

ST JOHN'S OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB TO INCLUDE TENNIS, HOCKEY, ATHLETICS, AND RUGBY FOOTBALL. EASTER FAIR HELD TO RAISE FUNDS.

St John's Old Boys Cricket Club held an easter fair at the Archer Hall, Billericay on Saturday February 28th to raise funds for the proposed St John's Sports Association.

The President outlined the club's history. He said that the club had been founded in 1935 / 6 and as it has no ground used the school and its grounds. At the start of the war, the club ended but it was revived after the war in 1946. In 1947 a piece of ground of about 3 to 4 acres was purchased, near the Bush Hall Stores in the Stock Road, for use as a ground. Recently the ground around was built on and this made play dangerous. Fortunately, the ground was building land and was easy to sell. Now the club had bought a ground of 7 to 8 acres, further up the Stock Road. Money was needed to erect a first-class pavillion.

Mrs C. Allison wife of the headmaster of Brentwood School, performed the opening ceremony.

She said that there was much criticism of youth these days and full support should be given to them in this club. It was not easy to raise money, and the club was very much needed.

Stalls were; Needlework and Jewellery, Garden, Groceries, Bottles, Household goods, Hooks, Toys and Stationery, Lucky dips, Toilet Requisites, Cakes, Hot & Buns, Easter Eggs. Sidshows were; Sir Bertha! Hit or Miss! Can-U-Drive? Madame Zuluika, Raffles, Refreshments.

#### EXTENSIONS COMPLETED.

Extensions to Buttsbury C.P. School were completed recently.

Some classes had to be taken to Basildon by coach every day because of lack of room at Buttsbury, but pupils resumed work in the new extension on Thursday February 26th.

The Schools Service, between Mountnessing Road and Buttsbury, which was started when children first went to Basildon will be maintained.

#### RAIL ACCIDENT.

When the 5.33 from Liverpool St. overshot the platform at Billericay Station on Tuesday 24th February, a door was opened against the bridge and wrenched off.

A porter travelled in the coach to Southend where the train was put out of service, causing delays on Wednesday morning. A man's name and address was taken.

CHAOS IN LAKE AVENUE. POLICE CONTROL CARS.

The hot weather brought chaos to Lake Avenue, Billericay on Sunday March 1st.

By 3.0. the car park was full up, as no preparations had been made for hot weather, and only a small one holding 50 cars was in use. Residents of Lake Avenue and the "Observer" tried to control the 300 cars which arrived.

Motorists ignored no parking notices and parked on Lake Avenue verges and in the road, and they threw the car park full sign into the hedge.

Groups of angry residents formed and one resident told the "Observer", "If the Council want people to come to the park they should make facilities. It is all the Council's fault".

Several people dialed for the Police, who arrived and cleared most of the cars out of Lake Avenue and allowed no cars in. As a result of this lines of cars formed along the Stock Road.

A park official told the "Observer", "A park for cars in the High Street area would greatly help things".

Despite the car congestion, Lake Meadows was as crowded as a July day.

#### BASILDON CARNIVAL QUEEN MAY BE FROM BILLERICAY THIS YEAR.

Basilton Carnival Queen may come from Billericay this year, as the Carnival Association have opened up the competition to the whole urban district.

The Carnival Association hope to organise processions from Wickford and Billericay, to join up with the main procession.

Carnival weekend will be the August bank holiday weekend.

#### ARCHERY CLUB IN BILLERICAY.

An archery club has been formed in Billericay for teenagers over 16 and adults joining the Youth Centre.

The club meets at the Secondary School, and the founders Mr and Mrs R.F. Goldsworthy of Chantry Way who are official coaches of the Grand National Archery Society.

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STOP PRESS NEWS.

Cinema Column

Ritz, Billerica, Monday to Friday 5.15, Saturday 2.30, Sunday 4.30 p.m. Prices - 2/10, 2/5, 1/10 and 1/- Monday March 2nd to Wednesday March 4th.

Carl Monher, Andre Morrell in (X) "The Camp on Blood Island". Supporting, "The Tijuana Story" (A). ICP 7.10 Thursday 5th March to Sat March 7th.

David Tomlinson, Frankie Howard, Shirley Eaton star in "Further up the creek" (U) sequel to "Up the creek". When the frigate Aristotle is sold to the Algerocean government the crew realise that their profitable bookmaking enterprise must end. Under orders to sail for Algeria they look to Bo'sun Dibble to make the trip lucrative and he advertises a one-way luxury cruise. There are some hilarious incidents and Dibble is put in the brig. However all ends well, Dibble is decorated and the Aristotle returns to Britain. Also "The Parson and the Outlaw" (U). Sunday March 8th.

