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OUR ANNUAL

Ten stalwart Brenthamites sat upon a stage,
Each one cultivating expressions of a sage ;
Two hundred Brenthamites, seated in a hall,
Waiting for a hero to make the ten look small,
One stalwart Brenthamite opened with a speech,
And kept on saying something till another filled the breach.
This stalwart Brenthamite seemed to know his book,
And ambled on quite glibly as page by page he took.
One lowly Brenthamite shot up in the hall,
And said " Excuse me, stalwart, you are not right at all."
The stalwart's face then reddened, his eyes aflame with rage,
He crushed the interruptor and turned another page.
The ball then started rolling, and up shot number two,
And said " To make a balance, I'll tell you what to do.
You first engage a steward who understands his job,
But do not call him Clarence, Claude, Cyril, Dick or Bob.
Or should a chair want mending, pray do not act like snails,
And when you take down pictures you must pull out the nails."
Another "'Ite" then queried the wages bill as shown,
And said all tennis players had every right to groan.
But when a stalwart told us a story of a horse,
The reason for the outlay was obvious of course.
This prompted still another his business to explain,
His mastery of figures revealed a marvellous brain.
He told us we were bankrupt, which gave us all a scare,
I wondered what would happen to my five shilling share.
A stalwart then assured us our finance was O.K.
The statement was accepted and passed without delay.
Excitement then subsided, and everyone looked round
To see who'd have the courage to speak about the ground.
Then forward came a stalwart who showed no sign of fear,
And gave us facts and figures that made us creep to hear.
He moved us all to silence as his story he did tell,
And made it rather awkward for our friends the E.T.L.
When forward came their champion and took the stalwart's place,
And tenderly unfolded E.T.'s side of the case.
Our's is a land of promise, correct me if I'm wrong,
I wondered if their champion could sing a decent song.
His tale was really topping, we swallowed what he said,
But could not swallow any more, so toddled home to bed.

ATOMS.

Try Gordge for Shirts.

EVENTS.

"Brown Sugar."

If the Players always did as well as they did in "Brown Sugar," the critic's job would become "devilish" monotonous. He would have to confine his remarks to the simple sentence, "The Players gave us so-and-so in their usual successful manner"; or justify his function by getting down to tiny details. He might suggest to the Stage Manager that the curtain should not rise until the audience has been unconsciously hushed in the discussion of their own and other people's affairs, by the gradual lowering of the lights; to the Producer, that a theatrical contract form does not closely resemble a summons to an Annual General Meeting; and to the audience, that they should be punctual in arriving.

Apart from that sort of detail, the only general point one wants to make is to congratulate the Players upon the growing extent to which they are learning to play as a team. There were times in "Brown Sugar" when the mood of the moment was not assisted by the demeanour of all upon the stage, but these occasions were few. What was probably the best bit of team work was at the end of Act II. when "Archie" tried to explain the real facts in turn to each of the others and was, in turn, denied his opportunity. Each player's cue brought him into the centre of the picture just at, and not before, the right moment.

So much for criticism; all else must be praise. Miss D. Carter, as "Lady Sloan," charmed everybody with her spontaneity of manner, and by the sincerity with which she carried through the more serious situations of the play; Mrs. Kell, as "Lady Knightsbridge," showed us in the most artistic manner how the "whitest sugar" may learn to love the less refined sort and become in doing so, if not actually "brown," a pale shade of "yellow"; and Mrs. Patten, in the thankless and difficult part of "Lady Honoria," was as "catty" as the author meant her to be. Of the men, Mr. Toms, as "The Earl of Knightsbridge," was the most successful; Mr. Royce, as "Lord Sloan," did well in a most difficult part, and Mr. Kinsman, as "Archie," justified the hopes that some of us derived from his previous performance. All the rest handled their parts ably: Mrs. Taylor was a most satisfying and loyal "bear leader"; Mrs. Fairchild, as "Miss Gibson," gave us the best bit of dumb-play of the evening in her exit in Act III.; Mr. Macfarlane resisted the temptation to extravagance of manner as "Crobie Carruthers," and was just quietly "a bad egg"; Mr. Fairchild had clear views as to his conception of the theatrical manager, and Mr. Deed must have spent all his off-time in making-up for the three small parts that he did. And that reminds me: of those who deserve congratulations, not the least deserving was whoever "made-up" the Players; Mrs. Kell's elderly appearance and Mrs. Patten's "rotten" expression were veritable triumphs of art over nature.

