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EDITORIAL.

AMID sighs, many of regret and a few of relief, THE BRENTHAMITE ceased publication in June, 1918. We said in the issue of that month "Our reluctance in deciding to suspend is accompanied by the hope and intention that when the ebb of Brentham's social life turns again to the flow the little 'ITE will be launched again." The tide has not only turned, it has set in strongly, and so, though a little late, perhaps, here again is the little 'ITE. The few can sigh again, sadly if they will; the many will rejoice that the 'ITE did not de cease.

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For the information of our new neighbours, and the forgetful among the old ones, it must be stated that prior to June, 1918, Brentham possessed its own Magazine during five years. THE BRENTHAM MAGAZINE first appeared in July, 1913, and ran to 30 issues, the last number being that for December, 1915. THE BRENTHAMITE followed in March, 1916, and kept going for 28 issues. Here, then, is the 59th of Brentham's Very Own.

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For the original of the Plate given with this issue, we express our thanks to Mr. T. F. Nicholson. We think it will prove acceptable to our readers as an Institute view that has the merit of being unusual.

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Among its contributors this little periodical does not number a poet, versifier, rhymster, or writer of doggerel. "Pierrot," who formerly performed the functions of whichever of these the reader's taste assigns is no longer with us, and all efforts to stalk or man-trap a real live specimen of the ode-writing fraternity have come to nought. Perhaps the Spring poet variety has been frightened away by the summer-like weather, but there is yet the genus that produces, during a heat wave, verses for 'Xmas Cards. Since methods of stealth seem unavailing, coaxing must be tried, and we invite Brentham Poets to throw in at our open windows, or leave under the milk jug after dark, samples of their verse.

To those people who have become bored by the many relaxations that Brentham provides is offered something new : stewarding the children's corner. There is "the pleasure that is almost pain," the cure for dumps, lumps on the conscience, pains athwart the ribs, and trembling induced by over much introspection. The duties are varied and unlimited : Putting children on swings, catching them as they tumble off, giving them a push-up behind, singing "Die, Pussy die," rubbing bruises, rendering first aid in cases of gnat bites, and, last, but quite the most important, announcing the time from minute to minute. Only those with kind hearts and dependable watches need apply.

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"The 'ITE as an official organ is unimaginable ; as a loyal supporter, with a keen eye for 'symptoms,' it can rub in a little oil here and slap on a plaster there as occasion may require."

Yes, you HAVE seen that before somewhere ; it appeared in these pages during the time of the short-lived, but merry Institute Control Committee—the winter of 1916-17. It expressed the position then ; it indicates precisely the 'ITE's status now.

ON DIT :

- That Brentham Holmes and Brentham Homes are big factors on the Children's Committee.
- That a shed eruption is breaking out on the rec.
- That the ugliest shed will be beautiful in comparison with the Rifle fence.
- That at least one allotment is unoccupied during firing practice.
- That the "rings round" the new cricket caps were a bad omen for the opponents on May 7th.
- That the May Queen had great difficulty in watching two shows at once.
- That the latest recruit to the Children's Committee is not the least.
- That the Chicken and Fowl difficulty is not unconnected with the Rat problem.
- That the wire netting on the football field will be excellent for the "rabbits."
- That May Day Kitties, though unidentified at first, are sure to get "nailed" sooner or later.
- That the new pipes laid to the bowling green and cricket pitch contain a liquid very much U.P.
- That the children's drinking tap should be connected to a barrel of iced lemonade.
- That the curtains at the windows of the Pavilion dressing-room rob "Ladies' Corner" of its chief delight.
- That it is now the Tennis and (Afternoon) Crochet Club.
- That only Nature's Guinness can pass through the new Bowls Supply Pipe.
- That the interior of the new hut forms the sole interest of the Bowlers after a lost match.

ANON.

Announcements.

Literary and Section Matter should be sent to the Editor, 27, Neville Road, Ealing, W. 5, by the 22nd of each month.

