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THE CUP.

Our dear old friends from Hampstead,
Have been here once again
To win the Thornton Trophy—
Their efforts were in vain.

The margin looks a big one
On paper, by the way ;
But let us give them credit,
They made us run that day.

Their young stock show great promise,
And certainly can move ;
Their places in the half mile
Will this assertion prove.

And then, again, their old stock
Showed our old boys their heels ;
Our veterans 'ere next year
Should train on lighter meals.

But then just look at our boys ;
The way they ran was great.
They made poor Hampstead finish
The race, just that bit late.

We may have lost Jack Hammond,
Which caused most anxious talk,
But Jack will be delighted
When he hears of the walk.

It really was a picture,
Worth going far to see,
That last lap of young Crutchfield's ;
To finish one, two, three.

The relay race was splendid,
And won by just a stride ;
But then the Cup at Brentham
Was destined to abide.

Those who were pessimistic
Before the Cup was won,
Need fear nought in the future :
Our toddlers CAN run.

ATOMS.

OUT AND ABOUT

We have been asked to say a few words about Loud Speakers, meaning of course those trumpet-looking affairs that enable a whole street to enjoy or suffer the pleasures or pains of a wireless concert. Of the many people who have urged us to broadcast an opinion on this subject one is the owner of a loud speaker, and most have their own earphones.

Well, here is our opinion ; no personal one, but the result of listening-in to the general comments of the Brentham man in the street, on the Rec., in the 'Stute, and on the Allotment. The loud speaker is charming when one wishes to listen to it and an infernal nuisance when one does not. If everyone within sound of a loud speaker wished to hear there would be general delight, but as there are always some and often many who have to hear when, for various reasons, they do not wish to, there is frequently general annoyance and disgust. The novelty has worn off ; anyone wishing to hear wireless talks and concerts can enjoy his own set, at a very small cost. Yet we are all grateful to those pioneers who in unselfish mood wished to share their delights in a new miracle with all their neighbours. They, in the main, have realised that the stage of satiety has been reached. Until the sound proof garden and a system of house ventilation not needing open windows come along, the obvious duty of loud speaker possessors is to presume that no-one outside the house wishes to be entertained or kept awake.

NATURE NOTE—THE POLECOX

On an afternoon early in June this exceptional bird was first observed in Brentham, a group of the species alighting on the sward of that sanctuary, the croquet lawn. Many guesses as to its identity were made, but it was not until the arrival of that keen ornithologist, Mr. Charles F. Grave, that it was definitely identified. He has supplied the following information as to its habits : " Flies backwards as well as forwards—very gregarious—covers its eyes with its wings to keep out the dust—much addicted to chattering while presumably at work—has a habit of changing its plumage three times daily, which makes identification difficult—colours : every one in the rainbow, except on the legs, which are always white or pale yellow—seems to have little time for domestic duties but gets through them all the same."

The first specimens to arrive here were all females, but they were followed shortly by a flock of males. They are no longer confined to the croquet lawn but may be met with in Brentham wherever work is simulated. Recently they have developed a liking for tea and ices, from which, however, the males abstain. Once a week they make their own tea, leaving a patch of scorched turf for a tea-pot stand. The males have developed a queer cry which sounds like " Justaf riend lygame !" followed by a staccato " Ch-k-k !!" This seems to be connected with various antics they

perform on the tennis courts whenever they can capture one and evade the females.

It is understood that the polecox is no migratory bird but has come to stay and has already secured permanent quarters on the Ladyz Kermitty, a refuge of the Home-from-home birds.

FIRST APPEARANCES

The first "Sold" notice appeared in a Brentham Estate House on June 23rd, 1925.

The first water-cart of the year was seen at work in Brentham streets on Saturday, June 20th—after 25 days of drought.

The first road tar-sprayer on Brentham roads commenced work on Wednesday, June 24th.

Rain fell for the first time in June on the same day.

The first new potato of the year was dug on the 17th inst. It weighed one dram.

The "Thornton" and "Rosebery" Cups were brought forth for the first time this year on Saturday, June 27th.

THINGS WE DO NOT BELIEVE

That most Brentham dogs come from "BARKERS."

That the cats come from "Derry & TOMS."

That another little Pup would not do us any harm.

That every dog has its day (and night in Brentham).

That the new houses in Brentham Way include Kennels.

That most Brentham dogs are of the sandwich kind (half bred).

That another muzzling order is nearly due.

That the only *training* they get is when travelling.