Claude Rains and Marta Toren in "The Man Who Watched Trains Go By" (A). Kees Poppinga, chief clerk for a Dutch firm discovers that his managing director, De Koster, is about to abscond to Paris with the firm's money. In a struggle Poppinga kills De Koster and Poppinga decides to go to Paris in De Koster's place. Some complications arise and Poppinga attempts to commit suicide. The express which he decided to walk under switches to another line and it is a broken little man who is picked up by the Police. The same man whose great passion in life was to watch the trains go by. Supporting, "Radio Cab Murder". (A). Monday March 9th to Wed March 11th.

Headed by a striking international cast that includes Michael Rennie and Patricia Medina "Battle of the V. V." (A) brings to the screen an epic story of deathless courage. The film throws a vivid searchlight on the courageous and often spectacular work of gallant Polish patriots during the dark days when their country was occupied by the Nazis. Supporting, "Where There's a Will" (U). Thursday March 12th to Sat March 14th

Betsy Drake & Kenneth More star in "Next to no time" (U). David Webb a backroom boffin has an ingenious scheme for converting his employers' factory to automation. This leads to many hilarious incidents on board the "Queen Elizabeth". Also "Running Target". (U). Sunday March 15th.

"Night of a Thousand Eyes" is centred round John Triton, who can see into the future. (A). He tries to save a young girl's life.

"LONGSIGHT".

Perry Street Again.

We are the residents of Perry Street still enjoying the noises of excavators, puffing billies (or dumpers) which carry soil and mixed cement etc, chugging up and down the road. We have had mud, mud nothing but mud. Good progress has been made and is being made, and no doubt a great improvement for all concerned, especially small children coming and going from school (safety first). I now understand that the Chelmsford Borough Council is to take over Perry St to make it a main road, and in three years intend to widen this road. So we start from scratch again, what of the future then?

I am given to understand that at least 400 houses are going to be built soon between Uplands Rd and The Brightside. Soon we shall be catching up on Harlow New Town. On the building subject there is great activity again in Lake Meadows. Not cement and brick, neither Mr. Sherrif or Townsends. Its sticks moss and feathers. Yes it's those crows etc invading again with plenty of cause and fighting going on. Childrens swings in Lake Meadows.

Why have the authorities moved the site near to the children's paddling pool. I make it about 40 feet from Lake and Pool. Surely a better site could have been found. What a congestion there will be in the summertime with swings, slides etc, and youngsters with parents, used that piece of grass to pile their little shoes, stockings or socks etc. They also have lunch, ice cream, there. But there, somebody knows best or do they? Furthermore I suggest, as this portion is for small children only that it be fenced in and a gate leading in, a woman in charge, to prevent those 15 to 18 years olds from using those swings etc. I have myself seen these latter mentioned kids on these swings on several occasions, and no doubt readers of this newspaper have seen in many parks a woman in charge of the small children.

Cheerio readers! This will be my last article for some weeks as I will be touring Warwickshire and Staffordshire. Please think kindly of me sometimes.

The Brighter Side. Q Why did the cod roe? A Because it saw the skate stroke! Happy hunting - "LONGSIGHT".

THE STORY OF BILLERICAY by Ha/Ri.  
CHAPTER 13.

After their unsuccessful fight in Norsey Wood, where the Peasants were defeated by the King's army under his uncle, Sir Thomas of Woodstock, and Sir Thomas Percy, brother of the Duke of Northumberland, many of the rebels fled towards Colchester and Sudbury, leaving as many as 500 killed on the Billericay Battlefield. Among the local men who thus escaped we find mentioned a certain Walter Cartere, and Roger Forster, alias Roger Underwode, whose name turns up twenty years' later.

He was probably caught and hanged for his activities during the Revolt, his property being forfeit to the King as in the case of other Billericay rebels named in Court records. Roger had held a small farm of 5 acres as tenant of the Abbey of Stratford Langthorne, for which he paid a rent of 30. a year. After the Revolt, this holding was taken over by a certain Richard Baynard, but twenty years later was claimed by Underwode's daughter who had married Richard Brigg. She claimed that her father had held the farm through his wife, and that as she was now dead the daughter must be the heir. The lady won her case, and the Court ordered that the holding should become the property of 'Lors Brigg who was of the age of thirty or more'.

Many of the slain were buried in the churchyard at Great Burstead, including the Essex leaders, but it is unlikely that there is any truth in the legend that Wat Tyler himself was among this number, although the story has been handed down from father to son for many generations.

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Now we have a question for you.

Could you direct an enquirer to a place called Ynge Gyngiang Jayberd?

This name appeared in a play called 'Wether' written by John Heywood in the 16th. century, in which a character named Merry Report, claims on his return home to have visited a great number of places.

