



## Happy New Year for Reynard!

THERE WERE NO PROTESTS FROM THE ANTI-BLOOD SPORTS ORGANISATIONS WHEN THE HUNT MET IN BASILDON NEW TOWN ON TUESDAY MORNING.

Just a handful of children on holiday from school saw the Essex Union Hunt met at the Crown Hotel, Langdon Hills. The hunt usually meets at the Crown once during the hunting season.

Earlier in the week workers at the Hunt headquarters in Kennel Lane, Billericay, were worried that hard ground — caused by the frosts — would cancel the first meet of 1967.

But things did go ahead. Followed by about 30 riders and a number on foot, the hounds moved off through the woods to One-Tree Hill.

And the fox? For him there was a lucky start to the New Year — he got away!

## A LOAD OF OLD RUBBISH!

**Dumped on Council doorstep!**

IRATE RESIDENTS, fed up with gipsies parking in their Laindon road, this week dumped a load of old iron and rubbish on Basildon Council's doorstep in the Town Square.

They say the rubbish—old tyres, a washing machine, a wheelless pram and other junk—was part of the mess deposited by the gipsies in Tylers Avenue recently.

Shortly after it had been left at the front entrance of Keay House, it was discovered by Police and quickly removed by workmen before the Council offices opened on Monday morning.

The rubbish dumping was the most militant action taken so far by the residents of Tylers Avenue in their bid to get the gipsies moved from their road for good.

Several times in the last few months the site has been cleared by a combined

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Below is a picture of the rubbish dumped on the Council Office doorstep.



## THAT MYSTERY PLAN FOR BILLERICAY

# Pedestrian precinct future for High Street?

Schemes which could cost £10M.?

A SCHEME costing a possible £10 million, which could radically alter the face of Billericay was partly unveiled this week when a "Standard" investigation by John Cole and Gregory Barnes pierced the veil of secrecy surrounding the comprehensive report on the town's High Street, under consideration by Basildon Council.

We anticipate that the main proposal of this revolutionary plan is that the High Street should become a pedestrian precinct.

The High Street would be sealed at both ends and traffic would be diverted along the proposed inner relief road on the Chapel Street side of the town, or into a series of large new car parks.

### DEMOLITION

Demolition of certain shops and businesses in and around the High Street, and the preservation of others, would be included in the scheme which would also necessitate the large scale development and re-planning of many roads serving the town.

### A PIPE DREAM?

These disclosures have been confirmed by Council Planning Committee Chairman, Coun. F. J. Champ and Council Leader Coun. Harry Withrington. "At the moment, however, the plan is not considered anything more than a pipe dream," said

Coun. Champ. "It has been dreamed up as something which would be ideal if it could be implemented."

He said he would hesitate to assess the cost and he could not see anybody being able to assess it for a very long time.

But, he added, the private consultants who had prepared the plan suggested that a small start might be made beforehand by way of preserving old buildings. They also suggested persuading traders to agree to painting the town in a uniform sort of way, and removing advertisement posters and things like that "all aimed at making the town a nicer place to live in."

Coun. Champ went on, "The question of implementing the plan has not yet even been discussed. The first step was setting up a study group. They

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### RUNAWAYS ARE SAFE

TWO BASILDON boys, aged 13 and 11, who ran away from their homes before their families got up on Friday, were found at Bethnal Green.

"They said they were going to buy a tent," said a Police spokesman. "They were only missing for 24 hours."

### NEW DEACONS

Four new deacons of Wickford Congregational Church are Mr. John Bolton, Mr. Henry Kilburn, Mrs. Winifred Poole and Mr. Clive Jarvis.



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# THIS IS OUR OPINION CAMP FOR GIPSIES WILL SOLVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM

THE CRY to give gipsies a permanent park in Basildon has been raised again. It is not the first time and it certainly will not be the last until the problem is solved. Ever since they were attracted to the New Town soon after development started the gipsies have been pushed from pillar to post. Wherever they go they raise the wrath of nearby residents. This is the crux of the problem. Nobody wants the gipsies in the vicinity of their homes. Nearly two years ago the Essex County Council tried to tackle the problem in the County by consulting local authorities in a bid to find permanent sites. At the time one at Wickford was suggested. In July Basildon Council took the first step towards finding a solution by appointing a three-man study group to make investigations. They meet on Monday to pool their findings. A solution will not be easy and some people may be upset by their proposals. But the gipsies are entitled to an answer.

## BILLERICAY TOWN CENTRE —BOMBSHELL PROPOSALS?

BASILDON COUNCIL are sitting on a particularly controversial bombshell—the future of Billericay town centre.

Their endeavours to keep secret the revolutionary proposals described in the new comprehensive report on the town's High Street have produced disturbing overtones, which must be causing a great deal of anxiety to residents and traders. In the "Standard" this week we give information which, naturally, has not come from official circles, but it is information which should have been available, through recognised channels, to the general public.

Councillors have described the plan as "merely a pipe dream," but, if this is the case, why all the cloak and dagger activity to keep even the slightest whisper of what it is all about from reaching the ears of the public?

All too often local councils engage in lengthy and sometimes costly preparations for schemes which, when finally announced, have to be scrapped because of public outcry. If the public were informed of such schemes as soon as they were mooted, their reactions, objections and amendments would be useful pointers to the eventual success of any proposals.

## LAINDON INSPECTOR TO BE HELICOPTER "COP"

INSP. JOHN POSTON, of the Laindon Traffic Department, is one of three Essex Police officers who are to be trained as helicopter observers.

He and two others—Inspectors Eric Fretten (Colchester) and Donald Harmer (Maldon)—got an idea of what their new duties will be when they were taken for flights in a Sioux of the Army Air Corps at Essex Police Headquarters at Chelmsford on Wednesday.

Essex is one of several Police Forces in the southern part of the country which is to take part in this experiment in the use of military helicopters for co-operation in Police work.

The three inspectors will train as observers at Netheravon, Wiltshire. On Wednesday they were given preliminary instruction in the operation of the helicopter for observation purposes.

It is planned to use the machines for traffic control on heavily-congested roads, at events attended by large crowds and for other purposes, such as tracking down escaped prisoners or stolen vehicles.

The Police observer will be in radio contact with his headquarters control and will be able to give directions to Police cars.

Chief Insp. H. F. Smith, at Headquarters, is the Essex Police Liaison officer, and Chief Insp. L. H. Manning (head of the communications centre of the Force) the assistant liaison officer.

## PLAYGROUP CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

THE FRYERNS Children's Playgroup entertained 79 members of the Lee Chapel North Darby and Joan Club at their meeting last week. Chairman Mr. Heager extended a hearty vote of thanks to them for their excellent show.

Good wishes for a speedy return to health were extended to five sick members. Musical birthday honours were accorded to three members, and Happy Anniversary greetings went to three others. Mrs. Evans was the pianist. A warm welcome was offered to a new member, Mrs. E. Lockhart, of Teagles, Basildon.

## Good wishes

Members of the Laindon Darby and Joan Club exchanged good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year at their weekly meeting at the Laindon Community Centre on Friday. The afternoon's entertainment consisted of a Bingo session. Inevitably at this time of year, the sick list is a growing one and sick members were sent gifts of new laid eggs, with the best wishes of their colleagues.

Chairman Mr. Casselden presided, and ten hostesses were Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Gower and helpers. The meeting closed with the usual hymn.

## CABLE STOLEN

About 180 yards of copper cable valued at £1 a yard and owned by the Eastern Electricity Board was stolen on Sunday night from Sandringham Road, Laindon.

# Rubbish dumped as a protest

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Council, Corporation and Police operation. But within days other families arrive to occupy it again.

This gipsy merry-go-round is certainly not confined to Tylers Avenue. Numerous sites from Laindon to Pitsea are involved.

As soon as one is cleared the gipsies move on to another. And so it goes on, week after week, month after month.

The situation is getting so bad now that the winter conditions have ruled out a number of sites, that it is becoming almost a full-time job for staff of Basildon Development Corporation to keep the gipsies on the move.

"It is costing the public a great deal of money every year," said a Corporation spokesman this week.

"In most cases we are forced to hire tractors to pull the vans on, but we know only too well that they will go to another site in the district

## Help for newcomers and lonely

WICKFORD Community Association Executive Committee have come up with an idea to help newcomers and lonely people in the town.

On Friday the Committee agreed efforts should be made to find people interested in forming a club or section at the centre for this purpose.

Its objects will be to arrange coffee mornings and discussion groups and it might be possible, if numbers were sufficient, to form classes for some subjects.

Community Centre Warden Miss M. McCormack says anyone over 18 interested should write to her, or call at the Centre.

# Encouraging start for successor

AN ENCOURAGING start for his successor is promised by Father J. Aydon, Roman Catholic priest, of Langdon Hills, since December, 1949, who is leaving to take up a new appointment at Dovercourt and Harwich on January 12th. The new priest, Father Keating, will have a fully furnished house to live in, and various items of equipment that Father Aydon has acquired during the time he has been in Langdon Hills.



Father J. Aydon

When he commenced work in the district, Father Aydon had no such facilities. There was no Presbytery, and he lived for 12 months with Father Rootes at Billericay, covering his Laindon district with the aid of the infrequent bus service and two willing feet. As the district grew, this became impracticable, and he moved to lodgings in Langdon Hills for a further year.

At a time when permits for new buildings were practically impossible to obtain, Father Aydon persuaded the Council that a Presbytery was essential, and, in 1951, it was completed. He was able to move into it in time for Christmas.

Since his ordination in 1930, this was his longest stay in any one place. He will leave behind him many friends—more, in fact, than he had at first realised. He will also leave the problem of the repair programme for the church roof, and the question of building the new church along the Laindon Link. The site is allocated, the plans are all prepared and passed—but the bank charges for the project are at present proving prohibitive.

For Father Keating, a young priest from Brentwood Cathedral, this will be his first appointment.

sites being used again," he said.

This was done a short time ago in Tylers Avenue, but when the gipsies reappeared again they parked multiply in the unmade road.

The gipsy problem is causing anxiety to both the Development Corporation, who own most of the sites involved, and the Urban Council.

The Corporation spokesman said: "We are continually clearing these sites at least once or twice a week."

About 12 families are involved in the area. They are attracted to the town by the abundance of metal and other sellable items left by demolition and they move from one site to another. It is a continual merry-go-round."

PERMANENT SITE? Whereas the Corporation are prepared to move the gipsies on, they do appreciate the human element involved and realise the only real answer to the problem is the provision of a permanent site for these people in the area.

Said the spokesman: "It is all very well moving them on, but we know only too well that they will go to another site in the district

and the problem occurs all over again." G. Brown, the authority with the power to provide a permanent gipsy site is Basildon Council, but they have made no decision so far.

The Council's difficulty is that no area wants the gipsies. At one time consideration was given to the Tylers Avenue site, but there was such an outcry from residents that it was temporarily dropped like a hot brick.

On July 28th last year, the Council set up a study group to look into the question of a permanent site. It is chaired by Coun. R. G. Brown, and consists also of Coun. Kenneth Tyson and Coun. Derrick Fox. On Monday the "Standard" asked the Council what moves, if any, had so far been made by the study group which had not so far reported back to the Council.

The following day an official statement said: "The study group have been carrying out investigations into the problem and have conducted many interviews."

"Investigations have now reached the stage for formal consideration and a meeting of the group will take place on Monday."

While the group hunt for a solution, the gipsy problem goes on.





Children of members of the Winged Horse Darts Club are seen above at their party last week, when Father Christmas was a visitor.

## Industrial housing at Basildon

# LABOUR COUNCILLOR SLATES A LABOUR JUNIOR MINISTER

MR. LEN ROPER, who is Basildon Council Labour Group's Press Officer, this week lashed out at "conflicting Development Corporation statements" on industrialised housing and accused a Labour junior Minister of misleading the House of Commons.

"During the last few months there have been completely contradictory opinions from the Corporation on industrialised housing," Mr. Roper told a reporter.

"When the Corporation produced its annual report we had their Chairman, Sir John Macpherson, talking of the benefits of successful industrialised experiments," said Mr. Roper. "Then three months later they decide to revert to traditional methods for their 1967-70 programme."

"The next we know, we have Mr. Robert Mellish, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Housing, fresh from a visit to Basildon, boasting to the House of Commons about the great future of industrialised housing in New Towns."

"It is very difficult to understand what is going on. Mr. Mellish must have known very well about the Corporation's views because he had just been to visit them."

"I think people have a right to be told the latest facts available on housing matters. In a New Town in particular it has an immediate effect on the rents."

• The Corporation's report

on the year ending in March, 1966, stated: "The benefits of the Corporation's successful experiments in industrialised housing are now beginning to be felt and this should assist in the production of a high output of housing."

Other authorities, said the report, had been given "every encouragement in launching similar schemes for quick and efficient house production."

• At a Corporation Board meeting on September 16th, it was decided "in the light of circumstances at present prevailing" to revert to traditional methods of building for the 1967/1970 programme.

The minutes of the Board meeting refer to a report by their Chief Architect/Planner (Mr. Douglas Galloway) on a scheme for a building consortium to produce 3,000 houses by the Sir Lindsay Parkinson method of industrialised building.

"His conclusion was that the system would involve an increase in cost over traditional building methods of up to 3 per cent without any guarantee of achieving quicker completion of houses."

• On October 28th Mr. Mellish told the House of Commons: "In New Towns conditions are right for the full benefits of industrialised building to be gained. A number of New Towns, especially those of the second generation, have large industrialised contracts in hand or being planned, and I expect to see the proportion rise considerably."

Questioned in the house Mr. Mellish denied the suggestion that industrialised housing was a bad proposition.

## Centre canteen curtailed?

THE CANTEEN service at Wickford Community Centre may have to be curtailed if the shortage of helpers continues, it was announced at Friday's meeting of the Community Association Executive.

All canteen helpers are volunteers and the present shortage means some are on duty almost every night, including Saturdays.

Now the Committee have asked section officers to put the matter before members in the hope of finding a workable solution.

### £10 FINE

Drawing out from Harold Gardens into Runwell Road, Wickford, Hazel Brand, of Alfred Gardens, Wickford, collided with another car. At Billericay on Tuesday she pleaded guilty to careless driving. She was fined £10.

## Inquest on train victim

THE INQUEST on 17-years-old Barry Pearce, of Winifred Gardens, Pitsea, killed by a train on the railway line at Pitsea on Boxing Day, was opened and adjourned at Brentwood on Tuesday.

Basildon Police Inspector A. Cartwright said the accident was discovered by Police after the driver of the 5.20 p.m. Fenchurch Street to Southend train reported feeling a bump on the line which set off the train's automatic alarm.

A search of the track was made and Barry, who died from multiple injuries, was found 200 yards, the town side of Pitsea Railway Bridge.

Asking for an adjournment until Monday, Inspector Cartwright explained that the Police had not quite completed their inquiries.

Evidence of identification was given by a relative of the deceased, Mr. George Gyll, of Delhi Road, Pitsea.

## Help for magician!



Magician David Douglas got plenty of eager helpers when he called for volunteers to assist him with his magic! We found him at the Shotgate Young Wives' Social Club children's party at the Shotgate Community Centre on Monday.

## Take-over bid —M.P.'s appeal to managements

WITH TAKE-OVER bids hanging over two of Basildon's largest firms, Mr. Eric Moonman, M.P., this week appealed to managements to tell employees as soon as possible of the effects of the take-overs.

Yardley's are at present considering a £23M. bid from British-American Tobacco. Ilford's are recommending acceptance of the £14M. offer by I.C.I. and C.I.B.A., the Swiss photographic firm.

"I think both these take-overs are certain to go through within the next few weeks," said Mr. Moonman. "I forecast this development in the case of Yardley's two months ago and, unfortunately, my fears are now realised."

The bids inevitably resulted in uncertainty within the factories, went on Mr. Moonman. Employees were worried about their jobs and domestic circumstances.

"As an M.P. I am determined to make sure there will be the minimum of difficulty and uncertainty in both cases. I appeal to management to involve unions as quickly as possible in explaining the new moves to staff and clarifying employees' position."

### CHURCH DEBT

About £7,250 is still needed to clear the deficit on the new Christ Church, Perry Street Billericay.

## Death of Mr. Leslie Harris

CREMATION took place at Marks Tey on Tuesday of Mr. Leslie Harris, who died last week at his home in Cattawade Link, Basildon.

Mr. Harris was one of the founder-members of the Helping Hand Committee, which was formed five years ago by the members of the Radiator Division of the Ford Motor Company, Ltd., of Basildon. Mr. Harris, who was 44 when he died, was one of its leading members, and held the post of Treasurer for two-and-a-half years.

Part of his job as Treasurer was to collect the weekly subscriptions from his workmates, which provided the funds for the Christmas parcels for the old and needy folk of the district. This year they distributed 140 parcels.

Mr. Harris leaves a widow and daughter.

## New Year's Eve dance at Lee Chapel South

Below are some of the folk at the Lee Chapel South Community Association's New Year's Eve dance.



MR. BRIAN STOREY, OF ST. MARY'S CRESCENT, PITSEA, IS SEEN ABOVE WITH HIS BRIDE, THE FORMER MISS CAROL DENNIS, OF LODGE LANE, GRAYS, AFTER THEIR WEDDING AT LODGE LANE METHODIST CHURCH, GRAYS, ON SATURDAY.

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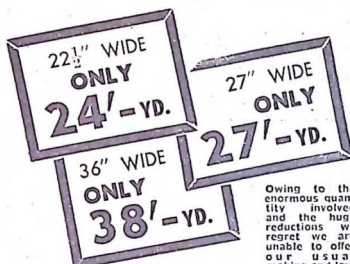
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# Cheers for the folk of Noak Hill Close

Disappointed carol singers rewarded

**DISMAYED BY** the recent publicity over the reception given to carol singers at a house in Noak Hill Close, Billericay, other residents have collected £3 15s. for the singers as a peace offering.

The money was handed in to the "Standard" office in Billericay High Street on Tuesday by Mr. Laurence Powles, to be sent on to the singers—all members of Great Burstead Parish Youth Club.

Said Mr. Powles: "Most of the residents of Noak Hill Close deplore the way in which the singers were treated by this person, and we have collected this money as a token of our goodwill."

"Carol singers have often visited us in past years and they have always been well received. "We were all disappointed when they did not turn up this year, and even more upset when we read what had happened to them."

Commented apprentice toolmaker Malcolm Lindsell (18), of Greenway, who first told the "Standard" about the carol singers' chilly reception: "This is just great."

"If this is what the rest of the residents of Noak Hill Close are like, I reckon we will go back there again next year."

"We will just miss out the person who doesn't like our singing."

The money will be added to the £5 which the Youth Group had already raised through carol singing and will be used to help old folk in some way.

## He could not make it

AS A result of skidding and colliding with a stationary milk float, Ernest Willis, of Laindon Common Road, Little Burstead, was fined £5 at Billericay on Tuesday.

