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Brentham Magazine.

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Out and About.

"How to keep cool" is a problem during the summer, even in Brentham; it must be, indeed, an unsolvable riddle in most urban areas. There are shady corners on our recreation grounds and in our gardens into which cool breezes may pass. The library contains books with such cooling titles as "With Peary to the Pole" and "Arctic Fauna," the reading of which may give an occasional shiver, and if all else fail, though summer dieting and clothing still leave one parboiled, a chat with the Hockey Secretary regarding his winter fixtures may be depended upon as a thoroughly refreshing experience.

There are signs that Ealing is not unwilling to make overtures to Brentham to come into the common life of the borough. Both His Worship the Mayor and the Chairman of the Estate, at the Golf Club's presentation of prizes, gave their opinion on the side of the desirability of a mutual embrace. There is a fear, however, that the embrace might degenerate into a hug, and Brentham might be the hugged-one with unsatisfactory results to herself. Let Ealing prove her sincerity and make a bid for Brentham's interest in local affairs by re-arranging the wards of the borough so that Brentham becomes practically a ward by itself, and no longer forms two separate negligible portions of two separate wards. Give Brentham a reasonable chance of sending one of her own choice to the Council, and a first and large step will have been taken. No indication of the Council's intention regarding the mayoralty for next year has been given, so it is not too late to suggest that the honour be sent to Brentham.

Approval of the idea of a private entrance to the Park is given in the Brentham Bulletin. The writer ("F.S.T.," we presume, though the famous initals are missing) "sees no objection" to Brentham having its own entrance to the Park, and proceeds to give the idea his benediction. In spite of the chilling remark about this being not a new idea (the man who could not crawl through the hedge introduced it, of course), one feels that "F.S.T." is whole-heartedly in favour of the project. But when among the reasons for carrying it out one reads that the entrance

would be used as much by the outside public as by residents on the estate, implying that our recreation ground would be open to invasion, it becomes evident that "F.S.T." has his own peculiar idea regarding the use to which a private entrance can be put. Were our grounds the preserves of a private person, the question would not arise, but as they belong to, and are used by, a thousand or so residents, no one is allowed to use the word "trespass."

The winter season cannot be left to look after itself, and so the gentlemen who paint the scenery for the Players are doing their work on these summer evenings, preparing the winter pleasure of others, like the artists who paint snow, holly, and fat little robins on Christmas cards during the dog days.

Why is it that until a road is "taken over," it is never visited by scavengers? Holyoake Walk is in this unenviable position and condition, yet, of course, its residents are making their half-yearly visit to the Town Hall, and ratepayers in the neighbourhood need to use the road in their travels. An untidy country road may be a thing of beauty, but an untidy town road is an eyesore and a possible danger to the health of the district. It may be the common practice to ignore roads not under the direct care of the town, but the Queen of Suburbs might show itself above such a petty rule.

There will be no band performances in the Park during August. Those that have been given have attracted but a few score of people, and as the collection is all the band gets from the business, the evening can hardly be remunerative. When at Dean Gardens or Walpole Park, the band can depend upon thousands of listeners.

The Tennis Club has evidently no use for mascots. The flag that was frequently to be seen floating behind the courts last year has not made an appearance this season. Although the flag has the Institute monogram on it, it seems to have been in the special care of the Tennis Club, whose secretary last year included flag hoisting and lowering in his duties. This is evidently a job for a man of ripe naval experience; anyone else might run it up upside down or inside out. Anyhow, the club must see that the flag is flying on August Monday, and will do well to hunt up the expert and, under threat of confinement to the "conning tower," get him to "make up the leeway."

THE EDITOR.

The Lost Poem.

Up to the time of going to press, the poem for the month has not come to hand (loud groans). "The Pierrot," who contributes this feature has gone West for his holidays, and his last words before leaving Brentham and civilisation (same place, of course) were :- "Willie" (that's one of his faults-so jolly familiar), "as I love you and Brentham and the B.M., you shall receive my verses first post to-morrow. They are in the rough now, and I'll just polish them up on the journey down." Of course, he left no address behind-poets never do-so the only conclusion to come to is that "The Pierrot" has been captured by brigands in the wild and woolly West; not, of course, for the money he has, but for the sake of his poetry. Perhaps the ransom price will be conveyed to us, and we doubt not that Brentham will rise to the occasion and free its poet laureate, though it pawn all its valuables to raise the cash. Anyhow, the B.M. must have a poem, so here goes :-

"O where and O where is the bonnie Pierrot gone? He's gone to —."

