

# The Resident

## Billericay District Residents' Association

# 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition



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1926



"Help us to help you"

2016

**W**elcome to our celebration of 90 years of the Billericay Residents' Association. It is a magnificent achievement and down to the people who have been on the committees, supported the campaigns and activities which have been led by the Association. Also being a key part of the setting up of the town and parish councils.

In the last 90 years Billericay has grown to be the bustling, busy thriving town and district it is today. The BRA and then BDRA have been part of the growth keeping residents' needs at the heart of the changes. Their vision and strategy for the next ten years is to uphold their philosophy and aims and to have a voice in local decision making. We welcome the good wishes of other groups who also have the town and its residents at the heart of what they do.

**All good wishes from the Trustees of The Reading Rooms to the BDRA celebrating 90 years serving the community of Billericay & District. Long may they continue.**

### **Billericay Horticultural Society**

*As a Society which has been around since 1894 may we congratulate BDRA in reaching the 90 years mark.*

*It has been our pleasure to work with yourselves and receive your assistance in promoting our Society.*

*We look forward to many more years. Best Wishes B.H.S.*

Thank you for all the help you have given me since I took on publicity for The Fold. You went out of your way to help us find a treasurer and have consistently entered our events into your monthly magazine. Thank you.  
**Jackie Bridges**

*The Billericay Society congratulates the BDRA on its 90th Anniversary. Long may it continue in its common aim with our Society to preserve the heritage of Billericay for the future.*

Congratulations from



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**There is a feeling of déjà vu when we see actions from**

### **1961**

BDRA was writing numerous letters to authorities, councillors and the local MP on the way in which services in the developing town were being overstretched. The schools were overcrowded and many children were taught in demountable classrooms, road surfaces were in general need of repair and street lighting left much to be desired. Many other facilities were considered unsatisfactory, for example, footpaths, car parks, school swimming pools, children's play areas, water supply pipes and pressure, fluctuating electricity voltage, lack of telephone boxes and residential lines, overcrowded

and late running trains; all these were brought to the attention of the appropriate authority.

### **And now in**

### **2016**

Extract from BDRA's submission to the consultation on Basildon Borough Council Draft Local Plan, January 2016 submitted in March 2016:-

**BDRA are... unconvinced that the draft Local Plan contains sufficient specific proposals for improvements to local infrastructure to meet existing residents' needs and to ameliorate the impact on local infrastructure of an additional 1,740 dwellings.**



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July/August 2016

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Visit the BDRA Website at: [www.bdra.org](http://www.bdra.org)



# Our History

## 1926

Billericay Residents Association was formed.

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## 1957 (ish)

The proposed development north of the railway line caused concern to the people of Buttsbury who formed the Sunnyville Residents' Association which eventually became known as the Buttsbury Residents' Association. Shortly afterwards the journal "Buttsbury News" made its appearance as the Association's means of communication with its members.

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## 1960

The Billericay Residents' Association journal "The Mayflower" was started.

## 3 March 1978

In anticipation of electoral boundary changes which removed Buttsbury Ward the two Residents' Associations decided to merge to form one to represent the whole of Billericay. Thus on Friday 3 March 1978 the Billericay District Residents' Association was born.

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## 1 May 1978

The new Association launched its own newsletter – The Resident – which was, and still is circulated to all members.



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# Letter from The Queen



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Ms. Maureen Dann.

30th March, 2016.

Dear Ms Dann,

I have been asked to thank you for your letter, which you have sent on behalf of the Billericay District Residents' Association on the occasion of your Ninetieth Anniversary, which you will be commemorating in May this year.

The Queen was interested to be informed of this most notable anniversary and much appreciated your kind words for her ninetieth birthday. In return, Her Majesty has asked me to send her warm good wishes to you and all concerned for a most memorable and enjoyable celebration.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Sandamas

Christopher Sandamas  
Chief Clerk to The Queen

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# Events

## Billericay WI



The group meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in the W.I. Hall.

**6th July** Women in Nelson's Navy Frances Boardman

**20th July** Behind the Scenes at Buckingham Palace – part 2 Tom Corby

## Billericay Floral Arrangement Group



at 8.00pm in the W.I. Hall in St Edith's Lane.

