

# Letters

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## Stop sniping and get into action

**SURELY credit must be given where it is due.**

Cllr. Farmer's letter (Adscene 6 October) sets out to criticise Cllr. Lewis for pressing for workplace nurseries for working mums.

The Labour Group on the council should realise that what ever may be in the manifesto, it won't happen unless someone

actually makes it happen.

In fairness, all of the groups have some ideas which could be implemented to the benefit of the people of Thanet, but sadly, most sit back and are only prepared to snipe, rather than being positive and promoting their ideas, which will be judged on merit.

In this instance, Cllr. Barry Lewis, not the Labour Group,

brought the nursery idea to committee as a visiting councillor, and has pursued it with vigour. Much to his credit, he has gained support from those who frankly hadn't given the matter a thought before he raised it.

Thanet District Council would be a much more effective forum if the members would only stop the negative behaviour, actually implement some of the promises

made at election time and judge ideas on merit, and not on personalities.

Does it really matter where an idea originates? Surely what matters is that it be put forward, and, hopefully, adopted for the public good.

Cllr. K. R. Piper  
Mulr Road  
Ramsgate

## Corn circle clues

I WAS interested to learn of the controversy in your columns concerning the so-called cornfield circles, which I'm sure your readers will be interested to learn are not precise circles and do not occur only in cornfields!

Your correspondents referred to the work being carried out by Dr. Terence Meaden at the Tornado & Storm Research Organisation, based in Bradford-on-Avon, in Wiltshire. Dr. Meaden has been investigating this fascinating phenomenon since 1980 and he has been publishing the results of this research in the internationally respected Journal of Meteorology.

Dr. Meaden's explanation for this phenomenon is that a previously unrecognised atmospheric vortex - a rotating column of ionised air - is responsible for laying down these intricate, beautiful patterns. His research is still incomplete, however, and he has yet to achieve the total support of the meteorological community for what he is proposing.

This, it seems certain, will be accomplished be-

fore too long, as there are now several well-documented eye-witness accounts of this phenomenon occurring in daylight.

We at the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) have also been investigating the phenomenon of the circles, and we support Dr. Meaden's interpretation with only a few minor qualifications. Several circles have been proven hoaxes, and with each passing summer, more and more circles fall under suspicion of hoaxing as the phenomenon receives more and more publicity. Experienced investigators have learnt to tell the differences in the way corn is laid down. The shape is often a good clue to the true nature of the circle - hoaxed circles consist of damaged corn, while the genuine circles are almost totally undamaged.

Many different circle formations are known to have appeared, and these date back to at least 1918 in this country, and to at least 1954 abroad.

One of the few out-

standing questions concerning the phenomenon of the circles is the lack of historical precedents for some of the more complicated formations. It is for this reason that BUFORA are anxious to collect reports of circles dating back before the 1980s, particularly in counties where circles are comparatively rare.

Should any of your readers know of circles appearing in Kent, I would be interested in hearing from them and I will be happy to exchange information. All correspondence will be treated in confidence.

Mr. Paul Fuller  
Tavistock Close  
Romsey  
Hampshire

## Cllr Lewis bites back

THE Thanet District Labour Group spokesperson continues in your letters column their personal attacks on me concerning workplace nursery facilities - an item I put on the council agenda.

He says that the original idea of a nursery was in the manifesto which I, as a Labour councillor, supported in 1987 and therefore was 'not my idea'. The reason I, as a member of the Labour Party, had to leave this so-called Labour Group is that they refused to put over Socialist policies in the council.

Why didn't Cllr. Sid Farmer, or any other Labour councillor put forward the nursery suggestion to the council? 'Action speaks louder than words' - I put the words into action!

As for my 'real weakness'-publicity- I will continue to publicise Socialist views, as I have since I joined the Labour Party 15 years ago (because I think the local electorate should know from their own councillors).

I ask fraternally for the local Labour Party members to put pressure on their district councillors in Thanet to do the same. I hope they will succeed where I failed.

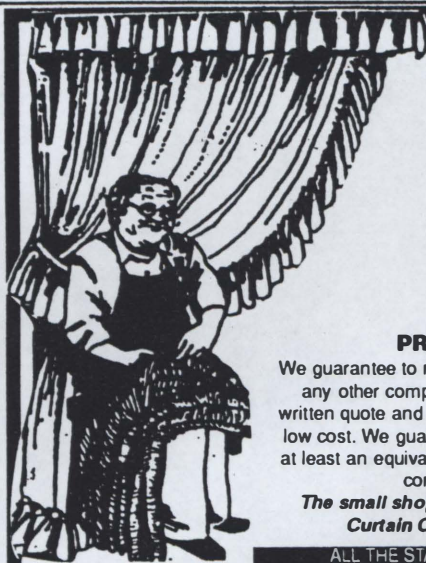
Cllr. Barry Lewis  
Arundel Road  
Cliftonville

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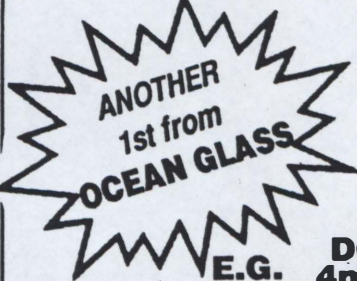
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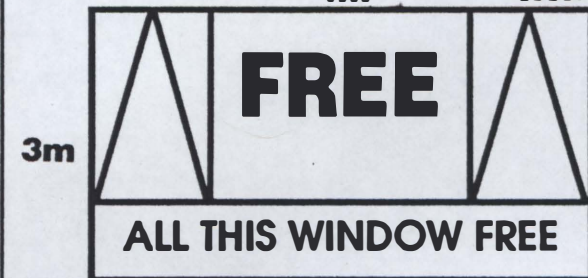
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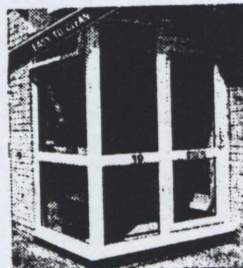
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