

ISSUED MONDAY JUNE 16th

CONSERVATIVES GAIN TWO SEATS ON COUNCIL.

In by-elections recently for places on the Basildon U.D. Council due to the resignations of Ex-Couns Marchant, Bardott and Christie the Conservatives gained two seats and also Labour made losses to an Independent candidate in another ward. The Conservatives now have 9 seats on the council.

Results;

GAYWOOD (Conservative)	701
MORLEY (Conservative)	692.
BELCHER (Socialist)	510
CANNON (Socialist)	515.

EASTERN NATIONAL BUSES; GARAGE ON STRIKE.

Eastern National bus crews will no longer run buses into the London bus strike. When one crew took no notice of the decision of the union a token one-day strike was held by men from garages at Chelmsford and Southend. Services in these districts, though running are severely disrupted.

FAIR ATTENDANCE AT BILLERICAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

There was a fair attendance at the meeting of the Billericay Residents Association on Wednesday June 11th at the Womens Institute Hall.

Mr Savage, Chairman in his opening speech said, "We think that members of this association should take an interest in local affairs. We hope to be vital and strong in local affairs but first we need more members and money. We are, though, pretty strong and vital. Our aim ought to be this, Billericay Resident Association councillors on the Basildon U.D.C. We are entirely non-political and one local newspaper has recently published a number of articles about politics in the council chamber. We are now distributing a bulletin to members, two editions have been produced.

We sincerely apologise to readers for any black marks or streaks on their copies. This is due to production changes and we hope to correct the fault in future editions.

FETE OPENED BY TOP-FIGURE EMERGENCY WARD IO T.V. PROGRAMME STARS DRAWS LARGE CROWDS.

The St Andrews Hospital League of Friends annual fete was held in the Archer Hall and field, Laindon Road, Billericay on Saturday June 7th. The fete was opened by the Almoner and the R.S.M.O. on the programme. There was admission by programme 6d and the lucky programme won

a premium bond. There was also a guessing the weight of the cake contest. There were stalls representing most of the local associations. There was an attendance of appx 3,500 people and the attendance included a number of children requiring autographs (costing 3d each). Loudspeaker equipment was supplied by Squires, High Street, Billericay. The stars contested or bought at most stalls. They also judged the fancy dress competition. Results were;

Older age group,
1st Original Arab.
1st prettiest Gipsy Girl.
2nd Original Keep Billericay tidy.
2nd prettiest Cleopatra.
Younger age group,
1st Original, Billericay's Mr Middleton.
1st prettiest Andy Pandey.
2nd Original Surgeon
2nd Prettiest t, Emergency Ward IO.

All competitors who did not win a prize, received a consolation prize.

Round and about by
'Wanderer'.

Another new town man is head of Basildon U.D. Council. Also the council have devised a plan whereby there will be forty-two councillors 40 new town and 2 Billericay-Wickford. Perhaps 4 if a satisfactory division can be arranged. The main topic at Basildon council meetings is Basildon. That has been so since 1955, when the first Basildon council meeting took place. On the old Billericay U.D. council there was equal and fair representation for the four towns comprising the district - Pitsea, Wickford, Billericay and Laindon. Billericay-Wickford hardly get a say these days 18 new towners and 6 Billericay-Wickford. Are we very interested in the activities of Pitsea, Laindon, Vange, Langdon Hills, Dunton, Lee Chapel, Fryens-Barstable comprising of Basildon New Town? Soon the council H.Q. will be removed to Basildon and people living in Wickford and Billericay will have difficulty in attending local council meetings. The time has come for the formation of a Billericay - Wickford council. The council would use the present council offices in Billericay and meetings would be held there. However one/two a year could be held in Wickford. There would be 5 wards and 15 councillors. The five wards would be Wickford East-Shotgate, Wickford West-Ramsden, Billericay West, Billericay East - Buttsbury and Burstead-South Green. Elections would be held every year when one-third of the wards would be contested. All seats would be contested for the first year. If this project was put to work Billericay and Wickford would get fair representation. I am sure the New Town are not interested in the Billericay-Wickford area affairs either.

All for now.

'Wanderer'.

THE 'WANDERER' WELCOMES LETTERS ON HIS ARTICLES OR ANY LOCAL SUBJECT.

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE.

(which returns after over a months' absence for various reasons)

As the London bus strike continues The People's League For The Defence of Freedom runs fourteen buses giving free lifts in London. There is too much red tape these days, not enough freedom (the theme of the 'Billericay Observer' let restrictions on newspapers be lessened). Three cheers for the Peoples League For The Defence of Freedom.

The number of men out on the unofficial dock strike has increased to 19,333. If it goes beyond 20,000 I say that government troops should take over. Many people criticise the Conservative-favouring policy of the Observer. We represent - in Conservatism the greatest percentage of our readership. 60% of our readers are non-committal in politics, 30% support Conservatives, 8% Labour - Co-op, 2% Liberal. All right I know there will be a lot of disagreement from 'Statitican' etc. They always are criticising 'Political Landscape'.

