



Billericay Town Crier

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CHANTRY WAY CENTRE STATUS



Internal designs for the new facility are nearing completion which include a main hall, Community Hub and meeting rooms as well as the Council Chamber and the staff office. The hall will have a capacity of just over 150 whilst the meeting rooms will be suitable for hire by small to medium sized groups. The overall look and feel to the exterior of the building is also coming along which provide a much improved visual approach to the High Street from Chantry Way compared to the existing tired facility.

CONSULTATION

The next key stage is a consultation process whereby the views of local residents will be sought on the designs. This consultation will be open during the first 2 weeks of August. All plans will be available on the Town Council's website (billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk/chantryway). There will also be the opportunity to view a display of larger scale plans and supporting information at:

Chantry Way Centre Open Day
(accessible from Chantry Way or between Raven's Bakers and The Chequers public house)
on Saturday 11th August from 10:00 to 4pm.

Representatives from the architects and Billericay Town Councillors will be present to hear your views and answer questions. Consultation forms will be available on both the website and at the "Open Day" and we look forward to receiving your comments.

Since the last Town Crier, plans for the new building have been moving forward. Numerous site examinations have been completed including ecology, drainage and arboricultural surveys. A tender process was launched in May for the demolition of the existing building and a number of responses were received which are being evaluated by our architects. A short list will then be presented to the Town Council for the final decision. Meanwhile our planning application to demolish the Chantry Way Centre has now been approved by Basildon Borough Council subject to some sensible caveats designed to protect the surrounding environment (for example hours of operation and control of dust).

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

LAST YEAR Billericay Town Council introduced The Young Citizen of the Year Award. Now in its second year the 2018 honour goes to Jasmine Regan. Jasmine is an Air Cadet of 2393 Billericay Squadron and has received her award for her participation in community activities which include Town Council litter picks, support at the Round Table Fireworks including cleaning up Lake Meadows after the event, community garden projects, church services where ATC presence is expected or appreciated, Town Council Christmas Lights Switch on and Emmanuel Church Christmas shoebox project.



Cllr Jim Devlin and Jasmine Regan

The surprise presentation was made by Billericay Town Council Chairman, Cllr. Jim Devlin at the air cadets awards ceremony held on 16th June at All Saints Church, Stock. The Billericay Town Chairman Cllr. Jim Devlin and Vice Chairman, Cllr. Jo Clark and the Mayor of Basildon, Cllr. David Dadds were present alongside leaders of the Air Cadets, Staff and parents.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

ON 13TH JUNE the Chairman, Cllr Jim Devlin, was delighted to be present at the 2nd Billericay Scouts for their AGM. This was not a normal visit for the Chairman of the Council, he was there to present the 2018 Billericay Citizen of the Year Award so he slipped in at the back towards the end of the meeting. In true "This is Your Life" style he quickly walked to the front as the meeting was about to end. The recipient this year was Kay Baker, the Leader of the group who runs the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at their Hall in Laindon Road as well of lots of off site activity.

Fortunately Kay was unaware this was going to happen and she was almost moved to tears by the award and extremely grateful to all those who had without her knowledge nominated her for this award.



Kay Baker holds winners banner

The best way of explaining why the Council made the award to Kay is summed up in one of the nominations. "I have never seen a member of the public give so much time to our children. Her dedication to our children is exemplary. She works daily to ensure our children have fun, learn and experience so much in our community."

As the packed hall were so enthusiastic about her receipt of the award it is clear that Billericay Town Council made the right decision. Congratulations to Kay Baker, Billericay Citizen of the Year 2018.



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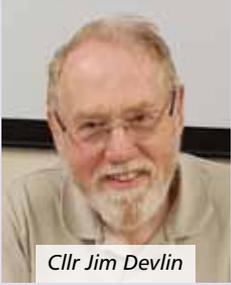
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CHAIRMAN'S DIARY



Cllr Jim Devlin

THIS IS MY first article looking back at what the Council has done over the intervening period since the last issue. If this proves to be useful article then I look forward to writing one for each issue. Personally I have been quite busy with presenting Citizen of the Year awards, judging at the Soapbox Derby and paying visits to many events.

