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DEVELOPERS CARE LITTLE ABOUT BILLERICAY STATES C.P.R.E. PRESIDENT

"The developers care very little about Billericay - most of them come from outside the area", stated Mr.G.S.Amos, President of the Billericay Group, Council for the Preservation of Rural England, at the Group's A.G.M. at the W.I.Hall on Saturday. A record attendance heard Mr.Amos continue; "They only care about money. Down come pleasant properties - up go tall buildings. Beautiful buildings are pulled down for site values, and the new designs submitted are blatant and out of character with nearby buildings. There are many people who are prepared to fight, to prevent further loss of amenity in the town. People do not appreciate what good work the C.P.R.E. has done in this direction. I shudder to think what the town would have looked like without us. You can help us by giving us practical assistance, and by keeping us posted of any development which may detract from the amenities of Billericay".

Later on in the meeting, former Chairman, Mr.Mephram, in reply to a question stated; "The widespread belief that the C.P.R.E. object to everything must be counteracted. We do no object to well-planned development".

An address on "The Beginnings of Billericay" was given by Mr.K.Marshall, Curator of the Passmore Edwards Museum, West Ham. Mr.Marshall said that in the time of the Early Stone Age the area was inhabited by hunters who hunted with primitive axes. They kept to the area of the Thames, and Billericay was probably occupied only by passing hunters. Elephants and other warm climate animals were common. By the beginning of the NewStone Age (3,000 B.C.) settled life and agriculture had begun, and traces of settlement in the area had been discovered. By the Bronze Age there was certainly some sort of settlement in Billericay, as shown by the two Bronze Age Burial mounds in Norseay Woods. These had been opened by the Rev. Cutts in the 19th century, and several items were removed. However, these had unfortunately since been lost, and only one or two drawings of them survived. In 1959 one of the Burial Mounds had been re-excavated, and eight fragments of pottery had been discovered. The Essex Archaeological Society had visited the Burial Mound in the late 19th century, and the excavators had discovered that they had a chicken lunch, some members had drunk Port, and one had taken a stomach powder. This had illustrated that it was very hard to conceal anything from the excavators. The Mounds consisted of a series of Burials over a long period. He had some theories on the sites of one or two other Burials in the area, which could only be seen from the air, as they had been flattened out.

BILLERICAY PROBABLY A ROMAN TOWN. Continued from Page 1.

There was concrete evidence to suggest that there was an Iron Age settlement in Billericay. The favourable site would attract the Iron Age peoples, and the number of Iron Age burials indicated quite a large population.

One thing was quite clear about Roman Billericay - there was probably a Roman Town in the area. This was indicated by the 6 or 7 known cemeteries in the town (centred around the Hospital and Secondary School), and the two known Roman Roads leading into the town. The town was almost certainly an early settlement and continued right up to the time that the Romans left Britain. The light industrial area - pottery and smelting - was in Norsey Woods, and there was evidence to suggest that there was a kiln near the Old Windmill. A vast number of coins had been discovered, including a hoard of 1,100 near Norsey Woods, just after 1800. Unfortunately the archaeologists of the 19th century hadn't helped in the last. They regarded it like collecting stamps, and kept their finds in their private collections, which inevitably disappeared.

One problem remained - the site of the town. Since it could not be anywhere else it must be under the present town. He thought the most likely site was around the Dissenters' Burial Ground, in the rectangle of roads formed by High Street, Sun Street, and Chapel Street.

Finally Mr. Marshall appealed to those in the audience to let him know of any "finds" they dug up. "In 99 cases out of 100 the stuff we get brought to us is rubbish or ordinary, but in the 100th case we get something unusual", he said.

Officers elected:- Chairman, Mr. G. N. Hammond, Secretary, Mr. W. Taylor, President, Mr. G. S. Amos, Past President, Mrs. A. M. Cater, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Meeson, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Hurst, Hon. Assistant Secretary, Mr. H. Rahman (all unopposed). Committee:- Mesdames Ager, Croft, and Perry, Messrs. Brawn, Hay, Hewitt, Saunders, Watling, Catell, Mephram, and Wright (unopposed). Capt. Tesoirere was elected by 17 votes to 12 against Mrs. Power.

BY-PASS FEATURES IN PUBLIC INQUIRY

A Public Inquiry into the Council's refusal to grant planning permission for the erection of residential development on the site of "Sylvan Tryst" Stock Road, Billericay will take place at the Main Committee Room at Keay House, Basildon, today (Tuesday) at 10.30 a.m.

