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NEW CHURCH AND PARISH PROPOSAL

Speaking at a meeting at Christ Church, Perry Street last Thursday week on the subject of a new Church for Perry Street the Rev. S. Powley, Vicar of Billericay, said that he saw no reason why Perry Street should not become a separate parish from Billericay, with a resident priest, in five or six years' time. The Vicar went on; "You are fortunate in having a church-cum-hall in which you can worship, until your new Church is built. It is not the right attitude to say 'I would come if there was a better Church'. You have a nucleus of people, you have a splendid site, and you have a growing population of 5,400 people. The policy of having a new church is obviously a long-term one, but every policy has to have a beginning, and the best thing is to get going as soon as possible. I will be, as you know, leaving the Parish within a few weeks, but I am sure that the next incumbent will take an active interest in your project".

The Chairman outlined the history of the Church. Up to 1933 the parishoners in the Perry Street area had had to go to Buttsbury Church for worship. They decided that they would like a Church in Perry Street, the present wooden building was erected, and consecrated on January 29th, 1933. Until October, 1953 the Church was in the Parish of Ingatestone with Buttsbury, but then the parish boundaries were altered, and it was transferred to the Parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Billericay. At the A.G.M. of the congregation on April 27th, it was decided to send a resolution to the Parochial Church Council regarding the erection of a new Church, who approved the proposal, and the Diocese had subsequently given authority for the scheme to go ahead. The proposal was for a new Church, alongside the present one, and for a Vicarage at a later date.

Outlining the activities of Christ Church the Chairman referred to the Boys' Choir, recently re-formed, the Scouts, Cubs, Guides, and Brownies, the Young Wives, who had an average attendance of forty, and the Sunday School and Bible Class. There was an average attendance of 180 at the Sunday School, and he felt that more could be achieved through the children to the parents than by any other means. New proposals were for an electoral roll and road visiting. An Anglican Young Peoples' Association was also needed.

For the Guides Mrs. Trumeau said that she felt that it would be very nice if the meetings could be held in one building, and one could go to Church in another.

Among the money raising functions mentioned were Fetes, Jumble Sales, Coffee Mornings, and weekly self-denial offerings. A Committee was elected to deal with all matters in connection with the new Church.

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ENTRIES DOWN AT HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

There were 216 entries in the Annual Summer Show of Billericay Horticultural Society at the Archer Hall on Saturday - compared with 312 in 1959 and 380 last year.

Commenting on the Horticultural and Floral Art Section the judges F.L. Bradbury and J. Harper said; "The show although small was extremely bright and a few exhibits were of an exceptionally high standard. Drought conditions no doubt influenced the number of entries and now rain has come we expect to see the Autumn Show fill the hall once again. The Floral Art Classes were very good although there was not the competition of former years. Perennials were clean and bright and gladioli and roses were reasonably good".

Commenting on the Cookery Section Mrs C.A. Wilby said; "The small number of entries in some sections was disappointing and the standard achieved varied greatly. The jam sponges were of very poor standard, and Maderia Cakes were satisfactory. Greater care had obviously been taken with entries in the jam and wine section, and some good results were achieved".

The Show was opened by Cllr. C.D. Pope, Chairman of Basildon Urban District Council Parks Committee.

Special Awards; Amateur Gardening Silver Bronze Medal, best exhibit in Summer Show, A.A. Peart, Stock Road. "Amateur Gardening" Certificate of Merit, A.C. Peagram, Brentwood. National Rose Society Medal, A.C. Peagram. Best flowering pot plant, J. Baldwin. Certificate of Merit - Gooseberries - A.C. Peagram. Summer Cup (most outstanding exhibit in Floral Art Section, "The Bride Comes Home") G.R. Versey.

HOSPITAL FETE MADE £903.

