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PREPARING FOR RATIONS.

The weary waiters in the queues
Felt happy when they heard the news
That rich and poor should have their dues
When rations were established.

'Twas said, when food cards should come out
There'd be no need to stand about,
For tradesmen would, without a doubt,
Be bound to treat one fairly.

It sounded simple, till the plan
Of operations for each man
Was started, and the forms began
To come in from the public.
With some not signed, and some signed wrong,
Each local council's face grew long,
"How shall we sift this sorry throng,"
They asked each other blankly.

For if at last we get them right,
And work all day, and half the night,
To issue cards in time is quite
A clear impossibility:
At last one said, "It will be best
To ask the teachers, who are blest
With patience, far beyond the rest
Of us, with others' failings."

And so that oft be-littled crew,
Who're often told what they should do
With sixty children, by a few
Who can't control a couple,
From writing no one else could read
Deciphered, for the nation's need,
The facts required, and did the deed,
And calmly wait the grumbling.

THE PIERROT.

EVENTS.

A public meeting of the Ealing branch of the Comrades of the Great War was held in the Institute on Thursday, 14th February. The Mayor of Ealing was in the chair, and addresses were given by Prof. F. C. de Sumichrast and Mr. A. Ducat. The audience was small. An invitation was given to Brentham to join Ealing in the movement on behalf of local men. The speakers urged that the Comrades were non-political, and were endeavouring to help the men without resorting to "charity." The plate at the door collected £1 8s.

Our Whist Drive, in aid of funds, was quite a success although, owing to the air raid warning, only 17 hands were played. The Institute Committee with its usual kind consideration gave the free use of the Hall, and prizes were given by Mrs. Boxall, Mr. Cave, Mrs. Jennings, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Milner, Mr. Ridsdale, "Anon," and the 'Ite Committee. Mr. Goodridge acted as M.C. Ten prizes were put up, and they were won by the following in the order given:—Mr. Back, Mr. Boxall, Mrs. Thornton and Miss Suggett, the highest half-time score by Miss Martin and Mr. W. Morris, the hidden number (which was selected by uninterested parties) by Mrs. Southwood and Mr. W. F. Middleton, and the lowest total score by Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. E. Smith.

The 'Ite Committee take this opportunity of thanking all those who attended, and those who helped in carrying out the arrangements, and trust all residents on the Estate will become annual subscribers. March commences our third year, and Mr. Boxall will be pleased to receive any subscriptions.

Rifle Match.—A well-fought match, with military open sights, was decided on February 11th, at Bramley Road, against the Ealing Rifle Club, with the result that Brentham were only beaten by nine points, a capital performance considering the little practice our men get. Scores:—

EALING.			BRENTHAM.		
A. F. Allman	...	96	J. G. Phillips	...	96
D. Reid	...	93	H. L. White	...	95
J. Kirkby	...	98	L. Fielder	...	95
W. N. Cocks	...	94	G. W. Bunting	...	92
N. M. Willis	...	91	T. A. Austin	...	97
F. M. Dean	...	96	F. Green	...	88
H. J. Richards	...	97	T. A. Austin (sub.)	...	93
665			656		

Shooting enthusiasts must join the Club in the coming season, and I promise to provide a good series of matches and competitions.

R. B.

OUT AND ABOUT.

With this issue commences our third year and volume. The second balance-sheet will be published next month.

Various types of Allotment-diggers have been noted in our pages at various times. Now a new one has come to our notice : The ceremonial one. He invariably commences operations with a bon-fire.

If a flock of sheep is invited to nibble the grass in the rec. this year we hope it will come along. There is a newly-arrived sheep dog here that would probably welcome the opportunity of a little practice, and might incidentally provide Brentham with an illicit supply of mutton.

We have been slow to believe that recent damage to trees, fences, &c., on the rec. is the deliberate work of some of our own people, juniors and others. But the evidence brought to our notice causes us to know that such is, indeed, the case. The patience and tolerance of the Ground Committee may end excusably at any moment. We trust it may not be tested again.

Both the visitors' book and the suggestion book have remained in limbo for several months. We do not miss the former ; it contained the names of too many people of importance, real or assumed. But the Suggestion Book, for which the Committee has substituted an invitation to members to send in their suggestions privately, leaves the members without their chief means of revealing themselves to one another. Let it be re-installed, even though its existence be forgotten on Committee nights.

