



1914-2014 BILLERICAY REMEMBERS

Like many communities Billericay Town Council is taking the opportunity to mark the Centenary year of the outbreak of World War One. This event, more than any other, brought about changes across the world affecting people on so many levels. Large estates throughout the country lost most of their male workforce, women came out of their homes to help fill places men had vacated and servants who stood next to their masters in the trenches would never be able to return to the same social structure again. The centenary year gives us the opportunity to reflect on a time that shaped the history of our country.

We approached schools, societies and Churches Together to gauge the feeling of the Community and had a very good response. As a result, a working party was formed and we are pleased to announce we are coordinating a weekend of events on Saturday August 2nd, Sunday August 3rd and Monday August 4th which was the day that Great Britain entered the War. All events will be held in St. Mary Magdalen so why not pop in and view the exhibition and see the floral displays on Saturday and Sunday and stop for a cup of tea or coffee on Saturday morning. On Sunday afternoon there will be songs, a talk and contributions from the schools. There will also be a commemorative service organised by Churches Together on Monday evening. Tickets for the Sunday afternoon event will be available from the Town Council offices from 14th July. This

is a free event but due to the size of the Church, ticket allocation has to be restricted to two per applicant. If you take tickets then find you cannot use them please return them to the Town Council office so that others might benefit.



APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014-15

John Buchanan, Chairman and Jo Clark, Vice-Chairman

Councillor John Buchanan was re-elected as Chairman for a fourth term of office, whilst Councillor Jo Clark was appointed as the new Vice-Chairman. Councillor Buchanan is one of the founder members of the Town Council and Councillor Clark, although a relative newcomer to the Council, has already chaired both the Christmas lights and WW1 Centenary Commemoration working parties. We are sure this will prove to be a very successful partnership as the Town Council strives to continue making Billericay "A Great Place to Be."

PLANT A SHRUB EVENTS TO BE HELD IN LAKE MEADOWS AND THE FESTIVAL GARDENS 9TH OCTOBER 2014

COMMEMORATE a loved one by planting a shrub in their memory in the Festival Gardens, Crown Road or commemorate a baby or child at the garden surrounding the "Child in the Park" statue in Lake Meadows. Both events will take place on Thursday 9th October and the cost is £15. Gardeners will be in attendance to help with the planting if required, but there is no formal ceremony. Both the Festival Gardens and Lake Meadows are public open spaces and it is therefore not possible to label each shrub individually. However the Town council does maintain a Book of Remembrance which is kept in the Town Council office. For further details and an application form please contact the Town Clerk.

For further information and general enquiries contact:

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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.

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

LITTER PICK AT OUTWOOD COMMON



A small contingent of volunteers assembled at Anisha Grange on 17th May to take part in the Outwood Common area litter pick. Despite not being large in number, two groups were sent to collect litter from around the play area and the garages on the Ascham Homes estate. About 12 black sacks full of litter were collected in total and one of the volunteers said that by sparing just two hours of his time he had been left with a real sense of civic pride. The next litter pick will be held on 18th October at Queens Park. Any residents that would like to also feel a sense of civic pride should assemble at the Queens Park Community Church around 9.15am. Full equipment is provided, and for further details contact the Town Council office.

FRENCH TWINNING VISIT



Jeanine Watson, Chairperson of the Chauvigny committee, Francois Salvador, President of the Chauvigny Twinning Association, Trevor Stansfield, the founder of the Twinning Association, Councillor John Buchanan and Nellie Teynant, ex President

At the end of May about 20 French people travelled to Billericay to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the signing of the charter between the two towns. They were welcomed by the Chair of Billericay Town Council, Councillor John Buchanan (who is also the President of the Billericay Twinning Association) at a reception given by the Town Council.

During their stay they visited Camden Place in Kent, the former home of Emperor Napoleon the Third and the Empress Eugenie, as well as Chartwell, Winston Churchill's home.

