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NEVER SATISFIED.

We are a crowd of grumblers,
There's not a thing we do,
But what some cheerful idiot
Will find a rag to chew.

Now take the wireless programmes
Which cause the latest grouse,
Some want a different programme
Broadcast to every house.

Why should our friends, the Onetrots,
Be forced to listen to
A talk by Mr. Tentrees,
Who knows what motors do ?

O'er Chamber Music programmes,
Doth Mr. Highbrow rave,
Whilst his friend, Mr. Lowbrow,
Prefers a different wave.

We've lately had the pleasure
Of Tetrazzini's voice,
Whilst Paderewski's playing
Made listeners rejoice.

But that is all forgotten
When something comes along
That does not please the masses,
The whole lot then is wrong.

Some like Orphean's music,
Whilst others think it rot,
Some want a Concert party,
Some want the blessed lot.

Some want Dan Godfrey, Junior,
To throw his weight about,
Whilst others try for Hamburg,
But can't cut 2 L out.

There's one turn which the Uncles
Seem to give with success,
That is the children's corner,
Which all the youngsters bless.

If listeners, like kiddies,
Would stop these grumbling tricks
And realise good value :
Twelve months for ten and six.

ATOMS.

EVENTS

"A Pageant of Children," given by Brentham Children, under direction of Mr. P. D. Fairchild and Mr. P. Ottaway, was produced on three evenings: Wednesday the 18th, Friday the 20th, and Saturday the 21st ult. The Editor sent me along to see it on the first evening with strict instructions to be severely critical. I went on the two following evenings as well, and if there is a repeat I shall go again, paying for my right of entrance, too.

I must say a few words about the audiences first. The Wednesday night audience was numerically up to expectations, filling about two-thirds of the Hall, but the numbers present on Friday and Saturday were nothing like what the quality of the show deserved. Certainly a great proportion of Brentham people did not go near the Pageant; I am sorry for them. Certainly, almost one half of the audience each night was made up of people one never runs across in Brentham. Those people knew a good thing when they heard of it.

I can do no more than give the striking features of each scene. First, the Nursery Rhymes, an altogether charming display of natural child-expression. All who saw this scene will long remember the musical games, with their haunting tunes, "London Bridge" and "Sally Waters." Miss G. Copson's work was so well done as to be almost entirely concealed.

Next the Toy Ballet, produced by Miss Doris Middleton. In this we saw speciality dancing and gesture done by promising young pupils, and a Song Scene, "Chili Bom Bom," that fetched the house down.

The Croquet Lawn Scene made one pinch oneself to make quite sure that one was not dreaming. It was just "straight out of the book" as we say: speaking and action perfect. Mrs. Foord produced this scene, and it was actually encored each evening. The Bower Scene from "Midsummer Night's Dream" was cast to perfection: delightful fairies, the subjects of Oberon and Titania, and the clumsiest set of workmen actors you ever saw, with Bully Bottom to perfection. Mr. Ephgrave was responsible for this scene, and we now know that he has kept at least one of his abilities for Brentham's benefit until last. "The Black Spot," from R. L. S.'s "Treasure Island," came last. Mrs. Nicholson and Mr. Macfarlane are to be congratulated upon the good result of their coaching of short duration. Long John Silver improved a hundred per cent. on the first performance, and his co-treasure-hunters supported him admirably. Two part songs by four singers, trained by Mrs. J. G. Taylor, and the Violin Solos of Miss C. Taylor, formed pleasant and well-executed interludes. Miss D. Armfield on Wednesday, Miss I. Weber on Friday, and the Belgrave Orchestra on Saturday filled in all the waits with merry music.

Brentham is surely proud of its children, and thankful to those who work hard with them. But Brentham must show its appreciation.

Quiz.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The Eastern Dance, which took place on the last Saturday in March, Boat Race Day, caused a lot of talk both before and after the event. Of course, that is just what the Dance Committee wanted—more talk, more dancers. It is just a part of the subtle propaganda work of popularising things at which the Dance Committee members are adepts. The idea is to get people talking, wildly if they will, about the next special dance: the novelties, the price, anything connected with it except, of course, the Committee, the programme and the music.