**Wednesday 6th July** Kathy Stangaard – The Sound of Bow Bells

**3rd August** Indoor garden party at Christ Church (2.00–4.00pm) Nursery Rhymes

**7th September** Wendy Munnion – A Very British Summer

## New Crawdaddy Blues Club



Every Friday at Billericay Town FC, New Lodge, Blunts Wall Road. Doors open at 8.00pm.

**Friday 8th July** – Marcus Malone Band

**Friday 15th July** – Aynsley Lister Band

**Friday 22nd July** – Backwater Roll Blues Band

**Friday 29th July** – Katie Bradley Band

**Friday 5th August** – Chantel McGregor (Ticket Only)

**Friday 12th August** – Trev Turley and Friends

**Friday 19th August** – Nicky Moore's Blues Corporation

**Friday 26th August** – Catfish

**Friday 2nd September** – UK Blues Fundraiser

## 'Crunch' Mobile Tip



Crunch is basically a mobile tip. At many locations there are separate vehicles for all your garden refuse. As with the normal weekly refuse collection you must wrap up all sharp objects such as broken glass, needles and bits of metal before putting them in your refuse sacks.

The 'Crunch' will accept all large household and garden waste from domestic premises such as; furniture, TVs and electrical appliances, also garden waste including; wood, stones and bricks etc. The 'Crunch' will NOT accept paint, oil, liquids or hazardous materials (such as batteries or asbestos).

**Saturday 9th July** – David's Walk 9-12

**Saturday 16th July** – Radford Crescent Car Park 9-12

**Saturday 23rd July** – Hannikins Farm 9-12

## St Mary Magdalene Church, Great Burstead: Summer Concert



On **Saturday 9th July** at 7.30pm at Great Burstead Church. The Billericay Choral Society present a Choral and Jazz Concert. Programme includes John Rutter, Gloria, Bob Chilcott, A Little Jazz Mass,

Howard Goodall, The Lord is My Shepherd (Vicar of Dibley) and also featuring Xhosa Jazz Trio. Tickets £10 including light refreshments (Brown Sugar/ Slipped Discs 57-59 High Street and also from 01277 625667) Free Parking too!

## Billericay Archaeological & Historical Society



Meetings held at The Fold, Billericay Arts Association, Laindon Road at 8.00pm.

**Monday 11th July** "The East End strikes back – Industrial unrest & political developments in East London 1888 to 1892" Speaker – Ted Woolgate.

## Buttsbury W.I. (Billericay)



We meet at 8.00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Canon Roche Hall, Laindon Road.

Come and join our friendly group for a variety of Social Evenings. All ages welcome. If you would like more information please contact Jan Nash on 01277 630147.

**Tuesday 12th July** – Members Meeting

**Tuesday 9th August** – Summer Surprise

## Belvedere Jazz & Music Club



The Chichester, Old London Road, Rawreth SS11 8UE.

**Wednesday 13th July** Zoe Francis & Jim Mullen Quintet

**Wednesday 20th July** Pianorama – Dave Browning, Ted Beament & Jonathan Vinten

**Wednesday 27th July** Three Tenors & One Diva + Bill Yeoman's Qrt

**Wednesday 3rd August** Blue Harlem with Al Nichols & Sophie Shaw

Entrance fee £10 – Live music 8.00-10.30pm. Carvery/food from 6.30pm.

For further information please visit [www.belvederejazz.co.uk](http://www.belvederejazz.co.uk)

Email: [belvederejazz@gmail.com](mailto:belvederejazz@gmail.com) or telephone Phil Church on 07850 607075.

## Billericay Community Cinema



Billericay Library, The High Street.

**Film Thursday at 7.00pm**

**14th July** Battle of the Somme 1916 (PG)

**18th August** Big Fish 2003 (PG)

**Family Sunday at 2.30pm**

**31st July** The Toy Story 1995 (PG)

**28th August** Inside Out 2015 (U)

Ticket prices for Film Thursdays £5, Family Sunday films £3 per ticket or £7.50 for a family group. Tickets are available from [www.billericaycinema.com](http://www.billericaycinema.com) and from Billericay Library.

## Octopus Creative Textiles Group



Exhibition in St Mary Magdalene Church. **Thursday 14th July – Saturday 16th July** from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Come and meet the artists at a special viewing to be held on Wednesday 13th July from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

## Billericay Horticultural Society



Billericay Horticultural Society meets in the Chantry Way Day Centre on the 3rd Monday of every month at 8.00pm. Entry is £1 for members and £2 for visitors, who are always welcome.

