

The Brenthamite

(PUBLISHED MONTHLY)

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

H. W. BRYCESON (*Chairman*), W. E. READING (*Editor*), B. J. GOODRIDGE
(*Advertisement Manager & Treasurer*), F. J. MILNER (*Business Secretary*)
and H. H. BARTHOLEMEW.

VOL. I., No. 7.

SEPTEMBER, 1916

OUR OPPORTUNITY.

For years and years I've heard it said
By tenants in this Garden City :
" We have no real control. Instead
Of managing, we're simply led ;
Which really is a pity.
In things that simply do concern
Ourselves, we badly want a turn."
And now it seems as if to you
The chance at last has been presented,
To take the Club, and run it too,
Completely manage it, and do
The part you've represented
As what our social life should be.
Now, will you take it ? We shall see.
There's difficulty in the way
Of anything that's worth the doing.
But if you find some men who say,
" We'll do our best to make it pay,"
Don't spoil it by " pooh-poohing."
They'll have the task to face, and you
Might do your best to see them through.
If this, our chance, is really here,
All residents should give it greeting.
And for this cause, I think it's clear,
That if we work, there is no fear
For once we'll get a meeting.
Not a " Members' " or " Shareholders' " call,
But a " RESIDENTS'." To one and all.—THE PIERROT.

A War Savings Association has been formed for North Ealing. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. W. H. Davies, 2, The Boltons, Castlebar Park Road. More than fifty members have been enrolled, and subscriptions of 6d. and upwards are received at St. Stephen's School, Pitshanger Lane, on Friday evenings between 7-30 and 9 o'clock.

The Grand "Brenthamite" Concert will be held at the end of October. Watch for the announcement in next month's issue, and as you value the Magazine, determine to give it your support.

EVENTS.

Cricket. On the last Saturday in July the Club played Southall at home. Southall batted first, and although with the assistance of our own J. Clegg and Critchley scored only 67 runs. Thompson and Askew bowled well, and were backed up by some very smart catching and fielding. Brentham soon reached their opponents' total, Royce being in splendid form and scoring 76 not out; Goodridge, 37 not out, and Edwards, 18, helping. The score at the close stood 178 for 5 wickets; a good performance.

The Army Pay Corps from Hounslow were visitors on August 5th. Askew won the toss, and although a bad start was made, 3 wickets being down for 10 runs, a good recovery resulted in a total of 126, Thompson, 23, and Rudd, 22, making a fine stand. The A.P. Corps were easily dismissed by Askew and Holden for 62, leaving Brentham again victors.

We turned over that new leaf on August 12th, and made runs against Steinway at home. Honours must go to J. Clegg for his determined start and fine example. He played the bowling at its best with the force and vigour youth is supposed only to possess, and his 32 was a fine and valuable innings. Royce, 39; Askew, 35; Goodridge, 23, all carried on the run-getting, and the excellent total of 180 was reached. Steinway went out to get the runs, but any chance they had was lost when Millard had Mictznikouski caught in the slips. Delightful batting was shown by those veterans Elsom (49) and Filiston (44 not out), but Steinway had 8 wickets down for 144, when the light failed and robbed Brentham of victory.

West Drayton was visited on August 19th. On a slow, wet wicket, with long grass in the out field, runs were difficult to get, and West Drayton scored only 44, in spite of a well-played 20 by H. S. O. Williams. Brentham early had victory assured, the two Cleggs, father and son, making a good start. H. Clegg's 26 was worth many more, considering the conditions. Thompson hit hard in his 15. The match once won, the later batsmen took things easily, and failed quickly, leaving the total at 68.

We meant to have a grand day on August 26th. The Army Service Corps from Park Royal, by kind permission of Lt.-Col. H. S. Wright, brought their Brass Band with the team, and we had intended entertaining soldiers from Montpelier Hospital. Fortunately the wounded soldiers did not arrive, for it rained in torrents. The bandsmen did their best to enliven the proceedings, and their music was highly appreciated. The cricketers braved the elements, but it is not pleasant playing the game and receiving a shower bath, so that all were glad when the tea interval arrived. Mrs. Copestake provided an excellent repast, and the soldiers will probably not be without some pleasant memories of their visit to Brentham. The Club scored 72 runs (Askew, 15; Clegg, 14) and the A.S.C. 40 runs for 6 wickets (Lieutenant Soden, 20), the game not being completed.

BLVKR.

THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

The Annual Show, held in the Institute on Saturday, 12th August, was, considering the number of members at present away from Brentham doing their bit, very satisfactory, there being about 160 entries. Those of the members who had grown for the scheduled day, *i.e.*, the 7th August, could not have felt very disappointed at the postponement, as the extra five days gave most of the vegetables shown the Prize look. I believe, however, one or two culinary pea specialists were hit rather heavily!