CHANTRY WAY CENTRE – The Council has also been very busy with work on the

replacement community building for the Chantry Way Centre, as you saw on the front page.

WAR MEMORIAL – The Town Council has a plan to illuminate the War Memorial, hopefully in time for the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. We are just dealing with some technical queries on the lights from Basildon Borough Council. Also as part of the 100th anniversary we plan to put in place some "There But Not There" Tommies which we would like to fund by public subscription mirroring how the memorial was originally put up. Look out for details of how you can contribute to this fund.

COMMUNITY SPECIAL CONSTABLES – We are progressing slowly on the funded Special Constables and recruitment is ongoing. However this is a long term project because the Specials, once recruited, need about two years training before they can patrol on their own in the Town.

BILLERICAY YOUTH – Billericay is one of the few places in Essex with a Youth Town Council and the members of this council are up for re-election in October. Nominations are through your local school or contact our Town Clerk if you would like to stand. This year the Council has sponsored a student award at the Mayflower High School and this was presented at the prize giving in mid July.

PLANNING – Things are moving slowly with the Local Plan at Basildon because of the change of administration which will no doubt lead to some changes, hopefully positive. The Town Council has a working group of councillors that are monitoring this situation and working hard in the background to ensure Billericay gets the best deal possible. In planning, I know there has been great interest in Elizabeth Cottage at the end of the High Street. All the planning procedures are now settled and you will probably have noticed work has started. The building will be entirely residential apartments and once the work has been completed we should have a much smarter entrance to the High Street. This is a difficult site to work on and I hope you will be patient with any inconvenience during the building process but hopefully the result will be worth it.

STATION CAR PARK CHARGES – We have been approached by some residents about the charges for car parking at the station and we have written to Network Rail asking that they keep their increases down to inflation only.

TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY – Finally the Town Council has a vacancy for a member which we intend to fill by co-option. If you feel that you have the desire to help in any way you can with ensuring the Town Council provides the best services it can contact the Town Clerk.

COMMEMORATIVE SHRUBS GASP IN HEATWAVE WHILE VANDALS STRIKE

THE FESTIVAL GARDENS, at the top of Crown Road, has in the past been a place of serenity and peace where shrubs were planted in remembrance of loved ones. However, vandalism and littering has become a significant problem in the gardens with residents reporting the uprooting of shrubs sown to mark treasured memories.

If residents see any vandalism or anti-social behaviour in the gardens please contact the police and the Town Clerk. It's important to let the police know to ensure these crimes are recorded and the perpetrators apprehended.

Hardy shrubs are always chosen as the Council does not have the resources to water the gardens. However, even these are thirsting for water in the searing heat experienced this summer. If residents are visiting the gardens to remember their loved ones it would be appreciated if they could take along some water for their shrubs.

Further planting will be postponed this year to allow the gardens to recover and consideration will be given to how planting will be planned next year.



SKATE PARK CLOSURE CAUSED BY VANDALISM

LAST YEAR THE Town Council faced a hefty bill for repair to the skate park in Lake Meadows due to ongoing vandalism. The skate park is provided by the Town Council for young people to learn new skills and take part in healthy exercise. Sadly, yet again this year, the skate park was damaged by vandals. Repairs took place to make the skate park ready for the school summer holidays. Unfortunately vandals struck again and the skate park was further damaged.

The cost of repair due to vandalism over the last three years

amounted to £18,000 and with the latest damage this bill would have risen to £20,000. By the time you read this it is likely that the Council will have decided to close and remove the skatepark. Interim temporary repairs to the riding surface were authorised, but councillors had to seriously consider whether continually repairing ongoing damage could legitimately be met out of public funds.

