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BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL ZEPPELIN L32 CRASH CENTENARY COMMEMORATION 24TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Billericay Town Council organised an event to unveil a marker stone to commemorate the centenary of the crash of L32 Zeppelin on Saturday 24th September. This was a momentous occurrence in the history of the Town. When the airship crashed as a burning fireball in 1916 into a field at Snail's Hall Farm just off Greens Farm Lane it brought sightseers from afar and special trains were put on to bring spectators from London.

The Zeppelin had been on its way home after a failed mission to bomb London. Travelling over Hornchurch Airdrome it was spotted by 2Lt. Frederick Sowrey who was on a routine night patrol. He launched his attack and fired into the body of the Zeppelin. It caught light and eventually crashed to the ground in Billericay.

The Town Council were honoured to have the son of 2Lt. Sowrey present at the event. Air Marshall, Sir Freddie Sowrey (94 yrs) also had a career in the RAF. He was accompanied by his sister and four generations of the Sowrey family. On arrival at the Council offices he was met by Flt. Lt. Steve Horncastle and members of 2393 (Billericay) Squadron Royal Air Force Cadets forming a guard of honour to be inspected by the Air Marshall.

A reception was held in the Council offices where Town Councillors were in attendance. Other dignitaries included Lord Petre, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, and Air Commodore Dean Andrew, whose command includes 39 Squadron, the same one that 2Lt. Sowrey had been attached to. Cllr David Harrison, Mayor of Basildon, and representatives from associated societies in Billericay came. We were also fortunate to have the nephew of the Zeppelin's radio officer, Herr Ralph Borttscheller, who had flown from Bremen in Germany that morning to attend the ceremony.

After the reception, visitors were taken to the site in Greens Farm Lane where the air cadets stood to attention around the stone. Members of the 5th Billericay Scout Group formed a line on the opposite side of the road. The Town Council Chairman Jim Devlin introduced the ceremony, Sir Freddie Sowrey unveiled the stone and spoke of the bravery of airmen on both sides. This was followed by a reading from the Rev. Dan Pierce, the last post, two minutes silence and reveille.

Earlier in the morning a service was also held at the cemetery of St Mary Magdalene Church, Great Burstead, and in the afternoon there was an exhibition in the Reading Rooms.

This was an important historical event for Billericay which now has its own marker stone at the crash site towards the southern end of Greens Farm Lane.

*Sir Freddie Sowrey
and his sister.*



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE 13TH NOVEMBER 2016

As last year Billericay Town Council will be responsible for the closure of the High Street for Remembrance Sunday in Billericay following the unfortunate decision by Essex Police to stop providing assistance to local communities with Remembrance Parades.

The High Street will be closed from Sun Corner to the junction with Western Road/Norsey Road from 10:15 until 11:45am. The public car parks will only be accessible before and after that time.

The Parade will start from the Fire Station and proceed up Laindon Road, across Sun Corner, and up the High Street to the War Memorial where the Remembrance Service will be held.



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HANGING BASKETS IN THE HIGH STREET

ONCE AGAIN THE Town Council has provided hanging baskets in Billericay High Street for the enjoyment of residents and shoppers during the summer months. And what a display they have been! This year we employed a new contractor to provide the hanging baskets and to water them regularly. We hope you agree that they developed into truly wonderful displays of the floral art.



BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL AWARDS THE FORGET ME NOT MEMORY CAFE £400 GRANT

THE FORGET ME NOT MEMORY CAFE, a voluntary and not-for-profit group, is a free service both for those who have issues with their memory and those who care for them. Through their founder, Tracy Godden, a qualified Dementia Support Worker, they applied for funding for equipment to allow them to start running sessions in Billericay. This includes everything from storage boxes to puzzles and games which will both stimulate and entertain those who attend. In addition, Billericay Town Council will be funding the purchase of a projection screen which will be made available to all community groups so that films and other entertainment can be shown.

