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The Festival Gardens

Billericay's Best Kept Secret

Do you know where it is and why it is called the Festival Gardens?

The Festival Gardens is at the corner of Norsey Road and Crown Road. It was given to the people of Billericay in 1951 to commemorate the Festival of Britain by an anonymous donor.



Since we took The Festival Gardens over from the Borough Council we have set our sights on making this garden a special area of interest and a place for people to visit and enjoy the quiet and peaceful environment we are creating there.

Already we have appointed a professional team to look after the ongoing maintenance required in a very green area such as this. We have engaged with the community and are receiving support from the local residents who are looking after the more subtle details that this garden needs. We are working with local businesses to assist us in some important landscaping projects needed to increase the attractive features already there and to enable more areas of shrub planting to be possible.

To enable residents to visit The Festival Gardens, we are going to place additional street signage and a new sign at the entrance to help visitors to easily come and see the garden.

At a date in the future when we have achieved more of our targets in the garden we will have an open day to underline our pride in this venture and to introduce as many people that care



The roses at their best to join us at this little gem located very close to the High Street.

Cllr Peter Bowditch, Chair Recreation Facilities Working Party.



OUTWOOD COMMON VILLAGE GREEN

Thanks to grant funding from Veolia North Thames Trust of £27,500 and Essex Environment Trust of £12,500 tenders have now been received for the installation of Playground Equipment at Outwood Common and it is very much hoped that work will commence within the next two months once the legal agreement for Lease of the land from the London Borough of Waltham Forest has been completed.



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



The second annual Outwood Common litter pick took place on Saturday 18th May when 14 brave volunteers took to the streets of Outwood Common and found a large amount of rubbish. A big area was covered from Anisha Grange over the green and around the local garages and streets.

It was a very worthwhile exercise with several local residents giving us good feedback and being very pleased with the litter party clearing their area.

We were also very heartened by the stories the residents told us about locals taking steps to clear the area of litter themselves. Hopefully the litter pick will encourage residents to take more care of their area throughout the year.

As a result of requests received the next litter pick is due to be held on Saturday 19th October at Queens Park. Anyone wishing to take part in this litter pick should meet at the Queen's Park Community Church at 9.15am.

Cllr Bob Chapman, Chairman of the Litter Working Party.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

At the Annual Council meeting held on 23rd May Cllr John Buchanan was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Peter Bowditch, Vice-Chairman. This will be the third term of office as Chairman for Cllr Buchanan.

NEW MEMBER OF STAFF AT THE TOWN COUNCIL

Mrs Diane McCarthy joined the Town Council on 1st April as the new Planning Clerk / Administrative Assistant replacing Mrs Madeline Gapes who had recently retired. Diane previously worked for the London Borough of Havering.



BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK

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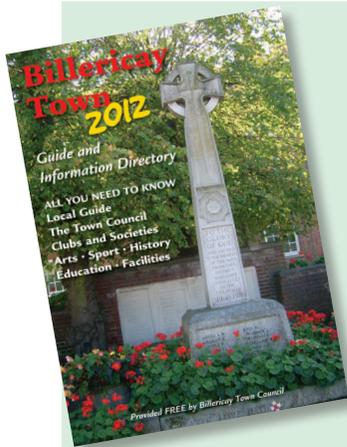
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THE NEXT TOWN GUIDE

The Town Council are well on the way to preparing the next Town Guide but it is not too late to have an article included and if you are a member of a local group, club or organisation which would like an article and contact details included within the next edition please contact the Town Council office as soon as possible. Once completed the Guide will be distributed to all properties within Billericay.

BYTC Youth Council

CAKE BAKE

Members of the Youth Town Council arrived at the Reading Rooms, Billericay High Street, on Saturday 29th June armed with homemade cakes / biscuits and other goodies to be sold at the Cake Bake. As a result of their hard work over £200 was raised and they have agreed that a donation should be forwarded to the Daisy Palmer Trust.



Members of the Youth Town Council awaiting the opening of the doors

EGG HUNT

Members of the Youth Town Council had originally intended to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at Lake Meadows Park on the 23rd March but because of the dreadful weather it had to be postponed. However, members of the YTC wanted to hold this event so it was decided it should take place on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May and fortunately the weather was kinder. Members of the Friends of Lake Meadows were also in attendance promoting the Friends Group and providing Face Painting for the youngsters in the park.



Taylor Cronly-Dillon presents 1st prize to Charlie Garlick

CATER MUSEUM

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

EVERY OBJECT TELLS A STORY



Map of Norsey Wood Drawn by Harry Richman

This map, drawn by the first curator of the Cater Museum, shows Norsey Wood as it appeared in the 1950s. The wood formerly contained two Bronze Age burial mounds, one of which survives today. This tumulus is situated on the gravel to the east end of the valley. In 1865 the Rev. Cutts uncovered fragments of Roman Pottery, a worn bronze coin and three large cremation urns. He also put a trench into the second mound and found seven urns, one of which held bones. This barrow was destroyed by later development.