**18th July** Fuchsia tips Nick Dobson and Mini Rose Show

**15th August** Growing for the Flower Arranger Mrs Maikie Wondhurst

## Billericay Society



Billericay Society's meetings are held in the Day Centre behind the chequers Pub in the High Street.

**20th July** Barry Kaufman-Wright 'Life as a Wildlife Police Officer'

## South Green WI



South Green WI meet on the Third Thursday of the month (not August) at 7.45pm for 8.00pm at South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road. Whether you come on your own or with a friend you are assured of a warm welcome. A varied programme throughout the year. For further details contact Doreen Gazzard 01277 652739.

**Thursday 21st July** – Charles Storer – Hope and Aid Direct.

## Basildon and Billericay University of the Third Age



Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the FOURTH Friday of each month (no meeting in August) These take place in the Pastoral Centre behind the Catholic Church in Laindon Road, Billericay at 2.30pm. Meetings are free to members, and visitors are welcome, entrance £2. **Friday 22nd July** Ellen Owen – "Guns, Gallantry and Ghosts"

## Essex Handicrafts Association Billericay Branch



Regular monthly meetings are held on the last Monday of each month. (no meetings in August and December). We meet at The Fold, Laindon Road at 7.45pm for 8.00pm. We have a varied programme of speakers and 'hands on' activities.

**Monday 25th July** – Knitting, crochet and felting flowers.

For further information contact Kirsten [kirsten.yeates@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kirsten.yeates@tiscali.co.uk) Telephone 01277 213610.

## Rosebay (Billericay) W.I.



We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1.30pm until 3.30pm at the Canon Roche Hall, Laindon Road. All ladies welcome. Further details from Madge on 01277 623278.

**Wednesday 27th July:** Talk: The Essex Fire Service.

## Barnardo's 150th Anniversary Fundraising Event – Mad Hatters Tea Party



At Sunnyside Children's Centre on **Thursday 11th August** from 10.00–11.30am.

Come and join us raise funds for Barnardo's 150th Anniversary, activities include hat making, decorating biscuits, £1 donation requested from each family. Please call 01277 659589 for more information and to book a place.

## Enrolment at The Fold, Billericay Arts Association



Sensibly priced courses for adults and children from September 2016 to July 2017. Great savings made by becoming a member.

Course details are available on our web site at [www.baathefold.org.uk](http://www.baathefold.org.uk) or visit the Fold, 72 Laindon Road for a brochure or call 01277 659286.

You can enrol at the Fold throughout July between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

**Enrolment** will also take place at the Fold on **Saturday 3rd September** between 10.00am and 12.00noon.

## The Billericay Ladies Probuc Club



The Club meets for lunch at 12.00noon on the second Monday of each month at the Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite, Hutton CM13 2NS.

Where a three course lunch is served and is usually followed by a speaker.

We also have coach trips, holidays and occasional coffee mornings. New members are always welcome, why not bring a friend along. For further information call Jenny on 01277 633115

## Greenway Ramblers



The group meets at 10.00am every Tuesday (5-6 miles) and Sunday (longer walks of 10+ miles with a break for lunch). New members are welcome. See our website at [www.greenwayramblers.org.uk](http://www.greenwayramblers.org.uk) for further details, or phone Joe Lawton on 01277 631119.

## St Edith's Bridge Club



We meet at the WI Hall in St Edith's Lane at 7.25 for a 7.30 start on most Wednesday evenings. The planned finish time is 10.30. New members / visitors are always welcome; if necessary, we may be able to find you a partner if you contact us in advance. We will not be open on July 6th, but after that we will be open every Wednesday evening until the end of August. For more information please contact Alaric Cundy on [alaric.cundy@btinternet.com](mailto:alaric.cundy@btinternet.com) or 01277 622359

## Circle FIVE 0 (over 50s club)

Circle FIVE 0 meets at Hannikins Farm every other Wednesday from 2.00–4.00pm with a programme of speakers and visits. We are a very friendly group and would like to welcome more people to join us. Do give Keith a call on 01277 631586 for further details.