QUONDAM.

The Linden Players.

The Linden Players paid us a welcome return visit on February 3rd in two performances of "The Duke of Killicrankie," and there was no question as to the success they achieved. The whole thing was done well : admirably cast, and most excellently produced. Where all worked so well to give us a most enjoyable evening it is invidious, perhaps, to particularise, but one cannot resist an allusion to the excellence of the playing of Mr. Balcarras and Miss Hewitt, as Henry Pitt-Welby and Mrs. Mulholland respectively. They sank their personalities in the parts, they got all that was in their lines out of them, and they were consistent throughout. Mr. Hewetson as the Duke and Miss Trevor as Lady Henrietta had parts requiring, and receiving, less characterisation ; but in so far as they did all that was required they were equally successful. We should like to see the Linden Players again.

QUONDAM.

Miss B. G. Platten, of Kingsley Hall, Bow, writes to express thanks to Brentham for the "literal cartload of good second-hand articles," collected by Mr. C. S. J. Crutchfield, for the unemployed of Bow. "The articles came as a godsend to many families whose need in this respect has become acute."

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BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE.

THERE are a number of Institute Subscriptions outstanding, which should be paid forthwith. As was pointed out at the General Meeting, it is time the list of members was posted up, and we trust it will include all old members and many new ones when it appears on the Notice Board in the first week of this month.

The Handbook will not be published in future. It served a useful purpose, but has proved a luxury we cannot afford ; and members will more than ever rely upon THE BRENTHAMITE. The Committee is certainly of opinion that this useful little publication should receive support from the Institute, and members will help to affect much saving of time and money by consulting these pages for announcements. In pre-BRENTHAMITE days separate notices of events were always being circulated round the Estate, a procedure which the Directors of the 'ITE have made unnecessary.

Section Secretaries will kindly accept this intimation that the Handbook is no longer available for publication of fixture lists, &c., and make arrangements accordingly.

J. G. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Diary of events for March :—

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| Mar. | 1st. | Brentham Players Dance. |
| „ | 3rd. | Dance and Whist Drive. |
| „ | 3rd. | Football Match—Semi-final E.H. Cup :
Brentham v. S. Paul's. |
| „ | 6th. | Lecture and Demonstration on Wireless by M. L. H.
Soundy. |
| „ | 7th. | Election of May Queen, at 7 p.m. |
| „ | 9th. | Cycling Meeting, at 8-30 p.m. |
| „ | 10th. | Dance and Whist Drive. |
| „ | 12th. | Social Committee, 8-30 prompt. |
| „ | 13th. | Lecture. Subject to be announced later. |
| „ | 14th. | Private letting (small hall). |
| „ | 17th. | Special St. Patrick's Day Dance. Whist Drive. |
| „ | 20th. | Lecture. Subject to be announced later. |
| „ | 22nd. | Hockey Club's Dance. |
| „ | 24th. | Concert. "Jazz Beans" Concert Party. |
| „ | 27th. | Last lecture of the season. |

It has been decided that the issue of the Institute Handbook shall cease for the present. It will be necessary, therefore, for the sections concerned to make their own arrangements with regard to fixture cards and rule books. As far as is practicable the diary of the month will include the fixtures during the summer.

The Children's Committee has arranged for the old library to be opened for billiards, cards, draughts, etc., for junior members as follows :—Ages 12-16 : on Wednesdays from 7-30 to 10 p.m. and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Senior members, ages—16-18 : on Thursdays from 9 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 to 10 p.m.

