



# Billericay Town Crier

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**O**n the 26th November 2011 the people of Billericay were welcomed by Jim Shrubbs, the Town Crier, on behalf of the Billericay Town Council.

Young and old gathered around him outside The Chequers pub to celebrate the switching on of Christmas Lights Ceremony. As the Town Crier led the community singing to the accompaniment of the Basildon Salvation Army Band and the Billericay School Choir, gentle snow began to fall thanks to landlady Mrs. Thwaites' snow machines.

The children became excited as the Youth Town Council, dressed in a variety of costumes ranging from a Christmas pudding to a cat, walked around with sweets and balloons. Father Christmas added to the children's delight and the countdown began.

To our relief, when Father Christmas pulled the switch, the scene of our High Street was complete. Our lights were on and the atmosphere was marvellous. Two men with a ladder surreptitiously wandered along the High Street – they were from Festive Impact Lighting ensuring that every light worked.



Such an enjoyable experience could not have occurred without the help of the people mentioned above and The Lions for providing Father Christmas. Shops, businesses, local groups and individuals also sponsored this event and Jarvis Print produced the programme.

We have the residents to thank for supporting this gathering and the very important people who looked after us, the Police and St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

*Pam Went – Chairman, Billericay Christmas Lights Working Party*

*Presentation for the Best Shop Window*



## Shop Window Competition

The judging of the Best Shop Window was undertaken by the Chairman of the Town Council, Cllr John Buchanan, Vice-Chairman Cllr David Knight and Youth Town Councillors James Turner and Taylor Cronly-Dillon resulting in Sugacane being chosen as the winners.

The prize of £100 was presented on Monday 19th December to the charity chosen by the winners, Foundation for the Study of Infant Death. This is the fifth year that this competition has taken place.



## GOOD NEWS NO INCREASE IN COUNCIL TAX

Members of the Town Council recently approved its budget for 2012-2013 and decided to maintain the precept for a Band D property at £19.80.

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# THE JEWEL IN OUR CROWN



Lake Meadows in Autumn

## FRIENDS OF LAKE MEADOWS

Billericay Town Council and Basildon Borough Council have been working together in partnership for a number of years in order to enhance this wonderful facility in Lake Meadows for our residents and for the visitors to our town. We have invested heavily in bringing the play areas for teenagers and young people to a high standard to enable them to enjoy the freedom and exercise that benefits their wellbeing.

We are now at an exciting stage within our partnership and wish to invite interested Billericay residents and organisations to consider forming a Friends of Lake Meadows Group to involve local residents in its future welfare. You may be aware that Friends Groups already exist for Norsley Woods, Mill Meadows and Queens Park Country Park so we feel that from the enthusiasm shown by these groups we should now offer the same opportunities for resident participation in Lake Meadows.

Please contact the Town Clerk if you are interested.

*Clr Peter Bowditch*  
Chairman, Recreation Facilities Working Party

## BILLERICAY IN BLOOM Competition

The Town Council are now starting work on the 2012 competition and would welcome any interested members of the public to join them and serve upon the Working Party.

The first meeting is to take place at 5.00pm on Wednesday 1st February and anyone interested should contact the Town Clerk.



### NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR

Andrew Baggott was elected as the new member for the Billericay South West Ward at the elections which took place on Thursday 15th December.

Andrew Baggott who lives in Billericay is also a Basildon Borough Councillor for Pitsea North West.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SPONSORSHIP

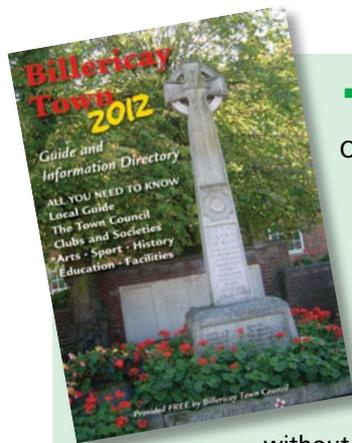
Billericay Town Council are grateful to the following sponsors of the Christmas Lights 2011:

