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Something of Interest for Everyone.

BILLERICAY WARD THREE SEATS ARE STILL ALL REPRESENTED BY CONSERVATIVES ON LOCAL COUNCIL AFTER ELECTIONS. LABOUR POLLED FEWER VOTES THAN LIBERAL IN BILLERICAY WARD.

Billericay-Buttsbury ward in the Basildon U.D. Council was kept as an all-Conservative represented ward. Mr H. Davies J.P. retained the vacant seat for the Conservatives. Labour polled fewer votes than the Liberals. Results were:

Mr H. Davies J.P. 1,480.

Mr A. Bishop 638.

Mr H. Hayden 577.

Total votes recorded - 2,695 out of apx 9,000 voters.

LABOUR now control the council by a margin of 3 seats.

TOTAL RESULTS. number of seats

Conservatives 17

Socialists 17

Liberals. 0

Other Parties. 0

Conservatives distributed no leaflets in the Buttsbury area of Billericay.

NEW RADIO SHOP FOR HIGH STREET.

StanWood's (Radio) Ltd are now constructing a new shop in Billericay High Street. The shop will be on the site of a now demolished house, which was severely damaged by fire, with the loss of a life two years ago. B.O. Reporter.

NO PUBLIC HOUSE FOR PERRY STREET.

No Public House will be erected on the corner of Perry St-Upland Road. The appeal by Townsend & Partners was not successful. 90% of the people living in the Perry Street area were against the plan.

The appeal was held at the Council Offices in March. The appeal was the main news item in edition number five of the 'Billericay Observer'. If the appeal had been successful a new road would have been constructed from the Mountnes-

sing Railway Bridge to Station Approach, Billericay to help in trade.

THREAT TO SMASH COUNCIL OFFICES.

A man living in a Council House, shortly to be evicted as his rent is in arrears has threatened to destroy the Council Offices, High Street, Billericay when he is evicted next week. As a result of this threat, the police will keep a guard on the Council Offices on Monday May 19th onwards. The council house is in Laindon. The man has been given financial assistance from the Salvation Army. Copyright, Arrow Newspaper Group. An B.O. Exclusive.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AND RECORDS BROKEN, DESPITE BAD CONDITION S.

by 'on the spot' reporter W. Grant. Billericay Secondary School held their annual sports on Saturday March 17th. Events I-10 were held during the week due to pressure of time. Several field events have been postponed because of the very bad weather conditions until Monday March 19th. The trophies will not be presented until then.

Billericay Observer unofficial house positions (almost correct)

1. CHANTRY HOUSE (the holders)

2. STOCKWELL " "

3. NORSEY " " "

4. BLUNTS " " "

Stockwell and Norsey are neck and

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ROUND and ABOUT by

"Wanderer".

I am sure 90% of the inhabitants of Perry Street would prefer a prettier and more attractive name. The Street impresses the thought of slummy, old, terraced, rows of houses, near the centre of the town on a the mind of a person who has never visited Perry Street. In 1777 it was called Peartree Street, after a certain "Peartree Farm" off Peartree Street. It is easy to understand how it has been changed by speech through the ages. Of course it would take a lot of negotiation with the local council and postal authorities but a petition can be organised. The Billericay Observer will hold an opinion poll on the subject and if there is the demand organise a petition and campaign on the matter. Alternative names for Perry Street are; Peartree Avenue, Peartree Walk, Peartree Way, Buttsbury Road, Buttsbury Way, Buttsbury Avenue, Bush Hall Avenue, Mountnessing Avenue, Mountnessing Way or Great Blunts Way/Avenue.

I wish local shops would not display signs as follows; Open for Smith's biscuits, Closed, even for Smith's biscuits. The Open sign grammatically indicates that the shop is open only for Smith's biscuits. Instead let's have signs which indicate when the shop will again be open. e.g:

SMITH'S GENERAL STORES
prop': J. H. Wollt.

this shop is CLOSED for LUNCH
and will open for general goods
at 2 p.m.

All for now,

" WANDERER "

THE WANDERER WELCOMES LETTERS.

