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## OH, MAY.

Oh, merry May,  
Again I say  
You are not nice to know.  
Your climate has  
A touch of jazz ;  
You've done all things but snow.  
Twelve months ago,  
As you may know,  
I said you were unkind.  
And now again,  
Your rain, rain, rain,  
Has nearly turned my mind.  
My tennis shoes  
Have got the blues,  
My flannels too look black,  
My new jazz blaz-  
Er good as says,  
Atoms ! "alas," "alack. "  
My garden too  
Is blaming you,  
And I don't take your part.  
The peas have "flu,"  
The lettuce too  
Entirely has lost heart.  
And when I go  
To shop, I know  
I must look up the pole.  
It bores me stiff,  
I don't know if  
I want ice cream or coal.  
At any rate  
It's now too late,  
As smiling June is here.  
Just bear in mind,  
And let us find  
A better May next year.

ATOMS.



## MAY DAY FESTIVITIES.

Preparations for Brentham's May Day were carried out during two of the wettest weeks that have been experienced during the last few years. Deluge followed deluge as *the* day drew near, but those engaged in the preparations worked away cheerfully in spite of the audible whisperings "hopeless" and "postponement" which came from all quarters.

Surely enough as the pretty procession moved through the Institute Gate the sun shone out, and everybody looked happy. A bright sun, a lively march played by the Cuckoo School Band, a May Queen whose charm inspired everything and everybody.

The return to the Recreation Ground, the crowning of the May Queen, her speech (spoken clearly and heard by all), the obeisance of loyal subjects and the dancing, all charming and dainty, but none more delightful than the floral dance, these kept a great crowd pleased for an hour, all unheeding the storm clouds that threatened in the west. Then came the retirement for tea, followed by cheers for everybody, and for a few of the older children the honour of supporting their Queen at the Institute Dance at night.

**Hats off to Brentham's May Queen, 1924,  
Miss Peggy Wright.**

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### ON DIT:

That one red flag does not make a golf course.

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That Brentham time is ashamed to show its face.

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That hay making on the bowls green is rather late this year.

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That the scythe was busy among the bowlers before it touched the grass.

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That it was no wonder that the Captain-Secretary-Treasurer gazed and gazed.

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That in spite of information received he was surprised.

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That our carpet-banging fraternity have worked overtime recently.

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That the broadcast lecture on gnats and midges found an attentive audience in Brentham.

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That the 'ITE hopes to pick up a real joke at the next House Committee Meeting.



## OUT AND ABOUT.

Hullo Brentham! THE BRENTHAMITE calling! Stand by for the last six of the first "century." Here is No. 95.

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In June, 1914, all Brentham was preparing for its own sports day to be held on the 27th. A full list of adult events was prepared, and then, unexpectedly, the day was declared "off" owing to the absence of financial support. Since then we have had a war and three contests for the Thornton Cup. Now again, July 12th, the date fixed for sports is "off" as far as the seniors are concerned. The reason apparently is that no other garden suburb wishes (some say, dares) to challenge Brentham for the Thornton Cup. The fact is that in getting more athletic Brentham has become less sporting. The Sports Committee that, in the absence of a Thornton Cup contest, cannot feel sufficiently confident of success to warrant it in going ahead may well consider whether or not concentration by the few upon various cups has resulted in deterring the many.

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A similar effect may have been noticed in matters horticultural. Throughout the years in which the Gardening Shield was offered for competition, there was a steady decline in the number of Brentham gardens that made any attempt at appearing beautiful. Certainly just a few reached a higher standard than had been reached previously, but their very existence bred hopelessness in the breasts of other garden owners. Gradually since the withdrawal of that shield the former general standard has been reached again.

We do not say that these are matter of cause and effect, but there they are and we hope that our mention of them may give rise to thought and discussion.