Basildon Borough Council, Billericay Homecare, The Billericay Cookshop, Woodward Carpets, Michael Cullen & Partners, The Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower, The Rotary Club of Billericay, Lions Club of Billericay, Billericay Mayflower Twinning Association, M & Co., Lloyds TSB Bank, One Stop Shop, Peter Murray Financial Management Ltd, A.J. Grayburn & Co. Ltd., Billericay District Residents' Association, Billericay Neighbourhood Watch, O'Neill Dental Surgery.



The 'Big Litter Pick' in October formed part of the Essex County Council's – Good for Essex – Love Where You Live campaign and as part of this campaign a photograph of the Litter Pick was forwarded to the Essex County Council. This was subsequently chosen as a winning entry in the ECC competition which resulted in a presentation being made to Town Councillors John Buchanan, David Knight and Moira Moore of a spade, fork and shredder vac. The presentation was made by Essex County Councillor Jeremy Lucas, Cabinet member for Environment and Culture.





## TOWN GUIDE

Over 100 people from many groups, clubs and societies in Billericay gathered on 11th November in Emmanuel Church hall for the launch of the seventh edition of the Billericay Town Guide.

Councillor Marion Wilson, Chair of the Town Guide Working Party, congratulated those present saying, "This is your book; without you there would be no book." She went on to thank Jarvis the printers and David Vinten the graphic designer, plus all the members of the Working Party.



Cllr. Jim Devlin, Chair of the Billericay Community Archive then gave a presentation outlining the work of the group and inviting those present to contact him if they had memorabilia of the town.

If you have not received your copy of the Town Guide, please contact the Town Clerk or pick up a copy in Billericay Library.



# ELECTION 2012

## TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION 3RD MAY 2012

Why not consider standing as a Town Councillor? Did you know that elections for the Town Council will take place on Thursday 3rd May 2012?

### **Town Councillors:**

- have a say about local issues
- decide how local money is spent to improve the community
- influence the way local services are provided
- get involved with the Community

### **Candidates for election must be:**

- a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union;
- on the 'relevant date' (i.e. the day on which you are nominated, or if there is a poll on the day of the election) be 18 years of age or over.

### **Also:**

- be a local government elector for the council area for which you want to stand on the 'relevant date';
- or have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day;
- or had your principal or only place of work in the council area during that same period;
- or have lived in the council area or within 4.8km (3 miles) of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding the 'relevant date'.

### **Councillors do not need special skills but need:**

- time (on average two or three hours per week)
- to care for your Community
- a willingness to represent others
- a desire to make a difference

# BREAKING NEWS

Confirmation has been received from English Heritage that the two K6 red telephone kiosks, in the vicinity of 136 High Street, have been awarded Grade II Listed Building Status; this means they cannot be removed.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Thursday 12 April – this is a meeting specifically for residents of Billericay to attend and ask questions.

Further details of the meeting will be available on the website and in the press nearer the date.

# BYTC

## New Chairman and Vice-Chairman

As a result of Beth Deacon and Sophie Harrison resigning from the Youth Town Council, Tayler Cronly-Dillon has been appointed Chairman and Michael Ingall Vice-Chairman. Both Tayler and Michael have been members of the Youth Council for a number of years. Tayler, upon her appointment to Chairman, said 'I have got some good ideas for the future and look forward to working with the other members'.

As there are now a few vacancies on the Youth Town Council if you are aged between 11 and 18 and interested in becoming a Youth Town Councillor please contact the Office on 01277 625732 or email: [townclerk@billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk)



Boy Scout carries the Billericay Town Flag at the Remembrance Day Parade

## Do you want an Art Trail for Billericay in 2012?



Since the Basildon Art Trail was born in 2010 it has grown to such an extent that it is now too big for a single group to manage and it has been suggested that each area runs their own trail.

