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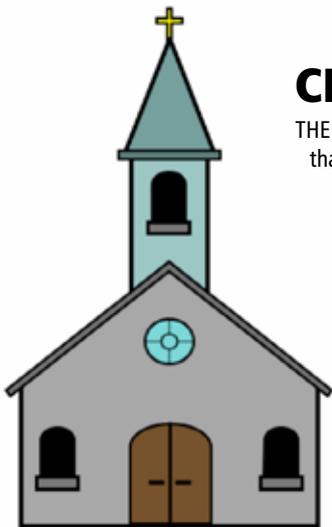


NEW HIGH STREET CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DAZZLE

On Sunday November 22nd Billericay Town Council's Celebration of Christmas Lights once again heralded the start of festivities in the Town. The new lighting scheme was introduced at the switch on and was very well received. The High Street dazzled with a variety of coloured lights. A spectacular Christmas tree in Jim Shields garden, on the corner of Western Road, welcomed people to the High Street while the Beacon twinkled at the Sun corner end and the tree outside St. Mary Magdalen was a riot of coloured lights.

During the afternoon a programme of entertainment was provided. Phil Norton, 2016's Citizen of the Year, presented the individual acts. The entertainment was provided by High Voltage Big Band, Dance Steps Academy, the school choirs of St. Peters, Woodlands and Mayflower, the Salvation Army, Jim Shrubbs the Town Crier and of course Father Christmas.

The afternoon concluded with the audience participating in a sing along to carols. Jim Shrubbs started the countdown for the big switch on performed by Father Christmas and Phil Norton. The Town Council thanked the many sponsors of the event and the volunteers who contributed so much to its success.



CIVIC SERVICE 2017

THE TOWN COUNCIL are pleased to announce that in conjunction with Churches Together in Billericay the fourth Civic Service is being held on:

**Sunday 5th March
at Emmanuel Church**

**Laindon Road,
Billericay
starting at 3pm.**

All residents are welcome to attend.

TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT HELD FOR THE 8TH YEAR RUNNING

For the 8th successive year Billericay Town Council is pleased to have kept its precept at the same level at a time when many local authorities are increasing their demands. At £19.80 for a Band D property, the precept is the portion of your Council Tax which goes to the Town Council to fund its activities.

While holding the precept the Town Council continues to invest in our town in events such as the Christmas Lights switch-on, the World War I Zeppelin Centenary Commemoration and the Billericay In Bloom competition which make Billericay such a great place to live. All this in addition to managing the Festival Gardens, the Jim Shields Garden, installing the hanging baskets and planters and now running the Chantry Way Centre.



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Official Office Opening times 9.30am - 12.30pm Mon-Fri. Outside these hours please ring as there may well be office staff present.

@BillericayTC BillericayTownCouncil

Details of Town Councillors can be obtained from the Town Council website or Offices.

TOWN COUNCILLORS MEET WITH CHANTRY WAY CENTRE USERS

IN NOVEMBER LAST year members of Billericay Town Council met with representatives of the groups that use the Chantry Way Centre.

The Town Council Chairman, Cllr Jim Devlin, explained to attendees that the building had about five years of use left and that presents the Town Council with two options. Piecemeal replacement or redevelopment of the site to get a greatly improved community facility.

Councillors listened to users' aspirations about the sort of community building they would like to see in the town as well as their concerns about the current premises. It was the first time that users had been gathered together to discuss the Centre and all parties agreed it was a very interesting consultation. Those users' opinions will be taken into account in our future plans for the Centre.

TOWN COUNCIL OBJECTS TO NEW AND ALTERNATIVE HOUSING SITES

IN DECEMBER THE Town Council objected to each of the new and alternative housing sites offered in the latest consultation on the Local Plan. The main objection cited was that the extra housing was not needed. The full response is displayed on the Town Council website.

A12 WIDENING CONSULTATION OPEN UNTIL 3RD MARCH

THE TOWN COUNCIL advises residents that this important consultation is now open. The consultation closes on 3rd March and residents can take part in the following ways:

On a web page: www.highways.gov.uk/A12chelmsfordA120widening

By email: A12chelmsfordA120wide@highwaysengland.co.uk

or post paper copy responses to:

Freepost A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening

The Town Council website will also carry relevant links.