There's something wrong about a "bonnie pierrot." Scotch and French do not suit one another somehow! Let's try again:

"Sound sleep by night; study and ease Together mixed; sweet recreation And innocence, which most doth please With meditation."

How will that do? Call it Brentham's Rule of Life. On looking up a volume of "Apt Quotations," I find that Alexander Pope wrote exactly the same words several years ago. Pity, isn't it? But as Pope lived within a few miles of Brentham, at Twickenham, he will, perhaps, not mind playing second fiddle to "The Pierrot"—just for once. Of course, it is not difficult, writing poetry; the trouble is that "The Pierrot" has taken his licence with him, and writing poetry without a licence is like playing golf without a caddie—simply beastly fag.—(Ed., B.M.).

A careful study of the official announcements on pages 8 and 9 will repay you. Keep them handy for reference.

Forty Winks.

I'm a Saturday-morning-off chap, one of those who, having a few hours' leisure while his neighbours are keeping their noses to the grindstone (so they boast), manage to do little else but have a late breakfast, read the papers until my head aches, and find my gardening tools preparatory to—putting them away again. My friends, catching sight of me on their return say, "Lucky chap; no wonder your garden looks all right!" It does not, of course; certainly, my Saturday morning gardening is a snare and a delusion.

It was a warm, close midday, and as I saw my energetic friends rush into the family embrace and, within five minutes, emerge, dressed for the afternoon's sport, my energy receded, and I sank into an armchair half-inclined to stay in until tea-time. But I lazily thought twice, and soon found myself inside the cricket gate. Surely, there were strange happenings! The field was arranged in a ring near the batsman, around whose wicket was a white-washed circle of three yards radius instead of the usual crease lines. Runs were coming along swiftly, for by extraordinary restraint, the batsman was refraining from hitting the ball farther than the circle edge.

Suddenly, however, he was given out—a fielder had missed a catch! Bewildered, I moved on, and there, on the croquet lawn, was another surprise; a game was in progress. I waited to assure myself that it was serious business, and sauntered on towards the tennis courts. There was the flag-pole, with its weather vane and, actually, the blue and gold flag with its B.C.I., was waving in the breeze. On the courts unwonted scenes were to be witnessed. Games were proceeding on all the courts, on which there was not enough grass to satisfy a rabbit. I noticed that the scoring was rather unusual, mere serving and returning being unimportant. The players were making their chief endeavours in rescuing balls from beneath the stop-netting and in slashing at "faults" so as to give the server a busy time preparing his serve. For these accomplishments points were scored, and great was the glee of a player when, receiving a ball well behind the base line, he drove it hard through both net and netting. That point won for him the championship. Before leaving the place I noticed a strange instrument, somewhat resembling a mangle. It was a ball-tester, which swallowed all balls below standard; at the moment, it was out of order-choked!

Seeking relief for my over-wrought nerves, I crossed the rustic bridge, and reached the golf course. Then something strange happened, for I became aware that I had really been on the golf course all the while, for the whole earth appeared to be

covered by bunkers, greens, and tees. The other games simply did not exist; I must have imagined them. Scores of cup competitions were in progress; every mayor in Christendom had offered a cup for competition, and was awaiting to present it. Deputy-mayors innumerable stood behind them with mashies. Catching sight of me, they suddenly made a dash at me, whirling their mashies in their hands. Help!

Then I woke up.

SKIB.

HORTICULTURAL.—Members are reminded of the General Show to be held on August Bank Holiday. They can, by their exhibits and attendance, make the Show even more successful than the former excellent general Shows held in Brentham.

Seeds for autumn sowing—Onions (Giant Rocca and Red Italian Tripoli), Cabbage (Wheeler's Imperial, Myatt's Early Offenham, and Sutton's), Flowers for the Spring (Delphinium and the usual biennials) can be obtained now from the Trading Secretary.