The final amount made by the Annual Fete held by St. Andrews' Hospital League of Friends on June 3rd was £903. This was announced at the recent meeting of the League of Friends Committee. It was decided to place £850 in deposit account for the new staff recreation hall, making a total of £1,000. It was decided to spend £100 on medical text books for the Hospital Library, and £50 to fit one ward with a system for patients to call a nurse without disturbing other patients, as an experiment.

RESIDENTS' ASSN. WANT TELEPHONE IN PARK.

Concern was expressed at last Thursday week's meeting of Billericay Residents' Association Executive Committee at the fact that there was no first aid attendant, or means of summoning aid, in Lake Meadows Park.

It was decided to write to Basildon Council asking them to train the park attendant in first aid, and provide a first aid box. It was also decided to ask them if there was any possibility of a public telephone box being provided in the park.

NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL MAY HAVE PRACTICE SWIMMING BATH.

At last Tuesday's meeting of Basildon Education Committee it was decided to ask the County Education Committee to provide a learners' swimming bath at the Mayflower County Secondary School instead of a second gymnasium. The school, which will be built on a site off Stock Road, will eventually be a five-form entry school. It is intended that the Swimming Bath will be provided as part of the second instalment of the building programme at the School.

NEW FOOTWAY TO PRIMARY SCHOOL?

The Basildon Education Committee have referred to Basildon Council's Works Committee for favourable consideration a proposal from the School Managers of Buttsbury County Primary School that a footway be provided to the School on the north side of Perry Street as an additional safety measure. A school crossing patrol was recently established in the vicinity.

SCHOOL MANAGERS COMPLAIN ABOUT LACK OF CAR PARKING SPACE AT SCHOOL.

Following a complaint from the managers of South Green Primary School that the car parking space at the school was inadequate, Basildon Education Committee have asked the Works Committee to speed up the widening of Hickstars Lane and the construction of a footpath in order to alleviate the position. The Committee stated, in their reply, that it would be impossible to provide a large enough Car Park for all the cars that arrive on odd days in the school year. In addition the cost of extra parking space would reduce the amount of money available for the actual school building, and therefore a reduction in teaching accommodation or in adequate facilities would have been necessary.

RESIDENTS ANGRY OVER FAILURE TO PROVIDE FOOTPATH.

On the advice of their South Green Sub-Committee Billericay Residents' Association are writing to the County Highways Department regarding the provision of a footpath from the South Green Memorial Hall to Burstead Drive, and Mill Road to Armstrong Whitworth's factory along the Southend Road (A129). They are also asking for lighting to be extended from Tyrells Road to Armstrong Whitworth's factory.

In correspondence to an individual resident the County Highways Department assured him that provision for a footpath from Burstead Drive to the Memorial Hall had been placed in this year's estimates. Later, however, they stated that this had not been possible owing to lack of finance. Also, five years ago, residents in houses between Mill Road and Armstrong Whitworth's factory raised a petition for a footpath, but still no footpath has been constructed.

Commented Mr. Featherstone, Chairman of the South Green Sub-Committee; "There have been several accidents on this stretch of road. In the last month there have been two accidents near Armstrong Whitworth's factory - one when a car overturned and hit a telegraph pole, and one when a boy was run over by a car and taken to a hospital with a broken leg. Apparently, owing to the lack of a path the boy ran straight out into the road and was knocked down. The absolute non-existence of lighting makes things worse. In addition, of an evening, workers from Armstrong Whitworth's factory have to walk along this section of road. It's time something was done".

Commented Mr. Poulton, father of the five-year old boy who was run over; "There are verges in front of these houses, apparently for road widening and construction of a footpath. There was talk of a footpath here as far back as 1933, but there is still no sign of one".

CHRIST CHURCH, PERRY STREET.

Services:- 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays, Family Matins, 9.30 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays, Holy Communion, 9.30 a.m.

REST ROOM TO CLOSE ON FRIDAYS.

