

Obby 'Oss day celebrated at Padstow

WESTERN
MORNING-NEWS

2-5-56

PADSTOW'S traditional May Day celebrations began just after midnight, with the singing in the narrow streets of the sea-side town by members of the "Obby Oss" Company, of the Morning Song "Unite and unite and let us all shine, for summer is a come unto day."

All Padstow was on holiday for "Obby 'Oss" day, and many Padstonians returned from other areas to take part in the dancing and singing in the town. Among these was C.P.O. Percy Porter. His departure from Plymouth on service having been temporarily delayed he hired a taxi in order to be in his native town in time for the start of the festivities.

The original "Obby 'Oss," whose "stable" is at the Golden Lion Inn, dates back to 1706, and the original frame is still in use. This year parts of it have been renewed, and the hat was made by Mr. and Mrs. C. Bate, aged 74 and 70 respectively. Mr. Bate carried the old "Oss" 60 years ago.

Yesterday Brian Bate, aged 18, a grandson, was the first to carry the "Oss," making a special visit to the old couple's cottage in Ruthey's-lane to greet them.

At the end of the First World War in 1918 a second "Obby 'Oss" came into being at Padstow as a celebration for victory. Starting from different places yesterday morning each company sang and danced through sections of the town at intervals during the day. Music was by accordion bands and in front of the respective "'Osses" capered the club-bearers.

CORNISH MOTTO

The clubs are made of leather, stuffed with wool, and have the Cornish motto "One and All" and the county coat of arms painted on them. The original club bears the letters "A.B."

The "Oss" consists of a large round table made of wood surrounded by a black curtain, or apron, beneath which the legs of the man carrying it can be seen. With his head inside the grotesque mask of the "Oss" the bearer performs certain traditional steps and twists. During the procession the "Morning song" is sung to a lovely folk-tune. At Prideaux-place the procession was met by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Prideaux-Brune.

At the end of the day there was dancing round the Maypole in Broad-street.

The whole festival is supposed to have begun as a pagan rite to the goddess of fertility many centuries ago.

Opening addresses were given by Mr. W. H. Chapman, one of the trustees of the original "Obby 'Oss," and Mr. T. H. Williams for the second party, known as the Blue Ribboners.

FOR TOWN CRIER

Mr. R. Goulden, chairman of Padstow Chamber of Commerce, presented on behalf of the Chamber a black cloak and tricorn hat to the town crier, Mr. Albert Gregor.

Mr. Goulden said the "Obby 'Oss" and the town crier were two ancient institutions in Padstow, and the Chamber felt that the new uniform would not only give Mr. Gregor an added sense of dignity on that occasion, but also when he went to the national championship of town criers to present Padstow.

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† WICKET-KEEPER

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2nd, 3rd & 4th MAY, 1956

WORCESTERSHIRE

- 1. KENYON, D.
- * 2. P. E. RICHARDSON
- 3. OUTSCHOORN, L.
- 4. DEWS, G.
- 5. RICHARDSON, D. W.
- 6. HORTON, M. J.
- 7. JENKINS, R. O.
- † 8. BOOTH, R.
- 9. BERRY, R.
- 10. G. H. CHESTERTON
- 11. FLAVELL, J. A.

Richardson P. E. Capt
Adrian Clegg out
Richardson out
Johnson

First Innings
Open scores 1 First ball from Richardson
Score at 5 balls from 10 runs
Kingon Books by Linnell
Crawford Bowling to out school
Richardson out
DEWS 00.11.6.1.H.
Out 2 Outschoorn Caught Clegg out
Richardson P. E. out
Richardson Clegg out
Horton going on attraction Clegg out
Plattfoot
Worwick Clegg out for 90
Worwick out to field
Barker by Clegg out
C.V. first to our wicket
Will Howdy
Barker Bould Clegg out
Mackay 9 in

Second Innings
 LINDWALL

Fall of Wickets

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Extras

TOTAL

1 2

THE AUSTRALIANS

- 1. J. W. BURKE
- 2. C. C. McDONALD
- 3. K. MACKAY
- 4. R. N. HARVEY
- 5. I. D. CRAIG
- 6. R. BENAUD
- † 7. L. MADDOCKS
- 8. A. K. DAVIDSON
- 9. R. R. LINDWALL
- * 10. I. JOHNSON
- 11. P. CRAWFORD

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