To advertise your event here please email [resident@bdra.org](mailto:resident@bdra.org)

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Deadline is 15th August for events between 10th September and 10th October 2016

# MONEY



# MATTERS

## Tempus Fugit. (Time Flies!)

**It's hard to believe the Residents' Association was established in Billericay 90 years ago, many congratulations to all involved and long may your good work for the Town continue.**

I remember writing my first article for the "Resident" it was about State pensions and set out how to obtain a State Pension Forecast, which took about a month and was paper-based at that time. This has not changed, we still ask folk to get a forecast, it's an essential part of planning, but it's now online and almost instant.

The Independent Financial Advice Centre was established in Billericay by Mike Joslin in February 1988 and he kindly invited me to join him in 1990, which is a staggering 26 years we have spent together trying to help Residents of the town with their investments and pensions.

There are supposed to be two certainties in life; Death and Taxes, but I would add a third Change. No sooner do we think we've got to grips with something when the rules change and we start again.

I'm not sure who came up with the "strap line" on our door "Making sense of a complicated world" but it sums up in a nutshell what we try to do.

The door has changed a few times from 22 to 39 and for the last seven years 97 but the High Street has always been our home and long may it continue. We have been next to Amber's Beauty Salon, above the Co-op which changed to the Blue Boar, and now above Santander.

Acronyms change as well, in the 90s our regulator was FIMBRA (Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers

Regulatory Association) which became the PIA (Personal Investment Authority) which became the FSA the Financial Services Authority which became the FCA the Financial Conduct Authority. All that regulation and people still lose millions of pounds to crooks, makes one wonder what they achieve.

As far as complications are concerned, there is no doubt the world is even more complex than it was in the 90s and noughties. Current changes to Pension Schemes, ISAs, income Tax, Capital gains tax, tax on dividends and many other changes keep us very busy.

Today we have a younger generation of Independent Financial Advisers working in the Advice Centre. They have higher qualifications than we ever needed to enable them to continue dealing with changes in an ever more complex financial world.



*May the Residents' Association enjoy another 90 years ensuring that any change is good news for the Town and its residents. I'm sure it will "fly past" as fast as the last.*

**Thanks to everyone at the Independent Financial Advice Centre for their good wishes.**

**Making sense of a complicated world will definitely be an aspiration for the future. Call them on 01277 630873.**

## Time to downsize?

**The family home isn't made of bricks and mortar or furniture and gadgets; it's constructed of memories. This is why so many people find it hard to admit that it's time to up sticks and move to somewhere more manageable. It is understandably difficult to leave behind a home and garden where children played and family memories were made, even when the benefits are a property with worry-free maintenance and on-hand support.**

Despite this, the desire to remain independent along with the acknowledgement of the need for support, often forces the hand. In such situations, a retirement property can offer a practical solution where a level of independence can be maintained. Help is likely to be on hand, perhaps in the form of an 'on call' support system, day to day living arrangements may be able to be tailored as the needs of the occupier change, and maintenance services are usually provided by a landlord or service company.

All good so far! But it is a proven fact that moving house is stressful – at any time of life – let alone when it has to be undertaken by someone of advancing years. Added to that is the burden of choice. Which retirement property will be suitable? Which will provide ongoing care through the years? Which will retain value and what about overheads?

Retirement complexes, where independent living is facilitated via support services and where the community is restricted to a certain

age group and above, can offer a way of continuing independence for as long as possible, but potential buyers must ensure they are aware of all the facts before they commit. These may include service charges, ground rent, costs for support services and perhaps other charges for meals or laundry.

A solicitor with experience of retirement properties will be able to remove some of the worry associated with the process of moving home and answer a lot of the questions. They will be alert to any 'hidden' costs so that their client is fully aware of their commitment before signing on the dotted line. Furthermore, they will be able to explain terms of contracts and leases in clear, straightforward English and will keep their client updated at every stage.

A solicitor cannot remove the stress and worry but they can make the process run as smoothly as possible.



**If you or a loved one are thinking about buying a retirement property, contact Marina Athanasiou on 01206 217354 or marina.athanasiou@birkettlong.co.uk.**

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# Billericay District Residents' Association

## Our Councillors



**1961**

As a result of the rapid development which was taking place in Billericay the two Residents' Associations decided it was necessary to have representations on the District Council.

Consequently an election committee was formed to contest the Billericay Ward and at a second attempt the first RA councillor was elected to District Council in May 1961. Further successes followed with four more RA candidates being elected in consecutive elections.