Future consideration will be given to providing a facility resistant to the destructive damage of vandalism which will require investigating funding opportunities and other skate park schemes.



BILLERICAY IN BLOOM 2018

PRIZES GALORE FOR BILLERICAY IN BLOOM

The prize-giving for Billericay in Bloom was held on Friday 20th July at the Canon Roche Centre. This was a very enjoyable evening for everyone that attended and we were especially pleased to welcome all the children. Thirty six children from four of the town's schools entered the Plant in a Recyclable Container competition. This is the highest number of entrants we have ever had in the children's section and the standard was so high the judges found it very hard to choose the winners.

This is the twentieth year of the competition and although the categories have changed there is still the same enthusiasm from our residents and the local schools about their gardens and growing ability. The judges were full of praise for the efforts of all who entered and said they were the best they had seen for some time. We are also grateful to our sponsors for their continued support.

Each year we learn something new which is used to make the competition even better the following year, and we encourage everyone to think about the possibility of entering in 2019.



Winner – Best Wildlife Garden



Billericay in Bloom 2018 Winners



Sunnymede Infant School



Buttsbury Infant School

- THE WINNERS WERE**
- School Garden** – Brightside Primary School
 - School Vegetable Plot** – Buttsbury Infant School
 - Front Garden** – Melvin Brown
 - Back Garden** – John Dowsett
 - Public House/Restaurant** – The Railway
 - Commercial Premises** – F E Farrer
 - Care Home/Nursing Home** – Anisha Grange
 - Wildlife Garden** – Mr & Mrs Tappin
 - Sheltered/Retirement Accommodation** – Abbeyfields
 - Church Grounds** – Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
 - Hanging basket/window box/planter** – Susan & Ken Deverill



Winner – Best Back Garden



The Railway Public House

CHILDREN'S PLANT IN A RECYCLED CONTAINER

- Winner Brightside Primary School** – Oscar Larter
 - Winner Sunnymede Infant School** – David Best
 - Winner Buttsbury Infant School** – Abigail Small
 - Winner Quilters Junior School** – Josh Rogers
- Moira Moore – Chairman, Billericay in Bloom Working Party*



2nd Place – Best Hanging Basket



Quilters Junior School



The Most Holy Redeemer Garden



Brightside Primary School

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE 7.30PM SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2018

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

THIS YEAR MARKS the centenary of the end of the WW1. Since 2015 Beryl and Brian Ford, Billericay musicians, have been organising a hugely popular concert which takes place the evening before Remembrance Sunday at Emmanuel Church, Laindon Road.

This year things have changed slightly as Billericay Town Council will be taking over the organisation and administration but Beryl and Brian will continue to be responsible for the musical side of the event. The concert this

year will be at the same venue on Saturday November 10th at 7.30pm and will continue the theme of previous years but will also include tributes to mark the centenary year. Be sure to book early as tickets are always in demand.

**Tickets can be booked on line through
www.billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk**

**Some tickets will be sold at the Library and at
Slipped Discs, Billericay High Street.**

**For all enquiries please contact Billericay Town Council
on 01277 625732.**

AIR CADETS NEW LEADING OFFICER

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL is grateful to Flt Lt Steve Horncastle RAFAC who has retired as Officer Commanding 2393 Squadron after many years of excellent service and support of Town Council functions. He will be greatly missed. We wish Steve well on his move to Northumberland where he will be leading another squadron of air cadets.

The squadron is in good hands as Fg Officer Simon Taylor, who has been supporting Steve, is now in command of the squadron.



Steve Horncastle

BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONY COMMEMORATING THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR 1



IN LINE WITH towns and cities throughout the country Billericay Town Council will light the Beacon on Sunday November 11th at 7pm at Sun Corner. There will be a short ceremony to accompany this Lighting of the Beacon and all residents are welcome to come along.



