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On Joining the Bowls Section.

The bowlers oft have said to me
That I should profit very greatly
By playing, in some small degree,
The ancient game on bended knee,
And so I joined them lately.
Their words, methought, at any rate,
Revealed the minds of men of *weight*.

I wandered over to the green,
And heard a language strange and curious.
I asked for "bowls": a smile was seen
Upon each countenance serene
That nearly made me furious.
I found this certain class of goods
Was always spoken of as "woods."

They said they'd give me many a tip
At this my first attempt at bowling.
"Play on the jack," called out the skip;
"Right oh," I said, then let her rip;
You should have heard them howling.
They seemed annoyed, because, first pitch,
I'd knocked the jack clean in the ditch.

I'm learning better every day.
In language I am quite proficient.
When I describe my style of play,
"Too narrow," or "too wide," I say;
I'm told that's quite sufficient.
But, by the way, I've heard some tales,
That show me why 'tis kept for males.

THE PIERROT.

July Events.

THE GOLF CLUB'S ENTERTAINMENT of wounded men from Montpelier Hospital, on July 10th, was thoroughly well done. About fifty guests arrived and sat down to a dainty tea, waited upon by lady members of the club. A most enjoyable day for all concerned concluded with an excellent concert in the Institute, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kell. Mr. H. W. Kell played magnificently his solo at the piano, and the accompaniments during the evening; we seldom hear indifferent accompanists at the Institute. Nurses Robertson, Gruning and Lawson gave their songs in very pleasant style, and Nurse Nightingale gave Gounod's "Ave Maria" on the 'cello splendidly. To play an obligato to her own singing as an encore was too generous, we should have been happy with either voice or instrument. Little Marjorie Gifford added to our delight with some lovely solo dancing, quite a new feature in Brentham recently, and a feature that was hardly anticipated when the stage was made. Mr. A. F. Kell broke a long silence before Brentham audiences with a powerful rendering of "Land of Hope and Glory," and Mr. Winyard again put us under an obligation. Mr. Will Palmer made another of his furtive appearances.

The arrangements for the day were in the able hands of Mr. S. A. C. Smith, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Kell, Mr. de Lacy Lewis, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Richardson.

QUIZ.

BRENTHAM RIFLE CLUB *v.* "A" COMPANY, EALING VOLUNTEERS.—This match was contested on Saturday, July 17th, at 50 yards, under strictly service conditions (open sights and no slings). The weather was very boisterous, which may account for the apparent low scoring, which was as follows:—

<i>Ealing Volunteers.</i>				<i>Brentham.</i>			
Mr. Fitch	...	...	88	Mr. White	...	...	88
„ Wynyard	...	...	78	„ Austin	...	...	87
„ Brooks	...	...	75	„ Carter	...	...	86
„ Taylor	...	...	75	„ Battin	...	...	86
„ Brown	...	...	73	Dr. Fenton	...	...	85
„ Butler	...	...	71	Mr. Fielder	...	...	83
„ Alford	...	...	66	„ Edwards	...	...	81
„ Alford	...	...	58	„ Phillips	...	...	81
„ Clark	...	...	55	„ Green	...	...	79
„ Green	...	...	52	„ Bunting	...	...	69
Total ... 691				Total ... 825			

Brentham won by 134 points.

Brentham Cricket Club.

The match against Cavendish, at Eastcote, on July 3rd, ended in a drawn game. Brentham made 127, of which H. Bartholomew scored 33 in his easy free style, and A. J. Lewis 27. The pair came together when things were going badly, and their splendid stand was of great value. Eastcote lost 5 wickets in making 58, J. Rees scoring 41 of them. Rain came down, and no further play took place. It was a very pleasant outing, and Cavendish are fortunate to possess such a ground and its fine appointments.

On July 10th, Norwood Green brought a weak team and scored 59, Millard taking 5 wickets for 5 runs; but 59 proved too many for Brentham, who replied with only 49, in spite of a valiant effort by C. Askew. Askew made 24 of them. There were five "ducks" on our side.

West Drayton came on July 17th, although it had been a wet morning, and more rain threatened. They proved easy victims. Brentham scored 93, C. Askew piling up 48 by a fine display of judicious hitting mixed with wise restraint. C. Leveroni hit himself on the nose, mistiming a full toss to leg, and had to retreat to the pavilion; after repairs he returned to bat well for a 21 (not out). West Drayton could only score 45 against good bowling by Millard and Leveroni.