The removal of Mr. D. S. Horne from Brentham takes from the society one who has had a big share in its growth and success. Our good wishes go with him.

B.H.S.

Cricket Fixtures

(Home match first).

Aug. 8th.-Grove Park; Wesac.

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- ,, 29th.-Steinway; Cuckoo Schools.

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Apply at the Institute or Office.

House Committee Page.

The thanks of library members are due to Miss Child for the gift of some books.

Library members can now obtain "non-fiction" tickets in addition to the ordinary membership tickets. These will be available for "non-fiction" works only. The ordinary ticket will, as before, be available for all classes of books.

Those responsible for the Children's Sports Day wish to thank all who, by donations or gifts of prizes, contributed to its success.

An endeavour is to be made to re-start the French Class in the early autumn. Intending students please send their names to Mr. J. Hearn, Meadvale Road, or at the Institute.

Cricket Week.

(All arrangements are subject to weather).

- BANK HOLIDAY, 11.15 a.m., v. Norwood Green.
- Tuesday, 11.15 a.m., v. Welcome Club (J. Stone and Co., Deptford); 6.30 p.m., Ladies v. Gents.; 8 p.m., Impromptu Concert or Dance at Pavilion.
- Wednesday, 11.15 a.m., v. Amherst; 7.30 p.m., Concert and Dance at Pavilion.
- Thursday, 11.15 a.m., v. H. S. O. Williams' XI.; 6.30 p.m., Ladies v. Gents.; 8 p.m., Impromptu Concert and Dance at Pavilion.
- FRIDAY, 11.15 a.m., v. a Nondescript XI.; 7.30 p.m., Concert at Pavilion.
- Saturday, 2.30 p.m., v. Grove Park; 8 p.m., Impromptu Concert and Dance at Pavilion.

August 3rd.—Horticultural General Show will be held in a large marquee on the grounds.

The Month's Doings.

Children's Sports. Wednesday, July 8th, was an exciting time for the children, for though the estate sports had, by their abandonment, apparently extinguished the children's hope of their own sports, Mr.

Chambers found others to share in his determination not to allow the youngsters to be disappointed. The events were run off with commendable celerity, and produced keen contests. Twentyfour events were concluded in one and a half hours, and by 4.30 p.m. all the competitors were lined up in the hall for that non-competitive event—tea.

The Golf Cup Final. On Saturday, July 11th, the golfing members (an ever-increasing band) had the two most important events of the season on their card—the ladies' championship and the final of the Mayor

of Ealing's Golf Cup. A goodly crowd followed the games with keen interest, the former match ending in a win for Mrs. Kell over Mrs. Patten by 4 up and 3 to play, and in the latter, Mr. H. Lewis defeated Mr. E. L. Squire by the somewhat unexpected margin of 8 up and 6 to play.

The Mayor, though prevented by another engagement from witnessing the play on the course, which has had a busy time since he formally opened it a few months ago, was at the Institute later to present his Cup and the other prizes. With Mr. Hutchings in the chair, and the Mayor and Mayoress and Mr. S. A. C. Smith (chairman of the Golf Club), among others, supporting him, a large company sat down to tea, at which the talk was golf, golf, golf. In their remarks before the presentation, the Chairman and His Worship testified to their interest in the club, and in the allied organisations. After the presentations, Mr. S. A. C. Smith thanked the Mayor in a few apt words, and paid a tribute to the work of the Hon. Secretary of the Club, Mr. Milner, to whose energy much of the success of the club is due. Mr. Lewis, the first holder of the Cup, seconded with a wreath Golf is a game to be lived up to, and the Brentham Golf Club is living right up to it.

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Tennis.

The matches this month, two in number, Glengarry at home and Waldemar away, have both been lost; there is one more, Haven Green, at which, perhaps, we may be able to retrieve our characters, but owing to the extreme activity of our editor, I am unable to give its result.