Willis was reported to have said, "I was coming round the bend, and was about on top of the milk float before I saw it. I braked, started to slide, eased off, tried to get round, but could not make it."

## Fire Station estimate

A new fire station at Billericay has been included in the County Council fire service building programme for 1968-69. Its cost is estimated at £54,050.

## HELPED AT PARTY

Members of Billericay Inner Wheel assisted at a party organised for the Golden Hour Club at the W.I. Hall on Friday.

## NEW YEAR DANCING

Members of the Ghyllgrove O.A.P. branch celebrated the first meeting of the New Year with dancing and singing to the music of Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, with their electric organ, drums and piano. Mr. W. Denney played the accordion and Hall Manager Mr. W. Jones gave able assistance at the microphone.

Chairman Mr. J. R. Chapman presided and welcomed back Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Cruikshank after their absence.

## THAT SECRET PLAN FOR BILLERICAY

(Continued from Page 1) will look at it to see if it is realistic, and what parts, if any, will be recommended for implementation."

## FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE

He said that it would mean a fundamental change in the shopping and living patterns in the High Street if the pedestrian precinct idea went through.

But, he pointed out, this was an idea which was being applied to almost every town that was the subject of a redevelopment plan. It was, at its present stage, only a reflection of County policy.

Asked if traders would be offered alternative accommodation if their properties were affected by the plan, Coun. Champ replied: "The plan retains most of the town as it is now. Any demolition would be of buildings already ripe for demolition, such as some of those at the north end of the High Street."

"The concept would be

not to demolish Billericay, but to retain and preserve it, and I would have thought anybody who suffered under the scheme would be adequately recompensed."

Coun. Withrington would not comment on anything but the broadest implications of the plan, except to assure traders that their livelihoods would not suffer.

"Besides being confidential," he said, "this document is not necessarily going to become fact. I personally don't think it ever will in its present form."

"By far its largest drawback would be the cost, which could be as high as £10 million."

Asked if the plan included skyscraper office and shop blocks, multi-storey car parks or a series of large ground-level car parks on one side of the High Street, which have been rumoured, Coun. Withrington declined to comment.



Wickford Police officers held a party for their children at the Police Station canteen on Tuesday. Twelve small guests enjoyed party games and an excellent party tea. Our picture shows some of the mothers and children waiting for tea-time.



# The nursery in the Town Centre



the two partners get no subsidy of any kind. Already they have £150 worth of equipment, all new. Their first item at Holy Cross will have to be 18 beds for the children's afternoon nap, which will cost around £4 each. From the weekly takings, the rent of the hall takes a large bite, but heating is included.

The children have a simple prayer and a hymn every morning, and at Christmas they performed a Nativity play for parents. The children have learned, in a surprisingly short time, what an exciting noise they can produce with their percussion instruments. They also enjoy singing games, with actions.

To raise funds for the children's Christmas party, the partners organised a jumble sale.

Mrs. C. Morley and Miss M. Davis are both at the St. Martin's Church Hall nursery at present. When they open the new nursery in Church Road, Basildon, Miss Davis will be in charge and Mrs. Morley will carry on at the Town Centre. Both ladies are fully qualified.



Whoosh! Down the slide comes Steven Floyd, who is five years old.

## IT'S TRAINING FOR SCHOOLDAYS

A BRIGHT new day nursery for under-fives, which only started in October in the St. Martin's Church Hall, Town Centre, Basildon, has proved to be so popular that already it has a waiting list! Called the Damore Nursery, it is run by Mrs. C. Morley and Miss M. Davis; and its success has encouraged them to plan another at Holy Cross Church.

The Town Centre nursery opens every morning, Monday to Friday. When it was first started, Mrs. Morley and Miss Davis expected that the children who attended would come from homes where the mothers

mothers did, in fact, have went out to work, a paid job!

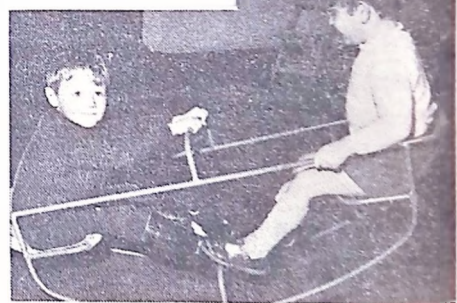
To their surprise, however, they found that nearly all of the children came because their mothers felt that it was invaluable training for their schooldays to come, and that none of the

Keeping 30 lively youngsters happy and busy is an exhausting task, but rewarding. The morning includes plenty of action games, to take care of pent-up energy; musical and singing games; indi-



Mrs. Morley plays the piano and the children join in with their percussion instruments. Below: Robert German enjoys himself on the three-wheel bicycle, which is very popular with the children.

This is fun!



The rocking boat is great fun. Christopher Payne (3) and Andrew Skudder (4) work off a little energy!



Lilian Humphreys (5) collects the milk cups most efficiently with the help of a little trolley. Lilian will be leaving the nursery shortly to start school.

vidual activities, such as painting, modelling and drawing, and the ever-popular dressing-up. Sand and water play are provided, too, and other toys, such as a sturdy slide, a rocking boat, a Wendy house and various wheeled toys give endless pleasure.

The children mix and mingle together very happily. Those who are a little older perform simple services, such as collecting empty milk cups with the aid of a little wooden trolley, and helping to put things away after use. They obviously consider it a privilege to be able to help in this way.

Both Mrs. Morley and Miss Davis are fully qualified; Mrs. Morley has 20 years' nursery experience. They have the services of a nursery nurse and an assistant nursery nurse, and their other helpers bring the total of staff at the Town Centre nursery to nine. When they open their other nursery it will rise to 16, including a fully qualified cook, for the Holy Cross nursery will open all day.

Equipping a day nursery is an expensive business;



There is plenty of fun in painting!



## Church unity in Basildon

### Roman Catholic and Strict Baptist on the same platform

**CHURCH UNITY** in Basildon is heading towards a reality. Later this month speakers from six denominations—from Roman Catholic to Strict Baptist—will appear on the same platform.

The meeting will be at Kingswood Baptist Church on January 26th. Chairman will be Basildon Christian Council Secretary Mr. Walter Searl, who runs Dry Street Inter-denominational Church.

Father Kenneth Green, of Holy Trinity parish, will represent the Roman Catholics. The Anglican Church speaker will be Rev. Arthur Harvey, Rector of Pitsa, and Rev. Charles Phillimore, of Fryerns, will give the Strict Baptist view.

Also on the platform will be Rev. Reg Williams, Minister of Basildon Congregational Church, and Mr. David Playle, Pastor of the local Assemblies of God, who meet at Chylgrove Community Hall.

Aim of the "Church meeting point" is to discuss both common ground and differences between the religious groups.

"There will be no inter-religious allowed from the floor," said Mr. Williams. "The meeting will be run like a television programme."

This get-together between the Churches is part of Church Unity Week. On Monday, January 22nd, there will be a joint service at St. Mary's, Langdon Hills, and during the week several ministers will exchange pulpits.

Mr. Searl is pleased at the progress being made. "Discussions between groups of clergy from opposing Churches are continuing," he said. "In the struggle to attain Church union by 1980, Basildon is doing its bit—the Church is closing its ranks."

He called the meetings "an almost unnoticed revolution" and added that ministers were now talking about their hopes for uniting the Churches and questioning each other on the things that separate them.



Some of the Mums look particularly happy in this picture taken at the Billericay Congregational Young Wives' children's party at the Mayflower Hall, Billericay, on Tuesday.

## Pillaged countryside stealing cars

### Allegation against Basildon men

**TWO BASILDON MEN HAD, BY THEIR OWN ADMISSION, BEEN "PILLAGING THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE STEALING CARS," DET.-INSP. DOUGLAS CRESSWELL, PROSECUTING, ALLEGED AT BARKING ON THURSDAY WEEK.**

The men, he said, were William Jackson (28), tool-maker, of Plumberow, and Kenneth Woodward (28), a cutter-grinder, of Great Mistley.

Appearing with them were two other men, Howard Auty (23), toolmaker, of Cleveland Road, and Allen Durrant, a 27-years-old capstan setter, of Long Lynderswood.

All four are charged with conspiring together to steal cars. Jackson and Woodward are further charged with conspiring together to forge vehicle documents, stealing a car worth £580 and stealing a suitcase full of clothing worth £10.

Auty and Woodward are also accused of stealing a Ford Corsair car and Durrant with receiving a Ford Zephyr.

After Det.-Insp. Cresswell had said that the cases would take a full day, the Court set January 30th for the hearing.

#### "But a sample"

Asking for a remand in custody for Woodward and Jackson, Det.-Insp. Cresswell said that there would be further charges against them.

Today's charges are but a sample of further charges that may be made against the men," he said.

Jackson and Woodward had both been helpful to the Police.

"So far eight vehicles have been recovered and several valuable items of property have been identified.

"These men have, on their own admission, been pillaging the countryside stealing cars and forging vehicle documents," he added.

Jackson, Auty and Durrant were remanded on bail. Woodward was remanded in custody. All four were granted legal aid.

## DANGEROUS DRIVING

**AFTER PLEADING guilty at Billericay on Tuesday to dangerous driving, John Randall (23), of Dickens Lane, Laindon, was fined £20 with £5 12s. 6d. costs and a driving disqualification for two months.**

The case arose when Randall was driving his car in Sudbury's Farm Road, Downham, and took a bend on the wrong side of the road. He collided head-on with another car coming from the opposite direction and driven by Mrs. Marlett, of Rottendon Common, said Mr. T. Lavelle, prosecuting.

In mitigation, it was stated that Randall had overtaken a car on a straight stretch of the road and it had taken longer than he expected. He got back to his own side, but was going too fast and could not negotiate the corner properly.

Randall had a previous conviction for speeding.

#### Correction

In a report of a presentation to Mr. P. H. Phillips after 50 years' service with Carreras, Ltd., we said he was a former Secretary of Essex County Bowling Club, Westcliff. In fact, he was formerly Secretary of Carreras Bowling Club and is at present a member of the Essex County Bowling Club, but he has not been their Secretary.

#### VICAR'S MESSAGE

The Vicar of Great Burstead (Rev. Geoffrey Holley) gave the New Year's Message to Billericay Rotary Club members at their luncheon meeting on Monday at the Archer Hall annex. Rotarian Leslie Kersey presided and there were 38 members, two visitors and two guests present.

## STOREBREAKING ADMITTED

**BILLERICAY Justices on Tuesday fined Harry Smith (27), of no fixed address, £35 for storebreaking and theft, which he admitted.**

Mr. T. Lavelle, prosecuting, said P.C. Fox looked in a motor lorry parked in Arnold Avenue, Laindon, and found some curtains wrapped round a lamp. Smith appeared from the direction of a weekend bungalow in Byron Avenue.

He was questioned and admitted breaking into the building, and also a caravan in the garden.

The lorry was searched and a small gas stove and other articles were found. They had also been stolen, said Mr. Lavelle.

## DUTY CHEMISTS

### BASILDON

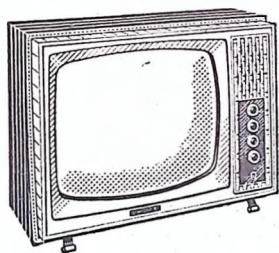
Timothy White and Taylors, Ltd., 21, Town Square, and David Sames (Whitmore), Ltd., 28, Whitmore Way, Basildon, will be on duty chemists for week commencing Monday (January 9th). They will be open every weeknight (except Wednesday and Saturday) from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Sunday Timothy Whites and Taylors will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### BILLERICAY

Nix (Chemists), Ltd., 111, High Street, Billericay, will be duty chemist for week commencing Monday (January 9th). They will be open until 6.30 p.m. every weeknight (except Thursday, when they will be open from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.). On Sunday they will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

### WICKFORD

L. A. Garbett, 23, High Street, and M. W. Shadforth, 33, High Street, Wickford, are open alternate evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., also alternate Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon (name of duty chemist noted on the door of both shops).



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## FINED FOR SELLING MOULDY PASTRY

**WALTER WRIGHT, OF LONG RIDING, BASILDON, PLEADED GUILTY AT BILLERICAY ON TUESDAY TO SELLING FOOD NOT OF THE QUALITY DEMANDED AND WAS FINED £5, WITH 5 GUINEAS COSTS.** It was stated that Mrs.

Winifred Tilbury, of Fairlop Gardens, Basildon, bought pastry from Wright and when she opened it

she found it was mouldy. For Wright it was said that he apologised. The offence was caused because of shortage of staff. It was an oversight that the pastry had been sold and was an isolated case, no other complaint having been received.



# ESCAPED IN POLICE CHASE, BUT HE WAS RECAPTURED

ON CAR patrol in the early hours of the morning of December 2nd, P.C. Southgate saw a figure in the office part of Vange Service Station, which he had previously checked and found locked.

He investigated and followed a trail of objects which led him over a fence into a garden.

There, said Mr. T. Lavelle, prosecuting, at Billericay on Tuesday, he found a smashed cash register and, hiding in some bushes, 42-years-old Matthew Hamilton.

Hamilton ran off, was chased and caught, then got away again, but was recaptured, said Mr. Lavelle.

A man with no previous convictions, Hamilton, of Priors East, Basildon, pleaded guilty to breaking into the garage and stealing a camera, sparking plugs and £8 5s. in money, the property of Mr. Ronald Mackrill.

Hamilton was placed on probation for two years and was ordered to pay £22, the cost of repairing the cash register and a window he broke to get in the garage.

For Hamilton, Mr. J. Pollard said that he realised he had been very

foolish. He had been drinking and it could have been that the drink, coupled with money troubles and being near Christmas, caused him to commit the offence.

## VANGE O.A.P.

A musical afternoon was enjoyed by the members of the Vange O.A.P. Branch, when they held their last meeting of the Old Year at St. Chad's Hall, Vange, on Friday. Mrs. Harris played the piano, and members all joined in the community singing. Birthday honours were accorded to Mrs. de Rue, Mrs. Musgrove, and Mrs. Pym. Sick members were wished a speedy recovery, including Mrs. Rodd and Mrs. Mullender. Members learned that outings have been arranged for next year, and the Chairman thanked the officers for their hard work during the year and all members for their support. The meeting came to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the exchange of New Year greetings.

## FIRES

Basildon firemen on Sunday dealt with a rubbish fire in Church Road, Fryerns, and on Monday with a chimney fire in Butlers Grove, Langdon Hills.



# IT WAS EASIER THAN WALKING!

PHIL BENNETT should have seen in the New Year by walking up and down Southend Pier to raise money for charity—but he broke his leg on the Tuesday before Christmas.

## INQUIRY

Mr. V. J. Pilopa, of Eastcote, Southlands Road, Crays Hill, has appealed against a Basildon Council enforcement notice requiring him to discontinue use of part of his land for storing ice-cream and vehicles.

An inquiry will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, at 10.30 a.m., at the Council Chamber, Fodderwick, Basildon.

So 18-years-old Phil was pushed along the Pier in a wheelchair by his friends from Nicholas Youth Centre, Laindon.

They are Ralph Hayden, Graham Davis and Stan Mortlock. All are aged 18 and are seen with Phil in the picture.

The four boys from Nicholas joined in the walk organised by Rayleigh Youth Centre. Everyone was backed by sponsors and Rayleigh Warden Mr. Jim Abbott is confident the event has raised about £200 towards heart machinery at Southend General Hospital.

# VICAR TELLS HOW HIS NEW YEAR CAN BE MADE HAPPY!

JOIN THE Free Will Offering Scheme, the Vicar of Billericay (Rev. David Greaves) appeals to his parishioners in the January issue of the parish magazine.

Planned giving, he says, is an important and necessary subject for all to consider. It is not new and has always been considered to be the only worthy and worth-while method of giving for the people of God.

"It is not only to be commended merely because the Bible enjoins it. It is surely also businesslike and sensible. Does any husband expect his wife to housekeep without knowing what housekeeping she can expect?"

"Would any industrial or commercial firm expect its management to function without knowing what its income will be?" the Vicar asks.

"But," he adds, "this is precisely how many Christians treat their church. The income from the haphazard method of church collection—long ago scrapped in many churches today—is quite unknown and unpredictable. It is affected by the weather, by holidays, by epidemics and many other factors."

"Yet the church treasurer is still expected to be able to budget for the heating and lighting bills, staff salaries, fabric upkeep and

all the other expenses which go on week after week whether you or I get to church on any particular Sunday or not."

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

He goes on to suggest that as a New Year's resolution all readers of the magazine who count themselves to be loyal and practising members of either the Parish or Christ Church should make a new beginning this New Year and support the work of the Church at home and overseas by joining the scheme. "Finally," says the Vicar, "may I wish you all a very happy New Year, and if, by making use of the FWO scheme, we can solve our financial problems so that I never have to mention money again, believe me, you'll make it a very happy New Year for me too!"

## FEW VACANCIES

There are now a few vacancies in the Guide Company attached to Wickford Congregational Church.



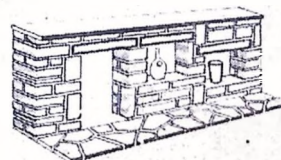
Holy Cross Church, Basildon, held a New Year's Eve social at their hall in Church Road on Saturday, and about 60 people attended. It was not followed by a church service, but the Curate (Rev. Brian Buxton) told a reporter the church was packed on Sunday evening for a carol service. Our picture shows a group round the refreshment table.



Some of the guests at the Wickford Community Association Modern Ballroom Dance Club's New Year dance on Saturday.



Band leader John Eager, of the Patch of Blue, a local Basildon band, took time off from making music to chat with guests at the Outward Common Residents' and Community Association New Year's Ball.



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**Radion, Laindon**  
"The Trap" (Monday for three days) stars Rita Tushingham as a young deaf and dumb girl who is sold as a wist tapper. Thursday for three days, "The Race Breed" is an unusual story about the introduction of a breed of British cattle into the Wild West.

**Ritz, Billericay**  
A breezy naval comedy "Up the Creek" (Sunday and Monday) is about a nervous and befuddled officer whose passion for guided missiles causes him to get involved in some suspicious lower-deck dealings. Tuesday, for five days, "After the Fox" is Peter Sellers' latest adventure as an Italian crook who uses many guises and disguises in order to escape from the law.

**Odeon, Southend**  
"The Quiller Memorandum" (Sunday for eleven days), starring George Segal and Alec Guinness, is a spy adventure based mainly in present-day Berlin. The hero is resourceful, intelligent and courageous, but he is no superman and even yields to the green-eyed jealousy, but with some unusual concessions to weakness of personal feelings.

**ABC, Southend**  
"Not With My Wife, You Don't" (showing up to and including Wednesday) is a marital comedy about two men and one wife. The theme is one of the virtues of chastity and marital faithfulness. The mixture is frothy and lightly amusing.