Two matches were played on the 24th, and both were won. At home, against Twickenham, on a soft wicket, G. Royce's men scored 120, C. Leveroni giving 39 and E. Rigg 27. The visitors could only reply with 23, the wicket evidently suiting Royce, who had 4 wickets for 6 runs. Mr. Simons kindly wore the white coat. Away, along the lane, on the G.W.R. ground, H. Young, with a very much weakened and diminished team (six regular men only) led the way to victory. The Railwaymen were out for 58. H. Bartholomew was seen in a new role as wicket-keeper, stumping two consecutive batsmen smartly off W. M. Carr's slows, who had 4 wickets for 12 runs. (When, and who accomplished the hat-trick by stumping?). Brentham scored 92, H. Bartholomew obtaining 36 (not out) in excellent fashion.

Up to the time of writing, the club has scored 10 wins, 5 defeats, and 3 drawn games.

BLYKR

BRENTHAM PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

The Association still continues useful work, but as sufficient funds are in hand for present needs the committee have decided to suspend the monthly collection until further notice.

Out and About.

The Ealing Town Prize Band has given its two performances in Pitshanger Park, on June 16th and July 21st, and is proceeding with its usual two visits to each of the six open spaces in the town. Its recent performance in our park was interrupted by a shower, but the bandsmen bravely moved their apparatus to the leeward side of the shelter and continued their programme. The children were disappointed at being unable to proceed with their "circussing," but they found a new delight in watching the big drum. Who knows but that they may thus be led to admire the trombone and the tenor horn?

Cycling is forbidden in the grounds. The notice that impresses this fact upon our minds is a welcome one, but it must be read with knowledge. Cycling in the proper sense of the word has never been indulged in on the recreation grounds, but at times the art of trick-cycling has been practised, and emulation of the music-hall cyclist has proceeded to a point at which rivalry ceases. Exhibitions of pedalling between, over, or under tennis nets, and the pursuing of a serpentine course over a court, without interrupting the junior players thereon, have, fortunately, found but few admirers.

Hedge clipping extraordinary has been in progress during the last few weeks, and though the longitudinal work has been admirable, the finest results have accrued from latitudinal restrictions. This may be due to the excellent, recently set example of an old offender in the hedge tribe outside the lodge of a neighbouring college, or it may be owing to the spreading of a rumour that credits the Borough Surveyor with a *bête noir* in the shape of an overhanging hedge. However, the home-made "Ealing Stone" is coming into its own at last.

The suggestion book instituted by "F.W.C.," in the days of his benevolent autocracy, is again experiencing the joys of excited life. Suggestions, wise and otherwise, are being made, and the occasion of opening this book by the Hon. Secretary at House Committee meetings must be an anxious moment.

W.E.R.

Our Magazine.

"The Brentham Magazine commences its third year."

I know a little "Magazine,"
In years of age 'tis three.
I love to turn its pages o'er
At breakfast, dinner, tea.
I look for Pierrot's Poem,
And matters up-to-date;
I'm happy when 'tis "early out,"
I'm "ratty" when 'tis late.
So "Good Health" to you, little "Mag":
For a purpose you've been sent;
To bravely bring me Brentham brains,
For my enlightenment.

MINSTREL.

Roll of Honour.

Continued.

ADDITIONS: Mechanic E. Ward, R.N. Air Service.
Mechanic A. Fielder, R.N. Air Service.
Private R. Smith, R.A.M.C.
Private Gordge,*

PROMOTION: *Corpl.* E. Ephgrave, 8th Middx.

* Mr. and Mrs. Gordge, of Woodfield Avenue, have now all their sons, three, in H.M. Army.

The Editor will be thankful for assistance in keeping the roll up-to-date. Changes of rank, regiment, &c., are constantly occurring, rendering the accuracy of the list entirely dependent upon information received from readers. Thanks!

The senior block of the North Ealing School will, *when* built, be approached from contiguous separate boys' and girls' entrances in Summerfield Road. The entrance in Pitshanger Lane, at present in use for girls and infants, will then be used by infants only. This arrangement appears completely to ignore the universal custom of infants being accompanied to their gate by the older brothers and sisters. The great inconvenience of making a detour of a quarter of a mile by way of Curzon Road or Pitshanger Park is obvious, and can but cause irritation to parents and children.

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House Committee Page.

FIXTURES FOR AUGUST.

Monday, August 2nd.—General Horticultural Show. All exhibits must be staged by 11 a.m.

Thursday, August 5th.—Bowls General Meeting, 9 p.m.

Saturday, August 7th.—Tennis Club's Entertainment of Wounded Soldiers. Concert at 8 o'clock, 3d. each.