A licence dated 1280 describes the area as a “park” and not a wood, a reference to the use of the area as a deer park for hunting. A ditch and bank (rapidly being destroyed by development) were designed to keep the deer in a given area for hunting by the nobility. Famed animal artist Stella Crofts lived with her brother and sister in “Deerbank”, an adjacent house.

Details on the map include the First World War training trenches, the site of Roman excavations, 1939-45 trenches, and the homes of creatures that lived in the wood.

The map in its entirety can be seen at the Cater Museum and now a copy is displayed in the visitor centre at Norsey Wood.



Picture provided by Peter Bowditch

FRIENDS OF LAKE MEADOWS

The Friends of Lake Meadows have been busy organising events for the summer months. The first of these was a tree planting ceremony when we welcomed the Deputy Head of Mission at the Brazilian Embassy, Minister Flavio Marega (seen right), with his wife Claudia, to plant a Paraná pine tree, from his home country, in the park.

By the time you read this we hope to have had a successful ‘Jazz in the Park’ evening at the end of June with lots of local musicians, followed by helping at the Churches Together ‘Fun in the Park’ day.

On Saturday September 21st we are running our first dog show ‘Bark in the Park’, when there will be a number of stands offering doggy-related information, as well as several arenas with a variety of dog competitions. The aim is to encourage responsible dog ownership but to have a fun day as well.

Wednesday October 2nd at 7.45pm sees the Friends holding their first AGM at The Christian Link, when the speaker will be Neil Sumner talking about ‘Living Landscapes – A Vision for the Future of Essex’. Members will be formally notified of the event but everyone is welcome to join us. For further details about this and other events including our working parties and gardening group, go to www.lakemeadows.org.uk

MORRIS DANCING IN LAKE MEADOWS

Sunday 18th August 2013

Well, not actually IN the lake, but up near the café from 2p.m. onwards.

Your local Morris side, the Mayflower Morris Men, will perform a variety of English Morris and Sword dances. This is a free display, an event for all the family, and very informal. The intention is just to show off our historical English dance traditions. You might be invited to join in and/or to take part in a bit of social dancing too – no pressure – just for fun! If you have a pulse and two handkerchiefs you might even join! Feel free to come along and just enjoy the music and spectacle.

POTHOLE REPAIRS

Essex Highways have included more information online to help residents find out how potholes are inspected and repaired across the county.

A new section on the Essex County Council website features video content detailing the repair process, and useful information on the criteria for repairs.

The webpage is available to view at: www.essexhighways.org/Potholes.aspx

Billericay Methodist Pre-school

Opening hours
Monday – Friday 9.15am – 12.15pm

Billericay Methodist Church
Western Road, Billericay, Essex, CM12 9DT
Tel: 01277 624533
www.billericaymethodistpreschool.co.uk

**Places Available
For September 2013**



Billericay's Residents pay tribute to Drummer Lee Rigby

BASILDON COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICES (BCTS)

BCTS is a local charity providing services for elderly and disabled people in Billericay. It is a door to door service for people who have difficulty accessing public transport. This is provided by wheelchair accessible minibuses and voluntary car drivers. Registration and booking line 01268 465858

Home toe and finger nail cutting service. For £11 a trained professional will cut your nails in the comfort of your own home. Registration and booking line 01268 294334.

Free Wheelchair Loan service. Residents of any age can borrow a wheelchair for up to six weeks, just with proof of identity and a £10 refundable deposit. A range of manual wheelchairs in various sizes is available. Free Wheelchair booking line and all other enquiries – 01268 294235.



CHARITY FUNDRAISER

to raise money and awareness for **Remus Memorial Horse Sanctuary**
Come join us for an evening of live music, bouncy castle, food, drinks, raffles, prizes, stalls and more! • Held at: Billericay Nurseries, London Road, Billericay CM12 9HT • **August 4th 2013 – 4pm-9pm** • Ticket Prices: £12.50 per adult in advance (£15 on the door) Children under 12 go free

Email nicky.wrig_ht27@hotmail.com • Or call Susan on 01277 622083 for tickets and information

ESSEX HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SIGNPOSTING SERVICE

A new easy way to find details of local NHS and Social Care Services

If you need to find details of an NHS dentist, GP, opticians, pharmacy or social care service and do not know where to look, Essex Signposting can provide all the details. Contact freephone 0300 0032125 or email: Essex.HSCSS@nhs.net, Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS AUGUST 2013

Thursday 1 Town Council
Tuesday 13 Planning
Tuesday 27 Planning

SEPTEMBER 2013

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Thursday 12 Finance & General Purposes
Thursday 19 Town Council
Tuesday 24 Planning

OCTOBER 2013

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Tuesday 15 Environment
Tuesday 22 Planning
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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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