AN INDEPENDENT MONTHLY FOR RESIDENTS OF RAINHAM AND WIGMORE NUMBER 26

On the evening tide. Photograph by J.R. Price.

Of Shipwrights and Bargemen... Ted Timberlake

You may have seen a recent programme in the 'Chronicle' series on BBC2 entitled 'Where There's Muck' The theme was the increasing interest in industrial archaeology throughout the country, and during the programme prizes were presented for the three most outstanding projects of the year.

The first prize went to a London group, but the second prize was awarded to a group at Sittingbourne, The Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum Trust, whose project is the restoration of a small shipyard, the opening of a maritime folk museum with particular reference to the Thames Sailing Barge, and the conservation of a waterside amenity area. However, the real purpose behind the group is to ensure that the old skills and crafts associated with the building of these 100-ton sailing barges - and sailing them double-handed - is not lost when the few old salts who have such skills and crafts unfortunately pass away.

The Dolphin Yard is situated on a small inlet off Milton Creek and was formerly Charles Burley's old barge yard. It consists of a set of barge repair blocks, sail loft, carpenter's shop, forge and a small area of saltings. The site was in a derelict condition, the buildings in urgent need of repair and the inlet required dredging. Much work has been done to date but volunteers for working parties are still very welcome.

Mr. O'Shea, the curator, is living aboard his own barge the 'Nellie Parker', and it is hoped to obtain another barge for instructional purposes. Moorings will be provided for fully rigged spritsail barges and there will be full facilities for their maintenance at the Yard. Visitors, as well as members, are welcome, and eventually it will be possible to watch or participate in such crafts as sailmaking, spar-making and ship repair work.

Details can be obtained from The Curator, S/B 'Nellie Parker', Crown Quay Lane, Sittingbourne.

Personally I find the ideas behind the Dolphin scheme very interesting, and, if like me you find the sight of those dark red sails beating up the Estuary a stiring one, or if you just like 'the fun of seeing something handsome emerging from the rust of time' to quote Magnus Magnusson, a visit to Milton Creek could be a rewarding experience.



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From the Editor

Well - Action Forum Social Club is off to a good start. The Spring Dance proved to be a success and many thanks are due to the energetic Social Committee - in particular, Pat Reid, Margaret White, John Bryant and Frank Griffin. Most of all, though, we would like to thank the people who supported the dance. The committee would have welcomed a larger attendance but as it was their first organised event they were well pleased the people who came thoroughly enjoyed themselves which is, after all, the main thing.

The next item in their calendar is another coffee evening being held on May 7th. Anybody who is interested in A.F. would be very welcome. Simply phone Pat Reid (360041) for further details.

The Art Exhibition previously planned for Whitsun might possibly be postponed until the end of July. Definite details will be given as soon as possible. If you are interested in helping please contact John Bryant, Chairman of the Social Committee (361186) who will be only too pleased to receive extra offers of help.

The Coming Events Diary is gradually building up although rather hampered at the beginning by the postal strike. A reminder for local organisers - Frank Griffin who runs the Coming Events column also keeps a diary which can be used free of charge. Why not check whether other events are being held on the same day? In this way we could avoid Fetes and Bazaars clashing. For further details look among the Small Ads on page 11.

Lastly, many thanks to two of our members who have given a great deal of time to A.F. over the last two years. Margaret White has been a member of the Editorial Team for almost two years. For the past few months she has been mainly responsible for the items of Association News. She feels now that she would like a rest - not surprising with a house and family as well as a full-time job. Margaret is going to help her husband with the advertising side of A.F. Local Associations please contact me direct until a new member takes over the Association News.

Secondly, Reg Higgs has also decided to have a change. For the past year Reg has been Treasurer and with Carol his wife has also been responsible for much of the advertising. Reg has now become Company Secretary and both Carol and he also assist with the actual production side of A.F. We welcome Ron Shackleford as our new Treasurer.

The Advertising Manager is now Alan White. His main difficulty is that most of the advertisers can only be con-

tacted while Alan himself works. Do we have any housewives who would be interested in visiting a few local shopkeepers a couple of times a month, explaining advertising rates or helping with the actual wording of ads? If so, please 'phone Alan at 360604 any evening and he can explain further.