Billericay Town Council Chairman Jim Devlin said "We are delighted to be able to support Tracy in providing this service to residents of Billericay. Over the past eighteen months her Cafe in Basildon has become a very valued addition and we look forward to the Billericay Memory Cafe becoming equally appreciated"

The Forget Me Not Memory Cafe is open every 2 weeks on Thursdays between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. 10th / 24th November, 8th / 22nd December. Details can be obtained from Tracy Godden (email: tracygodden1949@gmail.com), Leah Lambert (email: leah.lambert@homeinstead.co.uk / telephone 01277 822858) or on Facebook (search for Memory Cafe Chantry Way).

COMMUNITY & CHARITY START-UPS SUPPORTED BY BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL AT ITS CHANTRY WAY CENTRE

SEPTEMBER'S FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE saw the Town Council agreeing to provide an initial rent free period when making regular bookings of its Chantry Way Centre. Open to new community groups serving a social need within the town, it recognises that small charity or not-for-profit start ups often face financial challenges when first establishing their presence. The Town Council believes that this approach will help provide groups the security needed to allow the provision of a stable, long term service to Billericay residents.

Since taking on the Chantry Way Centre, the Town Council has increased the use of the centre both through bookings from not-for-profit community and charity groups as well as commercial organisations. This latest move is part of a series of initiatives taken by Billericay Town Council to maximise the centre's benefit to the town – which currently include involving the Essex Youth Offending team in smartening up the outside of the centre and the installation of parking barriers in the near future to provide secure facilities for our customers.

CCG UPDATE

THE BASILDON & BRENTWOOD CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP recently held meetings in Billericay to consult on proposed changes to the way they offer services. Councillors representing you attended to establish the facts of the proposal and to have a say in the way health care is delivered to our community. The changes proposed by the CCG involve future plans for Intermediate Care (care for people who no longer need to be in hospital but are unable to return home) and the CCG's Service Restriction Policy. The plans to change Intermediate Care involve a reduction of twenty-two in-patient beds provided across the area, the main effect of which is to close the Intermediate Care Unit at Mayflower Hospital. To compensate for this loss the plan is to launch new services which will provide support to people in their own homes. The CCGs Service Restriction Policy sets out the clinical criteria for medical treatments and ensures that treatment is only provided where there is clinical evidence to show that the treatment is effective. The changes will apply to Sterilisation, Cosmetic Surgery, IVF, Gluten Free Foods, Weight Loss Surgery, Travel Vaccines, some Pain Treatments and E-Cigarettes.

The CCG, having consulted with the public, will now decide on what proposals to take forward. However at the time of writing a date for that meeting has not been set.



CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2016

SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER



Hard to believe Christmas is approaching and by the time this edition reaches you the Council will be well underway with the preparations.

This year the Council has switched the day to a Sunday afternoon. Put this date in your diary. Part of the High Street will be closed from Western Road to Rose Lane. There will be access to car parks via Sun Corner end of the High Street. Stage entertainment starts at 3pm with the switch on at 4.30pm.

This year we have new Christmas lights with many exciting changes from the previous years. Do come and join us for an afternoon of fun. Bring the family and start getting into the Christmas spirit.



THE PLANT A SHRUB TO COMMEMORATE A LOVED ONE EVENT

Town Councillors and Plant a Shrub participants

ON A SUNNY, autumn afternoon Billericay residents came to the Festival Gardens to commemorate loved ones by planting a shrub in their memory. Town Council Chairman, Jim Devlin, told those present that the Town Council is proud to be able to offer this event and to maintain this calm and peaceful green space where residents can come for moments of quiet reflection and contemplation.

Sadly the Festival Gardens have been blighted by littering recently. If you consume food in the gardens please use the litter bins and help to maintain the beauty of this place for those who come to remember loved ones.

BILLERICAY IN BLOOM 2017 – GARDENING TIPS

Help us make the 2017 competition an even bigger success than it was this year. For those of you who are keen to get preparation under way for entering you garden, one of our regular winners, Dawn Henning, gives below some tips for preparing your garden during the autumn and winter.