One of the reasons given by the Council was that Stock Road was a heavily trafficked road and the creation of an estate road at this point would create dangerous conditions. Also the proposed Billericay By-Pass is likely to join Stock Road on this frontage, and its development would prevent the proper design of the junction. In addition the proposed plot sizes and form of development are stated to be incompatible with existing development in the area, and would be seriously detrimental to the character of the locality, and of the adjoining residential properties. The Local Planning Authority also consider that if the area is to be developed it should be developed as a whole, and in relation to an overall plan, and isolated development would prejudice this.

BILLERICAY REFERENCE BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED.

Wynford P. Grant Limited, the publishers of the "Billericay Observer", are to publish a Billericay Reference Book in May of this year. It will contain a complete guide to local Churches and organisations, a guide to Public Halls, and general information about Billericay, and a short history. It is intended to print 500 copies of the first issue at 6d each, and to print revised editions at regular intervals. The size has not yet been determined, but adverts will be included.

Circular letters are in the process of being sent out to over 70 local organisations and Churches. Any organisation which has not received such a letter by the end of this week should get in touch with the Editor of the "Billericay Observer". All other enquiries should be directed to the Editor. Wynford P. Grant Limited are confident that the book will meet a substantial demand for a book of this type in Billericay.

RADFORD WAY FLATS NOT TO BE ERECTED PUBLICITY FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The "Billericay Observer" understands that the proposed seven-storey block of flats in Radford Way may not be erected after all. No official confirmation is forthcoming from the Lyon Group, but it is understood that the cost is regarded as prohibitive. Further soil tests have confirmed that the sub-soil is shifting sand, and this means that the cost of adequate and safe foundations would be very high.

CONSERVATIVES WILL STAND AGAIN.

Billericay Conservatives, whose candidate was defeated by the Residents in the Council Elections last May, will enter two candidates this year (Cllr. Tesoirere and Dr. F.W.B. Rilstone), although it may prove to be a three-cornered contest.

This was made clear by the Chairman, Mr. T.M. Thomas, at the Branch's Annual Meeting at the W.I. Hall recently.

Continued Mr. Thomas; "The temptation to stand down and leave it to others must be resisted. We have carried the load for a number of years, but we should not retire. We cannot reject our responsibilities. We stand for Conservatism in opposition to Socialism, and there are many people whom the Residents' Association do not represent. Many people were appalled at the behaviour at the recent public meeting and the narrow parochialism of their views. There is no question of the Conservatives retiring in this area for Residents' Associations come and go, but Conservatives stay on".

The Secretary, Mr. Owen, appealed to all members to help all they could with the next election, as it was even more important than last year's. He stated that the Young Conservatives had ceased to exist during the year, but there were hopes of a revival in the near future.

LATE BUS INTRODUCED.

The 9.42 p.m. Outwood Common - Billericay bus on the 256 service has been extended to Billericay Station via Perry Street daily. An additional bus will run from Billericay Station to Perry Street and Outwood Common at 10.15 p.m., returning as the 10.42 p.m. from Outwood Common to Billericay. Plans for a 15-minute service on this route are still being considered.

At their recent meeting the Development & Planning Committee of Basildon Council considered a recommendation made by the Planning Panel as to the method of giving publicity to certain planning applications where the developer was not required by statute to advertise. (Those that have to be advertised include the construction of theatres, cinemas, dance halls, buildings for indoor games, slaughterhouses, and similar proposals which could be regarded as bad neighbours). Attention was drawn to the fact that the Minister of Housing & Local Government looks to local authorities to give publicity in other cases of wide general interest, and has specifically mentioned close-knit layouts of houses and flats in high blocks. Attention was also drawn to the undertaking of the Chairman of the Council at the recent Public Meeting on Development to ask the Council to consider any means by which notice could be given to the public of planning applications which are received by the Council for determination. Members attention was also drawn to a letter from the County Council referring to the practice adopted by Wanstead & Woodford Council to supply the local press with a week by week summary of applications received.

At present, it was stated, because of staff problems and the number of applications received, members of the Committee only received the plans list four days before the meeting. The members felt that the only true method of giving publicity to planning applications was to select those considered to be of special interest to the public. Even in these cases the risk would have to be taken that the applicant would not consent to an extension of time to allow publicity to be given to his publication, and if not the Council would be bound to give a decision on merit.

It was decided that the Planning Panel would continue to be responsible for the selection of applications to be advertised. The period for comment will not be less than two weeks from the publication of the first notice, to be inserted in the "Southend Standard", and one other local paper.