At the Annual General Meeting it was apparent that the Central Committee had had so much work to do during the past year that it was impossible for it to pay that strict attention to the smaller details of administration which the present financial position of the club demands. The call upon its energies will be even greater this year, and it will be the duty of the Social Committee to undertake a part of this extra work. Members of sections can materially assist by bringing to the notice of my committee any suggestions for the improvement of the Club.

On behalf of the Social Committee,

T. F. NICHOLSON,
Hon. Sec.

OUT AND ABOUT.

SOME Annual General Meetings are mainly talk, with general assent to all nominations and motions. Others, such as the recent Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club, are mainly voting exercises ; no nomination or motion went unchallenged, and a substantial amount of time was taken up in hand-showing and marking voting papers.

We suggest that for such meetings division lobbies be fitted up. The cricketers, at least, would find the walking in and out again good practice.

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Whatever may have run away with all the money this year it has certainly not been oil. That continual squeaking noise we hear during lectures and meetings is not entirely due to the heavy-weights sitting on an insufficiency of seat space. It seems to come from some unlubricated portion of the machinery away behind the billiard-room.

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Our netball friends claim to have been hardly seen or heard recently. Of course when, on rare occasions, they have been seen they and their supporters have managed to be heard. We hope both to hear and to see a great deal more of them when the water-polo team vacates the pitch. At least one thing is performed inaudibly by the girls : the weekly rolling of the pitch. The exertion involved, of course, demands an economical use of breath ; at a distance the operation appears to resemble the launching of a lifeboat.

ON DIT :

That the netball pitch needs taking up and passing through a mangle.

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That the Gent's hockey team gave the new pitch a suitable christening.

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That the infant has not yet recovered.

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That the debate on "Parental responsibility" should have been captured for a Tuesday night.

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That the "Children's" meeting had the treat instead.

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That "Parental irresponsibility" made a strong case.

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That the ginger groups managed to smash one another up before the Institute A.G.M.

Try Gordge for Underwear.

Educational.

The lectures during the month of February have maintained their high standard. On the 6th February, Mr. H. H. Collis lectured on "Drawing: From Point to Line," and illustrated his remarks with a number of clever lightning sketches. Mr. Arthur A. Pearson, on the 15th, spoke on "English Folk Song," and sang a number of typical songs.

On the 20th, Mr. Lawrence Chubb, Secretary of the Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, gave a most interesting address on "Our English Commons," and displayed some of the most beautiful pictures that have been seen this lecture course. Mr. A. H. Blake, on a kindred subject, "The King's Highway," on the 27th, thoroughly interested the audience.

SECTION NOTES.

Billiards.

The Billiards Handicap, which has run through the season, has drawn to a close; Mr. White was successful in the final, beating Mr. H. Clegg, Mr. Ephgrave winning third prize and Mr. W. J. Brown, fourth.

The Committee desires to thank the members for the prompt way they have played their games, this being a great factor in making the Handicap such a success. Two flying handicaps have been run during the past month, Mr. Rowell beating Mr. R. Bartlett in the final of the first one, and Mr. Ottaway beating Mr. Levasseur in the final of the second one.

The Committee has under consideration a Snooker Flying Handicap. Experiments will have to be made to consider the best way of running it. If the experiments are a success, there will be a notice on the board in the Billiards Room.

Our players returned the visit of the Y.M.C.A. at Tottenham Court Road, on Wednesday, February 21st. The home team won by five games to one—240 points.

Mr. Allen	beat Mr. Toms -	200—144.
Mr. Wodehouse	„ Mr. Sebborn -	200—135.
Mr. Whittington	„ Mr. Line -	200—111.
Mr. Jackson	„ Mr. Golsworthy	200—166.
Mr. Sutherland	„ Mr. Clegg -	200—182.
Mr. Jordan	lost to Mr. Millard -	178—200.

