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BOARDING HOUSES.

All those who at the seaside in boarding-houses stay,
Will probably have noticed there's truth in what I say ;
Firstly, on your arrival, the host appears—all smiles,
And says : " You must be hungry after so many miles ?
I've saved a little dinner (the adjective is right),
I'll show you to your bedroom and just switch on your light,
You'll find us very homely, and all the boarders nice " ;
When she has finished talking you get your plate of rice.
You unpack all your boxes, you each select your drawer ;
When these are filled, the balance, you hang up on the floor.
You trot downstairs next morning as breakfast time draws near,
And answer the " Good mornings " as they roll in your ear.
You then discuss the weather and hope it will be fine,
Although you're told at Shrimpton the sun does always shine.
You feel quite strange at breakfast, you do not know a soul,
Until a kind friend asks you if you would like a roll.
But soon you get quite chummy and enter in the fun ;
Although you may not know them you smile at everyone.
You exchange snaps at table, sweet compliments are paid,
Your prints by sticky fingers are smeared with marmalade.
You laugh when someone tells you a tale you've heard before,
An absolute ripe chestnut as told in days of Noah.
The girls all count their plumstones, there may be only two ;
They say, " Oh mine say next year," and again they smile at you.
On days when it is raining, and too wet to get out,
You organise a Concert, at which the boarders shout.
Miss Adanoid obliges, and sings " Come, sing to me,"
Then Mr. Baller warbles " The cottage by the sea."
This stops the rain from raining, and out you go again
For just a little fresh air to cool your burning brain ;
You find a quiet corner to rest your aching head,
And try to get some sleep in before you go to bed.
They have such fun at night time, and make a lovely noise,
The girls sew up the sleeves of the nightclothes of the boys,
For this nerve racking pleasure you pay a pound a day ;
And when you leave, the stayers, stand round and shout, " Hooray."

ATOMS.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Regarding last month's weather we have nothing to say—we have said it all, and taken precaution that none but hardened characters were within earshot !

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The *B.M.* for September, 1914, appeared at a moment when everybody was wondering what was likely to happen next. Reading through its pages again after a ten years interval, the impression of "We'll do our best in preparation for the worst" is obtained.

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The "old soldier" referred to on page 5 of that issue, a copy of which may be seen on the Reading-Room table, is an older soldier now. He was the first "gentleman in khaki" to appear on the Rec.

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"One of the young bloods" writes:—"I am probably one of the motor cyclists to whom you refer in your note in last month's *IRE*. I think that your apparent love for the car driver (you champion his cause to the extent of pressing for an "Estate" garage), and your obvious detestation of the motor cyclist shows a peevish partiality. We 'young bloods' must make a noise of some sort, not, as you suggest, in order to attract the attention of fair damsels, but to drown the snores of old men, the cries of babies, the howling of loud speakers, and the yelping of dogs. Sir, you were on the point of being enthroned as the patron saint of Brentham motorists. The ceremony is off."

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So close-growing are the branches and leaves of the roadside trees in Brentham that after even the heaviest shower of rain dry patches of pathway remain. The unlucky wayfarer who gets "caught in a shower" is warned that although he may shelter from the rain, he is almost certain to experience a deluge of something far less pleasant, namely caterpillars. The fat specimens that fall upon our pavement have but a poor chance of getting safely to a quiet spot in which to enjoy their long beauty-sleep, for if they survive the drop on to the hard flagstone they run great risk of being crushed or stamped out of existence. The really intelligent ones of course await an opportunity of dropping upon the hat of some passer-by, and hope to be taken to some warm and safe billet. Such care, however, does not always meet with its just reward, for in crawling over that danger-zone, the human neck, a mere inch or so in some cases and a glorious undulating expanse in others, detection is swiftly followed by the finger and thumb method of extinction. Alas ! poor caterpillar !

ON DIT :

That Brentham Golf on the 6th instant will be played with at least one new advantage.

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That the loud speaker will fill in those periods of eloquent silence.

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That it may also drown those mutterings of disappointment that are part of the game.

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That the operator assures us that this is no trick for broadcasting a Brentham Golf Comedy.

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That Brentham supplied a few stalwarts for the Empire Pageant.

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That their return has accounted for some people "seeing things at night."

BRENTHAM HARD COURTS

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Recreation Ground Extension.

The Institute Committee are obtaining from the Town Council the tenancy of the piece of land north of the Cricket Field, bounded by the Brent and the new Western Avenue, containing about four acres, and having a frontage of 250 yards to Western Avenue. The actual use of the ground for the coming winter has not yet been decided, but space can be provided for a Football pitch ; and in any event the better preservation of the other ground is ensured, and much relief afforded to the Grounds Committee. The new acquisition has a certain advantage in being adaptable for tennis courts of the "enclosed" variety for those who appear to prefer private court play, and enquiries are expected from Brentham residents who at present go elsewhere for their tennis. By the terms of our Agreement the hedge dividing the Rec. from the new ground must remain.

