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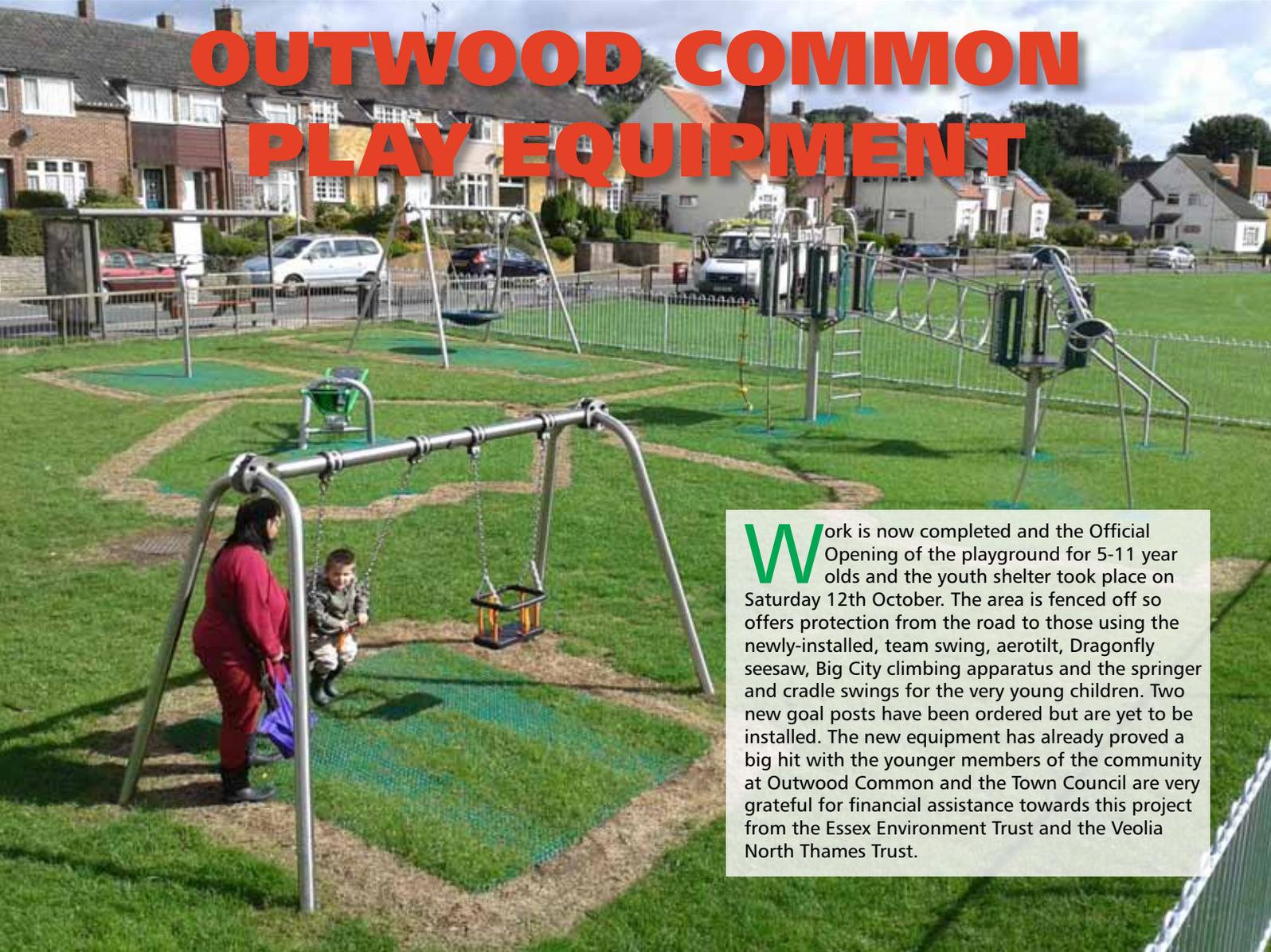
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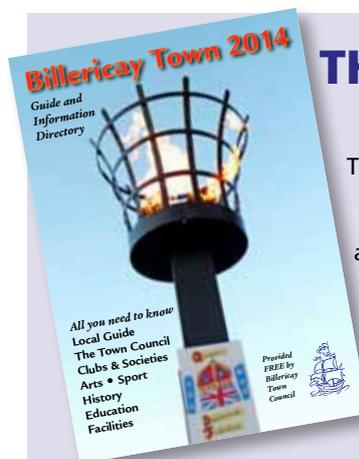
## OUTWOOD COMMON PLAY EQUIPMENT



