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# Special Report

The Newsletter of Westcliff Film and Video Club

Westcliff Stories from Publicity Officer, Chris Taylor

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## The Last Resort makes Echo Page One! And Page 5....and the Editorial comment on page 8!



Our 'Triangle' Effort with the theme 'The last Resort' has hit the front page of the Southend Evening Echo, because the film takes a sarcastic swipe at Southend. This has been seen as a reprisal against the Council's unhelpfulness when approached by club teams on other projects.

John Eaton, acting as producer of *Eleanor's Quest*, was told that the club would have to cough up more than £200 as an *administration fee*, and to have £5 million of insurance to film in Southchurch Hall, whereas Rochford provided all the help needed for free, to film at 'The Old House'.

Then for the recent club project, John approached Southend again...just to be courteous...and mentioned filming again, this time in Belfairs park. Again the hand was held out for a mere £230 - the cost, it seems, of administering a filming contract! No wonder the team were a bit fed up. One wonders if they are going to charge everyone with a camera a fee of £200 each to video a grandchild on the pier, or film the Airshow or Carnival! That's what it sounds like.....*local government robbery!* Indeed, when the Echo approached

the Council for their side of the story, at first they said they had never heard of Westcliff...until, that is, John Eaton named names and we said that we had letters from the Civic Centre.

So the Echo picked up on the story and featured it on pages one, five and eight of the paper tonight. It's a reminder too to you good members, let me have YOUR stories for me to pass to the Echo.

Chris