Review the garden layout and reposition plants where they have become too large or overshadow other plants. It's best to reposition plants while they are still at full height. Don't be scared to cut back the overgrown shrubs. Do it now. Don't wait until spring.

Assess the bedding plants and note for next year those that flourished. Although some bedding plants can survive a mild winter it's best to dig them out and put them in the compost or green recycling bin. Start afresh next spring or early summer.

Now is the time to plant spring bulbs and flowers. It's more effective if you plant the same type of bulb in large numbers. Pansies and primulas make a good display in pots. Hyacinths provide low growing colour and are perfect for tubs and widow boxes. Early flowering tulips are excellent while May flowering tulips brighten up borders, mixing well with other spring flowering plants.

We look forward to being wowed by some really beautiful garden entries next summer.

Key dates for 2017 are as follows. Judging will take place for residents on Sunday 3rd July and for schools on Monday 4th July. Prize giving will be on Friday 21st July at the Canon Roche Centre, Laindon Road. Entry forms will be in the spring edition of the Town Crier.

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

March saw Basildon Borough Council's draft Local Plan go out to consultation. 3,805 consultees responded including Billericay Town Council. In September Basildon Borough Council published a Draft Statement of Consultation which summarised the results, identified the key issues raised and made recommendations regarding how those issues could be addressed in the next version of the Local Plan.

96% of responses were from residents (the others being developers, businesses and statutory groups). With 45% of responses coming from Billericay it's clear that this is an issue which is of great interest to residents. 41% of responses came from Wickford with the remainder from the rest of the Borough, including Basildon.

The Draft Statement of Consultation revealed that 80% were either "dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied" with the proposed development plans and 9% "satisfied" or "very satisfied". Major objections included the scale of building; the impact on the local environment and Green Belt; the proposals on the provision of

community infrastructure and of appropriate transport infrastructure. The Draft Statement of Consultation also revealed that proposals have also been received from landowners and developers to increase significantly the amount of development in South West Billericay (sites H20 to H23) from 970 homes to 1,920. Whilst having a greater impact on the landscape, Basildon Council suggest that this would also help to fund the relief route. In addition a number of alternate sites have been proposed, some of which have previously been discounted. This includes an area north of Outwood Farm Road (430 homes – PAD14 in the previous plan) along with three unspecified development sites around Great Burstead and South Green. Basildon Council are obliged to consider these proposals, however, whilst they do not have to accept them the implications upon Billericay are currently unclear. For more information please see: www.basildon.gov.uk/article/2009/Local-Plan-2014---2034.

The next stage is expected to see a revised plan before the end of the year prior to being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.



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BILLERICAY YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL TABLE TOP SALE AND A WARM WELCOME TO NEW YOUTH TOWN COUNCILLORS



On Saturday October 8th, Billericay Youth Town Council held a table top sale in the Chantry Way Centre. There was a variety of crafts, gifts and beauty stalls present and Youth Councillors provided refreshments. The event proved very successful and was an enjoyable morning.

Elections for new Youth Councillors took

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE OF VACANCY TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION

Applications are invited to fill ONE vacancy for the office of Councillor in the WEST Ward of Billericay.

In order to be considered for a vacancy, applicants must have the appropriate electoral qualifications.

If you are interested and would like to know more or if you would like to apply please contact the Town Clerk.

Telephone : 01277 625732 or

Email: townclerk@billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk

place in participating Billericay schools on 19th October and the first meeting of the new Youth Council was on 1st November. Forthcoming events include marshalling at the Lake Meadows fireworks, helping with the Christmas Lights Switch on Event and entering the Soapbox Derby. We wish all the new councillors a productive and enjoyable term of office.



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SOUTH HANNINGFIELD PARISH ALLOTMENTS – PLOTS AVAILABLE



South Hanningfield has some allotment plots available. A number of Billericay residents already rent plots from South Hanningfield. The allotment gardens are sited in Heath Road, Ramsden Heath CM11 1NA. There are 219 plots in total and the annual current rent is £12.50 for residents of the Parish and £20.00 for non-residents.

