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“MERRY MAY.”

Oh, merry May,
How do you play
With us, respecting weather !
It is a shame,
You're not the same
For two whole days together.
It is no catch,
To start a match
Of tennis or of cricket ;
Then have to go
And sweep the snow
From off the court and wicket.
Or go away
At bowls to play,
As our boys did to Acton ;
And find the green
Recalls the scene
Of stormy scenes at Clacton.
We'd like to know
If we can go
And patronise the river ;
With some degree
Of certainty,
If we shall bake or shiver.
We're in a mix,
And try to fix
Our wardrobe for the season ;
It is no lark,
Our weather clerk
To let down without reason.
If you will tease,
Instead of please,
We'll have you to remember ;
We'll get consent
From parliament
To change you for December.

ATOMS.

EVENTS.**An Unrehearsed Performance.**

The Sixth Performance of the Brentham Players' 1922-23 Season, put on as an extra at the end of the business portion of the Annual General Meeting, proved to be one of the most successful of the season. The cast included some old favourites, one of whom rejoiced in a legitimate "heavy father" part, and at least one new recruit, whose power of saying incisive things pleasantly should make him a welcome acquisition to the Society in the coming season. The team work was excellent, though rather one-sided; the crowd kept up that hum of comment and action that makes a stage crowd just like the real thing without disturbing the action of the principals; the cues were briskly taken, and the principals were excellent, each in his own way. The only unfortunate incident was when the stage manager insisted on taking a part, and had to be forcibly dissuaded by those who could claim that they had been allotted parts by the management. Their action was the only example of "professional jealousy" throughout the evening.

The Great Quarrel Scene worked through its appointed stages: cold matter-of-fact statements, "That you have wronged me doth appear in this"; leading up to restrained indignation, "Urge me no more, I shall forget myself"; culminating in heated recrimination, "Hear me, for I will speak"; and subsiding in reconciliation, "Give me a bowl of wine: In this I bury all unkindness, Cassius."

No need to stage Shakespeare, we had it. But if we must have it, shall it be "Much Ado about Nothing" or, happily, "All's Well that Ends Well?"

QUONDAM.

May Day at Brentham.

Dear Mr. Editor,—You ask for my opinion of May Day in Brentham. Well, it is this: it was the best planned and best done thing so far in my remembrance of the Estate's many shows. The Queen was as gracious and charming as any of her predecessors, more was not possible; her tiny courtiers were as bonny and dainty as Brentham children always have been: thus far it merely followed precedent. Where it did excel was in the fact that the costumes of the adults who took part were with few exceptions part of an artistic and harmonious scheme; that the dancing and Maypole revels were fuller of the right spirit of childish happiness; and that while the children's show was on, the oldsters kept in the background and did not claim the attention of the audience. There was the right spirit right through: even the comparatively middle-aged men who drew the Queen's chariot did it as though they enjoyed "playing at horses" once more! Yours, QUONDAM.

Try Gordge for Shirts.

ON DIT :

That tandem riders should carry their own kerbstone.
 That they should also be dressed for the occasion—and in time.
 That the second Cricket team has a short, but magnificent tail.
 That part of it was hidden beneath a well-known hat.
 That goats are not to be kept in Meadvale Square.
 That even dogs find no admittance there.
 That a ladies' sprint may be added to the inter-suburb events.
 That some people's opinion of the "general level of play" on our courts, is undergoing a change.
 That their opinion of their own play is also changing.
 That the new shed alongside the Institute reminds us of some others that have been taken down.
 That of course, the usual "permission" was obtained.
 That the Central Committee is finding new uses for the vacuum cleaner,
 That it has yet to be tried on someone's head.

ANON.

Juniors.