Action Forum Social Club

Winners:

Mrs Johnson, Haig Ave. Chatham. Mrs Reid, Beverley Close, Rainham. Miss Newsom, Station Rd. Rainham. Mrs Griffiths, Bettescomb Rd. Rainham.

Stirrers Anonymous P.V.

I am gratified that my paragraph on the Bridge at Rai ham Station attracted such a corresrondence. At least n showed some people read the column.

At a recent Public Enquiry held in Gillingham in relation to the appeal by Wards Construction (Medway) Ltd., against the Councils' refusal to grant planning permission for building a further 980 houses on land between Lonsdale Drive and Miers Court Road, a number of interesting 'facts' emerged. In considering the desirability of further building in the district the population of Rainham can in no way be considered as rightly including the population of Wigmore, since that is a different district and by inference, does not constitute any additional burden on the facilities available to Rainham residents. The medical facilities available to the residents (which, as quoted, included a number of doctors either deceased or retired, no doubt on the basis that any doctor, even a dead one is better than no doctor at all) are quite adequate as are the educational facilities. There is a need for more houses in the area since there are many prospective purchasers and there is sufficient employment available locally and sufficient room available on commuter trains to cater for the additional population.

If I were to describe to you an area which had ample capacity in terms of amenities and medical and educational facilities, not to mention sufficient employment (106) prospects and sufficient space capacity on its trains to cater for an extra 3000 - 4000 population, would you think I was talking about Rainham? For your information, one of the partners to the appeal described just such an area and he thought he was talking about Rainham.

You may recall that in the first "Stirrers Anonymous" I had something to say about the lavish fare increase on Maidstone & District bus services over the past two years, and about the absence of fare schedule on buses. I note that fare schedules still have not appeared on buses and neither has any explanation been forthcoming from Maidstone & District.

A further interesting point is that with decimalisation, the minimum fare on commuter buses has been substan-

tially increased yet again. It used to be eight old pence, and is now four new pence, i.e., nine point six old pence, an increase of 20%. Quite a hefty increase. Surely a more equitable fare would be three and a half new pence, i.e., eight point four old pence. I thought one of the purposes for introducing the new half-penny was to allow for the reasonably accurate conversion of prices.

Rainham blows it's trumpet! J. Mander

At Xmas 1967 all our family were sitting around the fire discussing the times when we had all been occupied in training Cadets in London and the Bands we had had. John said "Wouldn't it be great if we had a band down " It sounded a little far fetched at the time. After hat could we do with one old drum and two bugles? The more we thought of the idea however, the more determined we were to have a try. We put a small ad in the local press and a day or two later up popped Eddie Barnes and Mike Howard. We then formed the typically English institution "the Committee". A couple of months and 6 new members later, we managed to acquire a second set of three drums, Bass Drum etc. and by June 1968 we played (after a style) at Hempstead Fete. By this time the Band had swollen to 11 members. By the end of 1968 we were beginning to shape up to a Drum and Bugle Band. More members came along and by the Summer of 1969 we had taken part in several Carnivals and Fetes in the area. We led Maidstone Carnival which was a big boost to morale. Uniforms were obviously a problem, the cost of proper Band uniforms being quite outside the working man's pocket. We managed to produce quite presentable uniforms out of ex-Civil Defence Jackets and various second-hand peaked caps. Bill Morgan then came along and it was due in no small measure to his efforts that we managed to acquire a large number of ex-army bugles giving us sufficient instruments to equip quite a large Band. We have now gone over to trying our hand at trumpets and clarinets to widen our scope and add music to good repertoire. We must face it however, although our

membership now stands at 19 (10 from Rainham) we need more members urgently. Experience in playing either a drum, bugle, trumpet or clarinet would help, but we will take men and boys (over 12) who are willing to learn. Come and help us out. We meet on Monday nights 8 to 10 at Hempstead Cricket Pavilion. Give the old tele a rest, you'll enjoy it. We also run a small Canteen.



Photograph by 'Chick' Connelly.