**Ritz, Southend**  
Retained for a further week, "Lady and the Tramp" is a full-length cartoon about the courtship of a blue-blooded spaniel and a raffish mongrel. Tramp a notorious heart-breaker among the dogs of the area.

**LEFT £12,273**  
Mr. Harold John Birch, of Swan Lane, Wickford, who lost £29,621 on October 10th, left £12,298 3s. gross, £12,273 16s. net (duty paid £262). He left £50 to the Temperance Lodge No. 4302 Benevolent Fund.

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## Off to the pantomime



Some of the children who went to Westcliff to see a pantomime on Friday. The outing was organised by the Outwood Common Residents' and Community Association.

### There'll still be a path

Because owners of three small pieces of land in The Common Road, Billericay, will not sell to Basildon Council, a continuing footpath cannot be laid. This is the explanation given by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor to Billericay Residents' Association, South Area Committee. But, he says, it is the Council's intention to continue the temporary footpath on the east side of Trilwood Lane to Wiggins Lane, and money has been included in the current year's estimates for it.

## It was almost a military style operation!

"OPERATION PANTO" was successfully completed on Friday and Outwood Common Residents' and Community Association's Entertainment Officer Mr. Jack Sexton breathed a sigh of relief!

For the "operation" was a mammoth military-style exercise in child transportation—the biggest ever attempted by the Association. In four coaches they took 212 five-to-11-year-olds to see "Dick Whittington" at the Palace Theatre, Westcliff, and weeks of preparation went into the outing to see there were no mishaps.

Before embarking, the children were labelled with name and address and they also wore different coloured ribbons so the three stewards allocated to each coach could recognise their charges easily when they left the theatre.

Outcome? All the children got to the theatre safely, enjoyed the show, and then got home safely.

### WHAT A PANIC!

"A bit of a contrast to last year," said Mr. Sexton. "When we counted them before leaving Westcliff last year we found we were one child short."

"What a panic then! We waited for ages and I even toured Southend in a Police car looking for the kiddie. You can imagine how we felt. We didn't know what had happened."

"Everything turned out all right in the end, though. We got a message to say that the child had got on to the wrong coach. It got to Romford before the error was discovered. They had not checked their passengers like us."

As an added precaution this year Mr. Sexton contacted Southend Police to see if they would let the coaches pull up outside the theatre to collect the children. They agreed.

"Last year we had to walk them some way to the coaches, which is probably where we lost the child," he explained.

### ONLY SAD NOTE

Only sad note this time was that 24 children went down with mumps and missed the outing. "There is a bit of an epidemic on the estate at the moment and parents were crying all week," said Mr. Sexton.

The outing was the Association's second Christmas treat for members' children. Last year under-lives had previously

received gifts from Father Christmas, and on Wednesday it was the turn of the 11's to 14's. Eighty of them went to see a "pop" show in London starring George Farnie and Julie Felix. Older members had their chance to let their hair down on New Year's Eve, when the Association staged a dance at the Archer Memorial Hall, but there was a disappointing response. The attendance barely reached the 100 mark, compared with more than 200 last year. "I can't really explain it," said Mr. Sexton, "but I did hear that some people considered the ticket price too high. We charged 5s. 6d. compared with 3s. last year, and that may have something to do with it, I suppose."

The Patch of Blue provided the music for the dance, which will probably make a small loss.

## Labour Party officials

MR. ERIC Moonman, M.P. for Basildon, addressed the first meeting of the Lee Chapel North Labour Party on Monday, stressing the importance of vigorous activity from new wards, and wishing the Ward Party all the best for the future.

Thirty members attended the meeting, at the Plough and Tractor. It was the first held since Lee Chapel North was severed from Laindon to become a Ward in its own right. Chairman for the night was Mr. Kiddell, already Chairman of the Laindon Ward Labour Party.

Officers elected at the meeting were: Chairman, Mr. P. Healey; Secretary, Mr. R. Keeble, of 31 Trilwood; Treasurer, Mr. J. Costello; Membership Secretary, Mr. R. Hancock; Social Secretary, Mr. Laudat; Press Secretary, Mr. J. Trollope; Political Education Officer, Mr. Lynch.

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Brian Redford Julie Sommars  
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**THE RARE BREED**  
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WITH A change of name to Wyvern Youth Club the boys and girls of one of the New Town's oldest youth clubs—Whitmore—are settling down in new headquarters.

"This is a big step forward in the Club's history," said their leader, Mr. George Wood.

Last month the Club took over the large old house near Barstable School. Since then they have been busy cleaning and decorating the building.

"We started out with 14 rooms," said Mr. Wood, who lives in Whitmore Way. "But we've knocked some of them together to give us bigger rooms."

and a regular turn out of around 70 on five nights a week, living space is important.

"This is the first time we have had what you might call a permanent headquarters," said Mr. Wood. "But our number one problem now is equipment."

To a club with about 200 members on the books

"We used to be in Alma House, in Gardiners

## AHEAD

Close, near the factory estate, and we kept our equipment there. But it was broken into and every item we owned was smashed up. We are starting from scratch here.

"The first thing we hope to install is a proper heating system. Then we

Club leader is Mr. George Wood (seated), pictured here with Ken Welch and Michael Lee.

Members of the Wyvern Youth Club Committee in their "new" home—Gordon House.

can think some more about what we want to do. That is up to the members to decide—we run the Club like that."

With assistants Michael Lee and Ken Welch, Mr. Wood is in charge of a full house from 7 to 9.30 p.m. each week-night. The age limits are between 12 and 16. After 16 they have to help run the place if they want to stay on," said Mr. Wood.



Below: Wyvern Youth Club Secretary Frances Endrous (14), of Holden Walk.



Diane Lee, Linda Gill and Sharon Archer, all aged 14, keep the place tidy.

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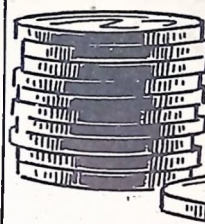
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## TWELFTH NIGHT ENDS A GAY SCENE

**TWELFTH NIGHT** is tonight (Friday) and the decorations should now go back in their boxes. But if you feel sad at saying goodbye to Christmas—think about Mrs. Rita Chilton, of Perry Green, Basildon.

For she is taking down a massive 60-light snow scene which covers half her living room wall. It took eight weeks to make and is now a custom in the Chilton family.

"I do it every year," Mrs. Chilton pointed out. "This is about the 20th one."

This year a church is the subject of the wall-sized Christmas card. Last year

it was the Owl and Pussy Cat public house at Kingswood, Basildon.

Mrs. Chilton's husband, Sidney, helped make it. "He gets the timber and makes the frame and windows. Then I finish it off."

And when Mrs. Chilton has to take everything down? "I feel Christmas is finished then. I love Christmas—

I am like a kid at heart."

Into the wall card went hundreds of decorations and pounds of cotton wool. Our picture shows Mrs. Chilton's four-years-old son, Robert, with the wall scene.

### Cartoonist who deals with poison!

A YOUNG man with a gift for drawing cartoons is 15-years-old Barry Sayers, of Curling Tye, Basildon. He is a cutter at the Pretty Dress Com-

pany, which he joined two weeks ago, and helped decorate the factory at Christmas.

"I have always liked drawing," said Barry, who is an ex-Craylands schoolboy. Animals are his favourite subject.

During the summer he keeps adders and grass snakes caught on Pittsea marshes. He is expert at removing poison fangs from an adder. One day he had three snakes out on the living room carpet—though his mother was quick to point out she detests the things.

This summer he became an apprentice jockey for Major Peter Nelson at Lambourn, Berkshire, for two months. He saw racing at Ascot from the paddock, but had to give up the turf because he put on too much weight. Now Barry hopes he will be able to embark on a designing career.

At the moment he is in his father's line—tailoring. His father is a factory manager for J. H. Simkins, Ltd., at Hornsey.

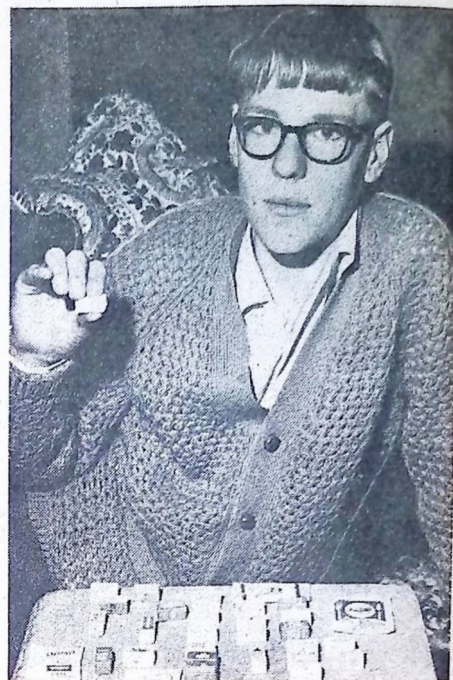
### For Vietnam

Four teenagers toured the Basildon pubs—three dressed as choirboys and the other as Father Christmas—singing carols for a hospital in Vietnam. Members of St. Andrew's Church Youth Club, they also joined with children of Luncies Road Sunday School to sing in the streets. They raised £20 for the Save the Children Fund's appeal for a hospital in Vietnam.

### A come-back campaign

WITH hopes for the early provision of their community centre running high, Outwood Common Residents' and Community Association, Billericay, are encouraging efforts being made to revive their once flourishing youth section. One of the founders three

## CAN YOU NAME THIS HOBBY?



If you think your hobby is unusual, compare it with this one—collecting sugar!

A Basildon youth has a collection of 30 lumps, in a variety of packets, which carry memories of cups of tea in British Railway waiting rooms and every local coffee bar! Brian Scaybrook, aged 17, of Taksely End, Basildon, wants to know if there is a name for his hobby. We can't find one, but how about "sugography"? O.K., we agree—your name is probably far better!

Two weeks ago Brian started training with the Army at Arberfield, Berkshire. He is a former Woodlands schoolboy. He told a reporter he started collecting sugar packets after the Wimpy bar changed their packet design. He compared his hobby with the more normal stamens and matchbox toms: "Mine is more interesting—you have to have a cup of tea. I go into all sorts of coffee bars." And his parents? "They think the idea is ridiculous," Brian admitted. Perhaps we should agree with them. But—as one member of the staff "collects" beer mats for a girl friend, another keeps a shark and a third writes poetry—who are we to comment?

years ago, Malcolm Lindsell, an 18-years-old apprentice toolmaker, of Greenway, believes that with somewhere of their own to meet at last the section could be made active again.

For a while it prospered using Sunnymede County Junior School premises, but membership has fallen from a peak 100 to only 40 and activities, which included outings and dances, have come to a standstill.

In fact, as Secretary-Treasurer and Subscription Collector, Malcolm is the only one keeping it going. "I am determined not to see it die if I can help it," he said.

His determination may pay off, too, because he has now received two offers of help. They came from Carol Brook, a 16-years-old stock control clerk, and her friend Jean Pettit, a 15-years-old shop assistant. Both live

near Malcolm in Salesbury Drive and they contacted him after friends had asked them what had happened to the youth section.

Malcolm, who is also Treasurer of the Basildon Council of Youth, has launched his come-back campaign with an article in the current issue of the Association magazine asking interested young people to get in touch with him.

"It's a question of sitting back and seeing what interest there is and it may take time, but I am hoping that enough members will come forward for us to make up our usual grocery parcels for the Association's O.A.P. members when they have their party on Saturday week," he said.

"It would be a pity if we can't do it."

Malcolm and Jean are pictured below.



Cartoonist Barry Sayers, of Curling Tye, Basildon.



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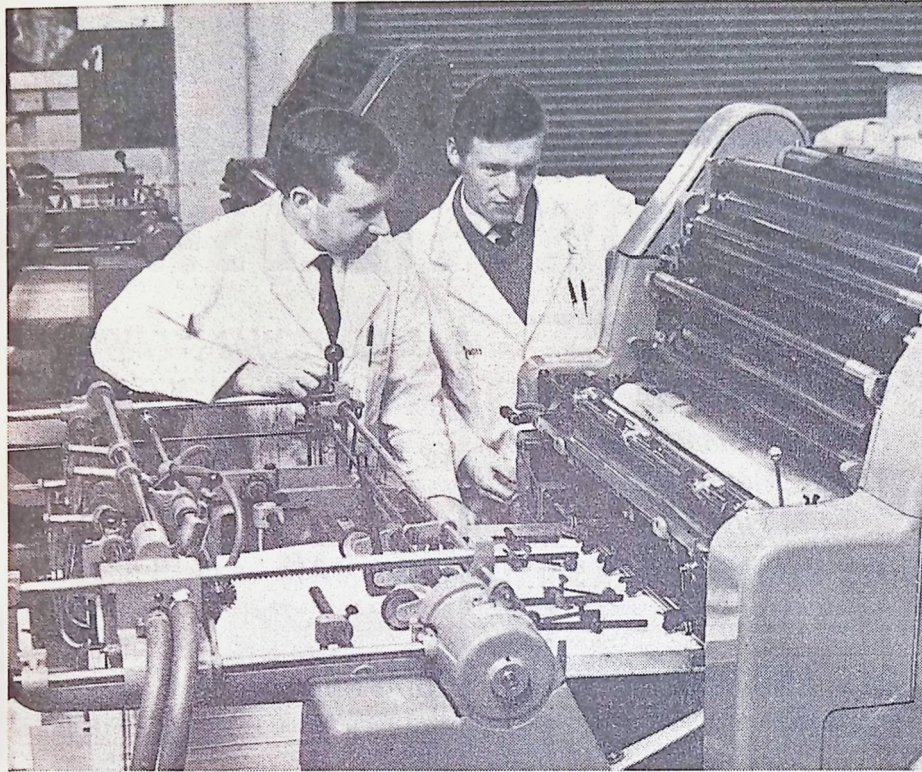
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# FACTORY GOSSIP



## FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR FIDELITY

**ONE FIRM** who don't seem to be feeling the effects of the squeeze are the Fidelity Lithographic Co., Ltd., who recently moved from Vange to Bowlers Croft.

The six-years-old printing firm work a seven-day week, and run shifts that frequently add up to 60 hours for most of their employees.

Fidelity were started by Mr. Ken Lynch in his home at Benfleet when he was recovering from a long illness in 1960. "It was really my wife who started it," said Mr. Lynch, now a managing director with a staff of 10. "The money had to come from somewhere. She did the duplicating and I did the illustration work in bed."

Four years later they arrived in Basildon, taking a small workshop at Barstable and a staff of two—Mr. Lynch and his wife.

In September they finally outgrew the premises and moved up to the No. 1 Factory Estate.

"Most of the work we produce is designed in our own art department," said Mr. Lynch. "We do a lot of advertising colour work—brochures, mail order catalogues, leaflets and so on—and have two full-time artists."

In the early days Fidelity were totally dependent upon local orders. Now their work goes all over the country.

"We recently had the job of reproducing a set of four original oil paintings—100,000 of each. This is a quality job."

High-quality specially-built cameras, four litho presses and skilled staff from London are what make Fidelity tick.

## Club's 3,000 members

**THE** newly-formed Basildon Federation of Industrial Motor Clubs is becoming one of the largest organisations in the town. They already have 3,000 members on the New Town factory estates.

Initiative to form the Federation came from Carreras

Motor Club and their 50-years-old Chairman, Mr. Alec Wilkins.

"But it's going to take six months before things start to tick properly," he told a reporter.

Mr. Wilkins works in Carreras accounts department and lives at Nevill Shaw. Married with two children, he drives a MG 1100.

A Federation fashion show was organised on Tuesday at Yardley's. "You have to cater for all the family—not just dad," Mr. Wilkins pointed out.

Women play a big part in his own Club. They account for half the membership and there are five ladies on the Committee. Also half of those who took an advanced driving test with the Club were women.

Carreras also bring out a driving magazine—up to 60 pages of it—which road tests cars. There will be a report on the Hunter in the issue which is now about to be printed.



Mr. David Golding at work in the Fidelity Studio.

A fourth litho machine installed at Fidelity last month. Left: Production Director Mr. George Reid, of Ockendon, with Mr. Martin Malcolm, of Falstones.

His fellow officials in the Carreras Club are Mr. Brian Beanland (Secretary), Mr. Bill Jackson (Competition Secretary) and Mr. David Previtt (Treasurer).

## Continued expansion

**SECTIONAL** builders of Billericay S. Wernick and Sons, Ltd., will shortly be moving from their office building in the High Street to new offices being built in their own W.S.S system at their factory premises in Radford Way. The move is due to continued expansion in the field of big building, and additional accommodation is required for new staff.

Explained Sales Manager Mr. Harry Peacock: "Work on hand has reached a new high level, with contracts valued at about £250,000 for early delivery in 1967."

The firm's customers include the Ministry of Works, hospital boards, local authorities and private architects, and contracts are being carried out at Newcastle, Swansea, Aberdeen, Sheffield, Caister and the Home Counties.

## Fantastic interest

**IN** JUST under a year Butyl Products, Ltd., who set up in Billericay in March, have firmly established themselves as one of the leaders in the highly-competitive agricultural products field.

And perhaps one of their biggest highlights was at the recent Smithfield Show, when their stand was almost overwhelmed with inquiries about their revolutionary grain storage silo.

## You'll meet him as "Widow Twankey"



"J and B" Day is only just round the corner now for Standard Telephones Social Club's stage and variety section.

Sunday (January 8th) sees the dress rehearsal for their annual pantomime—"Jack and the Beanstalk." The show opens next week with two evening performances on Thursday and Friday and a children's matinee on Saturday.

Well-known Social Club Secretary Mr. Albert Burns (pictured above) has a leading role in the pantomime. He plays Widow Twankey. From Hornchurch, Mr. Burns lives at Ramsden Heath and has been interested in variety and the stage in general for many years.

The principals are Mrs. Joyce Hutton, of Customer Information Department, as Jack, and Mrs. Marilyn Stark, a typist in the Handbook Section, as Jill. Producer Mr. Reg Potter has a cast of 11—all Basildon factory workers, a professional script and 20 or 30 songs to cope with.

After the factory performances the pantomime goes on tour. Already it is booked for the Shell Social Club and Ramsden Heath V.M.C.A. "If anyone else would like to get in touch with me at Basildon 3040 we would be pleased to help," said Mr. Potter.

Sales Manager Mr. Robert Pezzani, of St. Mary's Avenue, Billericay, who joined the firm soon after its inception, told the "Standard":

"The interest displayed in these silos was fantastic. I have been to the Smithfield Show several times before in connection with other products, but never have I had to work so hard as I did on that day."

Manufactured in conjunction with the Esso Oil Company, the silo is fabricated out of Butyl, a flexible rubber-like material which can withstand extremes of hot and cold, and which will last 10 years.