Billericay's Art Trail was very successful in 2011 and drew in crowds from all over Essex. It showcased the talents of local artists and attracted visitors to 14 venues in the High Street.

So what about a Billericay Art Trail in 2012? There has been an initial meeting between two of the original committee and representatives of Billericay Town Council, the outcome of which is that there will be an Open Meeting on Monday 6th February 2012 at 6pm for anyone – artists, art groups, venues, schools and interested supporters. At the meeting it is hoped to form a group who will make Billericay 2012 happen. This meeting is planned to be held at The Fold, 72 Laindon Road. We know there are many interested artists and venues but without volunteers to help with organisation the trail simply won't happen.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but could assist with organising, please let us know.

It would be appreciated if you could let us know if you propose to attend by contacting

Vin Harrop at [vin@designessex.com](mailto:vin@designessex.com)

Margaret White at [www.baathefold.org.uk](http://www.baathefold.org.uk)

The Fold, 72 Laindon Road, Billericay CM12 9LD. 01277 659286.

## BUS SERVICE

**Bus Service 256** – for a 12 month trial period

Bus Service 256 will go from Billericay, Bluebell Wood, Mountnessing Road, Radford Way, Station Approach, Radford Way, Stock Road, Billericay High Street, London Road (A129), Tye Common Road, Clockhouse Road, Rectory Road, Dunton Road, Hornbeam Way, Church Road, Noak Hill Road, Upper Mayne, Miles Gray Rd, Cranes Farm Road and St Nicholas Lane, Laindon Link, Roundacre, Southernhay and Basildon Bus Station.

For a timetable leaflet contact: Essex County Council on 08456037631 or email [publictransport@essex.gov.uk](mailto:publictransport@essex.gov.uk)



## ROTARY CLUB OF BILLERICAY MAYFLOWER ANNOUNCES A SECOND YEAR OF SUCCESS

An estimated 20,000 people were drawn to Billericay High Street on Sunday 4th December, matching last year's turnout, where £25,000 was raised for charity as the visitors enjoyed the 130 stalls joining the 100 shops open for the day, selling crafts, produce, a wide variety of hot food and Christmas cheer.

Many shops reported record takings again and stallholders now recognise the Billericay Christmas Market as possibly the largest in Essex, firmly establishing it as a date in the Christmas calendar.

The library opened its doors to a splendid mini craft market that was a bright and colourful affair and one of the outstanding new features of BCM 2011 along with the 'Ice Rink in the former Woolworths' car park, sponsored by Billericay Round Table. The Town Council provided an exhibition of community activities within the Coach House.

Two stages provided a range of acts from modern to traditional carols and Christmas entertainment.

The youngsters were not forgotten with Santa's Parade led by a drum and pipe band taking him to his grotto where they could meet him for free, Punch & Judy another free attraction in the Day Centre in Chantry Way and roundabouts and pony rides in the Car Park next to the 'Ice' Rink.

Billericay Christmas Market is organised by The Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower, with assistance from Billericay Round Table, Billericay Lions who use their sleigh for Santa and manage his grotto, The Rotary Club of Billericay and The Billericay Chamber of Commerce.

Project leader David Randall of Mayflower Rotary said 'It is really pleasing to see all the service clubs coming together to create a great day for the community and I would like to thank those who attended for creating a marvellous atmosphere that was enjoyed by all. My thanks also go to our Platinum Sponsors, Essex Auto Group, Burstead Golf Club, Para Bar Muir and Anisha Grange together with Gold Sponsors Waitrose and Caffè & Crème without whose generosity we would not be able to stage the event.'

Planning is already under way for next year with even more enhancements and applications to participate have already started to flow in.