Tennis drives were inaugurated this month, and proved a great attraction; three have been held, and the following ladies and gentlemen bore off the first prizes:—No. 1, Miss D. Carter and Mr. Kelly; No. 2, Mrs. MacFarlane and Mr. King; No. 3, Mrs. Garrett and Mr. Sargeant. It will be seen from the foregoing results, that skill is a much more predominant factor at these drives than those held under whist rules.

Our club competitions are drawing down to the finals; in fact, the ladies have already arrived at that stage, and Mrs. Macfarlane and Miss P. Ayres are to play off on August 1st. The gents. have arrived at the semi-final stage, and the winner of the round between Mr. Kelly and Mr. Ward, meets Mr. Garrett (captain) in the final on the same date. The two finals coming off on the same day will make an interesting afternoon's sport, and as our friends in Dollar-land say, we shall see "some Tennis."

Our flannel dances have been well attended, and some twenty odd couples each time enjoyed footing it to our excellent pianist's (Mr. Ephgrave, jun.) music.

We had intended having one during the holiday week-end, but I am given to understand the hall is booked up for some other entertainment, but keep an eye on one of the early Saturdays in the month.

L.O.B.

Stop Press.—Haven Green were defeated 9 sets to love. Hoist the flag! Mr. Ward, by 17—11, entered the final gents.' championship.

Tennis Fixture.

Aug. 29th.—Otto Monsted (away).

Bowls.—The club continues its successful career, but the illness of its captain, Mr. Downing, has cast a gloom over the players. Nowhere will his return to activity be more welcome, and, meanwhile, more keenly anticipated, than among his friends on the bowling green.

Topics.

The Brentham Golf Charity Cup will be on view at the Horticultural Show on August Monday.

Preliminary steps in forming a football club are being taken. See notice on the Institute notice board.

The new road is being made up with bricks from the old Tivoli Music Hall. The fact must not be allowed to leak out, or crowds of sentimental memento-hunters will carry away the road piecemeal. Now this road should play an important part in Brentham's future existence, and before it is used it should be formally opened by Little Tich, who might lead a procession of "stars" with a long-boot dance. Bringing up the rear might be the members of the Brentham Players. The houses of the new road should be reserved for dramatic people, and be named after leading people on "the boards"—"Tate Villa," "Bard Lodge," and "Lauder Dale," for example. The Brentham Players, too, might use the road for pacing up and down while learning their lines, and so save us the pain of seeing an unsentimental steam roller crushing those lovely bricks.

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Fittingly enough, the first visit of the delegates attending the Garden Cities' Congress (International), was to Brentham, and their interest in all they saw was keen and appreciative. Probably they learned more in an hour than in all the many hours they spent "congressing."

September 26th is the day agreed upon for the sports, resultant upon Hampstead's challenge for the Thornton Cup of the holders (Brentham). Training is proceeding, and the entry forms will shortly be available. Full particulars next month.

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Cricket.

Owing to the abandonment of the sports on June 27th, both elevens (as in former years) were without matches. Mr. Bartholomew filled the gap at home by bringing down a scratch team of City of Westminster officials. A most exciting game resulted, which we lost by 54—50. Bryceson (16) did best for us. The visitors kindly provided an open-air concert after the game.

On July 4th we received a visit from the strong Amherst team. The visitors made 170, to which the 1st XI. replied with the poor score of 55, of which "Bart" made 16. The 2nd XI. played North Kensington 2nd at Wood Lane, and lost by 57—141. P. Roe headed the score with 16, and Turtill was the most successful bowler, with 5 for 32. There was little room for banter between the two teams as they both "slipped up" to the same extent.

Mr. Carr brought down a team for an evening game on June 23rd and 24th, who were defeated (181 for 5 wickets—98). Royce made 69, and Freddie Watts 52; "Freddie" also took 6

wickets for 26-evidently, his "evening out"!

On July 11th, the 1st XI. visited Harlesden, and started their innings in characteristic style—3 wickets down for 4 runs! However, Hogley (39) and Green (38) got "stuck," and our total reached 103. Harlesden were somewhat surprised to find themselves all out for 78. Millard (5 for 25) and Green (4 for 28) did the damage, and so we won! At home Harlesden 2nd took revenge for a defeat earlier in the year by beating our 2nd team (85—62). Austin made a big effort to win the game by

making 21, but was not well supported.