If you are interested in renting a plot please contact the Parish Clerk, Julie Moule, on: 01268 710820 or visit the website at www.shpc.org.uk/



BILLERICAY DOLLS HOSPITAL

BILLERICAY used to have its own Dolls Hospital at 122 High Street. The photograph taken in the 1950s shows The Billericay Pram Service where injured Dolls could be taken for treatment. Did you have a doll which was treated here, the Billericay Archive would love to hear your story, contact our editor at editor@billericayhistory.org.uk or write to us at the Town Council. The other building shown was a watchmakers shop but the two buildings were originally part of the Crown Beerhouse in the later half of the 19th century. These buildings were listed as being of historic value but they were allowed to fall into disrepair and eventually they were demolished in 1963 as they were deemed to be unrepairable.

BILLERICAY MINIATURES CLUB – EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION OF DOLLS HOUSES AND MODELS

Admission is free, with donations going to the Essex Air Ambulance.

Saturday 12th November from 10.30-4pm

W I Hall, St Ediths Lane, Billericay CM12 9BU.

Refreshments available.

Contact Janet Tel: 01277 622297 or jonjanlee@onetel.com



Hamelin Trust

Supporting individuals with disabilities
and their carers

TRUSTEE REQUIRED WITH EXPERIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY

Hamelin Trust is a registered charity supporting disabled children, adults and their families by providing a range of services in a variety of locations across Essex.

Their website provides details of the services offered and describes more fully the work they do. If you are interested, please send a CV to Steve Fisher, Chief Executive at: 19 Radford Crescent, Billericay CM12 0DU.

Tel: 01277 653889 www.hamelintrust.org.uk



BILLERICAY CHRISTMAS MARKET BOOSTED BY £10,000 LOTTERY GRANT

Sunday 4th December – 11.00am-5.00pm



Billericay Mayflower Rotary Club, the organisers of the event, which attracts more than 20,000, has been recognised by the "Lottery Fund Celebrate!" with the largest grant ever made in this category.

The grant will boost the town's biggest winter community event going towards the substantial cost of staging the market including a publicity budget, security staffing, Santa's grotto, radio communication, health and safety, street entertainers and funding the decorated stages, at two separate vantage points, for singing and dancing by talented local groups and entertainers.

Event Manager Colin Saunders said, "The lottery grant has made us all feel proud, but it marks in particular the efforts that our colleague David Randall and his initial team put in. We can promise the community of Billericay a great day out on December 4th. The lottery grant will also mean that we will be able to increase the funds which we are able to pass on to various charities."

With the High Street barred to traffic from 7am, the market opens at 11 o'clock with a Santa Claus parade involving entertainers who will be there to help make it a great family day out. During the night a children's fairground, with the most up-to-date attractions, will have moved into their site behind Santander and Iceland.

There will be an international food market, craft stalls, Christmas gift stalls, and many local groups promoting their activities. Local dance groups and singers will also appear during the day in impromptu flash mob presentations.

Rotarian David Randall said, "It is genuinely an event by the people of Billericay for the people of the town and the many thousands who come from nearby towns and villages to share in what is a great start to the Christmas celebrations."

THE BILLERICAY EDUCATIONAL TRUST HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR AMBITIONS

The Trust has developed and changed since its foundation, and now provides cash assistance to help deserving young people in Billericay who would otherwise be unable to achieve their aspiration to go on to further education.

The Trustees are impressed and encouraged by the very real ability and commitment shown by the students seeking assistance. Their drive and enthusiasm makes them not only a credit to themselves and their families, but also to the wider Billericay community.

The Trust has six Trustees nominated by religious bodies, local government and Brentwood School, plus three co-opted members. The Trustees and Clerk have a very wide range of backgrounds and experience. Funding comes from a portfolio of securities, fund raising activities and the support of local individuals and organisations. Legacies are also sought from individuals.

