



THE BRENTHAM MAGAZINE

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P.O. FAIRCHILD.

Editorial.

OUR OUTLOOK.

IN "springing" this, our first number, upon an unexpectant suburb, we refrain from claiming that "a long-felt want is being satisfied," and suffer tortures in restraining ourselves from "craving your kind consideration, dear reader."

The simple fact is, that Brentham's social life has been seriously incomplete through having no magazine. At various times in the history of Brentham bold individuals have arisen and urged the people to produce a magazine. Each of these heroes—we would fain see their names in golden letters at the top of this page—has met with insuperable difficulties; and in a more prosperous and favourable day we find ourselves materialising their dreams. Now, we intend *The Brentham Magazine* to be Brentham's magazine in a very real sense; to prove our sincerity, we hereby declare all our readers members of the editorial staff. In return for this honour, we expect to be "snowed under" by a mighty mass of literary contributions.

The two gentlemen who ran as Brentham candidates in North Ealing for the Town Council, in November last, probably found the Independent attitude a difficult one to sustain. To conduct an electoral campaign with one's political shirt covered by a coat of neutral tint involves a mental and physical restraint of which few men are capable. We understand that, on returning to their respective political folds, these self-sacrificing outcasts (*pro tem.*) were subjected to searching catechising, tests of political purity being administered with cruel severity. Having demonstrated that the Independent coat of neutral tint had been well and truly pawned, each of our champions in Brentham's battle was allowed to recline once more in the subdued limelight from which he had departed.

Their fight was not in vain, their valour not unavailing; Ealing now knows that Brentham wants things, and means to get them; North Ealing is coming to be recognised as a part of the borough, and is marked on maps in departmental offices where rates are not received. The Pitshanger Park, whose neglected state raised our non-political politicians to a state of frenzied denunciation, bears on its surface the marks of "Council Improvement." New gates, tennis courts, smooth paths, two shelters, and other minor improvements bear witness to the men who raised their voices and hands for Brentham.

Of course, all Brentham, his wife, and the youngsters will go to Hampstead on the 12th. We must bring the Thornton Cup, Excelsior Shield, and Horticultural Trophy back to Brentham.

The Rates.

In prehistoric times, 'tis said,
Among old Britain's savage races,
The people daubed themselves with red
And blue and green, and went to bed
 In caves and suchlike places.
And mud-huts marked the highest part
Of what we term the builder's art.

Then Romans added to their fame
By ousting flints with swords and axes;
So towns sprang up, and Councils came,
And soon began the sorry game
 That we call rates and taxes.
Assessments roused disputes galore,
And will, I fear, give rise to more.

In Brentham, every mother's son
Found rating values cause vexation.
For fourteen months a fight went on,
Until at last the Tenants won
 A basis for taxation.
And now one most sincerely pities
Assessors of our Garden Cities.

Percentages produce headache,
If one's arithmetic's erratic.
First five to add, then twelve to take,
And minus twenty, really make
 A problem mathematic.
But, spite of all, I'm pleased, you see,
For my assessment's down by three.

THE PIERROT.

BILLIARDS.

Members are invited to send me suggestions to place before the Committee. Members who play a good game are requested to assist our less skilful members in occasional practice games. A suggestion has been made, that "chamberise" be added to the dictionary of billiard players, in order to express a style of play that has been much in vogue recently.

A skittle billiard set is to be provided, and the following charges have been sanctioned for handicap games:—Billiards (200 up), 6d.; Snooker (per game), 3d. A challenge from Hampstead for billiards and bridge matches, to be played on Festival day, has been received, and while those willing to play are handing in their names, the Committee will consider the matter.

The Institute.

In this, the first number of Brentham's Magazine, it may be of service to give a brief statement of the constitution and activities of the Institute.

First, membership. The Institute is open to all investors and members of their families upon yearly payment of a registration fee of 2/6 each for applicants over 17 years, and of 6d. per year for those below that age. The year ends in March. Members joining outdoor sections pay a ground fee of 2/6, irrespective of the number of sections they join. This ground fee is in addition to the equipment fees charged by the various sections.