All for now.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

(also large adverts if you wish, under Personal Wanted, For Sale or Lost & Found. No heading for large ads, write 'ADS' 143, Perry Street, Billericay.

PERSONAL.

If you know any children or possess a copy of a newspaper made by under-16's contact immediately 'TARGET', ~~143~~, BILLERICAY OBSERVER, 143, PERRY ST.

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COMPETITION NO. 5.

WIN 6 BAMBOO GARDEN STAKES AND 20 WRITE-IT-YOURSELF NON-CORROSIVE PLANT LABELS. You may not be able to answer all the questions-never mind have a go.

RULES.

1. Answers to be on plain paper and to be sent to the Billericay Observer not ~~LATER~~ July 1st 1958.
2. In all matters relating to the competition the decision of the editor and Arrow Newspapers must be accepted as final.
3. Name should be clearly written on all entries.
4. There is no charge for entry.
5. Unless there are more than five entries the competition may be declared NOT VALID.

What you have to do....

Below is a list of Billericay roads. Each road belongs to a certain clue. For example if the clue was; not a downward slope, the answer would be 'The Rising'. Every road and no more are in the list.

LIST OF ROADS

ALBERT (ROAD)	YORK DRIVE.
CHESNUT AVENUE.	PIILGRIMS WLK.
CLOCKHOUSE ROAD.	CROWN ROAD.
CROMWELL AVENUE.	DEERBANK ROAD.
BREAK EGG HILL	KENNEL LANE.
POTASH ROAD.	BLIND LANE.

Clues;

1. Destroying a Lion? which road?
 2. Beware of the dogs? which road?
 3. You roast them by the fire in winter. which road?
 4. Hunting game on a bank? Which road?
 5. Time on a house? which road?
 6. Can you see here? which road?
 7. Do "Roundheads" live here? Definitely not the home of Royalists. Which road?
 8. Worn by a monarch. Which road?
 9. The husband of Queen Victoria? Which road?
 10. Ancient way to Canterbury? Which road?
 11. You use this in the garden. Which road?
 12. Not archbishop of Westminster but....? Which road?
- N. B. You can use every road as an answer only once.

SAFER CYCLING LEAGUE.

There was a bicycle inspection by police officers of members bicycles on Saturday June 14th.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wanted.

Bedding plants. Box 1, Billericay Observer.

Z-bed or similar: preferably double size. apply Box 2, Billericay Observer.

PERSONAL.

Shopowners, businessmen, commercial enterprises, societies etc a wonderful new money-saving opportunity. Tell your business friends. This is not a joke. Apply immediately to, Box 4, Billericay Observer, 143, Perry Street, Billericay

Jumble Sale for School Funds. Buttsbury C.P. School Thursday June 26th. Full details at box no. Send in your jumble please. Apply Box 5.

EDITORIAL CORNER.

Dear Readers,

I hope you will enjoy this edition. Please continue or start to send letters to us. If you have any queries about the Observer please write to us. Also use our free services please. If there are any of our readers (which I doubt) that do not read any other newspaper (LOCAL) than the Observer I would claim that they would be fully informed about local events and fully entertained. The 'Billericay Observer' is not just a mere additional local newspaper, it is one of the BILLERICAY LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. Every day more and more people in the district and all over Britain know about the Billericay Observer. More and more orders are piling in and we can not cope. Almost every day letters arrive at the Observer's offices for the Observer from all over the country... from Manchester, Billericay, Fleet Street and soon we hope, abroad.

Yours Sincerely,
Wynford P. Grant,
Editor.

SAFER CYCLING TESTS...

were held over a route in Billericay on Monday June 9th. Only one entrant failed to pass.

minds at rest about education problems". In the secretary's report it was stated that the work for the past year had been mostly concerned with maintaining that of the previous year. Good relations were present with the Sunnyville and Romney Hall Associations and the local C.P.R.E. group. The association was now affiliated to the National Union of Ratepayers' Associations. The secretary hoped that every member would get one new member. Membership in the past year had increased. The treasurer stated that there was £5-16-4 balance for the club at the end of February. By the end of May it was £15-11-10. All present members of the committee applying for re-election were re-elected. There was a nomination for Mr Kennedy as chairman. This was defeated by 13 votes to 3 votes, though the majority abstained. Auditors were also appointed.

ANNUAL VACATION. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the annual vacation of the Billericay Observer will be in the two middle weeks of July. No news occurring in that time will be published and no editions of the Observer published.

'BILLERICAY OBSERVER'
READER FINDS RACING PIGEON.
'Billericay Observer' reader Mrs M. Mitton found a racing pigeon in her garden recently. The pigeon was very tired and had lost its way. With some coaxing the pigeon was captured by Mrs Mitton and was sent to the nearest pigeon fancier. The pigeon was returned to the pigeon club's headquarters. The pigeon had a code disc attached to its leg. It is not known where the pigeon came from.

