

MONDAY JUNE 30th

LOCAL FAMOUS SHOW-JUMPER KILLED WHEN HORSE FELL ON HER.

Miss Gabriel of Little Burstead, well-known show jumper throughout the country was killed at Maidstone recently when her horse fell on her when it refused to take a practice jump. She died before she reached hospital. Her death was widely reported in the national press. Council Tanswell expressed sympathy with the parents at the Basildon U.D. Council meeting held on June 19th.

O. B. E. OPENS PARISH FETE.

Mrs E. J. Gregory O. B. E. J. P. opened the Parish Fete in the Archer Hall on Saturday June 21st. The Vicar spoke of Mrs Gregory as a old friend when he was vicar of St Marys Church Plaistow. Mrs Gregory made remarks about the church as a family and that the vicar was very artful in getting her to open the fete and it was only until she had put the 'phone down that she realised that she had to open the fete. The fete had an attendance of about 350-400. Music and loudspeaker equipment was supplied by Squires, High Street, Billericay. There was a fancy dress contest which was won by 'The Princess of the Golden Ball'. There was a lucky programme. The Sunday School, Mothers & Young Wives Union and choir had stalls. There were also various other amusements. The fete was opened at 3.p.m.

Fire Hydrants in Billericay were tested on Sunday June 22nd by a fire engine from Billericay.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN CORRECTS GILBERT HARDING!

Councillor Tanswell, council chairman of Basildon U.D. Council corrected Gilbert Harding T-V & Radio star at the last meeting of Basildon U.D. Council on Thursday June 19th at the Council Chambers, High Street, Billericay. He was referring to a statement of Mr Harding's in the Sunday press recently. Mr Harding had called Basildon U.D. Council "busybodies". The council wish to make it clear that the case was not as Gilbert Harding stated and there was no "case". If there had have been such a case and the council had not have acted on received information it would be very serious indeed.

WHERE SHOULD COUNCIL MEETINGS BE HELD CAUSES GREAT DISCUSSION

The town clerk (Mr Hatt) reported to the Chairman of the Council (Counc Tanswell) that arrangements were not completed for the hire of a hall in Basildon for the July and February meetings were not yet complete. Mrs Gadson remarked that people in Wickford might like to see a council meeting. It was replied that there was very frequent transport services between Billericay & Wickford but not between Billericay and the Basildon new town.

TENDER DECIDED ON FOR MAKE-UP OF LAKESIDE.

A tender has been decided on for the make up and improvement of Lakeside, Perry Street, Billericay and also the improvement of Fairfield Rise, Tye Common Road, Billericay. The tenders were approved at the Basildon U.D. Council meeting.

FIRE HYDRANTS:

ROUND AND ABOUT by 'WANDERER'.

This time I am going to write about British postage stamps. I say they are very dull. Now I do not want to do away with the head of the Queen at all. My suggestion is that stamps are made similar to the 10/-, £1 and other high value British postage stamps. That design is the Queen's head in the left-hand corner on the top and a view of some beautiful or interesting part of Britain. I suggest that lower values should be published on similar lines to that. Also when any great feats occurred such as the crossing of Antarctica then commemorative stamps should be issued. Also stamps showing features on various industries would be a good idea. Wake up Mr Postmaster-General Marples.

Third Television Channel?

Now really we ought to have a article called 'Broadcasting Notes' to talk about this type of thing. But we haven't so who else better to do it than that ancient veteran of the B. Observer who has not got a television set... 'Wanderer'. The I.T.V. has been so successful that some people think that there ought to be another Independent channel relying on adverts to pay for upkeep. If the B.B.C would stop trying to entertain on television and instead just produce such programmes as Brains Trust and school programmes then licence fees would at least halve. I am sure Sir Mortimer Wheeler don't demand 'star' wages. What about it?

All for now,

'Wanderer'!

WONDERFUL NEW OBSERVER FREE SERVICE.

From now on the Billericay Observer's holiday bureau will be open to all readers free of charge. The service has holiday guides from all over Britain. So ask the editor either for the guide of your choice or for full details. You may borrow the guide for a period of time up to 14 DAYS. If you cannot notify the editor about anything connected with the holiday guides service write to, The Arrow Holiday Bureau, Billericay Observer, 143, Perry Street, Billericay, Essex. Our selection is for the present time limited but includes the guides listed below.

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ISLE OF MAN, GRAND COLOURED
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BILLERICAY OBSERVER.

EDITORIAL DEPT.

We again have to apologise to readers for black streaks on their copies but this is due to production difficulties.

We have managed to overcome some of the marks but faded printing may occur in this edition. These will be ended next edition when the duplicate carbon has been re-newed.

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE.