A day was spent exploring Greenwich and a farewell dinner rounded off their visit.

LAKE MEADOWS AERATION SYSTEM WINS PRESTIGIOUS ESSEX ENVIRONMENT TRUST AWARD



(from l-r) George Courtauld DL, Chairman of Essex Environment Trust, Cllr Moira Moore, Cllr Peter Bowditch, Town Clerk Deborah Tonkiss and Keith Derry, Chief Executive, Essex Environment Trust

THE Town Council were delighted to be invited to attend an Awards Ceremony and be presented with a Certificate of Merit for the Lake Meadows Fountains Project. It was selected as one of the top 5 projects in Essex funded by Essex Environment Trust during 2013. The project was a collaboration between the Town Council, Friends of Lake Meadows and Basildon Borough Council, with additional funding from Essex County Council and Billericay Round Table. Councillors Peter Bowditch and Moira Moore along with the Town Clerk attended the ceremony at the Diocesan offices in Chelmsford on 2nd July.



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HANGING BASKETS IN THE HIGH STREET



EACH year the lamp columns in the High Street have to undergo testing by Essex County Council. This is to make sure that they are compliant with the relevant health and safety legislation for the hanging of flower baskets.

In case some of you felt that they were late in going up this year it's because the test house were behind in getting their results to Essex and therefore the necessary Letter of Consent was delayed. Hopefully this has not spoil your enjoyment and the High Street will stay colourful for the remainder of the summer.

BILLERICAY BY-ELECTION WEST WARD

THE Town Council currently has a vacant seat in the West Ward. An election for the vacancy will be held on Thursday 7th August. We would ask residents of West Ward to please look out for your polling cards and remember to exercise your right to vote.



BYTC Youth Council

CAKE SALE SATURDAY 21st JUNE

THE Youth Council held their annual cake sale in the Reading Rooms, which went really well! All the cakes were hand made by youth council members and most of them were snapped up by hungry shoppers that were out and about on the High Street. Overall about £80 was raised, and luckily those people that purchased a cake seemed to enjoy them.

DOG WASTE IN FESTIVAL GARDENS

YET again the Council are receiving reports from our contractor and Friend of the Gardens that dog waste is not being picked up and disposed of by some dog owners. Whilst the majority are conscientious about picking up after their pooches, it is a shame that a minority seem intent on spoiling the garden's enjoyment for others. A new weapon is going to be deployed in our attempt to try and rid Billericay of this anti-social nuisance – fluorescent paint! Environmental officers think it could be an effective way to get the message across, and it has been proven to reduce the incidences of dog fouling as it highlights the size of the problem and can help to change people's behaviour.



TOWN TRAIL WALKS



THERE are two remaining dates left this year for you to enjoy a walk along the High Street in the company of a knowledgeable local guide. The dates are Saturday 16th August and Saturday 20th September. If you would like to book a place, then please contact the Town Council office. You can of course just turn up on the day, but if we have your details and for any reason the walk has to be cancelled then we can let you know.



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STREET PASTORS DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

EARLY in 2014 Billericay Street Pastors became aware that there was no Public Access Defibrillator in the High Street. They began to share this information out and about and decided to do some fund raising to secure one.

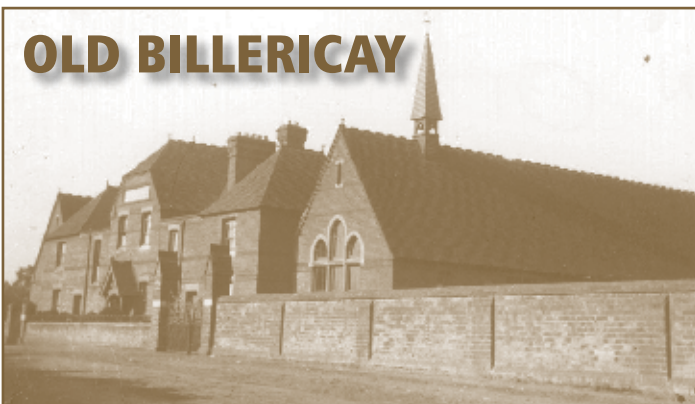
They decided to take part in John Baron MPs Fun Walk at Barleylands and this was completed. The money raised is still being collected and then a claim will be made to the organisation committee who will add to this from the central pool. With the support of Inspector Mark Rayner from Essex Police, Hazles Pottery Barns Barleylands, One Stop Shop and The Burstead Golf Club the amount raised could be as much as £3,850. This should be enough for two defibs which we hope