Next, activities. This is written in "flaming June," and so pride of place must be given to outdoor sports. First, cricket. A four-acre field, a magnificent wicket, a commodious pavilion, two teams, clever captaincy, and excellent sportsmanship; fee, 4/-. Tennis. Twelve courts, a hundred and thirty members, a captain who is "out for" tennis; fee, 1/6. Bowls. A secluded green, somewhat reminiscent of the curate's egg, good fellowship, and good matches; fee, 1/-. Putting Golf. Eighteen holes (beware the sixth and tenth), bogey 44, membership 53; fee, 1/-.

Count these up, 4/-, 1/6, 1/-, and 1/-, total, 7/6; add 2/6 ground fee and 2/6 registration fee for Institute; total, 12/6. Could you anywhere get better value?

Come indoors! Here is the reading room; daily, weekly, and monthly publications; "A.B.C.," Directory, and "Bradshaw"; and you may smoke after 8 p.m. Billiard Room (three tables), charges, 3d. per player per half-hour; cards, chess, draughts (sometimes too many draughts!). Ladies' Room, cards, billiards, gossip, and philosophy; Library (900 books), no fee to Institute members; travels, history, horticulture, lives, and fiction. Choral Society, Excelsior Shield, able conductor; radiant members, five tenors found!

Look forward to the dark evenings. Dances, debates, lectures and games. Library, French Classes, Choral Society; dramatics and horticulture; Camera Club, Woodwork Class, and Committee meetings. Whatever your tastes, something *must* interest you.

And the children? Cricket and tennis in the summer, games, library, and dancing in the winter. Needlework class in aid of Treloar's Homes all the year.

Stand not upon the order of your coming, but join! Life then will not be

" . . . as tedious as a twice-told tale,
Vexing the ear of a drowsy man."

What do you want?

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir,—Now that the Brentham Garden Suburb has acquired a voice (which, under your training, will doubtless be both melodious and expressive), may we not use the voice to express our prosaic needs as well as our poetic and social ideals? In plain English, the magazine might be employed as a medium for announcing (by estate tenants, and, in their case, free of cost) articles for exchange or sale, household help of various kinds required or available, nurses and other such aids wanted, etc.? Other things being equal, I take it that Ealing Tenants would prefer to find what they are in search of on the estate rather than elsewhere.

I trust, sir, your magazine will equal the *Times* in its literary elegance, the *Morning Post* in its high standard, the *Daily Chronicle* in its popularity, and the *Labour Leader* in its interest.

Yours faithfully,

F. J. GOULD.

“Armored,” Woodfield Avenue.

[Mr. Gould's suggestion is an admirable one, and we shall be pleased to give room for any announcements of the nature that he indicates. To secure insertion in our next issue, they must reach the editor by July 20th.]

THE GARDEN OF ROSES.

They played in their beautiful garden,
The children of growers of roses;
Not a scent of the beautiful blossoms
Did e'er reach their poor little noses.
For their father had shielded the blossoms
With covers of various sizes,
So the kids had the smell of the dustbin,
While papa walked away with the prizes. B.

We hear with regret of the death of Mrs. Pearson, who lived among us when Mr. Pearson was architect to the estate. Many who live in Brentham will remember her cheerful personality on tennis court, at dance, and at social, and extend, with us, sympathy to Mr. Pearson in his bereavement.

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or Wednesday, each week. Payments
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Investors are reminded that all
arrears should be paid on or before
June 30th.

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deposits from tenants or members of
their families, **repayable at short
notice**, interest $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 4% according to
amount and period of notice. Ask for
particulars at the office.

House Committee Page.

The Library is open during the months of June, July, and August on Saturday evenings only, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

The Secretary's assistant is in attendance at the Institute on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings for the purpose of receiving membership and section fees, etc.

The thanks of all library users are due to Mr. F. J. Gould for many welcome additions to our stock of books.

The Groundman's benefit will be held on Saturday, July 19th. A committee, consisting of representatives of the outdoor sections is arranging an open-air concert for that evening.

Several cases of damage by children to shrubs and seats upon the recreation ground have occurred recently. The co-operation of all members and parents in checking this is earnestly requested.

PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH.

June 28th.—Rose Show; Sale of Work, in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes; Tennis Social and Whist Drive.

July 2nd.—Tennis v. Glengarry (at home); Bowls v. Ealing Conservative (at Craven Road).