In announcing this dance the organisers left people to wonder exactly what Eastern might mean. It might have been Great Eastern, a slow affair, or Near Eastern, somewhat sultry, Far Eastern, something connected with willow patterns and pink blossom. All that was known beforehand definitely was that ice cream would be on sale, a speciality suggesting Northern rather than Eastern; but of course The Bar (under entirely new management) is far too busy to study "atmosphere."

We now look for a Southern, a Northern and a Western Dance, whatever they may be, and if they are successes we hope other points of the Compass will be exploited for Dance ideas. Surely by the time the Compass has been boxed from *E* to *E by N.E.*, and everyone is properly giddy, the Secretary of the Dance Committee will have been made a F.R.G.S.

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All Brentham has heard of mushrooms on the Golf Course. Those mushrooms in pre-War days were the secret perquisite of the Secretary of the Golf Club. His early morning "round" was not merely for practice purposes; he was collecting his perquisite in season, and the odour of bacon and mushrooms was worth the effort of early rising. Recently that memory has been revived by the sudden and unexpected appearance of "property" mushrooms of enormous size on the Croquet lawn—not the one Alice saw in Wonderland, but one very much like it.

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As this month marks the close of another Winter Season, it is as well to take note of much progress which has been made in indoor events. The policy of the Dance Committee in arranging as many "special" dances as possible has proved highly successful. The Whist and Bridge Drives maintain a good regular attendance, and Table Tennis is still popular. It has been difficult at times to provide regular accommodation for the latter, but the necessity for another large Hall is apparent. Brentham Players have provided drama as excellently as in former seasons, despite the handicap of very limited use of the stage for rehearsals. The Billiard Room has hardly justified the recent expenditure on renovations and equipment, but this is no doubt to some extent due to the call on the time of players by other interests in the building. Committee work has a good deal to do with this, and it might be advisable to make an effort to carry on with less Committee work. The alterations in the arrangements for children have been justified in every way, and the juniors are as well provided for as ever. It remains to be seen whether sufficient interest is forthcoming to continue this work for the juniors. The effective staging of Pageants, May Day Festivals, &c., entail an enormous amount of work, especially when the costumes, properties, scenic and other effects are made on the premises. It saves a lot of expense, but is very hard work. The Ladies' Committee anticipates a successful result of their present efforts for the Sale of Work in December, and an excellent start has been made. The catering venture is proving an asset to the Club from every point of view, and the Sub-Committee responsible is to be congratulated on the result of its efforts. Efficient catering will, no doubt, help the Institute in many ways, and members are requested to help by suggestions and otherwise. It is hoped that further improvements will be possible shortly.

OUTDOOR SECTIONS

Tennis

Subject to the Grounds being in fit condition, there will be play on the Tennis Courts on Good Friday, Saturday, Easter Sunday and Monday, after which the Courts will close down until the 25th April, when the Tennis Season begins for the Summer Season.

There is a reduced fee to members joining Tennis and Golf.

Golf

The Golf year begins on the 1st of this month. There will be a reduced fee this Season.

Bowls

Mr. E. J. Ridsdale, the Bowls Hon. Secretary, or the Secretary of the Institute, will be pleased to hear from any residents, bowlers or novices, who wish to play.

Cricket

All applications for membership should be addressed to Mr. W. Carr, 18, Winscombe Crescent, or to the Secretary of the Institute.

Non-residents may be introduced for membership of either the Institute or the Outdoor Sections. The charge to such non-residents will be 10/- in addition to the fees charged to members. This is a considerable reduction in the fees for non-resident membership, and members are cordially invited to introduce friends at this very reasonable figure.

Another private Tennis Court is available, for which early application should be made. Play will commence as mentioned above. Rent, £10 for the Season.

J.G.T.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

EVENTS FOR APRIL.

TABLE TENNIS, every Tuesday and Friday from 7 to 10.30.

LADIES' SOCIAL MEETINGS, every Monday and Wednesday afternoon, at 3.

BRENTHAM PLAYERS in "Under Cover," on Saturday, the 4th, at 8.

GOLF, Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, the 8th, at 8.