The need for such financial assistance to young people living in Billericay continues. The help given is always greatly appreciated by the recipients. The Trust would like to further develop its capacity to help.

More information is available on www.billericayeducationaltrust.co.uk



A FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE IN MUSIC AND SONG

featuring

- HARMONY BRASS ENSEMBLE
- THE ESSENTIAL SINGERS
- SOLOISTS
- SUTHERLAND PIPES AND DRUMS
- ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STANDARD BEARERS

SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2016

7.30 pm

EMMANUEL CHURCH

LAINDON ROAD, BILLERICAY

CM12 9LD

TICKETS: £12.50

Box Office: 01277 622456

Supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
and Cardiomyopathy UK

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Free Entry!

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Decorations Stall Stocking Fillers Pamper Room Children's Games

Saturday 12th November
11am-3pm
19 Radford Crescent,
Billericay CM12 0DU

All donations made will go to Hamelin Trust
01277 653889 www.hamelintrust.org.uk

CHANTRY WAY CENTRE COMMUNITY FACILITY FOR HIRE

THE TOWN COUNCIL has taken over the running of the community building in Chantry Way (situated behind Ravens Bakery and Harry's Bar just off the High Street) from Basildon Borough Council. There is a large meeting room and kitchen facilities available to hire daytime, evenings and weekends at very competitive rates which are discounted for over 50's and community groups. If you are interested and would like further information please contact the Town Clerk on 01277 625732 or email: bookings@billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Some of the groups that meet there are shown below. If you would like to be put in touch with any of them please contact the Town Council office

Group

Arthritis Care
Billericay Society
Billericay Horticultural Society
Billericay Model Railway Group
BOSP
Good Companions Club
Helen Arber Performing Arts
Mayflower Wine Club
Norsey Wood Society
Pilatezone
Sixty Plus Welcome Club
Stepping Forward Bereavement Group

Meets

Friday at 7.30pm
 Wednesday monthly
 Monday monthly
 Wednesday monthly
 Thursday evenings 6pm
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays monthly
 Wednesday at 5pm
 Wednesday monthly
 Monday quarterly
 Tuesday evenings 7.45pm
 Tues, Thurs, Fri mornings from 9.30
 1st & 3rd Saturday monthly

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 2016

Tue 1 Planning
 Thur 3 Finance & GP
 Thur 10 Town Council
 Tue 15 Planning
 Tue 22 Environment
 Tue 29 Planning

DECEMBER 2016

Thur 1 Finance & GP
 Tue 13 Planning
 Thur 15 Town Council

JANUARY 2017

Tue 3 Planning
 Tue 10 Environment
 Tue 17 Planning
 Thur 19 Finance & GP
 Thur 26 Town Council
 Tue 31 Planning

FEBRUARY 2017

Tue 14 Planning
 Tue 21 Environment
 Tue 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.

BILLERICAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

BILLERICAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S mission is to educate and spread the joy of horticulture. Its long history dates from 1894 when a garden show was held at Gatwick House, Bell Hill. Its first patron, Sir Percival Perry, was also the first Chairman of Ford of Britain Limited. Meetings took place at well known venues in Billericay such as Foxcrofts House and minutes held by the society date from 25th March 1926 when a committee was appointed with affiliation to the Royal Horticultural Society. Funds were raised with tennis tournaments, comic cricket matches, whist drives and a dance at which a police presence was requested! In 1927 the first flower show was held where the only entrant won a set of silver spoons. Subsequently, as the society grew, local stores including Cottis the baker, Clarke the butcher, Davies the chemist and Goodspeeds the fishmonger, presented cups. Since 1988 coach tours to gardens such as Hampton Court have been arranged. Monthly meetings are held at the Chantry Way Centre on the third Monday of the month and include a guest speaker. Three outings are organised yearly plus a three day holiday. Membership fees are inexpensive at £5 or £8 per couple.

Make a date for the next meeting: Monday 21st November 2016.

If you wish to join this welcoming society please contact Mrs M Beale 01277 651354.

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