CHANGES TO WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES CONSULTATION

IN NOVEMBER THE Town Council raised the concerns of residents and councillors in response to the consultation by Basildon Borough Council. The results of the consultation are awaited.



MAYFLOWER MORRIS MEN PRESENT A MUMMERS' PLAY: ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

Saturday, 22nd April – at 11am and again at 1.45pm at the corner of the High Street and St Edith's Lane

Performances are free and for all ages. Remember to boo the Dragon! Come along and see this form of the play which dates from the Third Crusade in the twelfth century when the popularity of the legend of St. George and the Dragon was at its height.

The play's meaning is still plain – Good overcomes Evil. What better message! See www.mayflowermorris.com for further details.



TOWN COUNCIL DONATES TO CHRISTMAS LUNCH

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL were unanimous in their support for a donation to Billericay Methodist Church who organised a Christmas Day lunch for forty people at the Christian Link. People who might have otherwise spent Christmas Day alone sat down with twenty helpers and together enjoyed a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Afterwards they listened to the Queen's Christmas Message and were each given a gift. Everyone had a wonderful time. One gentleman commented, "it was a wonderful and truly memorable day," and a lady said it was the best Christmas Day she had had for years.

Due to the many generous donations received from within the Community, both from individuals and from Organisations, another lunch is being planned by the Billericay Methodist Church for Wednesday, February 8th. This time it will take place in the Church Hall at Western Road and has been planned to coincide with the regular luncheon club normally held fortnightly at Western Road. It is expected that around forty-five people will enjoy a Roast Beef lunch.

BYTC Youth Town Council

NEW 'S' COOL DISCO CALLING ALL YEAR 5 & 6 PUPILS IN BILLERICAY!

IF YOU'RE LOOKING to make new friends ahead of secondary school, come and enjoy the Billericay Youth Town Council Disco Night on the **21st April!**

The BYTC presents a fun-filled evening **from 6 'til 8pm at the Chantry Way Day Centre**, where we hope to bring pupils from different local primary schools together.

- Great music and lots of dancing!
- Soft drinks and snacks!
- Fun and games!

Tickets may be purchased directly from the Town Council or from most local primary schools in advance (from February) for **just £2**. Alternatively, tickets are available for **£3 on the door**.

We can't wait to see you there!

Contact BYTC: email: townclerk@billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk



BILLERICAY IN BLOOM

THE NEXT EDITION of the Town Crier will announce the timing and entry conditions of this popular competition, so all those with green fingers watch this space!

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NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR CLL MARTIN ROESSLER

MARTIN LIVED IN Billericay as a young man and returned to live in the town in 2002. He is fifty-seven, married with two grown up children and one step-daughter. Martin works from home as a sales manager, and is also a trustee and Chairman of the Essex based Fish for Life Angling Academy charity. He enjoys the team environment of the Town Council. He became a Town Councillor to contribute to improving and maintaining the town he loves and is keen to get involved with community initiatives and happily helps out wherever needed at Town Council events.

GRANT FUNDING IS STILL AVAILABLE

EACH YEAR BILLERICAY Town Council sets aside money in its budget to support community projects run by local voluntary and charitable groups. There are still funds available in the 2016/2017 budget but you need to hurry: the closing date is February 23rd. Grant funding requests of up to £500 can be made for schemes which benefit the local community. The project must be undertaken within the Town Boundary and funding is for capital expenditure only.

If you have a project which requires funds or wish further information please contact the Town Clerk.

RAVENS – THE BEST DRESSED WINDOW

EVERY YEAR AT Christmas, Town Councillors and Youth Town Councillors select a window in the High Street which they feel deserves special merit. The prize is a cheque for £100 to be donated to a local charity of the winner's choice.

This year's winner was Ravens Bakery which the judges felt had made excellent use of the very limited window space they have to produce a magical scene using cakes and biscuits. The charity of their choice was the Essex Air Ambulance.

