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Billericay District Residents' Association



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July/August 2023

The **BUZZ INTO ACTION** issue!

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Visit the BDRA Website at: www.bdra.org

Billericay Needs You!

BDRA VACANT ROLES

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.

Contact Keith Bailey on 01277 295538

Road representatives

We are desperately in need of new volunteers to help us distribute and manage our magazine. Can you spare just a few hours a month to help us deliver our magazine to your street?

This volunteer role would suit anyone who is retired, working part time or from home and who wants to give something back to the community and stay active!

A Road Representative usually covers the same roads once a month.

Without the support of our volunteer Road Reps we would not be able to get our magazine to your doors.

Queens Park area – Rosebay Avenue, Cornflower Gardens and Tavistock Drive

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Huge thanks to Adrian Holmes for his long service as a rep for BDRA, we wish you all the very best.

BDRA NEWS



"Help us to help you"



Local Plan – Time For Action!

By the time you read this, Basildon Council should have launched an Issues & Options public consultation on the new Local Plan.

At the time of going to press for this edition of The Resident no details of the consultation had been released by the Council but we are expecting it to start on the 27 June and run for 10 weeks until 5 September.

We therefore ask that you keep an eye out for communications from the Council. We understand that they will be using multiple channels to do so – print media, social media, email and web site.

We also ask that you check the Billericay Action Group (BAG) website (www.billericayactiongroup.org.uk) and their Facebook Group for more information. Search for 'Save Billericay From Housing Developments' on Facebook and ask to join the group if you are not already a member.

Information can also be found on the BDRA website (www.bdra.org) and we can also be found on Facebook by searching for 'Billericay District Residents Association'.

BAG will provide advice and guidance on how to respond to the consultation.

We would like to see a big response from the residents of Billericay right across the borough. We are being given the opportunity to air our views early in the process before any sites have been selected so we have a chance to influence the outcome. We urge you to take time to participate. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

Please keep in mind that we need to see the right number of houses, of the right type and in the right places.

RIGHT

NUMBER TYPE PLACE



Last chance to pay before August

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- Electronic bank transfer; and
- By Standing order – set up with your bank.

For more info or BDRA bank details please email **resident@bdra.org**

If we have not received your payment before August your magazine will not be delivered in September.

Thank you.



AGM – Billericay people prepare to have your say!

Members of the BDRA gathered for the 97th Annual General Meeting of the Billericay District Residents Association on 24 May.

It was lovely to see all those who attended and to hear the interesting talk from the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. Thank you to those who gave generously, we collected over £100 from members and The BDRA donated £250 to the charity.

We welcome on board new voices and volunteers; Susan Harrington, as Treasurer, new Chair of the Joint Area Committee, Tony Beard and Gordon Shand as

our Membership Database Secretary.

The BIG issue for BDRA in the coming months is the response to the Local Plan. Basildon's Issues & Option Public Consultation which should be live as this magazine is printed in June.

The message is that we must all play a part in this by responding to the public consultation to help shape the Local Plan, and the

borough's future.

The BDRA will provide as much help as we can in this regard to ensure we send a big signal to Basildon council from the residents of Billericay on what we are willing to accept in the next Local Plan, and what we are not!

We will attempt to keep you updated online so please make sure you have access to our new facebook page and website.

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TAKING ACTION: Potholes driving you potty?

Lisa Ronchetti

Driving down one of the most scenic roads in Billericay I am met by a cluster of craters which resemble something of a Star Wars movie or the landing on the moon. Just the other day I counted the number of potholes on a ten-minute journey from Stock Rd to the High Street – 13, and that's one route amongst many.

I've even started to memorise some of the 'big ones' thanks to past trauma of near misses as I try to save my poor tyres (and my life) from oncoming traffic. To name a few, Heath Rd, Hatches Farm Road and the dreaded Hillside!

