



# Billericay Town Crier

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**A** great big thank you to all of you who turned out to vote on 3rd May in the Town Council elections. You have re-elected 14 of the councillors who served you during the last few years and 6 people who came forward and said they wanted to help make Billericay a better place to live. If you didn't vote, please don't complain about what we do for you over the next four years. Two members of the previous council decided not to seek re-election, and, as is the way with democracy, four who sought re-election didn't get back in. I am grateful to them for all the efforts they put into helping achieve great things. My colleagues have given me a second chance to be chairman, and I hope that together we will make a difference. Cllr Peter Bowditch, who was chairman for 3 years before me, has been appointed as the vice-chairman. I am pleased to let the new councillors introduce themselves to you in their own words.

*Cllr. John Buchanan, Chairman*



## JOHN BELLRINGER

I have lived in Great Burstead, Billericay since 1995. I am married and have 4 children. I work as a Health & Safety Auditor. I have always had an interest in politics, local government and the local community. I sought election as a councillor in order that I can play my part in ensuring that Billericay remains a great place to live and retains its sense of community spirit and vibrancy.



## JULES BOTTAZZI

I worked for many years on national newspapers and now run training courses for journalists, work as a PR consultant and help to run Phoenix FM, our community radio station. I'm a mum of two young children who go to Buttsbury school and my favourite things about Billericay are the friendly people and feeling of community spirit. I'm on the Environment Committee and am looking forward to working with the Youth Town Council.

## TONY BOWN

I have lived in Billericay for about ten years, and love and appreciate the town, residents and way of life there which I value and I will try



to preserve and enhance through working on the Planning Committee. I am an active member of the local church community, having served on Parish Church Council and Basildon Deanery Synod. I

am a London lawyer and am Chairman and past Chairman of a number of trade and professional bodies as well as charitable and educational institutions, and being actively involved with administration of the City of London through two Livery Companies, which experiences I hope will be useful whilst working with the Finance and General Purposes committee.



## JO CLARK

I have lived and worked in this area for thirty five years. I have two sons who attended local schools. Originally I trained as a teacher but later retrained as a Social Worker.

Since then I have worked jointly for the Local Authority and the South Essex Partnership Trust where I managed local mental health teams. I am now retired but have taken an interest and been involved in local activities such as the Billericay Town Design Statement and

have also been involved with fund raising for the Mayor of Chelmsford's Charities. I look forward to now extending this to the Town Council.



## MARIE DEAR

I have lived in Billericay for forty years and raised my family here. I worked at Ford for twenty years and have a B.Sc.(Hons) degree. I work voluntarily for the Phoenix Partnership giving

mock interviews at local schools to prepare students for the workplace. I am on the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the litter working party and I am Neighbourhood Action Panel representative for Burstead. I am happy to work for the people of Billericay.



## EMMA WILLIS

I was educated at the Billericay School and am now furthering my education, studying for a degree in Physical Geography. While at school I was a member of

the Billericay Youth Town Council, which has inspired me to get involved in politics. I feel that Billericay is my home and always will be; therefore I am looking forward to working on the council to improve the local community.

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# BILLERICAY IN BLOOM

## Competition

### ENTRY DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PostCode: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This information will be treated as confidential and used only for the administration of this competition.

**Please Note** – only entries within the Billericay Town Council boundaries can be accepted.

**CATEGORIES A-D BEST KEPT GARDENS** – Judges will consider all aspects of the garden including the standard and range of plants, general maintenance and design.

**CATEGORY E** – Please indicate the location of your hanging basket, e.g. front or back of house, porch etc

If located in the back garden, do you give permission for the judges to enter your premises via side gate etc if you are not there: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be supplied with a label which must be visibly displayed to clearly identify your entered hanging basket.

**CATEGORIES A to H INCLUSIVE AND CATEGORIES K and L** No professional help is allowed for these categories.

**CATEGORY K – GARDEN IN A CONTAINER – Primary School Children only.** Container maximum size 37cm (15”). Work to be that of the individual child. Containers to be labelled with child’s name and class. All entries must be taken either into School on Monday 2nd July where it will be judged or to the Town Council Offices.