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Mr. Robert Pezzani, of St. Mary's Avenue, Billericay, the sales manager of Butyl Products, Ltd., of Billericay, who had to work hard at the Smithfield show!





One of the bigger dances in Basildon on Saturday was at Fryerns Community Centre. Run by Basildon Community Centre's 66 Social Club, it attracted over 300 people. Our picture shows committee members. Main organisers were Mr. Peter Cronin (Club Chairman), Mr. Tony Stevens (Treasurer and founder of the Club), Mr. Frank Pye (Secretary) and Mr. George Hewitt. Disc jockey was Mr. Bill Barber (Deputy Warden at Southend Youth Centre). The 66 Club was started by Ford Tractor workers and a larger number of the members are connected with the Tractor Plant.

## Don't glamorise sex and violence

**THE RECTOR of Stock and Ramsden Heath (Rev. J. G. T. Tatham) has launched a vehement attack on the glamorisation of sex and violence in books and on TV.**

Posing the question: "Should the Church protest against glamorised violence and murder?" in this month's parish magazine, he writes:

"I think the amount of violence, murder and sex in books and on television today is appalling. It is degrading and it plays upon all that is worst in people.



REV. J. G. T. TATHAM

"It is iniquitous that children who watch the telly regularly should be brought up on this kind of thing.

"It is not that this age is necessarily more decadent than any other, but we are blatant about basic inclinations. We give ourselves away, this is what we like to see, this interests us, we want more and more violence, more and more sex."

### PROTEST

Then, referring back to his question, he states categorically: "Yes, the Church authorities ought to protest, and go on protesting, however unpopular such a protest may be, and however much the protester is sneered at.

"Maybe this is but a voice crying in the wilderness, but let it cry aloud for all that."

### Social evening

MEMBERS of Kingswood Baptist Church attended the social evening held by Laindon Baptists on Saturday and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by everyone. On Wednesday at the Church Hall the British Missionary Society showed a film, "A Man Dies," which depicts the work of the communion service on Sunday evening. Three new members were welcomed into the church: Margaret and Elizabeth Johnson and Leslie Taylor. There was also a short dedication of three deacons, Messrs. H. Carter, G. Rogers and W. Wingfield.

### Radio thief

AFTER HELPING a park keeper at Gloucester Park, Basildon, a boy of 14 was asked to put a barrow away in a shed. He did, but at the same time stole a radio, worth £4, belonging to the keeper. The boy admitted the offence at Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday and was remanded for 14 days for medical, psychiatric and probation reports.

He was said to have sold the radio for 4s. 3d. and spent 4s. on sweets.

## Allegation of demanding money with menaces

A WESTCLIFF man's alleged attempt to get money from the works manager of a Laindon factory where he formerly worked fell through when the manager went to the Police after receiving a letter asking for £100, Billericay Justices heard on Tuesday.

Oscar Lock (19), of Beach Avenue, Westcliff, was sent for trial to the Essex Quarter Sessions charged with demanding money with menaces from Mr. John Sibson, works manager, of Spurriers, Laindon.

Lock was allowed bail of £20.

Mr. Sibson said he was employed by Kaspurians (U.K.) Ltd., at the Aerial Road, Laindon. They were formerly at Southend.

"I went home on Friday, November 10th. I was living at Eikenham Crescent at the time, and I found a letter which had been delivered that day. When I had read it I took it to the Police Station at Basildon," said Mr. Sibson.

The next day, he added, he went with his son to Chalkwell railway station. He sat in his car while his son went into the station. They both then went home.

He said he knew Lock, who had worked at the firm for two to three years. He left in September, 1966.

"He asked me for references for the time he worked for us and also for one covering the time he was not employed by us. I gave him one for the time he was in our employ only," said Mr. Sibson.

He added: "I don't think I have done anything which would give him a grievance towards me. I don't know why he has done this. He was one of the best workers we have had."

Det. Sgt. John Chapman said that with Det. Sgt. Camp he went to Lock's home. Lock admitted he knew Mr. Sibson.

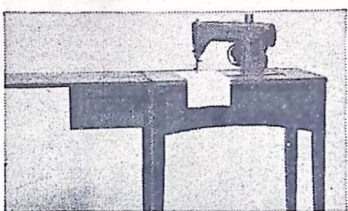
"I told him Mr. Sibson had received a letter which suggested that if he didn't pay a certain sum of money some injury would be caused to him, and Lock replied, 'Yes it was me. I sent it. He didn't put the £100 there, did he?'"

Asked for an explanation, Lock said: "I was in one of my moods. I just felt like taking it out on someone. I didn't think he would take any notice. I never thought he would go to the Police."

Det. Sgt. Chapman said Lock later made a statement at Basildon Police Station saying he had worked with Mr.

Sibson for two years. "I left the company. I got fed up after a time. I tried to get into the Royal Navy, and, as I had sent one of my references off, which had not been returned, I wrote asking Mr. Sibson for another. Some time later he wrote back saying his boss would not let me have one. Because of this he lost me the chance of a job. I thought he had let me down. He had always said he would do anything to help. I wanted to make him upset, just like I was."

The statement added that Mr. Sibson was supposed to go to the toilet at the railway station. "I went there myself, but don't know if he left the money or not. "Afterwards I felt sorry and was going to phone him, but changed my mind. I just wanted to make him as upset as I was," Lock added.



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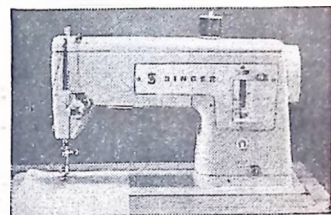
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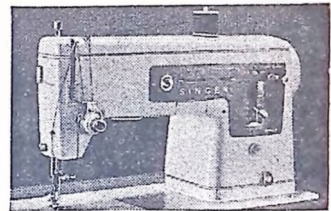
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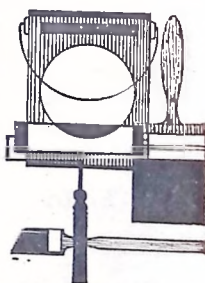
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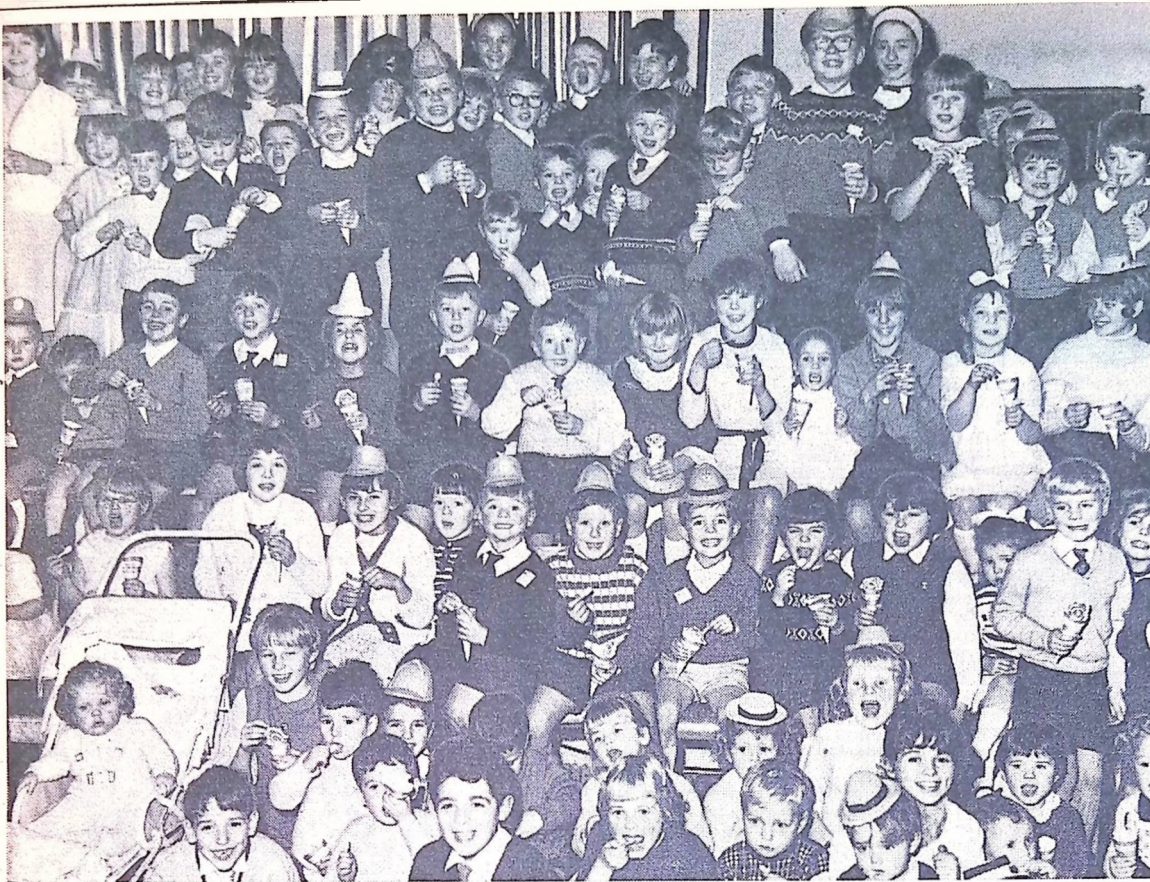
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Some of the 110 children at the Basildon Community Association 66 Club's children's party on Saturday. In the evening a dance was held at Fryerns Community Centre for the parents.



These people were at Runwell Hospital's New Year dance on Saturday.



About 120 children between two and seven were at the Eastern National Social Club party on Friday at Fryerns Community Centre. The Club spent about £80 on the party. The older children were not forgotten by the Club. They went to a pantomime at Westcliff.



NOW A TRADITION IS THE BASILDON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE AT THE LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE. THE SEVENTH WAS HELD ON SATURDAY, WHEN OVER 300—MAINLY CONNECTED WITH LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUBS—PACKED THE CENTRE. OUR PICTURE SHOWS MRS. MURIEL ATKINS DRAWING COMPETITION WINNERS FROM A DRUM HELD BY MR. GEORGE BORLEY. ORGANISERS WERE MR. RON HILL, MR. SID ATKINS AND MR. BORLEY.

## Maths are so fascinating!



Maths—the subject which schoolboys love to hate—is no enemy of 18-years-old John Ratcliff. In fact, it seems likely to take him to Oxford University later this year.

For John has been offered the Moeke Scholarship in mathematics at Hertford College, Oxford. With ten "O" levels already to his credit, he is confident of obtaining the two "A" or "S" level passes in applied and pure maths, which still stand between him and university.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ratcliff, of Braybrook, John goes to Fryerns School. The family came to Basildon seven years ago from Islington, and Mr. Ratcliff works for Paramount Metal Work. "Maths has always been my best subject," said red-headed John. "I find it very interesting. There is a fascination about getting a definite answer out of a mass of symbols. Other subjects are not so definite. But in maths you are either right or wrong."

## Don't drop it!



Margaret and Christine Rose, aged 11 and seven respectively, play a party game at a party organised by the Social Club of the Plough, Great Burstead, on Saturday.



## Stole book and magazines — fined £25

A FINE of £25 was imposed at Billericay on Tuesday on Thomas Myers (37), of Falstones, Basildon, who was found guilty of stealing a book and two magazines, worth 11s., from W. H. Smith and Son, Ltd., at their Basildon shop.

For the prosecution, Mr. T. Lavelle said Myers was seen in the shop with his wife. He bought a folder and was kept under observation. When they left the shop an assistant followed them and saw a number of items being taken from the paper bag containing the folder and put into the wife's shopping bag.

She went off and Myers returned to the shop with the folder still in the bag. He asked for, and was given, a receipt for the folder and was still being kept under observation.

Mr. Lavelle alleged that he was seen taking a foreign phrase book and two magazines before he left the shop for the second time.

He was stopped outside and suggested he had bought them on his first visit to the shop.

Myers told the Court he had been in the shop for about 30 minutes with his wife. He bought the phrase book and magazines then. When he got outside he had taken articles from his wife's bag because she wanted to go shopping.

He went back to Smith's to get a receipt for the folder and had the books with magazine with him. While in there he went to look at the phrase books again to see if there was a better type than the one he had, but there was not.

Mrs. Myers said her husband had bought the book, also the magazines, while she was with him in the shop.

## Rettendon bridegroom



Carrying a bouquet of white roses, Miss Janet Margaret Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Moore, of Lansdown Road, Seven Kings, was married to Mr. Stanley Van Hinsbergh, of Chelmsford Road, Rettendon, on Saturday. The wedding was at Goodmayes Baptist Church, and the bride wore a full-length white satin dress with tiara and bouffant veil. She was attended by her cousins, Deborah and Joan Clark, the groom's sister (Susan) and her friend, Jean Morris. Mr. Van Hinsbergh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Van Hinsbergh, of S.R.V. Garage, Rettendon. Best man was Mr. Robert Van Hinsbergh. (Photo by Stan Caldwell)

## Violent days in Billericay and Great Burstead

BILLERICAY and Great Burstead have through the centuries been startled by deeds of violence. The names have long been forgotten, but the records, written in the crabbed handwriting of the 16th and 17th Centuries, still survive.

On November 18th, 1580, an inquest was held on Thomas Edmonds, a Billericay tailor. On the previous day John Potter, another Billericay tailor, assaulted Thomas on the Common with a "poke staff" worth 4d. and a "poynard" (small dagger) worth 20d. and pierced his left side near his heart giving him a mortal wound, 5 inches deep, of which he died instantly. Unfortunately the indictment is illegible.

The value of the weapons was given as they had caused Thomas' death and by an old rule of common law they were forfeited to the king to be devoted by him to pious purposes. Accordingly the jury had to find their value.

In 1608 William Fuller was said to have been assaulted at Great Burstead about 2 p.m. on June 14th by Anthony Bridges of Rettendon, gentleman, with a sword worth 3s. 4d. He was wounded on his left side, the wound being 2 inches deep and one inch long. He died three days later. Bridges was acquitted and John A. (Zabekes) was stated to have been the killer.

On December 19th, 1616, two Great Burstead men, John

by

J. K. PAYNE

Symonds gentleman, and Frances Garrald, labourer, were charged with assaulting Thomas Burre with an oaken staff worth 1d. Symonds was said to have held and wringed Burre and struck him about the belly, sides, loins, chest and stomach. Burre died two months later, but Symonds and Garrald were not found guilty.

In August, 1607, an accident happened in Billericay High Street. Philip Howe, of Great Burstead, was holding in both hands "a birdkinne" worth 6s. 8d. which unknown to him was charged with gunpowder and small stones. He "casually" and it seems carelessly, discharged it and hit John Proctor in the upper part of his right arm. The wound was 3 inches deep and 2 inches wide and he died on August 24th. The verdict was "by misfortune."

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# CHILDREN'S PAGE



These huntsmen and hounds of the Essex Union Hunt are moving off from One Tree Hill, Langdon Hills. It is not often we get the Hunt so near the New Town, and we thought you would like this picture of the hounds, with their tails wagging and looking anxious to find a fox!

## HOW WOULD YOU LIKE SNAILS IN MILK?

FIRST OF all this week I must wish you all a happy New Year. 1967 sounds funny, doesn't it? I wonder how many times we shall go on writing 1966 before it sinks in that we are a year behind with the date?

Have you made any good resolutions for the New Year? I always make lots, but somehow or other they always seem to be the same as before, so it doesn't look as though I keep them, does it?

This year I have resolved all sorts of noble things — I shall give up eating sweets, which make me fat and ruin my teeth, I shall try not to spill things, or trip over things (very hard this!) I shall try not to look so blank when people ask me where something is. I shall look first in my own handbag before I say innocently, "No, I haven't seen it," and most of all, I will try to keep my workbasket tidy.

This last thing is almost impossible — somehow no matter how many times I sort it all out, next day there is another terrible muddle of socks with holes and blouses without buttons and all the other things that seem to accumulate in workbaskets!

It will soon be time to start sorting out things in the garden again. Do you like gardening? I like it very much, when I have time for it, but I must confess that the weeds have more time than I have.

I have a very pretty winter jasmine coming into flower by the wall of my shed.

While I was examining it, and feeling quite unjustly proud of it (because actually it knew more about growing than I did) I just put it in when somebody gave it to me, and left it alone. Indeed, I'd forgotten it was there at all! — I was surprised and annoyed to see a big, fat snail wandering down my garden path, leaving a silver trail behind it.

I don't care very much for creepy-crawlers, I'm afraid, and it was with quite a shudder that I picked it up and threw it

behind the compost heap, where no doubt it made a good breakfast for a hungry blackbird.

Later on, however, I was looking through a book, and I came upon some quite astonishing information. I always knew that French people consider certain kinds of snails as a great delicacy, and I have even seen them for sale in a very big store in London, where you can buy all sorts of things to eat, from all over the world. But here was this book, calmly informing me that people in England eat snails, too — and one of the big snail-eating centres is Bristol!

The most easily found snail is the large, common snail; but in some localities can be found the Roman snail, which is also prized for its flavour! Little grove snails can also be eaten — these are quite common in nettles.

Of course, they are not eaten raw — French people keep them for some time before they kill them to eat so that they are sure that they have not fed on something that would make them poisonous to human beings. They are fed on carefully chosen vine leaves, and when the time comes for them to become a meal, they are simmered gently in milk, till tender, and served with pats of butter and sprigs of parsley. Well, I suppose it's all right if you like that sort of thing, but personally, I'd prefer a nice lamb chop!

The book I was reading ended up with the cheerful information that in Victorian times, before health

rules for dairies were as strict as they are today, unscrupulous dairymen beat up snails in milk, and sold the white, frothy result as cream! I think I shall take this book back to the library before I read any further!

Well, you will all soon be back in school again — so perhaps I shall see some of you as I visit the various schools.

**OUR BIRTHDAY**  
By the way, the "Happy Pals" League will be one year old in February. We will be having special attractions for this big event, so join our League if you are not already a member. I want about forty more children to join to bring our membership to 500, so hurry up and join by filling in the form on this page and sending it to me. There will be a special prize for the 500th member.

Love,  
from AUNTIE LIZ

## 'Standard' Happy Pals League

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## DUMBELLE

by Bernard Richardson



## Thank you!

WE HAVE received a letter from Mrs. B. Askew, Hon. Secretary of the Wickford Sub-Committee of Basildon Old People's Welfare Committee, regarding the "Happy Pals" Christmas gifts.

She writes:—  
"I feel I must write to tell you of the thanks and appreciation expressed by the recipients of the parcels handed to members of this Committee on the 17th December last. It was a pleasure to us, too, to deliver the gifts in the handy carrier bags.

"Our very best wishes to all who helped as a result of your appeal."

Thank you Mrs. Askew and all who distributed the parcels. We have received a great many letters from aged folk who were delighted with the parcels.

