  
Polytechnic 105.
- July 3rd. Hounslow 231 for 7 (dec.).  
Brentham 78.
- July 10th. Brentham 129.  
Wycombe House 152 for 7 (Dyason 6 for 50).
- July 17th. Brentham 80.  
Old Gaytonians 82 for 4.
- July 18th. Richmond Town 119 (P. Howard 5 for 25).  
Brentham 93 (Hines 23 not out).



## BOWLS

The annual struggle for the Allen Cup between "dear old pals" Brentham and Pitshanger took place on Saturday, July 3rd, Brentham being worthy winners by 88 shots to 72. After an excellent tea at the Club, and a visit to our newly laid green, the victory was celebrated in the evening in the usual manner.

### OTHER RESULTS

Ealing Victory Shield: Brentham 43, Acton Park 44 ; Brentham 42, Ealing Conservative 37.

Wednesday Western League: Brentham 46, Hounslow Conservative 68 ; Brentham 46, West Ealing 64.

Friendly Games: Brentham 57, Yiewsley 70 ; Pitshanger 80, Brentham 74.

Frank Davis Cup: F. H. Tilleard 19, Campbell 21 (Pitshanger) ; T. Luxford 21, H. Breach 12 (Pitshanger).

The Honours Board has now been completed and placed on the west wall in the bar.

The Victory Shield games have been completed as follows: Played 5, won 2, lost 3, shots for 203, against 195.

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## GOLF

The draw for the various annual competitions points to the possibility of several "blood" matches, and it is not to be doubted that the "Eavesdroppers" in their search for material, both printable and unprintable, could do worse than secrete themselves in the bushes at Cusses' Corner.

Having regard to the holiday season, and to the divided sports interests of many of our members we intend, if possible, to avoid time limits for the several rounds. Competitors are asked to respond by getting together (or at each others' throats) as early as possible.

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It is officially denied that the blue haze recently observed over the Brent had any connection with the language of a certain infuriated member, who,, in hurling his mashie into the river, forgot to detach himself from the offending club.

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## INTRODUCTION IN VERSE

You want to join the Brentham Club?  
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You're full of life and wish to spend  
An evening down with us, my friend?

Alright, my girl, then come with me  
I'll show you all there is to see,  
In the gates and through the door—  
Still want to go through with it?—sure?

Here we go then, to the top,  
I wonder if you'd care to stop  
And tidy up before we go  
Into the Bar—you would?—right-ho!

Straight ahead then, that's the way,  
Yes, its been a lovely day,  
Really has been just like Spring,  
What was that you said, old thing?

What's the matter, why d'you shout?  
What do you mean, you can't get out!  
Now don't panic, just keep calm,  
There's really no need for alarm.

Wait a sec., I'll push the door,  
There we are, you're free once more,  
All set now? O.K., let's go.  
Got a lot to see, you know.

The Billiard Room we'll now explore,  
You go first, I'll hold the door.  
A match is on—my, what a crowd—  
Shh! You musn't talk out loud.

You're going to sneeze—oh, please not now!  
Oh! you made an awful row!  
If looks could kill—come on, my friend  
Before we meet a sticky end.

Here's the Bar, now we're inside  
Would you like my arm to guide  
You through the smoke, or can you find  
Your way—just keep up close behind.

Is the beer down here so bad  
That everyone must look so sad?  
No, my friend, that glum expression  
Does not indicate depression!

Who are those people over there?  
The group that looks weighed down with care?  
The folk you now look on with pity  
Are members of our main Committee!

A happy crowd their "nightlies" sip,  
You thought that they'd all got the pip?  
No, someone's laughing over there  
(I hope the joke was worth the glare!).



Now how about a little dance?  
You'd like that?—then let's take a chance,  
Down the stairs and through the Hall—  
Careful now that you don't fall.

Strange, though, there is not a sound,  
Someone's there though I'll be bound,  
One, two, three, four—quite a throng,  
No music though, now what's gone wrong!

Oh yes, the gram. has broken down,  
Sorry, chum, no use to frown,  
I know that its an awful blow;  
Anyway, its time to go.

In case my friend you should surmise  
From what has passed before your eyes,  
That you should rush off with you sub  
And spend it in the nearest pub,

Let me hasten now to add  
That things are really not too bad,  
In fact I don't know where we'd spend  
Our time but for this place, my friend.

You'll join?—then let me welcome you,  
And come along and say "how-do"  
To the man who'll take your sub,  
New Member of the Brentham Club.

GENIE.

## OVERHEARD AT THE CLUB

"She doesn't like the little boys, and her old man watches the big boys!"

"Who won the Cricket Sweep on Saturday?" "A chap from Napiers." "Who won it on Sunday?" "One of the opposing side." "What! The Sweeps export only, too?"

"I think you're beautiful, but I'm an awful liar."

"You had a heavenly look on your face while you were dancing." "Nonsense—he was treading on my feet!"

"Isn't the Tennis Section colourful?" "How's that?" "Well, I saw a lot of the girls playing in assorted-coloured jumpers, and in a club match on the hard courts the other day one of our players was wearing brown boxing boots. Then, when I asked for one of the tennis officials I was told 'That's the Chairman—the man over there in black slippers!'"

"Personally I'd sooner go around looking like a tramp and have more money to spend in the bar."