To learn more about the day and see the photo gallery go to [www.billericaychristmasmarket.co.uk](http://www.billericaychristmasmarket.co.uk)

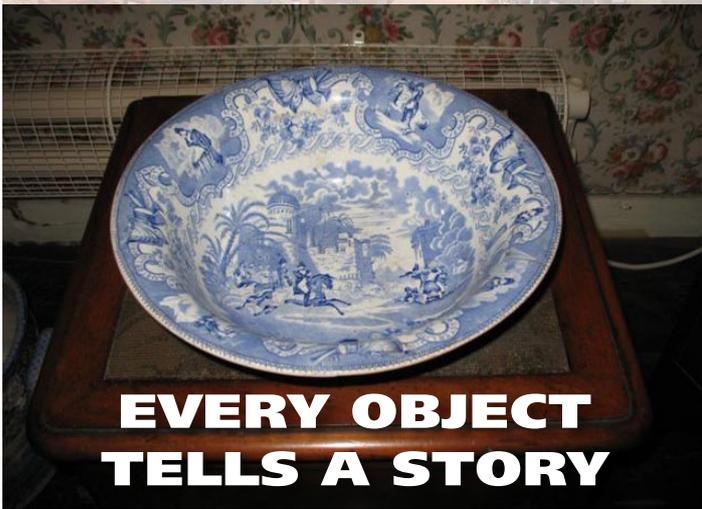
If you or your business would like to be part of BCM 2012 contact David on [djr66@aol.com](mailto:djr66@aol.com)





## CATER MUSEUM

74 High Street, Billericay  
For further details telephone: 01277 622023



### EVERY OBJECT TELLS A STORY

In Room 3 of the Cater Museum visitors will see this handsome blue and white basin, but only the keen eye will notice that surrounding the picture of Napoleon and Ney are the names of Napoleon's victories from Austerlitz to Marengo. One could ask why commemorate the victories of the emperor who was England's foe? The basin, which was made in Belgium, was produced for sale to the English. There were a substantial number of British gentlemen who greatly respected their vanquished enemy.



## PAVIS (supporting sight loss)

PAVIS in Billericay meets every Tuesday in the Reading Rooms, High Street, from 10.00am until 11.00am for an exercise session with a qualified instructor. This is followed by an information and chat session, finishing at 12 noon. This is when people can find out about any new developments in the world of sight loss or new equipment on the market to help with everyday living. They can also enjoy meeting up with others, sharing experiences and swapping ideas.

For any further information please call Jane Lutton on 01268 522817 or 07752637672.



**Billericay Operatic Society's** next performance is a musical comedy called 'On The Twentieth Century' performing at the Brentwood Theatre at 8pm from Tuesday 7th to Saturday 11th February plus a 3pm matinee. Tickets are £15 for all performances (£13 for concessions on Tues 7th and Sat 11th 3pm matinee). Check out the web-site for more details: [www.billericayoperaticsociety.co.uk](http://www.billericayoperaticsociety.co.uk).



## Billericay Police Station

Revised opening hours: 12 noon – 6pm Monday – Saturday.

New members for the Billericay Neighbourhood Policing Team:

**Inspector Mark Rayner** who is stationed at Billericay Police Station

Burstead and Billericay West Wards – **PC 3207 Julie Dawes**

Billericay East and Crouch Wards – **PC718 Sam Rayner**

Non-emergency number for Essex Police is 101 or 0300 333 444 or visit: [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)

## ESSEX WORKS

Essex County Council have decided to stop printing their Essex Works quarterly magazine but it is free to view on line at [www.essex.gov.uk/ew](http://www.essex.gov.uk/ew)

## TALES AT THE FOLD

Essex Storytellers would like to announce the creation of a new storytelling club. The club will meet at The Fold Arts Centre, Billericay on the last Thursday of each month to tell and listen to stories. The club will be there for those who wish to tell and for those who just wish to listen. Our first meeting will be on January 26th at 7-45pm. Come and listen to some "Winter Tales" and maybe tell one of your own. Then on February 23rd we are lucky enough to have a performance from internationally renowned storyteller Shonaleigh Cumbers who will explain "What Women Want". This is not to be missed. The March meeting on 29th is entitled Local Storytellers and on April 26th Andy Jennings' storytelling will be Arabian Nights.