Name of School attended: \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY H and L – BEST VEGETABLE PLOT** – Judges will be looking for the best use of the area and variety of vegetables grown. Pots and grow bags are acceptable.

**CATEGORY N – BEST WATER GARDEN** – Judges will consider only the water feature area and will consider all aspects of the area including the standard and range of plants, general maintenance and design. Water gardens will require pond and water feature or fountain.

### I WISH TO ENTER THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

- A – Best Kept Small Front Garden** (1000sq.ft or less)
- B – Best Kept Large Front Garden** (more than 1000sq.ft)
- C – Best Kept Small Back Garden** (1500sq.ft or less)
- D – Best Kept Large Back Garden** (more than 1500sq.ft)
- ALL GARDEN SIZES INCLUDE PATHS AND DRIVES**
- E – Best Hanging Basket**
- F – Best Sheltered Accommodation Garden**
- G – Best School Garden**  
Nurseries / Playschools / Infants / Primary Schools
- \*H – Best School Vegetable Plot**  
Nurseries / Playschools / Infants / Primary Schools
- I – Best Commercial Premises**
- J – Best Public House / Restaurant**
- K – Best Garden in a Container – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee OR Olympics theme**  
(Primary School pupils only)
- L – Best Vegetable Plot** (minimum 10ft x 6ft)  
(must be within confines of property)
- M – Best Garden Design**(either front or back garden)
- N – Best Water Garden**
- \*O – Best Wildlife Garden**
- \*P – Best Domestic Greenhouse**
- \*NEW CATEGORIES**

Please note that all gardens, front and back, vegetable gardens and hanging baskets will, where possible, be judged on **SUNDAY 1st JULY**. Access must be available to rear gardens otherwise they will not be judged.

**Closing Date:** Monday 25th June 2012.

**Judging:** Sunday 1st July and Monday 2nd July.

**Prizegiving:** Wednesday 11th July 2012 at Archer Hall, Emmanuel Church, Laindon Road.

**Please Return This Form To:** Billericay in Bloom, Town Council, The Loft, Crown Yard, High Street, Billericay CM12 9BX.

**Enquiries To:** TOWN CLERK 01277 625732.

**Email:** townclerk@billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk

## FESTIVAL GARDENS

In Crown Road, just off the High Street, is the Festival Gardens. It’s a small garden that the Town Council has secured on a long-term lease from Basildon Borough Council to look after and maintain as a memorial garden and as a quiet, peaceful, secluded place for our residents to visit. Relatives who wish to remember loved ones can participate in the Town Council’s Plant A Shrub scheme, which normally takes place twice a year, and add to the spectacle of this valuable asset in Billericay. We welcome all visitors to come along and spend time there, but we have found that those bringing dogs are often less than thoughtful with the “messages” that are left behind. We therefore ask all dog owners to remember their responsibilities and not allow dogs to foul in the garden as it makes the cutting of the grass and maintenance very difficult; and if they do, then owners, please do the decent thing by taking the offending matter away with you.

*Cllr Peter Bowditch, Vice Chair, Billericay Town Council*

### QUEEN’S PARK REFURBISHED PLAYGROUNDS



As a result of a resident initiative, the Town Council were pleased to assist the Basildon, Billericay & Wickford Council for Voluntary Service (BBWCVS) by providing £7,000 funding towards the refurbishment of playground facilities at Queens’ Park.



## CATER MUSEUM

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



### EVERY OBJECT TELLS A STORY

#### OIL LAMP FROM A THAMES BARGE

Given to Fred Eales by a barge master's son who was a long-term lodger in his house, this Victorian lantern, large and black, was put to very different use during the bleak days of World War II.

Mr. Eales took it into the cellar of his home at 74 High Street, which was used as an air raid shelter, and it provided light for the people taking refuge there.