EDITORIAL.

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With this issue the "Billericay Observer" enters its 5th year of publication. Exactly four years ago the first issue of the "Billericay Observer". Many events have occurred during the past year. One of the most important was the change of ownership to a limited company - Wynford P. Grant Limited - sole control remaining in the hands of the Editor. Sales have increased from 500 to 1,000 copies per issue, and there has been a large increase in the number of advertisements. This is particularly pleasing, for one full page advert produces the same revenue as about 400 copies sold. During the next year I hope to improve the paper in all ways possible, and to increase the circulation to about 1,200 copies per fortnight. May I take this opportunity of thanking my readers for all their help and co-operation in the past year, and assure them of my best attention at all times in the coming one.

During the past few weeks many items of news have arrived too late for inclusion in a particular issue. This is a pity for all concerned. May I draw the attention of advertisers and contributors to the following times:-

7 p.m. Tuesday - Latest time for making advertisers' blocks for the next issue.

7 p.m. Friday - Latest time for inclusion of news and adverts in any position.

5 p.m. Saturday - Latest time for inclusion of adverts, and news in ordinary columns.

10 a.m. Sunday - Paper goes to press.

1 p.m. Sunday - Latest time for inclusion in Stop Press.

These times, of course, apply to the week the paper is published.

The two page travel supplement is an Advertisers' Announcement issued by Fred Hunter Ltd. of Bishopgate, London.

----- The Editor.

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FOR THE OLD FOLK

Billerica O.A.P.

On the 14th February there was a very good attendance, despite the very cold weather. Mrs. Collins, Mr & Mrs. Gill, Mr. Dawkins, and Mrs. Harrison were all improving, Mr. Goodchild was now out of Hospital, Mr & Mrs. Shiner were very ill, Mr. Emery had Bronchitis. All were wished a speedy recovery. Mrs. Dawkins and Mrs. Porter were welcomed back after absence through illness. One minute's silence was observed on the passing of Mrs. Maddox. Entertainment was provided by the Irving Versatiles from Burnham-on-Crouch.

On the 21st there was a fair attendance, despite the fact that many were away sick. Mr. Emery was very ill, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. H. Dawkins, Mr & Mrs. Newell, and Mrs. Train were all away sick. Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Harrison, Mr & Mrs. Gill, Mr. Dawkins, and Mr. Goodchild were all improving. All were wished a very speedy recovery to good health. Mrs. Shiner was welcomed back after her absence through illness. The Secretary said he was sorry to hear of so many all, and he hoped they would all be back shortly. A new member was welcomed. Gracie Walker (Comedienne), Constance Kent (Soprano), and Doris Phillips (Pianist) entertained.

Buttsbury Monday Club.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent playing Bingo at last Saturday week's meeting at Buttsbury School. There was a good raffle. New members are always welcome.

South Green Thursday Club.

At Thursday's meeting Mr. W. Anderson was in the Chair. Birthday honours were accorded Mr. Whitlock. It was stated that Mrs. Brook was in Hospital, and progressing favourably. A minute's silence was observed for the late Treasurer, Mr. Hall. It was stated that he had died after a few weeks in St. Andrews. He was a loyal Treasurer, and would be greatly missed. Entertainment was by Bobby Bennett and Doris Sharrow.

Sunnymede & Outwood Common Friday Club.

On the 9th an enjoyable question game was played. Mrs. Brett was in the Chair. On sick members it was stated that Mr. Goodchild had managed to get out, and Mr. Andrew was a little better. There was a good Raffle, and members enjoyed a game of Bingo and some Old Time Songs. On the 23rd there was a good Raffle, and a game of Bingo was enjoyed. The attendance was good, despite the cold weather. Mr. Goodchild hoped to return to the Club soon, after his illness. New members welcome at Sunnymede School on Friday evenings.

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SPECIAL CRUISES SUPPLEMENT !

If you would like further details post off the slip at the bottom of the supplement without delay.

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STOP PRESS NEWS.

SHOULD BILLERICAY HAVE A COFFEE BAR? - Teenager Andy Roberts asked what the Council for the Preservation of Rural England policy on this subject was at Saturday's A.G.M. He said that among his teenage friends the C.P.R.E. had the reputation of being "stick in the muds", and he wondered if this state of affairs could be remedied.

Stated Secretary, Mr.W.Taylor; "I have never made any statement on this subject, on behalf of the C.P.R.E., and I am not prepared to make any such statement".

