Happy New Year 2019 – a very significant year at local and national levels. Don’t you wish you had a crystal ball!

By the time you receive this you like me will have probably forgotten your resolutions for the year and this first edition of the Resident of 2019 could be a timely reminder to look at them again. I have just heard that I have 3 weddings this year and one of my resolutions needs to be that I can get into an existing outfit.

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Our future

The deadline for the end of the consultation in December now means that we are in limbo while the Council put together the responses. You will see from page 2 that we were pleased to help over 200 people and couples to complete the response form. There were times where it was standing room only in the Reading Rooms. Well done to all those who responded on a quite daunting form. I had a few comments about Page 11 last month where we tried to make the process simpler. As always it is difficult to be concise about a complex process. We tried.

2019 will be a significant year for Billericay when the plan is examined by Planning Inspectors. We are preparing for the process by visiting other examinations in different areas.

So far this has been useful and will help those of us who have asked to attend.

Membership

If you remember, after many years at £2 the annual subscription will be £3 this year. On page 7 you will see what we have been doing as an organisation and how you can be an active participant by letting us know any issues or concerns you would like raised or resolved. Our logo says Help us to Help You.

Let us know and then we can do our best. I am sure you know that some things can take a long time. You will see in Committee focus on page 11 that we are following up a number of things. I have said it before but you are our eyes and ears so let us know. For example we knew about some of the parking restrictions being planned but not all and we may have missed some.
Here is a summary of the activities before December 17th to get our voices heard in the consultation for regulation 19 of the Local Plan process.

With the completion of the Basildon Council Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation the future of Billericay now rests with the Government’s Planning Inspectorate.

In the weeks before and during the Consultation BAG/BDRA held a number of events in the Town for residents of Billericay, unlike the Council, and our Consultation Clinics attracted over 200 visitors. Many expressed their gratitude for the help provided and the ongoing efforts to inform residents and to protect the town’s unique character from over development.

Responses to the Consultation were submitted by our professional Planning and Transport Consultants on behalf of the BDRA and its nearly 4500 household members and experts in BAG also submitted a comprehensive response on behalf of BAG’s membership base of around 5300 supporters. We know that many local organisations submitted responses, including Billericay Town Council, Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, Little Burstead Parish Council and Stock Parish Council, and many residents submitted individual responses.

We will not know the true scale of this response for some time. Basildon Council will now collate these responses for submission to the appointed Planning Inspector.

The next step will be the Examination in Public, where the Planning Inspector will hold a number of sessions for interested parties to reinforce the assertions made in their Consultation responses and for the Inspector to seek clarification where needed. BDRA, BAG and many other individuals and organisations have expressed a desire to take part in these events, which we expect to occur in the summer. The Inspector will then give a final decision on the Local Plan towards the end of 2019.

BDRA and BAG will continue to work to try to prevent over development. As a matter of record BAG will soon have been in operation for 5 years, for much of that time the only organisation in the Town actively campaigning for a Local Plan which truly benefits residents alongside BDRA and the Billericay Society.

As we get more news on the Local Plan and its progress we will let you know.

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I would also like to add my personal thanks to everyone who has helped with the guidelines and response clinics, as the Basildon webform was not an easy thing to navigate, and I’m not sure I would have felt comfortable completing it without the notes you provided!

Fingers crossed for a positive outcome now!

Email address supplied
Events

**BDRA Area Committee Meetings**
All members welcome to attend. If you would like to raise an issue or are interested in local matters and want to get involved we would love to see you. Next meeting is at 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms on Wednesday 28th February, for Billericay West Committee. If you would like to come and have an issue to discuss contact us on resident@bdra.org

**Basildon Council Crunch Times**
Mobile tip for household waste.
Saturday 16th February 9-12 
Davids Walk.
Saturday 2nd March 9-12 
Little Burstead Car Park, Billericay.
Saturday 9th March 9-12 
Radford Crescent Car Park.
Visit www.basildon.gov.uk/crunch

**the WI INSPIRING WOMEN**

**Billericay WI**
Meets 1st & 3rd Wed of the month at 2.00pm in the WI Hall. **Wednesday 20th February “Our Street” with Brian Carlne, Wednesday 6th March – Seasonal Container Gardening with Andrew Babicz.

**Buttsbury WI**
Meets on 2nd Tuesday of the month at Canon Roche Hall 8.00pm-10.00pm. New members welcome, for details contact Jan Nash on 01277 630147.

**South Green WI**
Meet on 3rd Thursday of the month 7.45pm-10.00pm at South Green Memorial Hall. New members welcome contact Doreen Gazzard on 01277 652739.