There is so much going on in the political landscape that really I don't know quite what to write about. I will discuss the things that are not attracting so much attention. The Colonial Situation. There are several revolts going on in Cyprus, Malta, Ireland, Aden. Now I expect many people are getting fed up with this kind of thing. The next thing it will be Gibraltar. The British League of Empire Loyalists seem to heckle all political parties. What a mixed-up lot. Are they in a London smog?

All for now.

FOR BETTER, A FICTION STORY OR WORSE. by W. Grant.

A face appeared at the top of the ladder leading into the barn loft carrying some strange-looking equipment. The youth called across to a freckled, bespectacled youth of 18 years, "That's the last of the stuff". "O.K." replied the freckled boy, "O.K. Bill we will start transmission at 6.45 if I can get this beam sorted out." "Knowing you, you will" replied the Dark-Haired 18-year old Bill. Bill and the freckled boy Tony were both radio enthusiasts and both lived in the village of Little Biggleston nestled among the South Downs. They had obtained a licence to run a radio station and had fitted up the equipment in a barn on Bill's farm. They planned to start transmission that evening. About 1/2 hour after they started transmission they heard the cough-splutter-bang of an ancient rattletrap which drew up with a final bang and cloud of exhaust outside the barn. A few minutes later the head of Major D.K. Burt of Little Biggleston grange appeared. He was hot and flushed and his moustache seemed to glower. "Are you the young scallywags and scoundrels who run Little Bigglesworth Radio Station. Your programme interrupted my 'Archers' by gad just as there was an exciting climax when when that exciting moment the cows got loose on the road. Bill and Tony could not suppress their laughter

EDITORIAL CORNER.

Editorial Offices,
143, Perry Street,
Billericay.

Dear Readers,

I hope you enjoy this edition. The results of the competition in edition number eleven are not yet known but will be published in the next edition. Send in your letters please. Use our free advertising offer please. A letter has been sent to the 'Southend Standard' about a item misreported in their newspaper but so far no reply has been received. Also I understand the local 'Southend Standard' reporter has had or has had in his possession editions number ten and eleven of the Billericay Observer. Also I hope readers will request our report of progress (see page four) and also interested non-readers.

Yours Sincerely,

W.P. Grant

Editor.

GYMKHANA.

The weather slightly improved for the 14th annual local gymkhana at the Football Field, Laindon Road, Billericay on Saturday June 28th. A loudspeaker van toured Billericay the day before advertising the gymkhana.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

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Address for all correspondence
143, PERRY STREET, BILLERICAY,
ESSEX. (no telephone).

**SCHOOL GO ON TRIP TO WINDSOR,
LONDON AIRPORT AND RUNNYMEDE.**
Upper Junior pupils of Buttsbury
County Primary School went on a
trip to Windsor, London Airport and
Runnymede on Tuesday June 24th.
The trip cost £1 and included a
boat trip from Runnymede to Windsor.
The party left Billericay at 9.25
a.m. and returned about 8.45p.m.
Teachers on the trip were Mr Unwyn,
Mrs Gale and Miss Jones.

SCHOOL HOLDS JUMBLE SALE TO RAISE FUNDS.

Buttsbury County Primary School held
a jumble sale on Thursday June 26th
to raise funds which had dropped to
a level below £1. There were piles of
jumble, a raffle and provision stall.
There were refreshments and the sale
commenced at 2.30p.m. The sale was
very well attended.

**TILBURY & SOUTH EAST ESSEX
HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.....**
held a meeting on Friday June 20th
at St Andrews Hospital, Billericay
starting at 7.30p.m.

BILLERICAY SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOL.....

went on a diesel tour of Essex on
Friday June 20th. B.B.C television film
cameras were there to film them and
they appeared on B.B.C. television
and the sound feature 'Town and
Country'.

BASILDON BABY KILLED BY DRAIN

Lorraine Beamet two-year old girl
of Beeleigh East, Basildon was killed
by a flood-swelled drain on Saturday
June 28th. The incident happened at
Waltham Abbey when her parents park-
ed their car outside a public house
and left Lorraine in the car who
managed to escape from the car and
then wandered to look at an flood-
swelled open drain. She slipped and
fell in and was swept into a culvert
which went $\frac{1}{2}$ mile under the town.
Firemen rushed to where the culvert
came to the surface again but when
found Lorraine was dead.

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of the 'Billericay Obser-
ver'.

RECORDS DEPARTMENT INVITE APPLICATIONS FOR BACK ISSUES.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT. PUBLICITY DEPT. INFORMATION DEPT.

jointly announce the
production of a report
of the 'Billericay
Observer's' progress and
affairs since it was
founded and also some
observations by the
Editor and a report on
the ideals of the 'Arrow
Newspaper Group'. These
reports will be given
free to readers and
non-readers who are
interested in the 'paper'.
We hope to get a very
good response. Apply to
'Report' at the usual
address.