THE ARROW NEWSPAPER GROUP.

Official Announcement.

Concerning the unperiodical journal the Billericay Observer which is published by us.

Concerning a certain regular article appearing namely, 'Political Landscape'. It has been decided by Arrow Newspapers to suspend the publication of this article forthwith.

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COLUMN TWO

Copys of official statement concerning "Political Landscape obtainable from the Billericay Observer's main office and from other branches of the group.

hereby, under the seal of Arrow

Newspapers

this minute in action from

signed

Chairman.

W. Grant

THE TWO "W" GARDENS.

WALL and WATER

In The Garden,

Part 1. The Wall Garden.

Little satisfaction attends this if the wall is of brick, but where walls of the Cotswold type exist - flat stones built up without cementing - they can be made effectivr by packing earth into the intersection taking care to fill the interior cavities. Plants are then planted in the earth and when fully grown they produce a very attractive effect.

Part 2. The Water Garden

The water garden can be a modest affair or an elaborate accessory to the garden. A pool can be very attractive when water lillies planted in tubs, are placed in it. A very formal pool is not attractive.

FREE GARDEN ADVICE GIVEN ON
APPLICATION TO GARDEN ADVICE
BILLERICAY OBSERVER.

EDITORIAL CORNER

Dear Readers,

The Billericay Observer has undertaken new schemes which we will support to the full.

I hope you like the changes and additions in the Billericay Observer. I am typing this from the B.O's new offices, still at 143, Perry Street but in a special top room.

Yours Sincerely,

W. Grant

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BILLERICAY OBSERVER ANTI-LITTER SCHEME.

The Billericay Observer are shocked by the amount of litter left by visitors in Lake Meadows. So on Sunday May 18th they distributed anti-litter leaflets. There will be a big leaflet-giving drive at Whitsun. Leaflets were worded as follows; Lake Meadows is beautiful. Please help to keep it beautiful, by not throwing your litter all over it but putting it in the litter bins. If not in the litter bins PLEASE NOT IN THE LAKE. The litter can be to a certain extent removed from the grass but not from the Lake. Many people promised to be careful.

CYCLING ON PERRY STREET TO RAILWAY STATION

FOOTPATHS INQUIRY.

The Billericay Observer maintains that the bicycles are very dangerous. During a walk along the footpath 7 BICYCLES PASSED ME! EVERY CYCLE WAS DANGEROUS. The prohibition law must be ENFORCED IMMEDIATELY. The Billericay Observer conducted an opinion poll on the subject. Results were;