**Basildon & District Rambling Club**
Meets every Saturday at 2pm with some longer walks on other days. The Saturday walks are 4-5 miles with a rest half way. New members are welcome. Membership is £6 per year and includes all walks. Visit www.basildonanddistrictramblingclub.btck.co.uk

**Greenway Ramblers**
Meets 10.00am every Tuesday (5-6 miles) and Sunday (longer walks of 10+ miles with a break for lunch). Walks commence at different venues (Pub or Recreation Ground car park) details can be found in the current Walks Programme. New members welcome.
Contact Joe Lawton on 01277 631119 or visit www.greenwayramblers.org.uk

**Billericay Parkrun**
Every Saturday 8.45am at Lake Meadows. Parkrun provides a free, timed, 5k run, jog or walk for all standards from 4 yrs+. A great family and community event in lovely surroundings.
Visit www.parkrun.org.uk/billericay or visit our Facebook page.

**FC Redwing – Free football training for 4-6 yr olds**
Every Saturday 8.30am at White’s Farm, Barleylands. Provides free football training every Saturday for kids currently in Reception & Year One. With an emphasis firmly on fun, sessions are run by FA qualified coaches. Email fcredwingacademy@gmail.com

**Gone Too Soon**
Bereavement Support Group for parents who have lost a Son or Daughter. Meetings are held 3rd Monday of the month at Reid’s, 66-68 Laindon Rd, 7.00pm-9.00pm. Next Meeting is on Monday 18th February. Free parking available. Contact Lyn for a chat on 07387 805406 or email lyn-curry@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.gonetosoon.net

**Hutton Bridge Club**
Learn to play Bridge! Lessons every Monday morning at the Hutton Community Centre, Contact Tony on 07957 406088.

**Billericay Horticultural Society**
Meets in St Mary Magdalen Church, High St on the 3rd Monday of every month at 8.00pm. Entry is £1 for members and £2 for visitors.

**Billericay Archeological and Historical Society**
Meetings are held at The Fold, Billericay Arts Association, Laindon Road, at 8.00pm.
- **Monday 18th February** – Cool Tools with Darren Lerro.

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- **Wednesday 20th February** – “Brunell” with Roger Manion.

**Billericay Society**
Meetings are held in the Fold Billericay Arts Association, Laindon Road, at 8.00pm.
- **Wednesday 5th March** – “Cemeteries of Peace, Protest and Love” with Wilkie Collins with Margaret Mills.

**Music at the Fold**
**Saturday 16th February** at 7.30 pm. Times are a-changing – Songs of Peace, Protest and Love. Classic songs of Dylan, Baez, Lennon, Seeger, Simon and Garfunkel. Tickets £12.00 Café layout, bring your own drinks. The Fold 72 Laindon Road, Billericay CM12 0. Tel: 01277 659286.

**Billericay Folk Dance Club**
Meet every Tuesday 8.00 - 10.00 pm (except 2nd Tuesday of the month in) in the WI Hall in St Ediths Lane. Refreshments included. You do not need a partner. Contact Helen 01268 541059.

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**The Billericay Ladies Probus Club**
Meets for lunch at 12.00 on the second Monday of each month at Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite, Hutton CM13 2NS. Lunch is served followed by a speaker. We also have coach trips, and coffee mornings. New members are always welcome, contact Jente 01277 633115.

**Basildon & Billericay U3A**
Meet 4th Friday of the month at the Canon Roche Centre (behind the Catholic Church) Laindon Road, Billericay. 2.30pm-4.00pm Members free, guests £2 Limited parking available.

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Ups and Downs of Investments

We have two brothers on our books who each inherited a fairly substantial amount when their mother died some while ago. As we looked after her investments, they asked us to continue looking after them.

As brothers they wanted their portfolios invested in exactly the same way so that they were treated equally, we were happy to oblige. However, one brother checked his portfolio almost every month, the other was simply not bothered and had not looked at his holdings for some years.

We saw them both recently to carry out a detailed review. The brother who checked his portfolio regularly was not happy seeing how the market had fallen since the summer. “I’m losing money” he complained. His brother was over the moon. “Well my portfolio is well up over the last four years” he smiled happily. Now the point is they have exactly the same amount!

The message here is about time and perception.

The first brother had not lost any money, sure his holdings were not worth as much as they were six months ago, (neither were his brothers) but as they are both investing for the long term and not withdrawing funds, what did it matter?

You can gamble on shares. Today you can bet on which way a share, commodity or index is going to move in the next hour or more. If you get it right, you win, get it wrong and you lose your stake.

Investing is different. Investing is about the longer term which today means five years or more.

One of the brothers was unhappy the other delighted yet they were in identical portfolios. It was his perception that he was losing money not the reality.