*Carry on talking—we'll catch on!*

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## OPINION

With the all-too-quick passing of summer—or to be more precise, in this year of grace, the Summer months—thoughts turn again to Annual General Meetings, and it does occur to me that more sections might with advantage adopt the procedure whereby nominations for office, with the assent of the nominees, are submitted in advance of the meeting. Apart from simplifying the conduct of the meeting, advance nomination does produce better results. Nothing is more discouraging, even demoralising, to a meeting than a sequence of refusals to accept nomination, and while I hold no brief for those who are motivated by sheer laziness or the selfish desire to have as much fun as possible at the cost of other people's efforts, there is much to be said for the point of view of those conscientious members who, not having previously contemplated nomination, reject it because they are unwilling to be rushed into a decision on a matter which they consider is deserving of some deliberation. No one will dispute that proper fulfilment is more likely if the responsibilities are not lightly assumed.

Pertinent to any comment on annual general meetings is a reminder to all members of their responsibility for attendance. Poorly attended meetings betoken lack of appreciation of the much hard work done by the officers and, in time, beget bad administration. When dissatisfaction with the organisation or the management of a particular section is current it is no consolation to reflect that the members get as good a committee as they deserve. It is more to the point if they roll up in force to the A.G.M., where they can air their grievances and get matters righted, or, as is so often the case, find that there is an adequate answer to their criticism.

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Is there not room for yet another addition to the Club's many activities? I am thinking now of the devotees of golf, the long course players and not the "pitch and putt" enthusiasts who frequent the Club course and harangue at "Horseshoe" and cavil at "Cusses." I have no means of assessing how many pukka golfers are included in the Club membership, but one would expect them to be sufficiently numerous to justify the existence of a Brentham Golfing Society, having as its object periodic meetings on neighbouring courses.

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## CLOTHES AND SPORT

A discussion arose in the bar as to the correct attire for the many sports and recreations enjoyed in Brentham. Dealing with bowls, it was felt that when merely practising any costume is permissible except perhaps a bowler hat and white plimsolls. Attire of this sort is reminiscent of public parks, and gives the green a common appearance. In a match, however, blue blazers, with badges and medals, white trousers and polished brown shoes should be worn. Apart from the sartorial effect, this costume may give the opposing side an inferiority complex, and playing in a strong wind the noise created by the rattle of the medals may affect the weaker nerves of opponents and put them off their game. There is no question about cricket, and for any player to appear in the field in anything but whites would be such an outrage as to call for universal execration, and he would deservedly be expelled. Golf, of course, should be played in plus fours preferably of a baggy nature. On a hot day the accompanying Harris tweed coat may be removed, but not the waistcoat or pullover unless a belt is worn. The public exhibition of braces is not permissible. The Tennis Club has a rule that no member shall appear on the courts except in the proper attire. The Club Committee has not decided what this is. Two elderly Club members, discussing the matter, felt, being old-fashioned, that most of the shorts were too short, and one went so far as to affirm that some players should be compelled to wear trousers in view of the emaciated appearance of their legs. By this time the old members were exhausted and the discussion was adjourned for refreshment. Having recovered, after a brief interval, the question arose whether drinking beer was not a form of sport, and a very popular one at that, and if so what was the proper attire for this sport or recreation. It was universally agreed that almost any costume consistent with decency would do.

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## SPECIAL NOTICES

Mr. W. Brown and Miss Pat Taylor are being married at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Saturday, August 7th. Both are well known at the Club, particularly amongst the Tennis Section, for whom Bill has been one of the mainstays of the Club teams for many years.

We take this opportunity of sending them our very best wishes for their future happiness.



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By the time these notes appear the Bowls Section will have commenced to use their newly laid green. Perhaps "should" is a safer word under present weather conditions, but in any case their report on how it plays will be awaited with great interest. If looks are anything to go by there should not be much doubt as to their verdict.

We of the Management Committee feel that the completion of this venture is just one step further towards an ultimate perfection of playing conditions, which it should be possible for all sections to enjoy in the not too distant future.

As most members are aware our late Steward and his family will very shortly be leaving this country to settle in Canada. We wish them the best of luck in their new venture.

Although at the time of writing the name of their successor is not available, we are sure that members will all do their best to make things as easy as possible for him and his wife until they have had time to get accustomed to their new surroundings.

## HOME FIXTURES FOR THE MONTH

- Sat., Aug. 14. Cricket: 1st XI v. Brondesbury.
- Sun., Aug. 15. Cricket: "A" XI v. Northampton Polytechnic.
- Sat., Aug. 21. Tennis: Mixed v. West Ealing.  
Cricket: "A" XI v. West Herts.
- Sun., Aug. 22. Cricket: "A" XI v. Old Actonians.
- Sat. Aug. 28. Cricket: 1st XI v. Finchley.
- Sun., Aug. 29. Cricket: 1st XI v. Mill Hill Park.  
Tennis: Ladies v. Lensbury.
- Sat. Sept. 4. Cricket: 1st XI v. High Wycombe.
- Sun., Sept. 5. Cricket: 1st XI v. South Hampstead.
- Sat., Sept. 11. Tennis: Ladies v. West Ealing.  
Cricket: 1st XI v. Shepherds Bush.
- Sun., Sept. 12. Cricket: 1st XI v. T. Wade's Essex XI (11.30 a.m.).  
Tennis: Men v. Lyons.



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