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CHANTRY WAY CENTRE TOWN COUNCIL HAS KEY OF THE DOOR

On 16th April control of the Chantry Way Centre was transferred from Basildon Borough Council to Billericay Town Council. The rationale for this change is that local services are better run locally and Basildon Borough Council has recognised that this facility was a prime candidate in this policy. The aim of Billericay Town Council is to increase usage of the Centre and to make improvements that enable this to happen.

In the Autumn we intend to hold a user group meeting to find out the needs of current users and their aspirations for the building. We will also consult with the wider community to find out the improvements needed to make this facility something the Town can be proud of. The planned improvements will take place over the next three to five years.

There is a large meeting room which can accommodate 125 and kitchen facilities available to hire day times, evenings and weekends at very competitive rates which are discounted for over 50's and community groups. Please see back page for further information.



Cllrs Dear, Clark, Devlin (Chairman), Moore and Adshead

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL COMMEMORATION OF THE ZEPPELIN

Many people living in Billericay were somewhat remote from the horrors in Flanders at the front when on the night of September 23rd/24th 1916 there was tremendous noise and a blazing object in the sky. This caused a heightening of excitement and people rushed to see what was happening. In fact a zeppelin, the L32 had been on a mission to bomb London which it never made. The mission was aborted, laden with bombs it was heading home when it was shot near Hornchurch. It carried on for some time but eventually came down on the land of Snails Hall Farm in Gt. Burstead, Billericay. Interest was not merely restricted to Billericay residents but sightseers came from all around including on trains from London.

In order to commemorate this occurrence Billericay Town Council is intending to place a plaque identifying the sight of the crash. The Cater Museum and the Western Front Association are putting on an exhibition in the Reading Rooms.



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WELCOME TO EIGHT NEW TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Town Council is delighted eight new Town Councillors, with a wealth of talents, were co-opted onto the Council in June.



JAMES DANSEY is 32 and has lived with his wife in Billericay since 2009. In that time James has worked with the Town Council's IT working party, and with the committee of the Mill Meadows Society. He believes local people be informed and involved in the decisions that affect their lives. James's priorities are accountability and responsiveness.



RICHARD CLARK has been resident in Billericay all his life and is employed by Harris & Dixon Marine. He is involved with both Billericay Scouting and Langham Hall Charitable Trust. Richard's family gained citizenship in New Zealand so he has dual nationality and hopes his life experiences will make him a useful addition to the Town Council.



JAMES HUGHES was born in 1963 and has lived in Billericay for seven years. He has a background in professional catering and is an award winning chef who moved into management, and currently works in procurement for Havering Council. James would like to assist the council and the people of Billericay.



ALAN T. TALBOYS was born 1942 and has lived in Billericay since 1973. He worked as an Intellectual Property, Patents Researcher. He is a retired member of the Round Table and is now in 41 Club, helping with big events. Alan is Hon. Treasurer of the Mill Meadows Society and part of an action group to slow traffic in Greens Farm Lane.



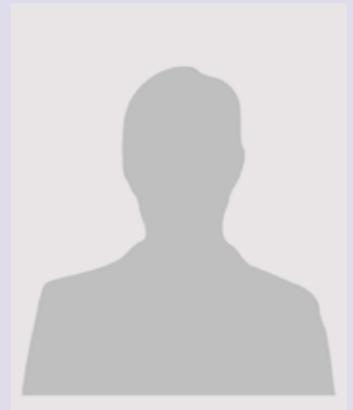
FRANK TOMLIN worked in the motor industry before his retirement and has lived in Billericay since 1978 always taking a great personal interest in the town. Frank was a Basildon Borough councillor for a total of twenty-one years, thirteen of them representing Billericay West Ward and was Chairman of Basildon Council on three occasions.



JAMES TUTTON is 65 and has lived in Billericay since 2013. He is interested in planning, public amenities, parks and social cohesion. James previously served on Hawkwell Parish Council as he wished to give something back to the community he lived in and now wants to do the same in Billericay.



JESSICA BLAIR is 28, a full time financial analyst and mum of a twenty-one month old daughter. Her main passion is community safety and she would like to be a voice for members of the community to assure them their concerns are taken seriously. Jessica enjoys walking and staying fit.



DEREK HAYDEN is 73 and is a retired Quantity Surveyor and Valuer. He has lived in Billericay for over forty years and has four children and four grandchildren. Derek was a senior Governor at Buttsbury Junior School until 2014 and is looking for another challenge.