Believing in doing one thing well at a time our efforts since May Day have been concentrated on tennis. A Junior Tennis Club has been formed with Peggy Wright as Captain and Jack Bartholomew as Hon. Secretary. After a fortnight's preliminary play a mixed "knock-out" competition and two tournaments are about to start. There is just time for new members to join before these commence. All juniors over twelve years of age are eligible for membership. If members of the Institute they have half-a-crown tennis fee to pay, and once the competitions commence members only will be able to use the courts.

It is desirable that no game with a hard ball be played on the ground near the swings; there is plenty of room for cricket practice on the football field. If sufficient desire for organised cricket is shown arrangements will be made, but at present a series of single-wicket bowling and batting games seem to satisfy the cricket instinct.

We hope shortly to make an announcement regarding Sports Day.

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FORTUNATE weather conditions crowned a record May Day Celebration, and all who had the pleasure of witnessing the show must have realised the amount of work which it entailed. The Central Committee accordingly thanks the Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Members of the Children's Committee and their many helpers. Special mention should be made of the designers and makers of the costumes and the mistress of the dancing.

Brentham children are particularly fortunate in having a number of enthusiasts always ready and willing to be at their service. The Junior Sports will be held in July (the exact date will be announced in the next number of *THE BRENTHAMITE*), and any boys desiring some training should get into touch with Mr. C. Ephgrave.

We believe there are residents on the Estate, who, though unable to devote much time to social affairs, or children's welfare, would like to make some contribution to the Junior Sports Fund, and gifts or special trophies for specified events will be thankfully received by the Secretary or any member of the Children's Committee.

We are happy to announce that a challenge has been received from Hampsted Garden Suburb for the Rosebery Cup and Thornton Trophy now held by Brentham, and arrangements are proceeding.

Summer outdoor games have not had a great opening, chiefly owing to the unseasonable weather. Cricket, Golf and Tennis players should join now, and if Croquet is desired by any residents the Secretary should be informed at once.

SPECIAL NOTICES :

- (1) Dogs are not allowed on the Rec.**
- (2) Cycling in the Rec. is not permitted.
Cyclists must dismount before entering the gate.**

J. G. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE.**SOCIAL COMMITTEE.**

THE most important function of the Social Committee is to arrange the programme of Institute events as organised by the various sections, and the principal labours of that Committee cease with the close of the Winter Season. There is, however, always work for the members of the Social Committee and those whom they represent, for both indoor and outdoor activities come within their power of recommendation. The members of the Institute and the executive owe much to the keen spirit of Mr. T. F. Nicholson, who has been the Hon. Secretary of the Social Committee since its inception, and who has very reluctantly laid down the reins by urgent medical advice. The Central Committee has conveyed to Mr. Nicholson its high appreciation of his services, and it is appropriate that this page, which he has presided over so long, should be the means of publicly thanking him for the time and energy which he has devoted to the members of Brentham Club and Institute, in whose name we wish him an early return to health and activity.

The Dance Committee is making arrangements for the continuance of the dances on Saturday evenings during the summer months, and a Flannel Dance will be held each Saturday evening at 9.15. Admission to members of the Institute, 9d. Visitors will be welcomed upon taking a visitor's ticket.

The Cards Committee is to be congratulated upon the success attending the Whist and Bridge Drives, and these will be continued: Bridge Drives every Monday and Thursday evening and a Whist Drive every Saturday, at 8.30 p.m.

Miss Doris Middleton will present an entertainment and display by her dancing pupils at the Institute on the 14th June, at 8.15. An interesting programme is in course of preparation, and will be announced shortly.

J.G.T.

FIXTURES FOR JUNE.

