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VESPA MEDIA.

"To be(e) or not to wasp" ; the word
Passed softly round the wondering neighbours,
Who quickly gathered when they heard
The point to which I have referred,
When coming from their labours.
But wasp or bee, 'twas plain to see
There was the nest up in the tree.
The "Keeper of the Hives" first came ;
He who is skilled in getting honey.
"No bees are they, upon my name,
But wasps, and to maintain the same
I'd back my word with money.
Since in that tree the nest has hung,
So many people have been stung."
The "Chief Mechanic" next appeared,
And straightway he prepared for action.
"No bees like this were ever reared,
They're wasps, and out they must be cleared
Before they cause a raction."
To do this, he employed with tact
A smoke affair that would not act.
Scholastic Botany came by
With University, and caught a
Glance from below, and one from high,
And thought them bees, but did not try
To stop the promised slaughter.
They burnt the branch, but all in vain,
Next day the WASPS were there again.

THE PIERROT.

On Tuesday afternoon last, players on the golf course were distracted from their engrossing play by piteous cries, which came to them from the river close by. Leaving bunkers, clubs and balls, a frantic rush was made to the shore, and by squeezing through the railings a lamb was beheld struggling in the water. A rescue was effected at the cost of a wet pair of socks. No spoons by request.

EVENTS.

Cricket. On July 1st we defeated Cavendish, the first occasion we have accomplished the feat. Brentham batted first, and chiefly because of a fine effort by Millard, who made 38, and J. Clegg, who scored 21, the total reached 107. Cavendish, although a strong batting side, could only make 64 ; Royce, Millard and Bartholomew bowled well, and backed up by keen, smart fielding—two men were run out—enabled the club to gain a good win.

Against Norwood Green at home on July 8th the team made 142, the highest total this season, so far. Millard again was successful with the bat, scoring 29, and with J. Clegg 18, laid the foundation of the big score ; but highest honours go to Bartholomew, who, in his own free style, made 40 of the best. Royce and Millard, bowling unchanged, dismissed the visitors for 74, leaving Brentham easy winners ; Goodridge, behind the wickets, performed excellently, allowing no byes, taking two smart catches, and stumping a third batsmen.

Steinway were visitors on the 15th, the strongest team we play. They batted first, and kept us in the field a very long time, and scored 189 runs for 8 wickets. One, D. Tregear, painfully scored 61 runs ; another, R. Hopgood, more brightly made 47 ; Larner, 21 ; Mickznikouski, 16, and so on ; they could all bat. All our bowlers had a go at them, and certainly did their best to keep the batsmen quiet, Hogley being best at getting them out ; he had 3 wickets for 26. And then Brentham went to the wickets, and in a very short time returned ; the same old leg breaks from Eshelby, played at in the same old way, produced the same old meagre score, 50. We play Steinway again on August 12th ; come and see us turn over a new leaf.

On the 22nd West Drayton came to the Rec. They batted first, and perhaps because the wicket was tricky after a wet night, could only score 58 runs. H. S. O. Williams made 24, and was out to a magnificent catch by Moss in the long field. Royce bowled very finely, and took 6 wickets for 20 runs. Brentham also found run-getting difficult, and the game became very exciting when the last batsmen were in, and 4 runs were required to win. We got them, just, and won. J. Clegg deserves praise for his well-played 20.

The Club in Saturday games has now won 7 games, lost 3, and drawn 2.

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Bowls. JULY 8.—Brentham put up a good game against Lammas on the 8th, and we are all looking forward to the return match on August 19th. We were well impressed by their good sportsmanship.

Result.—Rink I., Mr. Boxall's team lost 13 to 18 ; Rink II., Mr. Hearn's team won 23 to 13 ; Rink III., Mr. May's team lost 13 to 30. Totals—Lammas, 61 ; Brentham, 49.

JULY 15.—A keen rivalry and close friendship is likely to result from our visit to the Pitshanger Green ; an early expression of this is seen in arranging four further fixtures with Pitshanger.

Result.—Rink I., Mr. Boxall's team won 30 to 10 ; Rink II., Mr. Hearn's team won 18 to 12 ; Rink III., Mr. Shuff's team won 24 to 21 ; Rink IV., Mr. May's team lost 14 to 22. Total—Brentham, 86 ; Pitshanger, 65.

