



The Barge Inn 1832—2020

Vange High Road.



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The Corner of Timberlog Lane now (Clayhill Road), and High Road, Vange,
was there a Building, House, Ale house before 1832 ?.

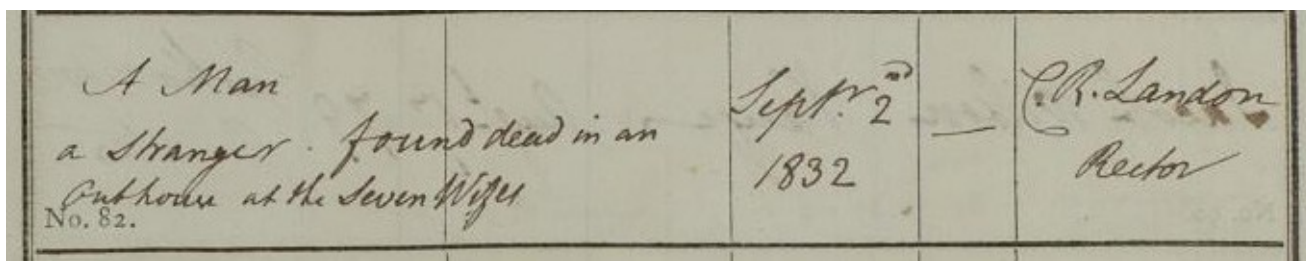
Although there is not much known before that date.

The Essex Herald 1831:

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION

On Tuesday July 15, 1831 at Eleven o'clock upon the farm occupied by Jeremiah Wife

A previous name had been the bigamous 'The Man With Seven Wives' which is thought to have derived from his surname which was Wife.



Electrol rolls from 1833 and 1835 show a Freehold house with Jeremiah Wife as a

MAN WITH SEVEN WIVES, as Mr. King can recollect. At the time it belonged to a man named Wife. Presumably his family numbered seven individuals.

Exact from miller The Trade signs of Essex 1887.

TO BE DISPOSED OF,
WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION,
A Very good BUSINESS in a FREE BEER HOUSE, with the Butchering Trade annexed, well situated by the road side, in the parish of Vange, near Billericay; has been held by the present occupier upwards of eight years, and there is an unexpired Term of Eight Years, at a moderate Rent. A coal wharf near, where corn is shipped for the London market. Incoming not exceeding £100.—Apply to Mrs. Wife, upon the premises. Letters must be post-paid.

Essex Herald 6th March 1838

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The Barge 1841 – 2015





The house or 'beer house' or even 'beer shop', as they were described in the 1800s, may have taken the name 'Barge Inn' from as early as 1840 though there are various newspaper articles from the

The first licensee was John Adey who shared the house with his wife Francis and their children.

For many years the Hornchurch Brewery provided the ale including the period when the name was changed to the 'Old Barge Inn', which it remained well into the 20th century. Around the 1950s it taken over by the Mann, Crossman & Paulin brewery chain who also owned the Bull at Vange. A large Manns sign was then erected to one of the chimney's stacks.

From the 1937 to the early 2007 the licence was held by successive generations of the Evans family.

In April 2015 the public house closed without warning and was boarded up. Its future looks uncertain and has yet to be decided

Again not much is known until 1841 when it became a beer house called the Barge .

Chelmsford Chronical October 1840

TO BE SOLD

A FREEHOLD HOUSE and PREMISES

Now used as a Beer House called the Barge, with butchers shop and yard adjoining thereto also a stable, shed and buildings, and yard, near the said Messuage, in the occupation of John Adey; also Two Freehold "Messuages," divided into four Tenements with large gardens. In the occupations of Edward Speller and Elijah Benton.

The Barge was put up for sale around October 1840 till February 1841

This is around this time that records show John Adey a grocer from Rawreth Wickford Essex.

As Owner of the Beer House called the Barge. It would take John Adey a number of years before he had obtained a licence to

Essex Herald 1845

JOHN ADEY v A REFUSAL OF JUSTICES TO GRANT HIM A LICENSE.

In this case, the appellant kept the Barge Beer-shop, at Vange, and now appealed against the refusal of the magistrates at Billericay to grant a public-house licence . But they objected to grant the license on account of the manner he had conducted the house. He had twice been convicted of keeping his house open at improper hours.