**W**ork is now completed and the Official Opening of the playground for 5-11 year olds and the youth shelter took place on Saturday 12th October. The area is fenced off so offers protection from the road to those using the newly-installed, team swing, aerotilt, Dragonfly seesaw, Big City climbing apparatus and the springer and cradle swings for the very young children. Two new goal posts have been ordered but are yet to be installed. The new equipment has already proved a big hit with the younger members of the community at Outwood Common and the Town Council are very grateful for financial assistance towards this project from the Essex Environment Trust and the Veolia North Thames Trust.

## FESTIVAL GARDENS

The Town Council, with much appreciated sponsorship from Hallmark Care Homes and Bennetts Funeral Directors, will be undertaking improvements to the Gardens including installing a new gate, creating pathways to provide access for the disabled and forming terrace beds with the introduction of sleepers to the two steep bank areas within the garden. Additional signage has also been placed within the town identifying the route to this secluded garden. Unfortunately some people are allowing their dogs to foul in the garden and are not using the bin provided which causes concern to the Town Council's ground maintenance contractors and those people enjoying the peace and quiet of the garden.



## THE NEXT TOWN GUIDE

The launch of the next edition of the Town Guide will be taking place on Friday 1st November and the Guide will be distributed to all properties within Billericay shortly after that date. Look out for your copy and if you have not received a copy by the end of November please contact the office.

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# BILLERICAY IN BLOOM

## Prizegiving

Despite the late arrival of summer we again received our usual high quality entries for the Billericay in Bloom competition. The judges were impressed with the overall standard of the 80 entries, in particular those from the schools. St. Peter's Catholic Primary School won Best School Garden and Buttsbury Junior School won Best School Vegetable Plot. John Smart once again managed to claim The Best in Show prize and Best Wildlife garden. He had cleverly managed to combine his interest in the promotion of Wildlife with a garden that encouraged wildlife and was aesthetically pleasing.

The range of entries was wide and the judges were amazed to see how people had transformed gardens or commercial premises. Beautiful hanging baskets and window boxes did much to brighten up Billericay during the wet summer.

It would appear that we had something to interest everybody and this was reflected in the pleasant and happy atmosphere at the prize-giving held at Canon Roche Social Centre. We were lucky enough to have Ken Crowther from BBC radio Essex to speak and present the prizes. We were pleased that Mo Larkin, Mayor of Basildon and Councillor Kay Twitchen, Chairman Essex County Council, were also able to attend.

Our thanks go to sponsors, the judges and residents who made our competition such a success.

We look forward to receiving any ideas from members of the public for further improvement and possible new categories.