I know I am not alone in my pothole pity. Potholes are now one of the most talked about topics amongst residents online. So, what on earth, I hear you cry, is being done to save us from accidents, failed MOTs and turning into Mr Meldrew on the way to Iceland?

Well, our roads are 'looked after' (if that's what you can call it) by Essex Highways (part of Essex County Council), so I approached them for a statement, to which they replied;

"Due to the pressure on our limited resources, we prioritise our work and fix the higher-risk issues first. Unfortunately, we cannot undertake all works at once."

"This means we do the repairs that require immediate attention because of safety issues first,



and then move to more minor repairs. Residents can report a pothole on the Essex Highways website."

You will join me in stating that there are some horrific potholes

that haven't been given 'immediate attention' and are still where they were last month. The best we can do is continue to report any significantly large or dangerous potholes as well as other road surface issues, damaged street lights, overgrown trees or missing lit bollards online.



**So let's take action!
Here is what you can do...**

Go online to this part of Essex Highways website. The site will take you to a map where you can insert the address and report the pothole or problem.

<https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/road-pavement-and-surface-issues/potholes-and-surface-issues>

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A Billericay Property update



The Billericay property market remains consistent and at Tyler Estates we are finding there is a good appetite to move, with many first-time buyers and renters looking to get on the housing ladder with homes under £550,000 selling well and at good prices. Homes priced over £550,000 are taking a little longer to sell. Rightmove.co.uk is showing just over 120 homes for sale over this price and a further 125 homes sold or under offer.

Jeremy Tyler

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With over 35 stands including reflexology, Indian Head Massage, Shumei Japanese healing, crystal therapy, candles, spiritual art in two halls as well as in the Festival Garden, it's a day to enjoy.

In the Festival Garden you can take part in fitness and yoga taster sessions and listen to the beautiful music of ethereal musicians Candlestone Music. We will also have some of the UK's finest tarot card readers and psychic mediums and book signing with local spiritual author Dodie Hamilton.



name and contact details and quote 'The Resident' in the subject to abby@abbyknight.co.uk

Tickets are priced at £5 each available on the day and at Eventbrite.

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BE CREATIVE! Whether it's collecting enough coins to run the length of the playground, creating the shape of a helicopter, or the outline of a flight helmet... the sky's the limit!

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We are looking forward to our 'Jazz in the Park' event again this year. Do book the date in your diaries and join us on Saturday July 8th between 4pm & 7.15pm. No tickets needed, just bring chairs and a picnic and enjoy a Pimms from the stall run by Billericay Town Rotarians. We have booked Nimrod Margalit with his band and some of his students, the very popular Daisy Bowlers, new-to-us Ukelele Freeway, and the brilliant Acoustic Duo known as The Law. Donations will be welcome on the day, so please bring lots of cash with you!



We are fortunate in having so many different varieties of trees in the park, ranging from crab apples and rowans to gingkos, an amazing red oak, limes and ancient oaks. We will shortly be renewing the Tree Trail labels on about 40 species of trees and a

new map of the Trail will be available to download from our website or can be collected from our hut.

Following our successful early morning bird walk in May, we shall be holding our annual bat



walk in late August. Another new event this year is our August photography workshop for young people aged between 8 and 16 years, led by Nigel Harris, an experienced photographer. Bookings can be made for both events via our website.

Meanwhile, our beloved Dragon and her friend the Wizard, who were commissioned ten years ago by the Friends,

are undergoing refurbishment. Since 2014, the two figures have brought much enjoyment to local children, as they climb on the dragon's back for a quick ride. Currently they are having new coats for the summer, but sadly, later in the year she will be flying off to wherever dragons go in their retirement!

For more information see...

www.lakemeadows.org.uk



Group Guided Tour of Norsey Wood

A group from the U3A enjoyed a 2-hour guided tour of Norsey Wood recently. The objective is to encourage visitors to notice, appreciate and understand the ecology and history of the Wood. U3A organiser Jacky Hathaway said, 'I'm sure that we will all enjoy Norsey Wood even more now that we have a better understanding of the environment'.