THE MEDWAY MAJORETTES. The idea of local Majorettes is not new. The Band's attendance at Car-Continued on page 4

ARADES QUE

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141 High Street, Rainham. Medway 31020 nivals has shown us what girls can do. Why can't our local girls do better? We decided to start them up, and the response from local girls over 12 has been marvellous. In fact 24 girls have already applied to join from all over the Medway Towns. We held our first meeting on Friday 2nd April at Hempstead Cricket Pavilion. Hempstead Cricket Pavilion is a bit small for our needs, and it may be necessary to find something larger in Rainham in due course, particularly as most girls come from this area. Incidentally the Band is not necessarily confined to men and boys. What about it girls? Finally may I say that as so many people complain that there is so little to do in the area, why don't we stir up things a bit? Why not a Rainham Carnival? It really only needs a bit of effort on the part of ALL OF US. MEDWAY 360557

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For Roegingas Residents... R.A. Baldwin

History is found not only in the historic buildings which we see in Rainham like the parish church, The Green Lion and domestic houses and farms, but in the names of the places with which we are familiar. The name Rainham itself is a Saxon name, almost certainly the place, or home if you like, of the "Roegingas" a family bearing that name. The name first occurs in a Saxon charter of 811 AD when Coenulf, King of the Mercians, granted land in Rainham to Wilfred, the Archbishop of Canterbury. The piece of land to which this gift refers is not known.

Throughout the years Rainham has been clearly an agricultural area. The soil is fertile and therefore farming predominated. In the whole of South East England it was customary for farms and their associated buildings to be set within the land belonging to the farm, and farms acquired their own names as did the roads which led to them.

Berengrave Lane was the road which led to the farm there already called Berengrave Farm. The name is Saxon, made up of two parts: Beren and Graef. The first probably meaning barn and the second grave or grove — more likely the latter as the area is a place where trees grow easily. Over the years by usage the two names became confused and somewhat changed.

Cosenton, opposite Berengrave, was spelt in the thirteenth century as Cusinton and is probably derived from Cusa-ing-ton. The place where the people of Cusa live, just as you refer to the place where the Jones' live.

Merescourt is on the south side of Watling Street on an S-bend in Mierscourt Lane. Meresborough is the area in the immediate vicinity. Both names contain the word Mere, which in Anglo-Saxon means a pond or miry place. There is little doubt if you have visited the place that the geography of the area would cause a pond or miry area to be created; the water draining off the hilly part onto level area to the south. A pond there would be erred to as a mere. Court was always the "big house". Borough would refer to a community of houses.

Another farm on the south side of Watling Street is Siloam, or as it was written in the 14th century, Sileham. Here again there are two common roots in the Anglo-Saxon name, the first SYLE and the second HAM. The first syllable means a miry place and the second a place or home. Siloam was in Miers Court Road, formerly called Bush Lane.

Coming back to the north side of Watling Street in Berengrave Lane but north of the Railway is Queens Court, which obtains its name from Queen Eleanor the wife of Henry III and mother of Edward the First.

At the bottom of Station Road is a farm called Macklands, again spelt in the old English as Ge-maca. It means, literally, a companion but its explanation is not

known. It became contracted to Maca-lands.

More about Rainham Parks Norman Rogers

(Vice-Chairman Parks and Cemeteries)

In my last article I mentioned future plans for Gillingham parks. Well some have happend, some are still being planned and some have been shelved indefinitely.

The two most important to my mind are that Mr. David Clark has been appointed to the new post of Parks Manager. However, the ambitious long term scheme for reclamation of Nor Marsh has had to be abandoned.

To take the good news first, Mr. Clark was appointed as Park Manager to bring specialist expertise both to running the present department and to oversee the long term development in the borough. David Clark comes to us from 7½ very successful years in Barry, South Wales and is a great believer in parks being planned for people not horticultural experts.

Nor Marsh was a dream that has had to be put into cold storage for the time being. The idea was that this island should be reclaimed either by infilling or drainage, and connected to the mainland at Horrid Hill by a causeway or even a light railway. The island would have had a nature reserve with pathway access, a pitch and put course and picnic and leisure areas. The whole project would have taken many years. Cost would have been incurred at the beginning of the scheme, that is the repairing and heightening of the sea wall and the finance just was not there.