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The question of Brentham garages for Brentham motorists is likely to be a burning one before very long. There is room on the Estate for a garage owned and run by Brentham people. Few gardens on the estate are suitable for the erection of motor-sheds, and if they were the provision of entrances sufficiently wide would be an insurmountable difficulty. Centralisation and co-operation are the means of solution, and although we are, personally, only very remotely interested in the matter, we hope that Brentham motorists will put at least their heads together if they cannot their cars. We see in prospect the day when all Brentham will go shopping by car and it will be not at all convenient or dignified if the shops must be passed on foot before they can be reached by car.



## BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE, LTD.

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### Special Notice.

All Library books must be returned on or before the 27th June for stock-taking. The Library will be closed during July and August.

The recently formed House and Grounds Committees are already proving of great service, and the members of the committees are showing much enthusiasm in their work. A number of valuable suggestions have been made by the Grounds Committee, and the House Committee is also formulating a scheme for the more effective use of our facilities in the Institute. We have also received much encouragement from Ealing Tenants Ltd., and a more optimistic spirit prevails.

The grounds are in excellent condition, and we hope that many more residents will take advantage of their opportunities and join the outdoor sections on their own rec., where fees are lower than elsewhere, and the conditions far better in every way. Tennis, Cricket, Golf, Croquet, are open for membership, and an enquiry at the Institute will provide all information. Bookings for the En-Tout-Cas Hard Courts can also be made at the Institute. Fee 2/- per hour per court to residents—the cheapest and best in Ealing.

It is now notified that should rain drive members to shelter in the Institute, the hall may be used for a dance if one or more members of the Dance Committee are present. A charge of 3d. per member would be made.

Flannel Dances will be held each Saturday evening from 9 until 11, for which a charge of 9d. is made. Special Dances with orchestra will be given at the discretion of the Dance Committee, when an extra charge will be made. Announcements of these will be made in good time.

Whist and Bridge Drives are well attended and will be continued.

### Sports.

It is much regretted that Hampstead Garden Suburb have decided not to compete for the Thornton and Rosebery Trophies this year. This decision has caused keen disappointment to our sportsmen, but there is still a possibility of a contest, as the competition is open to other Co-operative Societies. In any event the Children's Sports will be held on Saturday, July 12th, when the race for the Nice Cup will also be run.

J. G. T.



## Ealing Hospital Cup Tennis Competition.

Two Ealing donors (Mr. Walter Davies, J.P., Chairman of Ealing Hospital Committee, and His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Howell-Jones) have very generously provided silver cups for competition amongst the residents of the Brentham Estate.

The understanding is that the Entrance Fees derived from the competitions shall be handed over to the Ealing Hospital, and a strong appeal is therefore made for support for the scheme. This announcement is intended to appeal specially to players who, though resident on the Estate, are not members of the Brentham Tennis Club—an invitation has already been extended to the latter.

The Competitions—Ladies and Gentlemen's Singles—will be played off on the hard courts. They will be for the best of three long sets; the entrance fee is 1s. only, and the closing date for entries is JUNE 11th. The winner in each section will hold the cup for one year.

The Competitions are handicapped to give every competitor an equal chance as far as possible, and it is hoped that every tennis player on the Estate will compete, not only as an expression of thanks for such a generous gift, but in order to aid one of the most deserving of our local charities.

Entries may be given to any member of the Tennis Club Committee, the Club Competition Secretary, Mr. H. S. Morgan, 48, Fowler's Walk, or can be left at the Institute.

### Visitors' Fees.—From June 7th, 1924.

INSTITUTE			GROUNDS		
Daily	...	6d.	Daily	...	6d. (1/- on Saturdays and Bank Holidays)
Weekly	...	2/-	Weekly	...	3/-
Monthly	...	5/-	Monthly	...	5/-
(Section Fees extra)					

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## BRENTHAM HARD COURTS

Book your Court in advance at the Institute during the evening or with the Groundsman during the day.

*Money returned in full if bad weather prevents play.*

## Best and Cheapest in Ealing



## SECTION NOTES.

## Bowls.

The E.T. Ltd., in its reply to the Club's request for some definite information on the point, says "We consider it is hopeless to contemplate using the Green for the Bowling Club during the present season," yet, whilst I am writing this, a brand new man to the job (an ex-plumber I am told), armed with a brand new scythe and a mower, is strenuously endeavouring to cut the grass on the Green in preparation for play, or is it to make Hay? So that, optimists like myself, who have seen many decisions (made in Brentham) varied, may still hope to have a bowl up on the Green this season.

