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THINGS THEY'LL WANT TO KNOW.

This is my contribution
Before I go to sea,
E'er these few lines are published
I hope to reach Jersey.
I'm due at Port St. Helier
A little after eight,
When Jersey's Mayor and Mayoress
Will welcome me in state.
There may be a reception,
And lots of money spent,
In honour of the poet
From the hamlet by the Brent.
They're sure to ask me questions
About our village life ;
If we hold annual meetings,
To air trouble and strife.
If tennis players are happy,
Now they have got hard courts ;
And if they are kept going
By these white-flannelled sports.
If bowls players are contented
Now they have got a green,
And when their merry faces
Will once again be seen.
If dogs have been permitted
To commandeer the Rec.,
If they have formed a section,
With Paddy as their "Sec."
If motor cars and cycles
Still ornament the curb ;
Or race about at night time,
Our children to disturb.
I'm not a public speaker,
But I can read alright ;
So I am taking with me
A volume of the 'ITE.

ATOMS.

OUT AND ABOUT.

The Brentham Magazine for August, 1914 (you are sure to find it in someone's hands in the Common Room) was unique in that the usual poem was missing. Somewhere between "Pierrot," the monthly perpetrator of those days, and the Editor, the manuscript went astray. Still, *some* prose is as good as *some* poetry !

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Hanwell is preparing to come into the Borough of Ealing, and re-arrangement of the wards of the Borough is being already spoken of as inevitable. Many years ago the formation of a Brent Valley Ward was a foremost question in local politics, and we look to the local political parties who have organised in anticipation of the change to see that the matter is not overlooked at the right moment.

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In pre-War days Brentham knew Wembley as the cause of two chief nuisances : it supplied the Brent with its famous odour, and by means of a perennial rubbish-dump bonfire it threatened to choke everybody. Now, of course, Wembley has managed to get a fair name in Ealing, although it still thrusts an ugly elbow, Alperton, into Ealing's most beautiful feature, Brentham. The odour producer has been successfully supplanted, but someone has started that bonfire again. You see what happens if you let a village have a little exhibition of its own ; it just lights a bonfire and "swanks."

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Young "bloods" who let their motor-cycle exhausts crackle like a machine gun may manage to attract the attention of the damsels along our local promenades, but their violent accelerations may make them liable to payment of an unpleasant form of entertainment tax.

It is not the hard rider who indulges in this noisy game, but the rider whose leather helmet has never been through a stormy journey. From the Institute as far as the Greenford Road Bridge is the extent of his tour, and his ear-splitting crackle is saved for the spots where reverberation is at its best, and where on summer evenings some amount of peace should be possible. Young man, your licence gives you permission to drive ; it gives you possession of neither road nor air.

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Regarding the 6½ acres of land lying north of the Rifle Range, and now occupied by the Ealing Golf Club, the Borough Surveyor has instructions to offer a further lease to that Club at a rental of £40 per annum (as against £22 now being paid), and, failing a reply in the affirmative, to offer a tenancy, from September, 1924, to Brentham Club and Institute, Ltd.

To the Editor of THE BRENTHAMITE.

DEAR SIR,

In the issue dated June, under the Caption "Out and About," your fourth paragraph appeared to me to be a very timely one indeed.

Yes! "The question of Brentham garages for Brentham motorists is likely to be a burning one before very long." The writer had hoped—nay, expected—to see that some of our many motor-users had rushed forward to embrace you figuratively, Mr. Editor, in your current (July) number. One uses the word "some" advisedly, for surely the dearth of car accommodation must be badly felt by many here. Some of these owners, including also owners of motor-cycle combinations, have to garage their vehicles at anything up to two miles from their domicile. One does not need to speak of the inconvenience.

Would not the quite considerable sum which is being paid away for vehicle storage, by the lot of us, form a good enough return on capital outlay for the immediate consideration of Messrs. The Ealing Tenants, Ltd.? I would suggest there are several very suitable sites on the Estate, and one would prefer that our rental should go to assist in developing local amenities. Alternatively, perhaps some enterprising landowner might see an opportunity here to utilise a piece of otherwise undeveloped land in the near vicinity.

A good example of what can be done is shown by the garages erected *en-bloc* near to the top of Acton Hill, opposite the Tram Dépôt.

Now Brentham motorists! Cannot we "put our heads together to see whether we cannot get the cars together?"

Very truly yours,

16, Ludlow Road,
July 21st, 1924.

FREDERICK W. CRANE.

ON DIT:

That if you don't win the Nice Cup you take the Nice Biscuit.

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That the one man band had a bit of practice while the Cuckoos were at tea.

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That positively the last joke about the Bowls Green (and brown) appears in this issue.

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That Pinches Field plot-holders have one or two pleasant surprises to come.

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That it was the "Thread-rusty-needle Race" this year.