- June 2. Cricket Matches—1st XI. v. Slough 2nd, Away ; 2nd XI. v. Ealing Dene, Home.
,, 9. Cricket Matches—1st XI. v. Old Priorians, Home ; 2nd XI. v. Rivercourt, Away.
,, 9. Tennis Matches—1st team v. W.E.S.A.C., Away ; 2nd team, Home
,, 16. Cricket Matches—1st XI. v. Brentford Gas Co., Away ; 2nd XI. v. Rivercourt, Home.
,, 16. Tennis Match—1st team v. Borough Road College, Away.
,, 20. Tennis Match—1st team v. Borough Road College, Home.
,, 23. Cricket Matches—1st XI. v. Ealing Dean, Home ; 2nd XI. v. Greenford, Away.
,, 23. Tennis Match—2nd team v. Borough Road College, Home.
,, 30. Cricket Matches—1st XI. v. Barnes, Away ; 2nd XI. v. Barnes, Home.
,, 30. Tennis Match—1st team v. Warwick, Away.

OUT AND ABOUT.

A young athlete running a most stylish race—certainly has the appearance of a coming champion—a young athlete of more than ordinary promise. That is one side of the Press picture. Here is the other :—He threw away a splendidly run final—his too apparent faults—rolled a lot down the straight—made the vital mistake of looking round. That is “C. Y. Royce, a Finchley lad,” formerly Cyril Royce of Brentham !

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Rumours regarding the re-commencement of house building in Brentham come and go unfulfilled. To see the Estate complete is the desire of both management and residents, but the former preserves silence and the latter are supposed to have no interest in the matter. Still the rumours come and go ; a new wireless mast is usually the cause of a whispered : “They are getting ready at last, the scaffold poles are going up.” An alarming variation of this was started recently. “They are going in for sky-scrapers.” What else could a fifty-foot pole indicate ?

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Thanks to the cricketers for an extension of the scoring board ! The poor, sleepy (at times), forgetful spectators are now able to reckon up how many we need for a win, or how many the opponents must be prevented from getting. And if we do not get them in the first case or they are not prevented in the second—well, it is always cricket and without too much mathematics.

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To run the whole social life of Brentham on a basis of voluntary subscription is the newest theory of financial salvation put forward by a few people. Well, it is worth talking about. It worked very well for May Day, but a year of May Days in Brentham would ruin the generous minded and enable the rest to buy their own houses.

W.E.R.

Sports.

The long expected Challenge from our Hampstead friends has arrived at last.

In addition to the Thornton Cup Events there will also be a Mile Flat Race (Handicap) for the Gus Nice Cup.

The exact date of the sports has not yet been fixed (probably an evening in the third week of July) but there are about six or seven weeks for training purposes and the Committee would be glad if intending competitors will make an early start.

Tuesday and Friday evenings have been fixed for special training nights, when Messrs. Allen and Ephgrave will be in attendance.

From information received there is no doubt that Hampstead are making a serious effort to regain the Cup and the Committee hope that all athletes on the Brentham Estate will do their utmost to prevent them achieving their object.

J.R.

Try Gordge for Underwear.

SECTION NOTES.

Horticultural Society.

Members of the Society and ladies resident on the Estate are reminded that the Rose Show will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, in the Institute—Large Hall. Entries for competitions must be made in writing and sent, with entrance fees, to Mr. George E. Morriss, Hon. Secretary, 95, Woodfield Road, by June 21st. It is hoped that there will be a record number of entries.

Members of the Society are also reminded that, in the event of their requiring pea sticks or poles at times when the Trading Shed is not open, a member of the Committee should be notified before goods are taken away.

A Meeting of the Pinches Field Allotment holders was held on April 19th to consider the proposed increase in rents. The meeting felt the new rents were excessive, and appointed a deputation to wait on the Town Council. The Allotments Committee of the Council sympathetically received the deputation, and the Council has since adopted the Committee's recommendation that the Borough Surveyor prepare a report, giving special attention to the points raised in the questions put by the deputation.
G.M.

Tennis Club.

The first match of the season with W.E.S.A.C. was very satisfactory, resulting in a win for the second team and a draw for the first team. The new match players came up to expectations, and gave a very encouraging display.

RESULTS—1st team, at Brentham, drew 9 events to 9.

2nd team, at West Ealing, won 12 events to 6.

“EVENING NEWS” COMPETITIONS—1st Round.