Perhaps you can find a clue in his speech :-

No welcome home/ nor where have ye be ?  
Howebeit, if ye axed, I could not well tell,  
but sure I think a thousand mile from hell,  
and on my faith, I think in my conscience,  
I have been from heaven as far as heaven is hence,  
At Louvain, at London, and in Lombrey,  
At Baldock, at Barford, and in Barbary,  
At Canterbury, at Coventry, at Colchester,  
At Wandsworth and Welbeck, at Westchester,  
At Fulham, at Faleborne, and at Fenlow,  
At Wallingford, at Wakefield, and at Walthamstow,  
At Taunton, at Tiptree and at Tottenham,  
At Gloucester, at Guildford, and at Gotham,  
At Hertford, at Harwich, and at Harrow-on-the-Hill,  
At Sudbury, Southampton, at Shooter's Hill,  
At Walsingham, at Witham, and at Warwick,  
At Boston, at Bristow, and at Berwick,  
At Gravelyn, at Gravesend, and at Glastonbury,  
Ynge Gyngiang Jayberd the parish of Buttsbury.  
The devil himself, without more leisure,  
Could not have gone half this much, I am sure.

Answer in the next issue, but we will give one more clue.

It is not very far from the 'Billericay Observer' office!

SOUND AND VISION.

At long last, the Goons have come to an end. They will be replaced by Barker's Folly. And, to laughter lovers, that will be as equally as amusing.

Since the I.T.V. space-ship announcement scare many people have criticised I.T.V. And they are to a certain extent to blame. However, also to blame are the people who did not read the 'T.V. times'

SOUND AND VISION.

AS for the third channel I think that if we switched to the continental 625-line sets then the B.B.C. and I.T.V. could both have a second channel. However if the B.B.C. get a second channel up go the licences. So I say that the B.B.C. deal with minority tastes and a new government T.V. network be formed, with commercials to make it self-supporting.

Would any lady pensioner like Woman's Own passed on weekly? Perry or High St area. Apply Box No. 2, "Billericay Observer", 143, Perry Street, Billericay.

EDITORIAL CORNER.

This edition includes a competition, which I hope you will all enter for. Also we now include a "Cinema Column" which we are sure will be a welcome addition to cinemagoers and all. There is no "Wanderer" this week, but that is lack of space, and we hope we will return shortly. So now the Editorial is the only article which has appeared in the newspaper since its inauguration.

Yours Sincerely,  
W. Grant, Editor.

COMPETITION.

Win a good ballpoint pen.  
No entry fee.

It is hoped that many people will enter. In the past entries for competitions have been very low.

What you have to do.

Below is a list of the 'B.O.' articles in this edition. Place them in order of preference e.g. History of Billericay 1, Longsight 2 etc etc. Then chose a new article you would like in the 'Ob' and suggest a name for it, if it was Pets, then Pets corner, add your name and address and send your entry to the office or hand it to the editor or entries will be collected when the next copy is delivered. Closing date is March 20th. If you do not want to cut up your copy you can do your entry on plain paper. The Editor's decision in all matters relating to the competition is FINAL. The winner will be the person who agrees with the majority poll. In the event of more than one the new article idea will count. It is very simple to do, only takes a few minutes, and you are helping the ed so that he knows the most popular articles.

ENTRY FORM.

(PLAIN PAPER CAN BE USED)  
Number in preference 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

- 'Longsight' .....
- 'History of Billericay' .....
- 'Cinema Column' .....
- 'Sound and Vision' .....
- 'Sports Observer' .....
- 'For the Gardener' .....

My new article name is:  
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Name .....

Address .....

The result will be published in the issue of March 31st. The winner may be you, if you enter.

You may have read in your national newspapers that the F.A. intends to cut down to a small number the non-league clubs entering the F.A. cup, perhaps with the eventual aim of making it an all-Football League competition. What a tragedy this would be, for all the glamour would go out of the F.A. cup if Peterborough United or Yeovil, Tooting & Mitcham or Worcester C, Hereford United or South Shields were not included. As for cutting down!

The F.A. cup is a national competition and it should be kept that way. How can it be a really, true national competition if the majority of clubs are not represented? In my opinion the number of clubs competing should be raised so that most clubs in Gt. Britain, down to the standard of Billericay Town would have a chance. Of course the question of dates then arises, as under the present arrangement the earliest rounds are played in September. So I suggest an extra competition be arranged for smaller clubs, from which about twenty to thirty clubs would enter the qualifying rounds. This could be played out in the months of March, April and May of the previous season.

FOR

THE

GARDENER.

Garden Planning 2 - Lawns.

Any series about Garden Planning would not be complete without an article on lawns, for there are very few gardens that have not got a lawn.

The best method of lawn making is by turf. This produces better results than seed, and you do not have to bother about birds. Also it can be easily taken up again. The much-advertised "Emerald Velvet", allege, many gardeners is a very poor method.

The most suitable time for laying turfs is April-May and September-October.

The ground should be well dug and cleared of any roots, however small. Then level and firm it.

A light layer of sand on top on the soil, although not necessary is a help when laying turf. After the turves have been laid they should be well-rolled for a few weeks.

GARDEN ADVICE.

We offer a free garden advice service by an expert (not the ed!). We will either answer your questions by letter or in this column. In that way other readers are assisted. So send your queries and problems to us at 143, Perry St, Billericay.