Other Communications to be sent to the Secretary, 211, Pitshanger Lane, Ealing, W. 5.

All enquiries connected with General Advertisements must be made to the Advertisement Manager, S. W. BUNTING; 40, Denison Road, Ealing, W. 5.

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Commencing with the July issue this space will be devoted to Readers' "Sales and Wants" Advertisements. Brenthamites will find among friends on the Estate a ready market for articles they wish to sell. Likewise, readers in need of some article in general use can do business through "The Brenthamite" Market Place with friends who can supply their needs. These advertisements must be pre-paid. Price, 20 words 1/- and 1d. for each additional word; minimum 1/-. All communications to Advertisement Manager.

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BRENTHAM LAWN TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB.

(See also page 10).

MATCH RESULTS against W.E.S.A.C., on May 21st. :—

| | RESULT. | EVENTS. | SETS. | GAMES. |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|----------|-------------|
| 1st at Brentham | Won by Brentham | 15 to 3 | 30 to 10 | 217 to 131. |
| 2nd at West Ealing | Lost by Brentham | 11 to 6 | 24 to 15 | 196 to 156. |

MATCH RESULTS against HARLES DEN on May 28th :—

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|-----------------|------------------|---------|----------|-------------|
| 1st at Acton | Lost by Brentham | 8 to 11 | 15 to 26 | 168 to 226. |
| 2nd at Brentham | Lost by Brentham | 4 to 14 | 11 to 29 | 163 to 231. |

Winners of the Gent's drive in the morning (28 entries) were :—

Cobbett (116 pts.), Soloman (105 pts.), Line (104 pts.), Sebborn (97 pts.)
McClellan who tied with Sebborn for fourth place was defeated by Sebborn.

The mixed drive in the afternoon attracted 64 entries (which equals 16 courts required to accommodate them—Central Committee please note) out of a membership of 164 (now 199). The entry was divided into two heats. The two highest scorers in the first heat (Lady and Gent) played the two highest scorers in the second heat for the first prize.

First prizes went to Mr. Sebborn and Mrs. Griffin and the second prizes to Mr. Line and Miss D. I. Middleton.

The ladder competition is going stronger this year, but there is still room for increased liveliness.

Members attention is directed to the competition closing dates which occur this month. This striking out rule is being rigidly enforced.

Club and Competition Fees are to be paid by June 4th, after which rules are to be enforced.

BRENTHAM EX-SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

(See also page 11).

THE advantages of Membership will by now be fully apparent, and the Committee appeal to all Ex-Service Men to enrol. Send your 1/- Subscription to Mr. McClellan, 17, Woodfield Avenue, and become eligible to partake of the additional privileges which recognition by the U.S.F. provides.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

Any resident on the Estate in a position to help the Committee in their efforts on behalf of Members, is earnestly requested to communicate with the Secretary.

BRENTHAM BOWLING CLUB.

(See also page 11).

MEMBERS are reminded that the entries for the PAIRS HANDICAP must be in by SATURDAY, 11TH JUNE.

SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE, AT 3.30 O'CLOCK SHARP—FLYING HANDICAP. Members must be on the Green before 3.15 to enter.

See Notice Board on the Green for full particulars of Competitions.

All men residing on the Estate are eligible to join the Bowling Club whether members of the Institute or not. Fees, including use of Bowls, 12/- per year. Members of other sections may join at a greatly reduced fee as provided by the Institute Rules. Further particulars may be obtained either on the Green or from the Hon. Sec., J. E. Scroggs, 32, Holyoake Walk, Ealing.

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ALL BRENTHAM will welcome the re-appearance of *THE BRENTHAMITE*, and the Institute Committee are glad of the opportunity it affords for giving publicity to the social life of the Estate.

Much has happened since the 'ITE was held up by the great world tragedy, and the re-appearance of the popular little publication seems to crown the efforts which have been made to restore the amenities of the Institute and Recreation Ground to the condition usually described as "Pre-War."