"messuage (plural messuages) (chiefly law) A" plot of land as the site for a house; later, a residential building taken together with its out-buildings and assigned land

The Morning Advertiser September 1846

Barge Beer-House in the Parish of Vange

John Adey petition for a licence for this house. It was stated that there was no licensed house within a mile and a quarter of this spot, and that consequently parties had to travel 2 and a half miles for refreshment . The bench declined to act at present ,and the matter was postponed.

1841—1851

John Adey B1808—D1851 Grocer Rawreth Essex

Francis Adey B 1811 Brightlingsea Essex

Alfred B1830

1851 John Adey ,Francis Adey, George Adey B 1842, William Adey B1844

Susannah Sevcall B1835 Thundersley Essex servant , James Rush B1835 Vange Essex servant

1853—1854

John Such B1818 Ramsden Crays Essex

The Essex Standard May 1854

*John Such of the Barge public house at Vange proved that the prisoner came to
His house for lodging at the end of March*

1851 Five Bells . 1863—1884 Blacksmith West Tilbury

The South — East Fox Hounds would regularly meet there before chasing all over the fields
of Vange.

Essex Standard December 1857

The South — Essex Fox Hounds

Meet on Tuesday December Tuesday the 29th at Vange Barge



1861— 1862

William Mason B 1819 Collors Farm, Langdon Hills.

Elizabeth Mason/Kirkham B 1821 Writtle Essex.

Lucy Ann Mason B 1849 Laindon

Maria Mason B 1854 Laindon

James C Mason B 1856 Laindon

John A Mason B 1859 Vange

Emma Eliz Mason B 1860 Vange

John Wiffen B 1795 lodger Old Sanford Essex. Ag lab

James Tylor B 1823 Lodger Essex Ag lab

1851 Farmer in Langdon Hills

1871 Living in Walton on Thames

1866—1869

James Emmons B 1842 Horndon on the Hill

Chelmsford Chronicle November 1866

Emmons v Davis—The plaintiff in this case is landlord of the Barge Inn at Vange. The action was to recover the sum of £8. 1s, 3 1/2d, the amount claimed as a balance for transactions in horse dealing.

Chelmsford Chronicle October 1868

Assault at Vange - James Emmons, landlord of the Barge inn Vange, was summoned by Abraham Talbot of South Benfleet, a farmer for assaulting him on the 10th inst. At the defendant's house, it was adjourned to a latter date.

1870—1871

Walter Perkins B1840 Prittlewell

Jane Perkins B1844 Great Baddow

1881 Living in Prittlewell

1871

Thomas Macklin

1874 - 1876

Richard Stammers

1882 Living in Laindon Farmer

Chelmsford Chronical January 1887

Petty Session October 13th

James Emmons, Vange, landlord of the Barge Inn was summoned at the instance of Mr James Tyrrell of Hadleigh, a farmer, for trespassing in search of game on his marsh land in the parish of Vange on Sunday the 13th. The case was proved by Daniel Twin of Vange bailiff to Mr Tyrrell. The defendant said he was merely taking a walk and thought there was a footpath on the sea wall. He was fined 5s and 13s.6d costs. The money was paid.

BILLERICAY

PETTY SESSIONS MARCH 10

Question of Poor Rate—Mr John Pocklington of Vange, farmer, appeared to answer a summons by Mr James Emmons, of the Barge Inn, Vange, one of the overseers of that parish. For the non payment of a poors rate made on the 25th November last.

The Bench decided that the demand for the rate within proper time had not been clearly proved. And the case was dismissed.

The Half Penny Newsman 1871

Licence Transfer - That of the Barge Inn, Vange, was indorsed from Walter Perkins to Thomas Macklin.

The Essex Herald 1876

BILLERICAY.

At the Billericay Petty Session on Tuesday Before Mr Edgar Jones and the Rev. W. M. Kerr, the licence of the Barge Inn, at Vange was transferred from Richard Stammers to Jesse Blazey.