DANCES on the 11th, 13th (Easter Monday), 18th and 25th.

CONCERT (free to all Members of the Institute), Friday, 17th, at 8.

BRIDGE DRIVES every Monday and Thursday evening.

WHIST DRIVES every Saturday evening.

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OUT AND ABOUT (continued)

It was a moonlight night, and about a score of dustbin lids were missing from their respective back gardens !

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"Children, please keep off the works." This request appeared recently chalked on the side of the hut of the clerk of the works near the site of the new building operations at the top end of Brentham Way.

"Garsubil, Ltd.," has soon become acquainted with the ways of Brentham children, and has evidently decided to ask them nicely for a start. We like that "Please." Although it lacks the experience which inspired the "No rubbish to be shot here" Notices of Ealing Tenants, Ltd., there is no reason why it should not prove as effective. After all is said the fact is that to Brentham children the operation of building a house is something quite new ; the most recently built houses here were erected before they were born, or during their infancy, and the temptation to walk on unset cement and to take off a few bricks in order to see what sticks them together must be well nigh overwhelming.

SECTION NOTES.

Bowls

The Annual General Meeting of the above Section was held on March 20th, and was fairly well attended. The Balance Sheet and Report were read, and approved. Mr. J. Hearn was elected Captain for the year, Mr. J. E. Ridsdale, Hon. Secretary, with a strong Committee: Messrs. H. Boxall, Cowley, De Lacy Lewis, and F. Turner.

As there are good hopes of the New Green being open for play this Season, a cordial invitation is given to old and new members to join, and arrangements for special fees will be made. The Ground Fee—fixed by the Central Committee—being 5/- for resident members on the Estate and members of the Institute, and 10/- for non-residents, 2/6 equipment fee for the Club for either residents or non-residents, this being for seven days play in the week. As we shall open for play at the earliest possible date, we wish prospective members to kindly give in their names to any member of the Committee, or to the Hon. Secretary. This will facilitate matters in the arranging of the season's programme.

J.E.R.

Ex-Service Men's Association

The last of the Season's Smoking Concerts will be held in the Large Hall on Friday, April 17th. All members of the Institute and their friends are cordially invited.

The Committee intend to open the Tower Room very shortly now, and it is hoped that all members of the Association will avail themselves of the opportunity given them of meeting in a room of their own on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

A special announcement will be made in due course.

S.H.B.

Brentham Horticultural Society

The Show Committee wish to give notice that the Society's General Show will be held at the Institute on August 3rd (Bank Holiday). The schedule will be issued shortly, when it will be seen there are valuable prizes to be won, and it is hoped that members will make an effort to exhibit, and thereby help to make the Show a success.

For the convenience of members of the Society, the Trading Shed will be open during the Easter Holidays, at 10.30 to 12 noon on Good Friday, April 10th, instead of the evening, and also at 10.30 to 12 noon on Easter Monday, April 13th.

Artificial manures, Wakeley's Hop manure and Napthalim are on hand, and should be obtained without further delay.

Juniors

The new Children's Committee consists of Mrs. Ephgrave, Mrs. Gair, Mrs. Cobbett, Miss D. Middleton, Miss C. Taylor, Miss D. Armfield, Mr. J. Roberts, Mr. E. Hill, Mr. J. Preston, and Mr. E. Fairchild.

The Junior Dances will continue throughout April (except Easter Monday).

Mrs. Foord will continue the Children's Library until the end of the season.

Football**RESULTS FOR MARCH**

1ST TEAM			2ND TEAM		
Mar. 14	Lost	1—4	Mar. 14	Won	1—0
„ 21	Lost	0—1	„ 21	Won	5—1
„ 28	Won	5—2	„ 28	Scratch by	opponents

The 2nd team still continue to win, and the result on March 28th seems hopeful for the 1st team.

The Inter-League Match, held on our ground on March 7th, proved a very interesting game, and it must be admitted that our three representatives gave us their best form, although they were on the losing side.

Mr. Frank Hender, our Captain, played for Middlesex County on March 25th, at Woking, and justified his selection.

Please make a note on your fixture cards of a game on Easter Monday, at 11 o'clock, Brentham v. Dauntless League (Past and Present).