The Rest Room for old people in Billericay High Street at the Recreation Rooms, organised by Billericay Old Peoples' Welfare Committee is to close on Friday afternoons. This is because of the difficulty in staffing it on that afternoon, and it seems that is also the least popular time from the point of view of pensioners using the room. The Rest Room will remain open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings.

GRASS FIRES KEEP FIREMEN BUSY.

A spate of grass fires, because of the hot weather, has kept Billericay Fire Brigade busy in the last fortnight. 9 grass fires have been attended in Billericay, Laindon, and Shenfield. On two occasions the Brigade have stood-by at Laindon Fire Station. Last Monday week they attended, with Wickford Fire Brigade, a fire in an outbuilding at Downham, which was completely destroyed by fire.

THUNDERSTORM DID NOT AFFECT FETE TAKINGS.

A heavy thunderstorm during the afternoon did not affect the takings at the Roman Catholic Fete in the grounds of the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Laindon Road on Saturday - £130 was raised.

The fete was opened by Father Harden, priest at Hutton. He said that the fete was "in God's back garden". He said that the Fete was more of a social afternoon for the parishoners, rather than a money raising affair. However, all the proceeds went towards the Church Extension Fund, and perhaps at the same time next year the first fruits of this fund might be seen.

When the thunderstorm came, about one hour after the Fete opened, everybody moved into the Church Hall where the children were entertained with a Punch and Judy Show. After the rain had stopped business resumed once more.

A fancy dress parade was judged by Miss N. Corcoran, a former Headmistress of Buttsbury C.P. School, and a parishoner for forty years.

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Because of the lack of local news in August, and the large number of people on holiday during that month, it has been decided not to publish an issue of the "Billericay Observer" on Tuesday August 15th. The next issue on Tuesday August 1st will be published as usual. The issue of Tuesday August 29th will include news of all events between August 4th and August 29th. I am sure that readers will appreciate that, unlike other local papers, the "Observer" does not have a large area to draw news from.

On Page 8 of this issue details of the "Billericay Observer" sketching competition for young people, which will be run during the school holidays, are given, together with an entry form. Judges are Miss Pamela Curtis-Green and Mr. Rodney Douglas. Twelve prizes of half-a-guinea are offered.

----- The Editor.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Forthcoming Events In Billericay.

Tuesday July 18th:- Basildon Urban District Council Finance Committee, Council Chamber, High Street, Billericay at 6.50 p.m.

Thursday July 27th:- Council Meeting, Timberlog Lane Secondary School, Basildon, at 6.50 p.m.

(There are no Council meetings during August).

BILLERICAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT GROUP.

The July meeting of the Billericay Floral Arrangement Group was held on Wednesday evening, July 5th, when Mrs. Thorn of the Colchester Rose Society delighted all with her lovely arrangements of roses. The members' competition "Roses For A Hall Table" was won by Mrs. Hardy, second Mrs. Lee, and third Mrs. Turner.

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FOR THE OLD FOLK

Billericay O.A.P. - 5th July Meeting.

There was an excellent attendance - 91 being present. The report on sick members was as follows:- Mr. Ramage was improving, and Mr. Pegg was making good progress; Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Rowe were welcomed back after absence through illness. Two new members were welcomed. The Secretary stated that there were no more seats for Brighton, unless enough bookings were obtained for a further coach. It was an open afternoon, when members could air their views and make suggestions about the Branch.

Billericay O.A.P. - 12th July Meeting.

There was an excellent attendance. On sick members it was stated that Mr. Ramage was improving, and Mr. Pegg was getting on very well, although they were both still in hospital. Mrs. Gray was about the same. Mrs. Train was welcomed back after absence through illness. All sick members were wished a speedy recovery. Birthday honours were accorded Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Barton. A new member, Mrs. Walker was welcomed. The Secretary asked all who wanted to go to Felixstowe on August 14th to put their names down. Entertainment was provided by Monty Clarke on the Recorder.

Buttsbury Monday Club.