Has anyone ever seen such a fine show of potatoes, beetroot or cabbage? Some of the last were nearly as large as Hyde Park. The ladies' exhibits, too, were well to the front, although there must be many more ladies with full cupboards of preserves (just aching to be gazed at). If it is that they are too bashful to show the good things they make, then surely it is time we had some ladies on the Committee. The Committee ladies would no doubt then talk to their sisters like fathers. A word of praise must certainly be given to Mrs. Walsom for the very fine show of all sorts exhibited for Mr. Walsom (away at the front). This lady could have got through all the vegetable cleaning process only by staying up all night.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Messrs. Copestake (Benr.) and W. H. Burch and Mrs. Faulder for acting as Judges, and to the Ealing Tenants, Ltd., for use of trestles, etc., for staging purposes; also to the members for their great gifts of vegetables, etc., which some of the Committee humped and trundled to the Montpelier Hospital. It would have done your eyes good to have watched the humping process—in the rain.

A. J. BRAY.

LIST OF AWARDS.

CLASS 11.—1 J. F. Hutton, 2 G. F. Bentham, 3 P. J. McCarthy,
 12.—2 J. Walsom, 3 G. F. Bentham. [4 W. R. Sutton.
 13.—1 J. H. Clarke, 2 G. F. Bentham, 3 J. Walsom.
 14.—1 Mrs. McCarthy, 2 J. Watts, 3 A. Williams, 4 A. J. Bray.
 15.—1 J. F. Hutton, 2 W. R. Sutton, 3 J. Harmer, 4 J. Walsom.
 16.—2 J. F. Hawtin, 3 J. F. Hutton. (Only two entries.)
 17.—1 Mrs. Phillips, 2 Mrs. Preston, 3 Mrs. McCarthy.
 18.—2 Mrs. Preston, 3 Mrs. Sadler. (Only two entries.)
 19.—1 Mrs. Bray, 2 Mrs. Walsom, 3 Mrs. Harmer.
 20.—1 Mrs. J. Watts, 2 Mrs. Harmer, 3 Mrs. Edwards.
 21.—1 Mrs. McCarthy, 2 Mrs. Phillips, 3 Mrs. Sadler.
 22.—1 Mrs. Phillips, 2 Mrs. Sadler, 3 Mrs. Harmer.
 23.—2 A. J. Bray.
 24.—1 Miss Sutton, 2 Ken. Green, 3 Jim Hawtin.
 25.—1 Bert Preston, 2 Alf Preston, 3 S. Cooper.
 26.—1 F. V. Edwards, 2 J. Walsom, 3 A. J. Bray, 4 J. G. Phillips.
 27.—1 F. V. Edwards, 2 A. E. Senhenn, 3 J. G. Phillips, 4 G. F. Bentham.
 28.—1 F. V. Edwards, 2 A. Preston, 3 J. Harmer, 4 J. G. Phillips.
 29.—1 J. Walsom, 2 A. J. Bray, 3 S. Jenner, 4 A. Senhenn.
 30.—1 G. F. Bentham, 2 J. Walsom, 3 J. Harmer.
 31.—1 J. Walsom, 2 F. W. Green, 3 F. V. Edwards.

(To be continued)

ON DIT:—

That the "Spirit of the Cricket" was so delighted with the charming way in which she was represented at the last performance of the Brentham Players that she spent her holidays in a garden opposite the late Secretary of that Society.

That some people say Hampstead is a "godless place."

That we are shocked to know that lawn mowers have been heard there on a Sunday.

That it is earnestly hoped that no one in Brentham will handle a spade on the Sabbath.

That when the "war economy," which is keeping the library books from the depreciation they would suffer by being read, is relaxed a little, the missing volumes will probably shame-facedly return.

That the "Return of the Native" is not in the possession of the gentleman who was seen up west refreshing himself at an oyster restaurant.

That "The Sowers" will not be finished until October.

That Steinway C.C. now know that several people in Brentham can play slow bowling.

That in spite of the rain the Brentham C.C. were delighted to see the "Green" for the A.S.C. match.

That judging from our recent visitors we should say that the Sergeants' mess at Park Royal can hardly be described as quiet and melancholy.

That gardeners who take on contracts for burning cuttings should give due notice of holidays.

ANON.

BOWLS RESULTS.

AUGUST 9th.—Brentham *v.* Pitshanger, at Pitshanger:—

Rink 1.—Brentham : Hogley, New, Whitmore, Caven (Skip)	19
Pitshanger : Moon, Stevenson, Fraser, Sanders (Skip)	33
Rink 2.—Brentham : Bennett, Hender, Shuff, Hearn (Skip) .	10
Pitshanger : Beresford, Cook, Wilson, Muir (Skip) .	27
Rink 3.—Brentham : Milner, Lewis, Howarth, Boxall (Skip)	14
Pitshanger : Rickman, Hicks, Prior, McNae (Skip) .	23
<i>Total</i> —Pitshanger, 83 ; Brentham, 43.	