L-R: Laura Edwards, Pam and Roger Corrie from Essex Air ambulance, Sarah Shave and Chairman of Christmas Lights WP Cllr Jo Clark

YOU ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE TWO CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

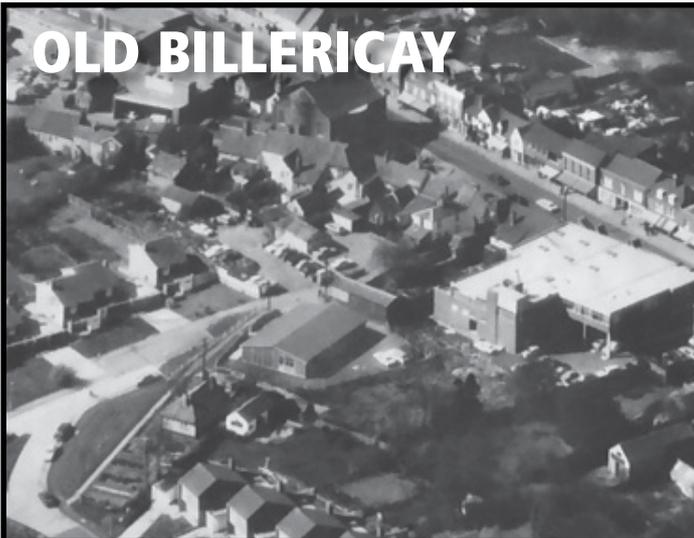
DO YOU KNOW a resident of the Town Council parish of Billericay who makes a difference in the Community? Do you know a young person living in our parish who goes the extra mile for their community? Following on from the success of the award last year we are looking for two citizens – one to represent the wider community and one to represent the youth.

If you would like to nominate residents for one or both awards please write to the Town Clerk townclerk@billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk at the Council Office who will send you the appropriate nomination forms for completion.



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OLD BILLERICAY



CHANTRY WAY CENTRE

IN 1972 BASILDON District Council opened the Day Centre in Chantry Way, just behind the Chequers pub in the High Street. There was a need to have a place where pensioners could access services from the Local Council. People were collected by minibus and taken to the Centre where meals were provided and services offered, such as chiropody. To this day the building still has a hairdressing salon attached where low cost hairdressing is available. The building was smaller than it is today and was entirely of a temporary construction, in common with many buildings of this type at the time. The aerial photograph shows the original building where it is just possible to see windows in the rear end. At some later stage, we would be keen to find out when, a brick extension was built and the windows to the rear were lost.

The photograph shows users of the Day Centre together with Basildon Council staff, including Estelle McAllister, outside the front of the building with the minibuses.





BILLERICAY COMMUNITY CINEMA WINS NATIONAL AWARD

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL provided a grant to the Billericay Community Cinema to help fund its startup in 2015.

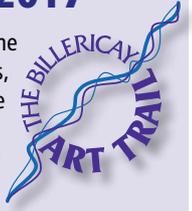
At November's Film Society and Community Cinema awards ceremony in Sheffield they were thrilled to be named the UK's "Best New Society 2016" competing against cinemas from Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Guildford and Nottingham, additionally winning "Distinction" for their Marketing and Publicity. Announcing the winner the CEO of CinemaForAll said "We're excited to award Best New Society to a shining example of what makes the community cinema experience so different to the multiplexes."

In Billericay Library each month two films are shown: "Film Thursday" features classic films whilst "Family Sunday" includes additional entertainment to keep youngsters entertained, showcasing 33 films to over 1,300 guests in the past 16 months. Details of forthcoming films can be found at BillericayCine.com

COMING SOON – CALL FOR ARTISTS: BILLERICAY ART TRAIL 2017

JOIN THE FABULOUS September Art Trail. 2016 was the most successful Trail yet. Help us build on that success, take part, show and sell your art, enjoy the buzz in the Town. We aim to involve the local community even more in 2017, giving the High Street a real art theme throughout the Trail. Planning is underway with events including:

- Kid's Art Trail
 - Free kid's Saturday art activities
 - Art competition
 - Art displays – original work for sale
- Application details available from 1st February.
See our website: www.BillericayArtTrail.org



BASILDON AND BILLERICAY U3A DIARY DATES FOR 2017

MEETINGS ARE HELD every 4th Friday from 2.30 to 4pm at the Cannon Roche Centre, Laindon Road, Billericay. Anyone retired or semi-retired is very welcome. Free to members or £2 for guests. Tea, light refreshments and limited parking available.