Investments can be a great honour to be accepted the appointment. However, it is also a belief in your fairness and strength of character. However, it is also a great responsibility and should be carefully considered before accepting the appointment.

Consider the responsibility

By accepting the role of an executor, you are essentially taking on the responsibility of distributing the estate of the deceased person as well as paying any debts or taxes.

Some of the duties for an executor may include things like:

- choosing the type of probate
- filing the will for probate
- setting up an account for paying bills
- paying estate debts and taxes
- maintaining willed property
- making and filing an inventory with the court
- distributing assets

It’s a big commitment and, in most cases, is unpaid. It’s a good idea to understand what’s involved before you accept.

The demands of an executor were recently highlighted in a report by the Office of Tax Simplification.

It can be complicated

The report outlined that nearly 70% of executors who did not use a legal adviser spent over 20 hours handling the estate - 40% spent 50 or more hours. These are hours for which the executor does not receive payment and often come at the most stressful of times.

Only 10% described the process as ‘simple’ or ‘user-friendly’. As an example, less than 5% of estates actually pay any inheritance tax, but as an executor, you still have to complete the inheritance tax return form and potentially many of its 23 separate supplementary forms. There is talk of reform and simplification of the process but this could still be some time before anything substantial is implemented.

Instruct a legal adviser

Instructing a legal adviser to help navigate the executor through the various duties and forms can have a real benefit. It can reduce stress, avoid unnecessary mistakes, give clarity and guidance throughout the process and save the executor hours of work. Quite often, the payment for the legal adviser will be met by the estate.

A happy healthy and hopefully prosperous New Year to you all and if you have money to invest (not gamble!) now could be a good time.

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The bittersweet role of an executor

Falling stock markets present an ideal opportunity to invest at lower prices. You don’t wait until prices are higher before you buy something, do you? Low prices also give fund managers the opportunity to buy shares they like at good value, which can enhance the overall return they make quite considerably.

After the brothers left, I received a text from a client complaining that statements she had received showed her investments were down by £47,000. I very nearly told her not to read them!

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We kicked off the New Year with a display at Billericay Library, showcasing the winners of our 2018 Photographic Competition and launching this year’s competition. Thank you to all those that took part, congratulations to the winners and also huge thanks to the sponsors:

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**Billericay Round Table**

The winners are as follows:

**JUNIOR**

- Abigail Clapton 13yrs  Treebeard
- Tom Gregory 15yrs  Burning sky
- Mia Parnaby 10yrs  Alone

**ADULT**

- Sarah Clapton  Gosling love
- Nigel Harris  Clouds of fire
- Chelsea Cramp  Lake view with a difference

This year’s competition will run until 31st October and all the details of how to enter can be found on our website. We would love to see some ‘out of the ordinary’ shots taken in our glorious park and remember that prizes of up to £100 are on offer!

Abigail Clapton – Treebeard

Sarah Clapton – Gosling love

Left to Right: Nigel Harris, Abigail Clapton, Sarah Clapton, Tom Gregory, Charles Novis (FoLM Chairman), Chelsea Cramp, Mike Conway (Lions Club of Billericay) Mia Parnaby, Simon Poole (Billericay Round Table), Peter Greene (Rotary Club of Billericay) and Colin Campbell (Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower). Photo: Peter Bowditch.
As we enter our 93rd year as a Residents’ Association I thought it would be a good thing to remind you of some of the things we have been involved in in the last year. I don’t have space for all the achievements in the past 92 years but those of you who came to our 90th Anniversary celebrations will have seen the most significant ones. If you wanted to you could see those posters on our website www.bdra.org.

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We still need members for a back up team if anyone is ill or away on holiday. Usual contact details.

I am on holiday as I am writing this and would welcome an assistant editor who would be willing to take over. It is a very interesting job and I am always interested in new ways to make the magazine more pertinent to residents. Contact me on resident@bdra.org or 632390.

Barrenleys Wood
The next action has been a post on the Save Billericay from Development Facebook page to request for residents to report sightings of lorries still delivering to the site to resident@bdra.org. Anyone reading this who has information please do the same. Photos and dates would be useful.

Parking Restrictions
It was noted that it is intended to introduce parking restrictions in the vicinity of Mayflower School, on Stock Road, Orchard Avenue, Oakwood Drive and Perry Street. By Billericay School in Roman Way, Brightside school and also at the junction of Outwood Common Road and Morris Avenue. It is assumed that the former is to prevent obstruction by vehicles associated with the schools and the latter to improve sighting for vehicles using the OCR/Morris Avenue junction.