Messrs. Milner, Whitmore, and Huard have resigned from the Committee, but, bless 'em, they, with others, may be assured of a whole hearted welcome home, when our Green and Club gets agoing.

Have you seen that beautifully executed inscription which has been placed upon the Bowls presented by the Members of the Club to Mr. Scroggs? It is worth seeing, and *all* our members should endeavour to get a peep at it, but not *en masse* at Mr. Scroggs' residence, please, for my sake.

E.J.N.

## Juniors.

Our May-Day was a great success, and we are very grateful to the several friends who gave their help for the occasion.

TENNIS.—Our two courts are in good condition, and we are glad to note several improvements that have been made since the beginning of the season. As our membership grows they may prove insufficient, but meanwhile we must see that all members have an equal chance of using the courts. Generally singles should not be played. By the time these notes appear all fees should be paid. Only members of the Junior Section over 12 years of age are eligible, and the fee is 2s. 6d. to these.

SWINGS, ETC.—There is still much unfair usage of the apparatus. We all look to Brentham children to think of others when they are playing. Covering the seats with mud and the use of the babies' swings by older children is certainly not fair. The remaining portion of the Football Field is intended for boys' cricket, and no hard-ball games may be played on the ground near the swings.

EALING'S FETE.—Will all children who took part in the May-Day Dances and who are willing to help Ealing's Charities give their names to any of the ladies of the Children's Committee. It is hoped to fulfil the following programme in Walpole Park :—

Wednesday, June 25 (evening), Maypole and Morris Dancing.

Friday, June 27, Maypole and Morris Dancing.

Saturday, June 28, May Queen's Car and Attendants in procession.

SPORTS.—We hope to announce shortly full particulars of Children's Sports Events, Saturday, July 12th.

DANCE.—Our first Summer Dance was a great success, and we hope to obtain permission to hold one each month during the summer.

A list of junior members for 1924 is now to be seen on the notice board in the Institute. This should act as a reminder to several of our last year members who have omitted to join but have had members' privileges during the last few months. Please note that you can get served at the bar without going inside the Institute.

## FOR SALE

A 14 Guinea VIOLIN (by Barbe), with case, bow, etc. ; beautiful tone ; accept £4.—1, Neville Road.



# Cricket.

The Cricket Season has started but not the cricket weather. Our first games, the 3rd and 10th of May, were prevented by rain. On the 17th at West Drayton the 1st team were beaten. It was obvious members were very much short of practice, for bowling, batting and fielding were below the usual standard. Gordon Clarke alone showed good form and his well-played 43 retrieved the situation after a disastrous start. West Drayton easily passed our total of 96, our bowlers presenting them with a liberal supply of full tosses and long hops, and the fielders obliged by dropping the catches. They eventually compiled 224 for 7.

Against the G.W.R. at Castle Bar Park a great improvement was shown in all departments. After heavy showers during the morning the wicket was soft and drying. H. Clegg played himself in carefully and then wasted no time in flogging the bowling while the conditions were favourable. His 52 was a characteristic knock. Rigg also played well for 26. Later batsmen found run-getting more difficult, and G.W.R. found Freddy Watts in particular a difficult problem on the cut up wicket. Freddy bowled in his best form, took 4 wickets out of the six for 27, and had time allowed, would have cleared out the G.W.R. rabbits and given us a win. J. Tuffrey of the G.W.R. did well to score 31 not out, though he had some lucky escapes.

The 2nd's lost against West Drayton. They could only score 20, and the fielders and bowlers were kind to Drayton who scored 174. Against Rivercourt some improvement was shown, Rivercourt being dismissed for 76, but our batsmen all failed except Ern. Huggett who made 23 not out, he could find no one to stay with him.

With drier weather and more opportunities for practice we expect both teams to run into winning form soon.