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That the new Sports Committee reads like a list of competitors.

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That rat hunting has been added to dog chasing on the Courts.

BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE, LTD.

An endeavour will be made to increase the membership of the Institute on the return of Brenthamites from their summer holidays, and it will be possible for residents to join at a reduced fee from September to the end of the year. The House Committee will make arrangements for an "Open Night" on a scale which will embrace all Brentham, and we ask those who are not yet members to make use of their Institute during the first part of the Winter Season, and we have no doubt that we shall have a permanent increased membership. The earlier date of the "Open Night" at the Institute will give an opportunity of placing before prospective members particulars of a winter programme which should interest everybody; moreover, we want the help of anyone who can further the social amenities of the Estate. It is expected that Billiards will have a big season, and a general renovation of the tables will be put in hand in readiness for it.

SPORTS REQUISITES.

An announcement will be made in the next issue of *THE BRENTHAMITE* with regard to the proposed Trading Scheme. In the meantime, members should make enquiries of the Secretary before purchasing winter sports requisites.

THE MAYOR'S FETE.

Those who kindly helped in this endeavour will be interested to know that their efforts have resulted in a grant of £50 to the Brentham Ex-Service Men's Benevolent Fund.

DANCES, AND WHIST AND BRIDGE DRIVES.

These are being carried on successfully, and we should welcome more dancers on Saturday evenings from 9 till 11 p.m. There is excellent music, and a charge of 9d. only is made.

GOLF.

Membership has been extended to the 31st March, and half-fees will be accepted from now. It is anticipated that Tennis players especially will take advantage of this concession, and make for the Golf Course, the Estate's beauty spot, when the Tennis season is ended.

There will be no reduction in the Tennis subscription.

The Central Committee have thanked the Younger Members Committee for providing a very successful Social.

A small party of boys from Milnsbridge, Yorks, have been given permission to camp on the Rec. for a week.

BRENTHAM HARD COURTS

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Book your Court in advance at the Institute during the evening, or with the Groundsman during the day. Fees returned in full if bad weather prevents play.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS.

The Children's Sports were held on Saturday, July 12th, and a record crowd, arranged all around the track, and, therefore, not crowded, witnessed some very keen and well-contested sport. A strong Committee, consisting of the men members of the Children's Committee and Messrs. Ephgrave, Roberts, Turner, Knevet, Nicholson, C. Royce and Toms had the arrangements in hand, and they had on the field the assistance of the ladies of the Children's Committee, and several other ladies and gentlemen, who acted as officials. Thanks are due especially to Messrs. Young, Crutchfield, D. J. Brown, Livermore and Hibberd, also Mrs. Godwin, who came forward at the last minute, and took over some of the severest duties of the day in the unavoidable absence of others whose names appeared on the programme. At the end of a long afternoon the prizes were presented by the May Queens for 1921 and 1922, Misses T. Cooper and C. Taylor, the present May Queen having a School Sports engagement, from which she was unreleased until later in the evening.

RESULTS.

- 100 yards handicap (boys 12-14).—1 T. Godwin, 2 W. Willis.
 80 yards handicap (girls 12-14).—1 I. Bartlett, 2 K. Wright.
 100 yards handicap (boys 14-16).—1 N. Armfield.
 80 yards handicap (girls 14-16).—1 J. Carr.
 60 yards handicap (boys 6-8).—1 E. Wright, 2 R. Bonnick.
 40 yards handicap (girls 6-8).—1 B. Huard, 2. F. Collinson.
 "Late for School" race (boys).—1 T. Godwin, 2 T. Offer, 3 W. Copestake, 4 J. Stewart.
 50 yards egg and spoon (girls 8-12).—1 E. Wickings, 2 E. Golsworthy, 3 M. Bartlett.
 50 yards egg and spoon (girls 12-16).—1 I. Oakley, 2 J. Carr, 3 I. Bartlett.
 80 yards handicap (boys 8-12).—1 G. Dennett, 2 F. Turner, 3 H. Huggett, 4 E. Cushing.
 60 yards handicap (girls 8-12).—1 E. Edwards, 2 E. Wickings, 3 V. Mitcham, 4 D. Folker.
 100 yards obstacle (boys 8-12).—1 M. Warren, 2 S. Byrant, 3 G. Dennett.
 100 yards obstacle (boys 12-16).—1 E. Johnson, 2 N. Armfield, 3 J. Bartholomew.
 60 yards skipping (girls 8-12).—1 E. Wickings, 2 D. Bowerman, 3 N. Mitcham.
 80 yards skipping (girls 12-16).—1 S. Carter, 2 B. Carr, 3 J. Carr.
 Nail driving (boys 6-8).—1 J. Farrell

80 yards three-legged.—1 C. Reading and H. Godwin, 2 T. Offer and J. Stewart.

