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Billericay Youth Town Council

Battle of the Bands

the band as a group and the skill of each individual member. Eventually The Spudwinkles were chosen as the winner and they were presented with a cash prize as well as a day in a recording studio, kindly donated by Creative Music Studios, Brentwood Road, West

THE Billericay Youth Town Council's annual Battle of the Bands event was held on Saturday 28th April, 2007, at the Canon Roche Social Centre. Five of the bands that submitted demo tapes were short-listed by the council; Red Dawn, Head First, Audio Fiesta, The Spudwinkles and Near Town Boy. For both Audio Fiesta and Near Town Boy, this was their first ever public appearance. Almost 200 people came to support their favourite band or simply to have a good time. Judging by the enthusiasm of the audience a good time was certainly had by all present. The judges took great care in deciding the winner of the event, rating them according to the level of teamwork shown, the involvement of the audience in a band's performance, the quality of

Horndon. The prize for the most popular band was awarded to Near Town Boy, having the greatest number of fans present. They received a cash incentive for their crowd-charming skills.

The Youth Council are extremely grateful to their sponsors Waitrose and Creative Music Studios, and would like to thank Mike Nye and his crew for the excellent sound and lighting. Finally the Council thanks everyone who helped on the evening for their hard work and dedication.

The Billericay Youth Town Council intend to run the competition again next year. They hope that it will be every bit as successful as the event has been both this year and on previous occasions.

By BYTC Councillor Daniel Fisher

Town Guide 2007

The fifth edition of the Town Guide is currently being prepared and will be published in October, 2007. All clubs and societies are invited to send in about 200 words about their organisation including a contact number and where possible a suitable photograph, particularly if there has been a special event or anniversary recently

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

www.billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk



Billericay Town Council Launched their new Website on Monday 4th June 2007

If you have any comments or suggestions on the future development of the site please contact the Town Council Office: on 01277 625732

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Billericay in Bloom

This year is the tenth anniversary of this event and includes a new category for a vegetable garden. In addition our two judges have given a cup for the best overall entry.

The year started with a talk from one of our judges, John Burrows, who gave tips on how to produce that winning entry. There was a display in the library in May and the Billericay in Bloom team took to the High Street in June together with Jim Shrub the Town Crier. With all the excellent press publicity we have received, no-one should be unaware of this event.

We have had new entries in the commercial premises category and all but one of our schools are taking part. The prizegiving will take place on Friday 20 July, 2007 and the prizes will be presented by BBC Essex gardening expert Ken Crowther.

We would like to thank Greenleas, Hunters Chase and Billericay Nurseries for offering a discount for residents in sheltered accommodation who enter the competition and a special thank you to Sign It for the wonderful banners they produced this year. We are also grateful to all our sponsors and our two judges without whom it would not take place.

Look out for details of the winners in the next edition of the Town Crier.



Floral Decorations

The flower planters within the High Street have been filled with summer plants and the hanging baskets have once again been erected on the lamp columns within the High Street and they are as magnificent as last year. The Town Council is very grateful to the following local businesses and groups who have forwarded sponsorship:

- Headlines Haridressing Ltd • E. Edwards Son & Noice • Peter D.J. Murray Insurance • Billericay Horticultural Society • Waitrose
- Mr. M. B. Clarke • Bennetts Funerals • The Railway Public House • The Coach & Horses Public House • Lions Club of Billericay
- The Billericay Society • Billericay District Residents' Association.

Banners Go Missing

Two of the brand new brightly coloured banners advertising this year's Billericay in Bloom event have been removed from the Railway Station and the railings at Waitrose. These attractive banners were kindly donated to the Town Council by Sign It and it is sad that someone has gone to all the trouble to remove them. What use can they be to anyone? This has been reported to the police and is regarded as theft. If you can help us find the banners or the people removing them please contact the Town Clerk. This is not the first time this has happened. Billericay is a pleasant town to live in. We should not tolerate this sort of inane behaviour.



Planting around the statue 'The Child in the Park'

A few years ago a local resident, on behalf of the then Billericay Early Years Forum, organised the commissioning and installation of the statue of a child at Lake Meadows Park. This was funded from grants and donations from various organisations, including the Town Council, and was presented as 'a gift from the children of the past and present to the children of the future'. The statue is now the responsibility of Basildon District Council.

As part of the original scheme, a garden was also provided around the statue and as a result of approaches being made to the Town Council it has been agreed that a planting scheme should be adopted in this garden, similar to that which takes place twice a year within Festival Garden, Crown Road. Parents who have lost a child will be invited to purchase a plant or shrub to be planted by them in the garden around the statue. It is envisaged that the plantings will take place during October and March of each year and further details will be made available through the local press and Town Council website. If you are interested in such a planting and wish to put your name forward for the first planting, please contact the Town Council offices.



BILLERICAY DESIGN STATEMENT - The view ahead

Previous issues of the Town Crier have introduced the objectives and scope of the Billericay Design Statement. Now, following a fairly intensive three months, the public consultation phase is in full swing.

The process was launched with a 3-day exhibition in the town's library in late June. This comprised a series of display panels explaining the background and planning implications of Design Statements, and, on the lighter side, a puzzle board where visitors could test their knowledge of Billericay. Representatives of the Design Statement Steering Group were on hand throughout to answer questions and encourage callers to express their opinions on Billericay. The exhibition then moved swiftly on to 'Praise in the Park' (in Lake Meadows) on Sunday 24 June. Similar exhibitions or road shows will be held at various venues around the town during the summer months; these will include the Fun Day at Sun Corner (15 July), Outwood Common and Queens Park as well as further High Street presentations.