## RESULTS :—

May 17th	1st Team v. West Drayton	...	Lost 96 to 224
May 17th	2nd Team v. West Drayton	..	Lost 20 to 174
May 24th	1st Team v. G.W.R.	...	Drawn 112 for 8 to 66 for 6
May 24th	2nd Team v. Rivercourt	...	Lost 42 to 76
May 31st	1st Team v. Slough II.	...	Lost

## FIXTURES FOR JUNE :—

June 1st	v. Old Priorians	...	...	...	Away
June 7th	1st v. Slough	..	...	...	Away
June 7th	2nd v. Ealing Dean	..	...	...	Home
June 9th	1st v. City Seltnam	...	...	...	Away
June 9th	2nd v. India Dock	...	...	...	Home
June 14th	1st v. Brentford Gas	...	...	...	Away
June 14th	2nd v. Brentford Gas	..	...	...	Home
June 21st	1st v. Ealing Dean	...	...	...	Home
June 21st	2nd v. Still's Athletic	...	...	...	Away
June 28th	1st v. Old Priorians	...	...	...	Home

BLYKR.

# Tennis.

Little progress has been made in grass court play so far this season owing to weather, and were it not for the hard courts Brentham tennis would have been in a bad way.

Good progress has been made by various of our players in outside competitions. The present position is given herewith :

## WEST SIDE COUNTRY CLUB COMPETITION.

One entry by Miss E. Caven.

### Ladies' Handicapped Singles :

- 1st round won by Miss Caven, 6—4, 5—7, 6—3
- 2nd round won by Miss Caven, 6—4, 7—9, 6—1
- 3rd round lost by Miss Caven, 1—6, 6—8



**"EVENING NEWS" COMPETITION.**

There were nine entries in this competition.

	1st round	2nd round	3rd round
Miss V. Morris...	3-6, 4-6	...	---
Mr. Line ...	6-1, 6-1	6-2, 2-6, 6-4	6-2, 6-1
Mr. E. Smith ...	6-3, 7-5	6-1, 6-0	...
Mr. C. Palmer...	1-6, 5-7	...	---
Mr. S. Lewis ...	6-1, 6-4	6-0, 6-3	6-3, 6-4
Mr. A. Collier ...	bye	6-2, 9-11, 2-6	---
Mr. F. Hender...	6-1, 7-5	w o.	6-2, 7-5
Mr. Over ...	8-6, 4-6, 6-8	---	---
Mr. H. Gore ...	bye	w o.	6-8, 2-6

Mr. C. Palmer and Mr. F. Hender met in 1st round.

**EALING COMMON BOYS' UNDER 15 COMPETITION.**

Two Brentham boys won the finals of this competition and both were in the Singles final.

**SINGLES.**

	1st round	2nd round	3rd round	Final
Master F. Perry ...	6-0, 6-0	6-0, 6-0	6-2, 6-4	7-9, 6-4, 7-5
Master R. Melhuish	bye	6-0, 6-0	6-4, 4-6 6-2	9-7, 4-6, 5-7

**DOUBLES.**

Master F. Perry	}	Semi-final	Final
Master R. Melhuish		6-2, 6-4	6-2, 6-4

**MIDDLESEX INTER-CLUB COMPETITION.**

Ladies' and Gent.'s teams were entered and both teams won by 8 events to 1. The ladies played away from home.

**MATCHES.**

The first fixture on May 17th (away) was abandoned owing to weather. On Saturday, May 31st, both teams gave a very good account of themselves and may well look forward to further successes :

**RESULTS.**

Ladies — May 31st. Woodberry T.C. ... Home ... Won by 5-4  
Gents. — May 31st. Ashfield ... ... Away ... Won by 6-3

**SEASON COMPETITIONS.**

A start will be made in the first week of June on these competitions. All the finals to be played off on one date ; please consult notice board.

**HOSPITAL CUP COMPETITION.**

Elsewhere in this Magazine will be found details of this competition. This is a new feature in Brentham's tennis competitions and the entry of all Brentham's tennis players is desired. Support the Ealing Hospital by enjoying a round, at least, in the best of all games.

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