The Directors of the Magazine having decided that it shall find its way into every Brentham home, we trust that it will be the means of instilling a livelier interest in the many and varied social activities which are now available for residents. There are at present 564 members of the Institute comprising 191 ladies, 213 men, and 160 children, and in some respects that may be called a good membership; but the wonder is that so many who live amongst us never enter the Institute and only occasionally visit the grounds, and these are they to whom it is desired to introduce the means of corporate social life of which the Institute is the centre.

"Man is a social animal," but it is recognised that some have little time and others no present inclination to attend dances, concerts, whist drives, dramatic performances, and the like, but all these are available as well as the usual adjuncts of Club life—billiards, cards, chess, ping-pong &c., and senior and junior libraries.

The children are catered for by a Committee of ladies and gentlemen who are devoting themselves unsparingly in the interests of the kiddies, whose appreciation is testified by the numbers in which they have joined. There are subscriptions, but they are merely nominal. They could hardly be described as excessive if they covered membership of the lending library alone.

The annual subscription for a man is 7/6, for a lady 5/-, for any two members of a family resident in one house 10/6; for a junior between the ages of 12 and 16 the fee is 2/6; and between 9 and 12 it is Sixpence. Beyond these modest fees, little or no expense is incurred by the juniors, while every event involving payment is run at a fee calculated to cover running expenses; the enjoyment of members being studied before ultimate profit to the Club. Bridge Drives for instance have a certain popularity, but the bare cost of lighting is the only "profit" aimed at in fixing a charge.

It has been said that the lighter side of entertainment (dances, &c.) has been too much in evidence at the Institute, but while there is no intention to curtail this form of enjoyment in its present state of popularity, a strong Committee has recently been formed to introduce a series of lecture-entertainments and debates, and generally foster what for want of a better word may be described as the "educational" side of the Institute.

In order to produce the best results from these varied activities, a Social Committee has recently been formed, comprising representatives from each branch of the social and athletic life, thus getting expert attention to bear upon every subject; and the good work of this Committee is already apparent.

It is recognised, of course, that with all its advantages of social intercourse, Club life does not appeal to everybody, and for this reason it is not essential to join the Institute before joining an outdoor section; but it is felt that those residents on the Estate who have not at present taken advantage of the splendid facilities which are theirs, might be induced to reconsider their positions. The opportunities are unique.

The Secretary will be pleased to give further information any evening at the Institute. You will find friends there; and there is a suprisingly large number of people on the Estate whose native place is at a great distance from Brentham, who have found the Institute a means of introduction to natives of their own provincial town.

BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

FOR the benefit of those Residents on the Estate who are not yet members of the Institute, it would be as well perhaps to explain that the Social Committee consists of representatives from the following Indoor and Outdoor Sections :—Dance, Whist, Concert, Children's, Educational, Ladies', Billiards, Dramatic, Ex-Service, Bowls, Cricket, Golf, Tennis and Croquet, Football, Hockey, together with a Chairman and Vice-Chairman appointed by the Central Committee.

This Committee meets on the second Monday in each month, and at such other times as may be deemed necessary, and its duties are :—

1. To arrange and carry out social functions, such as Dances, Whist Drives, Concerts, Children's Dances, &c.
2. To appoint M.Cs. for Dances and Whist Drives.
3. To encourage voluntary helpers and appoint them to active positions in connection with the outdoor and indoor games, sports, and all other activities of the Children's Section.
4. To improve and develop the Social Life by Lectures, Debates, Sports, Choral Society, Maypole and other Dances, Christmas Cantata, &c.
5. To draw up and place on the Notice Board a monthly programme of events.
6. To provide for the general comfort and welfare of the Members.

This Committee however, has not power over questions of Finance or Change of Policy, these matters are decided by the Central Committee.

The following arrangements for JUNE have been made.

Saturday, June 4th.

Outdoor Concert at Cricket Pavilion (if wet, to be held in Large Hall).

Every Saturday at 9 p.m.

Dance in Large Hall (if wet, to start at 8 p.m., if doubtful at 8.30 p.m.)