As for our present parks, a few months ago we tried as an experiment leaving a few parks and playgrounds open for 24 hours a day. The decision was made with some misgivings. However, the idea was a success. The vandals did not take over and neither was there any great increase in complaints of rowdiness. So now we can look forward to all our parks becoming "open spaces" and trust that people will treat all our "open spaces" as they would a park.

The Heart of the Matter Jillian Locock,

Publicity Officer, A.I.MI.C.S.

The central problem of the National Health Service is lack of finance and the resulting understaffing in hospitals, General Practice, and other Services under the N.H.S. Much has been written lately in the National and Local Press, and Action Forum about the long term remedies,

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Two faces of amenity...

Soul'd on Rainham

John Beer

In a rapidly expanding community, one is beset by many problems, one of which is a lack of identity. Is the community classified as a large village or a small town and how much character of "soul" of the original community is lost due to the growth of the area.

Obviously, people play an important part in developing the area, but are they the "soul" of a place such as Rainham. Human beings, unfortunately, have a comparitively short life span and are therefore mostly unable to make a long-lasting impression on the community as a whole.

Or could it be the Kent countryside that provides this elusive "soul", with the trees and flowers. Some of these are worth preserving and people are often actively campaigning to prevent further development smothering the natural flora and fauna with a concrete jungle. Proof of this is given by the recent controversy over the crocuses along the A.2. It would be very gratifying if these were to remain, so that visitors to the area can say in one breath, that they came to North Kent to see the fruit blossom and to Rainham and Gillingham to see the Spring Crocuses. Perhaps the Planners will oblige.

However, many people will agree that the basic "soul" or character of a place is given by the old buildings, that show us past history and technology. If carefully maintained, these buildings will stand for countless generations and surely, this is the "soul" of a community, the link between the past, present and future of an area. This link must be worth preserving and it has been suggested to the Borough Council by our Amenity Group, that certain buildings in Rainham High Street be kept and enhanced within the outlines of the Rainham Plan. The buildings which immediately spring to mind are the Parish Church, the Old Parsonage, the Green Lion public house and Ward's Building Merchants Shop, which used to be the Old Bakery, and these form a rough square in the centre of Rainham. To these buildings, which stand silent witnesses to local history, could be added a G.P.O. Sorting Office in keeping with the surroundings and a paved area, with seats and flower beds, adjacent to and East of Rainham Church. The latter would indubitably provide a central attraction in Rainham and would be of benefit to most people in the community. If the old buildings are destroyed, no doubt something would be put in their place, but could new buildings provide the "Soul" possessed by the original.

Once this link is broken, it will take many generations to forge another. Has anyone the right to destroy such a

link with the past, in order to build shiny, new characterless boxes. Surely it would be better and more pleasant to walk through a focal point of Rainham, which will embody both the character of the past and the embryo of the future.

Extract from Amenity Group Newsletter

"The amenity group have applied to the Borough Architect for the designation of a Conservation Area along a certain section of Rainham High Street. The Council, while sympathetic, were apparently prepared to leave the Group's suggestion until the Rainham Plan had finally been settled. The Committee agreed that this was not satisfactory, particularly as the Post Office were apparently going ahead to develop the land opposite the Green Lion".

Members of the group are now in the process of praining plans for consideration by the Kent County Council. For offers of help 'phone Reg Bloodworth, 32961.

A Centrepoint for Rainham Derek Coombe

No, not a block of flats waiting for a tenant willing to pay an astronomical rent, like the monstrous tower at the top of Charing Cross Road. The centre of Rainham must be very near to the Parish Church and right alongside it, at the eastern end, is an open space waiting to be used in a way which will enhance this focal point of our community. The space has been left so that the fine eastern end of the Church may be seen from the High Street.

We have already discussed some ideas in the Rainham and District Amenity Group's Committee. We have no revolutionary plan to put forward ourselves. The Committee thinks that a quite simple patio, with some well designed seats and tubbed plants, would probably be as good as anything. Perhaps the back of the plot could have a grassed bank with some shrubs at the top to soften generally paved surroundings.

Remember that this open space divides our handsome Parish Church from two other listed historical buildings: the Old Bake House (now Ward's ironmongery shop) and The Green Lion, which has now been repainted so effectively. It is worth making an effort to complete this stretch of the High Street in a way which will link up these pleasant buildings harmoniously.