July 18th will be recorded on the walls of the Institute in blue and gold! Our batsmen made 354 runs, and all seemed to strike form at once. The 1st XI dismissed a weakened Slough team for 73. Millard took 5 for 33. We made 188, thanks to consistent batting. Hogley (47), Green (31), and Royce (27) Away, the 2nd XI, astonished even themwere top scorers. Batting first on a perfect wicket against Steinway 2nd, they made 166. Roe made 34 and Turtill 29, and no less than eight men made double figures! Steinway 2nd cut a sorry figure against the bowling of Levasseur and Turtill, who took 6 for 13 and 3 for 10, respectively. The batsmen scored 23, and Mr. "Extras" 9, making 32 in all.

The L.C. and W. Bank (Bayswater Branch) paid us another visit for an evening match, and gave us a close game, which we

won (63-56). Mr. Askew took 6 wickets for 15 runs.

Particulars of the proposed arrangements for the Cricket Week appear on page 9, and it is hoped the weather will be fine. The pavilion will be illuminated, and there may be a procession of batsmen burning the scores they have made this year.

Another double win on Saturday last.

F.W.G.

Golf.

The final for the championship of the club took place on Saturday, July 11th. It is only necessary to record here the official results:—Mr. H. H. Lewis (champion of the club) holds the Mayor's Cup for a year, and receives the replica; Mr. E. L. Squire (runner-up), prize presented by Councillor Eden, J.P.; Messrs. Crutchfield and J. Hender (semi-finalists), prizes presented by the club).

The final for the Ladies' Championship was played on the same day, and resulted as follows:—Mrs. Kell (winner), receives rose bowl, presented by Mr. S. A. C. Smith (Chairman of Committee); Mrs. Patten (runner-up), prize presented by the club; Mrs. Boxall and Mrs. Cobbett (semi-finalists), prizes presented by the club.

In the June Stroke Competition, 234 cards were sold, and five Silver Spoons were awarded. Winners:—

			Gross.	H'cap.	Net.
Mr. F. J. Lewis		18	57	10	47.
Mr. T. Battin			52	1	51
Mr. H. H. Lewis			51	Scr.	51
Mrs. Patten	7000		62	10	52
Mr. McKenzie			57	5	52

For the purposes of the July Competition, the handicaps are divided into two divisions:—Senior, members with a handicap of 6 and under; Junior, handicap of 7 and over. Two Spoons will be awarded as prizes in each division.

The "Eclectic" Stroke Competition, whilst causing a deal of comment, proved very popular. About fifty cards were returned, Mr. F. V. Edwards being the winner (after replay with Mr. F. J. Patten). There will probably be more "Eclectic."

The overcrowding of the course makes it again necessary to call attention to the rule which prohibits three-ball matches on Saturdays after 12 noon. The question of congestion is very serious, and is engaging the earnest consideration of the committee. Probably no one could have foreseen the marvellous growth of the golf club from the toy miniature 9-hole course started by Mr. Chambers and a few others, about two years ago! And the club is still growing!

The committee are indebted to Mr. C. Henderson for kindly providing Golf Illustrated each week. It will be found in the Institute Reading Room.

STYMIE.

On Dit.

That if "Some of Us" had kept their eyes open they would have known that the ladies had commenced cricket practice.

That the owner of the tenor voice which sounds from the pavilion during rubbing-down time should get in touch with the Choral Society.

That the horticultural shed has taken the hint.

That it looks quite nice now.

That Brentham Way is the Mount Park toy dogs' parade ground.

That Brentham's Poms and Spaniels will not deign to follow suit.

That they play "some tennis" at Wimbledon.

That the Wembley bonfire has "snuffed it."

That the Cricket Secretary knows something about it.

Arrangements are completed for a Cinema Exhibition with phonograph lectures, from July 29th to August 11th. The "Photo Drama of Creation," in four parts, each occupying two hours, daily at three and eight, with afternoon shows for children only on Fridays and Mondays, will deserve the presence of all Brentham. All free and no collection.

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