Commented Mr.Amos, Publicity Chairman and President; "This is the first I've ever heard of a Coffee Bar (Andy Roberts; "Why don't you read the "Billericay Observer"). I am not opposed to a Coffee Bar, provided it does not affect the visual amenities of the High Street". He added; "We've been faced with many things far worse than a Coffee Bar.

Wynford Grant, Editor of the "Billericay Observer", stated that the question had been the subject of discussion for many weeks in the "Billericay Observer". As far as he knew no Coffee Bar owner had definite plans for opening in Billericay, as yet. .

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DANCE - Brian Richardson held another in his series of Modern Dances in the Archer Hall last Saturday week. The dance was a big success, and the proceeds will go towards the Billericay Youth Club Fund. The new Church Youth Club "Tweenteens" (backed by the Youth Club Fund) continues to prosper.

THIS TIME'S TOP TEN - Based on sales of records at the High Street Branch of Stanwood Radio Ltd. Last time's positions in brackets.

1. RCA.1270 - Rock-A-Hula Baby (Elvis Presley) (1).
2. DB.4761 - The Young Ones (Cliff Richard) (2).
3. F.11420 - Wimoweh (Karl Denver) (8).
4. AMF.1166 - Walk On By (Leroy van Dyke) (6).
5. F.11418 - Forget Me Not (Eden Kane) (4).
6. DB.4691 - Let's Twist Again (Chubby Checker) (3).
7. DB.4750 - Stranger On The Shore (Acker Bilk) (-).
8. 7NJ.2051 - March of the Siamese Children (Kenny Ball) (-).
9. HLK.9474 - Multiplication (Bobby Darin) (-).
10. 05863 - Litty Bitty Tear (Burl Ives) (-).

BILLERICAY YOUNG LIBERALS.

March 5th, 8 p.m. - Brains Trust, a team of egg-heads and young people.

March 12th, 8 p.m. - Social.

March 19th, 8.15 p.m. - Local Labour Party answer your queries.

March 26th, 8 p.m. - Social.

All meetings held at Billericay Recreation Rooms, High Street.

BILLERICAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT GROUP

Next meeting, Wed. March 7th, at W.I.Hall, at 8 p.m.
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"FLANDRE"	6.Mar	28	...Pointe a Pitre-Fort de France-Bridgetown-Port of Spain-La Guaira-Willemstad-Kingston-Port au Prince San Juan-Fort de France-Lisbon.....	£216.
"ARKADIA"	14.Mar	13	...Lisbon-Madeira-Teneriffe-Las Palmas-Casablanca Cherbourg.....	£ 80.
"AGAMEMNON"	22.Mar	18	...Dubrovnik-Port Said-Beirut-Haifa-Rhodes-Dardanelles-Istanbul-Piraeus-Corinth Canal-Venice (From Venice)....	£123.
"ANDES"	23.Mar	21	...Palma-Haifa-Malta-Lisbon.....	£126.
"ARKADIA"	27.Mar	14	...Lisbon-Madeira-Teneriffe-Las Palmas-Tangier-Cadiz Cherbourg.....	£ 85.
"RIVIERA"	5.Apr	7	...Ajaccio-Naples-Tunis-Palma-Barcelona-Cannes (From Genoa).....	£ 52.
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"ARKADIA"	10.Apr	14	...Lisbon-Madeira-Teneriffe-Las Palmas-Casablanca Gibraltar.....	£ 85.
"AGAMEMNON"	10.Apr	18	...Corfu-Piraeus-Izmir-Alexandria-Port Said-Beirut Haifa-Venice (From Venice)....	£123.
"SAN GIORGIO" and similar ships.	13.Apr to Oct.	13/27	...Inclusive tours to DALMATIA-GREECE-TURKEY (From Italy).....	£ 58.
"ANDES"	14.Apr	16	...Barcelona-Naples-Ajaccio-Lisbon.....	£ 96.
"STRATHMORE"	19.Apr	14	...Casablanca-Madeira-Teneriffe (From London)....	£ 56.
"AGAMEMNON"	29.Apr	16	...Dubrovnik-Corinth Canal-Dardanelles-Istanbul Odessa-Sochi-Yalta-Mudanya-Delos-Mykronos-Piraeus Corfu-Bay of Cattaro-Dalmatian Coast-Venice (From Venice)....	£110.
"ANDES"	2.May	25	...Teneriffe-Barbados-Trinidad-Madeira.....	£150.
"IBERIA"	11.May	14	...Naples-Patras-Lisbon-Southampton (From London)....	£ 62.
"AGAMEMNON"	16.May	16	...Dubrovnik-Corinth Canal-Dardanelles-Istanbul Batum-Sochi-Yalta-Constanta-Mudanya-Lesbos-Chios Santorin-Paros-Piraeus-Genoa (From Venice)....	£110.
"BRAHMA"				
"CASTLE"	19.May	15	...Lisbon-Barcelona-Palma-Casablanca.....	£ 90.
"AURELIA"	21.May	10	...Madeira-Lisbon-Vigo.....	£ 50.
"IBERIA"	26.May	13	...Villefranche-Naples-Gibraltar-Lisbon.....	£ 58.
"ANDES"	28.May	19	...Palma-Athens-Famagusta-Tangier.....	£114.
"AUSONIA" & "ESPERIA"	3.Jun	6/21	...Inclusive tours to HOLY LAND and EGYPT thence weekly (From Italy).....	£163.
"ORSOVA"	8.Jun	14	...Palma-Ceuta-Teneriffe-Madeira.....	£ 62.
"IBERIA"	9.Jun	15	...Heraklion-Athens-Gibraltar.....	£ 67.
"ANDES"	18.Jun	17	...Tangier-Villefranche-Naples-Barcelona.....	£102.
"ORSOVA"	23.Jun	13	...Malaga-Cannes-Naples-Ceuta.....	£ 58.
"ORCADES"	23.Jun	15	...Naples-Patras-Cannes-Lisbon-Southampton (From London)....	£ 67.
"IBERIA"	29.Jun	23	...Malaga-Naples-Corfu-Athens-Istanbul-Ceuta-Lisbon Southampton or London.....	£ 98.
"CHUSAN"	6.Jul	14	...Cuxhaven-Lisbon-Madeira-Casablanca-Vigo-Southampton (From London)....	£ 73.
"ANDES"	6.Jul	18	...Olden-Bergen-Gothenburg-Copenhagen-Stockholm Helsinki-Holtensau-Brunsbüttel-Hamburg.....	£108.
"ORSOVA"	9.Jul	11	...Vigo-Madeira-Palma.....	£49.
"ORCADES"	14.Jul	13	...Casablanca-Malta G.C.-Palermo-Barcelona.....	£ 58.
"CANBERRA"	20.Jul	7	...Madeira-Gibraltar.....	£ 37.
"ORSOVA"	21.Jul	16	...Venice-Cannes-Palma.....	£ 71.
"CHUSAN"	21.Jul	13	...Valencia-Marseilles-Messina-Lisbon.....	£68.
"HIMALAYA"	27.Jul	14	...Palma-Naples-Barcelona-Lisbon.....	£ 73.
"ORCADES"	28.Jul	13	...Malaga-Genoa-Madeira.....	£ 58.
"CANBERRA"	28.Jul	14	...New York.....	£ 72.
"ORANJE"	28.Jul	15	...Ceuta-Palermo-Naples-Palma.....	£ 70.
"ANDES"	30.Jul	20	...Malaga-Venice-Villefranche-Madeira.....	£120.
"CHUSAN"	4.Aug	15	...Messina-Athens-Lisbon.....	£ 78.
"STRATHMORE"	4.Aug	15	...Corunna-Palma-Marseilles-Melila (From London)...	£ 62.
"WILLEM RUYZ"	5.Aug	13	...Vigo-Naples-Barcelona-Ceuta.....	£ 68.
"ORCADES"	11.Aug	22	...Naples-Athens-Istanbul-Venice-Barcelona.....	£ 94.
"HIMALAYA"	11.Aug	14	...Casablanca-Naples-Palamos-Gibraltar.....	£ 73.