STOP PRESS.

In reference to the
Buttsbury School outing
to London Airport a
return of 1/9 was made
to all people who went
on the trip after the
news item was printed.
The final amount was in
fact 18/3.

260 'PHONE CALLS
RECEIVED BY BASILDON
U.D. COUNCIL ABOUT
FLOODING RECENTLY
RECEIVED IN DAY.

LETTERS.

There has been a good response to the request for more letters. Letters for publication should be marked as such and be sent to the Billericay Observer's offices or handed to the editor. The editor comments at the end of most letters.

To the editor,
Billericay Observer.

Dear Sir,

I was very pleased to see that the Eastern National bus crews held a token strike, this will shock the directors and increase the fight for the working man's rights in the Essex area. I was also very pleased to read of the St Andrews hospital fete, that's the sort of thing for the working man only hold it in Lake Meadows next time. I am fed up with these residents associations; talking about how non-political they are. Why worry about the council at all and how it is administrated (Round and About by 'Wanderer' last edition) the council is nothing but a circle of anti-working man stick-ups. I read with horror in your Personal advertisement column about money-saving opportunities for businessmen.

They have got enough money already which should be shared out among the working man, your newspaper should completely ignore them. I don't know why Mrs Mitton bothers about racing pigeons but I suppose they are quite nice and I expect you get paid 2/6 or 5/- for helping them. Those Red Cross people can't make them out - doing work for nothing. I say ban any reader against the working man's rights. Those French people should pay for spoiling people's holidays. Of course the directors don't suffer they have got their own 'planes but the poor old working man hasn't.

'Fed Up'.

Ed; What about the working man's obligations? The residents associations do very good work. The council is not entitled to be described by such language and I severely censor you for doing so. The Advertising Department state that they reserve the right to refuse or admit any advert to their columns without outside interference. There is no reason why people should not work without being paid.

Dear Sir, I thought your article on Kellogg's was very informing, entertaining and interesting.

A. S. Smithson.

Dear Sir,

In your Editorial Corner in the last edition you stated that you received letters almost every day. I very much doubt this statement. You also stated that the 'Billericay Observer' was one of the Billericay Local Newspapers. Yet you are closing down for an annual vacation. What is your answer to these queries.

'Commonsense'.

Ed; We receive a very large amount of correspondence. As for your second query we are now publishing a supplement from Cornwall to the 'Billericay Observer'. This will ONLY be sent to readers who apply to the Editor for the supplement.

Dear Sir,

I have a message for 'Fed Up'.

'Shut Up'.

LETTERS - Continued.

Dear Sir,

How can that person 'Fed Up' want to hold fairs etc in Lake Meadows - it is bad enough already. The only thing I am fed up with is 'fed up'.

'Country Lover'.

Ed; I agree with you.

Dear Sir,

Perhaps you will be able to answer a question on local history for me. What is the oldest building in Billericay.

'Interested'.

Ed; There are several old buildings before 1600 still standing in Billericay and I am not an expert but will answer your question as best I can. No. 3, Chapel Street (now under restoration) has been found to date from 1450. The Red Lion also has parts which date from before 1500. Then we have De Olde Chantry Cafe which dates from the early 1500's. There is also Iles the estate agents which dates from the period between 1500 & 1600. Bassoms has a beam dated 1577. Some buildings in Perry Street, Perry Street farm for instance date from 1600.

Dear Sir,

I would to know more (Letters, Edition II) about this museum which the C.P.R.E. are planning. Their window displays in the High Street, are very interesting but I don't know much about it.

'Fact Seeker'.

Ed; We hope to publish in the next edition an article by the secretary of the Museum & Records Committee of the local group.

POLITICS

Dear Sir,

I read in the national press that it has been suggested by a Conservative that closed railways be sold to private enterprise and efficient, economising railcars run on the lines. The railways are nationalised and should continue to be so fully and not eaten into by private enterprise. Before we know where we are 25% of Britain's railways would be the property of private enterprise.

'Socialist'.

Ed; We think that the take-over of branch lines which are condemned would be an excellent idea.

Dear Sir,

Your article (Round and About by 'Wanderer' last edition) about the reformation of Basildon U.D. Council was very sensible. Equal shares for all.

'Fair-Play'.

Dear Sir,

I am tired of incessant crises, revolts and strikes which are obviously caused by Communist elements. A real British (not American) view would do a lot of good.

'Elizabethan'.

Ed; Not a very sensible idea.

Dear Sir,

I am shocked by the disappearance from the Commonwealth standards of many countries. 'Commonwealth Loaf'.