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BILLERICAY M.P. SPEAKS AT LOCAL MEETING

Over 200 people heard Mr. Edward Gardner Q.C., M.P. for Billericay, express his views on Berlin and the Common Market at a Public Meeting, held at the Archer Hall, Billericay, on Tuesday.

Speaking on Berlin, Mr. Gardner said that he had just returned from a train trip across Europe to Berlin, via East Germany. He had done this at his own expense, despite an invitation from the German Federal Government, so that he could form his own unbiased opinion. Describing East Berlin Mr. Gardner said; "East Berlin is a most depressing place, and one notices the difference between East and West Germany. East Berlin is like Socialist Britain in 1951 - only you could escape from Britain, but you can't from Berlin. The Communists are interested in power politics and nothing else, and this is a significant fact in Europe today. Through his East German agents Mr. Krushchev is waging a propaganda war, as a result of which he hopes to inflict a catastrophic moral defeat on the West. A display of naked power, as used by the Russians, is influential. It is our moral duty to see that he does not succeed. There is no room for negotiation on Berlin as an isolated problem. The whole German question must be re-considered and there must be some new thinking".

On the Common Market Mr. Gardner said that those who thought this issue would split the Conservative Party were going to be disappointed. Most people didn't like the idea of Europe in their hearts, but he could not see how Britain could keep out. All Conservatives would guard the rights of the Commonwealth, of Agriculture, and of the European Free Trade Association. The defence of the Commonwealth and Agriculture was a firm traditional principle, and Conservatives always honoured agreements.

Mr. Gardner was to have spoken on Crime, Immigration, and other topics but because of the Berlin situation, and his visit to that city, Mr. Gardner did not have the time to speak on these topics. After Mr. Gardner had finished his speech he was questioned on various aspects of home and foreign affairs.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

BILLERICAY FACTORY'S EXPANSION PLANS.

Wernicks, manufacturers of sectional timber buildings, have announced big expansion plans for their factory in Charity Chase, Billericay, on the Billericay Industrial Estate. It is intended to extend the covered area by 50% to 16,000 square feet, and to increase the number of people employed from forty to eighty. It is also planned to re-build the internal road system.

When Wernicks opened their Billericay factory in January, 1952, they employed three people, and had a covered area of 1,500 square feet.

FLATS PLANS PASSED.

In reply to a letter from Billericay Residents' Association expressing concern at the lack of publicity for the flats scheme opposite Billericay Station, Basildon Council stated that only outline planning application had been given, and the question of a meeting with affected residents would be considered when the detailed plans were submitted. The High Street Consultative Panel had been consulted on the proposed development. Bye-law approval had also been given.

At the monthly meeting of the Residents' Assn. Committee on Friday concern was expressed at the fact that Cromwell Avenue residents adversely affected by the proposals might not have the chance to make representations.

Members were also informed that plans had been finally passed for 4 storey flats in Bush Hall Road, 3 storey flats in Newlands Road, and 2 storey flats at the junction of Dukes Farm Road and Newlands Road. The Council stated that the greatest care had been taken in siting to prevent adverse effects.

Mr. Hillyard said that the Association couldn't be against them in principle because of the shortage of land, but the Council must be made to realise that they couldn't be placed in an established area of houses and bungalows.

Commented Mr. Drury; "I don't see why we should have flats in Billericay. The trains, buses, water and electricity services, and schools are strained to the limit. If flats go up the ratio of concentration of population goes up fantastically. It's only the Council who want flats - everybody else doesn't".

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FLATS PROTEST.

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Mr. Blair, Secretary of the Buttsbury Residents' Association commented; "It all comes down to publicity to planning applications. The Council have received numerous letters from residents on this subject".

Mr. Hopkins, Treasurer suggested; "We should make a maximum effort on this. This is one of the things Residents' Associations are for".

Mr. Lunt wondered if the Association could do anything positive to ensure that nothing happened before the meeting.

It was decided to write to the Council, and ask them to allow representations to be made by residents before plans were finally passed.

GIFT TO MUSEUM'S 5,000th VISITOR.

The 5,000th visitor to sign the Visitors' Book in Billericay's Cater Museum, 10-year old Dawn Plant of Knightbridge Walk, Billericay, has been presented with 10/6d by the Curator on behalf of the Museum's Governing Body.

Among addresses entered in the Visitors' Book are some from as far away as Mobasa, Vancouver, Wisconsin, California, Ontario, Kingston (Jamaica), India, Pakistan, France, Spain, Germany, Japan, and Switzerland, as well as many from remote places in Britain.

Fresh exhibits are still arriving towards completing the Period Rooms. New exhibits for the cases include 17th century pottery from Norsey Road, Ramsden Heath, relics of S.A. Barfield, Billericay's last Town Crier received from his daughter at Rochford, and a Was Doll of 1837 from Herongate.