Any local community groups interested in a tour this summer should contact norseywoodsociety1977@gmail.com

Urban Bridleways, Trees and Nature



Billericay Tree Wardens (BTW)

There are several "ancient" bridleways that wend their way across the housing estates in Billericay. They are usually tree-lined, attract wildlife and evoke an "ambience" of wellbeing to the area. The metre wide bridleway itself is Basildon Council owned land and is maintained by them but the strip of land of varying width either side to the garden fences is usually still owned by the original Developer who does not maintain them and has no interest in them (and who not now exist).

Some stretches of bridleway are maintained by the local residents who gather socially together in a community spirit and "garden" them with wildlife in mind. They carefully trim back the brambles and nettles so one can walk unimpeded along the bridleway. Whereas others complain that it is not their responsibility and leave them overgrown. One aggrieved gentleman, somewhat removed from environmental awareness, described the wild mix of flowering plants and young trees as "rubbish"! However, should there be a H&S risk of a mature tree shedding its deadwood or leaning precariously over, then the Basildon Council would intervene.

garden fences that included a small woodland nearby and a line of standalone mature trees that have a TPO designation. A gap-site Developer had bought the plot of land via an auction house and had submitted a Planning Application for a single dwelling that was subsequently refused. A small band of residents had made it clear that they were strongly opposed to the idea. The BTW had initially been approached to advise. The bridleway, the standalone trees and the woodland make for an urban oasis for nature to thrive that would have taken away the wellbeing and countryside effect from the residents.

There has been an instance on the Queen's Park Estate where there is a sizeable piece of land between the bridleway and the adjacent

The Billericay Tree Wardens (BTW) view each bridleway and infill development on a case-by-case basis.

MONEY MATTERS



The importance of pre-nups for blended families

A pre-nuptial agreement, or 'pre-nup' as it is more commonly known, is a written agreement signed by a couple in contemplation of their marriage. The purpose of the agreement is to set out, in advance, how the couple intend their financial and other arrangements to be dealt with if their marriage unfortunately breaks down in the future. A pre-nup enables the issues to then be resolved easily and amicably.

When should pre-nups be considered?

There are many scenarios where it is important for couples to consider having a pre-nup drawn up including but not limited to the following:

- cases involving pre-acquired wealth or assets which either party wishes to protect from a future matrimonial claim
- cases involving farming or a family business which has been built up prior to the marriage

- cases involving parties with international connections
- same-sex marriages
- cases where family members are making financial provision or where there are trusts in place

Should pre-nups be used in second marriages?

If one or both partners have been divorced before and are planning a second or subsequent marriage, this is another example of where pre-



nups should be considered. In such cases, it is not uncommon for one or both of the parties to have built up assets previously which they may wish to protect in the future.

Older couples are also more likely to have children from previous marriages or relationships and the needs of the blended family unit will

need to be carefully considered. This is where a pre-nup can be extremely useful.

If you are planning on getting married and would like to discuss your legal options, get in touch with Birkett Long. We offer a free 15 minute preliminary chat over the phone to explore how we can best help you. You can contact me directly:

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BDRA and Town Council Meetings

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- **BDRA Meetings: Thursday 13th July 7.30pm** at The Reading Rooms All members welcome. Contact us on resident@bdra.org.