In bygone days Annual General Meetings were among the pastimes and relaxations of Brentham. They have now become ceremonies, formal and solemn. The carpeted platform, with its elegant table and eight chairs, provided for, but not used by, the Committee, may be intended to impress the quorum of members seated in the pit below with the serene status of the Society of which they are members. The chance of enticing the Committee over a mine-field is gone, for the decoy resolution must be in the hands of the Secretary in time for him to prepare his counter measures. The mover of unexpected resolutions could lead the meeting a merry dance in the pre-Society days, and although the benevolent autocracy allowed privileges it always kept a rod in pickle. Democracy can afford to allow no such freedom, and the rough and tumble of supplementary debate are relegated to that period known as "the subsequent discussion."

W. E. R.

BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE

FUNCTIONS FOR MARCH

Mondays, 4th and 18th — Whist Drive.

Monday, 25th — Bridge Drive.

In Ladies' Room. Members only. Admission 3d.

DANCE (LARGE HALL)

AND

WHIST DRIVE (SMALL HALL)

At 8 p.m.

SATURDAYS,

MARCH 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

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Saturday, April 6th.

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The Society.

The second business meeting of the Society took place on Thursday, 21st February. There was but little business to be done, as the meeting had only to consider the preliminary business in connection with the formation of the Society previous to its taking control of its various activities in January, 1918.

The Institute.

Attention is drawn to the fact that subscriptions are now overdue, and no one who has not paid the subscription can be admitted to the privileges of a member. The various activities are being well used, and, in spite of raids and other troubles, a successful season is assured. Notes on the billiards, ladies and children's sections will be found elsewhere.

A Ping Pong Table has now been set up in the Small Hall. Balls can be purchased at the bar. Bats are provided.

Unless otherwise advertised, the functions organised in the Institute on days other than Saturdays are for members only.

Visitors.

Members may obtain tickets enabling friends to partake of the privileges of members for a day for 6d. each, or for a week for 1s. 6d.

Members desiring to introduce visitors for longer periods should make application to the Hon. Secretary.

Visitors to the Junior section (12 and over) may be introduced by a member for a day on payment of 3d. If a member desires to introduce a visitor to this section for a longer period, application should be made to the Hon. Secretary.

Visitors cannot be admitted to the younger section of the Juniors (under 12).

Saturday Evening Functions.

The Saturday evening Dances, Whist Drives and Concerts are open to all, members and non-members alike. The functions for each Saturday in March will be a Dance in the Large Hall and a Whist Drive in the Small Hall, commencing at 8 p.m. Admission, 8d. Members, 6d.

Members can obtain books of six tickets, admitting them to any function organised by the Institute Committee during 1918, for 2s. 6d.

Allotments.

The permanent Allotments have now come under the control of the Society, and all communications respecting them should be addressed to Mr. F. W. Green, at the Institute. The rents have been reduced by 25 per cent. all round, and members of Brentham Club and Institute, Limited, will receive a further rebate of another 25 per cent. of the original rent, in addition.

Fees.

Brentham Club and Institute, Limited. Shares of 5/- each. Two shares, at least, must be applied for, of which at least one must be paid in full on application. The remaining share or shares need not be paid up until called for by the Committee, who do not intend to do so, at any rate, until after the War.

Brentham Institute.

Only shareholders in Brentham Club and Institute, Limited, can be admitted as members. Gentlemen, 7s. 6d. Ladies, 5s. Joint ticket, 10s. 6d.

Junior section (over 12) 1s. Junior section (under 12), 6d. All fees are for the year 1918.

THREE IMPORTANT LECTURES AT THE INSTITUTE.

The Institute Committee have arranged for Three Lectures to be given in connection with the present food problems that should prove of the greatest interest.

ON MONDAY, 11TH MARCH—

Mrs. Bodeb, an official lecturer from the Ministry of Food, will lecture, at 3 o'clock, on "Methods of Using and Preserving Fruit," and at 8 p.m. on "Economical Ways of Cooking and Storing Vegetables."

ON WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH—

The official lecturer of the Middlesex Beekeepers' Association will lecture, at 8-30 p.m., on "Beekeeping for Amateurs."

THESE LECTURES ARE FREE. All Residents on this Estate AND THEIR FRIENDS are heartily invited to attend.