One old lady had been very ill, but in very shaky handwriting she sent her thanks. Another wrote: "Thank you for your lovely parcel of good things. It is very kind of you and I know I shall enjoy them." She also thanks Mrs. Bailey for delivering the parcels.

Some of the writers were so pleased that young people had thought of them and nearly all wished "Happy Pals" a happy New Year.

## They've caught Chief Chingachgook!



We found the four youngsters in the picture above having a fine old game of cowboys and Indians with the presents that Father Christmas brought them. They were in the play area in The Gore, Basildon, and they are Tracey Wood (5), Mark Channell (5), Terry Lerner (7) and Mark Wood, also seven. They look very impressive, don't they?

## Birthday greetings

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING HAPPY PALS:—

Jill Elizabeth Griggs, of Sporham, Lee Chapel South, Basildon (11), and Debra Willcox, of Markham's Chase, Basildon, age not known, both on Friday, January 6th; Julie Lane, of St. Leonard's Avenue, Pitsea (4), and Ann Patricia

Rennie, of Great Gre-gorie, Basildon (10), on the 8th.

Michael Duke, of Wyn-ters, Basildon, 10 on the 9th; Andrew Stokes, of Luncies Road, Basildon, 6 on the 10th; and Joyce Cooper, of Long Riding, Basildon, 6 on the 11th.

Many happy returns of the day to you all.

AUNTIE LIZ.



# Probe into the Council's Works Section

No criticism is intended

THE NATIONAL Building Agency are to carry out an investigation into the management of the Basildon Council Works Section to see if its efficiency and production can be improved. Their probe will begin this month and last six weeks.

The Council decided to take this step after receiving reports from the Town Manager and the Engineer and Surveyor, but their decision, they have stressed in a statement to the Press, is in "no way a criticism of the Building Works Section, in whom they have complete confidence."

The Council's own Organisation and Method Section already have enough work to keep them busy during 1967, and the Council have decided that the rapid growth of the Works Section merits a speedy investigation to see (1) If there is any room for improvements

(2) If any modern planning techniques or control routines can be installed to achieve greater efficiency and higher production

So they have approached the National Building Agency, who are experts in this field, and have done work of this kind for other local authorities.

**FOOTPATH REPAIR**  
Runwell Parish Council resolved to spend up to £50 on repairing the footpath in Runwell Gardens at their meeting on Monday. The repair, however, would be only temporary. It was explained, as Chelmsford Rural District Council were due to remake the road when adjacent housing development was completed.

## 6th formers will meet the Police

AS THE pupils of the urban district schools went back on Thursday the sixth formers at Billericay County Secondary School had a new item in their curriculum — Police work.

Between 20 and 30 of them will take part. Nine subjects will be studied. Mr. J. K. Goldwin (Headmaster) is devoting 45 minutes for each of the subjects, and for some of the pupils it will be part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The pupils will start with a tour of Billericay Police Station, where they will be addressed by a senior Police officer, and visit all departments.

History and organisation of the Police service, Police communications, accident prevention, Police Cadets' recruitment, training and duties, traffic control, powers of observation and the work of the C.I.D. will all be part of the nine lessons.

The course covers three days in January, four in February and two in March.

Mr. Goldwin regards the lessons as an interesting public relations exercise for the Police and feels it will create a large amount of local publicity.

## HERE'S TO THE NEW YEAR!



Barmen and committee organisers at H.M.S.O. Social Club's New Year's Eve dance at the Stationery Office. They are Mr. Doug Cornelius, Mr. Chris Elliot, Mrs. Norma Ellis, Mr. Bill Rhodes, Mr. Fred Simpson and Mr. Len Ellis. About 200 were at the social.

## A new look for the "New Mayflower"

THE "New Mayflower," journal of Billericay Residents' Association, heralds the New Year in with a restyling which makes it a splendid magazine.

As editor Laurie Garrard points out: "The quality of paper and type are vastly better than that usually associated with a magazine of this kind."

And it is his intention to include photographs and drawings whenever possible.

"We have endeavoured to produce a worth-while and interesting magazine, but this might not coincide with your own views. Please let us know," Mr. Garrard asks readers.

The journal has, in the past, had its ups and downs, not only in readership but in finance. There were times when the Association seriously thought of dispensing with the publication altogether.

Now, in its modern layout, with a colour title piece and eight pages of news, views and features, it looks set for a long and steady run.

## W.I. awards

Games, dancing and a tea which was provided by the Committee, awaited Wickford Women's Institute members on Tuesday, when, in place of their usual monthly meeting, they held a New Year's party in the Community Centre.

The awards won for points in the monthly competitions throughout the year were presented. First prize went to Mrs. Baalham, second to Mrs. Brightwell. Miss Lloyd received a box of chocolates for her help at the annual flower show.

Winners of a competition were—1. Mrs. Gillin; 2. Mrs. George. The mystery competition was won by Mrs. Glegg and Mrs. Spring.

There was old-time dancing to Mrs. White's band.

## FRIDAY CLUB

Sunnymede Friday Club held their first meeting after the Christmas recess at the junior school last week.

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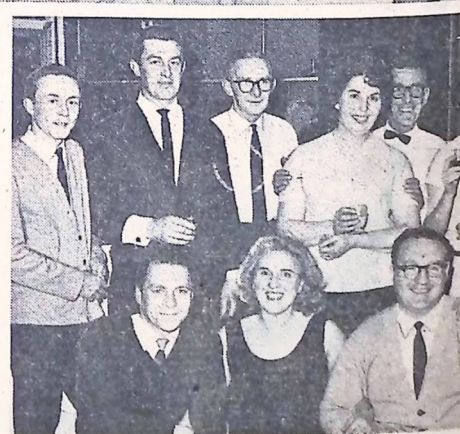
**ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH** HELD A SOCIAL ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, FOLLOWED BY A SERVICE TAKEN BY THE RURAL DEAN, REV. ARTHUR DUNLOP. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE NEW YEAR HAS BEEN SEEN IN WITH A SERVICE AT THE TOWN CENTRE CHURCH.

ON THE RIGHT ARE MAYFLOWER SCOT-TISH DANCERS WHO ENTERTAINED AT THE RAMSDEN BELLHOUSE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEW YEAR DANCE ON SATURDAY WITH SOME TRADITIONAL SCOTS DANCES.



The Fryerns Baptist Church held a New Year's Eve social followed by a church service. Our picture above shows the 40 people who were at the social organized by Miss Christine Phillimore, daughter of the Minister (Rev. Charles Phillimore). He described the social as a "family get-together" and said the church held more social events now their Youth Hall is open. "Family fellowship meetings are held once a month—but youth use the hall every evening of the week."

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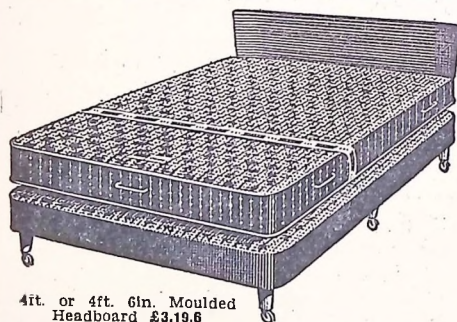
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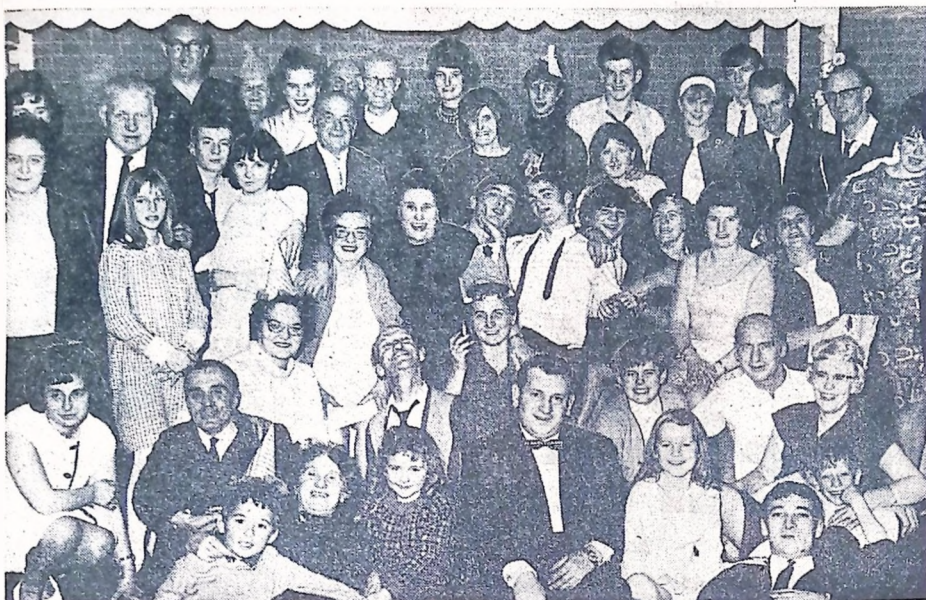
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Ghyllgrove Community Association's New Year's Eve dance raised money for a children's party. Organisers were Mrs. Irene Dudley, Mrs. Mary Leech and Mrs. K. Beattie, and about 40 were there.

*Don't burst it!*



The company at Ramsden Bellhouse Community Association's New Year's Eve dance at the Community Centre.



Wickford Congregational Church held a family social to celebrate the New Year at the Church Hall on Saturday. Rev. S. Hodges helps some of the young guests with their balloons.



THE LAINDON AND KINGSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCHES HELD A COMBINED NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCIAL AT LAINDON. ABOUT FORTY PEOPLE WERE THERE AND AN END-OF-YEAR SERVICE FOLLOWED.

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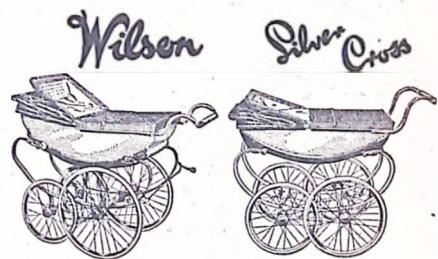
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CASUALTIES****TRYING TO** cope with a 54 per cent increase in  
casualties since 1960, the overloaded casualty depart-  
ment at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, has  
appealed to the public to leave the department clearIn 1960 15,000 casualties were  
dealt with by the department.  
This rose to 21,000 by 1965  
and last year the figure went  
up by another 2,000.This week Basildon doctors  
supported the plea. A state-  
ment issued by Basildon and  
District Medical Society said:  
"The department is over-  
loaded and the casualty  
officers are finding it difficult  
to cope with the large number  
of accidents that come to the  
hospital."Their work is made  
more difficult by patients  
going to the department  
for medical advice when  
they are not true casualties."If patients have not been  
involved in an accident and  
wish to consult a doctor they  
ought to approach their own  
general practitioner."When he is off duty the  
name of the duty doctor is  
posted outside the surgery  
and telephone calls are inter-  
cepted at the exchange and  
diverted to the appropriate  
doctor," concluded the state-  
ment.A Basildon doctor told the  
"Standard" that the practice  
of going to the hospital is  
"a left over" from London."There are so many hospi-  
tals there that many  
Londoners have got into the  
habit of going direct for advicerather than through the  
G.P.s."Obviously people who  
have moved to Basildon from  
London are continuing the  
practice."A spokesman for the  
South Essex Hospital Man-  
agement Committee agreed  
that the pressure on the  
St. Andrew's casualty de-  
partment was "very great."  
Figures show that the  
number of casualties being  
dealt with is growing all  
the time."The pressure will not be  
relieved until Basildon's new  
hospital is in use," he said."Unfortunately the facili-  
ties at St. Andrew's cannot  
be improved enough to keep  
pace with the increased work  
in the meantime."He said it was always the  
practice to try and seek the  
utmost co-operation between  
the hospital staff and general  
practitioners and the present  
appeal was a result of this."We want to provide the  
best service to the public  
with the facilities at our  
disposal," he said.**LOCAL WILL**Mrs. Ada Mary Bull, of  
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TAKES OVER****NEW HEAD** of Basildon Police Division's C.I.D., Chief  
Det-Insp. George Barton, started his new job at  
Basildon on Wednesday.He came from Clacton  
where he is succeeded by  
Basildon's former top C.I.D.  
man, Chief Det. Ronald  
Sewell.Married, with a daughter  
of 20, Chief Det-Insp.  
Barton, who is 43, was a  
Navy man and then a Mar-  
coni employee before he  
joined the force in 1933.He started in the C.I.D.  
as a constable at Chelms-  
ford, later went to Horn-  
church as a sergeant in the  
uniform branch and  
then on to Colchester as a  
detective sergeant.For two years he was in  
charge of the Central  
Criminal Investigation  
Office at Chelmsford prior  
to moving to Clacton as  
chief detective inspector.He was at the seaside  
town for about a year.Mr. Barton has taken over  
a house at Kingswood,  
Basildon, formerly occupied  
by Insp. Peter Joslin who  
recently took over in charge  
of Benfleet Sub-Division.  
It is his third change of  
house in a year."The biggest problem  
about taking over a new  
Division" he told the"Standard," "is getting to  
know the area and its  
people.""In a Division like Basildon  
this could take me at  
least a year," he said.From a work point of view  
he believes Basildon has  
greater potential than  
Clacton and he is looking  
forward to tackling the  
job.**Chief Det-Insp. George  
Barton.****THEFT FROM CAR**  
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## THE RUSH IS TO SPAIN—

AFTER THE first week of the main holiday bookings Mr. Cass Olden, the Manager of Airways House at Southend, says that Spain is again to be the most popular holiday for local sunseekers this year.

"Two out of every three bookings are for either Majorca or the Spanish mainland," he told the "Standard" this week.

"It's attractions are that it is still one of the cheapest holiday areas in Europe, that its first-class hotels give exceptionally good value for money and that there is ample variety of resorts, some with busy beaches and some with deserted beaches. And, of course, it has plenty, plenty of sun."

The many hundreds of holidaymakers who have visited Airways House this last week — the majority to book air holidays with Mediterranean Holidays and other tour operators featuring air travel from Southend — have booked holidays in Greece, Malta and Morocco, but the real interest is in Spain with Italy second.

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When you book through an agent the sum of foreign money to be sent abroad for your hotel expenses is known as the V form. This is clearly shown in most of the holiday programmes issued by the agencies. Subtract this amount, together with any seasonal charges, from your £50 and what's left is spending money.

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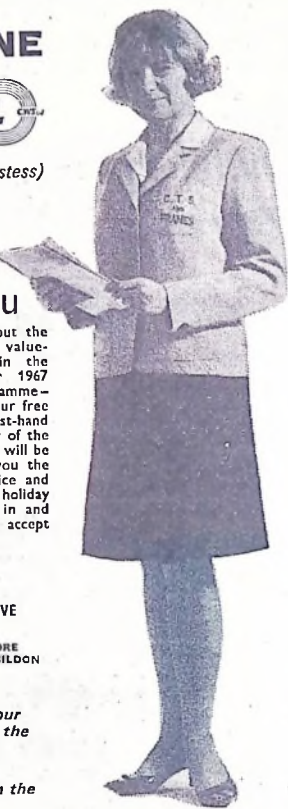
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Carreras 2, Benfleet Rangers 3

PLAYING AT Carreras' fine new ground, the Rangers found the home side extremely quick on the ball and at first more masterful of the slippery conditions.

## HAT-TRICK IN EACH HALF

**MONARCHS OF THE MONARCHS AREA** of FRYERS Centre, forward Peter Dawson collected six goals, a hat-trick in each half, in this Southend and District League Premier Division match. Fryers were severely restricted through having to field a depleted side with makeshift goalkeeper and spent most of the game in their own half. They managed to keep the score to 3-0 at half-time, but as they tried in the later stages, more goals arrived. Keane with a penalty and Faulkner and Horsburgh were Monarchs' other marksmen.

## RUNWELL RESERVES GET SIX

**RUNWELL HOSPITAL RES. 6, WICKFORD TOWN IV** Runwell Hospital Res. had the points from this Southend and District League match safely in the bag by the end of the first half. Before the rain-soaked pitch became too heavy their forwards had cracked in five goals and they managed another in the second half. Their marksmen were left-winger C. Ford (2), right-winger I. Burrell, inside-right A. Burrell, centre-half S. Bone and centre-forward A. DeAth. Despite the goals against them, Wickford never gave up trying and they contributed to a fine sporting match. The Runwell team was: Jennings; Stevens; Arnold; Westaway; Bone; Lark; Burrell; Weeks; DeAth; A. Burrell; Ford.

# Dave took a bathe to retrieve ball!

CENTRE-HALF Dave McMurtry went for a swim on Saturday in the middle of Crays Hill Athletic's Southend and District League First Division match against Rayleigh Amateurs at Wickford Memorial Park.

## BUSINESS HOUSES LEAGUE RESULTS

**ESSEX BUSINESS HOUSES Football League results last Saturday were:** Div. 1: Pegasus 1, Lathol 2; Plessey 1, Hoffmann 3; Lessa 2, Dagenham Cables 5; Dagenite 8, Dagenham Dock 1; P.L.A. 3, Bata 1. Div. 1 League Cup: Ford (Basildon) 0, Marconi 8; May and Bats 0, Sheffield 11; York 0, C.W.S. 3; Iford 0, Green and Silley Weir (postponed). Div. 2 League: Plessey 1, Tellech 6; Electric 3, Esso 2; S.E. Waterworks 2, Crompton Park 2; Sunnlemenary Cup: Ford (Aveley) 2, Kelvin Hughes 3. Div. 3 "A" Reserve Section: P.L.A. 1, Bata 3; Warnes 3, Royals 4. Div. 4 "B" Reserve Section: Kelvin Hughes 4, Tellech 2; Stork 3, Shell 1.

## Fixtures

Tomorrow's matches:—Premier Div.: Dagenham Cables v Dagenite; Dagenham Dock v Harris Lebus; Pegasus v P.L.A.; Lathol v Plessey. Div. 1, East: Crompton Park v Plessey; Esso v Stork; S.E. Waterworks v Shell. Div. 1, West: Kelvin Hughes v C.W.S.; Ford United v May and Baker. Div. 1, Cup: Iford Ltd. v Gen and Silley Weir. Div. 2 "A" Reserve Section: Royals v Dagenham Cables; Bata v Lathol; Hoffmann v Green and Silley Weir; P.L.A. v Pegasus. Div. 2 "B" Reserve Section: C.W.S. v Tellech; Iford Ltd. v Marconi; Ford (Basildon) v Kelvin Hughes; Shell v Dagenite; P.L.A. v Stork; Plessey v Crompton Park.

## Unlucky pitch

Sheffield Wednesday, who travel to Leicester on Saturday, have not won at Filbert Street during the past six seasons.