1871 Jesse Blazey B1817 Wymondham Norfolk Forman Platelayer

Mary A Blazey B1816 Wymondham Norfolk

Rebecca Hook B 1859 niece

Living in West Ham

1876—1887

Jesse Blazey B 1817 - 1900 Wymondham Norfolk

1881 Jesse Blazey widow

Rebecca Hook niece

Chelmsford Chronicle 1887

*Licensing _ The Licence of the Barge Inn
Vange, from Mr Jesse Blazey to Mr Bailey.*

1887—1898

Francis Bailey B 1840 Barking Essex

Mary A Hook B 1848 Halstead Essex

Ruth Bailey B1873 Barking

Robert Bailey B 1878 Barking

Thomas Bailey B1880 Barking

Samuel Bailey B1882 Barking

George Bailey B 1885 Barking

Daniel Bailey B 1888 Vange

John Bassier B 1851 Tiptree Lodger General labour

John Russia B 1839 Canterbury Kent Lodger Railway

Barking, East ham and Ilford

Advertiser January 1893

THE BARKING BUILDER A ND

THE VANGE PUBLICAN

Judge Abdy calls himself a fool

*David Argent builder of Barking
sued Francis Bailey Innkeeper
and butcher of the Barge Inn
Vange for £5 5s, 6d for cooper
bricklayers work. The defendant
counter claimed for £16 13s 6d
for carting water to a new house
which the plaintiff had been
building in Vange.*

Chelmsford Chronicle February 1887

*Vange—Henry Gilson of Bassildon hawk-
er was summoned by Mr Francis, landlord
of the Barge Inn Vange, for drunkenness
and refusing to quit—the defendant plead-
ed guilty and was fined 1s and 7s costs or
seven days hard labour.*

The Barge as mentioned was also a place where lodgings could be had, a butchers, shop, auction's would take place there and magistrates would hold court there as well as being used as a mortuary.

The South Essex fox hounds would meet at the Barge before chasing all over the surrounding fields.

The Morning Advertiser 1857

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

Master of hounds are requested to cause their appointments to be forwarded by Tuesday night's post to our reporter of sporting intelligence, Dean Inn, Strand, London, W.C.

Essex South (Mr A.Z.Button's) -Tuesday, Vange Barge,Saturday Kennel 11

Essex Chronicle 1887

THE ESSEX UNION FOX HUNT

Meet on Tuesday April 3rd at Vange Barge.



Messrs.W.J.Rayner & Co

Have been favoured with instructions from the Executrix to SELL by AUCTION. Without reserve at the Barge Inn Vange, On Wednesday, August 12th,1908 at Three o'clock precisely.

30 PLOTS OF VALUABLE FREEHOLD

BUILDING LAND

Executrix female executor of a will

Essex Herald October 1899

The man was quite dead and his jacket was wet. A witness gave information to P.C Wallace of Vange and assisted to get the body to the Barge Inn

Essex Newsman 1903

DEATH ON THE GREENSWARD AT PITSEA.

William David Parker, a bootmaker, of Hanover buildings, Bermondsey, died suddenly by the roadside at Pitsea on Saturday evening. He was going to stay at Basildon with his wife and had been walking two relatives to Pitsea railway station. On walking back to Basildon he seemed to have lost his way a Mrs Hiller came across him and was about to show him the way, after taking her groceries to her home Ash Cottage,Timberlog Lane when she returned she found him dead on the grass, P.C Gates removed the body to the Barge Inn, Vange to await an inquest.



Chelmsford Chronicle 1898

The Barge Inn at Vange is to be pulled down and Modernised. Mr Baylis a builder who has the contract for the new public hall at Basildon is to carry out the work.

The Southend Standard and Essex

Weekly Advertiser 1907

ILLEGAL REMOVAL OF PIGS - At Billericay Petty Sessions on Monday, Charles W.W. Hastler of the Barge Inn, Vange for causing two pigs to be moved at Vange in contravention of the Order of the b Board of Agriculture was fined 2s 6d. And costs 6s 6d.

1898 — 1914

Charles W H Hastler B 1870 Coleridge Devon.

Jesse Hastler B 1874 Coleridge Devon.

Percy Hastler son B 1898 Vange Essex.

Maurice Hastler son B 1900 Pitsea Essex.

Phoebe Sparling B 1869 stepdaughter Coleridge Devon

Henry Aylett B 1875 Visitor post office clerk Hertford Hertfordshire

Edith Aylett B 1875 “ “ “ “

Louis D Ellis B 1872 - Visitor Surgeon Broughton Lancashire

HASTLER Charles William Henry of The Barge Inn Vange **Essex** died 15 June 1914 Probate **London** 18 August to James Bacon licensed victualler and Phoebe Bacon (wife of the said James Bacon). Effects £639 12s. 10d.