That several are going to Battersea for their holidays.

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The Athletic Sports were the most successful we have held from every point of view. Congratulations have been received from Hampstead, written in a most generous spirit, also from Co-partnership Tenants, Ltd., and financial assistance from these societies has enabled the Sports Committee to meet a fairly heavy expenditure which is necessarily incurred on these occasions. We have also to thank many good friends on the Estate for liberally subscribing to the Sports Fund, a full list of which will be published. The Central Committee takes this opportunity of thanking all who helped, and especially those who were good enough to remain in the Institute and assist with the catering.

We were honoured by the presence of Mrs. Thornton, the donor of the now famous trophy, and the day was also the occasion of a re-union with other good friends of Brentham, including the Misses Hutchings, Mr. Henry Vivian, Mr. Greenhalgh, and others.

Mr. E. J. Ephgrave, the Chairman of the Sports Committee, and Mr. Frank Dowsett, the Hon. Secretary, are taking steps with a view to upholding the enthusiasm shown by the many keen competitors, and it is hoped that Mr. Dowsett will be making an announcement for the further advancement of the Sports Section. His report on Sports Day appears below.

The results were as follows :—

- 50 yards Egg and Spoon race. Girls 12-16 years. 1 J. Foord,
2 M. Caven, 3 S. Carter.
- 100 yards. Boys 12-14 years. 1 W. Dudeney, 2 L. Willis, 3 T. Godwin.
- 80 yards handicap. Boys 8 to 12 years. 1 E. Bateman, 2 H. Goodridge,
3 G. Foster, 4 E. Cushing.
- 80 yards Skipping. Girls 12-16 years. 1 S. Carter, 2 M. J. Bartlett,
3 M. Nicholson.
- 80 yards Three-Legged race. Boys. 1 L. Wright and K. Lawrence,
2 G. Godwin and J. Davey.
- Quarter Mile, "Godwin" Cup. Boys under 16 years. 1 N. Armfield,
2 J. Crutchfield, 3 T. Godwin.
- 100 yards, "Thornton" Cup. 1 C. Royce (Brentham), 2 C. Salisbury
(Brentham), 3 W. Concannon (Hampstead).
- 50 yards Married Ladies. 1 Mrs. A. Read, 2 Mrs. Edis, 3 Mrs. D. J. Brown.
- 100 yards Veterans, "Thornton" Cup. 1 J. Eade (Hampstead),
2 H. Castledine (Brentham), 3 S. Kelly (Brentham).
- 80 yards Single Ladies. 1 Miss N. K. Bennett, 2 Miss L. Mitchell,
3 Miss W. Royce.

Half Mile, "Thornton" Cup and "Rosebery" Cup (holder, C. Royce).
1 C. Royce (Brentham), 2 A. W. Rankin (Hampstead), 3 H. Perris (Hampstead).

100 yards handicap. 1 C. Royce, 2 C. Salisbury, 3 F. C. Milner.

One Mile Walk, "Thornton" Cup. 1 G. Dennis (Brentham), 2 A. Read (Brentham), 3 S. Crutchfield (Brentham).

80 yards Veterans Handicap. 1 C. J. Crutchfield, 2 F. Knowles, 3 H. Castledine.

Cigarette Race. 1 Miss D. Brampton and S. Cooper, 2 Miss V. Royce and F. Hender.

Tilting the Bucket. 1 F. C. Milner and C. Salisbury, 2 W. Middleton and K. Hutton.

Relay Race, "Thornton" Cup. C. Royce, C. Salisbury, S. Cooper and N. Oakley (Brentham), beat G. Williamson, A. Penny, H. Perris and J. Rumbold (Hampstead).

220 yards handicap. 1 C. Salisbury, 2 N. Oakley, 3 S. Crutchfield.

Junior Relay. C. Reading, J. Willis, N. Armfield and J. Crutchfield (Brentham).

One Mile handicap, "Nice" Cup. 1 E. D. Fairchild, 2 L. C. Davey, 3 F. Thackway.

440 yards handicap. 1 F. C. Milner, 2 C. Salisbury, 3 S. Cooper.

JUNIOR RESULTS

(Concluded on Saturday, 20th June)

80 yards Handicap. Girls 12-14 years. 1 N. Mitcham, 2 M. Nicholson.

100 yards Handicap. Boys 14-16 years. 1 N. Armfield.

80 yards Handicap. Girls 14-16 years. 1 S. Carter.