JULY 22.—Our matches with Ealing Conservatives are always looked forward to with great eagerness ; but any advantage we may have expected to gain by playing on our own ground soon disappeared, for these experienced exponents of the game soon found the "lay of the land," and closed up all ports to the coveted jack. Hats off to Captain Spooner and his team.

Result.—We lost on each rink, 19 to 20, 7 to 19, and 7 to 22. Total—Ealing Conservatives, 61 ; Brentham, 33.

This, the sixth issue of "THE 'ITE," marks the commencement of the fourth year of the issue of a local journal in Brentham. On thirty-six occasions (the months of January and February, 1916, were a period of respite) have we separated the wheat from the chaff, sending the former to the printer and the latter to the w.p.b. Although a few of our cynical neighbours may retort that the printer appears usually to have received the wrong parcel, we intend to go on with the job.

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The hours of the Estate Office, 7 Winscombe Crescent ('Phone 388 Ealing), are :—

MONDAY, 9 to 8.

SATURDAY, 9 to 12-30.

OTHER WEEK DAYS, 9 to 5.

Have you sent in your Rent, Share and other books to the Office? If not, you are at least four days late!

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A Middlesex County Scholarship has been awarded to Terence Nolan, a Drayton Green pupil. Terence is the fourth member of the family to gain a County Scholarship.

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A Brentham bridegroom in an Entente Cordiale wedding ! On July 5th, at Newbury, by special licence, Lionel William Meadows to Marthe Chloé, daughter of M. et Mdme. Charles, of La Chapelle Gangain, France.

On the occasion of Mr. Meadow's visit with his bride to his parents in Brentham, the path from the gate was strewn with rose leaves, while the flags of the two nations were hung by the side.

WITH THE FORCES.

Additions : Allsop, J. (Pte.), W. Sussex ; Brown, H. J. (Pte.), Royal Fusiliers ; Copestake, W. (Pte.), R.F.A. ; Cowper, H. (Mechanic), R.N.A.S. ; Davis, J. (Writer), R.N. ; Knevett, E., R.F.C. ; Melhuish, A.H. (Pte.), N.C.C. ; Shuff, L. (Cpl.), Middx. ; Sparkes, W., R.F.C. ; Walsom, J. (Mechanic, 1st Class), R.N.A.S.

Sapper W. Palmer, R.E., has been awarded the Military Medal for work in saving the mails in a bombarded town in Belgium. "You are awarded the Military Medal in recognition of your gallant conduct on July 14th, in the bombardment of Poperinghe," reads the official intimation. Bravo, Will !

"He gives what he hath and all he hath."

At length we have, with great regret, to record that the war has exacted the last and greatest sacrifice from some amongst the number of Brentham's Roll of Honour.

In deepest sympathy with their relatives in the bereavement they have sustained, we offer the heartfelt tribute of Brentham's pride in, and respect for, the honoured memory of :—

GILBERT NORWOOD HARRIS

(RIFLEMAN Q.V.Rs.)

who was killed in action at Gommecourt, France. He was one of the gallant number who cheerfully faced almost certain death in an attack on the enemy's lines.

He was 22 years of age, and an old scholar of Ealing Wesleyan School.

MORTIMER GEORGE BENEDICT DOWNING

(PRIVATE 8th MIDDX.)

who is reported missing, believed killed. On June 26th "Morty" Downing was, with others, occupying a trench that was blown in by shell fire, and nothing has been heard of him or his comrades since. He was but 19 years old, and an old scholar of Drayton Green School.

ARTHUR PERCIVAL SARGEANT

(LIEUTENANT 9th LEICESTERS)

who is reported missing, believed killed. With his platoon he held an advanced position in Trones Wood, from which he and his men made no retirement.

He was 20 years of age, educated at Acton Commercial College, and came to Brentham in 1911.

ON DIT:—

That the Military Representative on the Ealing Tribunal should not be illogical enough to make generalisations from a few individual cases.

That we all wish good luck to Mr. Copestake.

That we shall now have to do more mowing than ever.

That the Bowls Club has some new members.