Clubs and Societies

- **Billericay Archaeological and Historical Society** meet at The Fold, Laindon Road, **Monday 10th July** – Essex's Light Railway: Off the Beaten Track – Adrian Wright Non-Members £2, Raffle £1, refreshments 50p per person. Contact alantaylor8@btopenworld.com
- **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 ljgilbey@oal.com
- **Billericay Horticultural Society** meet at the Chantry Centre from 8pm-10pm, visitors welcome £3.00. Refreshments available. **Monday 17th July** – The Wildflowers and Orchids of the Countryside Roger Hance. **21st August** 52 Weeks in the Shade Garden Lynne Moore Contact 43trouble@gmail.com
- **Billericay Men's Shed** Generally fortnightly – **Mondays** – Coffee n chat, **Tuesdays** – Woodworking, **Wednesdays** – Volunteer supported sessions for those with dementia and their carers. Lake Meadows to the front of the bowls building, just beyond the bowling green. Contact billericaymensshed@gmail.com or phone 07544 752686
- **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.u

- **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 **Monday 10th July** at 7pm **14th August** at 7pm Parents are given a warm and friendly welcome in a safe environment. Contact Lyn on 07387805406 or e-mail lyn-currie@hotmail.co.uk www.gone-too-soon.online
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- **Remus Horse Sanctuary 17th and 31st July, 14th August** – Afternoon Tea at The Sanctuary. 2.15pm start. £25 per head. Booking essential. **9th July** Summer Sale at Stock Village Hall 11am-2pm, and on **15th July** at Billericay Reading Rooms. Open Day at the Sanctuary **6th August** 1-4pm Contact <https://www.remussanctuary.org/events>.
- **Spike's Place Jazz Club** – Bardswell Social Club, Weald Rd Brentwood CM14 4TJ – 8pm start. **4th July** Lily Dior, Jonathan Gee, Geoff Gascoyne, Tristan Maillot; **11th July** – Sam Braysher, Linus Eppinger, Dave Green, Steve Brown; **18th July** – Nicolas Meier, Tom Mason, Eric Ford. 01245 420475 www.spikesplace.co.uk
- **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.
- **Summer Fete** at St Mary Magdalene Church, Great Burstead on Saturday **8th July** 11am-4pm Cash only this time.
- **The Wallace Singers Summer Concert** – Heaven on Earth – **Sunday 16th July** at 4.30pm. Anglo-European School, Ingatestone CM4 0JD. Box Office: 07981030481; email thewallacesingers.boxoffice@gmail.com Ticket price £15, Under 14s £8.

- **APPLE Bridge** Friendly EBU affiliated Club meets at Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Avenue on **Wednesdays** for duplicate sessions at 9.30. Sessions cost £3. Bring own refreshments. Contact 07552 753075
- **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

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 (Billericay) WI** 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



Fitness and Sport

- **Billericay parkrun** Every **Saturday** 8.45am at Lake Meadows, parkrun provides a free, timed 5k run, jog or walk for all standards from 4years+ 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
- **Outwood Common Tenants and Residents** – Seated Yoga **Friday** 11.15-11.45am at St John's Church. £1 a session. Open to everyone of all ages and abilities

To advertise your event here, please email resident@bdra.org

Deadline for the next issue is 10th August for events taking place between 10th September and 9th October 2023

Billericay District Residents' Association **COACH TRIPS**



**ON THE DAY OF THE TRIP ONLY
THE EMERGENCY CONTACT
NUMBER IS 07518 122647**

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.

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SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2023 – BURY ST EDMUNDS HIDDEN GARDENS

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

Now in its 37th year this event is held every year and all the money raised goes to the St Nicholas Hospice Care. About 30 gardens are open to the public and all are within walking distance of the town centre. All the shops are open so come and enjoy the party atmosphere and the refreshments on offer. If you like to see what other people do with their gardens this is the trip for you.

Cost: £25.50 Coach and entry to the gardens.

Depart: GG 8.30am. OA 8.35am. LR 8.45am. SG 8.50am. Back in Billericay approximately 7.00pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Monday 17th April

Kathleen Fox, 72 Perry Street, Billericay, CM12 0ND.

Telephone: 01277 622342

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SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST – A DAY TRIP TO BRIGHTON AND CREAM TEA AT THE OLD SHIP HOTEL

PLEASE PAY NOW!

