

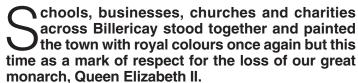


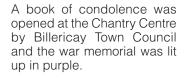
Billericay pays tribute to an extraordinary monarch











The green area by the café at Lake Meadows was chosen as a place of reflection and remembrance. Just days after the announcement of The Queen's death it evolved into a sea of flowers, as people paid their respects with floral tributes and personal messages.

Many Billericay residents

braved the crowds of London and visited Buckingham Palace and the Lying-in-State at Westminster Hall. A once in a lifetime opportunity for many who queued for hours on end.

Throughout her incredible reign, Queen Elizabeth II demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to duty, performed with grace, strength and dignity until her last days. She remains an inspiration to our town and will be a monarch many of us will never forget.









BDRA NEWS



Thanks to the actions of the BDRA Sun Corner will remain into perpetuity an area for local people to enjoy, its status denying any incursions by property developers. Following some investigative work by John Buchanan, a former Chair of the BDRA, he discovered that application could be made for the site to become a Queen Elizabeth II playing field. This was achieved in 2012.

At the recent JAC meeting, mention was made of a proposal to erect a local memorial to Queen Elizabeth II and it was thought fitting that Sun Corner should be among the sites considered.

The JAC will continue to monitor the changes in the High Street following the closure of most of the banks in the town. Consideration is also being given to the introduction of a High Street survey using the new facebook page from which opinions of residents can be gauged as to how they would like to see their High Street going forward.

Whilst the draft Local Plan was withdrawn by Basildon Council earlier in the year some of the sites in that Plan were, or subsequently have been, the subject of separate Planning Applications. All of those in the Billericay area have been rejected, primarily for being in the protected Green Belt. Some appeals have been raised, including one related to the Kennel Lane site where 200 houses were proposed. The results of these appeals will be closely monitored by the JAC.

Other applications for planning permission were scrutinized and objections were raised where thought necessary.

Further information was received regarding the situation of the garages in Salesbury Drive on land owned by Waltham Forest Council. Local residents have met and have recorded their deep concern regarding the condition and safety of the site. The JAC has alerted Councillor Schrader.

On a lighter note, the JAC members were pleased to learn that Christmas lights would once more bring a sparkle to the High Street.

CAN YOU HELP?

Membership Secretary Vacancies

We are looking for two new people to join us as Membership Secretaries. If you can spare a few hours a month of your time to volunteer for us and become the main point of contact for the successful delivery of our magazine, please contact us resident@bdra.org for more information.

To remember those who served and sacrificed, our Chair, Keith Bailey, will be laying a wreath at the War Memorial in Billericay on Sunday 13 November.

A warm welcome to our new editor

isa Ronchetti has joined BDRA as volunteer editor.

An ex-Londoner, converted Billerician, Lisa is a Marketing Consultant and brings with her a range of skills having also run her own pr agency in the big smoke

She says: "I fell I love with Billericay the very first time I came to view houses here 2 years ago. I was finally able to settle in this summer. I can't get over how big the spiders are here. The thing I love most is how friendly the residents are.

"It's impossible to go on a walk without saying hello to someone and I find myself coming home with a smile on my face every morning.

"Joining the BDRA is an opportunity for me to get to know the town better, help raise the issues at heart and to give something back to the community".

Lisa welcomes new stories about our town's people and places

Have you recently moved to Billericay?

Perhaps you've been here a bit longer?

Have an interesting story to tell us?

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Letters...

Dear Residents,

Following an article in the September issue of The Resident concerning the Mayflower Morris Men we received a letter, published in the October issue, not only criticizing the content of the article but also attacking the author and using inappropriate language. To make things worse an editorial comment added to the attack.

Both letter and editorial were factually incorrect. This was a grave mistake, and we can only apologize not only to the Mayflower Morris Men in general but to Mr Whybra in particular for a totally unwarranted attack on him and his group.

Lessons have been learnt.

Once again, to all concerned we are sorry.

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Developments at The Fold

The Fold Arts Centre provides facilities for a number of local community groups, some of which would be impracticable if permanent facilities were not available.

In previous editions we have reported on suspected plans for the redevelopment of Reids, the complex adjacent to the Fold, and the subsequent fire at Reids.

A formal Planning Application has now been submitted for the development of 35 flats on the Reids building site and the adjacent car park.