Every Saturday at 9 p.m.

Whist Drive in Small Hall (if wet, to start at 8 p.m., if doubtful at 8.30 p.m.) Valuable Prizes are awarded.

The **Children's Committee** would be glad to hear of any residents who would be willing to give one hour-and-half once a month for the purpose of supervising the Children's games on the Recreation Ground. Names should be sent in to Mr. J. Roberts, at the Institute.

The **Educational Committee** are hard at work arranging a series of Lectures etc., for the winter season, particulars of which will appear shortly.

The **Concerts Committee** are arranging several Outdoor Concerts during the Summer Months, and are encouraging the local Concert Party. Those able and willing to offer their services should communicate with Mr. J. Harris, at the Institute.

The **Billiards Committee** are endeavouring to obtain new equipment for the Billiard Room.

Those interested in the **Ladies' Section** should communicate with Miss Ayres, at the Institute.

T. F. NICHOLSON,
Hon. Sec., Social Committee.

POT POURRI.

"What is the weight of the Maypole high?" asked a little maiden of us recently. Thoughts of margarine and overweight came to us. On enquiring of the origin of the trouble, we discovered that it arose from a misunderstanding of the second line in "Come, lasses and lads, get leave of your Dads."

Now, children, what IS the next line? No prizes offered!

May 12.—If the bundle of pea sticks left in the Editor's garden recently is not claimed, and removed by the owner before June 2, it will be regarded as an offering to the Children's Day Bonfire!

The attempt to usher in the iron age on the bowling green has failed, and it is suggested that the Bowls Club should adopt "I wouldn't leave my little wooden hut for you" as its official song.

The Cricket Club have discovered a new method of displaying the Brentham blue and gold upon the Club cap, and the æsthetic longings of the Captain are now partly satisfied.

The way of the Brentham Poultry keeper is hard. The flavour of his breakfast egg is ruined by gloomy reflections upon his rent dividend. The poultry controversy is perennial, and the best way out of the difficulty would be to license poultry keeping, conditional upon the observance of proper sanitary conditions and the prompt assassination of crowing cocks.

The wiring in of space on the football field for more tennis courts prevents the formation of two pitches on the boys' cricket ground. If the boys play near the golf course—a lustrous hit and a golfer ceases to exist; if near the houses some worthy householder peacefully watering his geraniums may be stunned. Could not the ground overlord arrange with the Tennis Club to take an alternative corner and restore the netted portion to the boys who occupy much less space for organised games than do their parents and grandparents.

The adult membership of the club is approximately 500, and of this number certainly not less than 50 are serving in some committee or another. If things go on at this rate the day is not far distant when real distinction will be attained by remaining a private member. THE BRENTHAMITE statistician (who is a regular reader of "Tit Bits") calculates that if each of these Committee-men (or women) makes *one* speech of 10 minutes duration per week, 490 minutes are wasted that might have been devoted to healthy outdoor recreation.—Heroes and heroines all.

May 26th—A formal challenge for the Thornton Challenge Cup and the Rosebery Cup has been received from Hampstead. Now you young men: To the Track!

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SECTION NOTES.

By the HON. SECS.

Hockey.

The in-and-out play of the Brentham Club during 1920-21 caused a deal of anxiety to its executive. Heavy losses at home, contrasting with fine performances away, led the Committee to make alterations in the personnel of the team without any stabilising effect. Pleading guilty to being wise after the event, one is compelled to admit the desired improvement was mainly a question of physical fitness and a good half-back line.

The former is obtainable with a little care being taken; the half-back line is more difficult, while the selection committee consist of playing members. Halves in modern hockey get all the knocks without the compensating glory of scoring goals.

The teams created records for Brentham in the details of travelling and punctuality for away matches. Journeys were made to Mitcham, Tottenham, Victoria Park, Twickenham and Isleworth, with the B's all present and correct on time, awaiting the home players.

CIRCLE.

Tennis Club.