On the 3rd 26 members attended a Whist Drive. On the 10th members discussed plans for an outing in September. A successful raffle was held, and the evening finished with Bingo and cards. More members, especially men are needed. All meetings at Buttsbury School, Perry Street.

Sunnymede & Outwood Common Friday Club.

This new club for pensioners in Sunnymede has made a good start. The Secretary, Mrs. Morrison, would like more people over 50 to come along, including those who belong to other clubs. All meetings at Meadow Way Primary School. Also see Page 6 under "New Club's Progress".

Calling all pensioners - Mrs. Barr of the Old People's Welfare Committee has the following items for pensioners:- a wireless set (electric), and an electric cooker with two hot plates, but without a control panel.

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Monday July 17th:- (3 Days) Michael Craig, Francoise Prevost in "PAYROLL" (A). Also "HOUSE OF MYSTERY" (A).

Thursday July 20th:- (3 Days) Jack Lemmon, Ricky Nelson in "THE WACKIEST SHIP IN THE ARMY" (U). Also Ken Clark, Anthony Dexter in "TWELVE TO THE MOON" (U).

Sunday July 23rd:- John Wayne in "LEGEND OF THE LOST" (A). Also "BABY FACE NELSON" (A).

Monday July 24th:- (3 Days) Leslie Phillips, Bob Monkhouse in "WEEK-END WITH LULU" (A). Also "RAG DOLL" (A).

Thursday July 27th:- (3 Days) Alec Guinness, John Mills in "TUNES OF GLORY" (A). Also "A TASTE OF MONEY" (A). Special All "U" programme Saturday Matinee.

Sunday July 30th:- Victor Mature in "CHINA DOLL" (A). Also John Payne in "THE BOSS" (A).

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NEW CLUB'S PROGRESS.

On Friday 14th July Sunnymede and Outwood Common Club for pensioners (known as the Friday Club) had a visit from what has come to be called "Mrs. Barr's Concert Party" (Mrs. Barr at the piano, Mrs. Johnson with ballads, Mr. Williams and his daughter Mrs. Harley who do comic songs and sketches). Incidentally rumour has it that Mr. Williams is well past his 70th birthday although he still does a full time job, is Chairman of the Buttsbury Monday Club, and keeps up his interest in entertaining.

The Friday Club meets in the new and pleasant Sunnymede Junior School each week from 7 to 9 p.m. (on Fridays obviously!) under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Brett with Secretary Mrs. Morrison. Although the membership is not more than 20 the club is making headway, and already, by various means, the kitty has crept up to £7. Any pensioner in the Sunnymede area, whether an 'old' resident or on the new Walthamstow estate, who would like friendship and fun should contact Mrs. Morrison at 11, Warners Close.

OUTING FOR OLD FOLK.

On Monday 10th Billericay Old Peoples' Welfare Committee provided a coach outing to Clacton for 28 pensioners, two of whom were blind, nine were housebound, and altogether 24 had to be picked up by cars. The coach left Billericay at 10.30 a.m., lunch was had at Clacton, and some of the afternoon being spent there, the party returning to Billericay via Maldon, where a stop was made for tea.

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The "Billericay Observer" invites its young readers to submit sketches which depict the highlights of their summer holidays.

- 1) Half a guinea will be given to the twelve readers whose entry is considered original and presents a human interest.
- 2) The competition is open to all readers of the "Billericay Observer" in the age group of 10 to 19 years.
- 3) Sketches may be done in colour or in black and white.
- 4) Minimum size; 8" x 10", Maximum size; 12" x 14".
- 5) Each sketch should be suitably captioned - usually from ten to thirty words are sufficient.
- 6) Each entry must be accompanied by the Entry Form and Coupon from the "Billericay Observer", and certificate of "own work" if under fourteen. Sketches will be returned to the address on the entry form, unless you specifically state that you want them sent elsewhere.
- 7) The competition will run through the school summer holiday. Entries will be accepted anytime during that period, which is July 28th until September 12th.
- 8) The Editor's decision in all matters relating to the competition is final.