BILLERICAY TOWN LITTER PICK

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LITTER pick was held on Saturday 19th May. Around 40 people attended, including a large contingent from the Air Cadets. This was a very good turnout considering there was a Royal wedding taking place that day! Thanks to everyone who came along and helped collect litter in and around the High Street. The enthusiastic pickers ensured that over 20 bags of rubbish were collected.

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CALLING ALL BILLERICAY YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL ALUMNI

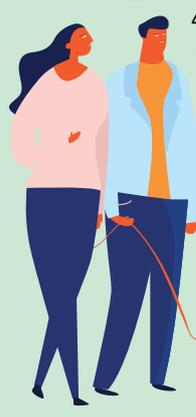
THE BILLERICAY YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL is searching for its past members to participate in a project which will recognise and document the success of its alumni. Through the publication of a record book, the Youth Town Council hopes to celebrate past Youth Town Councillors whilst inspiring future members.

If you are an ex-youth Youth Town Councillor, and interested in participating in this project, please contact the Town Clerk at townclerk@billericaycouncil.gov.uk with the following information.

1. Your full name and the years during which you served as a youth councillor. If you held any positions such as chair/secretary/treasurer/publicist during these terms, please inform us of these too.
2. Your most memorable experiences of being a youth councillor.
3. A short description of the path your life took after leaving the council (e.g. higher education or careers).

We look forward to hearing from you!

TOWN TRAIL & WALKS



40 OF THE historic buildings in Billericay High Street and nearby form the Billericay Town Trail, and each is marked with a numbered black oval plaque. Pocket guides to the Trail are available from the Council office, and you can also download a seven page version, including one in French, from the website.

Every summer we arrange FREE guided walks of the trail, each led by a knowledgeable local person. The walks still to take place this year are on **Sunday 26th August** and **Sunday 2nd September**. If you are interested please call the Council office to book or alternatively just turn up at the Railway Station at 2pm on the day. The walk takes around 2 hours and is suitable for all ages/fitness levels.



MILL MEADOWS SOCIETY LATEST NEWS

WATCHING COUNTRYFILE ON 10th July 2018, I was surprised to see from the programme the Queen's special affection for Red Poll Cattle, and that the Queen has been the Patron of the Red Poll Society for many years. The Society is based in Chelmsford, Essex. If you want to come and meet some Red Poll Cattle, all you have to do is visit Mill Meadows Nature Reserve in the centre of Billericay, as they have now returned from winter quarters. The present herd comprises of five mamas and ten yearlings. Four of the mamas have satnav collars on. Red Poll Cattle are hornless and are fairly docile but please do not go between the mamas and the yearlings and remember all dogs must be under strict control when near the cattle i.e. on a lead.

THE HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND PROJECT is progressing well. Most aspects are where they should be and certainly the majority of site work should be done before our Celebration Event on the 9th SEPTEMBER 2018. The celebration will feature music, historic characters, a recital by renowned local poet Jaques Bottjer, music from "Folk Down Left" (Bluegrass) (acoustic) and "Heads Up" (jazz). Refreshments will be available. The Billericay Brewing Company is brewing a special beer for the celebration. There will also be face painting, build a model windmill, Forest School and many side stalls selling produce. The Morris Men will also be performing. **ENTRY IS FREE** but voluntary donations will be collected. We want people to enjoy the day and learn about our heritage. The stalls will be open to the public at 11am and it is hoped that Lord Petre will open the proceedings at 12pm.

The response to the Painting Exhibition has surpassed all expectations with more than 20 entries so far. We look forward to seeing this work by local artists being exhibited in Billericay Library together with the Billericay Arts Trail during August. Mill Meadows Society looks forward to seeing you on the 9th SEPTEMBER 2018 as we are sure you will all enjoy a wonderful day.

Alan Talboys – Hon. Treasurer Mill Meadows Society.

MAYFLOWER MORRIS MEN GO TO YPRES

TO MARK THE centenary of the end of the First World War, the Mayflower Morris Men have arranged to dance in Ypres/leper, Belgium and invite you to join them on the coach (but you are free to do your own thing). The trip is from Thursday 11th to Friday 12th October 2018 with an overnight stay in the centre of Ypres. For further details please contact: Andrew Reynolds 01245 257614 or a.r.reynolds@hotmail.com.



