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## EDITORIAL.

"When you are courting a nice girl, an hour seems like a second; when you sit on a red-hot cinder, a second seems like an hour. That's relativity."—*Einstein's definition of relativity.*

Professor Einstein has recently celebrated his 70th birthday and gained further congratulations upon his life's work. He propounded the  $E=mc^2$  theory, but although his mathematics may be intimidating, his instincts are simple and uncomplicated. In life he has become a legend.

A survey of events in the past month shows several interesting developments.

The question of blood sports surprisingly aroused more fervour and sympathy in the House of Commons than the introduction of a Bill for analgesia. Are we more concerned, nowadays with the squealing of fox, red deer and otter, than painless births?

The seriousness of the King's lumbar sympathectomy operation was reflected in Princess Elizabeth's demeanour while performing State duties at Edinburgh. That both she and Prince Philip appeared more relaxed and smiling at a student pageant in Hyde Park, while the King makes satisfactory progress, relieves national concern.

Signatures of Foreign Ministers of Western nations to the Atlantic Pact give feelings of security and relief that a marked step has been made to establish peace and safeguard one another from aggression. Yet, headlines were just as emblazoned for the activities



of a company director, branded as Dracula and Vampire, in a case which has yet to reach a trial!

The Government has issued a very comprehensive pamphlet on steps being taken towards recovery, and the relaxation from clothing coupons and petrol restrictions have been offset by less meat and the need for continued austerity.

Spelling reform has been suggested for universal use. Emadgin the komplikayshuns.

It is our aim to have the BULLETIN ready for issue as near the beginning of each month as possible, and therefore, could all contributors deposit their efforts in the box not later than the 20th, please? Thank you!

### BRENTHAM AND COLCHESTER (UNITED).

On March 5th thirty members and some of their wives travelled up to Colchester; this was the return visit referred to in our February issue. The party left the Club Room at 9.25, took light refreshments (chiefly beer) at Chelmsford, calling at the "Horse and Groom" at 12.30. Fred Eggelton's sister, Mrs. Mona Pitchford, our hostess, immediately welcomed us with open arms, and after the formalities were over, proved this by insisting on all taking a drink "on the house." After sitting down to a nice lunch, eighteen of the party went off to see Colchester beat Chingford by four clear goals.

The ladies visited Colchester Castle and Museum, after which they returned to the "H. and G.," where Mona insisted on their using the very comfortable sitting room, building a huge fire and supplying hot tea. Mention must be made of a lone member who went off in the direction of Brightlingsea to see the boats, got off the bus at a convenient cross-road and walked back a distance of six to eight miles, timing his arrival rather strangely to coincide with teatime. Three or four members landed up at a local club primarily to play solo and snooker—we think they went to sleep. Brentham beat the opposition at snooker at the "Essex Arms," lost at darts at our "home" pub, the "H. and G."; two of the ladies made sure of a win for Brentham by beating a mixed team at cribbage. Liquid refreshment was taken during the evening, Mona again doing her stuff by supplying sandwiches. Most of our party seemed to be doing bar duty at one time or another, or else helping in the inevitable though nevertheless enjoyable sing-song. After a few stops, the coach finally arrived in a snowstorm; still, the carpeted roads served to deaden our arrival.

Our thanks to you, Fred Eggelton, and to your sister, Mona, not forgetting your nieces Joan and Rene, for a fine day and evening, very well organised, thank you.



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## SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.

### DIVISION II.

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Crouch End Vampires ...	14	9	3	2	50	19	21
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Lensbury ...	13	6	3	4	30	22	15
Old Parkonians ...	14	5	4	5	23	28	14
Borough Polytechnic ...	15	4	5	6	30	34	13
Pearl Assurance ...	13	4	3	6	19	29	11
Old Westminster Cits. ...	15	3	4	8	19	41	10
Aquarius ...	14	4	1	9	25	45	9
West Wickham ...	16	2	5	9	28	50	9

### HOME FIXTURES FOR APRIL.

9th 1st XI ... Old Parkonians.  
2nd XI ... Lensbury.