In principle The Fold would not appear to be materially affected by the proposed development. However, many BDRA members attend the Fold and already know the parking problems which currently exist if several groups are present at the same time. The signs put up by Reids threatening dire consequences for Fold users who stray into the Reids car park are testament to the problems.

The BDRA is concerned that the new developments will significantly worsen access and parking conditions at the Fold, and given the recent experience of conflagration may even increase the risk for the Arts Centre, nursery and commercial users of The Fold





The BDRA believes this would be a perfect opportunity for Basildon Council and our elected councillors to balance the commercial aspirations of a local business, the profit aspirations of the chosen

developer and the improvement needs of a local community asset to make this a location which brings benefits to all sectors of the community instead of a plan which merely worsens the facilities available to residents.

Love Running?

o you know about two great, free events that are staged at Lake Meadows every weekend?

Billericay parkrun takes place every Saturday at 9am. parkrun is a free, timed, fun & friendly 5-kilometre event where walking, running and volunteering are all equally great ways to participate.

Lake Meadows junior parkrun is every Sunday and also starts at 9.00am. junior parkrun is for 4 to 14-year-olds and their families over a 2-kilometre course.





Both events offer great ways to get and stay active, an opportunity to leave the sofa far behind and a chance to enjoy the lovely surroundings of the Lake Meadows with likeminded locals.

Parkrun is free and is not a race! Every finish is celebrated and valued equally. Some participants walk, some jog, some run and some volunteer – whatever works for you is absolutely fine.

Visit the parkrun Facebook page or website to register free and access to your personalised barcode

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Billericay parkrun www.parkrun.org.uk/billericay

Lake Meadows junior parkrun

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Come down and join in – you won't regret it!

BILLERICAY MAYFLOWER ROTARY ON COURSE FOR ANOTHER BRILLIANT CHRISTMAS MARKET

lans are already well under way for Billericay Christmas Market 2022. This hugely popular, free event takes place on Sunday 4 December, and heralds the start of the Christmas season in Billericay, with over 150 stalls, ranging from craft Christmas decorations to craft beer!



The High Street will be closed to traffic for the day, so that families can enjoy festive entertainment and Christmas shopping: many of the High Street shops will remain open for what is always one of their most successful days.

Led by a pipe band, dancers, and circus acts, Santa's parade starts at 11am and will launch the event organised for the eleventh year by Billericay Mayflower Rotarians supported by their team of "Big Eventers", and colleagues from other local clubs.



Santa will slowly make his way to the Chantry Centre to welcome hundreds of children where they will receive a very warm welcome and a free goody bag.

Street entertainers and flash mobs from local dance schools will help to provide the party atmosphere and there is a fairground for young visitors, not forgetting the wide range of food and drinks on offer.

Mayflower's Event Manager David Randall said: "The Market is a big, FREE attraction for the town's families, and for folk coming in by bus, train, and car from surrounding areas. Special thanks for this charity event go to our Platinum sponsors: Paul Robinson Solicitors; Ground Control; the Outlet Farm, and Anisha Grange. Our generous sponsors help to keep the cost down for visitors, with subsidised kiddies' funfair rides, some at just £2."

All surplus funds raised after the cost of staging the event is met, will go to Rotary-supported charities, which over the last year have included BOSP, Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled, Kool Carers, KidsOut, and others.



utumn is turning at the park and putting on her amazing coloured cloak. Wonder as you wander around the paths, see the Liquid Amber trees in golden leaf at the crossroads above the Garden of the Child, the nearby red oak and copper beech and the maples and cornus plants at the far end of the lake. One bush in particular celebrates autumn with its blaze of red – look out for the Euonymus Alatus, the Burning Bush or Winged Spindle tree, an unusual shrub with almost triangular twigs.

The gardeners have been busy planting hundreds more bulbs throughout the garden areas and by now they will have planted out over 600 winter bedding plants too. The team will be finally tidying the park for winter, when they have a well-earned break and hang up their tools until February.

Help plant the next generation of woodland this December

Two working parties will be taking place to improve the

woodland before the winter comes.

First, a group of volunteers will be cutting back the scrub holly, which is fast growing and needs trimming back to keep paths and ditches clear and allow other woodland flora to spread – look out for the date!