For Cycling.....0%

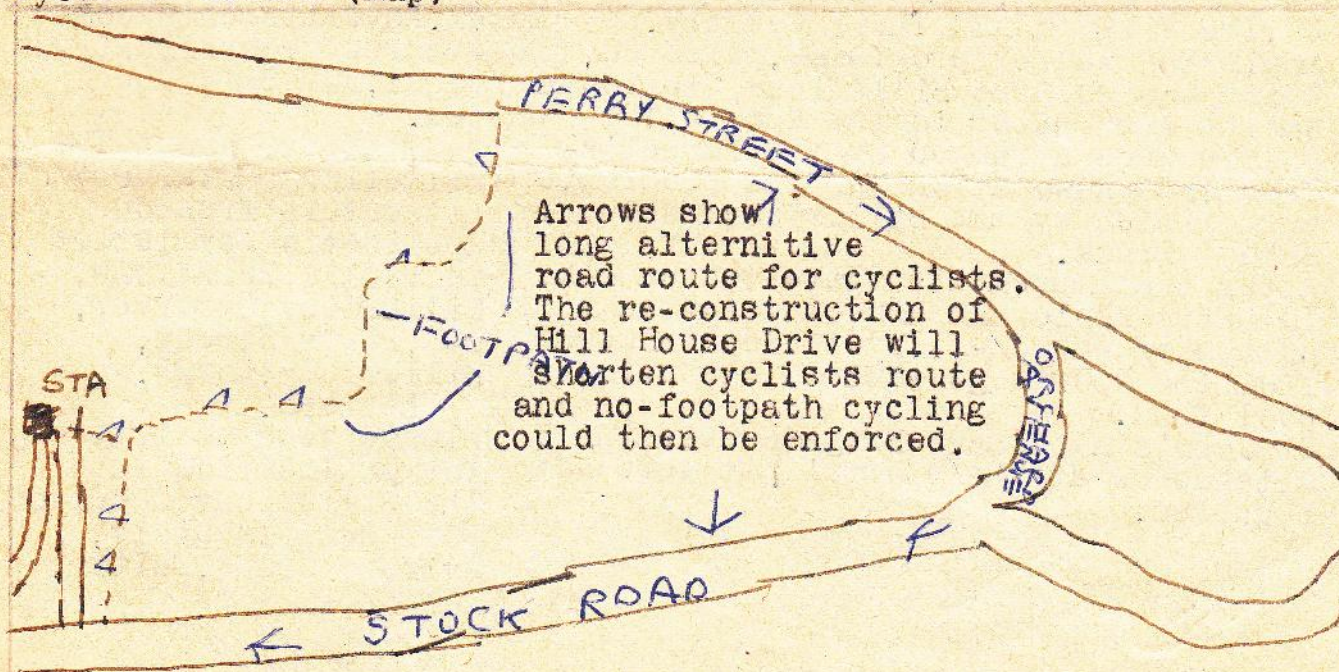
Against Cycling.....100%

This proves that people using the footpath are behind the 'Billericay Observer'.

Comments from one person interviewed were; "Dangerous for the small children walking to the park. We know that it is a long way round but if they must come that way they should walk with their bicycles. Another person said; "I think they should not be allowed because they are dangerous. However if they PULL UP and say "May I pass". I would let them pass. But not when they ring their bells and go about 18 - 20 m.p.h. and nearly knock you down."

Now let us look at the cyclists point of view.....they have to go $\frac{1}{2}$ mile extra if they do not use the footpath. The conclusions the Billericay Observer have drawn up say that cyclists should be allowed to cycle with a 4.m.p.h limit which should be strictly enforced by the police.

Cyclists dilemma (Map)



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SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS.

report continued.

neck. Chantry has a fair lead over Stockwell and Norsey. Blunts are a great distance behind the other houses, coming fourth in most events.

The sports commenced in rain and many people were shown by stewards to classrooms commanding a good view of the sports. There was an attendance of about 250 people. In one $\frac{1}{4}$ mile event the time was 60.3 seconds! If the race had been a mile one the first competitor would have had a time of 4mins and 1 and .2 of a second. Only 1.2 seconds over the four minute mile. In the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile walk and 880 yards race competitors had a distance of about 200 yds between the 1st and 4th competitors. Records broken were: Long Jump, Senior Girls by B. Everett by 2" making the record 16' 1". The other records broken was the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile walk, broken by J. Ragg (his own record) 4.9. Announcements were made by microphone. Three unique events not run were the Father's Race, Mother's race and tug-of-war between the Teacher's and Parent's.

After the sports there were teas, pony rides, darts, treasure hunt, sideshows, guessing cake weight. There was also a film, admission 1/- entitled, The Vikings And Their Country. Admission was by programme, price 6d, which was sold at Billericay Station on the week prior to the sports. The sports were arranged by the Parent's-Teacher's Association and the programme was printed by the Billericay Secondary School Press.

After the amusements there was dancing to Harry Poole and his band in the hall. Admission was 3/-...by ticket. Proceeds from the sports go towards the swimming pool fund.

St John's Ambulance Brigade were in attendance at the sports' but were not required.

RESULT OF COMPETITION IN SUPPLEMENT INCLUDED IN EDITION NO. 8.

Winner of the ballpoint pen was Mr G. Mitton of 139, Perry Street, Billericay. Special mention must be made of Mr White, 130X, Perry Street, Billericay, Essex who included the poem published below.

These pictures sure do puzzle me

For which is lake, and which is sea, or where I do not know, but still I am asked to have a go.

So these at random now I pluck, in hopes that I may have some luck.