*Councillor Pam Went*

*Chairman, Billericay in Bloom Working Party.*



### WINNERS – BILLERICAY IN BLOOM 2012

#### CATEGORY A – Best kept small front garden – Sponsor Michael Letch & partners

- 1st Dawn Henning
- 2nd Maureen Higdon
- 3rd Danny Gould

#### CATEGORY B – Best kept large front garden – Sponsor Jarvis print

- 1st Mrs Anne Morris
- 2nd Mr & Mrs Turner

#### CATEGORY C – Best kept small back garden – Sponsor Billericay Lions

- 1st Maureen Higdon
- 2nd Dawn Henning
- 3rd Barbara Flin

#### CATEGORY D – Best kept large back garden – Sponsor Billericay Rotary Club

- 1st Mrs Mary Pellatt
- 2nd Lesley & Gordon Walters
- 3rd Mrs Jill Leslie

#### CATEGORY E v Best hanging basket – Sponsor Billericay Nurseries

- 1st Danny Gould
- 2nd R O'Neill Dental Surgeon
- 3rd Carol Pressman

#### CATEGORY F – Best window box – Sponsor Hallmark Care Homes

- 1st Lesley & Gordon Walters
- 2nd Carol Pressman
- 3rd The Crown Pub

#### CATEGORY G – Best school garden – Sponsor Waitrose

- 1st St Peter's Catholic Primary
- 2nd Buttsbury Infants School
- 3rd Buttsbury Junior School

#### CATEGORY H – Best school vegetable plot – Sponsor Billericay Town Council

- 1st Buttsbury Junior School
- 2nd Brightside School
- 3rd Buttsbury Infants

#### CATEGORY I – best commercial premises – Sponsor Chequers Public House

- 1st The Cater Museum
- 2nd Bennetts Funeral Directors
- 3rd R O'Neill Dental Surgeon

#### CATEGORY J – Best public house/restaurant – Sponsor Cooperative Society

- 1st The Chequers
- 2nd Rising Sun
- 3rd The Crown Pub

#### CATEGORY K – Best garden in a container (children under 11) – Sponsor Bennetts Funeral Directors

- 1st Libby Brachaniec (Quilters)
- 2nd Daniel McGuinness (Brightside)
- 3rd Isobella Grace Comber (Buttsbury Infants)

#### CATEGORY L – Best vegetable plot – Sponsor Billericay Cook Shop/Emporium

- 1st Danny Gould
- 2nd Lesley & Gordon Walters
- 3rd Mr Andy Leslie

#### CATEGORY M – Best garden design – Sponsor Reginald O'Neill Dental Care

- 1st Lesley & Gordon Walters
- 2nd Mrs Mary Pellatt
- 3rd Barbara Flin

#### CATEGORY N – Best wildlife garden – Sponsor County Councillors Kay Twitchen and Tony Hedley

- 1st John Smart
- 2nd Nathan Hume
- 3rd Mrs Mary Pellatt

**Best in Show**  
John Smart



## SALT

The Town Council recently received a 2 tonne supply of winter salt from Essex County Council which has been distributed in 25kg bags to those people who have previously requested a supply. The Town Council continues to have a list of people requiring salt so please contact the office if you wish to have your name added to the list for next year.

## CIVIC SERVICE

A new event for 2014 will be the introduction of a Civic Service which is to take place on Sunday 16th March at Christ Church, Perry Street. Churches Together in Billericay will be very involved in the format of the Service which it is hoped will be attended by representatives of youth groups and Clubs and Societies within the town.

# BYTC Youth Council

## BILLERICAY COMMUNITY GAMES

As a result of funding from Billericay Lions, the Essex County Council Legacy and Basildon Youth Strategy Group, the Youth

Town Council were able to engage the services of The Street Team to provide a day of entertainment at the skatepark and Multi Use Sports Area, Lake Meadows on Saturday 13th July. The events throughout the day included Beatboxer, Freerunning, basketball freestyle and

workshops, football freestyle and workshops, cheerleaders and skate demonstrations and competitions. A good time was had by all.

Members of the Youth Council decided that the £250 profit raised from the Cake Sale should be donated to the Daisy Palmer Trust and as a result of this Harrison Birch, the new Youth Council Chairman and Finlay Munro recently visited ten year old Daisy and presented her with the cheque.

## OFF TO PASTURES NEW

Long standing members of the Youth Council, Tayler Cronly-Dillon, Bethan Cousins and Shannen Lentell said goodbye to members of the Youth Council as they have left to go to University. To commemorate their long term commitment to the Youth Council they were presented with certificates from Cllr Buchanan, Chairman of the Council.

