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## COMMUNAL BRENTHAM.

"A lovely little village,"  
Hear the visitors remark,  
Their own nice Club, *but not a pub*,  
And recreation park.  
They seem to know each other,  
And to be the best of friends.  
All use the things that any brings  
To serve each other's ends.

It looks like that to people  
Who view it from the rail ;  
But I reside right here inside,  
And tell another tale.  
I have a gardening implement,  
That is a useful tool ;  
But when I yearn to take a turn  
With it, why, as a rule,  
I find that someone has it,  
And my words are plain and terse.  
Leave job undone, don't know the one,  
I badly want to curse.

Last month I wrote a poem,  
Or some words to that intent,  
And, bless my soul, the bally whole  
To my astonishment  
Was lifted in the local Press,  
And thus all Ealing read  
What B. B.'s took from Brentham's Book,  
———? Eh? What? That's what I said.

THE PIERROT.

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Mr. Wm. Meadows has invented and patented apparatus for using existing saucepans, &c., as porridge cookers. The article will be on the market shortly, and is a substantial assistance in culinary matters.



## BOWLS MATCHES.

Brentham *v.* Acton Park. At Brentham, May 26.

- (1) Stuart, Milner, Crozier, Boxall (S), 12 *v.* 28.
- (2) Whitmore, Farrar, Lewis, Shuff (S), 22 *v.* 20.
- (3) Bennett, Carr, Hender, Hearn (S), 17 *v.* 20.

Total, 51 *v.* 68.

Brentham *v.* Acton Park. At Acton, June 16.

The fixture was prevented from being carried to a conclusion by a heavy thunderstorm.

Brentham *v.* Acton Park. At Brentham, June 20.

- (1) Milner, S. A. C. Smith, Crozier, Boxall (S), 35 *v.* 11.
- (2) Bennett, Mead, Caven, Hender (S), 26 *v.* 14.
- (3) Stuart, Allport, Huard, Hearn (S), 20 *v.* 34.

Total—Brentham 81, Acton Park 59.

Brentham *v.* Pitshanger Park B.C. At Pitshanger, June 23.

- (1) Bennett, Stewart, Farrar, Hearn (S), 18 *v.* 17.
- (2) Whitmore, Mead, Caven, Hender (S), 12 *v.* 23.
- (3) Milner, Smith, Crozier, Boxall (S), 21 *v.* 18.

Total—Brentham 51, Pitshanger 58.

## JUNIOR CRICKET MATCHES.

June 2.—Practice match.

„ 9.—Belmont School scored 22 and 10. Brentham scored 19 and 30. B. Bray bowled well, and N. Hender was top scorer.

June 16.—Southfield visited us, and the score was : Southfield 10, Brentham 34. Then rain came down, and we drew stumps.

June 23.—We visited Latymer School Ground, our first away match, and won by 92—87.

June 30.—Game abandoned, as our team was incomplete.

We regret that, owing to an engagement under the National Service Scheme, our Captain, Arnold Smith, has had to resign. We hope, however, to have his assistance in some of our matches.

All Brentham knew little Vivienne Jones who, dressed as Jack Tar, delighted Institute audiences last winter with her Hornpipe dance. Now the news of her death has come like a shock, making it difficult to realise that “Vivvy” will no more be seen among her little dancing friends. Brentham’s deep sympathy is with the bereaved parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Winscombe Crescent, wish to offer their deep and heartfelt thanks to the many friends who have expressed their kind sympathy, and by the last offering of most beautiful wreaths and flowers, on the occasion of the interment of their little daughter, Vivienne Florence, July 4th, 1917.



## EDITORIAL.

This issue of *The 'Ite* marks the beginning of the fifth year in which Brentham has had its own journal. It was early in July, 1913, that the first number of *The 'Ite's* predecessor, *The Brentham Magazine*, appeared. "A modest journal" said the local contemporaries, referring only to the size, and not to that modesty, "without which," as Addison wrote, "beauty is ungraceful and wit detestable." Modesty, in both those senses, forbids the recounting in these pages of the part that Brentham's own journal has played in the development of the general social atmosphere of the pioneer garden suburb.