1911 James Bacon lived at Brooklands Vange

1914—1924

James Bacon B1873 Langdon Hills.

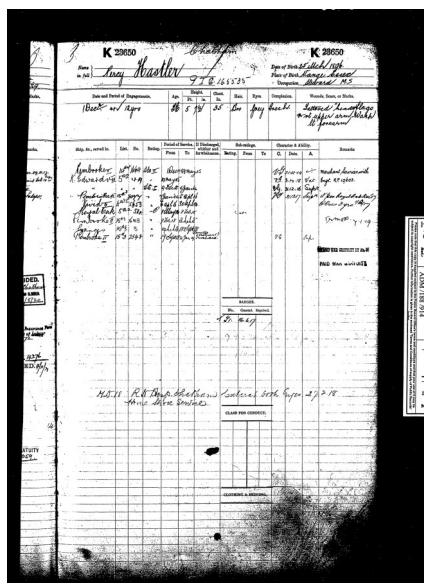
Mole House Farm.

Phoebe Sparling wife B 1881 Coldridge Devon

Six month's Conditional exemption was given to James Bacon of the Barge Inn,

1925 – 1926

Percy Hastler B 1898 Vange Essex



Royal Navy Dec 1914 — 1925

Essex County Chronicle

September 1903

A BARGE CAPTAIN AND A MATE

SENT TO PRISON AT BILLERICAY.

CONSTABLE COMMENDED FOR TACT.

On Monday at Billericay, William Rose of Lower Murston Kent, Captain of the barge Victoria and Christopher Douglas Wood also of Murston mate of a barge, were charged with sealing a pair of boots value 10s from the barge Whattle, the property of Captain James Bacon at Vange on September 16th. The same defendants were also charged with sealing two shirts, one clock, one towel, two pillow cases and one pair of socks value 16s from the barge Fobbing the property of Captain John Jennings on September 17th. Police constable Gates of Pitsea stated that when the boots were found on the barge where the defendants were they said "oh dear it looks like we are not coming back here for a week or two". Defendants were each sentenced to one month's hard labour for stealing the boots and two months hard labour for stealing the shirts. P.c Gates was commended for his tact in the case by

Essex Newsman June 1928

1927—1937

George William Chambers

Sarah Smith

Wanted .young person as barmaid and assist light house duties, at once good references. Chambers. The Barge Inn,Vange near Pitsea.

20th day of May 1937

Statement of Settlement

of the

"Barge Inn"

Tange

Near Pitsea

Essex

Mr. H. G. Chambers

to

Mr. & Mrs. Goodson

HEMSLEY WHITE,
(ALSO H. WHITE)
Auctioneer and Licensed Property Valuer,
Stocktaker & Gauger,
165-167, Moorgate,
E.C.2.
And at Chelmsford and Colchester.
Oswald Lewis & Sons, 68, Farringdon Street, E.C.4.

*Produce line
+ delivery*

PARTICULARS OF INSURANCES.

COVERING	POLICY NO.	COMPANY	ANNUAL	PAID TO	£	s.	d.
Fire	5343082	North British & Mercantile	2. 17. 3	24. 6. 37			
Burglary	1385205	Railway Passenger	2. 7. 9	do			
Employers' Liability	W 730150	do	3. 4. 0	do			
Third Party ...	70. 350149	do	1. 10. 0	do			
Plate Glass ...	85074	do	11. 6	do			
					£		

Statement of Settlement of the "Barge Inn" Tange, Near Pitsea Essex

Mr. H. G. Chambers

to Mr. & Mrs. Goodson

Goodwill			
Valuation			
Price	2600	.	.
Licenses paid to 30 th September	28	6	8
Compensation Levy	.	.	.
Insurances, (see back)	1	0	2

Poor and General Rate			
Water Rate			
Woodcutters Union - Rent 10 th quarterly - paid to 25 th March		7	8
Sch A to be allowed by Brewers off next payment of Rent	13	6	.

DEDUCTIONS

£ 2643 0 6

Deposit	260	.	.
Rent paid to date 25 th March	8	11	10
Sch. A Excess paid to 5th Apl.	3	13	.
Land Tax paid to 24th March	.	.	.
Poor and General Rate paid to 31 st March	15	19	1
Water Rate do. 25 th do	2	9	3
Electric Light to Date to be paid by landlord	.	.	.
Gas to Date paid	.	.	.
Notices	.	7	6

Purchasers Statement.

