

ALL CHANGE AT THE BDRA!

he BDRA AGM was held on the 25th May and we would like to thank all those residents who attended. Our speaker for the evening was Nigel Beverley, Chair of the Mid & South Essex NHS Foundation trust, who talked to us about the merging of the hospitals in the Borough in line with the Integrated Care System and then fielded many questions from the audience in a lively debate. Andy, Mike, Peter and Amanda gave their respective reports. We then said goodbye to some very long standing committee members and welcomed their replacements. I know all our residents would to join me in thanking all those retiring for their hard work and commitment to the BDRA and all those joining and moving into new posts we thank you and wish you good luck and success in your work for the BDRA and the town and its residents.

Congratulations to...

Our new Chair – Keith **Bailey**, who also continues in his role the Vice Chair of the JAC.



Our new Vice Chair – Stephen Chapman, an active member of the Joint Area Committee and now takes up the position as our new Vice Chair.



"I've lived in Billericay for some

14 years with my family. I am committed to trying to preserve both our way of life and the countryside around Billericay. I also want to help to maintain and develop the BDRA so that it can continue to represent the people of Billericay."

Our new Treasurer – Trevor Leach, an active member of the BDRA for many years and takes up the post of Treasurer.



"I've been a member of the BDRA for 37 years, a road rep for 4 years and was the Area Membership Secretary for Great Burstead/Sth Green. I have worked in accounts in various roles, and am a member of the Association of Accounting Technician, registered since 1998. I look forward to serving the members the BDRA."

The new interim Chair of the Joint Area Committee – Tony Beard and the new JAC Secretary – Marian Jones who has been a member of the BDRA for many years.



"After retiring, I wanted to find something which would ignite my enthusiasm and the issues surrounding the Local Plan made me feel now was the time to get involved in local issues. I love living in Billericay and enjoy its parks, open spaces, the character of its High Street as well as its historical heritage. I am looking forward to supporting Tony as the new JAC Chair and the BDRA."

And goodbye and thank you to...

Andy Maddocks who has been our Chair for 9 years.

"I've greatly enjoyed my time over the last 9 years and will naturally miss my involvement with the BDRA, firstly as Vice Chair and latterly Chair. Being involved in the many aspects of our Town, the friendships made, particularly amongst the Committee members, have been one of the many rewarding aspects of my roles. I have always appreciated the support and commitment from my ExCo colleagues and all the Volunteers that make up this organisation"

Peter Sharp who has been our Treasurer for seven years.

Mike Andrews, Vice Chair of BDRA and Chair of BAG (Billericay Action Group).

"I have decided to step down as Vice Chair of the BDRA and Chair of BAG as I believe now is the right time for a change of leadership. The Council's withdrawal of their draft Local Plan vindicates everything we have said for the last 8 years and our Council Leader has indicated his intention to afford more protection for our precious Green Belt and to more closely involve residents in the development of the new Plan."

Eve Oliver who has been Chair of the Joint Area Committee for over 20 years. Here is Eve at the AGM with Andy receiving a thank you gift for her long service to the BDRA.



The AGM Minutes & full financial report can be found on the BDRA website Visit the BDRA Website at: www.bdra.org



s you are no doubt aware, the Conservative administration at Basildon council withdrew the emerging new Local Plan back in March. Things have been very quiet since then. The council has removed much of the old documentation from its website and we have seen nothing new published so far regarding the next iteration of the plan (as of mid-June).

The result of the May ward elections was that the Conservatives retained control of the council, maintaining their previous majority of 6 seats. You would therefore like to think that there will be some

continuity regarding the Local Plan as a result of this, and that previous promises made when the plan was withdrawn to better include local residents in the plan making process will be honoured. Together with

promises to address the excessive housing numbers in the urban brownfield areas, very specifically the proposed Basildon town centre high rise development, as well as the more rural Green Belt areas right across the borough. But time will tell

At the first council meeting since the elections it was confirmed that the council would operate a Leader and Cabinet system of governance replacing the previous Committee system. Although not explicitly stated at the meeting, the implication is that the Local Plan will be the responsibility of Cllr Moore as the Cabinet member for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure.

We are not yet sure how the next iteration of the Local Plan will be handled by the Cabinet but we do have some concerns that public visibility might be lessened. This, if

proved to be the case, would be a retrograde step for the borough citizens. For something as important as the Local Plan we would expect a high degree of public disclosure and transparency, and not just through the mandatory public consultations as was the case in the past. This is something we will be watching very closely, especially as we have been promised greater involvement by our elected councillors.

The first meeting of the Cabinet is 7th July so we will soon find out how things will progress.

So for now it's yet another waiting game, and having been waiting 8 years so far a few more weeks won't hurt. It's just more frustration and delay. But we're used to that.