That "Wilmer" should prove an acquisition to the "Brenthamite" Board.

That Peter has taken the name of a famous smoking mixture.

That Messrs. "Hande & Hendery" have come to reside quite near each other.

That "Good Old Dan" is a friend of Mr. De Lacy Lewis.

That Steinway C.C. are wondering whether anyone at Brentham ever could play slow bowling.

That the notice of the postponement of the Rose Show was so delayed that I hardly had time to cancel my Covent Garden order for the morning of its original date.

That Queen Wasps are as difficult to kill as ordinary ones are to recognise.

That the B.P.A. will learn one day that Brentham people do not fill up papers nor take the initiative in action.

That it is not due to unwillingness to help.

That if the collectors started as before, they would get the "subs." right enough.

That though the day may improve the deed, the clothes line does not improve the day.

ANON.

THE MILK "STRIKE."

Brentham might have won out if it had stuck to its guns—I mean its tins. Due doubtless to the relaxing situation of the suburb, it was too great an exertion to call at the milk dépôt (*pro tem.*) and then have to open the tin. Unfortunately, selling at cost price does not allow for paying a young lady in fancy dress to go from door to door with a dainty tray, and still more dainty tin-opener. During the few weeks over £60 worth of milk was sold.

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TIN CAN.

BOOKS MISSING FROM THE LIBRARY:—

"Return of the Native" (Hardy); "Sword Maker" (Barr); "The Four Feathers" (Mason); "The Sowers" (Merriman); "Diary of a Soldier of Fortune" (Hyatt); "Australia" (Frazer).

Will anyone discovering any of these, please hand in to Mr. Allport, 3 Woodfield Avenue. THANKS!

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A desire for a knock-out competition for August has *Bowls*. been expressed. This will probably be arranged at an early date.

Fixtures for August:—9th, Pitshanger (away); 19th, Lammas (home); 30th, Pitshanger (home).

SECTION NOTES AND NEWS.

Golf Club. In deference to the wishes of members the Committee have decided to hold more competitions, and have drawn up a list for August as follows:—5th and 19th August, “Eclectic” competition; 12th and 26th August, Hole competition against bogey. Cards 1d. each; any number to be played. To commence at 3 p.m., and no play before that time.

It has been decided not to hold the Annual Championship this year, and members are urged to play as many cards as possible for the Charity Cup. All proceeds are devoted to the Ealing Hospital. The handicaps are revised each month, so as to make the conditions as fair as possible.

Various points of difficulty have been decided. Balls going into (1) the long grass can at option be dropped not nearer hole under penalty of 1 stroke, and (2) privet hedge on north side, must be dropped not more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ club lengths not nearer hole under same penalty.

A Ladies’ Annual Competition on handicap will be arranged if a minimum of 12 entries be secured. Those who have not paid subs. are requested to do so. Now that we are losing the valuable services of Mr. Copestake, members willing to help in keeping the course in order are asked to inform Mr. Ridsdale.

The Committee meet once a month to deal with the Club’s business.

We have conveyed our deepest sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Harris in the death of their son, Gilbert, who lost his life recently in the fighting in France.

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Horticultural Society. The Annual Summer Show, usually held on August Bank Holiday, has been postponed to Saturday, August 12th. The reason for this alteration is that there is no August Bank Holiday this year.

All competitors should note the following:—

The entrance fee for each exhibit will be 2d.; except in the children’s classes, where it will be 1d.

All entries must be made on the form provided in schedule, and must reach the Hon. Sec., together with entrance fees, not later than the evening of the 9th August, though entries will be accepted, provided they are accompanied by a double entrance fee, up to and including the 11th. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

Exhibits may be staged up to 4 p.m.; any arriving after that hour will be disqualified.

The Show will open at 5 o’clock, closing at 8 p.m.

Charge for admission, 3d. to non-members; members free.

Schedules containing all information may be obtained free on application to A. J. Bray, Hon. Secretary, 39 Holyoake Walk.