Both Tayler and Bethan recently received Special Awards at the Mayflower High School Presentation Evening. Tayler received the Billericay Education Trust Award for Services to the Community and Bethan received the Nick Murrells' Award for Services to the School Community as well as an award for being Head Girl for 2012-2013.



## DAISY PALMER TRUST

## ART TRAIL

2013 – an Art Trail and Fringe events in July. Next year, 2014, – an Arts Festival with an Art Trail.... again in July

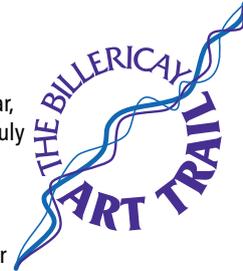
Our Art Trails are part of Essex Summer of Art events and this year we welcomed Kay Twitchen OBE, as chairman of the County Council on a visit to see how Billericay achieved such a successful event. The answer lay in the close working relationships with local businesses which hosted local artists' work; our encouragement of a wide diversity of skills and crafts within our community; and the Trail's relaxed and fun atmosphere in which all can share.

From the New Orleans Brass Band playing in The High Street, to families enjoying the Big Draw in Norsey Wood, to the Yarn Bombed street furniture (adding colour to the Street and raising many smiles from passers-by), we brought art out from 'indoors' and put it where people are.

Next year, weather permitting, we plan to do more. Our theme is to be



## communitynews



'Billericay is a Great Place to Meet' – as meeting, greeting and eating in Billericay are popular activities.

There seems a lot of interest in this from shops and local businesses and we anticipate a bumper crop of local artists and craftspeople to join in. From lunchtime concerts, amateur operatics, artists in the street to Open Studios and Gardens and 'hands on activities' we plan to fill each day of our Festival.

So, if you feel like joining in please feel free. Sign up for our Art Trail. Contribute to our 'community spaces'. Help serve concert lunches or, if you have ideas for what we could add to our Festival plans, please give us a shout.

Our merry band of helpers is getting bigger as people realise what fun it is to be had by helping others. We can feel proud that there is so much creative talent and energy in our town and giving a space for this to flourish is great for us all.

Artist Trail co-ordinator: Cathy Cant – [cathycant@talktalk.net](mailto:cathycant@talktalk.net)

Festival activities: Harvey Bradley – [harvey@harveybradley.co.uk](mailto:harvey@harveybradley.co.uk)

## KNIT AND NATTER

For those with 'the knowledge' and those keen to learn.

A new group for all who enjoy knitting and crochet and those who would love to learn – in a relaxed group, while chatting.

The first meeting was held in Billericay Library on Tuesday 23rd July. We will now be meeting there on alternate Tuesdays from 2pm. Why not come and join us, all you need to bring is your enthusiasm and company. Ongoing projects welcome but not necessary.

We have more Yarn Storming plans for Billericay and would value your help.

Contact JBK (Joyful Billericay Knitter) on 07709616062

Please support us on our latest challenge at [www.justgiving.com/Barbara-and-Harvey](http://www.justgiving.com/Barbara-and-Harvey)

## JOIN OUR BIG OCTOBER MUSICFEST

The Rotary Club of Billericay, in conjunction with the Inner Wheel Ladies Club, are staging, in response to last year's success, an Autumn Concert in aid of charities at Emmanuel Church, Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LD featuring Harmony Brass and electronic violinist Joanne Davies.

Date: Saturday, October 26. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 pm start.

Tickets: £15.00. Free parking; Free interval refreshments.

For further details contact Norman Bishop on 01277 630344 or Trevor Bond on 01277 651708. Email- [nbishop10@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nbishop10@tiscali.co.uk); [trevjanbond1@aol.com](mailto:trevjanbond1@aol.com)

Or visit club website: [www.billericayrotary.org](http://www.billericayrotary.org)

Tickets available from the above and from: Creatures Great and Small, 127 High Street, Billericay or Enjoy Clairey Fairy Cakes, 48 High Street, Billericay.