More than just a seaside resort, Brighton has a lot to offer. Have a day to yourself to explore The Lanes, which have an extraordinary mix of shops, if you have never visited The Royal Pavillion & are interested in Royal history it is well worth a visit. Located in The Royal Pavillion Gardens is Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, an admission is required. The Sea Life Centre is very close to the seaford and provides a fascinating insight into life below the waves. Weather permitting take a stroll along the promenade and after your walk find a deckchair to relax in. We have booked The Old Ship Hotel at 3pm for a cream tea, before we depart for home.

Cost: Coach & Cream Tea £26.50.

Depart: GG 8.15am. OA 8.20am. LR 8.30am. SG 8.35am. Back in Billericay approximately 7.00pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Monday 12 June

Yvonne Cave, 11 The Vale, Stock, Ingatstone, CM4 9PW.

Telephone: 01277 840560

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FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER – FOUR HOUR HORSE DRAWN CRUISE WITH PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

We arrive at Kintbury at 12 noon and board our horse drawn barge. We will enjoy a four hour cruise on the Kennet and Avon canal. Lunch includes a baguette, butter, three varieties of cheese, pickle and cherry tomatoes. Tea, coffee or a soft drink is included. There is a bar where you can purchase drinks and snacks. There is also a toilet on board. Weather permitting we can walk along the tow path if you want to stretch your legs.

Cost: Coach, cruise and lunch £51.50.

Depart: GG 9am. OA 9.05am. LR 9.15am. SG 9.20am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.30pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Tuesday 13th June

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NEW TRIP! SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER – MORNING IN TENTERDEN – AFTERNOON ON THE "KENT & EAST SUSSEX RAILWAY"

Our coach takes us through the Kent countryside to the very attractive small market town of Tenterden. Much of the town retains its character with weather-board buildings, a beautiful High Street with a tree lined avenue and greens. There are an abundance of historic buildings including a fabulous 11th Century church, with plenty of independent shops & small cafes to enjoy lunch. We leave the town to join England's finest rural light railway, where we will enjoy our nostalgia trip weaving between Tenterden & Bodiam, enabling us to experience travel & service from a bygone age.

Cost: Coach & Railway Ticket £41.50.

Depart: GG 8.30am. OA 8.35am. LR 8.40am. SG 8.45am.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Tuesday 11th July

Yvonne Cave, 11 The Vale, Stock, Ingatstone, CM4 9PW.

Telephone: 01277 840560

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THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER – ELY CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS GIFT AND FOOD FAIR

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

(Due to the restriction on coaches this year this trip is being advertised early but the money wont be required till later in the year)

This hugely successful Christmas gift and food fair is one of East Anglia's exceptional shopping experiences. Over 150 stalls will be exhibiting this year in 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 cost £6.50.

Cost: £23.00 which includes coach and entry to the cathedral fair.

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 Wednesday 14th June

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NEW FOR 2024! COACH HOLIDAY IMPERIAL HOTEL EASTBOURNE SATURDAY 9TH MARCH – WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024

Included 5 days half board 2 full day excursions (places to be arranged) 1 evening half price bar (5pm till 9pm) Entertainment every evening. Usual pick up points times to be arranged.

The Imperial Hotel is ideally situated 100yards from the beach and 300yards from the shops. All rooms have a television and tea and coffee making facilities. There is a lift and also a bar and a separate lounge area. A coffee shop and snack bar are situated in the hotel. Wifi is available in the public areas. There are 14 single room available with no single supplement.

Cost: £290.00. Deposit £55.00. Optional Insurance £19.50.

Balance due 13th January 2024

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Wednesday 12th July

Kathleen Fox, 72 Perry Street, Billericay, CM12 0ND.

Telephone: 01277 622342

If concession prices are quoted (i.e. seniors, children) these should be requested at the time of booking or the full price will apply. In the event that you need to cancel all efforts will be made to resell your tickets, however if we are unable to resell your tickets you are liable for payment.

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