Secondly, on **December 8th at 10am**, a joint working party will plant hundreds of tree whips in the area near the fir trees, at the top of the hill on the north-east

park boundary. A new area of woodland will be created, which will gradually grow over the next 50 to 100 years and more, providing a larger habitat for the bats and birds and hundreds of insects, which live amongst the trees. If you would like to help with either of these working parties, please watch our website for details or get in touch either by phoning 07843 860 135 or emailing us on secretary@lakemeadows.org.uk. All ages very welcome!

Save the date for Carols in the Park

We are hoping that our Carols in the Park will return again this

year and we look forward to you joining us once again for this special event, which we are planning for **Saturday December 17th at 4pm.**

There is something special about singing carols by torchlight on a chilly evening, especially if the stars are out. Musical accompaniment will be provided by the Forging Men, and there will be tasty nibbles and mince pies, with mulled wine and non-alcoholic drinks as well. The event will be free, but donations will be appreciated to help cover our costs. No need to book, just turn up near the boathouse, but do bring a torch with you!



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illericay Round Table are proud to be holding its Charity Firework display on Saturday 5 November at Lake Meadows park in Billericay.

Organised by its members, aged between 18 and 45 years of age, the Billericay Round Table team continue to work hard to keep this event as the biggest and best event of its kind in Essex.

The club's Media & PR Officer, Gary Tilley, commented: "After two years break due to COVID we are real keen to make this event and raise good money for our Charity account which will allow us to donate money out to good local causes and projects as well as individuals that need assistance. We know from recent events people do travel from across the South East, for a local charity event this is great to see."

Round Table chairman, Neil Cambell commented: "Thanks to our community and local supporters who have ensured the event goes off with a BANG. We are also very grateful to all the volunteers who assisted us before, during and after the event, all of their effort is hugely appreciated."

This year, Joe Sandercock is the main event organiser, it's Joe's first time as the big boss and he is doing a sterling job, we are all keen to see another great weekend. As well as the Radio Essex with Martin, Su and Marky T on stage keeping people entertained with some great local singing acts. A large bonfire will be lit and fireworks will be wowing the crowd. There will also be a variety of food and drink facilities available throughout the evening.

Following on from their success in previous years, there is a resounding confidence that this year will be another great family evening to remember. It is really encouraging to see a few thousand tickets being purchased within the first two weeks and we strongly recommend you buy tickets now.

Gates open at 5:30pm, full event details can be viewed online and on facebook.

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Alzheimer's is a progressive disease, which sadly means there may come a time when people who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's are unable to manage their own personal affairs. In such circumstances, it is beneficial to have prepared a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA).

These documents allow for a trusted friend, neighbour, family member or professional to assist you with your finances and health requirements should you be unable to do so yourself. You will still have full access to your own bank accounts and can still make your own decisions if you have capacity, but it means that there is another individual able to step in if you were to need help.

There are two types of LPA

If you put in place both the Property and Financial LPA and the Health and Welfare LPA your attorney (the person you appoint) can assist with many elements of your life, such as making arrangements in relation to care

plans, managing your bank account and paying your bills, collecting your prescriptions or speaking with your GP on your behalf. They could even help with the sale of your property if that becomes necessary.

Your attorney can act for you in all aspects of your life and must act in your best interests, while hopefully taking on some of those everyday tasks and removing many of the worries you may have.

There are many situations in which these documents are of real help at a time of stress and crisis. Unfortunately, we hear of too many circumstances where



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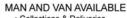


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- BDRA Meetings All members welcome. Contact us on resident@bdra.org. Next meeting: 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms on Thursday 8th December



- Billericay United Reform Church Festive Fayre Saturday 19th November at 2.30pm, Mayflower Hall, Chapel Street, Billericay. Artisan stalls selling craft items. Refreshments available.
- Friends of Billericay School are having a Comedy Bingo Night on Saturday 26th November at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm), at Billericay School, School Rd, CM12 9LH. All welcome. Tickets £5, under 11s free. Bring own drinks and nibbles. Tickets available on door, subject to availability. Contact: fobs.crew@gmail.com
- Remus Sanctuary www.remussanctury.org

6th November Christmas Sale — Stock Village Hall, **11am-2pm**. Good saleable items, homemade cakes and preserves, jewellery, china, books, bric-a-brac. All at bargain prices.

19th November Christmas Sale — Billericay Reading Rooms, **9am-2pm**

20th November Online Auction via Remus Facebook Page. **Starts 11am**

20th November Curry Lunch, **2pm for 2.30 start**, Nirvana Indian Restaurant, Ingatestone. *Booking essential.*

11th December Carol Service, **2pm for 2,30pm start** at The Sanctuary. Due to lack of parking space, only members/sponsors.