„ 5th.—Cricket—1st XI. v. North Kensington 2nd (at home), 2nd XI. v. Lyric (away); Bowls v. Park (at Hanwell); Rehearsal of Pageant (at Hampstead).

„ 12th.—Cricket—1st XI. v. Ealing St. John's (away), 2nd XI. v. West Drayton 2nd (at home); Festival at Hampstead.

„ 19th.—Cricket—1st XI. v. Cuckoo Schools (at home), 2nd XI. v. Ealing St. John's 2nd (away); Tennis v. Magpies (home); Groundman's Benefit, Open-air Concert.

„ 26th.—Cricket—1st XI. v Ealing Park 2nd (away), 2nd XI. v. G.W.R. 3rd (at home); Bowls v. District Railway (at home); Tennis Social.

New residents and intending members are invited to communicate with the Secretary of the House Committee for particulars as to the advantages and terms of membership of the Institute.

F. W. CHAMBERS,

Hon. Sec., House Committee.

Our congratulations to Mr. J. Barnes, one of Brentham's walkers in training, on his "first" at the Crystal Palace last Saturday.

Ladies' Page.

Brentham mothers, merry wives of Brentham — and daughters, salutation!

In this, the first, issue of our magazine, you are apportioned a space for feminine interests exclusively—which is all quite as it should be in this age of clamouring womanhood. Not that the clamour seems to have effected much so far in the way of improving anybody or any condition—but that, surely, is the way of all “movements” started with blare of trumpets; they make much noise, sometimes they raise dust and then . . . ? I am as certain as ever, that if the women of this realm wanted a vote, or anything else that men could give them, they could get it, and get it without noise.

Will each and every Brentham woman come forth from her home, home work, and home cares, and take some part, if only half an hour per day, in the sport going on in the recreation ground? What did I hear about waste of time? Oh, no, indeed! There need be no waste of time. On the contrary, after a few days your household cares will seem lighter and work easier, and then, as you progress at whichever branch of sport you have taken up, you will be so keenly interested that you will get your work done in half the time so as to get out as soon as possible—and this again is quite as it should be, for the fair world was made for women's enjoyment equally, and certainly your health will be benefited. Croquet, tennis, putting golf, hockey when the time comes, all the secretaries want more ladies' names on their books. And, by the way, for tennis, a tight hobble skirt is not at all necessary.

I often wonder, when buying eatables at the Institute, if it would not be possible for some of our womenfolk to make them for sale there. For example, at least one woman—and probably a dozen or so—can, and does regularly, make delicious bread for home consumption. Also I have heard tell of savoury sausage rolls surreptitiously consumed in the Ladies' Room.

Is it generally known that what used to be the Ladies' Room may now be called a General Room? Newcomers wishing to play cards or billiards can now be accompanied by their husbands.

HEARD IN PASSING.

That as Brentham ladies have taken part in woodwork competitions in the sports held here, there ought at least to be a hat-trimming competition for men. The successful effort to be worn at the next succeeding P.S.A. by

PORTIA.

“Sections”

CRICKET.

The Cricket Committee faced the opening of the season in a somewhat doubtful mood, as they had lost fourteen good men and true during the winter months, but the newcomers to the estate have more than filled up the gaps. Greater keenness and better feeling among the players exist in no cricket club. A feature of the 1st XI. games has been the consistent batting; every man has done his share, the best scores being by Messrs. Royce (71), Crutchley (65), and Hogley (58). Mr. Rigg has proved himself to be still a valuable wicket-keeper as well as run-getter.

The 2nd XI has been built up out of unknown material. It has proved itself, under “Captain” Young, to be a strong side. The wickets, match and practice, have been much improved this year. The ground staff is earning fame for this.

Results (1st and 2nd XI.'s and evening games):—Played 18, won 11, lost 4, drawn 2. Averages, etc., next month.

TENNIS.

This club of one hundred and thirty-four members is more prosperous than ever, and with twelve courts now equipped perfectly the cry of “court vacant” is not so eagerly listened for as formerly. The general level of play is getting nearer high water mark, if we may judge from the increasing number of players who expect several cables’ length of clear space behind the base line for serving and driving purposes.

The tournaments are progressing smoothly, and giving the usual surprise results. It is hoped that all members will do their utmost to make the Tennis Dances and Socials a success.

Matches:—Win against Otto Monsted, loss against Glengarry.