As well as giving local storytellers and people new to the art of storytelling an opportunity to tell and develop their skills, "Tales at The Fold" will be bringing to Billericay some of the best storytellers currently performing in this country. Storytellers who have both national and international acclaim have already been booked to perform at this new club. Club nights will be hosted by Carl Merry and comprise two elements. During the first part of the evening there will be a story or two from Carl, or from invited local tellers. The second half will be thrown over to stories from the audience or storytelling workshops.

It is hoped that in future years "Tales at The Fold" will be able to work with young people to encourage them to become part of the new wave of storytellers that are now so much a part of the storytelling scene in this country. Preparation for the Young Storyteller of the Year competition may form part of our work in this area.

If you are interested in becoming a part of a new and vibrant storytelling club, the first of its kind in Essex, please contact Carl Merry on 01268 767770 or email: [carl.tale-spinner@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:carl.tale-spinner@blueyonder.co.uk) Club nights will be charged at £2 to cover the cost of the room hire. Performance evenings will be charged at £6 to £7 in order to cover the visiting storyteller's fees and travel costs. On performance evenings there is unlikely to be an opportunity for stories from the floor.

## BUTTSBURY (BILLERICAY) WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Buttsbury (Billericay) WI meets every second Tuesday of the month at Canon Roche Hall, Laindon Road, Billericay.

A new programme for 2012 includes speakers, social evenings and meals. Visitors and new members are very welcome.

For further details please call 01277 630147.

### COUNCILLORS WHO SHOULD BE CONTACTED FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

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Planning Committee	CLlr Jim Shrubbs
Environment Committee	CLlr David Knight
Town Crier Newsletter	CLlr Marion Wilson
Recreation Working Party	CLlr Peter Bowditch
Litter Working Party	CLlr Moira Moore
Christmas Lights Working Party	CLlr Pam Went
Sun Corner Working Party	CLlr John Buchanan
Billericay in Bloom Working Party	CLlr Jim Shrubbs
Queens Diamond Jubilee Project Group	CLlr Kevin Mesnard

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS FEBRUARY 2012

Tuesday 14	Planning
Tuesday 21	Environment
Tuesday 28	Planning

### MARCH 2012

Thursday 1	Finance & General Purposes
Tuesday 13	Planning
Thursday 15	TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday 27	Planning
Thursday 29	Finance & General Purposes

### APRIL 2012

Tuesday 3	Environment
Tuesday 10	Planning
Thursday 12	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday 19	TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday 24	Planning

All meetings start at 7.00 p.m. in The Coach House, Crown Yard, High Street and are open to the public.

#### Parking Enforcement

Issues within the town are now being dealt with by the South Essex Parking Partnership based at Chelmsford Borough Council and can be contacted on 01245 606710.

#### Essex County Council's Recycling Centres for Household Waste (RCHW) Service

Arising from the significant increase in kerbside recycling services, the Essex County Council has reviewed the services provided at the RCHWs within the county. As a result of this Barleylands Recycling Centre now opens from 9.00am every day as opposed to 8.00am and the late night Tuesday opening has been removed.

#### Essex Police

24 hour non-emergency number 0300 333 4444

### PLANT A SHRUB

Further Plant a Shrub events will take place at Lake Meadows in memory of children that have died and at Festival Garden in memory of adults that have died.

These plantings will take place at the end of March beginning of April and anyone interested should contact the Town Council Offices so that details can be forwarded.

### DID YOU KNOW

The Town Council has supplies of the Pink recycling sacks, free of charge and Green Garden waste sacks and sacks for the small food waste bins can be purchased from the Town Council Offices. Members of the Public are welcome to attend Council and Committee meetings and are given the opportunity to ask questions – dates of meetings and agendas are available on the Council's website.

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