There will be some evening games, and reference should be made to the official Notice Board.



## FOOTBALL.

Looking back over the last four Saturdays we find that the First Eleven have shown their best form in the cup ties, and two convincing wins have brought us once again to the Final. The date of this game should be known during the early part of April, and our supporters are invited to study the official Notice Board for all details. Our opponents again are Southgate Olympic and, recalling their fine display of last year, we can look forward to a hard-fought but sporting game.

The 11—0 victory over the Old Finchleians was a surprise to many, as this side used to be tough but worthy rivals of ours before the war, and it was the odd goal that decided most of the games. The result reflects much credit on the standard of Brentham football.

On 19th March we were without the services of Horace Brearley and Jock Dakers, but the 40 odd spectators who visited Willesden witnessed a fine victory by our team in the semi-final of the Middlesex A.F.A. Senior Cup. Excellent shooting by John Swann, backed up by a resolute defence in which Jack Mitcham, Peter Goodridge and Paul Swann were outstanding, gave us a 3—1 win, and the whole team are to be congratulated.

The League record has only been moderate, with one win and two draws, but as the chief contenders for the championship have also shown varying form, the final positions are still very much open.

The Reserves, with mixed sides, have shown improved form. A 1—1 draw against the leaders of their section, Catford Wanderers, and a very encouraging win against Civil Service by 3—2, brought us three much-needed points. We are certain that the Reserves will play with such determination that the threat of relegation will soon be removed.

The playing season for the 3rd XI is almost at an end, unless away fixtures for April can be arranged. As agreed, the home pitch was vacated at the beginning of March to allow the groundsman sufficient time to prepare for the forthcoming Summer activities. The introduction of this side has been a success and, particularly during the last few weeks, quite a number of young players have appeared for us who are definitely promising. If their interest in Brentham can be established next year, and the following seasons, the future of the Club is full of promise.

We are holding a dance on April 9th, and it is to be hoped that all footballers and their friends will be present to help John Swann, the M.C., make the evening a memorable one.



## THEY SAY THAT—

1. One footballer exclaims "bad luck" when he makes a faulty pass.
2. Another one's training consists of walking around the cricket field three times, finishing up with a sprint.
3. The Golf Clubhouse door has been returned, but it's nothing to Bray about.
4. Someone asked for a penny, said it was bent, received another one, and then got in for nothing.
5. A stiff clerical collar has been recommended for sports wear.
6. A football supporter called Jock was seen to yawn from the golf pavilion. Maybe he was "tired."
7. It is untrue that the May Day celebrations will be held on either the cricket or bowling greens.
8. Who will be the talent-spotter this year?
9. One impersonating member might be "up the pole." After one look at the Brent he'll say "it's Damp-ier."
10. It's barley possible to get away with such corn. Nevertheless it's amaizeing.

## BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER.

During March the "A" team has lost 9—3 to L.M.S., Willesden, "A," and has drawn 6—6 (for the second time this season) with Tithe Farm "A," whilst the "B" has been beaten 7—5 by both Met. Rly. A.A. and Tithe Farm "B."

In the match against L.M.S., Willesden, "A"—the champion team for the past two seasons, and prospective champions this year—our "A" team lost several games on the "black," and did not deserve to lose by the margin mentioned. This is not the first occasion this has occurred, and leaves something to be looked into—a little more "safety" play at the crucial moment.

Last month's tip for the championships, L. Robinson, fell in the fourth round of the Snooker event to "Podge" Holloway—but only on the black in the final frames. He has, however, reached the semi-final of the Billiards championship, in which he will oppose the chairman, Maurice West.

Some of our younger members have been much in evidence in the Billiard Rooms recently, and it is pleasing to be able to record that one of them, Gordon Eggleton, is showing considerable promise. Keep it up, Gordon, we shall need your like next Winter.



## TENNIS SECTION.

The account of the dance which is displayed on the Notice Board shows a more satisfactory profit than was anticipated. However, this cash is urgently needed to assist the Summer Programme, for considerable funds have been expended on the repair of nets.