 The Wallace Singers Christmas Concert 'Ring Out Wild Bells. Sunday 11th December at 2pm. Anglo-European School, Willow Green, Ingatestone CM4 0DJ. Tickets £15 (Children under 14-£8) For tickets contact: thewallacesingers.boxoffice@gmail.com



- Billericay Archaeological and Historical Society meet at The Fold, Laindon Road, Monday December 12th at 8pm. Christmas in the Trenches Nick Dobson Non-Members £2, Raffle £1, refreshments 50p per person. Contact alantaylor8@btopenworld.com
- Billericay Community Archive Hazel's Quiz Saturday 19th November 7.30pm at WI hall, Billericay. Tickets £5 (teams of up to 8) Please bring your own nibbles and drinks. For tickets phone: 070802 154677
- Billericay Flower Arranging Group meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm for 8pm start in the W.I. Hall, St. Edith's Lane, Billericay. Visitors welcome at £7 each. Contact Linda Gilbey on 01277 656217 or email ligilbey@oal.com
- Billericay Horticultural Society meet at the Chantry Centre from 8pm-10pm, visitors welcome £3.00. Refreshments available. Monday 19th December Christmas Social. Contact 43trouble@gmail.com
- Billericay WEA A full programme of interesting, varied and informative courses can be found at enrolonline.wea.uk phone 0300 303 3464 or email billericay.Branch@wea.ac.uk
- Carers Peer Support Group Meet at 2pm in Education Room of Billericay Medical Centre on last Monday of the month. To book: Contact Jenny. Goodson@carersfirst.org.uk
- Emmanuel Live at Emanuel: An Evening with Graham Kendrick – Sunday 11th December. More details available on the website.
- Gone Too Soon Bereavement support group for Parents who have lost a Son or Daughter in any circumstances and if recent or a while ago. Meet at The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way on the second Monday of each month, starting at 7pm. No Meeting in December. Parents are given a warm and friendly welcome in a safe environment. Contact Lyn on 07387805406 or email lyn-currie@hotmail.co.uk
- Photofold Camera Club meet at The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way on Tuesdays 8-10pm, doors open at 7.30pm. Info at www.photofold.org.uk
- Probus Retired Men's Club Join other retired professional and businessmen at our monthly lunch, usually with a Speaker. Contact Steve on 07817 694980 or stevejk88@outlook.com for more details.
- Stock Brook Ladies Probus Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to listen to a

speaker and take lunch together at Stock Brook Manor. All are welcome. Please contact stockbrookladiesprobus@talktalk.net for more details.

Stock Drama Group presents 'Babysitting Calvin' and 'Last Tango in Little Grimley' - Wednesday 23rd to 26th November at Stock Village Hall. Starts 8pm. Tickets £10, available from Exclusive Dry Cleaners, Holly Court, Billericay or call 01277840737. www.ticketsource.co.uk/stockdramagroup.

The WI

- Billericay WI meet at the WI Hall, St. Edith's Lane at 2pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Contact 01277 624255.
- Buttsbury WI (Billericay) meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Canon Roche Hall 8pm-10pm. New members welcome. For more details contact Jan Nash on 01277 630147
- Little Burstead WI meet on the second Thursday of the month from 2pm-4pm at Little Burstead Village Hall. Contact 01268 491396
- South Green WI meet on the third Thursday of the month at South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road. CM11 2PR. Contact 01277 652739
- Venturers' Bridge Club meet on Thursdays 1.15pm at Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Avenue for social bridge in a friendly environment. £4.00 per session. Contact graham@forsythe.co.uk



- Billericay Striders 10K Road Race. This annual event will be held on 6th November 2022.
- Billericay parkrun. Every Saturday 8.45am at Lake Meadows, parkrun provides a free, timed 5k run, jog or walk for all standards from 4 years+ Visit www.parkrun.org.uk /billericay or visit our Facebook page.
- Lake Meadows junior parkrun. Every Sunday at 8.45am at Lake Meadows, parkrun provides a free, timed 2k run, jog or walk for all standards from 4-14 years. Visit www.parkrun.org.uk/lakemeadows-juniors/ or visit our Facebook page: Lake Meadows junior parkrun
- Billericay Town Walking Football. We train at Billericay Town on Mondays 8pm-9.30pm and Thursdays 10am-12pm for Men 50+ and Mondays 7pm-8pm for Ladies 40+ £5 per session. E-mail Bill at btfcwf@gmail.com

Want to include your event in the next issue? Please email resident@bdra.org with 'event' in subject line.