## TALES AT THE FOLD

Tales at The Fold, hosted by Carl Merry, is a storytelling club for adults and children aged 14 and above. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at The Fold Arts Centre, Billericay. The club is there for those who wish to tell stories and for those who just wish to come along and listen. We are particularly keen to encourage young people between the ages of 15 and 26 to come and maybe develop their own storytelling skills. Club nights are charged at £4 and special 'Performance evenings' are charged at £8.

The programme for 2013/14 can be found at: [www.carltales.com](http://www.carltales.com) – Contact Carl Merry on 01268 767770 or email: [carl.tale-spinner@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:carl.tale-spinner@blueyonder.co.uk)



## HAVE YOU GOT A SMOKE ALARM?

Essex County Council Fire and Rescue Service is looking to expand the number of home fire safety visits it carries out and are hoping to reach a wider audience.

Smoke alarms are proven life savers; they give vital early warning at the first sign of fire giving everyone time to get out to safety before calling the fire service.

The alarms are fitted by trained fire service technicians who will also carry out a full home fire safety inspection and there is no cost to the people receiving the visit.

The Fire Service would like to know of any community groups whose members would benefit from one of their free home safety visits.

If you belong to a group that would benefit from a visit from the Fire and Rescue Service please contact Sub Officer Andre Turner, Fire Safety by calling 01376376226 or emailing [andre.turner@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:andre.turner@essex-fire.gov.uk)

## FRIENDS OF LAKE MEADOWS

Our greatest success this year was our dog show, held in the park on Saturday September 21st. Over 150 dogs and their owners attended, along with their friends and families totalling about 350 people. Everyone agreed it was a great success! Next year's dog show will be even better, so make sure that you are around next September to join in the fun!

In early October we held our first AGM, when we were able to report on all the successes achieved during our first year. The committee was duly elected for the next year and the treasurer was able to report a small profit. Recent purchases of much needed equipment for events and publicity of the Friends have included a large noticeboard that has been installed at the entrance to the park, so residents and visitors alike will be able to read about coming events.

The next few months is a time when we do a lot of work in the park and we very much need some extra pairs of hands to help us with maintenance jobs. We urge you to join us!

- October 26th – Hedge-trimming
- November 16th – Swimming pool garden area and planting daffodils
- December 14th – Planting snowdrops in the woodland

So if you or your family would like to get involved in our working parties, please ring Scott on 01277 624320 or 07771 962 011

Our Gardening group meets regularly every 1st & 3rd Tuesday in the month to do weeding and gardening in the flower beds. To join the gardening group ring Bob on 01277 652482. You will be very welcome!

Do you enjoy taking photos? With our park looking so fantastic at all times of the year, now is your chance to take part in our prestigious competition, which is open to anyone in Billericay. There are classes for adults and juniors and several categories covering the topic of 'The Seasons'. Details can be found on our website along with the rules and a booking form. See [www.lakemeadows.org.uk](http://www.lakemeadows.org.uk)



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS NOVEMBER 2013

|            |                         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| Tuesday 5  | Planning                |
| Tuesday 19 | Planning                |
| Tuesday 26 | Environment (Estimates) |

## DECEMBER 2013

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| Tuesday 3   | Planning                               |
| Thursday 5  | Finance & General Purposes (Estimates) |
| Thursday 12 | Town Council (Estimates)               |
| Tuesday 17  | Planning                               |

## JANUARY 2014

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|-------------|----------------------------|
| Thursday 2  | Planning                   |
| Tuesday 7   | Environment                |
| Tuesday 14  | Planning                   |
| Thursday 16 | Finance & General Purposes |
| Thursday 23 | Town Council               |
| Tuesday 28  | Planning                   |

All meetings are open to the public and press and are held in The Coach House, Crown Yard, unless otherwise stated and start at 7.00pm.

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