**1979**

Probably the highlight of the Association's life occurred in 1979 when its candidates on the District Council elections won all nine seats and thus held the balance of power in the Council Chambers, for three years, and the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council during that period.

In addition it was represented in the County Council in Chelmsford. There are no longer Councillors in either District or County Councils.



**1967**

The fortunes of the Association suffered a temporary reversal in the period 1965/67 when there were no RA representatives on Basildon District Council. However by the time the plan for the development of Queens Park was published in 1967, two RA candidates had been elected to the District Council.

**1997**

A group of Billericay people, including BDRA, formed a Steering Committee which ran the successful campaign for the creation of Billericay Town Council and the nearby parish councils. In 1997 the new parishes of Billericay, Great Burstead & South Green, Little Burstead, Ramsden Crays and Ramsden Bellhouse were established.



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# Some Issues

## Queens Park

The plan for the development of Queens Park was published in 1967. It was the biggest development ever to be undertaken in Billericay, covering an area of some 148 acres of the plotland estate known as Queens Park, Mill Hill and Mill Hill Wood. Woodlands and scrub covered much of the area which was largely wasted and lost to agriculture, lacking in public services and fronting unmade roads.



At the time we had 2 RA candidates on the District Council. They, well briefed on members' feelings in the Area Committees, kept a close watch on the original proposals and the numerous revisions.

On 8 March 1974 an agreement was signed by Basildon Urban District Council and the Queens Park Consortium Ltd which contained proposals regarding, amongst other things, the exchange of land, planning permission for housing, building of roads and roundabouts, provision of recreational facilities including a Country Park, all of which were carefully monitored by the Associations' councillors.

## Green Belt

The policy of the Residents' Association has been consistently against development in the Green Belt. Thus a continuous watch is kept on planning applications which are submitted for development within the Green Belt, and also within the town, especially in the High Street Conservation Area.

In places where planning applications were refused by the Council and subsequently where the applicants appealed against that decision the Residents' Association was represented at the inquiries concerning all major developments. Examples include: 80 acres at Southend Road, land at Norsey Meadows, Outwood Farm Road, Mountnessing Road, Hannakins Farm, not forgetting land north and west of Norsey View Drive.



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# 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday





# Picture Quiz

90  
YEARS



## How to enter the Quiz

*Come along to the Summerfest on 10th July and see us on the BDRA stand.*

*Bring your Resident and pick up the clues which go with the pictures and see if you can win the bag of goodies which will be the prize.*

*The winner will be drawn at the end of the day.*



*With many thanks to Alan Waddoups for his fantastic photos.*



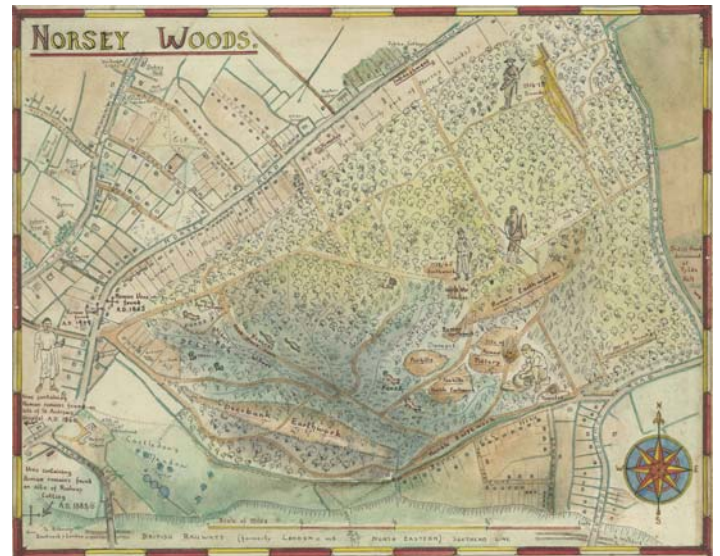


# Celebrating our Green Spaces

In 1960s when Norsey Woods was in public ownership there was an increasing body of opinion (supported by the Essex Naturalists' Trust and the Billericay Residents' Association) that Norsey Wood should be purchased by Essex County Council as an area of regional interest, partly as a nature reserve, and partly as a public open space.