60 yards Handicap. Boys 6-8 years. 1 F. Orchard, 2 P. Vowden.

40 yards Handicap. Girls 6-8 years. 1 C. J. Sutton.

"Late for School" Race. Boys. 1 T. Godwin, 2 A. Copestake, 3 R. Davey, 4 K. Hocking.

50 yards Egg and Spoon. Girls 8-12 years. 1 E. Golsworthy, 2 V. Mitcham

60 yards Handicap. Girls 8-12 years. 1 M. Carter, 2 E. Edwards, 3 V. Mitcham.

100 yards Obstacle. Boys 8-12 years. 1 G. Godwin, 2 H. Goodridge, 3 H. Bateman.

100 yards Obstacle. Boys 12-16 years. 1 W. Dudeney, 2 N. Armfield, 3 J. Crutchfield.

60 yards Skipping. Girls 8-12 years. 1 M. Mitcham, 2 D. Bowerman, 3 D. Pearce.

Threadneedle. 1 I. Hunt and K. Hocking.

40 yards Sack Race. 1 W. Dudeney, 2 G. Davey, 3 K. Hocking.

High Jump. Boys. 1 L. Willis.

Blind and Dumb Race. 1 C. Pratt and T. Godwin.

Cock Fight. 1 N. Armfield, 2 T. Godwin.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

Brentham's Sports Day has come and gone. Of its success in every conceivable way there is no doubt. Our boys did splendidly and we are justly proud of their performances. Perhaps the most exciting event was the Senior Relay Race—but as each event was competed for in a real sporting spirit it is invidious to draw distinctions. It was a great day, and from the various "whispers" we believe that Brenthamites thoroughly enjoyed the programme. We thank our supporters most heartily. Their numbers were most heartening to competitors and officials alike. We should like to record our great appreciation of the valuable advice, etc., given by Councillor W. Sturgess to our athletes, and also to the hard work accomplished by Mr. C. Ephgrave and Mr. W. Allen. These two gentlemen, in conjunction with Councillor Sturgess, have spent a lot of time getting the boys to the pitch of fitness at which you saw them on Saturday.

Hearty congratulations to our "Cyril" on his winning, for the fifth time, the "Rosebery" Bowl, and to the remainder of the "Thornton" Team for their splendid performances. We have the nucleus of a first rate Athletic Club in our midst.

In conclusion, we congratulate Hampstead upon the fight they put up against heavy odds. May we meet them again soon.

F.J.D.

Dear Sir,

A short time ago great prominence was given to the rule which forbids the taking of dogs on the Recreation Ground. To regular users of the ground it is evident that this rule is more honoured in the breach than in the observance, not only by ordinary members but by Committeemen themselves. Would it not be as well to amend the rule so as to exclude dogs during the afternoons and evenings when organised games are in progress, the time when the dog nuisance is most prevalent. There is, however, no object in altering the existing rule if it is not the intention of the "powers that be" to enforce its observation.

May I appeal to dog owners who suspect their dogs of illness to keep them under strict control—the other day a puppy was being allowed to run about with other dogs although its owner suspected that it was just beginning to suffer with distemper. Apart from the danger to the dog itself, such conduct is grossly unfair to other owners—distemper being highly infectious.

Yours faithfully, W.H.F.T.

HOW WE KEPT THAT CUP

At 3-40 p.m., on Saturday, 27th June, a motor 'bus arrived at the Neville Road gate, from Hampstead. A few moments later the Hampstead team, with a few supporters, walked slowly towards the Pavilion.

At 3-45 p.m. the Clerk of the Course called out "All out for the 100 yards Thornton."

Two minutes later : Brentham 1st and 2nd, Hampstead 3rd ; Brentham 5 points, Hampstead 1.

At 4-5 p.m. the veterans lined up for the 100 yards. Hampstead 1st, Brentham 2nd and 3rd. Three points each. Now we stood, Brentham 8 points, Hampstead 4.

At 4-30 p.m. "All out for the Half-mile Thornton." Brentham 1st, Hampstead 2nd and 3rd. Three points each again, and the positions, Brentham 11 points, Hampstead 7.

A quarter of an hour later and the mile walkers line up. A long job was this, with Brentham sure of the first two but having a rare tussle for third. Brentham 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and the positions safe for a win, Brentham 17 points, Hampstead 7.

At 5-20 the Relay started—a desperate fight this right to the tape. Brentham won by a yard, and had three more points. Brentham 20 points, Hampstead 7. And so it remained !