Deadline for the next issue is 9th November for events taking place between 10th December 2022 and 9th January 2023

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Please note that all payments should be made as soon as possible and sent to the person named on the trip advertisement. Cheques should be made payable to BDRA and the trip title shown on the back of the cheque.

Departure points for all trips:

GG – Gooseberry Green, bus stop at roundabout, OA – Orchard Avenue, approaching Stock Road, LR – Laindon Road, bus stop between Sun Corner and the fire station, SG – South Green, bus stop to Wickford, opposite the retirement apartments.

Please note – When a trip is confirmed the fare must be paid as soon as possible.

This hugely successful Christmas gift and food fare is one of East Anglia's exceptional Christmas shopping experiences. Over 150 stalls will be exhibiting this year, all inside the cathedral along with the festive food hall, offering its usual array of edible delights. Throughout the event you can enjoy regular floral presentations and seasonal cookery demonstrations. Musical entertainment will be provided by the cathedral choristers. Food and drink is available to purchase in the heated Cafe Marquee. You might like to visit Oliver Cromwell's house which is in Ely cost £6

Cost: £22.00 which includes coach and entry to the cathedral and fair. **Coaches 1 & 2 depart:** GG 8.30am. OA 8.35am. LR 8.45am. SG 8.50am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.00pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Tuesday 27th September

Kathleen Fox, 72 Perry Street, Billericay, CM12 0ND. Telephone: 01277 622342

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas when over a million twinkling lights and seasonal sounds fill the air with festive fun at historic Hatfield Park. It's a place where new traditions can be made, a place designed for picture-perfect gatherings. With this in mind, look forward to some time together with friends and family as you discover sparkling tunnels of light, walk under giant baubles and beneath glistening trees drenched in jewel-like colour. For a moment of reflection pause at mesmerising flicking flames in the fire garden, gaze at the larger-than-life illuminations and, to make a moment to remember, don't forget to notice Father Christmas along the way. Our crew of talented independent street food vendors bring a delicious twist to tempting treats on offer. Complete your walk under the stars with a perfectly spiced winter warmer, hot chocolate or toasted marshmallow shared with someone special. Your merriest Christmas starts here.

Cost: Adult £39.60, Child Between 3-16 £35.00. Coach & Entry to The Park. **Depart:** GG 2.55pm. OA 3.00pm. LR 3.20pm. SG 3.25pm. Back in Billericay approximately 9.00pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Thursday 6th October

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THURSDAY 16^{TH} FEBRUARY 2023 – AN EAST ANGLIAN PANORAMA TOUR INCLUDING MORNING COFFEE AND TWO COURSE LUNCH \star New for 2023 \star

Join us to explore slumbering villages and pastoral science immortalised by Constable and Gainsborough. With morning coffee & a two course lunch included this is a super day out in the valley home of artists and weavers. Meet the Blue Badge Guide in Long Melford at 10.30am for morning refreshments before our coach tour of beautiful rolling East Anglian landscapes dotted with quintessentially English thatched villages and the great cloth towns of mediaeval Suffolk including Clare and Cavendish each as pretty as a picture postcard. Back to Long Melford for a two-course lunch. Choose from a selection of dishes and desserts, including gluten free and vegetarian options over morning coffee. After lunch stretch your legs with a little free time to explore the long high street of this engaging Suffolk village. Long Melford has one of the richest of the East Anglia wool churches - there's time to take a look. To round off a great day out we visit Lavenham. Looming above the horizon the tower of St Peter and St Paul heralds our arrival in this immaculately kept town of crooked and timbered weavers' cottages. Enjoy a gentle walking tour and some free time to browse and buy afternoon refreshments before heading for home at 4.45pm.

Mains: Beef Lasagne served with garlic bread and salad / Sausage and Mash served with peas & onion gravy / Mushroom Pie served with chips & gravy

Desserts: Apple Crumble served with custard / Chocolate Fudge Cake / Ice Cream *Teas/coffees* will be served after the meal **Cost:** Coach, Blue Badge Guide & 2 Course Lunch £52.00 **Depart:** GG 8.40am. OA 8.45am. LR 8.55am. SG 9.00am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.30pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Thursday 10th November

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