BILLERICAY ART TRAIL 7-22 SEPTEMBER 2018

There is something for everyone in this year's trail: a host of free art events and activities:

- Virtual Reality painting – Reading Rooms
- Live Portrait Artist competition – St Mary Magdalen
- "Have a go day". Come and try a new art activity – WI Hall
- Open House and Art Studio weekend featuring Grand Design's Dapple House
- Large art exhibitions
- Free kid's art & craft activities (every Saturday)
- Kids I-Spy art trail
- Plus a host of local businesses showcasing the work of local artists.

Brochures available 1st September from the Library, Picturesque, the Fold and Waitrose.

For full details see our website: BillericayArtTrail.org.

Facebook: [BillericayArtTrail](https://www.facebook.com/BillericayArtTrail)

Enquiries to Jo@BillericayArtTrail.org



EXHIBITION OF DOLLS HOUSES AND MODELS ON SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER FROM 10.30-4PM

W I Hall, St Edith's Lane, Billericay CM12 9BU
Organised by the Billericay Miniatures Club

THERE IS A display of houses, room boxes etc., in 1/12th, 1/24th and 1/48th scale, including our 1/48th harbour scene 'Cockleshell Bay' and a typical village fete in 1/24th scale. There are also displays by the Chelmsford, South Essex, Maldon & Billericay Dolls House Clubs.

Admission is free, with donations going to our charity for the year, research into Polycystic Kidney Disease. Refreshments will be available.

Contact Janet (01277 622297) jonjanlee@onetel.com, or Wendy (01277 651941)

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON SUN CORNER SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24TH 2018



WE KNOW MOST of you are still dreaming of summer holidays but the planning of Christmas Lights has to start very early and so we would like you to put the date in your diary.

This year we are updating the motifs in the High Street in order to improve and refresh the system. There will be a change of location and

day. This Christmas the Switch On event will be at Sun Corner and the event will take place on a Saturday, accordingly there will be no road closures. We will of course keep you updated closer to the switch on.



STOCK & BUTTSBURY BOWLING CLUB

STOCK & BUTTSBURY BOWLING CLUB was established in 1922 and has grown into one of the County's premier bowling clubs. It is a privately owned and maintained club which is situated in a quiet and picturesque setting located off Common Road behind the Baker's Arms Public House in Stock. It has over 100 playing members of which approximately three quarters live in Billericay. Bowls is a very convivial game and Stock & Buttsbury is a very active and extremely friendly club where you will meet new friends and enjoy a highly sociable atmosphere.

The summer season starts in late April and continues until the end of September, although the Club remains active all year round with various social events which all members are free to attend. During the summer, bowling takes place 7 days a week and members can either bowl at any time, join in organised roll-ups, play in friendly matches against other clubs that take place twice a week, play in one of the Club's six league teams or enter Club, District or County knock-out competitions.

The Club always welcomes new members of all ages and has qualified coaches who are only too willing to help new players learn the game. All this is available for just one annual subscription. If anyone would like to try their hand at the game they should give a call to either Brian Sims on 01277 840715 or Sid Slater on 01277 656019. Further information about the Club is also available on its website at www.stockandbuttsburybowlingclub.btck.co.uk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

AUGUST 2018

Tue 14 Planning
Tue 28 Planning

SEPTEMBER 2018

Tue 4 Environment
Tue 11 Planning
Thur 13 Finance & General Purposes
Thur 20 Town Council
Tue 25 Planning

OCTOBER 2018

Tue 9 Planning
Tue 16 Environment
Tue 23 Planning

NOVEMBER 2018

Thur 1 Finance & General Purposes
Tue 6 Planning
Thur 8 Town Council
Tue 20 Planning
Tue 27 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.

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