Catering.

The Institute catering has been placed in the hands of Mr. F. P. Mills, Confectioner, of Uxbridge Road, Ealing Dean, and he desires to study the requirements of members and sections with a view to satisfying the requirements of everybody as far as possible.

Opening of Winter Season.

Every endeavour is being made by the members of the various Institute Committees to make the coming Winter Season a record, and the House Committee has discarded the idea of an "Open Night" in favour of an Opening Week of seven evenings. The latter has obvious advantages over the old free night ; and this season's opening will find each Institute Section presenting a special form of entertainment in the following order :—

- Saturday, Oct. 4. Dance.
- Monday, „ 6. Children's Evening.
- Tuesday, „ 7. Billiards Tournament. Ping-Pong Tournament.
- Wednesday, „ 8. The younger Senior Members will entertain.
- Thursday, „ 9. Whist Drive.
- Friday, „ 10. Bridge Drive.
- Saturday, „ 11. Brentham Players' 1st production of the Season.

The prices of admission will be announced in next month's BRENTHAMITE, but it may be mentioned now that they will be made as low as possible, and that no visitors' fees will be payable during that week. It is hoped that many Brenthamites who do not at present join us will come along on one or more evenings of this opening week. All non-members, new or old residents, will be heartily welcomed, and are asked to make a special note of the dates. It will be observed that the House Committee has selected the week in which the popular Brentham Players open their season ; thus, practically, everyone is catered for during the week, and we trust that the efforts of the promoters of these entertainments will be rewarded by big attendances. Watch for details of the week's programme in the October BRENTHAMITE.

Fees.

You may join the Institute at half fees to cover the period ending 31st December next.

Golf.

Tennis players who have had such disappointing weather to contend with should transfer their affections to the Golf Course, where, for 10/-, they can get play in almost any weather from now to the end of March. This, of course, applies to anyone who cares to take up the game, and the extension of the Season should be noted. The Golf Section are holding a big function on the Course on Saturday afternoon, 6th September.

Library.

The Lending Library of 2,750 volumes re-opens on Tuesday evening, 2nd September, at 7 o'clock, and will be open every Tuesday and Friday evening, from 7 till 8. The Library is free to members of the Institute, and will be found to contain many additions, for which the Hon. Librarian wishes to thank Mr. Carley and others.

Allotments.

Will any Allotment holders who are giving up their plots kindly notify the Secretary at once.

Billiards.

The three tables are being re-covered and re-cushioned, and will be ready for play almost immediately. A heavy expense has been incurred in so thoroughly renovating the tables, and a representative Billiards Committee will be formed at an early date in order that the tables may be properly administered. Billiard players are requested to watch the Notice Board for an announcement of a General Meeting of players, and a probable opening match. May we also have the pleasure of welcoming back to the Billiard Room some of our former exponents of the game, and so help to restore the atmosphere which we once enjoyed.

Bridge Drives on Monday and Thursday evenings, and **Whist Drives** on Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock throughout September.

Sports Requisites.—It will be to your advantage to let the Secretary know your requirements for the Winter Season.

Hard Court Tennis available for all.

1/6	per hour	per court	up to 5 p.m.	Monday to Friday.
2/-	„	„	at other times	on weekdays.
2/4	„	„	on Sundays.	

Ealing Hospital.

A local subscriber to the Hospital has been good enough to mention that letters of introduction as patients may be obtained from him at any time. Any Brentham residents wishing to obtain a letter should apply to Mr. Francis H. Hender, 41, Woodfield Avenue, or to the Secretary of the Institute.

SECTION NOTES.

Bowls.

August "On Dit" :—"That positively the last joke about the Bowls Green (and brown) appears in this issue." Humph ! Now was that worthy contributor in possession of official information, of which the Bowls Committee were not apprised, seeing that, in one month the Weed-pullers covered as much as 1/12th of the Bowling Green in their work of executing the first generation of weeds, a feat which would, to the ordinary calculating gazer, mean the completion of the job somewhere about July, 1925 ? Oh ! what ecstasy in the minds of the patient Bowlers ! Alas ! however, the executioners have disappeared from the scene, and one silly old gazer suggested (most seriously, Mr. "On Dit") that probably they became alarmed at the formidable and swiftly advancing army of weeds of the Second generation in their wake, and in order to avoid the catastrophe of being caught bending, and tragically overwhelmed, decamped.