Mr. E. W. Smith won 6—0, 6—0.

Mr. A. Collier won 6—3, 6—0.

SEASON COMPETITIONS.

The draw has now been made. The complete lists, with handicaps and starting date, are posted in the Institute. Members must consult this list for finishing date of each round, remembering that matches not completed will be scratched.

Membership fees are now due,

Golf.

“Now is the month of Maying, and rotten games we're playing.” Sorry! that comes of mixing one's subjects. We're not playing rotten games. We may have lost in the first round of the Club Championship and have not qualified for the Charity Cup Competition! but we are still playing the best of games, independent of the weather (the “no play” notice never appears and no courts are ever rested) [or reserved, not sure which.—ED.] excellent for the temper, and conducive to good fellowship. Come along and join us!
F.W.C.

Bowls.

There is little to be written regarding the club this month except that it is still in existence although most of the matches have been cancelled. It is just a matter of waiting till our green is fit to be played on, but pending that our members are enjoying their favourite game on the Pitshanger Park Green.
S.

Cards.

The Whist Drives will continue this summer, beginning at 8-30, and the Bridge Drives on Monday and Thursday at 8-15.

Try Gordge for Hosiery.

Dancing.

The annual meeting of the dance section was held on May 7th, and a general talk on dancing was indulged in.

It has since been decided by the new committee to carry on with a summer programme of flannel dances (flannels optional); these will be continued throughout the summer, should they receive sufficient support; it is therefore up to all members who want to spend a pleasant two hours on a Saturday evening, when the light has failed for tennis, etc., to come along and back up the committee, who will endeavour to provide a good programme. The price of admission has been reduced to 9d. per member (not including refreshments), and you can bring your friends as visitors to the dance only for an additional charge of 3d. each. These dances commence at 9 o'clock and we sincerely trust it will be possible to continue the session until winter comes.

A. J. T.

Cricket Club.

The First Team has made an excellent start this season by winning three games and drawing two for the month of May. The Old Priorians were well beaten in the opening game, Phil Cane playing very sound cricket for his 67. The weather that day was ideal, since then, the Arctic blasts have compelled the fielders to don sweaters, and was there ever so wintry a setting for cricket as when the match with Harlesden was abandoned? West Drayton managed to draw their game, but we were on top all the way, Harry Clegg playing a fine innings of 57, and then bowling four batsmen. Time saved West Drayton.

The game at Palmer's Green on Whit Monday produced a capital win. Mr. J. Clegg was top scorer with 50, Green 47, H. Clegg 34, and G. Royce 28, all contributing to the 197. Northampton Institute replied with 146, G. Royce capturing 6 wickets.

On the 26th, at home, Southall slowly compiled 127 and left Brentham 1½ hours in which to make the runs. It seemed an impossible task but Harry Clegg set to work with a will, and playing brilliant cricket, and well supported by his father and Gordon Clarke, the runs were obtained and the match won. A grand victory, and time couldn't save Southall.

The Second Team has played five good games, even and well fought, and though only one was won all were enjoyable and produced excellent cricket. Mr. Castledine has been in good form with both bat and ball, A. P. Watts, our new and capable wicket keeper, has also proved a run-getter, and Stanley Cumming promises to become a first-class bowler; the fielding has been sound and good if not quite the dazzling stuff Captain Clegg and his merry men indulge in.

RESULTS FOR MAY—1ST TEAM.

v. Old Priorians	131—90	Won.
v. Harlesden	Abandoned.	
v. West Drayton	...	151—62 for 6 wickets	Drawn.
v. Northampton Institute	...	197—146	Won.
v. Southall	...	136 for 6—127	Won.

2ND TEAM.

v. Greenford	...	44—66	Lost.
v. Harlesden	...	106—149	Lost.
v. West Drayton	...	100—142	Lost.
v. Old Studleyians	...	170—108	Won.
v. Southall	...	95—106	Lost.

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