### FUN IN THE PARK – RUNNING THE RACE

On Sunday 24th June Churches Together in Billericay are planning an afternoon of fun with an Olympic theme in Lake Meadows. The event will run from noon until 4pm, commencing with a bring-your-own picnic, there will be music, several giant inflatables, a climbing wall and games for the children, plus other activities suitable for all ages. In addition there will be entertainers on stage, a team of speakers and we will also be serving cream teas. The afternoon will culminate in a short period of worship. The hope is that this event will appeal to families in particular and a way of celebrating this momentous year of the Olympic Games so close to home!



## TALES AT THE FOLD

June 28th – Tales for All – 7.45pm cost £2

A selection of stories from around the world told with wit, passion and understanding by Carl Merry and friends.

July 26th – The Tower of Bagel – 7.45pm cost £7

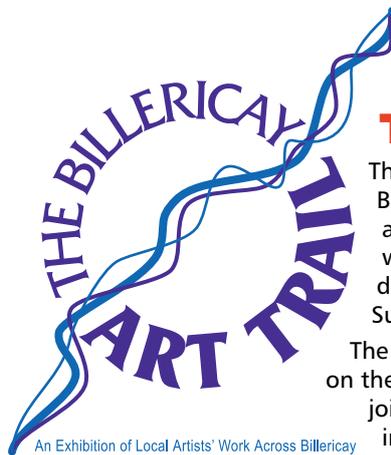
“Tales at the Fold” Storytelling club is proud to welcome internationally renowned storyteller Shonaleigh Cumbers back to Billericay with her most loved performance.

Since being commissioned in 1998 for the UK's leading storytelling festival “The Tower of Bagel” has been honed over a decade's almost continuous performance in both the UK and Europe. It has now been revived with specially-composed music and songs by storyteller/songwriter Simon Heywood.

Having spent almost a year touring “The Tower of Bagel” Shonaleigh says, “This will be the last time this piece will be performed for many years.”

**Don't miss it!**

For tickets telephone: 01277 659286  
The Fold Arts Centre, 72 Laindon Road, Billericay



An Exhibition of Local Artists' Work Across Billericay

### BILLERICAY ART TRAIL TAKES OFF

This year will see the first ever Billericay Art Trail as venues across the town host exhibits of work by local artists over nine days between Saturday 1st until Sunday 9th September inclusive.

The Billericay Art Trail is building on the success of the A127 Trail, a joint venture with neighbours in Basildon, Barleylands and Wickford. This year, however,

the decision was taken to hold individual trails, as the A127 trail had become so large and therefore potentially difficult for visitors to see as many exhibitions as they wanted.

Vin Harrop, the trail's co-ordinator, is excited by the forthcoming event. “The aim behind the trail is to give artists the opportunity to exhibit work locally and give the public a chance to view some of the artistic talent that we have in the town.”

If you are an artist living or working in Billericay and are interested in finding out more, visit the website at [www.billericayartrail.co.uk](http://www.billericayartrail.co.uk) to get involved for the future.



## NORSEY WOOD FUNGI

Annual Exhibition at the Fold, 72 Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LD.

Saturday 1st September 2012, 9.30am to 4.00pm.

The exhibition will continue until Wednesday 5th September as part of the Billericay Art Trail.

Please come and see the creative work from your local camera club.

New members always welcome. Telephone 01277 656484 or visit [www.photofold.org.uk](http://www.photofold.org.uk).

‘Norsey Wood Fungi’ by Ray Waters, Photofold Camera Club.





## NEW PARKING INITIATIVE

Basildon Council has introduced a Phone and Pay to Park option within their car parks, for example the car park behind Iceland. To register for this service call 01268 202229 and provide the following details once only:

- Car registration
- Payment details

Once registered, you can park in any bay where you see the Phone and Pay sign. Every location has a unique four digit reference number. Once paid, all information is sent to the Enforcement Officer, who will see your car and location details as well as the expiry time of your parking.

Any new phone parking transactions will cost a maximum 20p service charge and any existing parking sessions which you wish to extend will cost 10p in service charges.

Customers who have paid by phone will not need to display any ticket.

## PARKING AT LAKE MEADOWS

Don't get caught out and fined – remember that although there is free parking at Lake Meadows a charging policy of 20p is imposed between 9.30-10.00am and 3.00-3.30pm.