TOWN CRIER WINS AWARD

At the RCCE Essex Community Magazine of the Year Awards 2015 the Town Council's Town Crier newsletter won Highly Commended.

from l-r Julian Read, Editor of Essex Life, Town Clerk Deborah Tonkiss, Cllr Jo Clark, Nick Charrington Chairman of RCCE and the Rt Revd Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester

BILLERICAY IN BLOOM 2016

Now in its 19th year this popular competition held its annual prize giving ceremony on Friday 22nd July at the Canon Roche Social Centre.

This year the competition was changed slightly – we welcomed back some old favourite categories and included a new one to encourage more Billericay residents to enter. We also included an elite category for past winners.

The evening was led by the Town Council Chairman Jim Devlin and the prizes were presented by Cllr Moira Moore, Chairman of the Billericay in Bloom working party.

Cllr Moore said "The number of residents and businesses entering had gone down over the last few years and we were in two minds this year as to whether we should even do Billericay in Bloom. However, we were pleased to see that changing a few categories produced such a great response and increased the number of entries received. As ever the judges found it a very difficult task choosing the winners as they were all of such a high standard". A list of the winners is shown below:

Best Front Garden	Mr Stephen Drew
Best Back Garden	Mrs G Bright
Best Public House/Restaurant	The Chequers Public House
Best Commercial Premises	F E Farrer Funeral Directors
Best School Garden	Quilters Junior School
Best School Vegetable Plot	Quilters Junior School
Best Sheltered Accommodation/Care Home	Abbeyfields
Best Church Grounds	Queens Park Community Church
Best Hanging Basket/Window Box	Mr A Wright
Elite – Best Hanging Basket	Reginald O'Neill Dental Care
Elite – Best Front Garden	Mrs D Henning
Elite – Best Back Garden	Mr and Mrs Walters
Children's Best Plant in a Jar	1st Archie Williams 2nd Alfie Spagnol 3rd Oscar Rogers
Best in Show	Mr & Mrs Walters



Abbeyfields Care Home



John Burrows RHS Judge



Mr & Mrs Walters



Best Plant in a Jar Entries



Mrs Henning



Mr Drew



Mrs Pressman

BYTC Youth Town Council

Every 2 years elections are held for the Billericay Youth Town Council (BYTC). This October will see elections held for the Billericay Youth Town Council in three schools: Mayflower, St John's and Billericay School with additional members coming from Billericay-based pupils who go to schools outside of the town. The BYTC recognises the need for working with young people and actively involving them in local democracy. They learn to take part in and run meetings, to understand the democratic process by voting on proposals – and actively involve themselves in the local community. Whilst members of the Billericay Town Council provide support BYTC meetings are run and managed by the Youth Town Councillors in exactly the same way as the Town Council meetings.

The past year has seen our YTC's grow, both individually and as a team, gaining self-confidence and an understanding of the democratic processes. They've had a full and exciting year which has involved organising a successful Halloween Cake Sale in the Reading Rooms, visiting the Houses of Parliament for a guided tour, providing marshalling support at the Friends of Lake Meadows' Great Lake Race and the Rotary Club of Billericay's Soapbox Derby, Round Table's Fireworks in Lake Meadows and spending a fun-packed day on team building exercises at Stubbers Adventure Centre.

Thirteen members of the Youth Town Council, aged from 12 to 18 went on a team building exercise to Stubbers Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Upminster. They were escorted on their adventure by Cllrs Adshead, Clark, and Spencer and by the Town Clerk. It was an early, chilly 8 o'clock start on a Saturday morning when we set off armed with packed lunches and a change of clothes. The activities included: 4x4 off road, high wire, lazer tagging and rafting. The exercises were designed to build team working skills, confidence, decision making and socialising. We arrived back at the Town Council offices just after 6pm thoroughly exhausted but having gained a great deal from the day.



To become a Youth Town Councillor you need to be between 11 and 18 years old, go to one of the three schools or live in Billericay but go to a school outside and have bags of enthusiasm! For more details watch for information in your school, or contact the Town Clerk townclerk@billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk

THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME 1st July, 1916

At 07:28 on 1st July, 1916 the underground mines were blown along a 16 mile front. The Battle of the Somme had started. Then at precisely 07:30 the British guns lifted off the German front line trenches. Shrill whistles were the signal to start the assault. One hundred years later three sharp blasts of a whistle started the small centenary commemoration at the war memorial in Billericay High Street to remember those who had fallen on that first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916. Members of the Air Cadets read out the names of Billericay residents who had fallen on that terrible day. A prayer, two minutes of silence broken by the roar of the morning traffic, a sombre, moving, occasion as the rain started to fall.