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Haymaking around Brentham has suffered a postponement this year. S. Barnabas' Day is long since past, and the symbolic rake which that saint possesses is becoming associated with War Allotments and early Spring instead of hayfields and flaming June. Even the Recreation Ground, kept like a lawn during several summers past, has become a hayfield, and a continual reminder of the serious days in which we live. The historian who tries to picture these days to a coming generation will find no more forcible sentence than this: "Then were our sportsgrounds knee deep in grass at Midsummer."

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In granting permission to the owners to close the public footpath across the "Fox and Goose" field, the Town Council showed a decided disposition to deal very carefully with a matter that primarily affects Brentham. Not until it was quite clear that the proposed stoppage would "not be detrimental to the public" did the Council agree to grant permission for the closing of the path. Further, it was insisted that the alternative route should be made more commodious. Now that is quite praiseworthy vigilance, which we hope was not inspired by the fact that the Councillors had still the word "Dibdin" ringing in their ears.

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## WE TAKE OFF OUR HATS TO:

The man who gets Saturday morning gardening leave.  
 The gent. who writes his correspondence while waiting for his receipt at the office.  
 The Saturday morning grass-mower pushers.  
 The wretch who started the new rubbish dump.  
 The Bonfire King of the district.  
 The man who, with a "dark purpose," joined the V.T.C.  
 The owner of the latest thing in long clothes.  
 The resident at the house to which even a pennyworth of tape is delivered by a West End motor van.  
 Anybody interested in comparative baldness.



**A Presentation.**—A Horticultural Committee meeting on June 21st was interrupted unceremoniously by a deputation that wished to say a few words to the Allotments Secretary, Mr. F. W. Green. The deputation consisted entirely of "Dibdinities," headed by Mr. Benet, of Eaton Rise, and the Committee, thinking discretion the better part of valour, cut short its business, and gave place to the "deputation." Mr. Benet explained that their "indignation" was simulated, and merely an excuse for catching Mr. Green unawares; their real state of mind was gratitude to that gentleman for the strenuous part he had played in the recent trouble at the Dibdin Allotments. Their desire was to seek Mr. Green's acceptance of a tangible expression of their thanks to him. On behalf of the Allotment holders at that once-threatened ground, Mr. Benet then presented to Mr. Green a silver rose-bowl which, with a few words of thanks, the latter accepted, while still completely taken by surprise. The company before breaking up sang, in tones subdued (out of consideration for the babies of the neighbourhood), "He's a jolly good fellow." And so say all of us!

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### ON DIT:—

- That no one enjoyed the storm more than the bowlers.
- That large men in a small hut for two hours is more enjoyable to hear about than to experience.
- That "Whitty" does like sugar.
- That a Brentham magazine we know, and a Brentham cigarette we know (and appreciate), but what on earth (or elsewhere) is the Brentham Manufacturing Company.
- That a well-known resident who was reported to have five sons has been wondering which of his daughters has been masquerading in male attire.
- That the children's swings are arriving in instalments.
- That the remaining two are ready, but cannot go up until a damaged strut on the frame is staked and bolted.
- That no one connected with the Junior Section has yet been seen doing anything for the Tennis Court that has been placed at their disposal.
- That the lately cut Tennis Courts are not meant as a special playground for young children.
- That "Brentham Brevities" in the M.C.T. was wholly incorrect in assuming that I meant this Estate only when I spoke last month of "this part of Ealing."
- That it is just because "this part of Ealing" wishes to enter fully into the Municipal life of the Borough that it needs to be made a separate Ward.
- That the roses round the Institute are not common property.
- That several places on the Recreation Ground by the Brent want attention.

ANON.



## BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE.

Matters connected with the formation of the Society of Brentham Club and Institute, Limited, are proceeding satisfactorily, but slowly. Few people realise the very large task devolving on the printer in producing a copy of the rules. The first proofs, however, came to hand last week, and are now being amended in accordance with advice given by the Registrar, who very kindly granted an interview to the Acting Secretary. Brenthamites will be glad to know that from the official point of view there will be no difficulty in obtaining the registration fairly quickly after the finished printed copies of rules are sent in.