By the time this issue of the BULLETIN is published the Summer season will be almost upon us, and we all anticipate enjoying our tennis this year under much superior conditions. A full match programme has been arranged. The Men's and Ladies' teams are entered for the Middlesex County Cup Competitions, and in the first round meet Elmwood L.T.C. and Civil Service L.T.C. respectively—both matches are away from home.

The Section will gladly welcome new members. Particulars may be obtained either from Mr. Bateman, the Club Secretary; Mr. Brewster, Section Secretary; or any member of the Committee.

## BOWLS.

The official opening of the green will take place on Saturday, April 30th, when a match will be played against a team sponsored by Major Godby, President of the Middlesex County Bowling Association. White flannels will be worn.

The following members have been selected to represent the Club in the M.C.B.A. competitions:—

*Single Rink*—S. Ruffey, F. Knight, F. H. Tilleard, H. Sebborn (Skip).

*Triples*—J. Moorcroft, P. Ottoway, J. Boyce (Skip).

Members are reminded that they should indicate on the sheet provided in the pavilion, the dates when they will *not* be available for selection.

Competition entry forms will shortly be sent to all members, who are asked to return them to the Hon. Competition Secretary as soon as possible.

New members are asked to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. Luxford, 22, Brunswick Road, W.5.

## BRENTHAM PLAYERS.

The season's activities are at an end with the exception of the Annual General Meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, April 12th, at 8 o'clock in the Small Hall.

Will you please let us have as full a house for this as for our three previous shows? Suggestions and criticism are invited, and these will be considered in detail by the Committee.

We hope we have succeeded in entertaining you, and we thank you for your co-operation.

F. F.



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## GOLF.

Would members like an Easter competition?

The hut roof is now in order. The windows are in (that is, at the time of writing).

It is believed that a Chess fatigue party is being formed to re-hang the door recently taken for use as a stretcher.

A good foreman painter required (amateur).

What about that Flower Bed?

\* The new greens should be in use now.

At much Golfing-by-the-Brent

We play a game that's really very classy.

At much Golfing-by-the-Brent

Some odd spots on the green are even grassy.

One day J.P. went round the course without a single hitch

Except for driving fourteen balls into the blooming ditch,

So now he's playing pitch and toss

Instead of putt and pitch

At much Golfing-by-the-Brent.

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## ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE.

Once again our Quiz was supported by a packed audience in the main hall. As you probably know, the Bowls team beat the Cricket and have already been challenged by the Football Section. By the way, the amount collected was £4 10s. 3d., which will go to the Chair Fund. We have heard that some of the questions for the Quiz were too easy; well, folks, our programme plate is pretty full, and we are not infallible.

So, once more, any suggestions, plus any questions (with answers) for our use in the future, please.

Don't forget these dates: April 30th. another Ladies' Invitation Dance; May 1st, Whit. Pie. With reference to the Pie, if arrangements can be made with the Management Committee, dependent upon demand of course, the Piesters are prepared to put the show on again the next evening. We are also hoping that Mick Dyason will be fully recovered and able to take his helping of the Pie.

Details of any Summer items will follow next month.

Finally, we wish to thank Frank Ahl and Hughie Thompson, the latter not only for his "Quiz Mastering," but also for his impromptu forfeits, for they both did a good job of work in their respective spheres.



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## INTER-SECTION DARTS LEAGUE.

*Winners*—CRICKET SECTION. (Full table positions next month.)

Looking back over the past season of 1948-9 I think that everyone participating in the Darts League thoroughly enjoyed their matches, although surprising results were obtained, even though the matches lost were accepted as good wins for the opponents.

The League has certainly proved worth while, and with a little extra effort from one or two members to come along and strengthen their Section, we must look forward to the League becoming a permanent feature of the Club.

An interesting point from the statistical angle is that the Ladies actually won a third of the total matches played, i.e. 72 matches played—23 won by the Ladies. The Club Ladies, captained by Mrs. G. Bass, won three matches in a line by defeating Tennis Ladies, Club Men and Billiards and Snooker. Don't forget—April 10th Final.