We hope to have more details in next edition of The Resident.

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Letters...

Dear Editor.

Further to the article in the June Resident, it is not only the high street that is being blighted by the litter from KFC. We frequently walk and litter pick in Mill Meadows (I am part of the cattle watch group), and we have observed an unfortunate upturn of litter in the meadow and much of this is KFC branded.

I understood a condition of KFC opening was that they would patrol and monitor the potential litter impact in and around the local area. Litter where cattle graze is not a good combination.

Thank you

Dave Sweet

Another concerned resident sent us this photo from the bench opposite the library! We contacted KFC with the photo below and we received this answer:-



"I'm so sorry to hear that the area wasn't as clean as it should have been at Billericay High Street. Thanks for letting us know so we can apologise and put things right.

We have a strict rota for cleaning and checking the areas at all our restaurants and we spend a lot of time with the team explaining how important this is. We also visit every restaurant regularly throughout the year for spot-checks and we particularly look at tidiness and cleanliness, so I'm sorry we got it wrong this time. I'll share your comments with the restaurant manager so they can remind everyone how important it is to check the area regularly and make sure it's as clean and tidy as it can be.

We want you to feel welcome when you visit us, so if you spot anything like this again, just mention it to one of the team and they'll sort it out".



Please help to keep the pressure on KFC to make sure they deliver on their promise to regularly ensure litter is collected in the vicinity of their premises. If you see litter please go to the KFC Corporate Website and send an email (ideally with a photo) regarding the Billericay Branch. Don't let this company ruin our High Street! Go to https://help.kfc.co.uk

Alternatively, If you want to report a litter or street cleaning issue this can also be done via the Basildon Council website under the "Street Cleaning" tab.



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Buildings Insurance – does your house or outbuildings have a flat roof?

Insuring our homes should the worst ever happen is something many of us take very seriously. However today with the access to comparison sites and ability to self-administer our own policies, it is easy to not fully be aware of your full policy cover and understand what you are agreeing to at inception and what endorsements apply to your policy.

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Following storms many insurers have declined claims due to terms and conditions not being adhered too. One of the reasons some insurers have declined is due to "*Flat roof endorsements not being adhered to*".

What is a "Flat Roof Endorsement?"

Roofs with a slope of less than 10 degrees are considered flat by insurers. If your house or outbuildings have a flat roof, your house insurance can be more expensive. This is because insurers consider flat roof homes to be at higher risk

of water ingress, weather damage and burglary. This can include outbuildings such as garages and dormers.

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What do your insurers expect of you?

Some insurers will endorse that the roof should have been replaced within a certain number of years and inspected regularly by a professional. Failure to adhere to this can result in your insurer declining a claim.

It is therefore essential you know at inception what is expected of you and have all the relevant evidence should you need to make a claim at any point.

Depending on the material sometimes you will be given a guarantee by the roofer which can be provided as evidence to your insurer, but this should be discussed prior to inception to prevent issues in the event of a claim.

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A guide for individuals: discrimination in the workplace

Unfortunately discrimination in the workplace has not been confined to the annals of history. If you are an employer or you find yourself subject to discrimination it is important to know your rights and how the law can offer protection.

Discrimination and the law

The Equality Act 2010 (EA 2010) protects individuals in respect of nine characteristics. These are known as 'protected characteristics' and are attributes of an individual that the law seeks to protect.

Protection in the workplace

Discrimination for gender reassignment – and the other eight protected characteristics – is prohibited during all stages of the employment relationship from recruitment through to dismissal. The law recognises discrimination in four categories: direct discrimination, indirect discrimination, harassment and victimisation, which we will look at in turn.

Direct discrimination

An employer treats a transgender individual less favourably than it treats others

who are not transgender.

Indirect discrimination

An employer makes a provision criterion or practice (a 'PCP') such as a change to selection criteria or company policies, which applies to every employee regardless of characteristics but has the effect of disadvantaging trans individuals.

Harassment

An individual engages in unwanted conduct related to gender reassignment and that conduct has the purpose or effect of violating a trans individual's dignity, or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment.

Victimisation

An employer subjects a trans individual to a detriment because they have done, intend to do, or are suspected of doing or intending to do, a 'protected act'. Examples of protected acts include raising a grievance or bringing a tribunal claim.

Please contact us at Birkett Long if you require any further help or advice.



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Open Gardens 2022 in aid of St Lukes Hospice

n 2020 St. Luke's Hospice celebrated 30 years of providing care to thousands of local people and to mark this milestone, the 'Open Garden Scheme' was part of the celebrations. We've launched 3 gardens to date raising over £3,000 for St. Luke's Hospice and the next garden will be at 125 Noak Hill Road, Billericay CM12 9UJ on Saturday, 13th August from 2.00-6.00 pm.