EMERGENCY WARD IO COME TO BILLERICAY.

A member of Emergency ward ten's cast will open the fete organised by the St Andrews Hospital Leauge of Friends to be held on June 7th at the Archer Hall Field.

Billericay Observer Announcements.

Advertising in the Billericay Observer is free to readers. Write to Advertising, Billericay Observer, 143, Perry Street, Billericay, Essex. Advertisements come under three classifications Personal, For Sale and Wanted.

Any Querys About The Billericay Observer?

Literature free on application by letter to Public Relations, Billericay Observer, 143, Perry Street, Billericay, Essex.

Letters.

Please send us letters for publication in the Billericay Observer. Full details apply, Wynford Grant, Editor.

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LETTERS.

The number of letters sent to us is dropping. We would be very pleased if those that do not normally write letters would write one or two.

Dear Sir,

You reported that a talk had been held and given by the C.P.R.E. It would be much more interesting and useful if you told us before the event that such talks were to be held. I am sure some of your readers would find the time to attend.

"Lectureite".

Ed: I very much doubt that readers would not know about the talk if they were VERY interested.

Dear 'Wanderer',

I would question your per centages for the truth content of the 'Daily Herald'. I hold no brief for the newspaper but feel your statement libellous.

As to which newspaper is best to read the answer is probably tied up with your "reading age" estimates. A person with a reading age of 7 or 8 would not derive much benefit from 'THE TIMES'; but then again an intelligent reader would not find much of interest to them, for instance, the 'Daily Sketch'. Did you know that the British people are the biggest newspaper buyers and readers in the World?

"Magarine Lover".

Ed: a person can by stages raise his reading age from seven to eighteen. Do you think readers that the article "Round And About by Wanderer" should be suspended?

MORE QUESTIONS AND RIDDLES FROM 'LONGSIGHT'.

Answers from 'Longsight' to questions in
Edition no. 8.

1. Lark.
2. Jay (J).
3. Gull.
4. Grouse.
5. Swift.
6. Robin.

This weeks questions; Birds Part 2.

7. Breaks a rule in boxing?
8. Shakes with fright?
9. In a sailors white uniform?
10. Is a ladle?
11. Hunts Deer?
12. Is breathless? Answers next edition.

More riddles.

4. Why did the fly fly?
5. Why did the coal scuttle?
6. Why did the sausage roll?
7. Why did the letter box?
8. Why did the barmaid whine?

Answers next edition. Prize for first all-correct solution

Dear Sir,

I have read in my national press that the Socialists when they are next in power oppose the return of the present natural speaker in the House of Commons and elect a Socialist speaker thus bringing into the arena of party politics a traditional, so-far unbiased position.

'Annoyed'

THE CONFESSIONS OF A TEA-DRINKER

An "Arrow" Presentation and exclusive.

The scene is South America-the time? About the beginning of the 13th century. A whole civilised people were marching for the coastline, heading for the beaches of what is now called Peru. Already the sand for miles and miles was crowded with these strange people sitting, lying, running, walking, jumping, standing - all peering carefully at each other. Very like a crowd of present day politicians having a convention at Brighton. They were all there for one purpose.....to worship the Sun. For these people were the forerunners of present day civilisation. They set the pace that we now follow. But for them we would be without our Margates and our Blackpools and our Clactons. We would be infinitely the poorer in other words. I'm sure you will agree. But as in previous historical revelations in this series, we are to discuss today how a famous people got their name. We were to have enquired why these people who worshipped the Sun were so interested in each others behaviour. Why it was that these very people acted as detectives in fact. All the time, everywhere. Or as the crime lovers would say they acted as 'tocs. And that's how they became to be called AZTECS. Well not really. What I really wanted to talk about were the Arabs. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~xxxx~~. Being great gambelers they would bet all their possessions- their camels, their wives, even their tents! The lucky ones of course had staked all and won a hammock or bunk. And ever after they were reffered to as the BEDWIN. Arabs (.....nowadays spelt BEDOUIN Arabs). Hardly belieavable is it?

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