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Steamer.	Date.	Days.	Itinerary.	Minimum Rate.
"ORANJE"	11. Aug	15	... Flushing-Ceuta-Palermo-Naples-Palma.....	£70.
"CANBERRA"	12. Aug	14	... New York.....	£72.
"WILLEM RUYSS"	19. Aug	13	... Gibraltar-Casablanca-Madeira-Teneriffe-Lisbon...	£68.
"ANDES"	20. Aug	18	... Barcelona-Rhodes-Genoa-Lisbon.....	£108.
"CHUSAN"	25. Aug	13	... Teneriffe-Barcelona-Gibraltar-Lisbon.....	£68.
"CANBERRA"	27. Aug	13	... Naples-Athens-Palma.....	£67.
"WM. RUYSS"	2. Sep	13	... Gibraltar-Spezia-Barcelona-Casablanca.....	£68.
"CHUSAN"	8. Sep	13	... Naples-Palma-Ceuta-Vigo.....	£68.
"STRATHEDEEN"	8. Sep	13	... Lisbon-Casablanca-Las Palmas-Madeira (from London)	£54.
"ANDES"	9. Sep	21	... Palma-Yalta-Athens-Lisbon.....	£126.
"STRATHEDEEN"	22. Sep	15	... Barcelona-Naples-Gibraltar-Lisbon.....	£62.
"ANDES"	1. Oct	20	... Cagliari-Alexandria-Malaga-Lisbon.....	£120.
"ANDES"	23. Oct	19	... Palma-Syracuse-Beirut-Tangier.....	£114.
"ANDES"	12. Nov	24	... Trinidad-Barbados-Martinique-Antigua-Lisbon.....	£144.
"ANDES"	21. Dec	16	... Tangier-Las Palmas-Madeira.....	£96.
Additional Cruise:				
"ARKADIA"	27. Jul	12	... Amsterdam-Bremerhaven-Gdynia-Helsinki-Stockholm Copenhagen-Bremerhaven-Amsterdam (From London)...	£48.

NOTES.

✓ "ARKADIA" REGULAR SERVICE TO MADEIRA & C. Passengers may break their journey at any of the ports en route and return by the next or subsequent voyage. Hotel accommodation is held at all ports for immediate offer. THIS SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED IN DECEMBER 1962 AND WILL CONTINUE AGAIN UNTIL SPRING 1963.

WINTER CRUISES 1962/3.

"ANDES"	Jan	55	... Commencing during the first half of January, the cruise will cover over 16,000 miles in approximately 55 days, visiting Rio de Janeiro, Barbados, Jamaica, Port Everglades and Florida.	
"EMPRESS OF CANADA"	21. Dec	17	... Liverpool-Madeira-Teneriffe-St. Vincent-Las Palmas Casablanca-Tangier-Southampton.....	£110.
"EMPRESS OF BRITAIN"	26. Jan	17	... Liverpool-Madeira-Teneriffe-St. Vincent-Las Palmas Casablanca-Lisbon-Liverpool.....	£110.
do.	14. Feb	15	... Liverpool-Madeira-Teneriffe-Las Palmas-Casablanca Tangier-Lisbon-Liverpool.....	£90.
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BILLERICAY'S CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL.

The last of the five Public Forums arranged by Basildon Urban District Council during the present Council year will be held at the Billericay Secondary School School Road, Billericay, on Friday 23rd March, commencing at 7.30 p.m., and will relate to the Billericay area.

The Council are most anxious that this should be an opportunity for local residents, to ask questions relating to general and local matters, and for this purpose local residents or local organisations are invited to submit written questions to the Clerk of the Council at 88, Town Square, Basildon, by Wednesday 14th March. Every question submitted will be given a prepared reply by the appropriate Committee Chairman, but for every question dealt with in this way the Chairman of the Council will ask for a question to be put from the audience which will be answered at that stage. At previous Forums, some 20 or so written questions have been received and answered, and a similar number of questions have been put from the audience.

The first part of the Forum will be concluded at approximately 9 p.m., and for approximately three-quarters of an hour members of the public will then be able to meet and speak to individual members of the Council.

At Thursday's Council Meeting Independent Cllr. H.E. Wilkins, commenting on a Finance Committee decision said he was sorry that the Council were to start the Forum at 7.30 p.m., instead of 8.0 p.m., as requested by the Residents' Assn. He felt this would be too early for many residents.

Said Labour Cllr. Morgan; "I'm fed up with the R.A. screaming all the time and trying to impose their will on the Council. As far as I'm concerned Wilkins is a Tory. I'm glad we didn't knuckle down to them".

Said Communist Cllr. Hollands; "He always votes Tory". (At this Cllr. Wilkins rose and objected).

Cllr. Phelps said that experience at other Forums had proved 7.30 to be a convenient time. They couldn't agree to change this just to accommodate one section of the community. R.A. members wouldn't be the only ones present.