I have heard that some people do not quite understand that the Society will be one with limited liability. That is to say, that should, as is practically impossible, anything go wrong with its finances, no member can be held responsible for more than the value of the shares allotted to him. As this is in nearly all cases a comparatively small amount, no one need have any fear of coming in at once.

In order to get things going as quickly as possible, I shall be most pleased if all who are able to will send along the five shillings for their first share. Of course it is not due, and cannot be *officially* called for until the Society has been registered, but it will help us materially if it be sent along at once.

In the meantime, the Provisional Committee, by arrangement with Ealing Tenants, Limited, are running the Club and Grounds as far as possible. *The Club is open now every Saturday evening*, and all are asked to join. The fee for membership up to 31st December, 1917, is 2/6 for gentlemen and 1/- for ladies. This includes membership of the library, and those who have already paid 6d. to join the library are entitled to deduct that amount from their Club subscription.

H.W.B.

A man of many parts is Mr. John Hearn, but as Lord High Exterminator in the Brentham Opera he has made his fame. His first entry for the purpose of directing operations in the capture of a swarm of bees is merely an introduction enabling him to tune up a double bass voice and get into his stride. In the second act he gets his main chance as a worm exterminator, a part needing much delicacy and light treading. Next, his task is to rout the rats from a railway allotment, and here red lights and a general setting of the super-natural place him in his "element." His "Ho! Ho! ye devils," as the rats finish off one another, is opera in excelsis. The final scene appears unfinished, and hence somewhat disappointing, for we see our basso ruminating over a shallot bed, beneath which young rabbits are flourishing upon the cabbages and lettuces of the neighbourhood. The problem, a War-time one, that darkens his brow is: "Which to prefer—Boiled rabbit or green stuff?" And, while still undecided, the final curtain descends leaving us wondering!



## BRENTEN-BURG NOTES.

[Being a reprint from the *Ealungt Zeitung*, "Notes of the Garden Suburb."]

"The Estate has received a further draft of 50 families during the past week. These families have been on the schedule for several months past, and were marched up from the station along the Avenue den Brenten, headed by a National Band. There was no house-choosing, for the family name was already posted upon the gate of the house to which the family was sent. Each head of a family was wearing the Tin Cross for Municipal Uprightness conferred upon those who, with their wives and families, have clean sheets at the local records office. The chief officer of the suburb distributed books of rules to each family, and a framed copy of these was found hung in each room of the houses. Later in the evening the food requirements of each family were carefully scrutinised by the Public Kitchen Officer, who apportioned to each household its supply of crockery marked with the Imperial Arms.

"Some difficulty has been experienced by the residents in carrying out the new rule (No. 1999) regarding hedges. Previously hedges fronting the street might be clipped to any shape and pattern, and back hedges were allowed of any width less than 4.3dm. This led to some individuality being shown, and the various shapes and sizes of hedges that bordered the roads were not suggestive of that magnificent uniformity that is the pride of our nation. Now all hedges are to be kept at a height of 7dm. and a width of 3dm.

"Now is the time for residents to submit their garden and allotments plans for the coming season to the Chief Officer of the Suburb. There is some likelihood of Sweet Wilhelm being banned this year, and any roses up to six may be cultivated providing they have names associated with the Vaterland. Pigs must be kept by each resident, sufficient to supply the family with the national sausage throughout the year. Each family, too, must be self-supporting in the matter of Sauerkraut.

"In this ideal suburb, where everybody's business is somebody else's, social pleasures are reduced to the very simplest form. The orders of the week are issued to every household on each Monday morning, and attendances at the Institute are recorded in a register, a minimum of 99 per cent. being required of every inhabitant. Why should they not be happy? Social pleasures by the score made while you wait, and everybody taking part! The paths of the recreation ground are open for the free use of residents each evening of the week, the grass, upon which foot may not be placed, being in excellent condition.

"All residents are to line up on their doorsteps next Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m., to be sprayed with Berlin mixture, as the possibility of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease must be prevented.—LAGER."

W.E.R.



## ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

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We have, with great regret, again to record that the War has exacted the last and greatest sacrifice from amongst the number of Brentham's Roll of Honour.

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

### **JULIAN GOULD**

(Private, 16th Middlesex Regiment),

who died "for England and humanity" on May 31st, 1917, near Monchy-le-preux, France. He was 25 years of age, born in London, and educated at Leicester Municipal Art School.

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Second-Lieut. Percy Roe, R.F.A., and 1st-Class Air-Mech. E. Knevett are recent promotions.

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**B.H.S.** The B.H.S. Volunteers are looking forward to a busy time during July repelling the enemy with the aid of the Knapsack Sprayer. It is intended to make a start on the first Friday in the month, and there will be no time for slacking until the whole area is fortified. There is still room in the Corps for volunteers, especially any who can give time during the mornings, afternoons and early evenings. The Borough Surveyor has kindly consented to assist by providing water for this purpose at Dibdin.

Do not forget that the Society holds its Show on the 4th of August. All entries should be in the hands of the Secretary not later than the 1st of August. If anyone has lost his schedule, he should ask a neighbour to oblige him with a sight of his copy, or, in the last resort, ask the Secretary. There may be some difference of opinion as to the value of Shows, but there is no doubt that the extra attention and care given to their crops by competitors has a far greater value than any small prize that may be won, and this benefit comes to unsuccessful as well as the successful exhibitors. "Novices" should not be afraid to have a try; there are no "great guns" at the game to fear. The Society expects at least a hundred (I should have liked to have said 200) exhibitors on this occasion.

The historical B.H.S. Dibdin Seed Bed is going strong; it has produced a good crop of healthy seedlings of Kale, Brussels, Broccoli, and Cabbage, which are on sale to members. M.



## BOWLING FIXTURES.

WED. JULY 4.	Lammas (a.)	WED. AUG. 15.	Lammas (h.)
" " 11.	Pitshanger (h.)	SAT. " 18.	Pitshanger (h.)
SAT. JULY 14.	Lammas (a.)	WED. " 29.	Pitshanger (a.)
WED. " 18.	Acton Park (a.)	SAT. SEPT. 8.	Ealing Conserva-
SAT. " 28.	Lammas (h.)		tives (h.)

An interesting handicap is now in progress, each player using four woods. All the members of the Club have been entered, and their names drawn for play, and it is hoped that they will be on the Green at an early date and arrange to play off their games.

The recent rains, followed by continuous rolling by the members, has much improved the Green.

New members are asked to give in their names to the Acting Secretary, Mr. Hearn.

Interesting competitions are played on the Green on Saturdays when Club matches are not in progress. The two played on Saturday, June 30th, were much enjoyed by those present.  
J.H.

A Pool Shoot was held on June 30th at a figure target *Rifle* at 25 yards. The "pool" of the previous shoot was *Club.* included, and shared out to all members obtaining all-in cartons in this competition.

A Silver Spoon, presented by the Club, will be competed for on July 7th, and a *Daily Telegraph* Certificate on July 14th and 21st. Conditions will be announced on the range. The Roberts S.M.R.C. bronze medal was won by Mr. G. W. Bunting, with a score of 90 points. In future all communications regarding the Brentham Rifle Club must be addressed to Mr. Bartlett, 39, Ludlow Road, he having kindly consented to take over the Secretaryship from June 30th.  
H.F.C.

[Mr. H. F. Carter, whose monthly Rifle Club notes have been much valued by members, has been "called up" for Military service, and we join the R.C. members in their good wishes to him.—ED., *The 'Ite.*]

On the occasion of his departure to join the colours his fellow-workers in the office of *Co-Partnership Tenants'*, Limited, presented Mr. George Morris with a wristlet watch. Mr. J. H. Greenhalgh made the presentation. Mr. Morris has for the past few years resided in Woodfield Road, Brentham.

All Editorial Communications to be addressed to the Editor, 27 Neville Road, Ealing, W.

All matters relating to advertisements to be sent to the Advert. Manager, 43 Brentham Way, Ealing, W.

All other communications to the Business Secretary, 29 Meadvale Road, Ealing, W.