FAIR ATTENDANCE AT BILLERICAY RESIDENTS' MEETING

There was a fair attendance at the Billericay Residents' Association meeting in the Billericay Institute Hall on Wednesday, June 11th. The meeting was well attended with over 100 members present.

The main item on the agenda was the proposed strike by the National Bus Company. The union had given notice of a one-day strike to be held on July 15th. The decision was made to support the strike and to call for a one-day strike by the members of the local association.

The meeting also discussed the need for more local councillors. It was agreed that the council should be more responsive to the needs of the residents.

Another matter that was discussed was the maintenance of the local parks. It was decided that the council should increase its spending on parks maintenance.

The meeting concluded with the adoption of the minutes and the adjournment for the next meeting on Wednesday, July 9th.
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 People's 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 'Statistician' 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-It's contact immediately 'TARGET', 'BILLERICAY OBSERVER, 143, PERRY ST.'

THE 'WANDERER' WELCOMES LETTERS ON H ANY LOCAL SUBJECT.

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 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 Langdon Hills. Dunton, Lee Chapel, Fryers-Barnstable comprising of Basildon New Town? Soon the council C.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'.

There was a small bicycle that Beddingham Z-bed on Saturday Night Observer.' Shopoway wonderful friends, Billericay Observer. Jumble Sale 26th, Fulf. Box 5.
COMPETITION NO. 5.
WIN 6 BAMBOO GARDEN makes 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 PILGRIMS WALK.
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.
Shop owners, 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, Ferry 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 'Billinge Observer' is not just a mere addition to local newspapers, it is one of the BILLINGE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. Every day more and more people in the district and all over Britain know about the Billecy Observer. More and more orders are piling in and we can not cope. Almost every day letters arrive at the Observer's offices from all over the country...from Manchester, Billericay, Fleet Street and soon we hope abroad.

Yours Sincerely,

Wynford P. Grant,
Editor.

SAFETY 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 Ratepayer's 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 25-16-4 balance for the club at the end of February. By the end of May it was £15-11-0. 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.

There are two reasons for this decision, both of which we think are sound. The first reason is that we want to give our staff a well-deserved vacation. The second reason is that we want to give our readers a well-deserved vacation. We hope that our readers will take advantage of this opportunity to rest and relax, and to enjoy all the attractions that our area has to offer.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
LETTERS.
There have been a fair amount of letters received 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 Kellogg's get free advertising in your newspaper? I thought the article was a waste of paper space.

Disappointed.

Ed: It cost Kellogg's approx. £2 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 Kellogg'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 litter on the floor and paper littering the grass. They were distributed by the Observer exporting 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.

From 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 neutrality continues House of Commons debates will be conducted in an 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, Lark, 2, Jay, 3, Gulli, 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 XWJX St Helens the Labour majority went DOWN.

Conservative'.

Dear Sir,
I read with horror in Edition no 90 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 only appreciate the work done 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. Sabina.

Ed: We appreciate their work very much too.