RESIDENTS ALTER CONSTITUTION.

At the meeting of Buttsbury Residents' Association held at Buttsbury School last Monday week a lively and constructive discussion was held on the constitution, and several amendments were made.

Mr. Tony de Bues gave a short talk on the youth club problem in the district, which was well received.

Cllr. Wilkins answered various questions from members on the Council.

The question of flats in Billericay was discussed for a short time. Members were continuing to write to the Council on this subject, and it was decided to press the Council for a reply to the Association's formal protest.

VICAR GOES INTO RETIREMENT.

The Vicar of Billericay, the Rev. S.D. Powley, retired on Thursday. He is going to live at Thorpe Bay, where he will be available if the local churches need him. For the past few years the Rev. Powley has had to run the Parish without the aid of a Curate. The Rev. Powley came to Billericay in 1952 from Plaistow. He was the fourth Vicar of the separate Parish of Billericay.

At the Harvest Festival Supper at the Archer Hall on Saturday, the Rev. Powley, was presented with gifts from the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalen, and Christ Church, Perry Street.

The new Vicar, the Rev. D.R. Greaves, comes from the Parish of Green St. Green in the Diocese of Rochester. He is married, with a young family. He is expected to take up his post in November.

17,000 SAW RECORD OFFICE EXHIBITION,

Over 17,000 people saw the "Elizabethan Essex" Exhibition, staged by the Essex Records Office at Ingatestone Hall this Summer. The Exhibition was held to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the visit of Queen Elizabeth 1st to Ingatestone Hall.

Next year's exhibition, open from April to October, will be on the theme "Medieval Essex". In this Exhibition something of the pattern of Medieval Society in Essex will be recreated through original manuscripts, prints, pictures, and photographs of existing monuments. As usual the Long Gallery, with its portraits and armorial china, and the Garden Chamber, with its 16th century furniture will be open to visitors.

RESIDENTS REFUSE TORY PERMISSION TO ANSWER ATTACK IN "THE MAYFLOWER".

Billericay Residents' Association have refused to give space to a reply from T.M. Thomas, Chairman of Billericay Conservative Branch, in their magazine the "Mayflower", to an Editorial in the "Mayflower", answering a leaflet issued by Mr. Thomas criticising the Residents' actions at the Council Elections. Members at last Friday's Committee Meeting felt that there would be no end to replies from one to the other. They did not wish to get involved in a prolonged written debate on the issue, and they felt that Mr. Thomas would feel the same way as well.

REMOVAL OF HEDGE WILL CAUSE SAFETY MENACE, SAY RESIDENTS. LACK OF OPEN SPACE IN SOUTH GREEN.

Although the Parks Committee of Basildon Council have refused to hold a meeting with the South Green Committee of Billericay Residents' Association on South Green Recreation Ground, the residents still maintain that the removal of the hedge will cause a safety menace. Recently playground equipment was removed from the Recreation Ground, which is between Grange Road and Southend Road, and it is proposed to bulldoze down the hedge surrounding the Recreation Ground.

Commented Mr. Featherstone, Chairman of the South Green Committee; "This will cause a severe safety menace. We have suggested putting a fence round the Recreation Ground, but the Council have not replied. Despite the removal of playground equipment, the playground is often swarming with children. If the hedge is removed, a ball could easily run out into the road, and an accident happen. We admit the hedge is not entirely satisfactory, but the danger would be far greater without it. The Council have said that there have been no accidents, as a result of the removal of the hedge on Bell Hill, on the Southend Road, but we know that there have been. In order to save face the Council are burying their heads in the sand like ostriches.

In addition this is the only Open Space in the area, apart from the Bell Hill green, which is just a patch of land surrounded by houses. Lake Meadows is 2½ miles away, and for a mother with a pushchair or pram walking is out of the question. So are buses. Apart from that there is the time factor". The Committee intend to write to the Council again on the subject, to try and get something concrete done.

FIRE IN BUILDER'S HUT.

Last Saturday week Billericay Fire Brigade attended a small fire in a builder's hut, on the site of "Hurlock's" in the High Street. The fire was caused by the upsetting of a stove, and damage was very slight. Last Sunday week the Brigade answered a call to Hanging Hill Lane, Hutton, to find that it was a malicious false alarm.

WEIR POND CAUSES TROUBLE.

Flooding in Laindon Road, causing inconvenience to worshippers attending the Roman Catholic Church is to be looked into by Cllr. Wilkins, at the request of Billericay Residents' Assn. The trouble is caused by the old Weir Pond, a famous Billericay landmark of old times, filled in years ago

EDITORIAL.

Editor:- Wynford P. Grant.