# SWITCH BROUGHT SUCCESS

HOCKLEY AND HAWKLEY RESERVES 1 WICKFORD TOWN RESERVES 3

**THE CONVERSION** of late Ted Nichols to centre-half kept Town on top of division.

Points-conscious, the centred too much on defence in the first half and the homesters also unavailingly risk too much, the game was dull and uninteresting. V.V. Julius put the front early on, but Town the mistake of not using home their advantage. Hockley and Hawkley control and were panned their own half for long. Before the break the score were level and Nichols' intervention would have been in front the second half, too.

## Convincing recovery

WICKFORD TOWN III STANDARD TELEPHONE RESERVES 2

**SCORING TWICE** in the 20 minutes, Standard Telephone Reserves seem to have this Southend and District League Third Division match with Wickford Town III, strong well and buttoned up on Saturday. But though they seemed the first half by standard the long ball in conditions, they could not to their score, and the game began to open when Cherry netted for 1 just before the break.

A second goal from Cherry, who really had the course of things, played with much more and quickly took charge.

Still playing the ball close, they missed a number of chances, but goals by J. Illsley, Phillips and Ross made the final result a reflection of their superiority.

Town, who still have a lot of honours, were well set by deputy centre-half George Scott, who made a mark in this season. He bottled up middle and also found time to keep his forwards on the ball with some intelligent play.

# EIGHT GOALS IN CHARITY CUP GAME

MOORES UNITED 1 BELHUS PARK 5

**THREE GOALS** from their wire centre-forward at Belhus Park on Saturday placed in the second round of the Basildon League Charity Cup.

The game was lucky to be played. The Belhus pitch was unplayable and the game was switched to a ground at Crays. Moore's opened up with attacking football, but fell behind after only a minute when the Belhus defender cut through and with a hard shot past the goalkeeper.

After this reverse Moore's tried in vain to equalise. Belhus goal surviving nearly 100 on several occasions when good shots flew wide of the target. In the 20th minute Belhus went further ahead, a shot from their left-back through the goalkeeper's hands and into the net. Earle had what looked like a good goal disallowed for Moore's team did manage to pull one back when headed home a left-winger.

## Earle nets

With the Belhus in- and centre-forward, some good football, the defence was kept at bay but they got and equalised from a shot by Earle.

Just before the break Moore's went ahead again, keeper Barber being shot into the net after a shot to the keeper's feet.

With the wind at their backs, Moore's made most of the attacking start, only for Belhus to send stroking the ball with the Moore's defence sixes and sevens.

right-winger Smith scored three goals in the first half, but the area and Westwood made a mistake from the goalkeeper's wrong way with his shot.

With 10 minutes to go, Moore's scored with their fifth goal and would kick back the line.

The half-back line was standing for Moore's in Basildon Park were with their three-goal centreward.

## Thames-side Results

Thurrock Thames-side Combination results last Saturday were:—Premier Div.: Corringham and Corringham Armada (postponed); Oakside 2, Rainham Youth 3; Oakcroft 6, Orsett O.B. 0; Rayleigh Athletic 2, River-side 2; P.L.A. 5, Dux 4. Div. 1: Armada Res. v Rainham Youth (postponed); Rainham Youth Res. v Convey Athletic (postponed); Tilbury C.C. Res. 5, All Saints 2; Tilbury Youth 5, Tilbury Ath. 1; Tunbridge Corringham and Fobbing Res. 4, Procter and Gamble 0; Hornford Res. 1, Orsett O.B. Res. 2; Graytels 2. Tomorrow's fixtures (2.30):—Premier Div.: Armada v Dux; Corringham and Fobbing Res. v Rainham Youth; Oakside v River-side Sports; Orsett O.B. v P.L.A. Div. 1: Tilbury C.C. Res. v Hornford Res.; Procter and Gamble v Convey Athletic; Rainham Youth Res. v Armada Res.; Orsett O.B. Res. v Rainham Youth; All Saints v Corringham and Fobbing Res.; Park Youth Res. v Tilbury Ath. Tilbury Youth v Graytels.



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# WATTS HELPS TELEPHONES GREAT DAY FOR LOCAL ATHLETES

## TO FIVE VICTORY OVER MARCONI

IT WAS a great day for Basildon Athletic Club on Saturday. Not only did they record their first ever team victory in the South East Essex Cross Country League, but also the individual winner in the youths' race.

Basildon finished first with 223 points compared with Hadleigh's 207 and Thurrock's 192. Other team scores were Harlow 188, Romford 146, Colchester 137, Chelmsford 118, Hornchurch 112, Southend 60, Essex Beagles 54 and Brentwood 53.

Best Basildon runner was John Drake, who finished fourth and became the first local man to beat John Webb over the country since February, 1965.

Basildon places and times: 4. John Drake 28m. 42s.; 7. John Webb 29m. 32s.; 9. Richard Palmer 29m. 35s.; 18. Brian Lester 30m. 48s.; 20. Alan Rogers 30m. 52s.; 28. T. Birch 31m. 55s.

The victory, which was achieved without skinner Dave Minns, moved Basildon into fifth place (out of 11 clubs) in the table.

The senior individual winner was R. Young of Hornchurch, who completed the course in 27m. 43s. M. Browne (Essex Beagles) was second in 28m. 4s. and C. Powell (Hadleigh) third in 28m. 14s.

In the youths' race Basildon's Paul Bishop recorded his second win in three outings with a winning time of 20m. 0s. Basildon came third out of ten clubs in the race.

To set home first, Bishop once again beat T. Nugent (Southend), who was second recently in the Essex championships.

Basildon times in this race were: 1. Bishop 20m. 0s.; 8. Derek Allen 22m. 42s.; 20. Michael Welden 23m. 30s.; 30. Ollie Cavilloli 25m. 15s.

## New golf post for Huggett

PROFESSIONAL AT Romford Golf Club for nearly seven years, Brian Huggett took over a new post at Warren Golf Club on Sunday.

He was presented with a memento by Romford golfers at a farewell party at Chikwell last week.

HELPED by a great maximum from M. Watts, Standard Telephones returned home with a splendid 6-4 win over Marconi "A" in a Basildon Table Tennis Premier Division match last week.

Match of the night was the clash between Watts and Marconi number one, T. Caldwell which went to a nerve-tingling 21-19 in the decider before Watts got through.

In his other two games, Watts disposed of Bob Partridge and Dave Marshall in straight games although the second game in each was only 21-18.

The other Standard Telephones king-pin, Stan Dyson, recorded wins over Partridge and Marshall, but crashed 9-21, 15-21 to Caldwell, who also beat Marconi easily.

Kingswood "A" and Springfield "A" took part in a great struggle before the end points in a 5-5 draw. It was a match which failed to produce an unbeaten player, Morris and Partridge winning two each for Kingswood and Cole two for Springfield.

Wickford "A" recorded a much-needed 7-3 win in the bottom-of-the-table battle with Springfield "B". P. Matthews scoring a maximum and G. Scoble two wins. John Fould won two and daughter Sandra one for Springfield.

St. Peter's British Legion "A" still chasing St. Peter's at the top, beat Bonalack "X" 9-1, their only setback coming when Sandeman lost two straight games to D. Childs. Fred Lockwood and Richie Melting were unbeaten.

## Surprised

In Division I Carreras "A" continue to forge ahead, but they had surprising difficulty against lowly Pegasus before they crept through with a 6-0 win.

Norman Stephenson won three and B. Randall two for Carreras. Carreras beat Crooks and Goddard one each for Pegasus, whose other win came in the doubles.

Teleflex, who are also still in the hunt, had an easier 8-2 victory over Standard Telephones "B". Chaplin and St. Peter's both won a same while Collocase Anderson was winning three.

A. Groom scored a maximum for Kingswood when they defeated Wickford 4-0. West, with two wins, was most successful competitor.

Wins of 7-3 were both recorded by Rotary Hoos "B".

(over St. Peter's "B"), and Shell "A" over Carson "A" in this division. P. Lowe, for Shell, and J. Overall, for the Hoos, were both unbeaten.

## Good wins

Nalco "A" and CSL—the leaders in Division II—both had big wins. CSL did not drop a set against Hford "C", while Nalco beat Carreras "B" 8-2. Their only singles defeat came when B. Jones beat R. Banks.

Standard Telephones "C" visited Vange Church and won 6-4, despite three wins for Vange by Vagorins, Drake, Clarke and Evans each won two for the Telephonemen.

D. Morris and Linda Castle were both unbeaten for Kingswood "D" in their 7-3 win over Woodlands "A".

Ford's continue to lead the fourth division with their 10-0 win over Shell "B", being an indication of their massive superiority. Sutcliffe and Russell were again the trio responsible for the convincing win.

St. Peter's "C" could only field two players against Lee Chapel North, but still managed a 6-4 win. Pever winning three singles and Barnes two, and the two players combining to win the doubles.

Nicholas "B" were also an understrength against Hornets and lost 10-0.

## Results

Premier Div.: Marconi "A" 4, Standard "A" 6; Kingswood "A" 5, Springfield "A" 5; Pegasus "B" 5, Hoos "A" 5; Springfield "B" 3, Wickford "A" 7; Bonalack "X" 1, Pitsa "B" 1, L. A. 9; Kingswood "C" 6; Hford "B" 2; Marconi "B" 8; Carreras "A" 6; Standard "B" 2; Teleflex "B" 8; Rotary Hoos "B" 2; Shell "A" 7; Carson "A" 3; Div. II: Nalco "B" 10; Wickford "C" 9; Kingswood "D" 7; Woodlands "A" 3; CSL 10; Hford "C" 0; Springfield 10; Vange Church "B" 6; Vange Church "A" 4; Standard "C" 6; Carreras "B" 2; Nalco "B" 8.

Div. III: Ford Sports 10; Shell "B" 0; St. Peter's "A" 6; Lee Chapel North 4; St. Nicholas "B" 0; Hornets Y.C. 10.

# Giant-killers crushed in Billericay Cup second round

SECOND-ROUND K.O. Cup matches in the Billericay and District Table Tennis League saw St. Joseph's "A" and "B" teams both making progress last week.

St. Joseph's "A" had little trouble beating Warley Boys' Brigade, who could only field two players, 8-1.

Brigade started with a win when Ray Phillips beat Barry Ashton, but it was their one and only. Ashton and Ray Davies beat Richard Clarke and Roger Fuller beat Phillips. St. Joseph's also winning both doubles.

St. Joseph's "B" crushed Brentwood Gas "B" the giant-killers of the first round, by the same margin.

Jack Clarke beat Ron Gibson and Don Letham, Eric West beat Peter Gunn and Letham, and Ted Gibson beat Gunn, losing to Gibson. St. Joseph's won all three doubles.

Ingatstone "B" went through 7-2 against Brentwood Youth Centre "A", but they had to win some close games. Roger Buckenham triumphed over Chris Taylor and Trevor Lewis, John Basson beat Stewart Green and Ray and Tony Dohman beat Green but lost to Laws. The Centre scored their other win in the doubles.

Estrie "A" also went 7-2 against Brentwood Youth Centre "C". D. Dean beat John Firmin and Ian Halstead, Mick Paine beat Firmin and Peter Jolly, and C. Kirby also beat Jolly, losing to Halstead. Youth Centre managed to capture one of the doubles.

In the Premier Division, Hutton "A" are now second in the table, dislodging "A" by virtue of an 8-2 win against Old Brentwoods. The Premier and Reserve winners, Eric Davey beat Tony Porter and Richard Randall, and Chris Thompson could only beat Goddard and Horrie Dawson could only beat Randall. Porter lost to Porter, Hutton won both doubles, however.

Bardwell "A" are still well placed, collecting more points

from an 8-2 defeat of Rotary Hoos "A". Mike Lewis and Peter Smith beat John Lloyd and Dick Roberts, and Ray and Betty Vale beat Betty Richardson, but they both lost to Dave Richardson. Bardwell won both doubles.

St. Joseph's "B" were drawn six of their previous nine matches and lost the three. Royal Duxton win Victims were Brentwood Youth Centre "A", whom they defeated 7-3. Roger Fuller and Fred Foster beat Mick Hooks and Stuart Green, and Barry Ashton beat Mick Bowen, but they lost the doubles. The Saluts clinched the match as Ashton and Roy Davies lost to Peter Gurr and Davies also went down to Bowen.

## Points shared

W. W. Ball "A" need points badly, but they could only draw against Ingatstone "A". A. Groom and Doug Lyons defeated Graham Taplin and Bill Greenwood, but Ron Paine and Peter Saggett lost to John Allen and Doug Alford, and the doubles were shared.

Two recent wins by Grays Hill "B" have put them third from bottom in the First Division, but they could make further progress against Brentwood Gas "A", who beat them 8-2 to go to the top of the table.

St. James beat Peter Chaplin and Peter Lowe, and Dave Kettle beat Norman Flint and John Kettle. P. Brown also beat Chaplin, but lost to Lowe and Jim Franks, beating Kerslake, could not muster Flint. Gas took the double this time.

Hutton "C" moved into third place with a 7-3 win against Billericay Recreation "B". John Spooner beat Tom Alden and Graham Gater, and Stan Ray also beat Gater, losing to Alden. Frank Douglas beat Ron Moss, but lost to Peter Peak. Roy Pilkington lost to Moss, but both doubles.

In the other match in the division, Rotary Hoos "C" had little trouble disposing of bottom team, Incidentals. They

won 7-3. Dennis Moran beating Fred Paine and George Watts, and Paul Holmes beating P. Ely and Colin Berry. Fred Richardson also beat Watts, but went down to Baulfield, and Incidentals recorded their other wins when Ely and Berry lost to Gorman, the Hoos winning both doubles.

In Division IV Brentwood Youth Centre "C" maintained their lead by defeating St. Joseph's "C" 7-9. John Firmin and Peter Jolly vanquished Gordon Hill and Les Denton and Ian Halstead and Graham Moon beat Mick Butterfield. They lost to Terry Stallard, Hoos and both teams won a doubles.

Pilgrim's Hatch had an easy 10-0 win against Brentwood School "B", as the School could only produce three players. Brian Howell and David Ella beat Quenten Ford and Tim Harrison, and Ben Page beat Graham Reddell. Pilgrim's won the only doubles played.

## Positions

Latest positions are:

Premier Division: Crays Hill "A" 7, Hutton T.C. "A" 7, W. W. Ball "A" 5, St. Joseph's "A" 3, W. W. Ball "B" 3, St. Joseph's "B" 3, Brentwood "A" 3, Brentwood "C" 3, Hutton T.C. "B" 3, Ingatstone "A" 3, Old Brentwoods 2.

Division I: St. Faith's "A" 7, Britw'd Gas "A" 7, Hutton T.C. "C" 6, Rotary Hoos "C" 3, Rotary Hoos "C" 3, Brentwood "A" 3, Brentwood "C" 3, Hutton T.C. "B" 3, Ingatstone "A" 3, Old Brentwoods 2.

Division II: St. Faith's "A" 7, Britw'd Gas "A" 7, Hutton T.C. "C" 6, Rotary Hoos "C" 3, Rotary Hoos "C" 3, Brentwood "A" 3, Brentwood "C" 3, Hutton T.C. "B" 3, Ingatstone "A" 3, Old Brentwoods 2.

Division III: St. Faith's "A" 7, Britw'd Gas "A" 7, Hutton T.C. "C" 6, Rotary Hoos "C" 3, Rotary Hoos "C" 3, Brentwood "A" 3, Brentwood "C" 3, Hutton T.C. "B" 3, Ingatstone "A" 3, Old Brentwoods 2.

Division IV: St. Faith's "A" 7, Britw'd Gas "A" 7, Hutton T.C. "C" 6, Rotary Hoos "C" 3, Rotary Hoos "C" 3, Brentwood "A" 3, Brentwood "C" 3, Hutton T.C. "B" 3, Ingatstone "A" 3, Old Brentwoods 2.

# GOLF NOTES

RON HULL has beaten Harry Newell in the first round of the Basildon Golfing Society's Michot Trophy competition. The match, played at Rainault, took place in bad conditions with 18 temporary greens.

Nevertheless, Hull mastered the course and had a net 78 for the 18 holes, winning by four and three. Hull gained an early lead when he won the first three holes. However, Newell fought back and was only one down at the turn.

Then it was Hull's turn again and he won both the 10th and 11th to increase his lead to three up. The twelfth was halved. Newell having a stroke at the hole, and then, with a birdie on the 13th, Newell reduced Hull's lead to two up. On the 14th Hull's putting won him the hole to put him three up with four to play and this was repeated again on the 15th to give him the match.

## Harris wins

In the other first round match of the Michot Trophy which was played last week, Terry Harris beat Derek Kingham by Vagorins by two and one. On the first hole Kingham got an early lead when Harris sliced his ball out of bounds and lost the hole.

However, Harris managed to get a two-hole lead by the sixth and this match was all square at the turn.

At the 10th Kingham lost a ball and Harris went one up. The 11th was halved and then Harris lost another ball on the 12th to make the match all square.

Both players got into trouble on the 13th, but the hole was eventually won by Kingham to put him in the lead. After halving the 14th, Harris won the 15th and the match was all square.

Then Harris won the 16th when Kingham caught the rough with his drive and took three to reach the green. With Harris one up and two to play, both players were on the green in three but Kingham could not match Harris' long put for a bogey four, and so lost the hole and the match.

## Challenge

Four local golfers, Ted Freedy, Chris Thompson, Norman Coker and Terry Harris, have issued a challenge to any four players from any of the local golfing societies or clubs to play a friendly match of two singles and one foursome (match play) on any day.

Anyone wishing to take up this challenge should contact T. Freedy, 81, Fairstones (Laindon 3410).

There are still a few tickets available for the Golfing Society's social evening at the Bulls-Eye on Monday at 7.45 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from A. Snowell, 10, Peregrine Close (Laindon 3410).

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# Bone graft for injured player?

A BONE graft may be necessary to heal the leg broken by Freedy's Arles player Ron Munn in the Greenwood Charity this season, although the accident occurred nearly five months ago. Ron still has plaster — four lots have been necessary so far. He is to his waist. An employee of Carreras, he has not worked since the accident.

This week Ron asked the "Standard" to thank the people responsible for the £22 gift he has received as a result of the Boning Day inter-league game.

Clubs particularly mentioned in his thanks were Fyerns, Basildon West End, Irish Club and the Laindon Hotel. "They have all been so good," he said.

"As I am a married man with four children I cannot express my thanks in words." Later this month Ron is due to visit an orthopaedic surgeon to see what can be done to help the leg. "So far it has not healed at all," he said.

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## OUTWOOD FORWARDS MISS CHANCES BUT "DOUBLE" COMPLETED

Writtle Res. 1, Outwood Common 2

OUTWOOD COMMON kept the lead of the Mid-Essex League Second Division when they completed the double against Writtle Reserves on Saturday. But, with rivals breathing down their necks, Outwood will have to sharpen up their finishing if they are to be out front at the end of the season.