36 AVERAGE CLASS NUMBER AT BUTTSBURY SCHOOL.

Members of Buttsbury Residents' Association were told at their recent meeting that the work of extension now going on at Buttsbury School should be complete by Easter, 1962. Delays had been experienced because of bad weather and late deliveries. When completed the average number of pupils to a class would be 36/37, and the total number in the School should be 500. The future planning of Primary Schools in the area would depend on the review of the County Development Plan now being undertaken. The County Education Committee had included a new Primary School of 320 places to be sited near the existing School in the 1963/4 Main Building Programme. However, this may not be ready in time for all the pupils desiring admission in the interim, and consideration was being given to the provision of additional temporary accommodation as an early priority in 1963/4.

Regarding the Mayflower County Secondary School in Stock Road work was due to start later this year. It is hoped that the School will be ready for occupation in 1964. It will eventually be a five-form entry School with 760 places.

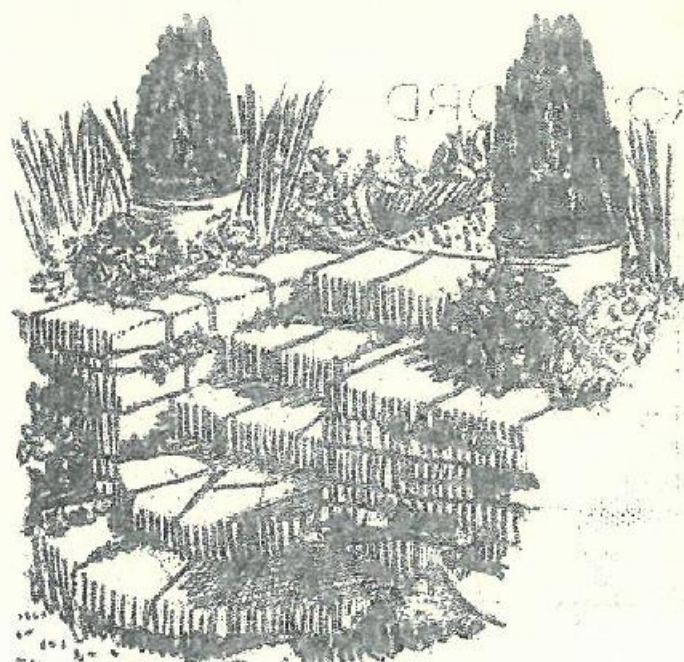
It was decided to ask a representative of the Education authorities to attend a meeting in June.

The residents of Norsey View Drive had asked the Residents if they could do something about the dreadful state of the road. It was decided to write to the Council asking them the Council to treat the matter as an urgent case, and to provide the residents with some hardcore for repairs.

Mr. Drury outlined the planning of an election campaign.

COMMUNIST MONOPOLISES COUNCIL'S TIME.

Basildon Council's Communist Councillor Hollands monopolised a great deal of the Basildon Council Meeting on Thursday. Most of his speeches were against "Capatilists" and "Get-rich-quick Tories". He referred to another Councillor "as not worth a light". Several times Chairman, Mrs. C.J. Gadson, had to bang her gavel to bring him to order. At last Tory Cllr. Weston shouted "We're sick and tired of this", which brought murmurs of general approval. Page 8.



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CLUES ACROSS.

1. A musical instrument (9).
9. He has this beautiful book (4).
10. Upon (4).
11. It crawls slowly (5)
13. Pepper, salt, and mustard (5).
15. Repay (9).
18. It holds tea (3).
19. There are many in a hotel (4).
22. Nota Bene (Abb.)
23. It is attached to a piece of luggage (3)
25. Single (3).
26. Bar forming part of a framework (5).

CLUES DOWN.

1. A stubborn animal (3)
2. A programme of music (7).
3. Musical instruments (9).
4. Widespread dislike (4).

5. To make (2). 6. Old form of Public House. 7. A certain position (2). 8. Not allowed in a club (9). 12. London Electricity Board (Abb.) 14. Move round (4). 15. Destroy (4). 16. A mechanised person (4). 17. Because (2). 21. One wipes one's feet on it (3). 24. British Railways (Abb.)

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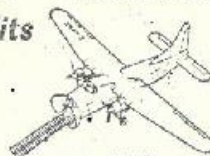
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BILLERICAY IN 1765. by the Editor.

In the 1765 rental there is no record of the Presbyterian Chapel on Bell Hill, mentioned in the rentals of 1706 and 1738. It must be presumed that between 1738 and 1765 it had gone out of existence, owing to lack of support. However, for the first time a Meeting House in Wellfield Lane (Chapel Street) is mentioned "Jn. Thomason for a Meeting House". This was probably the building used by the Old Meeting, the forerunner of the modern Congregational Church. It appears that a regular Place of Worship was first used between 1738 and 1765. The Ginger Grove (planted in the time of Henry VIII) in Wellfield Lane, was still in existence in 1765.