will be deployed in the High Street as soon as possible.

In addition to the fund raising we were happy to receive a donation of a Defibrillator from Superintendent Adrian Coombs from Operational Policing Command at Essex Police HQ. This was an unexpected bonus and will be deployed as soon as it can be agreed as to its best position.

This has been a fantastic adventure with the added blessing of seeing such great community spirit. Along with the support of Churches together in Billericay we can see that so much goodness prevails in our Town and we look forward to continuing to support all the activities that are going on in Billericay.

OLD BILLERICAY



THIS photo shows the Burstead and Billericay School in Laindon Road before the front extensions were built between the wars. The Billericay Community Archive is collecting photos and memories of Billericay in the past. Visit our website at www.billericayhistory.org.uk to see more. If you have photos or memories you would like to share contact editor@billericayhistory.org.uk or come and see us at Billericay library on the second Monday of each month.



COUNCILLOR Wilson represented the Town Council at the Anisha Grange Care Home on Outwood Common Road by attending their Open Day held on Friday 20th June.

Anisha Grange hosted an arts and crafts display with residents and guests enjoying an afternoon of history with guests invited to view a presentation of Billericay from days gone by.

Many homes joined in across the country, and there were a whole host of events ranging from Ascot themed days and tropical beach parties to summer fetes and afternoon teas.

ESSEX & SUFFOLK WATER ARE HELPING BILLERICAY SAVE WATER!

BETWEEN May and September this year Essex & Suffolk Water is working with the people of Billericay to carry out a water saving initiative that spans across the entire town!

More than 15,000 households have

been invited to take part in the latest phase of our award winning H₂eco home survey programme. Customers who take part receive both free advice and water saving products which are installed by one of our trained plumbers. There are still a limited number of appointments available so if you are a resident of Billericay and would like to take part please call 0800 369 9933.

We are also looking to work with the businesses based in Billericay, including retailers, schools and manufacturers to help reduce their water consumption as well. Working in a very similar way to our H₂eco programme, business owners can benefit from a water usage audit and the installation of free water saving devices. Billericay Town Council has already given the scheme its approval through incorporating its own buildings in the project, contributing to our aim to have every single business premises involved with the campaign. If you are a business and interested in finding out what services are available to you please

e-mail makeitcount@eswater.co.uk

The Billericay programme is one of the largest water efficiency promotions ever run by Essex & Suffolk Water. Not only will it help our customers save water and money, it will help secure supplies of top quality drinking water for the future. Help make Billericay the most water efficient town in the county – make it count!

For more information visit www.eswater.co.uk/makeitcount



TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

AUGUST 2014

Tuesday 12 Planning

Tuesday 26 Planning

SEPTEMBER 2014

Tuesday 2 Environment

Tuesday 9 Planning

Thursday 11 Finance & General Purposes

Thursday 25 Town Council

Tuesday 23 Planning

OCTOBER 2014

Tuesday 7 Planning

Tuesday 21 Planning

Tuesday 28 Environment

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.

STAY SAFE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT

We recommend that each floor of your home has a working smoke alarm fitted. These should be tested on a weekly basis and, if necessary, the batteries replaced at regular intervals.

We provide smoke alarms completely free of charge. To arrange a free home fire safety visit from one of our technicians contact us now.

By Phone, ask for the Home Fire Safety team on:

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By Email, follow the Home Fire Safety link on our website

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