Nail driving (boys 6-8).—1 E. Wright.

Threadneedle.—1 T. Offer and W. Over.

40 yards sack race.—1 E. Foord, 2 G. Godwin, 3 R. Scears.

High jump (boys).—1 V. McMorran, 2 C. Reading and J. Crutchfield (tie).

Godwin Cup—quarter mile (boys).—1 N. Armfield, 2 J. Crutchfield.

Blind and dumb race.—1 K. Wright and C. Reading, 2 I. Oakley and W. Copestake.

Cock fight.—1 N. Armfield, 2 V. McMorran.

Nice Cup (Seniors)—one mile handicap.—1 C. Salisbury, 2 S. Cooper, 3 K. Crutchfield.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Thurland and Ottaway, who presented prizes, Mr. F. J. Milner, who gave the programmes and other printing, and the following subscribers to the Prizes Fund:—
Ealing Tenants, Ltd., Mr. Bartlett, "De L.L.," "J.G.T.," Mr. Bagenal, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Ottaway, Mr. Cooper, "Wingod," Mr. Brown, Mr. Armfield, "F.W.C.," "A Lady," and "J.S."

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SECTION NOTES.

Bowls.

Whist ! is there something on the board ? Early in July there were to be seen on the Green four Heads in conference, also the head of a doggie, with one ear cocked up peering through the hedge and intently listening to those four heads. Result : Consternation amongst the Brentham doggies owing to a rumour afloat that, in preparation for the coming hydrophobia days, the paraphernalia enclosing the Hard Courts is to be transferred to the Bowling Green, all permits issued (if any) under Section 14 of the Rent Book Acts to be withdrawn, all prowling, howling, yelping and screaming doggies to be rounded up and gently placed on the enclosed Bowling Green, a doggies show to be held on the Green, a Special Prize given to the prime Mongrel amongst the lot, and the remainder treated to a Joy ride to a permanent Home somewhere in Battersea.

Absurd rumour was it not, when by gazing one may now see two gentlemen on the Green silently but diligently engaged on what would appear to ordinary gazers a six months heart-breaking job of Weed-pulling in order it is supposed by some, perhaps foolish, gazers that perfect bowling on the Green may be obtainable in the sweet bye-and-bye. Perhaps !!!

E.J.N.

French Class.

It is proposed to hold a Class in French Literature, History and Thought, under the "Workers' Educational Association," at the Brentham Institute during the University year 1924-25. The Course will begin in the autumn of 1924.

The lecturer will be Miss M. G. Wallas (Cambridge Modern Languages Tripos and Diplôme d'études de Civilisation Française of the University of Paris). The idea of the Class originated with some of the members of the W.E.A. Class in French language, which Miss Wallas has taken at the Institute for the last two years. It will consist of lectures and discussions in French and English, and readings from French Literature. A minimum of written work (in French and English) is required from students by the Workers' Educational Association. Only those with a fair reading knowledge of French are advised to attend.

It is proposed to study during the first year the outline of French Literature from 1500 to the present day, in close connection with the political history of France and the history of European ideas. The Course will include such subjects as the French Theatre in the time of Molière, the French Novel in the time of Victor Hugo and Alexandre Dumas, and the ideas of the political thinkers who prepared the French Revolution of 1789.

The Class will help those who know enough French to carry on a simple conversation, but who have read little, to get into touch with one of the finest literatures and some of the greatest thinkers in the world, and at the same time to increase their vocabulary and improve their written French. It will help those who have already some knowledge of French Literature to understand the lives and characters of the authors of their favourite books, and the historical conditions without which they could never have been written. Students will also have an opportunity of improving their conversational French by discussions in French.

The Class will be held once a week from 8 to 10 p.m.

In addition, it is hoped to continue the French Language Classes under the instruction of Miss Wallas.

The fees have not been settled, but will probably be quite moderate.

Intending students are requested to communicate with Mr. S. B. Hocking, 46, Woodfield Crescent.

Hockey.

There are a few vacancies for members in the Hockey Club for the coming season. Applications to be made to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. C. Allport, 26, Dennison Road.

Sports.

At a meeting held on Monday, July 21st, the following were elected to form the Sports Committee:—Mr. E. J. Ephgrave (Chairman), Mr. J. Roberts (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. Bartlett, Lines, Livermore, Allen, Crutchfield, C. Ephgrave, Brown, Knevet, F. Turner, Salisbury, B. Lewis, Toms, F. Milner (Junr.), A. Preston, Godwin and Deed.

This strong Committee will commence at once to consider matters concerning next year's sports (senior and junior), and all suggestions should be sent to the Hon. Secretary.

Cricket.