Judging by Miss Pamela Curtis-Green and Mr. Rodney Douglas.

Names of all prizewinners will be published in the "Billericay Observer", and all prizewinners will be notified.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to request further information.

ENTRY FORM.

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Chapel House.

A little way along Chapel Street and nearly opposite the rear of the Church stands Chapel House, now a private house, pebbledashed with a part slated and part tiled roof. The house was formerly three holdings: One was the part which was formerly the Chapel - the tiled portion - which was copyhold, the second part was the rest of the house which was freehold, and the third part being the garden at the rear, formerly held on a yearly tenancy from Major Spitty of "Hurlocks", and purchased on the sale of the Chantry Farm Estate in 1917.

The Deeds go back to December 23rd, 1829, but evidence suggests that the oldest part of the building was erected in 1799. A document of September 2nd, 1812 survives, which apparently is a detailed account made to the Rev. T. B. Crowset of Upminster, at his request, by Richard Fry of Bilston, Staffordshire, who apparently advanced the money for the building. Among the interesting items are "Paid to Mr. Turtle for the ground and old building thereon" £30 (some difference in land values in the centre of Billericay!) and £4-12-0 for "Beer for workmen and a raising dinner". The Chapel survived until recently much as it was left by the builders, although it had apparently been shortened for living accommodation. It contained a tiny gallery and old closed pews, each with a separate door.

"The New Meeting" was founded by dissenting members of "The Old Meeting" further down Chapel Street, the Baptists coming in later. The Rev. T. B. Crowset was probably a visiting Minister.

The tenants in 1820 were five sisters named Mead. In 1829 Mr. Crowset took up the tenancy of the house, and in 1833 he purchased the house, and appears to have become Resident Minister. He was also an Architect & Surveyor, and his design for the Town Hall in 1830, now the Council Chamber is still in his great-granddaughter's possession. He died in 1849, the property passed to Thomas Pease, who had married his only daughter, and was an important Carrier in the area. In 1876 the property was purchased by Samuel Harrington, Baker of Ramsden Crays. It has remained in the Harrington family ever since.

ROUND AND ABOUT

by
"WANDERER".

The Red Cross do excellent work at their First Aid Post in Lake Meadows on summer weekends. However, should an accident occur during the week there is nobody qualified to give First Aid, nor is there a public telephone box there to summon assistance. It is too much to expect of the Red Cross, a voluntary organisation to be there during the week. However, Billericay Residents' Association have a suggestion which they think might be the answer - simply train the park keeper, who is there all the time, in First Aid. As a result a life might be saved. All it would cost would be a few extra shillings in the park keeper's pay packet every week. Apart from the question of summoning an ambulance - the nearest public telephone was in Lake Avenue but was moved to Stock Road - I feel that a public telephone box would be of great assistance in Lake Meadows. I hope that the Council agree to these suggestions from the Residents' Association. Cost - small as it would be - should be no object.

I have noticed recently that the Festival Garden - gift of an anonymous donor - has been less tidily kept recently. This garden has wonderful views of the countryside for miles around, and it would be a great pity if it was spoilt because it was not being kept properly. Once this corner was a private market and an eyesore - I hope that the Council will tidy up this garden and plant some more flowers, otherwise it may become an eyesore once more.

The Hospital League of Friends, and all the organisations who took part in their Fete this year must be congratulated on the wonderful amount raised. This time most of the money has been spent on the Hospital staff, but it is important that the Staff should have the best opportunities for recreation.

I hope that the Council and County Council do something about the lack of a footpath at South Green. Yet again the excuse is finance. While I appreciate that a careful watch must be kept on expenditure I feel that this footpath is an urgent necessity, in view of the number of accidents which have occurred in this area, and so is the lighting. The Southend Road is a heavily used "A" Class road, and something must be done before there is another accident.