Better luck next time.

W.G.B.

Tennis Club.

The undernoted competitions have been arranged for the coming season, 1923.

Handicapped Doubles—Ladies, Gents and Mixed.

4 prizes: Fee 1/- each member.

Handicapped Singles—Ladies and Gents.

2 prizes: Fee 1/6.

Lists will be placed in the Institute during April, and members deciding to enter should sign their names.

Singles Ladder Competitions—Ladies and Gents.

This competition will be started after completion of first round of the handicapped competitions. It is expected that this competition will be of service to the match Selection Committee.

If playing conditions permit, it is hoped to play off a championship competition for the players at the top of the ladder.

B.

Try Gordge for Collars.

Ladies' Section.

Members are reminded that this Section has decided to keep a register of recommended holiday apartments, and asks for the co-operation of anyone willing to supply addresses. Please address, Hon. Secretary, Ladies' Section, at the Institute.

The Social in the Small Hall was quite a success and another will be announced later.

Ex-Service Men's Association.

On the occasion of his recent visit General Sir Ian Hamilton expressed his desire to see Brentham in the summer-time. He showed great interest in our organisation, our Institute and Estate ; he will probably be our guest at the next Re-Union

A strong branch of the British Legion has been formed in North Ealing, which comprises the district north of the Uxbridge Road from Birch Grove to Drayton Green. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. F. J. Turner, 24, Woodfield Crescent. Mr. J. B. Martin, 1, Fowler's Walk, is the Hon. Treasurer.

Our own Association, founded on that memorable night in 1919, under the only street lamp alight in Woodfield Crescent, is going stronger than ever ; the membership now is 130. Let us make it 150 ! Ex-service men of Brentham, who have not yet joined, may become members by sending one shilling subscription to Mr. E. J. Ephgrave, The Institute, Meadvale Road.

Concerts.

The Concert Committee announce that the "Jazz Beans" Concert Party have been booked for Saturday, 24th instant. An excellent programme will be provided and the proceeds will be devoted to charity. The prices of admission will be 1/6 and 1/-. Doors open 7-30 p.m.

It is hoped that a hearty welcome will be accorded to the Party who give so much of their time to the cause of charity.

A.C.G.

Dancing.

The spirit of dancing has certainly settled in Brentham and it is fortunate that we have a full programme for March. Dances have been arranged for Saturdays the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st. The feature of the month will be St. Patrick's Night, on the 17th, which is taking the form of a Fancy Dress Cinderella. The committee regret that they cannot accommodate a much larger number, following the demand for tickets, and express a wish that ticket holders will add colour by appearing in costume if possible. Prizes will be awarded. Our Monday practice dances will continue throughout the month.

A.J.T.

Golf.

Although February was the wettest month on record for over forty years it did not prevent our members enjoying a round, which proves what I have often said, that the golf season is from January to December.

A.J.T.

Educational.

The drawing and painting classes are still hard at work, and it is hoped to hold an exhibition of the students' work before the end of the season.

The Annual Meeting of the Educational Section will be held during March, and those who are interested are urged to attend and support the work.

Try Gordge for Hosiery.

Children's Section.

All children on Ealing Tenants Estate are invited to meet at the Institute at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7th, for the purpose of choosing their May Queen for 1923. The arrangements for the procession and dancing will be made at this meeting.

Saturday, May 5th, has been fixed for the ceremonies, and all children are invited to take a part in one way or another.

Cycling.

All interested are invited to a general meeting at the Institute on Friday, March 9th, at 8-30 p.m. Notice awaits signatures on the notice board.

Cricket Club.

The Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club was well attended. The usual routine business was quickly transacted.

The following members were elected officers :—

1st Team

Captain : Mr. J. Clegg

Vice-Captain : Mr. F. Green

Hon. Secretary : Mr. W. Carr

Match Secretary : Mr. G. F. Royce

Committeemen—Messrs. H. Clegg, B. Goodridge, E. Huggett, H. Young, and C. Stracey.