JIM SHIELDS GARDEN DESIGN COMPETITION

As mentioned in our previous edition the Town Council now own Jim Shields Garden at the northern end of the High Street. It was decided to hold a garden design competition to see if local people could come up with a scheme for the garden which would improve and enhance the area as it is a focal point for those entering the High Street.



Do you have any ideas of what you would like to see there – perhaps flower beds, topiary or even a sculpture? The Town Council is keen to encourage budding garden designers or landscapers, whether individuals or a community group, to submit their designs to the Town Council. The winning entry will receive a £100 prize and the pleasure of seeing their idea come to life. Designs to be received by Friday 2nd September 2016.

PLANT A SHRUB Tuesday 11th October 2016

WOULD YOU LIKE to plant a shrub in Festival Gardens to commemorate a loved one? If so, then please get in touch with the Town Council office. For a small charge of £15 you will be able to select your shrub and place it in the beautiful, tranquil surroundings of the Festival Gardens in Crown Road at the end of the High Street.

email: townclerk@billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk or
telephone: 01277 625732.

TOWN COUNCIL CONTRIBUTES TO TIME CAPSULE

THE TOWN COUNCIL and the Youth Town Council gladly contributed their hopes and dreams for the future of Billericay to the Billericay District Residents Association's Anniversary Time Capsule. The capsule is stored at the Cater Museum and will be opened in ten years. Congratulations to the BDRA on their ninetieth.

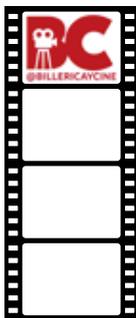


FOLLOW THE BILLERICAY ART TRAIL

9th - 25th SEPTEMBER

- Art by the Community in the Community
- Over 20 Artists and Venues
- Central Library Exhibition and Sculptures
- Free Kids Craft Activities

For more information: BillericayArtTrail.wordpress.com and [Facebook.com/BillericayArtTrail](https://www.facebook.com/BillericayArtTrail)

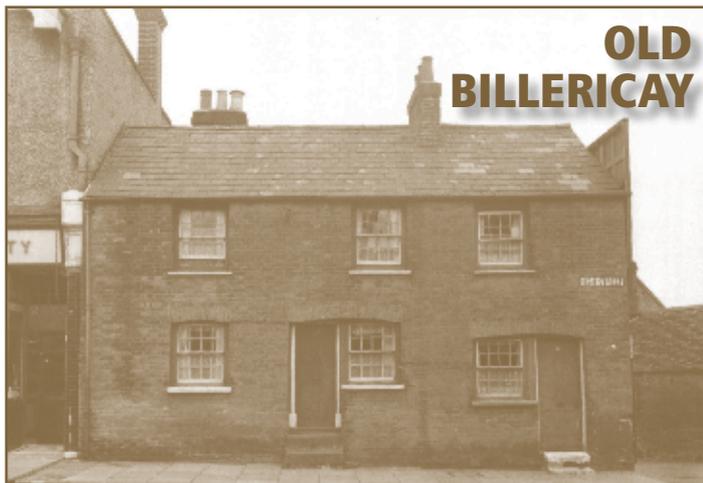


TOWN COUNCIL TOASTS BILLERICAY COMMUNITY CINEMA'S FIRST YEAR OF MOVIE MAGIC

THE TOWN COUNCIL was the lead organisation to grant fund Billericay Community Cinema as the potential to benefit residents was recognised. At Billericay library a programme of films to suit all ages has provided enjoyable entertainment. The Town Council wishes the cinema continued success and proposes a toast, "Here's looking at you, kid."

READING ROOMS LOGO CHALLENGE

THE READING ROOMS' challenge to four schools: Buttsbury, Quilters, St John's and St Peter's, to design a logo for the Rooms has resulted in Buttsbury Junior School being named as the Winner. The design from three pupils: Aimee Phillips, Tom Dodd and Imogen Nichols was deemed the most suitable to be adapted. The prize of £100 was presented to them on Wednesday 13th July at a full School Assembly.



HAVE YOU EVER wondered why there is the outline of a building on the wall by the garden on the corner of Western Road and the High Street. Numbers 17 & 19 High Street were two small cottages at the Northern end of the High Street next to what is today Mason's Butchers. In the photograph you can just see the northern end of the Co-Operative which was on this site in 1953 when this photograph was taken. It is an interesting coincidence that the Co-Op butchers shop was exactly where Mason's is today.

These two houses were demolished to enable improvement of the Western Road/ High Street junction. Western Road was widened at the junction to enable easier left turns from the High Street. Part of the site is now the Jim Shields Memorial Garden and today the outline of this building on the gable end of No. 21 is there to remind us of the buildings that have now gone.