Saturday, August 21st.—Children's Sports. (See Page 15, and keep for reference).

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR AUGUST.

1ST TEAM.—August 2nd, Norwood Green (home); 7th, Grove Park (away); 14th, Steinway (home); 21st, West Drayton (away); 28th, Grove Park (home).

2ND TEAM.—August 7th, Wesac (home); 28th, Wesac (away).

BOWLS FIXTURES.

August 7th, Pitshanger Park (away); August 21st, Pitshanger Park (home).

LIBRARY.—The Library is open from 8 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays only.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for the year 1915-16 are now due and should be paid to the Hon. Secretary at the Institute. To resident-investors the fee is 2/6 per year. In addition, members joining any or all of the outdoor sports sections, pay a ground fee of 2/6, and also section equipment fees, detailed below:—

Tennis Section.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. Garrett. Fee, 2/6.

Cricket Section.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Carr. Fee, 4/-; Practice Members, 2/-; Hon. Members, 2/6 (maximum).

Golf Section.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Richardson. Fee, 1/-.

Bowls Section.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. G. Taylor. Fee, 1/-.

Horticultural.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sadler. Fee, 1/-.

Rifle Club.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. G. Phillips. Fee, 1/-.

Times of payment, Tuesday and Thursday, 8—11 p.m.; Saturday, 8—11 p.m.

New residents and non-members are cordially invited to join the institute.

Before Brentham Was.

(Continued).

Right in the centre of the land sloping down to the Brent stood the Pitshanger Farm; the land in the loops near Perivale being marked in a 1777 map as Brentcot Common Field, a name perpetuated upon a gate on the estate as a house name.

From earlier maps, the Brent appears to have changed its course considerably at various times, a map published in the seventeenth century showing it passing Perivale Church on the northern side, while Rocque's Survey, 1745, shows it following an almost straight course for a mile or so before reaching Perivale. A much earlier map, by John Norden, re-published in 1610, shows the river taking a sudden turn to the south at Twyford, and then passing through Hanger Vale to Hanwell Church. This shows, apparently, that by forcing a way through the gap in the high land, near where the District Railway now finds a pass, the Brent forsook for a time the valley it had formed in pre-historic times. Possibly, map-makers were not too precise in John Norden's day. An 1801 map, which bears all the marks of the modern surveyor, shows that the Brent at that time did not go within a furlong or so of Perivale Church. Plain evidence of the course then taken may be seen to-day just beyond the gate by which one enters the fields from the path through the Park.

The entrance hall of Ravenscourt Park Library contains an excellent collection of these old maps, which will repay study.

The whole of the valley lying between the Harrow and Castlebar ridges was famous during many generations for its wheat-fields; John Norden, above-mentioned, spoke of the soil as "excellent, fat, and fertile, and full of profite." He speaks also of "the claishe nature of the soyle, which, after it hath tasted of the summer showers waxeth both dirtie and deep," and

"Yields golden grain to painful toyle."

[*"Hear, hear," from Brentham gardeners.*]

The builders of the old Mount beacon-tower had a magnificent view of the growing corn that was accounted the finest in England, and visitors to the tower in its tea-garden days, could watch the gradual transition from corn to meadow-land; and now Greater London is flowing over into this valley, and Perivale itself has escaped the elbowing of modern residences only by municipal effort.

When the "Adult Orphan Institute" was removed from Regent's Park to Ealing, in 1882, its new and unlovely building erected on an old brickfield (now happily well screened by trees) was named Princess Helena College, and became a high school for girls. During the next fifteen years, the whole of the Mount Park and Castlebar neighbourhood was built, and there are but

few people who can remember the old wooden barracks (demolished in 1865) at the top of Mount Avenue. The barracks were attached to Castle Hill Lodge, the residence of the Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria. Kent House now occupies the site, and the main entrance was where now Castlebar Park Road joins the old main road at the top of the hill. The gates were flanked by two lodges with their sentries keeping guard. Bulwer Lytton mentions the gates in "My Novel," in which also he speaks of the lane which "led to the green sequestered meadows through which the humble Brent crept along its snake-like way." What tragic memories that path had for him!

On Dit.

That generalisations from particular instances are quite unsound.

That neglect to listen to a lecture on club root does not necessarily signify failure to cultivate a cabbage patch.

That the Bowls Club must naturally expect a "Box-al" to succeed in a "knock-out" tournament.

That the Secretary of the Billiard Section is neglecting his duties.

That he isn't quite sure if he has any duties.

That two bridge parties may be *seen* every night in the card room.

That one of them can also be *heard*.