Brought over 2357 19 10

Add

Wine Spirit and Sundry Stock	441	19	.
Beer and Ale Stock drawn for £23-10. 0			
Security deposit with Brewers	441	19	0

2793 18 10

Add

Broad Cooper's Fee (Brewery Representative)	2	2	.
Gauger and Hall Stamp	18	4	6
Hall Law Grossman Block Co	30	13	6
Mortgage do.	7	13	6
Valuation Fee			
Brokerage & Expenses			
Inventory and Hall Stamp	79	10	.

139 3 6

2933 2 4

Less adjustment of loan

Received Thus: 2919 2 4

By cheque for loan Mann & Co 586 . . .
Balance 2233 2 4
2919 2 4

The Amounts as above are examined and approved by me this

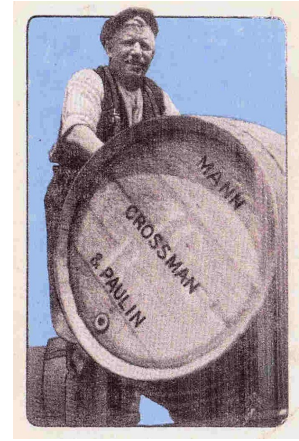
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Supplied by G Evans

The Barge 1937— 2015



1937—1945

Elizabeth Goodson



George Doughy Saunders with Enoch in the Barge

1945 – 1976

Edward Gahan

Angie Gahan



Mary is Geraldine's cousins and her husband Charlie

The Barge pub has been in the Evans family for 70 years. Elizabeth Goodson paid a settlement for the lease on May 1937 she and George ran the pub till 1945, when she asked Geraldine's dad Ted and mum Angie to take over the pub.



1945 D Day celebrations

1976—2004

Graham Evans. (Geraldine's Husband)



1998— 2007

Angela Evans Graham and Geraldine's Daughter

David Evans “ “ “ Son

Geraldine added that she could not be a Licensee and a Magistrate in the same area so I chose to remain a JP in Basildon and let Graham and my children hold the Licence for The Barge.

2007— 2013?

Clive and Emma Langley

2013—2015

Micheal and Margret Blackmore



The Barge September 2020

Alan Cox at the Barge Public House, Vange

1968—1970



Ted Gahan
1906—1976



I started working at weekend's and School Holidays for Billy Reason who was a delivery driver for Bakers Boy bakeries before that they were known as Garon's bakeries at Sutton Road Southend. We used to deliver to shop's and factories in the Basildon area. It was while we were delivering to the Barge Billy found out that a job was going at the Barge and told me to see Ted about it Billy said that it was more hours and money and he would be happy to get rid of me ah ah Billy still remained a family friend for a number of years.

I started working at the Barge pub around 1967 at the age of 14 as a cellar boy and general help at weekends and school holidays for Ted Gahan the guvnor a lovely man who was sadly missed.

It was shortly after I had started working at the Barge that Ted told me that my mother Joy had actually on some occasion's looked after Geraldine for Ted and his late wife Angie.

The job at the Barge entailed restocking the bar and sorting out the empties bin to their respective crates for collection at the start of every shift judging by the amount in the bin they liked a drink then. After that in would be restock the off licence then tidy up the cellar and helping Ted take in the deliveries and in those days, we had three draught beers that would be delivered by a tanker and pumped in to three big sphere tanks in the cellar. The rest of the beers were either in bottles or ten-gallon kegs that were slid down by a slide into the cellar though the cellar doors that used to open on the path at the front of the pub.

On Sundays we would also transfer the beer from one of the spheres to a empty one and then clean it together with the beer lines then would have to try the beer to check it was ok well someone had to do it. Sunday breakfast would sometimes be fish and chips as one of Ted's customer's son worked on a trawler at Leigh and would leave Ted his fresh fish by the door early that morning whilst I would be finishing mine Ted would be chopping up the eels for his jellied eels.

Sometimes the cellar resembled something out of a horror show as the cellar was in two rooms below the pub normally the front light bulb would not be working so the room was dim and Ted would hang his Christmas turkeys with feathers still on down there and the pigs head for his brawn without telling me also the ceilings were low so you would walk in to things.