Members' attention is directed to the information on Matches and Competitions on page 4.

The Competition Committee (Messrs. Cobbett, McClellan and Roe) concluded their labours in good time, and the results are evident in competition activities.

The Committee have entered a team for the Ealing Cup Competition (Ladies' and Gent's singles and doubles).

Complaints are being made by residents whose gardens back on to the courts, of balls being frequently knocked into their gardens, and of members going into the gardens without permission to recover same. Kindly exercise every care to avoid this annoyance. Balls lost in the gardens can be recovered on application to the Secretary.

The Wesac's have 25 courts for 250 members. We have 10 for 195.

Members desirous of being considered for match playing should communicate their names to the Selection Committee, Messrs. Cobbett, Soloman and Sebborn.

Football Club.

During its first season in League Football our two teams did exceedingly well, more especially the 1st Eleven, who came fifth of the 1st Division of the Dauntless League. Some rattling good games took place. A very fine game was witnessed on Boxing Day between our 1st Eleven and our local rivals, Drayton A.C. A collection was made for St. Dunstan's, which realised quite a nice sum. Towards the end of the season the 1st Eleven had the misfortune to lose its Captain, Mr. S. Lewis, who so ably conducted his team to victories. His place was filled by the 2nd Eleven back, George Downing, who was as good as "Old Sid" at the game. Of course, this meant weakening the 2nd Eleven considerably. The latter came to near the bottom last season, so they're out for the other position this coming season. The 2nd Eleven was the lightest team in the Dauntless League.

N.

Educational.

Mr. W. H. Morris's efforts to revive the educational side of the Institute's activities are likely to achieve success. An educational section of the Institute has been formed, and arrangements are in progress for fortnightly lectures on travel, literature and science by well-known public lecturers. An attempt is also to be made to revive the Craft Classes in woodwork, and it is possible that if there is the demand other classes in Arts and Crafts will be formed. The Institute Committee are most sympathetically inclined, and all that is necessary is support from Brenthamites interested.

Ex-Service Men's Association.

The Association has now been officially recognised by the United Services Fund. As the result of a deputation from our Committee, a grant of £30 has been made to provide additional facilities for members who take part in the various Sports Sections of the Institute. A General Meeting was held in the Institute on Friday, May 20th, and the Committee's recommendations as to the administration of the Grant were adopted. It is proposed to allocate an equal amount to every member who joins a Sports Section, towards the membership fee of that section, and in the case of men who through disability are unable to take up sport, to help defray the Institute Fees.

The Secretary of the Association is also given a seat on the United Services Fund Committee, where he will have ample opportunity of introducing for consideration, cases effecting Ex-Service men of Brentham.

Bowling Club.

A short report will appear each month in these pages dealing with the Bowling Club.

We opened the season on the 29th April with a match, Captain *v.* Vice-Captain, which resulted in a win for the Vice-Captain's rinks. There was a big muster, and the enthusiasm shown has been well maintained.

On Whit-Monday, a flying Handicap was held, and quite a good number entered, the winners being Mr. W. G. Brown (1) and F. J. Whitmore (2).

The Club played its first match at home on May 21st, the opponents being Pitsbanger Park, and, after a very keen and most enjoyable game, Brentham won by 12 points, the Rinks and Scores being as follows:— Rink 1—Milner, Sutton, Crozier, Boxall (Skip): 29—26. Rink 2—Whitmore, Meads, Huard, Brown (Skip): 15—13. Rink 3—Armfield, Lewis, Scroggs, Hearn (Skip): 21—14.

We have again entered the Victory Shield Competition, and played the first match on May 23rd, when we lost to Ealing Dean by 36 points.

The Shelter recently erected on the Green is already proving a most useful addition.

S.

Rifle Club.

The Rifle Club is now going strong, and has extended the range to 100 yards. When all the improvements are completed, the range will be one of the best appointed in the district.