Let us know what you think. Derek Coombe, 36, Berengrave Lane, Rainham. See Rainham and District Amenity Group.

This article was written before the more general idea of a conservation area was conceived. Whether or not this will be possible remains to be seen. Even so there is still the problem of an existing area of unused land so suggestions would still be welcome.

But one vital factor that must be pointed out is that the land is *privately* owned. "It will be developed" was the only comment that would be given by the owners. But surely it would be to the benefit of all concerned, i.e. the owners, the council and the public (who are, after all, the house purchasers) for Rainham to have a pleasant and historical focal point. EDITOR.

Third London Airport

Open letter sent to the Prime Minister and local M.P.'s.

('e are writing to you and other Members of Parliament presenting constituencies in Kent, a joint letter to express our members' growing concern at the pressure building up to persuade the Government to set aside the advice of the Roskill Commission.

All of the national newspapers and a considerable body of M.P's, made up their minds very promptly that Foulness is the least objectionable choice for a third London airport, without pausing to weigh the opposing arguments which convinced the majority of the members of the commission.

Stansted was allowed to escape as a result of public clamour, and if Cublington and the other inland sites also win their reprieve by similar tactics, we in North Kent reserve the right to demonstrate vigorously against the choice of Foulness.

To choose Foulness would, in any case, be a national folly. It is too far from London and the Midlands to attract enough travellers, and so other airports such as Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted would have to suffer more intensive use. In addition to a greater noise problem for residents in the vicinity of those airports (and of Luton, which would remain open if Foulness is chosen), an airport at Foulness would cast a noise shadow over thousands of homes in densely populated parts of Essex North Kent. The total noise nuisance and accompanylanning blight would therefore be greater than if the airport were built at Cublington.

Although few homes would be affected in the Foulness area itself, a swathe would have to be cut through heavily built up areas of East London and South Essex to cater for the surface traffic needed to service the airport.

From the conservation point of view, the choice of Foulness would destroy a seabird sanctuary of international importance, and miles of our precious but fast disappearing natural coastline.

If the Government forces a decision now, we ask you to oppose Foulness in the strongest possible terms.

We do not wish the horror of a new international airport on anyone else either, so, better still, we ask you to try to persuade the Government to look at the traffic projections again (remembering the 'negligible' growth situation in the U.S.A.), and consider whether a new international airport is necessary, and if it is, whether national economic strategy would best be served by siting in the South East, or in some other region of the Country.

Signed

R.S.Bloodworth Chairman, Rainham & District Amenity Group

T.G.K.Clarke Chairman, Rainham & Wigmore Community Association

J.W.Hull Chairman, The Swale Society M.A.J.Hutchings Secretary, Medway Protection Society G. Marshall Chairman, Hoo Residents Association

M.D.Nightingale Chairman, Sittingbourne & North
Downs Society

G.W.P.Stibbs Secretary, City of Rochester Society

Correspondence

Dear Editor, Kenilworth Drive, Rainham. Whether or not the French really want us in the Common Market, they are very keen to send their young people over here to learn our customs and language.

For some ten years the SCVA organisation has been delighted with the way that many residents of Rainham and Wigmore have welcomed French boys into their homes. I know that many of these boys still correspond with their hosts and visit them after many years. Local families have provided not simply accommodation, but real homes-from-home for these boys year after year.

We have our failures, naturally. This is only to be expected when we have 40 boys per month to find homes for; but the great majority of hosts and boys are left much richer in experience by one of these visits.

The boys have to work whilst they are here. There parents expect it. Five daily classes per week are arranged for them at the St. Matthew's Community Centre, and they also have three full day excursions as well as other briefer visits and organised activities. Even for energetic 14 year olds there is a full and even tiring programme, and the boys are not permitted to go out unaccompanied in the evening.

If you think you might like to know more about what is involved in being a host family to one of these boys, please write to me, or telephone or call in the afternoon. I should be most pleased to hear from anyone whether they have a young family of their own or not.

Yours faithfully,

- J. Lenton.

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the need for reconsideration of the national investment in its N.H.S, and a radical re-appraisal of priorities within it, and now certain charges have been introduced to offset rising costs.