Jan 27th – Mary-Ann Connelly – Memories of a London Palladium Tiller Girl

Feb 24th – William Tyler – The Somme: 100 years on the pain remains

Mar 24th – The AGM

Apr 28th – Mike Grillo – The Day the Music died

May 26th – John Whitehead – Richard III



DIARY DATES

The Great Lake Race on Monday 1st May at 2pm.

Time to start planning your winning craft!

The 2017 Photographic Competition has been launched!

More information about these events and our organisation can be found on our website www.lakemeadows.org.uk or phone 07843 860 135

BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CRUNCH SERVICE

FORTHCOMING DATES AND locations in Billericay are:

Hannikins Farm – Saturday 4th February

David's Walk – Saturday 4th March

Little Burstead Car Park – Saturday 18th March

Radford Crescent Car Park – Saturday 25th March

WEA – BILLERICAY WEA – "WE EDUCATE ADULTS"

COURSES FOR ADULTS of all ages, given by experienced and enthusiastic tutors. Courses are usually run as a series of eight lectures for £50, on Wednesday afternoons and Wednesday summer evenings but are also run on a one day basis. Topics are varied and popular such as history, science and art. Our next one day course is on:

Saturday 18th March – 'Oscar Wilde: Nothing to Declare but His Genius' at the Reading Rooms, Billericay High Street. The fee is £15 and the doors open at 9.30. finishing at 4.00. If you are interested, please contact Geoff Taylor 01277 625351 or geofft33@outlook.com

We look forward to seeing you.

BILLERICAY OPERATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS



at the Brentwood Theatre – Tuesday 21st to Saturday 25th March.

Fabulous family entertainment about a travelling salesman in small town America with hit songs such as "76 Trombones" and "Till There Was You". There's comedy and romance too! Tickets are 14 to £16 and can be purchased through our box office on 01277 650672 (9am to 8pm, 7 days a week) or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/billops.



KEY HOLDER REQUIRED CHANTRY WAY CENTRE

Billericay Town Council run the Chantry Way Centre.
A reliable person is required to open and close the Centre
before and after events.
If you are interested please telephone
the Town Clerk on 01277 625732

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 0177 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

Billericay Society
Billericay Horticultural Society
Billericay Model Railway Group
Good Companions Club
Mayflower Wine Club
Norsey Wood Society
Pilatezone
Sixty Plus Welcome Club
Stepping Forward Bereavement Group

Meets

Wednesday monthly
Monday monthly
Wednesday monthly
2nd and 4th Wednesdays monthly
Wednesday monthly
Monday quarterly
Tuesday evenings 7.45pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri mornings from 9.30
1st and 3rd Saturday monthly

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

MARCH 2017

Thur 2 Finance & GP
Thur 9 Town Council
Tue 14 Planning
Tue 28 Planning

APRIL 2017

Tue 4 Environment
Tue 11 Planning
Wed 12 Finance & GP
Wed 19 Annual Town
Tue 25 Planning

MAY 2017

Tue 9 Planning
Thur 11 Annual Town Council
Tue 16 Environment
Tue 23 Planning
Thur 25 Finance & GP

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.

ESSEX POLICE

24 hour non-emergency number 101
www.essex.police.uk

BILLERICAY GOOD COMPANIONS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

THE CLUB MEETS on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 2pm-4pm at the Chantry Way Centre. It began in 1965 and was taken over by Mr and Mrs Tout in 1992. There are currently sixty-six members and meetings are well attended. The afternoon starts with entertainment, talks or music such as singers or instrumentalists and is followed by afternoon tea. During the year there are one or two outings and the year finishes with a special Christmas tea. Birthdays and Christmas are celebrated with cards and gifts. For the less able there is a Basildon Community Transport mini bus service to assist those unable to get to the Club without transport. The Club provides an enjoyable afternoon for those living alone to socialise and make new friends. Due to its popularity the club is at full capacity but if you are interested we will be glad to add you to the waiting list. Contact Ken on 01277 654319.

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