Would any of our supporters who have not contributed to the funds like to see the Secretary and do so, so that we may not finish the season with a deficit? Thank you!

VIC. H.

Hockey**RESULTS FOR MARCH**

Gent's			Ladies		
Mar. 7 v. Swifts	...	Lost 2—4	v. Swifts	...	Lost 1—4
„ 14 v. R.A.F. No. 4 Stores	Lost	2—4			
„ 21 v. Spencer IV.	...	Won 5—1	v. Hanwell Guild	Draw	3—3
„ 22 v. West Ealing	...	Lost 3—5	v. West Ealing	Lost	5—0
„ 23 v. Natappro	...	Won 5—3			
„ 29 v. West Ealing	...	Lost 3—9	v. West Ealing	Lost	3—0

To our Supporters. Don't forget the Past v. Present Match on Sunday, April 5th. Both Ladies' and Gent's matches are being arranged. The Ladies' Match will commence at 3 p.m., the Gent's game to follow immediately after.

We hope to have a good muster at our Annual Dinner, particulars of which will be announced shortly.

H.E.A.

ON DIT :

That there is no rubbish to shoot in the Editor's front garden.

That the only person who did not enjoy the joke was the man who had to replace the board.

That when the old 'uns fall out the older fall in again.

That we are all grateful to the Secretary of the Bowls-that-wasn't-played Club.

That our children don't seem to have any parents.

That certain ice cream will not come up at the A.G.M.

ANON.

Golf

Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 8th, at 8 p.m.**, in the Small Hall. A full attendance of members is requested.

F.W.C.

Tennis

Fees for the ensuing season are as under :—

Residents	Non-residents
17/6 inclusive.	£1 7s. 6d.

These fees do not include membership of the Institute. It is not necessary to join the Institute in order to join the Tennis Club. Those who wish to join the Tennis and Golf Sections may do so on paying the combined Ground fee of £1, which is exclusive of the respective Sections equipment fees. These equipment fees, which are 2/6 each Section, should be paid to the Secretary of each Section.

COMPETITIONS

The following handicapped Competitions will be held providing a minimum of entries for each Competition is made.

LADIES

Singles	Doubles
Two prizes. 1/6 fee.	Four prizes. 1/- fee.

MIXED DOUBLES

Four prizes. 1/- fee.

GENTLEMEN

Two prizes. 1/6 fee.	Four prizes. 1/- fee.
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CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

Ladies	Gentlemen
Two prizes. 1/6 fee.	Two prizes. 1/6 fee.

HOSPITAL CUP

Two Silver Cups (now held by Miss E. Caven and Mr. A. Solomon) will be competed for again this year on the hard courts.

The winners will hold the Cup for a year, and will receive a small silver replica. The runners-up will receive a medal.

The Competition is open to all Brentham residents, and a good entry is expected. The fees are donated to the funds of the Ealing Hospital.

Ladies and Gent's Handicapped Singles. 1/- fee.

1925 MATCH PROGRAMME

Both Ladies and Gent's teams are entered in the Third Division Middlesex Inter Club Competition, Last year the Ladies' team reached the Final of this Division, and the Gent's team were unlucky in being beaten in the Third Round. There is ground for hoping that this year, with ordinary luck, both teams will win through.

The Ladies' Team, having received a bye in the First Round, plays the Parsons Green Lawn Tennis Club in the Second Round on the 23rd May. The Gent's team meets Hendon Lawn Tennis Club in the First Round on the 16th May. Both matches will be played on opponent's ground.

FRIENDLY FIXTURES FOR 1925

May 16	Warwick.	Home
„ 23	Lyons.	Home
„ 30	West Middlesex Sports.	Away
June 6	Warwick.	Away
„ 27	Ashfield.	Home
„ 28	Lyons.	Away
July 12	Ashfield.	Away
„ 25	West Middlesex Sports.	Home

An evening match or two will be arranged as the season progresses.

Entry sheets for all Competitions will be available for signature at Easter, and are under the charge of Mr. P. Caven.

Closing dates for the Competitions are as under :—

Hospital Cup, May 9th. Club Competitions, May 16th.

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