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As I am now in my 4th year at School certain kind readers thought that the running of the newspaper would interfere with my school work. A meeting was held, at which these gentlemen attended, and proposals were made. I have given the matter careful consideration, and whilst I appreciate the good intentions of these people, I have come to the conclusion that it would not be practicable to de-centralise the organisation of the paper.

I have now purchased a new electric duplicator, which will speed up the production of the paper. I have also devised a system of advance payment for the personal delivery service (300 calls). All readers who use this service will receive a letter explaining the system. As a result of these improvements, I shall be able to produce the paper on my own, as I have done for the past four years, and at the same time I will be able to devote the right and proper time to my education.

In conjunction with the use of the new machine certain improvements have been made to the layout of the paper, which I hope you will like. Further improvements will be introduced with the 100th issue (out December 5th). It is also hoped to increase the circulation (at present approaching 700) to 1,000.

The keen interest of readers in my effort is much appreciated.

----- The Editor.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Forthcoming Events In Billericay.

Thursday October 12th:- Basildon Council Meeting, Council Chamber, 94, High St., Billericay, 6.50 p.m.

Saturday October 14th:- Residents' Associations Jumble Sale, W.I. Hall, 3 p.m. (see Page 8).

Wednesday October 18th:- St. Andrews' Hospital Lge. of Friends, Annual Public Meeting, W.I. Hall, 8 p.m.

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For the Old Folk

Billericay O.A.P. - 27th September Meeting.

There was a very good attendance. All sick members were improving, and everybody was pleased to hear this good news. The Secretary emphasised that the Annual Dinner would be held shortly, and asked members to put their names down as soon as possible. He also reminded members that the A.G.M. would be on October 25th. He explained to members how they should fill in their Proposal Forms, and asked for them a fortnight before the A.G.M. The afternoon's entertainment was provided by the Branch's Concert Party, as the Concert Party booked did not turn up.

Billericay O.A.P. - 4th October Meeting.

There was an excellent attendance. With regard to sick members it was stated that Mr.E.Speller was very queer; Mrs.Candler was also ill. Other sick members were improving. All were wished a speedy recovery to good health. Mrs.Hodges and Mr.Lockhart were welcomed back after absence through illness. A "Harvest Festival" afternoon, organised by Mrs.Pierce, was held. It was a great success, and all proceeds went to Branch funds. Before the goods were sold, a Harvest hymn was sung.

South Green Thursday Club.

The Annual Elections took place at last week's meeting. All Committee members were elected unopposed, showing that members are satisfied with the running of the club, and many thanks were extended for past services given so freely. Committee and Officers:- Chairman, Mr.W.Anderson, President, Mr. Brooks, Secretary Mr.Moore, Treasurer Mrs.S.Hall, Registrar Mrs.Smith, Social Secretary, Mrs.Galton, other committee members, Mr.Salmon, Mr & Mrs. Warner, Mrs.Anderson. Annual Dinner will be October 21st, Pantomime Outing in January.

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Monday October 16th (3 Days):- Yul Brynner, Gina Lollobrigida in "SOLOMON & SHEBA" (A). Full Supporting Prog.

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Norsey Rangers lost at home 1-2 to Laindon United, in Basildon League.

Norsey Rangers Reserves lost away to Laindon United Res 3-5, in Basildon League, Div. 2.

Norsey Rangers Minors beat Laindon United Minors at home 10-0 in Basildon Minors League.

Saturday October 7th:-

Billericay Town beat Murex away 6-2 in the Essex Intermediate Cup.

Norsey Rangers lost away to Laindon Athletic 2-6 in Basildon League Div. 1,

Norsey Rangers Res. lost at home 5-8 to Laindon Athletic Res. in Basildon League, Div. 2.

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BILLERICAY IN 1706.

by the Editor.

The material for this series of articles, taken from the Petre rent records in the Essex Records Office, reveals a large number of interesting facts about Billericay at this time. I will disprove many things which have been written about the history of Billericay, and prove many new facts. From the information I have obtained I have compiled a numerical survey of Billericay as it was in July, 1706:-

Street or side of Street	Copyhold	Freehold	1706 Total	1961.
West side of High Street	30	7	37	49
Lands between "waies leading to Northshey and Chilmsforde" (Norsey Wood and Chelmsford).	7	1	8	6
East side of High Street to Church	11	2	13	20
Wellfield Lane (Chapel Street).	7	2	9	30
East side of High Street from Church	28	3	31	43
Newe Street (Western Road)	1	2	3	8
TOTAL =	84	17	101	156

(Overall total on east side = 44, Inns - included above - 7).

"Inns" in 1961 = 6.