There was a workhouse on the road to Laindon Common, and yet another building used by the Parish Poor on the east side of the High Street.

In 1765 there were some 200 properties in and around the town. This indicates a population in the region of 1,000 - quite large for those times. A considerable number of houses are stated as having been rebuilt in brick - another sign of quiet prosperity. Among the trades mentioned are those of Apothecary (a type of Chemist-cum-Doctor), Baker, Butcher, Grocer, Glazier, Collier, Blacksmith, Carrier, and Wheelwright. The tanyard in New Street (Western Road) is also mentioned.

Reference is made to a "new built mill", owned by Thomas Wood (Billericay's famous "ghastly miller") on Bell Hill. This may have been the second mill he built which did not stand for many years, or it could refer to the re-building of the original mill.

Note:- The Petre rentals continue up to modern times, but the next series of articles in this series, will be on "Tudor and Stuart Billericay". If any reader has a question on any aspect of local history I will do my best to answer it in this newspaper.

COUNTY RATES SHOCK.

Essex County Council are to increase the County Rate by $1/6d$ this year - from $15/4d$ to $16/10d$. The rise comes entirely from the General Purposes Committee, which includes Education.

Basildon Council decide the overall rate for the Urban District at a special meeting on March 7th at the Council Chamber at 8 p.m. The present rate is $21/8d$. It is almost certain that the District Rate will not go down, therefore a rate of at least $23/2d$ can be expected.

OPERATIC SOCIETY.

The Billericay Operatic Society's annual production this year is the "Gondoliers" (Gilbert & Sullivan), and will take place in the Archer Hall on Tuesday to Saturday (including Saturday matinee), 13th-17th March. Due to the success and excellent attendance at last year's production of "The Merry Widow", the Society have decided to give an extra performance, starting their "week" on Tuesday.

Rehearsals are now in final stages and a first class production is promised. One or two new faces will be seen in leading roles, but old favourites such as Jeanne Pearson, Jill Ford, Ron Westlake, and Pat Howard have also been cast for leading parts. Box office is Vere's in the High Street.

LIBERALS AND THE PRESS.

The Billericay-Brentwood Liberal Association have published the first issue of their new broadsheet "Viewpoint". Its aim is described as "a point of view to stimulate interest and debate among Liberals".

The first issue deals with the local Press, and is written by Cllr. Brian Wignall. It states that co-operation between Press and Council is of paramount importance, and both sides have their part to play. The local press in Billericay and Brentwood is described as a mixture of sober review, and sensational acidity. However "Viewpoint" states that to their credit that the responsibility displayed is of a generally high standard. The main criticism is the obvious manufacture of some of the more sensational items. "But", says the writer, "this is understandable in these days of exhaustive commercial competition". One suggestion made is that each page be given over to a section of local affairs.

ROUND AND ABOUT

by
"WANDERER".

Once again the proposed By-Pass is in the news. When are the Council going to make a decision? This is a matter of vital importance in the future of the town. I suggest that before a decision is taken the various plans are put on show, so that the public can express their views. As it is, only the vaguest details are known.

I am pleased that 14 days notice is to be given of planning applications. It is a pity though that the Council cannot find some way to adopt the method used by Wanstead & Woodford Council. Surely what Wanstead can do, Basildon can do as well.

Whilst on the subject of Press & Public Relations when are the Council going to hold a Press Conference? One is long overdue.

I am pleased to see that a woodlands scheme is being adopted for Norsey Woods.

I am sure that all sensible people at Thursday's Council Meeting were disgusted with the deplorable antics of Communist Cllr. R. Hollands. If Cllr. Hollands wants to state such unadulterated tripe, he should not do it in the Council Chamber. The Council have more vital local matters to deal with.

Cllr. Dove made his usual bleat about too much emphasis on Wickford and Billericay. If that's not parochialism, I don't know what is. Cllr. Dove should remember that a great deal of work in the New Town is carried out by the Development Corporation, and not the Council.

The futility of party politics was brought once more by Labour accusations that Cllr. Wilkins is a Tory. Neither side seems to be able to appreciate that he votes on a question's merits. Instead they persist in calling him a "Socialist" or a "Tory" as the case may be.

If the Radford Way flats are not erected, I suggest that the land be zoned in the review of the County Development Plan for a Car Park for the Station, and a Bus Station. Both are needed, and the demand will increase as the years go on.

----- "Wanderer".