Selection Committee—Messrs. H. Clegg, G. Royce, and H. Young.

Auditors—Messrs. S. S. Kelly and J. Phillips.

The Captain and Vice-Captain of the first team are as during last season.

Mr. Castledine for the first time leads the second eleven and well merits the honour, for he has been the backbone to the batting and bowling of the 2nds for several strenuous seasons.

Mr. G. Royce was, through illness, unfortunately absent, but his match list for next season was read at the meeting and was greeted with applause as the members heard of the fine cricket feast he has prepared for the coming season.

A non-playing member has given prizes for the best batting averages next season—not that Brentham boys need stimulating to give of their best. A little oil on the bats now—and blanco to the pads !

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Bowling Club.

It has been decided to enter a single Rink for the "J. Joseph Cup" in the Middlesex County Competition. Some members are also entering for the "Pairs Championship."

The secretary will be glad to hear from prospective members, as it will assist the Committee in drawing their plans for the coming season by having some idea as to what the membership is likely to be.

I am glad to see so many of the old members taking such a keen interest in the laying of the new green, and regret I cannot answer their numerous enquiries as to when it will be finished. I am not in the secret. I hope, however, it will be playable in May.

S.

Hockey Club.**FEBRUARY RESULTS.**

GENTS.				LADIES.	
3rd.	v. Old Caterhamians II.	scratched		v. W.E.S.A.C.	Lost 0-2
10th.	v. Myrdle ..	scratched		v. Watneys	scratched
17th.	v. Swifts ...	Won 4-0		v. Kew Ladies	Lost 1-7
24th.	— No match	—		v. Bentinck ..	scratched
25th.	—	—		v. Marble Hill	Lost 1-5

MIXED.

Feb. 11th. v. Oxford ... scratched.

(March fixtures as per Handbook.)

The Past v. Present match will take place on Sunday, March 4th. Will intending players please keep in touch with Mr. Sebborn and Mr. W. Allen.

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Net Ball.

Although Brenthamites have not heard or seen much of this Section, owing to our ground being unfit for play, we have been very fortunate in being able to arrange fixtures away, on hard courts. As will be seen by the results given below, the first team have only been beaten on one occasion.

With the exception of a match on March 17th, when the second team meet Drayton there will be no home fixture until March 31st, when the first team meet Southfield Rovers, by which time it is hoped that the ground will be in a much better condition. It will be noted that we have fixtures arranged for every Saturday until May 5th, which terminates the Season.

1st Team.

Dec. 16 v. Drayton	...	...	(H)	Won 24-11
Dec. 26 v. Southfield Rovers	...	...	(H)	Won 25-2
Dec. 30 v. Central	...	...	(A)	Lost 7-9
Jan. 6 v. P.S.A.	...	...	(A)	Won 26-9
Jan. 20 v. 16th Ealing Girl Guides	...	...	(H)	Won 26-2
Jan. 27 v. P.S.A.	...	...	(A)	Won 13-9
Feb. 3 v. Southfield Rovers	...	...	(A)	Won 13-10
Feb. 17 v. St. Saviour's	...	...	(A)	Won 21-9
Feb. 24 v. Ealing Road	...	...	(A)	Won 14-12

2nd Team.

Dec. 26 v. Southfield Rovers	...	...	(H)	Won 8-5
Dec. 30 v. Central	...	...	(A)	Lost 5-8
Feb. 3 v. Southfield Rovers	...	...	(A)	Lost 10-17

FIXTURES FOR MARCH.

1st Team.

March 3 v. 16th Ealing Girl Guides	...	...	Away
March 10 v. Clarke's College	...	...	Away
March 17 v. Drayton	...	...	Away
March 24 v. St. Anne's	...	...	Away
March 31 v. Clarke's College	...	...	Home

2nd Team.