That further particulars may be obtained from the Bowls Section.

That the Ealing Volunteers have a respect for our Rifle Section.

ANON.

MONTPELIER HOSPITAL.

July 11th, 1915.

Mrs. Faulder begs to thank Mesdames Dover, Darlston, Everett, Kelly, McKenzie, McCarthy, Reading, Wood, Westcott, and Watts for their most useful pounds of groceries received weekly, also for the many kindnesses shown in so many ways by the people of Brentham.

The *Star's* "Great Men of Greater London," XIX.—Ealing, mentioned no one in Brentham.

The vigorous suggestions in THE book regarding the *Times*, *Telegraph*, *Evening News*, *Labour Leader*, and (O, Climax!) *Brentham Magazine*, have been torn out. Who's the noncensor? Also the artist?

Sections Notes and News.

Golf.

THE Club's thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Kell for their successful efforts in organising the concert, reported elsewhere, to Mr. Milner who kindly supplied the printing matter, to Mrs. Kell, Mrs. Everitt, Mrs. de Lacy Lewis, Miss Bowles, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Mackenzie, and Mrs. Richardson for their kind attention to the soldiers at tea and during the evening. The concert was a financial success, and 18/- has been sent to the hospital. A copy of the balance sheet appears on the notice-board in the Institute.

Members' attention is called to the list on the notice-board, showing where strokes are to be taken in handicaps. It will be noticed that the strokes are now spread over 18 holes instead of 9, as before.

Ladies' Championship.—Cards for qualifying rounds should now be in the hands of every lady member. Any lady who has not one should apply to the Hon. Secretary. It will be noticed that the closing date for these rounds is August 7th, and it is hoped that the ladies will show the gentlemen how enthusiastic they can be over their championship. Ladies returning the best sixteen cards will enter the competition proper.

Members have, throughout the season, been annoyed on the course by the bad behaviour of one or two children; the committee will be obliged if members will report the names of any offenders with a view to taking drastic measures. The sour apple tree has proved a great attraction to the boys, and one of them, after having had his fill, was apparently starting on a golf ball that had been resting on the 9th green. Happily, he was spotted, and a doctor's bill was saved.

A record for the club was set up by Mr. Stewart, who did six consecutive holes in 2 each; this will stand for a day or two.

Charity Cup.—Attention is called to this competition (against bogey under sealed h'cap), which is in aid of the Ealing Hospital; after two months, the amount taken from selling the cards is only about 10/-. The cards are 1d. each, and full instructions thereon.

The June Stroke Competition was won by Mr. de Lacy Lewis with 52, but entries were so few that these competitions will be discontinued for a time.

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Annual Championship has now reached the semi-final. Mr. Stewart plays Mrs. Boxall, and Mr. Milner plays Mr. Richardson, before July 31st.

DORMIE.

Tennis.

THE membership of the section is slowly increasing, and we now have over seventy members—nearly half of last year's number. When holidays come along for those who are lucky enough to get them, we shall, no doubt, have a further increase. Our second match of the season was played at Acton, about the middle of the month, when, unfortunately, some of our best players were not available, but the team who took up the cudgels on our behalf made a good fight, and, with a little more luck, would have equalised the games. May I offer the thanks of the section to those members who, at the very last moment, although not selected for the team, were willing to play in the place of those who had to give up at the last moment. Members have not always been willing thus to deputise in previous seasons, and it is a pleasure to see that this attitude is changing. The weather lately has not been all that could be desired, but "it's an ill wind," etc., as in consequence of the softness of the tennis courts the croquet lawn has been better patronised. As there are many new members of the section, and of the estate, I should like to mention that membership of the tennis section entitles a member to play croquet without any extra fee. This, I believe, is not generally known, so now, perhaps, more members will avail themselves of this privilege. One can play croquet long after it is too dark to play tennis, and the mallets and balls are provided by the section and kept on the ground.

On August 7th, the section proposes to entertain some of the wounded soldiers from the Montpelier Hospital. Tea will be provided for them at the Institute, and they will be pleased to see as many members present as can attend. But do, please, give Mr. Macarthy early notice, or he may not have supplies enough to go round. In the evening there will be a concert, commencing about 8 o'clock, and it is to be a good one—but don't take my word for it—come and see for yourselves—a threepenny bit will gain admission for you, and even if you cannot come, you had better take a couple of tickets, as the whole of the proceeds are going to the hospital. Don't forget.

H.F.G.

Rifle Club.