CASUALTIES.

The Red Cross hut in Lake Meadows had only one casualty on Sunday June 8th. The casualty was a girl who had received an accidental blow on her forehead from a golf club. The hut is organised by the Billericay branch of the British Red Cross Society. It is open every Sunday and bank holiday. (We would like to thank the Red Cross and Master C. Burgess for co-operation.)

RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION

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We have here tonight the District Education Officer who, we hope will set your

LETTERS.

There have been a fair amount of letters recived for this edition. The Editor comments at the end of most letters. We remind readers that letters can be signed by your real name or if you wish a nom-de-plume. Letters can be handed to the Editor or sent by hand or post to; EDITOR, BILLERICAY OBSERVER, 143, PERRY STREET, BILLERICAY, ESSEX.

Dear Sir,

Why do Kellog's get free advertising in your newspaper? I thought the article was a waste of paper space.

'Disappointed'.

Ed; It cost Kellog's apx 139 to 2/- to arrange information about their products for me. I think it gave people an interesting feature on cereals.

Dear Sir,

Your special article on Kellog's was most disappointing as it was nothing more than an advertisement.

Yours Etc.

Ed; Our readers now know more about cereals.

Dear Sir,

Walking in Lake Meadows the other weekend evening I noticed lots of little scraps of paper littering the grass. They were distributed by the B. Observer exhorting park users to leave less litter. How is the bitere bit.

'Observant'.

ED; We did not distribute any leaflets last weekend. It is most unfortunate that our leaflets have added to the litter but I have walked through Lake Meadows during recent weekends and I have not seen ANY of our leaflets on the ground, nor have I had any knowledge of leaflets on the ground. It must have been the odd one or two (no more) thrown by hardened litter - louts.

Dear Sir,

I quite agree that you should ban the reader who wins all the prizes.. Perhaps you will ban his letters and articles also?

Fair-Play.

Ed; A reader suggested it in a letter. I do not think that, that reader should be banned from entering competitions.

Dear Sir,

I don't think your Socialist correspondent can seriously contend that the Speaker of the House of Commons is a rotten tradition when his own party leaders have openly stated their appreciation of the fair and unbiased manner of the recent holders of this important office. Any student of 'Hansard' will agree that recent Speakers have been completely impartial. Politicians who use the term "rotting" are themselves suspect. Form your opinions on facts...

'Liberal'.

Ed; I think the office of Speaker of the House of Commons should be kept out of politics. If his naturality continues House of Commons debates will be conducted in a orderly and unbiased manner.

MORE LETTERS ON PAGE SIX.

New, interesting features to be published shortly so make sure of your copy of the.....

BILLERICAY
OBSERVER.

LETTERS CONTINUED.

Sir,
Socialists should beware of using the term 'rotten' when it appears that the trade unions are reverting to the old and pernicious system of 'rotten boroughs', VIDE ST HELENS 'Democrat'.

Sir,
It is symptomatic of the apathy of too many people today that your correspondent 'Fed-Up' places British holidaymakers pleasure above the safety and well being of the French people in this, their most serious crisis of the century. 'Fed Up' can surely not have realised just how close to civil war has France been in the last few days-and indeed is hardly out of the wood yet. Think again 'Fed Up'.

'Francophile'.

Ed; Yes, think again 'Fed Up'.

'LONGSIGHT'S RIDDLE CORNER'.
Answers from last time, 1. Lark, 2. Jay, 3. Gull, 4. Grouse, 5. Swift.
More to puzzle you.

1. The bird that breaks a rule?
2. The bird that shakes with fright?
3. The bird that is a ladle?
4. The bird that hunts deer?
5. The bird that is breathless?
6. And how about this one - birds that do what a cat does?

ANSWERS NEXT TIME.

Dear Sir,
'Socialist' is more like a Communist. He suggests that our charming, unusual and beautiful traditions should be done away with. He suggests that the St Pancras riots were NOT caused by Socialist-Communist organisations. It is sure now that London busmen will give up their strike, this will increase the government's popularity. The recent by-elections show that the tide against the government is turning and in ~~XXXX~~ St Helens the Labour majority went DOWN.
'Conservative'.

Dear Sir,
I read with horror in Edition no 10 that a correspondent suggested that the swans should not be stared at or touched but left alone. Also the Observer runs a campaign to get rid of the litter in Lake Meadows, the council should employ more men to get rid of it-we pay our rates. Get rid of these 'puritan' tastes like protecting the swans in Lake Meadows. Organise games and have fairs in Lake Meadows. All the better for the working man.

'Fed Up'.

Ed I am fed up with you and your ideas.

Dear Sir,

I ~~fully~~ appreciate the work down by the records sub-committee of the C.P.R.E in enlightening us about the history of this delightful town. Their window displays in the High Street are wonderful. Until the window displays appeared I was completely ignorant of the history of this town. A big 'thank you'
(Mrs) N.L. ~~Solih~~.

Ed; We appreciate their work very much too.