B.P.A. Doubtless all residents on the suburb are anxious to know how many of the forms which were enclosed in the last issue of THE 'ITE have been returned. Something over five hundred were distributed, and to date, THREE have been returned. The ancient ideals have surely departed, and the callousness of use must have settled upon us all. When this terrible war broke upon us, the whole of the residents seemed to rise to the occasion, and vied with each other in doing a good turn to their neighbours. The response to the appeal issued two years ago so exceeded the demand, that the Committee, misled by the zeal shown, cried "halt," fondly expecting that it had but to speak the word, and the fund would be speedily replenished.

Many residents are working in double harness, earning more than ever before. Truly wealth creates indifference as well as carelessness. The B.P.A. needs £100 if it is to do its work. You appointed it, you pledged your support, many have given well, a few have criticised. It is up to Brentham to maintain its reputation for kindness, or sink for ever into the oblivion of a London suburb.

R. H. S.

It is requested that all members who have not yet subscribed will do so as early as possible, so that the *Tennis and Croquet.* Secretary can discharge his obligations to the House Committee. Also those members who have introduced visitors, and have not yet paid the fees or made arrangements with the Secretary, will oblige by doing so.

I desire to express the sympathy of the tennis club with Mr. and Mrs. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Sargeant in the severe loss they have just sustained.

Mr. Gilbert Harris was a member of the club some years ago, and were these ordinary times would no doubt have been playing with us.

Lieut. A. P. Sargeant played in our second team frequently during the 1914 season, and it is only about six weeks ago that he spent a Saturday afternoon with us. He was very enthusiastic about our prospects and of the men under his control.

A Croquet match played with Springfield Park at Acton was lost by us. The return was played at home on July 27th, and we won.

H. B.

Rifle Club. The Competition for the "Bell" Medal was won by Mr. J. G. Phillips, who must be congratulated upon putting in a couple of good targets, with a score of 96 and 98, rapid and deliberate, respectively.

The "Roberts" Medal was also won by Mr. Phillips, who has offered it for competition, on Saturday and Sunday, 29th and 30th July, for the best "group" of ten shots, with open sights and slings.

Any resident on the Estate will be welcomed as a new member of the Club.

H. F. C.

FOR THE JUNIORS.

Cricket. On 1st July we were visited by Acton Wells School, and after an interesting game, in which H. Hebditch and C. Palmer distinguished themselves with the bat, and Palmer brothers with the ball, we finished as winners by a comfortable margin.

The visit of the 2nd Willesden Scouts on 8th July did not provide anything like the game we had anticipated. In the first place they marched here, and did not arrive until just on tea-time. Then, tired with their long march, they were naturally unable to give of their best in the cricket field, and consequently acknowledged easy defeat. In the first innings T. Huggett batted well, while the second proved a field day for C. and B. Palmer (31 and 44).

The entertainment of Southfield Road School on 15th July provided us with the keenest match we have had this month. Good batting was shown by C. Palmer, T. Huggett and F. Hender, and this, coupled with consistently good fielding, enabled us to win by 32 runs.

On 22nd July we visited the Latymer Upper School Ground, and suffered defeat at the hands of their 4th XI. After dismissing Latymer for 19 in their first innings, our prospects looked splendid, but our batsmen failed, and only totalled 14. In the second innings our opponents, by painfully slow methods, scored 85, and dismissing us again cheaply, remained victors.

Those of our girls who helped us in the Flag Day for "Ealing's Own" on 1st July have the satisfaction of knowing that a very good day's work was done. Considering that we did not go beyond the confines of our own district at all, the result of £8 2s. was distinctly good.

The Bazaar organised by Madge and Muriel Foster, and Laura and George Stevens, on 15th July, was successful beyond their highest hopes. Although no one was asked, several friends kindly supplemented their array of useful articles, and the gardens in which the function took place presented an animated appearance throughout the afternoon. Not only good organisers, but remarkably good managers are these children, and hence sales proceeded briskly.

A sum of 9 guineas has resulted, and the young people are in communication with the Matron and Medical Authorities of Montpelier Hospital as to the sort of surgical appliance that they shall purchase with this money and present to the hospital. We heartily congratulate them.

H. W. B.

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR AUGUST.

August 5.—Army Pay Office...	...	home.
„ 7.—Norwood Green	home.
„ 12.—Steinway	home.
„ 19.—West Drayton	...	away.
„ 26.—Southall	home.