There used to be a bungalow and garden at the side of the pub were the car park is now for Rydene Shops. This is where I would take the pub dog called flop for some exercise.

This was once the home of Greens the undertakers. In 1937 Elizabeth and husband Harry Goodson bought the lease of the Barge and land surrounding it including the bungalow.

She later remarried George (Doughy) Saunders the local bakers. In 1945 she asked her younger brother Ted Gahan and his wife Angela to take over the pub

At this time 1968-1970 I worked at the Barge full time until I went into the Merchant navy.

Others that worked there at this time were Winny Brooks (Winny's husband Charlie was once the chairman of the Vange working man's club) and Joyce where two of the bar maids together with Joyce Stock and Margret Dohanik (*sorry if spelt wrong*) the two cleaners.

Some of the characters that you would see there were Florey Bronze, Dick Carey (you would always see Dick with a Scarfe around his neck and a Black Trilby hat they would always seat in the corner of the public bar.

Billy Callahan and Roy Leaver (*not certain of spelling*) local builders from Gordon Road would always stop on their way home. There was also a man we called the major would stop off for a drink on his way home at Six o'clock which was opening time then for the evening. The major would ask for two bottles of Worthington white shield two glass a bottle opener and a cloth. And not forgetting Bill Murry the evening standard seller that would sell his papers outside the pub and pop in for his pint.

I can still see Ted sitting on his stool with his foot on a crate in the corner of the saloon bar with his Rum and pep holding court in the evenings with the customers sitting the other side of the bar discussing horses or boxing or any other subject with him.

At one time while i was there was a brewery driver's strike which meant that there would be no beer deliveries so a customer called Chris Bottomly (*not certain of spelling*) would take Ted down to the Turnpike stores (along the A13 just before Eastwood Road Leigh on the right) in his van to buy cans of beer etc to restock the pub on a few occasions while the strike was on.

Ted's daughter Geraldine and I would go to the cash and carry for some of the pubs supplies in her pride and joy a lemon Triumph Herald convertible car.

Ted loved his horse racing and would often phone his bets to the betting shop behind the Railway pub, He would also arrange days out to the races or his other love of boxing on these occasions I would normally let the bar staff in at opening time.

On a Monday I'd take the takings down to Barclays Bank at Pitsea by bus and take the pub's dog Flop with me that was an experience I won't forget.

I went to Craylands School and towards the end of my time there we joined Fryerns School. Sorry it was a bit like rough meets well behaved.

Well occasionally on a Saturday night Ted would have live music provided by some of the teachers from Fryerns school who played in a trio and sometimes one of their elderly mothers would play a harmonica they were very good and some of Craylands and Fryerns teachers would also come along. Everyone enjoyed them and would sing along, but they were surprised when I served them.

On some occasions worse for wear I would walk home to the Danbury Down area of Fryerns in the early hours and would on some occasions get a lift in a passing police car going back to the station they would then drop me off at the bottom of The Fremnells.

Sadly, there are not many characters like those mentioned above nor memories like getting lifts home in a police car.



Geraldine Evans with a photo of her Dad Ted

VANGE BOOKLETS

All Saints Church Hall 1931 £2.10
Barges at Vange Wharf £2.10
Cashes Well No5 £2.10
John (Paddy) Hemingway £1.50
The Barge Inn 1832 – 2015 £2.50
The Bull Public House 1878— 1961 £1.50
The Vange Crystal Well £1.50
Vange Board School 1876 £5.80
Vange Fire Station 1934 – 1962 £3.90
Vange Hall Brick Works 1886—1921 £3.30
Vange Reservoir & Southend Water Company £2.00
Vange Swimming Pool 1933-1952 £2.00
The Shops of Vange London Road & High Road £5.00
The 1st Pitsea and Vange Scouts 1913—1970 £4.50
3rd Battalion Essex Home Guard. Vange and Pitsea. £2.80
Royal Observer Corps, Monitoring Post, Vange, Essex. £2.10

BASILDON BOOKLET

Locarno Mecca Dancing £6.00 1961 - 1971

PITSEA BOOKLETS

W. J. Wager Dairies £1.50
Tuskite Works Pitsea Hall Lane £1.50
Broadway Cinema 1930—1970 £3.00
Pitsea United 1909—1971 £8.70
The Old Pitsea Market 1924—1969 £2.60



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