New members will be heartily welcomed, and as Rifle shooting is a pastime which can be indulged in by all, without any undue exertion, some of the less active members of the Estate may be induced to join. Any such who still require a little more inducement, should pay a visit to the Captain (Mr. J. Phillips) and see what can be won with a "pop gun."

On the 7th inst., he had the temerity to journey to Hendon, and beat all the county "cracks" in a knock-out competition.

Dr. Fenton also won a prize at the same meeting, for being the best loser, which seems rather a comfortable way of winning a prize.

The improvements on the range have been entirely due to a few enthusiasts, and the other members owe them a great debt of gratitude for their whole-hearted services. These have taken them away from their homes so much that restitution petitions may be filed.

In the next issue, the list of prize winners in the second Annual Prize Meeting will be given. Mr. R. H. Bartlett, 39, Ludlow Road, is the Club's Hon. Sec.

T.

What is this cry of "Watch!" heard on the courts. Somebody started a jewellery sale?

Golf Club.

This section is very much alive ; the membership has exceeded all expectations, and it is gratifying to see how enthusiastic new members are in the game.

The Whitsuntide Competitions reflected this enthusiasm, new members forming a good percentage of the entries. On Whit-Saturday 55 cards were returned in the "Eclectic" competition. The winner of the Silver Spoon is Mr. Dellar, whose excellent score of 30-9=21 shows what is possible to a beginner. The Ladies' Prize was won by Mrs. Newland.

On Whit-Monday 28 members tried conclusions in a Mixed Foursome Competition, and very close games were witnessed. Both semi-finals were taken to the 27th hole. The winners, Mr. and Mrs. Newland, receive silver spoons and the other finalists special prizes.

There is a silver spoon to be won in each Monthly Stroke Competition, and other competitions will be announced on the Club Notice Board—which is, of course, scrutinised by all members.

All competitions, excepting the Championship, are played under handicap.

Now a word of advice to new members (and some old ones as well). Read the Local Rules ! They are made for your benefit, not to annoy you.

If anyone has not seen a copy of the very instructive and interesting folder issued by the Committee, it may be had for the asking.

COLONEL BOGEY.

Cricket Notes.

The dry Spring gave the cricketers an early opportunity for practice, with the result that most members are already in splendid form, and wins are piling up in the records. Arlington, Ealing Dene, Belvedere and West Drayton have all proved easy victims to either 1st or 2nd Elevens.

Mr. Ben Goodridge is very proud of the doings of his men ; the team work and team spirit is splendid, and some of the batting has approached the brilliant, as witnessed in some of Harry Clegg's electrical displays. Mr. Clegg, senior, and Mr. F. Green have been solid and strong.

What a stock of good bowling talent lies idle in the 1st Eleven, and will be idle while those gluttons for wickets, Mr. G. Royce and Freddy Watts, are in form ! Even after 30 overs on Whit-Monday, in a hot sun, Freddy was still dancing and hopping up to the crease, and with monotonous regularity dismissing batsmen.

"Cass" and "Billy Carr" again put over 100 on the board for the first wicket against Arlington, but the Seconds mustn't expect this every match, and other members must also cultivate the art of showing the straight blade to the bowler. Here are the results to date :—

1st Team.

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------|-----------------|
| Brentham v. Arlington ... | ... | Brentham won | 176 to 84 |
| „ v. Ealing Dene .. | .. | „ won | 176 to 30 |
| „ v. Belvedere ... | ... | „ won | 142 to 78 |
| „ v. West Drayton ... | ... | „ lost | 59 to 109 |
| „ v. Harlesden ... | ... | „ lost | 57 to 142 for 4 |

2nd Team.

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------|------------|
| Brentham v. Arlington ... | ... | Brentham won | 137 to 61 |
| „ v. Rivercourt ... | ... | „ lost | 37 to 112 |
| „ v. West Drayton ... | ... | „ won | 123 to 48 |
| „ v. Harlesden II. ... | ... | „ lost | 119 to 157 |

BLYKR.

Hats off to Brentham's May Queen,

1921-22,

THELMA COOPER.