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'Allée de Billericay' in Chauvigny



On Sunday 8th May, after a break of 4 years, a group from Billericay Twinning Association (BTA) went to Chauvigny, in France, with which Billericay has been officially twinned for 18 years.

A ceremony is held each year to commemorate the end of the war in Europe, and this year Gérard Herbert the Mayor of Chauvigny and Jeannine Watson from BTA also unveiled a plaque renaming one of the small streets in the centre of the town 'Allée de Billericay'. The BTA is looking forward to reciprocating and plans to welcome a group from Chauvigny in 2023. For more information email Janet at **janetcosgrove7@gmail.com**

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Sometimes the best laid plans have a few hiccups! Our plans for the Jubilee raised bed in the gardens had been planned many months ago. However, the plants, which are grown by a nursery for Basildon Council, were not available until the week after the Jubilee celebrations!





They arrived on the Wednesday and by lunchtime the next day, the dedicated FoLM gardeners turned out for a second time that week and had them all planted. We hope that the design will honour Her Majesty throughout the rest of the summer and that park users enjoy the colourful display. If anyone would like to join our team of gardeners, do come and join us any Tuesday morning from 9.30am in the garden area.

Sadly, summer seems to be the season for a few thoughtless young vandals to get into mischief and deprive others of enjoyment. Recently, equipment in the play area was damaged by fire. We feel sorry for all the young children who will be disappointed to find their favourite equipment gone this summer. It will eventually be replaced when the plans to refurbish the play area are completed in the next year or so. The good news is that a new concrete skateboard park is due to be installed by Basildon Council very soon.

Please note that we are running our Photography Competition again this year. Don't miss the opportunity to take some summer photos of the park in all its glory during the next few months. Please encourage children to take part. It gives those who win a real thrill when they receive their prize! Closing date October 31st. Rules and an Entry Form can be found on our website:

www.lakemeadows.org.uk

Jubilec Fund Bespite the challenging weather conditions, Billericay Residents celebrated in style over the Jubilee weekend – street parties, garden parties, Beacon Lighting, Soap Box Derby and a music festival brought the town together in celebration!



The Residents of Beaufort Road (left) got together for some food and of course popped a few corks to celebrate!





(Above) On Saturday 4th June, Tony Beard (our current JAC Chair) took a 1940-vintage bus with which he has have been involved since 1965 to London to tour the streets and enjoy the decorations.



The Residents of Fairfield Rise (above/above right) had a great day on the 2nd June with a bouncy castle, hat and cake competitions, scavenger hunt, tin can alley, hopscotch, mini scooter races and much more. Lovely to have a fun traffic free environment bringing the community together.



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BDRA NEWS





If you want something doing...

As anticipated in last month's edition, our friends from the Billericay Street Pastors have responded to a call from the BDRA and come to the aid of residents affected by the latest disruption to the No 9 bus. Morrison, the contractors for Cadent, were still providing incorrect information to residents about when the work would start and FirstBus were telling potential travellers that the service was operating normally when it wasn't.



When FirstBus did discover their service was affected, they provided notices at bus stops which included the helpful messages; "We understand this inconveniences many of you. We fully appreciate this is the only bus service available

to you." But whilst Morrison, Cadent, FirstBus and Essex County Council offered platitudes and excuses the Street Pastors offered action and provided those most affected by the disrupted bus an opportunity to access the High Street. Our photograph shows some of the residents who were able to use the facility together with some of the Street Pastors. So a big thank you to Phil Norton and his colleagues for responding so positively to the BDRA's call.

Membership Secretary Vacancy

Following Trevor Leach taking over as BDRA Treasurer we are seeking an enthusiastic individual who would like to volunteer their time a few hours a month to become a Membership Secretary. You would be the main point of contact for a group of road reps who both deliver the Resident 10 times a year and also collect subs once a year. Please contact **chairman@bdra.org** if you think you can help.

Road Rep Wanted

We are now advertising for a new road rep vacancy covering Cavell Road, Meadow Way and The Rising which is a total of 27 houses. Get your trainers on and enjoy the feeling of volunteering! Please contact **Mark Hayes 01277 630170**.