In 1966 an application to build 32 houses was staunchly opposed and then in 1976 Basildon Council compulsorily purchased Norsey Woods following another Public Inquiry held on 9 April 1975.

The Council had the support of a number of organisations in the town, not least the Residents' Associations who again were



Map, drawn by Harry Richman, shows Norsey Wood as it appeared in the 1950s  
© The Cater Museum

represented at the Inquiry. Probably the most important item of evidence produced for the Inspectors consideration on the last afternoon of the Inquiry was correspondence from the Clerk of the Essex County Council to the Secretary of the Billericay Residents' Association dated 14 January 1966. This showed that it was the intention of the County

Council to ask the Minister of State for the Environment to amend the County Development Plan by changing Norsey Wood from Metropolitan Green Belt to Public Open Space, an extremely important factor in obtaining the favourable decision required for the compulsory purchase to go forward, thus saving the Wood from development for all time.

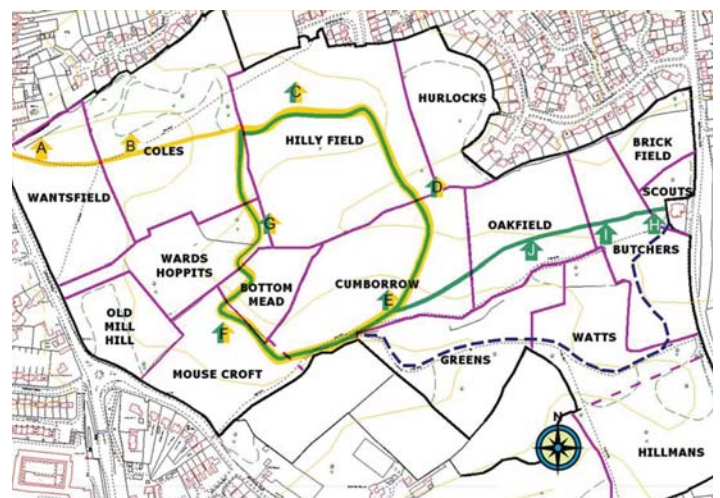
## Mill Meadows Local Nature Reserve

is about 38 hectares (90 acres) in size, and one of the finest ancient meadow systems in Essex. The site was formerly farmland, and much of it has been undisturbed by ploughing and fertilization for many years creating the ideal conditions for a wonderful diversity of wild flowers, fungi, insects and invertebrates, many of which are rare. It contains an area of about 7 hectares (17 acres) declared as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its unimproved neutral grassland. This grassland type is very much reduced within the Essex landscape, due to development and agricultural improvement.

The site is important for its species-rich wild flower meadows and its range of waxcap fungi for which it is a site of regional importance. In addition the site is well used by local bird populations and foraging bats.



Mill Meadows is grazed by a herd of Red Poll cattle. Grazing is a traditional method of grassland management that enables meadows like these to be kept low in nutrients (these being transferred into the cattle), so that threatened and attractive wild



flowers are not outcompeted by some of the more vigorous grass species.

Mill Meadows is managed by Basildon Council Parks and Countryside with the support of the Mill Meadows Society.

There are two marked trails around the reserve, starting at entrances at Chapel Street and Greens Farm. There is no car park at the site, so it is best to use the town centre car parks, as parking restrictions apply to the residential streets around Mill Meadows.





# Lake Meadows... The Jewel in the Crown

**L**ake Meadows, known as the 'Jewel in the Crown' of Billericay, attracts hundreds of visitors each week, who enjoy the peaceful surroundings and different features of the park.

Although the original farmland was owned by the Spitty family for most of the 19th century, it was Billericay Urban District Council, under Chairman Henry E Bebington, who had the amazing foresight to buy the land in 1935 for just £1,400 (about £90K in today's terms). Within a year, 'the Moat', as it had previously been known, became Lake Meadows and was officially opened on Saturday July 11th 1936.

Over the years, various facilities were added, including an outdoor swimming pool dug by hand by volunteers, a children's paddling pool, the café and boats on the lake,

manned by the boat keeper Alec Taylor. In 1955, the management of the park became the responsibility of Basildon Council and a team of park keepers took over, led by Reg King who worked in the park for over 35 years, planting many of the trees and planning the design of the annual raised bed.