## OLD TIME DANCE SECTION.

Nearly every tune has a nostalgic memory for someone, whether it be "old time" or modern. Thursday evening "onlooking" in the large hall provides a wonderful opportunity to prove this. What pictures are being conjured up in the minds of the dancers?

Strains of the "Blue Danube," with its graceful (or a little stiff-legged) waltz movements, combine to build visions of the "Blue Danube Ballet," until one's toe is engulfed in one of the many crevices traversing the "line of dance."

The demand for that "something different" is still with us. Each weekly programme should be designed to serve three ends. First, to entertain the dancers; second to gain dancing experience; and thirdly to develop new features for future programmes. (Peripatetic "old timers" please copy.)

The pantomime, "Cinderella," arranged for the children, on February 26th, was well attended. A little shy at first, maybe, but under the influence of "Buttons" and the "Ugly Sisters," and the mellowing effect of sandwiches, cakes and ice cream, washed down with remarkable quantities of "squash," pleasant relaxation (though possibly mental only) followed, reaching a climax in a full-throated cheer for the cast.

Will members please note that the Chairman of the Finance Committee has kindly allowed us to hold practice nights on Monday, March 28th, and Friday, April 8th, instead of the usual Thursday nights of those weeks, which unfortunately had to be cancelled.

Diary date—April 23rd.



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## ANNIVERSARY.

Friday, 8th April, will be a great day for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roberts, and we know members will join with us in extending our heartiest congratulations upon the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. To be married fifty years is a truly great achievement, but to be a member of the Club for forty of those years is to us rather unique. Up till two years ago Joe was an active member of the Football Committee, and has been a Life Vice-President since 1931. To go into all the activities of our friend and colleague would need pages of records, but the following are just a few: Secretary of the Children's Sports Committee (responsible for organising the old Inter-Estate Sports), photographic records of which are still to be seen at the "Fox and Goose"; Vice-Captain of Cricket (now a Life Vice-President of that Section, also of the Bowls Section), finally he was Chairman of the old Children's Committee that did such yeoman work in the early days of the Club in its new home here at Meadvale Road.

Well, Joe, we could write a lot more but, knowing that you would not approve of this publicity, we end by saying—more power to your elbow, and we will be seeing you in the bar on the 8th. Good luck!

## CRICKET.

The first matches of the new season have been arranged for April 23rd, and the nets will be up for practice to commence, weather permitting, during the previous week-end, which coincides with the Easter holiday. All last season's stalwarts are hoping to be representing the Club again, and it is rumoured that several members from previous years will be rejoining.

The St. Patrick's Night Dance was a great success, socially and financially, and about 130 members and their friends thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Arrangements were in the hands of a small Committee, and our thanks are particularly due to Mrs. Peggy James for all the work she put in to make things go so well.

A match has been fixed for Sunday, May 29th, between an Ealing and District team against a Middlesex XI, on the Ealing C.C. ground in Corfton Road, in aid of D. Compton's Benefit Fund. Several prominent members of the Club are on the Committee who are organising the fixture, and no doubt we shall hear more of their plans as they mature. Meanwhile all schoolboys and many others in Brentham will wish to make a note of the date.

The Cricket "A" XI representatives were defeated in the Quiz contest with the Bowls Section, but we feel the forfeits were gallantly attempted, and at least we were given out by our own impartial Hugh Thompson, after a close match.



## DO YOU DREAM IN COLOUR?

Recollection is exceedingly difficult, unless questions are asked immediately on waking up. A dream sequence occupies only a minute or so, yet so many unrelated facts can be concentrated in that brief interlude, all having a bearing upon the fantastic story, and probably the sleeper's past or future.