BILLERICAY YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL TABLE TOP SALE

TO BE HELD in the Chantry Way Centre on Saturday October 8th 10am to 1 pm. Tables will be available for hire at a cost of £10 per table. If you have nearly new, toys, bric a brac, craft ware that might be of interest to others this might be your opportunity. Billericay Youth Town Council will be providing refreshments. Enquiries to the Town Clerk to book a table. This will be on a first come basis and money will need to be paid before the end of August.

REFURBISHED GARDEN AT LAKE MEADOWS



WITH FUNDING FROM Billericay Town Council of £750 and a grant from Veolia North Thames Trust, a project to refurbish the garden around the 'Child in the Park' statue at Lake Meadows in Billericay, has recently been completed. New hard paths were laid earlier this Spring and more recently a meandering bark path and extensive planting has been undertaken. The Friends of Lake Meadows volunteer gardeners will now help to maintain the garden, as part of their regular weekly sessions.

The statue of the Child in the Park is a much-loved feature of the park and many families

have enjoyed it since it was created for the Millennium by Essex-based John Doubleday, the international sculptor.

"We aimed to improve the garden" said Charles Novis, Chairman of the Friends of Lake Meadows, "so that children can enjoy walking around the paths and exploring in a safe environment. Hopefully parents will encourage them to keep to the paths so that both new and more established plants can thrive without being trampled underfoot. This has been a great project, with a strong partnership between the Friends, Billericay Town Council and Basildon Borough Council Parks Team, who have all worked well together to achieve this special scheme."

Forthcoming Events

Bark in the Park is this year being held on Saturday 17th September and promises to have lots of fun for all the family. For further details go to www.lakemeadows.org.uk.

The Friends of Lake Meadows have their AGM at 7.45pm on Thursday 29th September at Christ Church, Perry Street. The speaker is Jim Buttress, ex Royal Parks gardener. All welcome.

CATER MUSEUM

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

AT THE READING ROOMS ON 24th SEPTEMBER CATER MUSEUM COMMEMORATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ZEPPELIN L32 CRASH

TO COMMEMORATE THE Zeppelin L32 crash in Great Burstead near Billericay on 24th September 1916, the Cater Museum, the Essex Branch of the Western Front Association and the 10th Essex Living History Group will present:

"Not just the First of July: The Air War comes to Billericay"

The exhibition will cover the major events of 1916; The Battle of the Jutland, The Battle of the Somme and the Zeppelin L32 crash. After the exhibition evening presentations will cover the same topics. The exhibition and the presentations are free but the presentations will be ticketed. From August tickets are available at the Cater Museum.

TOWN COUNCIL'S FOCUS ON CHANTRY WAY CENTRE SIXTY PLUS WELCOME CLUB

FANCY A CHAT, a cuppa and a slice of cake? You'll be more than welcome in the Sixty Plus Welcome Club which meets in the Chantry Way Centre (near The Chequers) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 10:00 and 12.00.

For details contact Pat on 01277 656994 – or just turn up : it's a friendly group and you'll find a warm welcome and chat over light refreshments. There's also a hairdresser, a piano if you like a sing-song and a pool table. Parking is available and it's just a very short walk from the bus stop by Argos.

CHANTRY WAY CENTRE COMMUNITY FACILITY FOR HIRE

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

Arthritis Care

Billericay Society

Billericay Horticultural Society

Billericay Model Railway Group

BOSP

Good Companions Club

Helen Arber Performing Arts

Mayflower Wine Club

Norsey Wood Society

Pilatezone

Sixty Plus Welcome Club

Stepping Forward Bereavement Group

Meets

Friday at 7.30pm

Monday monthly

Monday monthly

Wednesday monthly

Thursday evenings 6pm

2nd & 4th Wednesdays monthly

Wednesday at 5pm

Wednesday monthly

Monday quarterly

Tuesday evenings 7.45pm

Tues, Thurs, Fri mornings from 9.30

1st and 3rd Saturday monthly

The Centre is situated behind Ravens Bakery and Harry's Bar just off the High Street. If you are interested and would like further information please contact the Town Clerk on 01277 625732 or email: bookings@billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 2016

Tue 6	Planning
Tue 13	Environment
Thur 15	Finance & GP
Tue 20	Planning
Thur 22	Town Council

OCTOBER 2016

Tue 4	Planning
Tue 18	Planning
Tue 25	Environment

NOVEMBER 2016

Tue 1	Planning
Thur 3	Finance & GP
Thur 10	Town Council
Tue 15	Planning
Tue 22	Environment
Tue 29	Planning

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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