H. W. BRYCESON, *Hon. Sec.*

ON DIT:—

That but for a "fall in glass" the Snooker handicap would have been finished to the scheduled date.

That J.H. is to be congratulated on getting it so nearly accomplished.

That the Secretary of the Institute has bought a new handkerchief.

That the Institute Society Annual General Meeting really started after it was closed.

That the Committee Members felt that their boots might damage the carpet—or was it the chairs?

That certain gentlemen intend to propose the appointment of a "Public Prosecutor" for Brentham.

That the Girls' Sewing Party will cause a surprise presently.

That the Ladies' Room is more audible on Thursdays than at any other time in the week.

That the activity of some of the newer members of the B. H. S. Committee have made some old members, real members for the first time.

ANON.

PERSONAL.

Mr. F. W. Chambers is back again in London in consequence of his appointment as Chief Officer, under Sir C. Bathurst, of the Distribution and Retail Price Branch of the Sugar Division of the Ministry of Food. Welcome and congratulations !

Pte. E. J. Ephgrave (K.O.R. Lancs.) was reported dangerously wounded on February 10th. After a stay in the 20th C.C. Station in a critical condition he has made sufficient progress to be moved to the 4th General Hospital, France. "Teddy" was pianist of the Brentham Pierrots, and well-known as a hockey and tennis player. For two years after joining the 8th Middlesex he was Gymnasium Instructor, with rank of Sergt. We all hope for his complete restoration to health.

Lance-Corpl. H. M. Collinson, Brentham's esteemed Choral Society Conductor, writes to our Chairman from the Italian Expeditionary Force :—"I am in touch with Brentham affairs, but I can hear nothing of the Choral Society. Please tell them that the work we did together is one of the bright memories that help to lighten the monotony of life here. I can see Mr. Allport in the library, and a rush on."

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

JAN. 5. Haven Green (home), lost 5—1.
12. S. Benedict's (away), lost 5—2.
26. S. Benedict's (away), lost 5—2.
Feb. 2. S. Benedict's (home), lost 5—1.
9. Haven Green (away), lost 5—1.
MAR. 2. Avondale (home), won 4—3.
Buck up, Brentham ! !

The Monday Whist and Bridge Drives are going strong. Whilst Drives will be held on Mondays, the *Ladies' Section.* 4th and 18th March, and a Bridge Drive on the 25th March. These drives commence at 8.30 p.m. Admission, 3d.

The first round of the Bridge Tournament has been played, and the second round entered into. Players are asked to make an effort to finish their games to time. The rumoured challenge from the Bridge players of the gentlemen members of the Institute has not yet arrived.

As a Committee meeting will not be held before these notes go to the printer, all further arrangements for March will be posted up on the notice board in the ladies' room. S.

The season's handicaps approach completion as I write. The finalists in the billiards are Messrs. *Billiards.* Goldsworthy and R. Turner. In Snooker Pool the semi-final pairs are Messrs. Goldsworthy and Back, Messrs. Bryceson and Gifford.

Time now is against long handicaps, but a few short ones will be arranged. The first of a series of flying handicaps will be played on March 6th. A full list of players, please. Keep an eye on the notice board for lightning events. J.H.

STOP PRESS.

On Saturday evening Messrs. Bryceson and Goldsworthy reached the Snooker Final.

Our Senior Girls' Sewing Class on Monday evenings *Junior* is making satisfactory progress, and some good and *Notes.* useful work is being done. We should be very pleased to see new members, who would be made welcome by the Committee ladies in charge.

The Dancing on Wednesday evenings is very well attended. Several new dances are being taught, and are being introduced in our Saturday evening programmes with every success.

The Senior Boys' night having been changed to Fridays (7.30 to 9.30) is better attended, and we are running a Billiard and Snooker Handicap—12 entries—the first round in Billiards being played on Friday, 22nd March, with several exciting results. I must say that our boys are shaping well for promotion to the large room upstairs.

Junior children members are still increasing in numbers. Several have recently joined, principally boys, and we usually have an attendance of 40 to 50 members. We crowd as much as we possibly can into the Happy Hour, and while this lasts we certainly have our hands full.

Our Junior Boys now have their own Football Team, practising every Saturday, and their great aim is to be in a position to play the 1st team. We wish them every success.

J.E.R.

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