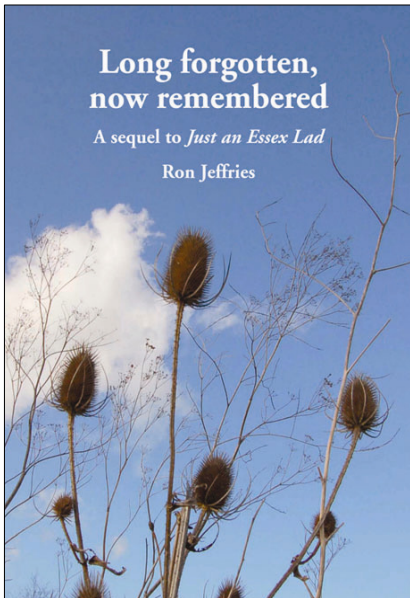


# Long forgotten, now remembered

A sequel to *Just an Essex Lad*

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Published in June 2010, *Long forgotten, now remembered* is the sequel to my autobiography, *Just an Essex Lad*, which hit the bookshops in March 2009 and which I wrote having retired eleven years earlier.

*Just an Essex Lad* sold out within nine months and is now out of print – although I could be persuaded to arrange a reprint if there is a demand.

Having written some 230,000 words in *Just an Essex Lad* I thought I had covered everything, but it soon became obvious that I had not done so. Those who were reading my autobiography would telephone me – during the daytime, but occasionally at night, for the book proved a popular read with folk who had taken to their bed, having supped their Horlicks or Cocoa, and required something amusing to send them off to sleep in a good mood. “*You have forgotten to mention so -and-so,*” they would cry, “*and you have omitted the time you did this-that-and-the-other – or when this-that-or-the-other was done unto you.*” And they were right.

And so *Long forgotten, now remembered* was born. Here I go back in time to rectify the errors of omission to tell of *The Great Gnome Saga* and *The Night I was driven to Gilwell Park for a sauna* and other similarly gripping and stirring – and, occasionally, harrowing – tales. Some of these have appeared – or will appear – in the St. Peter's BROADSHEET, now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year of monthly publication in Aldborough Hatch, Essex.

I record for posterity *How the traffic lights came to Aldborough Road* and tell of *Richard and the Great Storm*. And as if that has not wetted your appetite for more, other chapters have the enticing titles of “*It's a miracle!*”; “*Where's yer ash tray, duck?*”; “*I think my wife is dead*”; *The Day when Uncle Mac presented the prizes*; *School dinners*; *The boatyard in the churchyard*; *Of Sugar Sunday, Pickling Sunday, Raffles and the like*; *Bread for prisoners*; *The night Grace died*; *The death of the three-legged dog*; *Where is Kate Adie? Adopting the mentally ill* and “*Will you cope with the stairs?*”.

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