AUGUST 19th.—Brentham *v.* Lammas, at Brentham:—

Rink 1.—Brentham : Bennett, Ruffle, Caven, Hearn (Skip) .	31
Lammas : Gray, Sheard, Raines, Etheridge (Skip)	26
Rink 2.—Brentham : Gray, New, Lewis, Huard (Skip) .	15
Lammas : Winyard, Clark, Frayer, Cushing (Skip)	24
Rink 3.—Brentham : Whitmore, Mead, Shuff, May (Skip) .	12
Lammas : Gale, Colliver, Callow, Wilson (Skip) .	30
<i>Total</i> —Lammas, 80 ; Brentham, 58.	

BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE.

The Provisional Committee appointed to examine the possibility of opening the Institute, under the management of a Committee of Residents, for the Winter Session, submitted a proposition to the Estate Committee. It was favourably received by them, and the Chairman stated that he would support its acceptance by the General Committee of Ealing Tenants, Ltd., if he were satisfied on two points :

- (1). That a Management Committee, who would really undertake the responsibility of carrying the thing through, could be found.
- (2). That there were sufficient residents who would support the Institute at a fee which the Committee considered would enable it to be carried on without loss.

The Provisional Committee most carefully examined the figures, and decided that the lowest fees with which success was possible were 6/- gentlemen and 4/- ladies for the winter session.

Full particulars will be given at a General Meeting of Residents to be held in the Institute on Saturday next, the 16th September, at 8 p.m.

All Residents cordially invited to attend.

The Board of the "Brenthamite" beg their readers to note that the sole reason for the Magazine's late appearance this month is due to waiting, in the interests of Residents, for the above authoritative announcement.

PERSONAL MENTION.

To Sergeant-Major J. Harris, R.A.M.C., our most ardent congratulations upon his promotion.

Since the first weeks of the war Mr. Harris has laboured almost without ceasing among the wounded in London Hospitals, first at Millbank and now at Endel Street Hospital. Before the war Brentham learned to appreciate Mr. "Jim" Harris's exceptional knowledge of first-aid work, for he was instrumental in forming large classes of ladies for the study of first-aid.

No more thoroughly well-earned promotion has come to Brentham.

* * *

Miss Ethel M. Forrest, A.T.C.L., of 55, Woodfield Crescent, has recently been successful in gaining the Diploma of Licentiate (L.T.C.L.), Trinity College of Music, London (Pianoforte).

* * *

Jack Ridsdale, the only son of our Golf Secretary, who resides at 37, Brentham Way, is to be seen in the new film of the Battle of the Somme, marching with the Band of the London Scottish, having been in the fighting line with this regiment since the beginning of March last year. He was a Boy Scout in the Willesden Troop (of which his father is senior Scoutmaster and Chairman of the Association) for a number of years.

EDITORIAL.

There seems to be a conspiracy of Nature's agencies against "Pullinger's Path." At certain seasons of the year moles at work come suddenly up against the foundations and, deciding to proceed no further, raise their heaps of loose soil on the very edge of the path. Horses grazing in the field through which the path runs take as great delight in obliterating as in obstructing the walk. At various points, water from ditches and the overflow from the reservoir leave their usual channels and rush across the path, carrying away the gravel. The tarring of the surface would probably save the path from destruction, and if the work were carried out before the coming winter Brentham might be saved from the task of hunting in jack boots for its path. The labour might be found among the cyclists, allotment holders and policemen who use the path.

* * *

The question of opening the Institute during the coming winter is urgent at present, and it is well that we should indulge in a little looking-ahead. On Saturday evenings at least there will be great need of cheerful entertainment, mainly in the form of concerts, and with our own hall available it would be wrong-headedness deliberately to refuse to provide the entertainment near our own doors. There is no need for the formation of various Sections (should it not be *Segments* in war time?), although we see no reason for the hibernation of the Dramatic and Choral Societies, but a small committee formed for the purpose might find no great difficulty in providing Brentham, by means of a weekly concert, with an efficient antidote to the effects of mental stress that Work and War are producing.

* * *

Dozens of copies of the THE 'ITE after being read at home are sent to fathers and sons in camp or trench. Many of these copies find a resting place in billets or Y.M.C.A. huts, and there men, to whom the word Brentham means nothing, get interested in the place and even keep an eye open for the following numbers. We have heard of and from such men even in far off Egypt and Mesopotamia. Men who have visited Brentham have been reminded of our pretty suburb, by seeing our modest journal. We feel some pride in thinking that as the British Army advances THE 'ITE goes with it, and when finally a copy is placed on the table of the library at Potsdam it may well be the last straw.