Just to "tie up the parcel" our junior relay team—Armfield, Willis, Crutchfield and Reading—defeated the Hampstead juniors.

SECTION NOTES

Cricket

The first team lost to City Seltnam, at Richmond, by one wicket after a very close game. G. Clarke played well for his 52.

Slough were well beaten at home. Harry Clegg showed his best form and scored 44, H. James giving good support with 24. Slough made a disastrous start against G. Clegg's slows, and never recovered.

We got the better of a good struggle with Brentford Gas Works. F. Green and M. Pedder were top scorers, while the wickets were distributed between Royce, G. Clegg and H. Clegg.

The Old Priorians for once got the better of our bowling and compiled 152 for 7. We made a good reply with 137 for 7, H. Clegg and H. James again scoring a majority of the runs.

A fiery wicket and difficult outfield was our undoing against Horseferry who scored 133. The luck was against our batsmen and we failed to reach their total by 15 runs.

The second team beat the Old Studleynians after a fine close game on Whit Monday. Jack McCarthy batting in excellent style for his useful 44, and A. Lewis backed up with some fine bowling, taking 7 wickets for 30 runs. The fielding too, for once, was keen and good.

We failed rather badly against Rivercourt, dropped catches and erratic fielding giving too many lives to the Rivercourt batsmen. E. Huggett batted well for 36.

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We easily defeated Brentford Gas Works team by 37 runs. H. Young made 25 patiently, and W. Carter and H. Carley made a grand last wicket effort, flogging the bowling for 34 before being separated. J. Hill had a spell of inspired bowling and captured 6 wickets for 26 runs.

We took a weak team to play City Seltnam on a bad fiery wicket. Several batsmen received nasty blows and we collected only 48 runs. Cummings bowled splendidly afterwards, keeping a good length and maintaining his pace. He captured 7 wickets at small cost, and we pushed Seltnam hard, till a lucky hitter at the end spoilt the averages a bit.

Evening games and Sundays continue to provide good interesting cricket, and the boys of the nursery show much promise, L. Weeks, J. Bartholomew, S. Meldrum and C. James specially shining in various departments.

Mr. Carley brought a strong team, and an excellent game ended in a draw. These games will continue while the fine weather permits.

RESULTS—FIRST TEAM

Whit Monday	...	City Seltnam	...	Lost	...	154 to 156
June 6th	...	Slough	...	Won	...	98 to 73
„ 13th	...	Brentford	...	Won	...	114 to 78
„ 20th	...	Old Priorians	...	Drawn...	...	137 to 152 for 7
„ 27th	...	Horseferry	...	Lost	...	118 to 132

SECOND TEAM.

Whit Monday	...	Studleynians	...	Won	...	92 to 87
June 6th	...	Rivercourt	...	Lost	...	84 to 184
„ 13th	...	Brentford Gas	...	Won	...	96 to 59
„ 20th	...	City Seltnam	...	Lost	...	48 to 122

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Tennis

RESULTS OF "EVENING NEWS" COMPETITION

	4th Round	5th Round	6th Round	7th Round
A. Collier	... 3-6, 4-6	—	—	—
S. Lewis	... 5-7, 6-3, 6-3	6-2, 6-3	2-6, 6-4, 2-6	—
B. Line	... 6-0, 6-1	6-0, 6-3	5-7, 4-6	—
F. Hender	... 6-4, 6-3	4-6, 4-6	—	—
C. Palmer	... 3-6, 4-6	—	—	—
J. E. Jenkins	... 5-7, 6-0, 6-1	9-7, 6-2	6-2, 7-5	—

RESULT OF MIDDLESEX PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round
F. Hender	} ... W.O.	6-1, 6-4, 6-3	6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 10-8	0-6, 3-6, 2-6
C. Palmer				

Golf

OPEN DAY.—The Open Day, which proved such an attraction last year, will be held this year on Saturday, July 18th. Hop Scotch Golf—Ladder Golf—Block Golf—Putting Course—Approaching and other Competitions. Prizes for each. Clubs and Balls provided. *Open to everybody.* Admission to ground free. Competitions 2d. each, or by vouchers purchased before the day, four for 6d. Refreshments at tariff prices.

The Charity Cup, and Ladies' and Club Championships, have now reached the second round. The Weekly Spoon Competitions during the month have been extraordinarily well supported, and membership of the Section bids fair to be well above the average. New members will still be welcomed, and a special point is made by more experienced players of playing with novices and giving them every possible help.

H.H.E.