BOWLS.

Where is there a fully equipped bowling club in the country with a private green and such a skipper as we have? One can leave business at 7.30, and then send the merry wood towards the candle-light “jack.” Ten fixtures figure on the list, and, up to the present, we have 184 points and our opponents 221. Our thirty members are at present engaged in a Captain v. Vice-Captain match, and it is confidently expected that the out-standing “leg-of-mutton” supper will follow this event.

BRENTHAM PLAYERS.

With the advent of the *Brentham Magazine*, we take this opportunity of introducing ourselves to all those who have not yet heard of us. This society was formed out of the caste of the Pageant given at Brentham last year, and we met every fortnight during the winter, reading and performing plays, finishing our season with a three-act play.

PUTTING GOLF.

The success that has attended the formation of this club is one of the most striking features of the outdoor activities of the estate. When space allows, we hope to tell of our romantic history, from the time when putting golf started as a side-show, held on a public holiday in the grounds. Numerous competitions are held, the principal being the annual tournament for the club's silver medal. For this tournament bogey is this year 44, and other conditions will be announced shortly. Our cordial thanks to the authorities and ground staff for keeping the course in good condition.

CROQUET.

The Croquet Section, though small, and working with the Tennis Club, is doing well, and ready to welcome any who really wish to play croquet. The game is not strenuous, but gives no chance for players to idle. The players are enthusiasts, and in their game with the G.W.R. they won easily. Other matches will be played during July.

HORTICULTURAL.

The members of this section are so numerous and enthusiastic that not one resident on the estate can be ignorant of its work, and the advantages of belonging to it. The Rose Show, June 28th, promises great success, and those who are exhibiting at Hampstead, on July 12th, are advised to have their exhibits ready. We hope in future issues to give practical notes for the benefit of gardeners in Brentham.

CHORAL SOCIETY.

After a series of successful concerts in 1912-13, this society is making great efforts at rehearsals to be able to retain the Excelsior Shield, which it won at the Festival last year. The test piece, "Tell me, my lute," and the sight-reading work, are progressing admirably under the able baton of Mr. Albert Thompson. At the Festival, on July 12th, the society will be taking musical parts in the Pageant.

THE RAMBLERS AND CYCLISTS.

This section is the Brentham infant (up to the present), and a very healthy and vigorous one. Our first outing was a field-path ramble to Ruislip. Mr. Fairchild acted as guide.

A ramble, on June 1st, was equally successful, Mr. Thorpe leading a merry party by way of Eastcote and Pinner.

The announcement of a twenty-mile walk, on June 15th, was too much for our members; in future, they should turn up and talk the leader over before setting out.

On Dit.

That those who receive their letters before leaving home in the morning are lucky, or have overslept themselves.

That the ill-luck which, proverbially, falls to those passing one another on a staircase is not risked by those going up to the Library.

That E.J.E.'s complaint that the notices placed in the glass cases are not such that "he who runs may read," has caused some people to try it. Now we have a magazine, no more running is needed.

That the Saturday 2.5 Brentham Halt boys intend forming themselves into a section.

That any railway allotment-holder is prepared to give a three hours' lecture on couch grass, though calm language cannot be guaranteed.

That the Cricket Secretary is right in saying that "it is very disconcerting for a batsman to have to face more than three bowlers at once"; a batsman is not an Aunt Sally.

That the lower left-hand corner of Neville Road is available for grazing ground and bonfires.

That for whitewashing the ancient rick stones on the cricket field someone deserves a tasty biscuit.

CAMERA CLUB.

The attention of amateur photographers is drawn to the facilities offered by joining this club. The club possesses a large dark room in the pavilion, fitted with a Lancaster incandescent enlarger, also a small daylight enlarger. Separate lockers are also provided for each member, thereby enabling him to keep all his materials in the dark room. Materials can be obtained through the club at specially reduced prices. Subscriptions, 2/- per year, including use of enlarger, locker, etc.

It is hoped shortly to arrange a number of rambles, due notice of which will appear in this magazine.

The P.S.A., which has been held at the Institute every Sunday afternoon, has just closed for the summer vacation. It is expected that the re-opening meeting will be held on Sunday, September 7th. Mr. A. Nolan, 15, Brunner Road (Hon. Sec.).

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