THE committee have decided to run a Novices Sealed Handicap Competition during the month of August. All members whose handicaps are 10 per cent. and under will be barred from competing. A list of ineligible members will be posted on the notice-board in the Institute. The entries ($\frac{1}{2}$ d. each) will be unlimited, and two prizes will be given. The conditions are ten shots at 25 yards, single bull's-eye. The *Daily Telegraph* Certificate will also be competed for during the same period, open to all members, two

declared shoots (ten shots at a single bulls-eye at 50 yards, and ten shots at a figure target at 25 yards). No entrance fee. It is hoped that the Novices Handicap will be well patronised, as it is being run to form an attraction to those members who have not yet been successful in previous competitions.

Mr. H. F. Carter has been elected Match Secretary, and members will greatly assist if they will let him know particulars of any likely opponents.

At the July committee meeting it was decided to prohibit children from entering the range, and it is hoped that parents will see that this restriction is in the interest of the children themselves.

J.G.P.

Bowls.

THE progress of the Bowls Championship Tournament has been delayed by the recent wet weather, but in spite of it, we stand in a very satisfactory position, and have no doubt that the venture will be carried through. The competition indicator has been placed on the notice-board, and the result of games can be entered by any member of the committee immediately after being played. This arrangement will, it is hoped, be an incentive to get on with the competition. Some members have a fine list of games to their credit; others must be reminded that they have twenty-nine games to play before the season is brought to a close, and if any are undecided whether or not to "go away," let the Bowls Competition be the deciding factor—enjoy a holiday at Brentham, and finish your games! Those who have not actually made a start by now are ruled out of the competition. We should have played two matches in July, but our opponents were not in a position to meet us, and the matches are deferred.

There will be a general meeting of the members on Thursday, August 5th, at 9 o'clock. The principal subject for discussion will be a proposed entertainment of the soldiers, and all members are requested to be present.

For the Children.

Tennis.

The Captain has appointed Nelly Gore as Acting Captain during her absence. Members will, of course, understand that the Acting Captain, for the time being, has the same authority as the Captain. Some racquets are still on French leave.

Sports.

A Sports Meeting for the children will be held on Saturday, August 21st, commencing at 2.30 p.m., in the Recreation Ground (Cricket Section). The Cricket Section have kindly consented to arrange no home match for that date in order that it may be free for the children's sports, and we, therefore, thank them most heartily.

The events to be held will be as follows:—

Infants.

- 1.—Race for Children under 6 (no entrance fee).

Girls.

- 2.—60 Yards Handicap (under 9).
- 3.—80 Yards Handicap (over 9 and under 12).
- 4.—100 Yards Handicap (over 12).
- 5.—Skipping Handicap (under 12).
- 6.—Skipping Handicap (over 12).
- 7.—Egg and Spoon Race (Scratch) (over 12).
- 8.—120 Yards Flat Race (Scratch) (over 12).
- 9.—Skipping (100 Yards) (Scratch) (over 12).

Boys.

- 10.—60 Yards Handicap (under 9).
- 11.—80 Yards Handicap (over 9 and under 12).
- 12.—100 Yards Handicap (over 12).
- 13.—100 Yards Flat Race (Scratch) (over 12).
- 14.—440 Yards Flat Race (Scratch) (over 12).
- 15.—High Jump (Scratch) (over 12).
- 16.—Long Jump (Scratch) (over 12).
- 17.—Throwing the Cricket Ball (Scratch) (over 12).
- 18.—440 Yards Relay Race (Teams of 4).

In the relay race, each member of a team will run a distance of 110 yards. No. 1 in each team will be provided with a coloured scarf which he will pass on to No. 2, and so on.

Children over 12 can enter for the handicap races, as well as for the championship ones, if they wish to.

In the scratch events, a 1st place will count 3 points, a 2nd place 2 points, and a 3rd place 1 point. The highest total of points wins the championship.

Classes 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 are championship races.

Boys' events, Nos. 15, 16, and 17, will be decided on Thursday, August 19th, at 6 p.m. (Special arrangements will be made for any member out at business who cannot get home in time on Thursday).

An entrance fee of 2d. per event, or 6d. for any number of events, must be paid when the entry form is given in.

Entry forms will be ready on Thursday, August 5th, and can be obtained from Mr. Bartholomew, at the Institute, on that date. They must be returned (with entrance fees) to me at 4, *Neville Road*, on or before Thursday, August 12th.

Donations towards the Prize Fund will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

Operetta.

Practices will commence on Monday, August 30th, at 6.30 p.m., in the Institute. I am sure that several members who wish to take part have not yet given in their names. I hope they will do so soon. Again, I note the boys are more backward than the girls.

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