They beat Writtle 5-0 at home, but on Saturday the spark was missing. Making allowances for slippery conditions and a gusty wind which made ball control difficult, they still missed too many goals.

Their approach work was sound, but it lacked imagination and when they did break through the forwards fluffed several good chances.

It was right-half Mick Catmull who put Outwood ahead in the 20th minute when he crashed home a tremendous shot from 25 yards.

The forwards ignored his lead, however, and continued trying to walk the ball into the net.

After 30 minutes the homesters struck back. In one of their rare attacks their centre-forward took advantage of a misunderstanding between centre-half Tom Moul and left-back Pete Fletcher to run through and equalise.

Goalkeeper Roger Jupp was slow coming out and the centre-forward slid the ball past him off the right-hand upright.

Before the break Outwood were back in the lead when left-winger Neil Arnold netted with another long-range shot which drifted over the Writtle keeper's head.

But Outwood could not increase their lead in the second half. They dominated the game, but their shooting was way off beam. Only forward to emerge with any real credit was inside-left George Baker, who was unlucky with three fierce shots at goal.

Writtle, with a slight slope and the wind in their favour, mounted a number of dangerous-looking attacks, but their finishing was even worse than that of Outwood and gave Jupp little trouble.

The Outwood defence played soundly and made good use of the offside trap against a susceptible inside trio.

## WARNING ON ILLEGAL APPROACHES

SOCCER CLUBS are warned in the Essex County F.A. half-season report that it is an offence to approach, directly or indirectly, during the playing season, players of other clubs (including clubs in membership of the County Youth F.A.) unless the regulations in Rule 17 of the Association have been complied with.



A Fryerns full-back heads clear during a Standard Telephones attack at Gloucester Park on Saturday. Fryerns won 2-1.

## LOCAL DERBY ENDS IN NARROW WIN FOR FRYERNS

Standard Telephones 1, Fryerns (Basildon) 2

FRYERNS RETURNED to winning ways and captured the two Southend and District League points in their local Derby tussle with Standard Telephones at Gloucester Park on Saturday.

On a rain-soaked pitch S.T.C. made most of the early running and opened the scoring in the 20th minute, when Harris took full advantage of a lapse by the Fryerns' defence.

Fryerns fought back and levelled the score five minutes later with a goal by Willis after some good work by Tointon.

Play continued to be evenly contested with both sets of forwards missing chances until the 40th minute, when Hawks finished off some good approach work to put Fryerns ahead at the interval.

In the second half the teams tried hard to master the heavy conditions, but the mud in the goalmouths stopped a number of goalbound efforts.

Fryerns had most of the play in this half, but could not score and had to be content with their narrow one-goal win.

## 'VERY KIND GESTURE'

FRYERNS AREA footballer Ron Munn, who broke a leg in a Greenwood Trophy match at the beginning of the season, contacted the "Standard" this week.

"I want to say thank you to everyone who helped stage the Boxing Day inter-league match between the Basildon Saturday and Sunday Leagues on my behalf. It was a very kind gesture and the money it raised is a great help," said Ron, who lives in Salesbury Drive, Billericay.

Proceeds from the match realised £22.



Fryerns' goalkeeper advances to save from a Standard Telephones forward (left) at Gloucester Park on Saturday.

## WICKFORD PICK NEW WINGER

WITHOUT A match last week, Wickford Town's first return to action tomorrow (Saturday) when they play Southend and District Division rivals Rectory Road.

Victors 4-1 at home. Rovers earlier this season, they include a new left-winger in their line-up.

He is Stuart Stammers, 17-year-old, who plays alongside several Town players at a Hutton Sunday club.

"We have heard he is a good player and we have decided to take a chance on playing him before seeing him in action," said Secretary Peter Bennet on Wednesday.

"Actually, we have little choice in the matter as we have no recognised winger now that Mick Bennett is out with a broken leg. Even Mick wasn't really a winger, so we are hoping this lad will solve a problem position for us."

The Town line-up will be: Watkins; Ashton; Nash; Arby; Oldham; Cave; Reed; Mitchell; Parsons; Tyle; Stammers.

The second team, who leave the Second Division, should stay on top tomorrow by beating Crouch Nomads, whom they defeated 5-0 away earlier this season.

And the third team, who still have little chances, could take both points from their home match with Battlesbridge III, who beat them 7-1 away.

"We had a make-shift team out for that match," said Peter Bennet, "and should do better this time."

The fourth team have no match.

## Town get five after break

DUNMOW RESERVES 2, BILDERICAY TOWN'S 3

BILDERICAY TOWN'S third team hit Dunmow Reserves for six with a great second-half display which brought them five goals in this Mid-Essex League Second Division match on Saturday.

They were losing 2-1 at the break, but the homesters were never in the match in the second half as right-winger Roger Fuller scored a hat-trick and inside-right Colin Nugent added two more.

It was a complete reversal of fortunes. In the first half Town went ahead through their own goal, but their hosts came back strongly to score twice through Terry Brewer and Tommy Harris.

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The flying header by Day which led to Sorrento's equaliser at Whitmore Park on Sunday.

## Sorrento snatch points from Pitsea

### LATE GOALS GAVE B.E.N.O.C. VICTORY

**B.E.N.O.C. 5, SORRENTO "B" 3**  
**RUNNING OUT** of steam late in the second half Sorrento "B" conceded two goals and victory after being level at 3-3 in this Basildon Sunday League game at Kent View Road on Sunday.

In the first half Sorrento had the help of slope and wind, but could not use them to any advantage, the wet conditions favouring the heavier Busmen who took the lead after 15 minutes.

Before half-time Sorrento equalised through Pat O'Flynn, who headed in a Trowers corner.

In the second half Sorrento put a lot more into the game only for the Busmen to sneak ahead again.

Sorrento equalised when Trowers scrambled the ball home from a Lee cross, but it was short lived as the Busmen made it 3-2 within five minutes.

With ten minutes to go Sorrento's hopes were raised again with yet another equaliser. Brown volleying home a fine shot from Trowers' corner.

With this final effort Sorrento ran out of steam and B.E.N.O.C. netted twice more to take the points in the last ten minutes.

R. Brown worked hard for Sorrento and Lee played well in his comeback after injury.

#### Fixtures

**Premier Division** — Laindon Hotel v Double Six; Canvey v Pegasus; Corringham v Sorrento.

**Division I** — Dunton Park v Canvey "A"; Outwood Common v Shell; Acadex v Sorrento "A"; Stability v Gibraltar.

**Division II** — Chesterhall "A" v Canvey "B"; Bonalack v Dunton Park "A"; Double Six "A" v Wess Pritchard; Outwood Common "A" v B.E.N.O.C.; Sorrento "B" v S.E.M.

**Charity Cup quarter-finals** — Priors Athletic v Pitsea United (at Swan Mead); Ghyllgrove v Newcombe and Hastings.



Goalkeeper Mick Flack and defender Henry Beech combine to stop a Sorrento raid.

# CHAMPIONS FORGED AHEAD AFTER THE INTERVAL

PEGASUS 5, GHYLLGROVE SPORTS 3

GHYLLGROVE LOST their sixth Basildon Sunday League game in succession on Sunday, this time going under to last year's champions, Pegasus, at Merd Lane.

### HOW THEY STAND

**BASILDON SUNDAY LEAGUE**

**POSITIONS: — PREMIER DIVISION**

	P	A	Pts
Corringham	1	1	15
Canvey	2	1	13
Sorrento	3	1	12
Laindon H.	4	1	11
Double Six	5	1	10
Pegasus	6	1	9
Ghyllgrove	7	1	8
Priors	8	1	7
Chesterhall	9	1	6

**DIVISION II**

	P	A	Pts
Double Six "A"	1	1	15
Outwood Comm.	2	1	14
P.E.N.O.C.	3	1	13
Sorrento	4	1	12
Bonalack	5	1	11
Canvey "B"	6	1	10
Wess Pritchard	7	1	9
Wass Pritchard	8	1	8
Chesterhall "A"	9	1	7
Dunton Pk.	10	1	6

### Corringham march on

**CORRINGHAM SOCIAL CLUB'S PRIORS ATHLETIC 3**

**AFTER A fine game** which supplied plenty of both goals and good football, Corringham notched another win in their run for the Basildon Sunday League Premier Division Championship.

Priors, kicking off up the slope, were first to attack and after only five minutes they went one up, a well-placed pass from Woodley being converted by Bryan Evans.

Back started Corringham, and Brian Fayers, man-of-the-match who was to be the centre of the defence, kept the Corringham forward line for a spell after this, but just before half-time centre-forward Smith was on the spot to head a corner into the net and make it 2-1.

But gradually Corringham, making full use of both wind and slope, pushed Priors back, and Fayers, playing on the right wing, put them in the lead with a tremendous 30-yard drive. Priors, concentrating on defence, kept the Corringham forward line for a spell after this, but just before half-time centre-forward Smith was on the spot to head a corner into the net and make it 2-1.

In the second half it was Priors' turn to attack. With the wind behind them, they maintained almost continual pressure on the Corringham goal for the first quarter of an hour, missing some easy chances, but finally pulling a goal back after 20 minutes, when a long shot from Evans was deflected in by centre-forward Collings.

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## GALLANT 10 FAILED IN SECOND HALF

**DOUBLE SIX 5, CANVEY 1**

**PLAYING WITH 10 men**, Canvey managed to hold a one-goal lead until the half-way stage of this Basildon Sunday League Premier Division game, but after the interval, with the wind at their backs, Double Six swept through to score five times.

Canvey did very well to hold Double Six in the first half, and before the interval they managed to snatch the lead, but soon after the restart Armistage raced through to level the scores after a succession of shots. R. Williams put them one up minutes later.

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### HOW THEY FARED

**BASILDON SUNDAY LEAGUE**

**POSITIONS: — PREMIER DIVISION**

	P	A	Pts
Corringham	1	1	15
Canvey	2	1	13
Sorrento	3	1	12
Laindon H.	4	1	11
Double Six	5	1	10
Pegasus	6	1	9
Ghyllgrove	7	1	8
Priors	8	1	7
Chesterhall	9	1	6

**DIVISION II**

	P	A	Pts
Double Six "A"	1	1	15
Outwood Comm.	2	1	14
P.E.N.O.C.	3	1	13
Sorrento	4	1	12
Bonalack	5	1	11
Canvey "B"	6	1	10
Wess Pritchard	7	1	9
Wass Pritchard	8	1	8
Chesterhall "A"	9	1	7
Dunton Pk.	10	1	6

**DOUBLE SIX "A" 3, OUTWOOD COMMON "B" 1**

**OUTWOOD COMMON'S title bid** took a knock when they could only field a depleted side against Canvey in this Basildon Sunday League Second Division match.

In an extremely sporting match in atrociously muddy conditions, Outwood played well enough to share the points, but luck was not with them.

Two-nil down at the break they fought back well in the second half and Pegasus forwards found it difficult to break through a makeshift, but determined, defence.

When left-winger Neil Arnold scored in the 65th minute Outwood hopes began to rise. But continued Outwood pressure brought further goals.

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## Bowers include new forward in their cup side

**ROGER STOREY, Des Pitt and Jack Platt, missing from the Bowers United team last week, return to the side on Saturday for the second leg of the Olympian League Cup Round One game away to Dorset Press.**

Bowers, leading 2-1 after the first leg, will have Dennis Bowley back in his correct position of right-back, and they include new signing Gordon Fleetwood in the side.

Fleetwood has a great deal of experience in senior football and should be of great benefit to Bowers.

The side will be: J. Levery; D. Bowley; D. Platt; J. Platt; C. Winyard; M. Owen; R. Storey; G. Fleetwood; G. Bonning; D. Pitt and E. Gardner.

The second team, who are away to Moulsham Lodge in the Mid-Essex League also include K. Banham, a new signing in their side, and Brian Lowe makes a return following a long lay-off from football.

The side will be: P. Sims; G. Evenden; D. Sower; D. Chisam; J. Murray; K. Simon; K. Banham; R. Giles; B. Lowe; D. Yates and M. Ward.

Other Saturday teams:—Laindon Hotel United (home to Rayleigh Amateurs); T. Hamlyn; J. Smith; B. Whitehead; N. Venables; B. Cooke; S. Griffin; S. Payne; J. Bird; R. Whitmore; A. Yeomans; R. Payne.

Laindon Hotel United Res. (away to Benfleet Catholics); G. Buck; T. Reynolds; G. Payne; P. Salter; T. Gibson; K. De Bond; J. Bird; R. De Bond; D. Ellerbry; D. Shoemith; M. Yates.

Armada (home Holy Cross to Duxford); M. Flack; G. Roberts; J. King; Anderson; B. Sarfain; W. Taylor; A. Pethers; J. Blunten; J. Muir; F. Thorogood; R. Walte.

Armada Res. (away to Rainham Youth); J. Ditchburn; A. Henson; P. Henson; R. Bastable; C. Harris; P. Craven; A. Phelps; K. Sandeman; L. Chapman; R. D'Amico; R. Matthews.

Billericay Youth Centre (away to Broomfield Res.); From Manning; Burden; Harris; B. Savell; Evans; Adams; Addy; Routledge; Coventry; Feeling; Duffin; R. Savell.

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## Youth Centre maintain title bid

**LEIGHS 1, BILLERICAY YOUTH CENTRE 2**

**THEIR USUAL** free-flowing style hampered by extremely wet and muddy conditions, Billericay Youth Centre were still good enough to take home points in their Basildon and Mid-Essex Combination second division match against Leighs on Saturday.

Starting slowly and faced by a quick-tackling defence which held them well in the first half, the Centre took 30 minutes to find the net.

Then left-winger Ray Savell collected a good through pass from inside-right Jimmy Coventry and fired the ball home off the inside of an upright.

The homesters took the setback well and just on half-time they drew level when their centre-forward scored.

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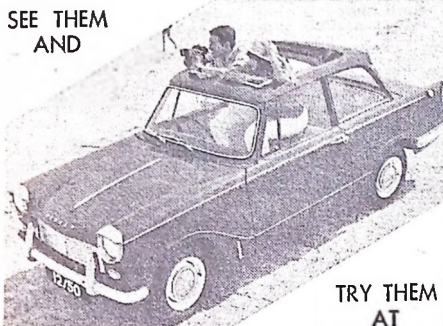


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# Basildon League Review

## ONLY THREE MATCHES BUT GOALS GALORE

ONLY THREE games were played in the Basildon League on Saturday, but they produced 23 goals. Nine of them were smashed in by Gorringham Youth Centre's centre-forward, Anderson, against Manor United.

### Goalless draw for Billericay

**BILLERICAY TOWN 0. WRITTE 0.**  
HOPING to complete the double, Billericay Town found themselves hosts to a much-improved Writtle side in this Essex Olympian League match on Saturday and had to be content with a share of the spoils.  
In the second half they gained the upper hand, but their finishing was poor compared to their approach work and they could not find the net.  
They were also without the usual suspects from the defence, who had their hands full keeping tags on the visitors' tail centre-forward, Peter Anstey, signed from Old Chelmsfordians. Anstey was always dangerous and has added new verve to the Writtle attack.

The first half was evenly contested with neither side able to dominate, but Anstey was a menace from the start. Tight marking by Peter Jones kept his efforts to a minimum, but he went near to scoring once or twice.

At the other end Town found the Writtle defence difficult to pierce, but they came near with shots from Terry Sears and Jeff Stratford with the keeper did well to parry.  
They increased the pressure in the second half, but their shooting was below par and a goal seemed unlikely until the closing minutes when a grandstand finish saw a shot from Peter Trott hit the woodwork.

When Johnny Wilson failed to connect with the rebound, Town's last chance of taking both points disappeared.

### BOWERS CRASH

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD**

**BOWERS UNITED 2. BISHOP'S STORTFORD 2.**  
BISHOP'S STORTFORD Swifts gained amiable revenge for a heavy defeat received earlier in the season when they defeated Bowers United 7-2 in an Essex Olympian League match at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday.

Bowers were never able to cope with the speed and versatility of the home side who revelled in the cramped conditions while the Basildon side struggled.

Swifts were soon on the attack, and after only eight minutes they went ahead with a fine header from their centre-forward. Bowers fought to get back into the game, but their forward line was unable to find a way through, and after 20 minutes the Swifts went two up, again through their centre-forward. Minutes later the outside-left netted a third after the Bowers defence had got into a tangle.

Bowers were desperately unlucky not to reduce the arrears before the interval, twice having goals disallowed for borderline off-side decisions, and they almost scored directly after half-time. Then the Swifts stormed back to score twice more, and leave Bowers trailing 5-0.

Bowers finally pulled one for Bowers, and the Basildon side got on top for a while, only for the Swifts to make it 7-1 with two quick late away. With a few minutes to go Gardner netted from close following a corner from the right to make the final score 7-1.  
This was Bowers' first match after a four-week lay-off, and obviously they needed match practice. With the return of missing regulars, they should soon recover their form.

### HIGH TIDE AT SOUTHEAST

Figures in parentheses indicate height of water above datum.

	a.m.	p.m.
Fri.	8.6 (15.9)	8.56 (16.1)
Sat.	9.20 (16.1)	9.00 (16.4)
Sun.	10.24 (16.5)	10.57 (16.8)
Mon.	11.21 (16.8)	11.48 (16.8)
Tue.	12.34 (16.9)	12.13 (17.1)
Wed.	1.16 (17.0)	1.44 (17.4)
Thurs.	1.51 (17.0)	2.23 (17.3)

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The reason for the small programme was the condition of many pitches in were rendered unplayable by the heavy rain.

The only Premier Division game played resulted in a big 8-0 win for Woodlands over Kingswood. Eric Burns scored four and Phil Blorton three.

In the one Division I game Gorringham, who have now settled down well, recorded their biggest win of the season, 12-0 over luckless Manor. It was quite a day for centre-forward Anderson, who netted nine.

The other match was a Division I Cup quarter-final between Belhus Park and Moores United which the Park won at Grays 5-3.

With the season at the half-way stage, the race for honours is beginning to hot up. In the Premier Division the Irish Club are once again in front with Woodlands close behind. Both clubs have only been beaten once.

Close behind come Laindon Athletic (three points dropped), Dutton Park (four points) and Ilford Sports (five points).

Four of these clubs—Laindon, Irish Club, Dutton and Ilford—are still concerned in the League Cup.

The Division I title race is not such an open affair. Nicholas Youth Centre, still unbeaten in the league, leads the way.

The tussle for runners-up spot seems to be the interest here with Belhus Park, Scotia and Basildon G.P.O. fighting it out.

For the cup must be York Shipley, who have accounted for both Scotia and Nicholson on their way to the semi-final.

### Fixtures

Top match of the day on Saturday will be the clash between Laindon Athletic and Ilford Sports at Langdon Hills Recreation Ground.

Both clubs are just behind the two leaders and cannot really afford to drop points. In the corresponding game earlier in the season the points were shared.