Meanwhile it behoves us all to make the thriftiest use of present resources. The Association for the Improvement of Medical Services has prepared a leaflet containing advice for patients so that the best service can be achieved under the present adverse conditions and with the intention of improving understanding and relationships between all partners in the N.H.S. and been distributed to 8,000 homes to date. Did you find *yours* informative? helpful?

At the A.G.M. the chairman reported the Associations progress, that it will distribute lists of N.H.S. doctors to the local post offices, and keep them amended; that the question of a sitting car service (as suggested through Action Forum) had been investigated by the K.C.C., the G.B.C. the Local Health Executive and the Association itself and found to be impractible with the present membership. Suggestions were also taken for future activities.

Surely more than 23 people care about the N.H.S. in the 10,000 homes that Action Forum reaches? If so help us by joining or by sending in comments and suggestions.

We need *members* to do an effective job, we need *your* support and interest.

Secretary: Angela Theobald, 16 Fairfax Close, Parkwood.

Medway United Nations Association Youth Shirley Osborne

APARTHEID, WAR, DISEASE and POVERTY – we believe these are things the world can do without. Sitting in our comfortable homes, the nearest most of us ever get to witnessing real misery is sitting in front of the television when the News is on. How many times do we hear

an apathetic voice say "It's only Biafra again" or "Another 50,000 people have been made homeless"?

Medway U.N.A. Youth (a youth branch of the United Nations Association) has started up to try and get rid of the apathy that exists in the Medway Towns. We want to make people stop and compare their lives with that of a teenage boy pushed out with a gun to face the horror of a war he doesn't understand, or that of an "old" woman of perhaps 40 or 50, whose body is contorted and wracked with pain from some disease we never see in this country, Thank God. There is so much misery and suffering in this world and yet so much apathy also.

The United Nations is striving continually to eradicate disease and poverty, to give every human being the same rights and freedom, to aid food production and development, to investigate the horrifying effects of chemical, biological and nuclear warfare, and to combat Civilisation's biggest embarrassment – pollution. Yet one of the mimportant functions of the United Nations – to promoce trust and friendship between the people of different nations in the hope that this will lead to world peace – is utterly hopeless unless every single person does everything they can to promote this.

If your conscience is beginning to trouble you — don't ignore it, there is so much to do. For more details, 'phone Medway 52534.

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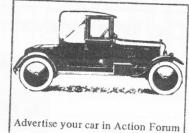
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Coming Events

Magnificient May - manifesting the beauties of Nature - a month to be out and about, if only to enjoy the beauty of the local scene.

I hope you supported and enjoyed the Community Association Fair and N.S.P.C.C. Dance held earlier this month, and reported in last month's column.

May 7 to 15. Medway Little Theatre Club, "Arms and the Man" – Shaw, 7.30 p.m. tickets phone Medway 61161.

Now to a serious topic all you readers who are able to go out and about and enjoy yourselves with friends and relatives. You've probably heard this before, but think for a moment about our senior citizens. Loneliness is one of the most depressing ailments of this section of the community, and I'm sure I don't need to spell out any pros and cons in this respect, save just to mention it.

One section of us, namely the local Round Table, have thought about this problem and come up with an event which should appeal to the whole family, which subsequently will help our senior citizens. So a date to note in your diaries is:—

29th May — Gillingham Round Table are organising a DONKEY DERBY in Gillingham Park at 2.30 pm.

Not only will you enjoy the arena events, which are normally quite amusing to spectators - while being very serious work for the riders, there will be the usual side-shows and, of course, the donkeys to keep every member of the family amused and happy. As you no doubt know all Round Table groups specialise in helping others, and it is hoped to have sufficient funds from this event to provide a local meeting and eating place specially for our senior citizens. So, how about it? Advance admission to this event is only 5p per person, a very reasonable price, so all the family can go along - dad, and you will know that you are helping others. For more details of this event contact. Michael Sinden, on Medway 31780, or at Nucoff House, London Road, Rainham.

That's all the events for this month, so keep on using our Coming Events Diary you Secretaries and make use of this space which is specially available to you.

P.S. Relating to Avenue Lawn Tennis Club ad elsewhere in this issue you may be interested to know that membership is now £4.75 or £3.00 for juniors.

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