In the winter of 1966, the lake was drained for extensive remedial work, to reinforce the lake base and strengthen the western bank, with an added sluice. It was at this time that the Fort, an old boathouse at the head of the lake, where the Garden of the Child now sits, was demolished.

Now, the Friends of Lake Meadows have stepped in to help maintain the park and provide new features, all of which will ensure that the park continues to grow and develop as a green space, providing a calm oasis for Billericay residents to relax in and enjoy.



Children's Paddling pool



Rose family picnic in the 1950s

*We appreciate the support that BDRA has given to our organisation during the past four years, particularly for sponsoring Jazz in the Park in 2015, but also for including our articles about our amazing park in the Resident.*

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# Committee News

The meeting started by welcoming Lesley Mitchelmore as our new Executive secretary and Mervyn Wright as Chair of the West Committee.

## Litter

We have written to Billericay Town Council asking them to offer butt boxes to the smokers who gather outside Mayflower House in The Walk and drop cigarette ends.

## Summerfest July 10th

We will have a stall at the Summerfest alongside the Punch and Judy that we are sponsoring again this year.

## Hanging Baskets in the High Street

We agreed to sponsor one of Billericay Town Council's hanging baskets this year.

## Railway Bridge

Because the railway bridge is badly in need of being repainted we have found out that responsibility lies with Basildon Council, but as yet they have not responded to our request to repaint. We will discuss this at our next meeting in July.

## Elizabeth Cottage

At a meeting on 15th June Basildon Council explained their proposed way forward for Elizabeth Cottage. It is

currently under a 3 month notice period for payment of debt incurred by BDC. This will finish on 18th July. If the debt has not been paid a charge will be applied at the land registry. The council will then have the power to sell the property to get their payment.

The cottage will then be sold at auction and any surplus will be kept in a trust account for 12 years so the owners will have that time in which to claim their money. The BDRA are pleased to see that some action is being taken and whoever buys the property will need to gain planning permission for the site.

## Speeding

There is a town wide problem with speeding on our roads, of particular note are Greens Farm Lane, Perry Street and Stock Road where the presence of nurseries, schools and/or old peoples schemes make speeding an increased issue. The committee discussed this and we would like to know our members thoughts, particularly on whether we should campaign for speed cameras instead of vehicle activated signs.

## Bus timetables

Since the bus service changes came into force on 10th April

the timetables at the bus stops have not been updated. In some cases helpful locals have stuck new timetables up. We will write to Essex County Council Passenger Transportation to request that new timetables are placed at all the bus stops. If anyone notices that this has been done we would like to know.

## Time Capsule

As part of our 90th anniversary a Time Capsule has been commissioned and will be filled with the hopes and fears for Billericay that we have been sent (it's not too late to add your hopes and fears). On 30th September John Baron MP will seal our Time

Capsule at a specially organised meeting in The Reading Rooms to which we will soon be sending out invitations.

## Future of BDRA

A document on our vision and strategy has been produced and this will be discussed at our next executive meeting. This will include discussing our mission statement (what we do) and our vision statement (our long term vision of our future) as well as analysing our current membership so that we can see where the streets are with no members and can then target these streets to increase our numbers.

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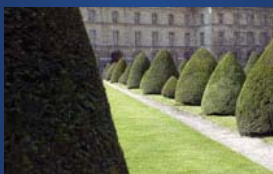
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**Please note – When a trip is confirmed the fare must be paid as soon as possible.**

## THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 – HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW

Looking forward to seeing you on 7th July these are your timings.

**Depart:** GG 8.00am. OA 8.05am. LR 8.15am. SG 8.20am. Back in Billericay approx 7.00pm.

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## MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY CEREMONY OF THE KEYS AT THE TOWER OF LONDON WITH DINNER IN THE YEOMAN WARDERS MESS

Looking forward to seeing you. Just a few reminders.

**Dress Code:** No jeans or trainers. Jacket and tie must be worn by the men.

Sensible shoes should be worn because of the cobbles.

Drinks to buy will be available at the bar.

**Depart:** GG 3.30pm. OA 3.35pm. LR 3.45pm. SG 3.50pm. Back in Billericay approx midnight.

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Drinks and desserts are available at lunch for an extra charge.

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**Cost:** Coach and Cream Tea, £19.50.

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**Cost:** Coach, cruise and afternoon tea £37.00.

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