EXTRA BOOKS ON "MISSING" LIST.

"Conservatism of Energy" (Stewart); "Science of Wealth" (Hobson); "Dr. Thorn" (Trollope); "A Pair of Eyes" (Hardy); "Treasure Island" (R.L.S.).

Our deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hocking in the sad loss of their second daughter.

SECTION NOTES AND NEWS.

Rifle. The Competition for the "Roberts" Medal, for the best group of ten shots, was won by Dr. Fenton, and the *Club.* Handicapping Committee had the pleasure of presenting the medal, with the good wishes of the Club, on the eve of his departure for France.

Owing to the Indoor Range at Perivale being required for storing soldiers' furniture, the Committee have decided to close same, until further notice.

The "Express" Medal was competed for on Saturday and Sunday, September 2nd and 3rd, and was won by Mr. Bunting.

Will Members please note that the Range will be opened at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, until further notice?

H. F. C.

* * *

Golf The weekly Competitions have been held, with a fairly good number of entries. On Saturday, the 19th, the *Club.* "Eclectic" Competition was won by Mr. Squires after some very good games.

On Saturday afternoon, the 26th, there was no play, owing to the inclement weather. In the evening a foursome was played by four weather-proof veterans. We are looking forward to our Ladies' Special Competition, and the Secretary hopes to receive all the names as early as possible.

We purpose entertaining the wounded soldiers from one of the West End Hospitals at an early date next month. Due notice will be given.

J. E. R.

* * *

Bowls Brentham were much surprised at the fate they received at the hands of Pitshanger. Congratulations to Pitshanger on the improved form they showed in this match. The friendly rivalry which now exists between these two neighbouring clubs should do much to assist both of them to excel.

In the match against Lammas, Brentham was leading on all three rinks in the first half of the game. Lammas had then got the measure of our green, and rapidly took advantage of the experience they had gained.

During the tea hour the Lammas were cordially welcomed by the Brenthamites. Lammas expressed the wish that this fixture should become an annual.

Matches for September:—9th, Ealing Conservative (away); 16th, Pitshanger (away); 23rd, Pitshanger (home). J. H.

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 2.—Steinway	...	...	...	home.
„ 9.—Aster C.C.	...	...	...	home.
„ 16.—Southall	...	...	...	home.
„ 23.—Western C.C.	...	...	...	home.
„ 30.—Brentford Gas Co. C.C.	...	...	...	home.

FOR THE JUNIORS.

Cricket. We have finished the season with two victories, one over each of the teams that had previously inflicted the only two defeats we have suffered.

BRENTHAM v. BELMONT SCHOOL.—Brentham won by 10 wickets. Belmont School scored 21 and 22 (F. Hender, 8 wickets for 8; C. Palmer, 2 for 12; Bray, 5 for 10; B. Palmer, 5 for 7), and Brentham scored 36 (C. Royce, 11) and 8 for 0 wicket.

BRENTHAM v. A LATYMER XI.—The Latymer boys brought a weak XI., as the majority of their players were on holiday. Brentham took full advantage and won by 8 wickets. Brentham: 66 (C. Palmer, 20; E. Smith, 20) and 4 for 2 wickets. Latymer: 18 (C. Palmer, 5 wickets; Bray, 4 wickets) and 50 (C. Palmer, 4 wickets).

Operetta. As the Institute is not yet opened, and arrangements for indoor activities are still in an unsettled state, it will be impossible to have the usual operetta this year, as there will not be time for the large preparation necessary for such a production. I much regret this, but hope that one may be arranged next year that shall eclipse all previous records. At the same time I hope that time and opportunity may yet be found this year for some Junior Section function of a less exacting nature than an operetta.

Football. The old hockey field will be available this year for a Junior Football Team. Practice games will be held on Saturdays, Sept. 9th and 16th, at 3 o'clock, and a meeting of Junior Members will be held on Monday, Sept. 18th, at 6 p.m., in the Pavilion, to elect a Captain and Vice-Captain. The fee will be 6d., which must be paid at once to provide the necessary balls. A full programme of matches will be arranged for the season.

Matches this month.—Sept. 23rd, Belmont School (home); Sept. 30th, Southfield Road School (home).

Bottle Collection. The remaining bottles and jars that could not be delivered at Elers Road in time, have been sold, and have now all been removed by the buyers. The account has not yet been settled, but I hope to be able next month to state the amount obtained, and how it has been allocated.

H. W. B.

“LES SMOKE” (should this be Less Smoke?) writes to express the hope that allotment holders will, during the coming bonfire season, confine their “kippering” operations to one night weekly, suggesting Wednesday.

As the writer does not confide in us to the extent of enclosing his name he is deprived of the pleasure of seeing his letter in print.

Choral Society.—The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5th, at 8.30 p.m., in the Pavilion.