## BILLERICAY STATION

Almost everyone is pleased with the modernisation of the booking hall at Billericay station. However, an opportunity has been missed to help passengers with limited mobility, maybe finding it hard to walk very far or manage stairs, or maybe using a wheelchair or pushing a buggy. In rebuilding the booking hall, the rail authorities did not put in a lift for passengers returning from London or travelling towards Southend. The Government did not provide funding for this. The Town Council Chairman, Cllr. John Buchanan, discussed this with John Baron MP when he formally opened the new booking hall in March, and together with Cllr. Tony Ball, Leader of Basildon Council, they have sent a letter to the Minister of State for Rail, Theresa Villiers MP to request funding to provide a lift on the Southend bound platform for mobility impaired passengers.

## BYTC

### WHAT HAS BYTC BEEN UP TO?

Chairman: Tayler Cronly-Dillon

with an epic cake sale at the Reading Rooms on the High Street.

Visitors were greeted with the sight of cakes stacked up on tables, stretching as far as the eye could see! Cakes were evidently just the thing for High Street shoppers on a chilly spring day as they sold like... well... hot cakes! Our intrepid cake-sellers raised nearly £500; a fantastic achievement. They have earmarked this money to spend on our elderly community, and there's already a visit planned to Hill House Court, sheltered accommodation, where the team plan to entertain, play games with residents and leave them with a gift.

BYTC followed this up by organising an Easter Egg hunt in Lake Meadows, near the play area. St John's Ambulance popped in too as children, undeterred by the freezing temperatures, roamed around the park looking for chocolate eggs hidden behind trees. Perhaps the highlight of the day was BYTC member James dressing up as a giant chicken...

Next up is something very exciting. To tie in with the Olympics, the SX Urban Games is coming to Essex this summer, and our team has organized a brilliant day of urban activities at Lake Meadows on Saturday 21st July from 11am. There will be demonstrations and workshops from experts that will include dodgeball, a basketball freestyle show and games, football workshops and games, street dance, and a skate/scooter/inline BMX competition. Don't miss it!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

### Billericay Town Football Club,

who won the Ryman Premier title in April! The championship was clinched as they drew 2-2 at Margate in the last but one game of the season, sparking a pitch invasion by joyous fans and celebrations that involved a few bottles of bubbly. Manager Craig Edwards dedicated the title to injured goalkeeper Nicky Morgan, who made an emotional return to New Lodge at the last home game of the season against Lowestoft to collect his winner's medal.

Morgan was briefly paralysed after an attack outside a nightclub in Brentwood last October. We're looking forward to seeing them play in the Blue Square Bet South next season!

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## TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS JULY 2012

Tuesday 3 Environment  
Tuesday 10 Planning  
Thursday 12 Finance & General Purposes  
Tuesday 24 Planning  
Thursday 26 TOWN COUNCIL

## AUGUST 2012

Tuesday 7 Planning  
Tuesday 21 Planning  
Tuesday 28 Environment  
Thursday 30 Finance & General Purposes

## SEPTEMBER 2012

Tuesday 4 Planning  
Thursday 13 TOWN COUNCIL  
Tuesday 18 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 101

## TORCH ROUTE

The Olympic Torch is said to be coming within 10 miles of 90% of the population, but it isn't coming through Billericay – so where are the nearest places to see it, and when?:

**DATE: Friday July 6. PLACE: Basildon.**

TIME/ROUTE: Leaving the Sporting Village at 3.40pm, into Basildon via Upper Mayne, along Southernhay past the bus station, under the railway bridge and back along Cherrydown, along Ashdon Way, and along Nether Mayne as far as The Knares.

**DATE: Friday July 6. PLACE: Herongate/Ingrave**

TIME/ROUTE: Starting at 5.40pm from near the Boar's Head, towards Brentwood along the Ingrave Road as far as Common Road.

**DATE: Friday July 6. PLACE: Brentwood**

TIME/ROUTE: Starting at 6pm from The Avenue, along the Ingrave Road to Wilson's Corner, then along Shenfield Road as far as the Community Hospital.

Website for maps and exact timings:

<http://www.london2012.com/torch-relay/route/>



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