A casual remark of Mr. F. C. Hooper on the Brains Trust startled his colleagues into indignant debate, and set many people analysing their own peculiar reactions. He maintained that dreams are conveyed in a black and white hue, otherwise they are greyish or colourless. On the other hand, Compton Mackenzie remembers coloured representations and asserts that his very first dream was of a shipwreck on a particularly green sea. Mrs. M. A. Hamilton bore this out, and mentioned William Walton's similarity. Nancy Price keeps a dream diary and although she reads that most were greyish in tone, there are brilliant gold, red and blue, all the primary colours. Yet she records no laughter or real mirth, except a macabre and ironic cackle, but tears often flow. Personally, most dreams seem to be shrouded in a misty distance, except the red of a fire which bade me keep away, the light blue of a R.A.F. overcoat, and the horribly green face of a Chinaman who chased me all over the world, finally catching me up on a junk.

Nearly all poetic dreams are stark and grim. Stock situations develop, such as falling over a cliff, being chased and running increasingly slower and appearing in the street without clothes, although they cannot have any one interpretation, since they relate to differing individuals and their fears.

Professor Joad believes that the future can be foretold, and students a year ago experimented by making notes on waking up and guaranteed later mishaps in London, but their observations have not been pursued.

Even Shakespeare becomes colour-blind in his dreams. There is colour enough in "Midsummer Night's Dream," but when the characters are put to sleep by Puck and Oberon, they see no colour in dreams—though Titania's order to the fairies to pluck the wings from painted butterflies suggests she remembers in her moonwashed dream the gorgeous hues of daytime. Lady Macbeth sees the "damned spot" and tries to wash it off but referring to the context "Here's the *smell* of the blood still. All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand." Tennyson, too, goes colour blind in his dreams. Except for one glowing image in "The Dream of Fair Women" where he sees a black-eyed queen with hair of burning



gold sitting on a crimson scarf among green grasses and red anemones. Even "The Miner's Dream of Home" is a colourless affair.

Frederick Laws asserts a professional black and white artist, who had been overworking reported a dream in which he travelled down black and white tunnels for a long time until he was directed by a carrot-haired workman towards a blue stained-glass window. People tend to remember texture together with violent peacock blues and bright crimsons. This happens particularly in pleasurable dreams about clothes and food. Important dreams, symbolic, prophetic dreams, from childhood are invariably adorned by a colour element. They are recognised by psycho analysts to prove emotional significance.

Nevertheless each individual can state his own case and defy any psychologist.

### BADMINTON.

Two mixed matches have been played during March, both against Sanderson. In the away game we lost 8—1, Len Haworth and Joan Forrow getting our only rubber. In the return match at home we did very much better, and Sanderson won the match at 5—4 after a great struggle, L. Haworth and J. Forrow, T. Osang and G. Forrow taking two rubbers each. This match was one of the best of the season.

The ladies' match against St. Peter's has been postponed to a later date in April.

Owing to Twenty Questions and the Players, the usual nights have been somewhat curtailed during March, but other nights have been taken in lieu, so nothing has been lost. During April play will take place on the usual evenings.

Our record to date: Won 4, lost 9.

### CHESS SECTION.

We entertained the Acton Club on Monday, 14th March, at the Club House.

This match proved to be a very keen fight with an exciting finish—the score being 5½ all with one game to adjudicate. After some deliberation the game was awarded to Acton and we were defeated by 6½ games to 5½.

For Brentham, Messrs. Burton, Fisher, Fleming and Allport won their games with Messrs. Wallis, Bray and Kerswell making draws.

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1. It is not a good thing to be always with one's parents. It makes one so independent.
2. Our centre-half as you would like to see him—without shin guards. Without his head!
3. I don't read the Billiards and Snooker.  
No. Somebody has to read him the Football.
4. See that! Always there when I'm wanted (at darts).  
Yes—and when you're not.
5. He's going to be talkative this afternoon.  
That'll be a change.
6. Why don't you play footer for Brentham.  
I would, only they always seem to play so far away.  
Oh, I don't know, the 3rd XI play all home games.
7. I find it very difficult to hear what they say. But I get the standard part.
8. I always muddle up those people—old what's it—and who's the other one?  
Frankie Howerd?  
No, give the boy a chance.
9. Come on, only English is spoken in the bar.  
We were talking about you!

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