Meanwhile, the Bowlers are still gazing and moaning :—"Oh ! where, Oh ! where can the Heads, the Experts, and Weed-pullers be, to treat us Bowlers so ?" A voice from the deep :—"Why ! having their blooming holidays I guess, they've earned 'em, hav'nt they ? Chorus :—"Not 'arf."

E.J.N.

Cricket.

The match at home, on August 2nd, against Horseferry had to be adandoned because of the rain. The 2nd team on that day were able to complete their game, and gained a fine win against Rivercourt.

Mr. Couzens acted as Captain, Jack McCarthy batted well, and Lewis bowled well.

The 1st team beat Hounslow at home on August Bank Holiday in a low scoring game.

The tit-bit of the game came in the evening, when Harry Clegg and Vic. Huggett hit out brilliantly, scoring at a great rate.

Maypole, on August 9th, made 206 for 6 against us, Murray scoring an excellent century ; we replied with 110, and were well beaten.

The 2nd Eleven defeated Maypole at home, but lost the return match by the narrow margin of two runs, after an exciting finish. Hill, Lewis, and Stracey batted with determination and success.

The 1st team also lost the return match to Maypole at home, after having the game in hand nearly all the way.

In a low scoring game we defeated Southall by 9 runs, Freddy Watts, last man in, had to make the winning hit or lose the game. As usual, Freddy made victory safe.

The 2nd team also beat Southall 2nd's at home in a similar low scoring game.

The Tennis Club played two Sunday games of cricket against us, and won them both. Both games were well fought, and enjoyable, in spite of adverse weather conditions. H. James, F. Hender, G. Downing, A. Collier, E. Hill, and J. McCarthy all performed well, and in good style. F. Hender's fielding and catching in particular being a revelation.

A Sunday game against the Virol Factory team resulted in a draw, Harry Clegg scoring a characteristic 53.

Gordon Clarke captained a team of County School Boys, all Brentham boys, in an evening game against the Cricket Club. It is a pity all Brentham did not turn out to see this game, for it was a delight to see these youths in all departments, bowling, batting, and especially fielding. Of course they won, and if such a team could be kept together a few years they'd win anything.

RESULTS.

1st Team.

Aug. 4.	v. Hounslow.	Won.	90 to 60, 93 to 58.
„ 9.	v. Maypole.	Lost.	206 to 110.
„ 16.	v. Maypole.	Lost.	125 to 120.
„ 23.	v. Southall.	Won.	87 to 78.

2nd Team.

Aug. 2.	v. Rivercourt.	Won.	56 to 48.
„ 9.	v. Maypole.	Won.	74 to 51.
„ 16.	v. Maypole.	Lost.	126 to 124.
„ 23.	v. Southall.	Won.	87 to 77.

1st Team : Won 6, Drawn 2, Lost 8.

2nd Team : Won 5, Drawn 0, Lost 9.

Ex-Service Men's Association.

Members are reminded that the Sports Grant has now been received. Application should be made at once to the Secretary, Mr. S. H. Barker, 53, Meadvale Road. Members wishing to participate in this grant must belong to an outdoor section of the Brentham Club and Institute, Limited, and should produce their section receipt when making application.

Subscriptions to the Association for the year ending 11th November, 1934, are now very much overdue, and should be paid to the Organising Secretary, Mr. E. J. Ephgrave, 25, Woodfield Crescent. Prompt payment of these will greatly facilitate the secretarial work.

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Hockey.

A Special Meeting of this Section will be held in the Institute on Tuesday, September 9th, at 8.30 p.m.

All those interested are invited to attend.

H. ALLPORT, *Hon. Sec.*

Tennis.**COMPETITIONS.**

The dates for playing off the finals have been fixed as under :—

Finals for Club Competition on Saturday, September 20th.

Finals for Hospital Cup on Saturday, October 11th.

The few remaining matches in the earlier rounds must be played off prior to these dates or competitors will be scratched.

Golf.

Everyone should come to our Open Meeting on Saturday, September 6th. Plenty of easy Golf Competitions, especially designed for people who can or cannot play golf; wireless concert by Mr. Nicholson; gramophone intervals by Mr. Cooper; refreshments at tariff prices. Admission to ground free. Competitions 2d. each, or by vouchers purchased before the day 4 for 6d. We hope everyone will join us in what should be an interesting afternoon.

F.W.C.

Juniors.

Look out for announcements of our opening night, Monday, October 6th.

Ealing Tenants, Ltd., Office, Winscombe Crescent. Secretary,
Mr. P. D. Fisher. Business Hours :—

Monday, 9.30 to 1. 2.30 to 8.

Tuesday, 9.30 to 1. 2.30 to 5.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, closed.

Saturday, 9.30 to 12.30.

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