Apart from informing and entertaining, the essential purpose of the road shows is to survey attitudes on the shape of Billericay - how it is now and how it should be in the future. This is achieved by asking people - those who work in the town and those visiting, as well as residents - to complete a short questionnaire. They can also write

comments on notelets which can be attached to spaces provided on the display panels.

The next big task is to analyse the results of the questionnaires; to assess what we like and dislike about the town, how we can maintain its character and where we can improve its appearance and amenities.

To achieve a comprehensive understanding on how people want the town to develop, the Steering Group is anxious that as many as possible - of all ages and all interests - participate in the consultation by filling in a questionnaire.

Anyone who is unable to visit one of the presentations can download the questionnaire from www.billericaybds.org.uk or obtain a copy from the Town Council offices in Crown Yard, where completed questionnaires can be returned.



Litter Bins



The Town Council are continually campaigning regarding litter within the town and as a result of consultations are pleased to announce that the District Council in conjunction with the Essex County Council have put six new black bins in the High Street. The Town Council have purchased two new yellow bins with stubber plats for cigarette butts, which have been installed at the Railway Station. The picture shows Cllrs. Terence Gandy, Moira Moore and Jonathan Garlick using one of the new yellow bins at the Railway Station.

BYTC update Litter Competition



On Wednesday May 23rd the Billericay Youth Town Council (BYTC) held its Anti-Litter Campaign Art Competition Awards Evening. Students from Billericay High School, Mayflower High School and Buttsbury Junior School turned up to find out who had been awarded prizes. Town Council Chairman, Councillor Mr. Beverley Beale first awarded the certificate and cash prizes for the Photography competition (for Secondary School pupils). Third prize went to Daniel Graham for his view of Rubbish in Woolworths Car Park, the second prize to Emma Willis for a photo montage of The Best and Worst Views of our Town, and first prize went to Starr Mumford for her creative Litter Bug superimposed on to one of the bins in Billericay High Street.

The colourful and inspiring winning entries for the Collage Competition came from various groups of year three students at Buttsbury Junior. Twelve of these students came to receive their cash prize for art supplies on behalf of the year three class.

Members of the BYTC baked cakes and laid on drinks for the competition participants and their parents and friends, who were given the opportunity to take a closer look at all the photos and collage and to talk to members of the BYTC and Town Council. The winning entries were on display in the Billericay Library during the week of Monday 11th - Sunday 17th June.

Louisa Ashby (BYTC)

Mobile Library Service

The Essex County Council Mobile Library Service has been reviewed and as a result of this there will now be a fortnightly service as follows:

Location	Stop Name	Arrive	Depart
Billericay	Hill House Court	11.00	11.30
Billericay	Park Lodge	13.15	13.45
Billericay	Buckywns Court	13.50	14.20
Billericay	Queens Park Bungalows	14.40	15.10
Billericay	Porchester Road	15.15	16.15

Dates of visits: Friday 10th & 24th August, 7th & 21st September, 5th & 19th October

Location	Stop Name	Arrive	Depart
Billericay	Roman Way	12.15	12.45

Dates of visits: Thursday 9th & 23rd August, 6th & 20th September, 4th & 18th October

For more information please contact any library or telephone Answers Direct on: **0845 603 7628**

Young Americans Visit Billericay



Pupils from the Twin Town of Fishers, Indiana recently visited Billericay and attended a Billericay Youth Town Council meeting.

Trees within the High Street



You may have noticed that the centre of the High Street has been enhanced by the planting of four new trees. This is a joint venture between Basildon District Council and the Essex County Council and to protect them black railings have been placed around each tree.

BASILDON DISTRICT COUNCIL SATURDAY CRUNCH SERVICE 9.00 A.M. to 12 NOON

Garden refuse and general rubbish can be taken to the following:

August	4	Little Burstead Car Park
Sept	8	Radford Crescent Car Park
October	6	Little Burstead Car Park

Town Council Meetings

Future Dates For Your Diary

All meetings start at 7:00pm and, unless stated otherwise, are held at The Coach House, Crown Yard, High Street and are open to the public.

AUGUST

THURSDAY	2	Town Council
TUESDAY	14	Planning
TUESDAY	21	Environment
TUESDAY	28	Planning
THURSDAY	30	Finance & GP

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY	11	Planning
THURSDAY	13	Town Council
TUESDAY	25	Planning

OCTOBER

TUESDAY	9	Environment - 3.00 pm
TUESDAY	9	Planning
THURSDAY	18	Finance & GP
TUESDAY	23	Planning

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCILLORS

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Beverley Beale			E
Peter Bowditch			SW
John Buchanan			E
Roberta Crew			E
Gerald Dann			W
Jim Devlin			W
Jack Dunn			W
Colin Dyer			E
Terence Gandy			W
Jonathan Garlick			E
Edgar Guest			SW
David Knight			E
Moira Moore			W
Dave Pugh			SW
Rod Rapley			W
Daphne Spencer			E
Trevor Stansfield			W
Gillian Thurman			W
Pamela Went			W
Marion Wilson			E