The period of affliction is upon us—our opponents continue to inflict defeats, and July can only record one win. Still, it is satisfactory to note we enjoy good games, and the 1st team at least continue to stretch their opponents. For instance, against Harlesden we scored 150, seven batsmen reaching double figures. Harlesden made this number just before time, and beat us—a very good game. Our one win was against Horseferry, at Acton. On a fine, fast, true wicket we piled up 272 runs at a great pace, Harry Clegg making 125 in his best free and dashing style. Our opponents batted well, but Green, bowling with a tremendous nip off the pitch, was chiefly responsible for dismissing them just in time to give us the victory.

Brentford Gasworks, at home, made 123, the chief contributor being Dandridge with 68. Green again, when he took the ball, proved irresistible, did the hat trick, and seven Brentford men went home with ducks; what a pity he didn't go on earlier! We found run-making difficult, and had hard work to make 66—another defeat.

Winning the toss is a great advantage in any circumstances, but especially in Saturday afternoon cricket. Brentford Gasworks and Hounslow were both fortunate in this respect. The clean red ball favours run getting, but on soft dirty wickets it soon becomes less conspicuous, and those who take second knock often look for the muddled sphere in vain. Hounslow, thus favoured, scored 161 to our 97, Green doing well again with bat and ball.

We hope for revenge on August Bank Holiday at home; supporters, please note and come in your hundreds. The groundsmen take a benefit then, and surely the Rec. has never looked better under their care.

The 2nds had no victory in July, and they struggle along bravely against adversities. Harry Young had a good knock against Harlesden, making 43, and E. Huggett bowled well against Hounslow 2nd. Stick it 2nd's, better times are coming!

Those who keep records note that Green and Clegg against Horseferry made 117 for the first wicket, a Club record, and H. Clegg's 125 is the highest individual score, and sixth individual century in the Club's history.

RESULTS.

1st Team. Won 4. Lost 6. Drawn 2.

2nd Team. Won 2. Lost 8.

1st Team.

v. Harlesden. Lost 161 to 153.

v. Horseferry. Won 272 to 132.

v. Brentford Gas. Lost 123 to 66.

v. Hounslow. Lost 161 to 97.

2nd Team.

v. Harlesden. Lost 171 to 116.

v. Brentford Gas. Lost 227 to 48.

v. Hounslow. Lost 74 to 42.

Golf.

Two matches against a team of "Greystoke" members of the Institute have provided us with most enjoyable evenings. We are much indebted to Mr. Bartholomew for the suggestion, and to him and his Club-mates for the pleasure of their visits.

The Golf "year" has been extended by the Central Committee to end on March 31st in each year. All subscriptions paid so far will cover the privileges of membership, therefore, to March 31st next. New members are now being received at half-fees for the remainder of the Golf "year." In the case of people who have not already paid a Ground fee to another section, the half-fee is 10s.; in the case of those who have paid a Ground fee to another section, the fee is less than 10s., but the calculation is altogether too complicated to enter into the pages of this holiday number of the 'ITE. The complexity of the calculation should not deter Tennis and other section members from applying for membership: after a series of mixed foursomes, we are becoming quite adept at vulgar fractions!

All members are requested to keep September 6th open. On that afternoon there will be great doings on the Golf Course.

F.W.C.

Horticultural Society.

The Allotments Committee of the Town Council has decided to reduce rentals on Pinches Field from 7s. 6d. to 6s. per five rod plot as from Michaelmas, 1924, and that tenancies commencing before that date be allowed free possession until that date.

The B.H.S. is given permission to spend £10 on clearing weeds, &c., from unused plots. So if you want a nice, clean, new plot, rent free for a couple of months, just drop a word in at the Town Hall, or see Mr. Sutton on the matter.

Juniors.

Arrangements are being made for the weekly dances to be held on **Monday** evenings, commencing in October. The Boys' Club will be on Wednesdays, and Billiards probably on Wednesdays and Fridays. Full details next month. *No flannel dance during August and September.*

Tennis.**"EVENING NEWS" COMPETITION.**

Mr. Line lost in the 8th round by 6—8, 5—7.

MATCH RESULTS.**2nd Team.**

Defeated Hyperian at home by 7 events to 0.

Defeated W.E.S.A.C. away by 13 events to 5.

Lost to Phoenix away by 0 events to 8.

1st Team.

Defeated Uxbridge away by 7 events to 2.

Beat Phoenix at home by 8 events to 1.

There will be the usual Tennis Drives on Bank Holiday.

Morning, at 10.30, for Gents. only.

Afternoon, at 2.30, for Mixed Doubles.

LOST.

LADY'S UMBRELLA, July 10th, possibly on seat in Woodfield Road.
Will finder kindly return to 14, North View.

All enquiries connected with General and Section Advertisements must be made to the **Advertisement Manager, 5, Brunner Road, Ealing, W. 5.** Alterations and fresh copy for Advertisements must be sent in by the 24th of each month.