March 3 v. Drayton	...	...	Away
March 17 v. Drayton	...	...	Home
March 24 v. St. Anne's	...	...	Away

Horticultural Society.

The Town Council have notified the Society that as from September 25th next the rent of Pinches Field allotments will be increased to 1/6 per pole. The cost of the Allotments to the Town Council is over £200 per annum, including £169 for the repayment and interest on the purchase loan, whilst the receipts amount to about £108. The allotments are therefore a charge of about £100 per annum on the rates, and as the Allotment Act requires every allotment scheme to be self-supporting, the rents are to be raised to balance accounts.

Those tenants who hold their allotments until the purchase loan is repaid will presumably obtain a big drop in their rents !

The Town Council have no news of the carrying of the Western Avenue across Pinches Field, although active steps are being taken in the work East of Hanger Lane.

There are a few plots to let in the Field, applications should be made to the Borough Surveyor at the Town Hall.

Try Gorge for Children's Wear.

Choral Society.

Mr. Collinson writes :—"May I use the columns of *The Brenthamite* for a short note *re* a Choral Society.

I hoped to have had the leisure between Christmas and Easter to devote to promoting a choral concert, hence the tentative invitation on the Institute notice board early in January. Unfortunately those hopes have been disappointed, and I, personally, must regretfully postpone any choral work until the autumn. I sincerely regret any disappointment that may have been caused."

Football Club.

It is worthy of note that the 1st Eleven has not lost a match during February. Results as follows :—

1ST ELEVEN.

Feb. 3rd	v. Regnal Athletic ...	(L)	Won 1—0
Feb. 10th	v. Acton Congregational	(L)	Won 5—4
Feb. 17th	v. Brentford Wesleyan	(L)	Won 4—3
Feb. 24th	v. Harlesden Cong. ...	(L)	Won 3—1

2ND ELEVEN.

Feb. 3rd	v. Gordon Sports Club...	(F)	Won 2—1
Feb. 10th	v. St. Mellitas ...	(L)	Lost 1—3
Feb. 24th	v. Harlesden Cong. ..	(L)	Draw 2—2

We regret very much that Mr. C. Stracey will be unable to turn out for us again this season. We shall certainly miss "Nibbo," who was always there at the right moment.

The dance held on Thursday, 22nd February, turned out to be a very successful affair, about 90 being present. Miss D. Roach and Mr. N. Hender carried off the "Spot Prize," and Miss P. Bartlett the "Lucky Chair Trophy."

Brentham Players.

Never was our oft reiterated complaint of the utter inadequacy of the seating capacity of the Large Hall been better exemplified than last month, when all tickets for "Brown Sugar" were sold a week before the performance. Even the Secretary of the Institute was pestered for tickets whilst watching the football match. The show was a record one, and evidently everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The last play of this season takes place on April 7th, when a strong caste will be seen in "Tilly of Bloomsbury," from the amusing novel of Ian Hay, "Happy go lucky." Judging by our experience last time all members take their tickets on the *first night*, so for the next issue tickets will be available for *members only* on Monday, March 26th, between 8 and 9 p.m. Will all members please make a note of this fact. A reminder will appear at a later date, it is hoped. By the time these notes appear the Players' dance will be over. If the rush for tickets is any criterion it should be a function that the Players will be able to claim as another glorious success.

Then, again, we are up against the same old position : lack of room. When will it be realised that a new hall is a commercial proposition capable of producing much revenue—apparently so urgently needed. I did hear a rumour to the effect that E. T's were going to build a hall as a commemoration of the 21st birthday, and present it to the Club and Institute instead of entertaining the residents who are no longer juveniles. Rumour is a lying jade, but in this instance, at anyrate, it is to be devoutly hoped she speaks the truth. (*Agreed ! Ed.*)

J.H.W.

**TRY GORDGE—GENERAL PROVIDER,
14, Windsor Road, Ealing Broadway, W. 5.**