The above total does not include Sun Street or Laindon Road, which both had a substantial number of houses, nor all the other houses in the Parish. These will be dealt with in a later article. No modern total can be strictly accurate, because of vacant sites, and the difficulty in deciding when, for example, there are two shops in one basic property. In addition there are some cottages along Norsey Road, and "Newe Street" has grown far past its old length. At first sight it would seem that there are more houses or shops in Central Billericay in 1961, than in 1706. But it must be remembered that many of the old properties have been sub-divided, or demolished to make way for two shops, where one house stood before. It is obvious that Billericay in 1706 was no small place - with Sun Street and Laindon Road its population was probably near 1,000, no small figure for those days. It had seven Inns, compared with six Public Houses today - and Inns are a sign of prosperity. One important building is omitted from the rent records - The Market House - as it was owned by the Lord of the Manor. We know it was there then, as it was shown on an earlier map. Up to now it has been thought that "Wellfield Lane" was "Chantry Way", but I am satisfied that it was Chapel Street. There were no houses in Wellfield Lane, and Chapel Street is not mentioned at all. In addition the sandpits and ginger grove off Chapel Street are mentioned as being off Wellfield Lane, proof that Wellfield Lane was the old name for Chapel St.

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TELEPHONE FOR LAKE MEADOWS?

In reply to a request from Billericay Residents' Association Basildon Council have stated that they cannot provide a first aid tent at Lake Meadows during the week in the summer school holidays. They have also stated that the telephone authorities did not consider a telephone box in Lake Meadows an economical proposition - the box in Lake Avenue was not found to be economical. However, the Council have told the Residents that they will be considering installing a telephone in the Attendant's office, which would enable the Council to keep in direct contact with the park, and which could be used by the general public.

JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT.

At last week's Finance Committee meeting of Basildon Council, it was decided to pay compensation to the owner of "The Bijou" in Western Road for the demolition of that property as part of the High Street/Western Road junction improvement.

SUNNYMEDE MEETING.

At last Friday's Committee Meeting of Billericay Residents' Association it was decided to hold a meeting at Sunnymede School on Friday 20th October at 8.30 p.m. to consider the setting up of a Sub-Committee for Sunnymede and Outwood Common, similar to that already in existence at South Green.

The resignation of the Secretary, Mr. G. Birch, who had left the district, was received with regret. Mr. Casson was appointed Secretary.

It was decided to support Buttsbury Residents' Association in their complaints regarding smell from the Mountnessing Road Sewage Works. It was reported that the Council had denied that there was any smell.

RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE FIGHT.

The South Green Committee of Billericay Residents' Association are to continue their fight for transport for children between the ages of 7 and 21, from South Green, to Billericay County Junior School.

The Council have informed the Residents that they do not consider that the dangers on Bell Hill are bad enough to warrant transport.

The Residents maintain that there are two bad danger spots. One where the children have to cross the road at the bottom of Bell Hill, where the path changes sides, and one at Oak Farm bend, where the pavement is only eighteen inches, which, they claim, is often mounted by buses.

ROUND AND ABOUT

by
"WANDERER"

I view with extreme concern the Council's attitude to the publicity of the various Flats schemes. A meeting about the Newlands Road and Bush Hall Road schemes should definitely have been held before planning permission was granted. If the Council do not give advance publicity to flats schemes for areas of bungalows and houses, then what will they give advance publicity on? I do not consider that flats are at all desirable in the Newlands Road area, so close to a large number of bungalows. Most of the occupiers of these properties are buying them on mortgages on a long-term investment, and then they are told soon after they have moved in that flats are to go up.

Nor do I consider that outline planning permission should have been given to the Station scheme, before a meeting was held. Obviously the sandpits are an eyesore, but the flats could be, and bungalows in Cromwell Avenue are not far away. In addition alternative schemes could have been put forward. The sub-soil of this land - sand - is extremely undesirable for erecting flats on.

This land is in a central position. It is proposed that Station Approach will be converted into a Car Park, and that buses will turn round and wait outside the Station, in a short and narrow piece of road. This could be extremely dangerous. I agree with the C.P.R.E. suggestion that the land could be used as a Bus Station. Nothing expensive, but adequate to cope with Billericay's growing needs. Shops could be incorporated in the Bus Station. If flats are really needed, then they could be built as far away from the bungalows as possible.

I completely agree with the refusal of Billericay Residents' Association to give space in their magazine, "The Mayflower" to Mr. T. M. Thomas, Chairman of Billericay Conservatives, to reply to an Editorial on the leaflet issued by Mr. Thomas. This argument could go on for ever and ever. Both sides have stated their views. Now is the time to stop.

I trust that the Council will install a telephone line to the park attendant office in Lake Meadows. This will enable the Council to keep in constant touch with Lake Meadows, and could prove to be extremely useful, in case of an emergency ---- "Wanderer".