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Defibrillator – Further Sessions to run in September 2022



Following the success of the Free Defibrillator training sessions held at the Reading Rooms recently, we are pleased to be able to report that a possible TWO further sessions will be funded and are planned for September 2022. If you would like to book for either of these sessions they would love to hear from you. Please contact chairman@thereadingrooms.org

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- 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 Football for the over 50s. We train at Billericay Town on Mondays 8pm-9,30pm and Thursdays 10am-12pm - £5 per session. E-mail Bill at btfcwf@gmail.com



- Billericay Archaeological and Historical Society. Meet at The Fold, Laindon Road, Monday July 11th Spain's Golden Age and After Another World Andrew Baker Monday September 12th Incidents and Accidents on East Anglian Railways 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 18th July – Attracting Birds and Wildlife to your Garden-Roger Hance. Monday 15th August – Trouble Without Wasps – Ian Bedford. Monday 19th September – The Greening of London-David Williams. Contact 43trouble@gmail.com

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- Billericay WEA. Join us from September at The Reading Rooms, 73 High Street when we are back with a full programme of enjoyable and informative courses. Contact: enrolonline.wea.uk; phone 0300 303 3464 or billericay.Branch@wea.ac.uk
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- 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. Monday 8th August and Monday 12th September. Parents are given a warm and friendly welcome in a safe environment. Contact Lyn on 07387805406 or e-mail 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
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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.
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- South Green WI meet on the third Thursday of the month at South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road. CM11 2PR. Contact 01277 652739
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- **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



- Mill Meadows Country Fayre Sunday 11th September 11am-4pm. Mill Meadows Nature Reserve, Southend Road, Billericay. Live music, performances by Fusion Dance and the Mayflower Morris Men. Beer and wine tent. Hot and cold food. Stalls with games and local produce. Children's Archery, Forest School, Birds of Prey. Fun for all the family. Contact ianwoolz@gmail.com
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17th July Curry Lunch at Nirvana Indian Restaurant, £20 per person. **2pm for 2.30pm start.**

11th July at 2.15pm and 25th July Afternoon Tea at the Sanctuary. Cost \pounds 20 per person.

17th July 11am-2pm Summer Sale at Stock Village Hall.

30th July 9am-2pm Summer Sale at Billericay Reading Rooms.

31st July 2pm-4pm. Come and meet your sponsored animal, only 200 spaces.

7th August 1pm-5pm Open Day at the Sanctuary.

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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.

SUNDAY 3RD JULY - THE HIDDEN GARDENS OF BURY

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

TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2022 – CAMBRIDGE WITH A GUIDED TOUR OF THE CAMBRIDGE AMERICAN CEMETERY SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

We will first visit the Cambridge American Cemetery where we will have a guided tour of the tranquil resting place of Americans who gave their lives in the Second World War. On arrival in the city centre you will be free to visit the Fitzwilliam Museum and Kettles Yard which are both free and a short walk from the city centre. Alternatively you may wish to visit the Botanical Gardens (£6.80) or have a walk or punt along the river. The market will be open and there are plenty of shops to visit and places to eat.

Cost: £20.00 includes coach and guided tour of the cemetery. 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 14th June for this trip Kathleen Fox, 72 Perry Street, Billericay, CM12 0ND. Telephone: 01277 622342

Eastbourne is a beautiful resort town on the south east coast with Victorian seafront hotels, the 19th century Eastbourne Pier and a 1930s bandstand. Towner Art Gallery have exhibitions throughout the year and nearby, Redoubt Fortress has a Military Museum. This year the Western Lawns will be home to the 50 metre tall "Eastbourne Eye" (big wheel), offering panoramic views across the town. Before our journey home we have booked The Cumberland Hotel to enjoy their Sussex Cream tea.

Cost: £25.50 includes coach and cream tea. Depart: GG 8.00am. OA 8.05am. LR 8.15am. SG 8.20am. Back in Billericay approximately 7.00pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Thursday 9th June

Yvonne Cave, 11 The Vale, Stock, Ingatestone. CM4 9PW. Telephone: 01277 840560

There is plenty to do and see at Millets Farm Shop, a well stocked garden centre which had a good selection of plants, garden furniture, barbeques, toys, homeware, toiletries and lots more. The farm shop stocks meat, fruit, vegetables, and has a bakery selling bread, cakes and biscuits. All the produce is either grown on the farm or locally sourced. There is a nature trail where you can enjoy a peaceful walk with a duck pond, food for the ducks can be bought at the farm shop. They have a "maze maze" (yes that is correct) an animal walk with goats, sheep, pigs, alpacas and donkeys. There are two eating places where you can buy a drink, a snack or a meal.

Cost: £20.00. 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 19th July for this trip*

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

THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER – JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, CLIFFS PAVILION, 7.30PM PERFORMANCE *FULL – PLEASE PAY NOW*

Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Cliffs Pavilion.

Cost: £61.00 includes coach and top priced tickets. Depart: GG 5.40pm. OA 5.45pm. LR 5.55pm. SG 6.00pm.

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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 seats, however if we are unable to resell your seats you are liable for payment. The terms and conditions which apply to BDRA coach trips can be found at www.bdra.org

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