Of the other championship challengers, Woodlands have the hardest match by entertaining Basildon Athletic, their rivals for the Division II title last year.

In Division I league leaders Nicholson are without a game, but the next four teams in the table meet in two matches. Basildon G.P.O. entertaining York Shipley at Gloucester Park and Belhus Park playing Scotia at Grays.

Premier Division: Ilford v Laindon Athletic; Irish Club v Yardley; Woodlands v Basildon Athletic; Kingswood v Basildon G.P.O.; Basildon G.P.O. v York Shipley; Belhus Park v Scotia; Manor v Ilford Reserves. Reserves: Manor v Laindon Athletic Reserves.

## PEGASUS BEATEN IN LOCAL DERBY

**LATHOL 2.**

**PEGASUS 1.**

AFTER THE referee declared the Herd Lane unit on Saturday, the switched to Lathol's and produced a good goal in a local Derby Business Houses match.

Both teams started off with Pegasus getting better breaks, but being unable to give any real threat to Lathol's defence, in which goalkeeper looked commanding.

Although they played midfield football, Pegasus never really looked dangerous and they fell behind through the first half as Lathol's hard-working forward outstripped defence and gave St. Peter's chance with a well-taken shot.

In the second half Pegasus reorganised their attacking play, bringing Barlow inside the wing, and they certainly moved better as a result.

It was Barlow who netted the opening for Watson to home an unstoppable equaliser from 20 yards after minutes following a which started in midfield.

From this point Pegasus began to look dangerous as shots from Theobald and Sharp flew inches wide but Lathol broke away to take a lead again.

It came from a cross in the wing which had Pegasus defence in trouble and the ball was pushed home from close in.

The result was a disappointing end to 1966 for Pegasus.

### Grand record

Three clubs in the Fourth Division, Stockport County, Wrexham, and Tranmere Rovers have not been beaten at home so far this season.



Oh the agony of it! Stranded yards out of goal, Peter Marsh, a right-half playing in goal for the first time, can only watch the ball go into goal, and there, taking the ball neatly and easily, is the Berry Boys' Club's real 'keeper, Stephen Ludlow, unable to play because of injury. The Berry Boys finally went down to Billericay Town under-14's 9-0.

## MATCHES WENT ON DESPITE THE RAIN

DESPITE ANOTHER week of rain, all scheduled games in the Essex Olympian League were played on Saturday, although in some the conditions were far from perfect.

The "best win of the week" must surely go to Bishop's Stortford Swifts, who, despite losing their goalkeeper after only 10 minutes' play, convincingly defeated Bowers United. The previous meeting between these teams was a 9-0 win for Bowers.

Leading 3-0 at half-time Swifts went further into the lead and then Bowers replied to make it 4-0, but this did not change their fortunes. It was not until just before full-time that Bowers scored again, but by 10-1 the score was 7-1.

Of the 10 "heroes" M. Thurlby (3), Miller (3) and B. Thurlby were the scorers. Bishop's Stortford Swifts ran into the new-look O.C.S. Dorset were twice in the lead, but twice the lead was lost as was eventually the game. Old Chelmsfordians, who were looking forward to the New Year with a considerable amount of anticipation.

Billericay Town, the highest placed team, ended this week, were held to a goalless draw by Writtle, the current holder of the bottom-of-the-table spot. Peter Anstey appears to be

making a big difference to Writtle's game. After a closely-fought first half Billericay dominated the play, but were unable to score against a resolute defence.

Results: Billericay Town 0, Writtle 0; Bishop's Stortford Swifts 7, Bowers United 2; Dorset Press 2, Old Chelmsfordians 5.

### Positions

	W	O	L	F	A	P
Burnham	9	1	4	19	19	19
Essex Police	7	3	3	29	15	15
Little Waltham	5	3	3	28	11	11
Dunmow	5	3	3	28	11	11
Billericay Town	5	3	3	16	16	16
Collier Row	4	3	3	17	15	15
Old Chelmsfordians	4	3	3	16	16	16
Bowers United	2	4	3	28	11	11
Bishop's Stortford	2	4	3	25	29	29
Writtle	2	4	3	24	28	28
Dorset Press	3	5	3	13	16	16
Sawbridgeworth	3	5	3	22	19	19
Writtle	3	5	3	18	15	15

### Fixtures

Next Saturday's fixtures are: League—Collier Row v Billericay Town; Dunmow v Old Chelmsfordians; Essex Police v Bishop's Stortford Swifts; Writtle v Basildon and Pitsea; Sawbridgeworth v Burnham Rovers.

League Cup, 1st round, 2nd leg—Dorset Press v Bowers United.

## THROUGH BY 18 GOALS TO 1

**BILLERICAY TOWN 9. BERRY BOYS 0.**  
SHARP-SHOOTING centre-forward Colin Walker slammed seven goals in Billericay Town's runaway League Cup round victory over Berry Boys on Saturday.

It was a second leg match and further goals added Michael Walker on the wing and Tony Smith on the wing through to next round with an aggregate of 18 goals to 1.

Town found their experienced opponents improved in the second and their keeper John Keane was called to make good saves.

The visitors tried to play football and never gave thought outlashed.

### No away wins

Plymouth Argyle is the only team in the Second Division without an away win so far this season.

### All square

Last three games between Liverpool and West Ham. Antfield have ended 1-1, 1-1 and 2-2. The clubs again on Saturday.



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## No. 19 in the series of articles entitled "A HOME OF YOUR OWN" which appears weekly in this newspaper

WITH HOUSE PRICES rising steadily all the time it is sometimes impossible for young couples to save enough for a deposit or perhaps the husband's income is not high enough to warrant a reasonable mortgage. At the other end of the scale many middle-aged or elderly people who live in houses already find that the accommodation they have is large, expensive and too difficult to maintain now that their children have married and gone away. Thirdly there are those who do not want a house because of the problem of maintaining it when both the husband and wife have jobs or careers which demand a lot of their time.

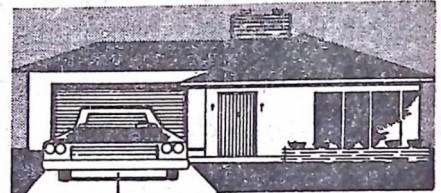
For such people as this the answer may be to buy a flat or maisonette. Naturally such properties are smaller — the accommodation varies, but the standard is two bedrooms, a large living room, kitchen and bathroom, with perhaps a small garden, but because of the smaller accommodation they are generally cheaper than a house in the same area. More important, they are much easier to keep clean, and less expensive to maintain and run. They require less heating and rateable values are lower.

There are certain disadvantages to be considered. Flat dwellers do not enjoy the privacy that house owners get nor are all flats and maisonettes as well insulated against noise as they should be. Certain types of flat development have no gardens at all and instead a communal garden is shared. However the fact that there is no garden to maintain is viewed by some as a positive asset.

The difficulty of distinguishing between a flat and a maisonette has increased in recent years until it is now almost impossible to tell one from

the other. Generally in a flat the accommodation is fully self-contained, i.e. there is no sharing of bathrooms, etc., but there may be sharing of entrances or entrance halls. In the case of maisonettes a private street entrance is usual. Maisonettes are found generally in blocks of two, four, six or eight, but seldom more than two storeys in height. Flats are also in blocks of course, but may be of any height from three storeys and up.

There is no doubt that it is more difficult to arrange a mortgage on a flat or maisonette than a house. Many building societies will not consider them at all, others will accept maisonettes but not flats. The societies which do consider this kind of property sometimes limit the amount of the advance or the length of the repayment period. Nearly all will allow mortgages on those properties which are "purpose built." In other words if the property is in a block or development which was built as flats or maisonettes these will qualify. A large house which has been split up and converted to be sold



as flats is generally not acceptable to most building societies, although often the local councils will advance on them.

Where a multi-storey block of flats is involved the developers or builders usually specify that a yearly service charge is made to the occupants. Obviously it is very difficult for the owners to carry out external redecoration themselves nor could they be expected to handle repairs to the roof of the block, the foundations,

guttering, pipes, etc. Another point to be considered is the lighting and cleaning of the commonly-used staircase, landing, entrance halls — also the maintenance and upkeep of the communal garden. If they were left to the individual owners there would be arguments and in some cases neglect. Therefore the total yearly cost is split equally among those living in the block, and the repairs, cleaning and maintenance are then carried out regularly by professionals. Usually a firm of managing agents are appointed to see that this is done — also to listen to

and deal with complaints as they arise. Bear in mind that the service charge quoted to you when you first buy, may increase as time passes because costs of maintenance tend to rise and secondly because as the building ages more attention is required. However, once the service charge is paid you will then only be concerned with the internal repairs and decoration of your own flat. Everything else is taken care of by the managing agents.

Incidentally the service charge usually also includes the houseowner's fire insurance because it often is necessary for the same company to handle all the insurance on a particular block. You will naturally be expected to make your own arrangements to insure the contents of your property.

Finally it will soon be realised by people seeking a flat or maisonette for the first time, that nearly all are leasehold. Exactly what that means and how leasehold property differs from freehold property will be discussed in my next article. — N.L.

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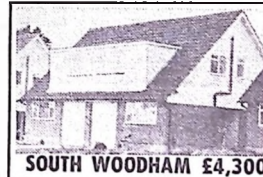
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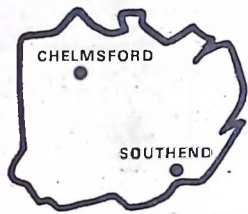


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# OLYMPIAN LEAGUE HAS TEETHING TROUBLES

## Billericay Town make two changes

FIFTH IN the Essex Olympian League after their goal-less draw at home to Writtle last week, Billericay Town hope to climb even higher tomorrow (Saturday) with a win against Collier Row, the team one place below them in the table. But Town Manager Roy Hamm was making no clear-cut predictions about the result on Wednesday.

"We should win. We beat them 3-1 in the second leg of the League Cup," he said, "but that was at home. In the first leg on their ground we were held 2-2. To make sure of a win this time we will have to take our chances more smartly than we did last week."

Tomorrow will be the first time the teams have met in the league proper, and a win is vital for Town if they are not to lose touch with the leaders.

Mr. Hamm pins his hopes on the team which drew last week with two changes, one of them positional. He rests defender Charlie Anastasi, who started the season brightly but has hit a bad patch, and brings in second-teamer Tony Snell.

He also changes the positions of Peter Trott and Jeff Stratford. "I have moved Peter to the wing for a rest," he explained. "He has been playing as a mid-field worker and distributor and I think the effort has effected his game a little."

Town's second team are at home this week to Old Maldonians. Their team will be: Gibbs, Anastasi, Cole, Snelling, Hooper, Murtton, Turner, Fuller, Nugent, Broadfield and Mapples.

## Cuts cause concern

A BOUT OF cut knees on the number two pitch at Gloucester Park is causing concern in the Basildon Football League.

Numerous cases have been reported recently, the last being on Saturday, when one player had to go to hospital for stitches.

Stones being forced up through the turf and levelled to be the cause of the trouble.

## Substitutes next season?

SUBSTITUTES MAY be allowed in the Basildon League next season.

A decision will be taken at the League's annual meeting in May. Secretary Joe Hearn stated on Monday.

"I advise some clubs to think about this a great deal before then," he said, "knowing the difficulties some experience in fielding 11 players each week, yet alone 12."

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This is the view of both Basildon and Pitsea F.C. and Bowers United, who are far from happy with the conditions being endured by their reserve sides in the Mid-Essex League.

This week "Standard" reporters interviewed officials of these two clubs and also the other local club in the league, Billericay Town, to find their views of the Olympian competition.

Has it come up to their expectations? Is the standard of play and facilities an improvement on their previous competitions? These were the kind of questions on which we sought answers.

Secretary of Bowers United Mr. Len Salmon is adamant about the need for a Reserve Section next season. He says some of the conditions in the Mid-Essex are primitive and are making it difficult for the club to hold players for the reserve team.

"The conditions, plus the extra travelling involved, have obviously contributed to our worst season so far for player strength," he said.

"Sometimes we have had to scrape the barrel to turn out two full sides and one week we lost our cherished record of never turning out a short team."

## Recruits needed

The present situation at Bowers is that the player situation is still very much border line and new recruits are needed.

Len has few doubts about the future of the Olympian League. "Obviously there have been teething troubles in the first season," he said, "but these should be overcome."

"Generally we have not been disappointed with conditions or with the standard of play. It is very much as we expected in the first year. In two or three years the league could be the best in Essex. We hope so."

Len describes the standard of refereeing in the league as "up and down." Bowers have experienced both ends of the stick, their games having been controlled by very good and "moderate" officials.

## Critical view

Next door at Basildon and Pitsea coach Frank Presland is critical of both the referees and the pitches in the Olympian League.

On referees he says: "We have had some shakers."

The grounds have also been a disappointment to the Gunners. "Bowers United's is the best we have seen so far," he says.

The thing that has pleased Frank is the standard of competition. The league table, which shows the Gunners one place from bottom with six points from seven games, is proof of this.

"It's very far the long travelling when there is the good game waiting at the end, but unfortunately, we have been caught out once or twice by mistiming the journey."

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"Several times we have arrived late and had to rush on to the field. This is very unsettling."

He added: "We are learning a lot this year and will be able to put things right next time."

## Less support

The long journeys have resulted in the Gunners losing a great deal of their support at away games. Even some of the committee men cannot go because of the early start needed to get to places like Bishop's Stortford.

Regarding a Reserve Section, Frank said Basildon and Pitsea wanted one this year, but failed to gain enough support at the inaugural meeting.

"The opinion seemed to be let's start the main division going first," he said.

"We will certainly have another go this year because the grounds in the Mid-Essex League are poor, in spite of the fact that we are in the Premier Division."

## Quite happy

Billericay Town Sports Club, who complete the district Olympian League trio, are quite happy with the way things are going in their first season in the league.

"We have no complaints and I should think it's almost certain we will want to take part again next season," said the Club's Football Section Chairman and first team manager, Roy Hamm.

"We have found the standard of the football everything we expected to be. It's certainly better than the Mid-Essex League Premier Division which we have considered a very reasonable standard," he said.

"Every match provides enjoyable football. Admittedly, there are one or two teams who seem to be jumbling away at the top, and one or two struggling a bit at the bottom, but you find this in any league."

"Generally speaking, the standard is uniformly high and practically every club we have met have been pleased they entered."

Town were also happy about the facilities they had encountered. "You get a shower and a cup of tea at the very least, and, on the whole, the standard of the grounds is very good, and usually a great improvement on the pitches we played on in the Mid-Essex League."

## No complaints

He went on: "As far as referees are concerned, I have no complaints, although some of the players might disagree with me. On the whole, generally speaking, the standard has been very good."

"I have no complaints about the administration of the league or either. They have set high standards and I think they are necessary if a league of this kind is to achieve the status it is aiming for."

Roy came down against the idea that the league should form a Reserve Section. "I am definitely opposed to it," he said. "For instance, our own reserve side play in the Mid-Essex League First Division and they are an average side."

"They would probably hold their own in the Premier Division, too, but they are certainly not good enough at the moment to be connected with Olympian League football."

"In my opinion it could lead to a lowering of the league's standards, both in playing standards and facility standards."

## Bright future

"I hope the league will continue to receive applications for membership from teams which are always dominant in the County's Junior leagues, teams like Godditchbridge."

"Obviously these sides would have to fight harder for honours, but there's not much satisfaction, after all, in titles being a foregone conclusion every season."

"I think there are a number of teams of this description that could be an asset to the league."

The future? "A bright one, I believe," said Roy. "I think the league will go from success to success and really earn a name for itself."



Nicholas' Youth Centre table tennis team.

# Sunday teams may BOWL NEWS

## enter successful summer contest

THE BASILDON Football League's highly successful summer five-a-side competition is to be opened up to Sunday clubs this year. The decision was taken at Monday's league meeting, when plans for the competition were discussed.

Chairman Eddie Gray said that due to its success last year several Sunday clubs had expressed a desire to enter if the competition was run again.

Clubs found it very useful in keeping players fit and together during the summer months and the invitation to the Sunday clubs would add extra competition and enthusiasm.

Mr. George Stirk said 14 teams entered last year and from all accounts this would be increased this year. If the Sunday teams came in as well a bumper competition could be organised.

He suggested playing it on a league basis for a few quarters of the fixtures and then picking out the top teams to play through to the final on a knockout basis.

Secretary Joe Hearn pointed out the league bought several sets of special goalposts for the competition last year and if more pitches were to be used extra posts would be needed.

He thought some mention should be made in the rules about the erection and taking down of posts.

There was also the problem of finding enough referees. Mr. Ron Hill (Treasurer) said he would try to obtain the services of referees who could also use the competition to keep fit.

Mr. George Stirk thought the entrance fees would remain about the same - £1 a team entrance and 2s. 6d. per game.

## Goalkeepers needed

The transfer of Jim Gregory to S.E.M. has left Ghyllgrove F.C. without a regular top-class goalkeeper.

Secretary Ted Hubble, 68, Roadgate, Basildon, said this week: "We are in desperate need of two goalkeepers at the moment."

This was the outstanding matter to come out of the hat when the draw was made at Monday's League meeting.

With one victory upon over each other this season, the two sides should produce a bumper draw to decide who goes through to the final.

In the other half, the holders, London Athletic who beat the Ash Club in last year's final, meet Duntou Park and have a great chance of reaching the last hurdle again.

The Division I draw brings Basildon G.P.O. and Belhus Park together in one semi-final, and Corringham and York Shipley in the other.

Although the hope to play all the semi-finals at Gloucester Park on dates to be arranged. Expenses, excluding cost of the pitch, will be shared between the competing teams.

It is also hoped to appoint official line-men for all the games.

The Division I draw brings

## CHARITY CUP BIDS

CUP-HUNTING ON Sunday for four Basildon Sunday League clubs, who are entered in the quarter-finals of the League Charity Cup.

At the Gun Pitsea United are sure to have a tough tussle with Priors Athletic. Priors will be fielding at least three present and possibly two past Pitsea Saturday players, while Pitsea can field as many as nine Saturday first eleven players, including the free-scoring inside trio of Staff, Holden and Read.

The other cup match will see Premier Division Ghyllgrove at home to Division I side Newcombe and Hastings, who until quite recently were unbeaten in league games.

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## WATCH FOR CLEARANCE

CLUBS WHO have signed players from Basildon League should look out for clearance before Monday's League meeting.

One of the complaints of the Irish Club Secretary Jim Lynch was advised to move to the County F.A. instead of complaining to the League.

Secretary Joe Hearn repeated a pre-Christmas complaint from the County women's clubs, that three ex-Armies players, Quigley, Brookes and Braybrooke, had been expelled since die.

Ghyllgrove Reserves are playing a friendly match on Sunday, January 10th, at 10.30 a.m. at Stan Hubble.

Basildon, is the man to contact.

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