St Peters School
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Street Lights
The ongoing non-operation of street lights on Southend Road at Bell Hill since the summer was noted. Around 12 lights are shown on the ECC website as having been reported. This is a particular problem at the bus stop on Southend Road where no other lighting is available nearby. The Secretary of the East area committee has written to ECC to seek action to repair these lights asap. Although a run of lights from Mill Road to the Guildprime site are shown on the ECC site as being out of order and reported these were all operational when visited on 12 January.

Mayflower 2020
Plans are well advanced for a number of events to be held in 2020. They are all at the planning stage. The key historical dates are:

- 15th July
  Essex Pilgrims left Billericay.
- 6th September
- 11th November
- 11th December
  Pilgrim Fathers found their colony at Plymouth.

Swimming Pool
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Committee Focus

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There are events planned to coincide with these dates and if you want to hear about these key historical events come and hear Julian Whybra, our speaker at our AGM on May 15th.

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MONDAY 8TH APRIL – GUIDED TOUR OF THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT FOLLOWED BY A THREE COURSE LUNCH AT THE STRAND PALACE HOTEL

Join us to discover where history is still being made in our guided tour of the Houses of Parliament. Find out how Parliament works as we travel through the Commons Chamber and the Lords Chamber. An expert guide will accompany us on this 75 minute tour.

After our tour we will have lunch at the Strand Palace Hotel. The menu on offer will be Soup of the Day or Messer Platter (a salad option). Plated Carvery of Roast Breast “English Rose” Turkey followed by Fruit Salad/Vanilla Cheesecake or Chocolate Brownie. Tea/ Coffee is included. When we have finished we will travel home.

Cost: Coach, Tour and Lunch £40
Depart: GG 7.45am, OA 7.50am, LR 8.00am, SG 8.05am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.00pm.
Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Tuesday 12th February

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

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL – THE PASHLEY MANOR GARDENS, TICEHURST, NEAR WADHURST, EAST SUSSEX. TULIP FESTIVAL

In late April/early May Pashley Manor’s spectacular Tulip Festival sees this garden on the border of Sussex and Kent carpeted with over 35,000 tulips, creating stunning scenes for visitors to enjoy. One hundred and eight varieties of tulip are planted in colour themed garden ‘rooms’. Visitors can wander from elegant displays of white lily flowered and palest cream classic tulips planted around an old brick terrace, to the open space of sweeping herbaceous borders covered in a riot of reds and orange surrounded by tens of thousands of other varieties. White, pink and orange blooms are dotted in amongst the tulips. Follow the winding paths down to the woodland, where the Bluebell Walk is often in flower around the same time as the tulips. Yet more tulips are on display as cut flowers in the Bloms Bulbs marquee, Bloms, winners of 67 Chelsea Gold Medals, are on hand throughout the Festival to share their knowledge of these beautiful bulbs and take orders.

With a cafe serving locally sourced home made cakes, scones and light lunch, which can be enjoyed on the terrace, a shop with gorgeous gifts, souvenirs, plants, exhibitions of garden sculpture and floral art, make Pashley Manor a superb day out.

Cost: Coach and Entrance fee £26.50
Depart: GG 8.30am. OA 8.35am. LR 8.45am. SG 8.50am. Back in Billericay approximately 5.30pm.
Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Sunday 10th February

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WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY 2019 – “ANNIE” STARRING CRAIG REVEL HORWOOD – 2.30PM MATINEE PERFORMANCE CLIFFS PAVILION, SOUTHEND

FULL – PLEASE PAY NOW

Cost: Coach and top priced ticket £42.00
Depart: GG 12.20pm, OA 12.25pm, LR 12.35pm SG 12.40pm.
Yvonne Cave, 11 The Vale, Stock, Ingatestone, CM4 9PW.
Telephone: 01277 840560

If concession prices are quoted (ie 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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ONE TWIN ROOM AVAILABLE DUE TO A CANCELLATION FOR THIS GREAT VALUE HOLIDAY AT TOWER HOUSE HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH 25TH to 29TH MARCH 2019

This is a family run hotel situated in a quiet avenue on the popular West Cliff, just a stone’s throw from the cliff top with panoramic views across to the Isle of Wight and a short walk into town.

This friendly hotel has a spacious lounge and bar area with small dance floor and a beautiful restaurant. All bedrooms have private facilities, Freewview television, free Wi-Fi and tea and coffee making facilities. Lift and ground floor rooms available. There are 7 steps up to the front of the hotel.

Included is:
- Full English breakfast and three course evening meal with tea or coffee
- 2 full day excursions
- Evening entertainment

Usual pick up points and times to be arranged.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am

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

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH – THE CHOCOLATE LADY
FULL – PLEASE PAY NOW

We spend the morning in Saffron Walden where you will have time to have a look around and get some lunch.

After lunch we will travel the short distance to Steeple Bumpstead where we will have a detailed demonstration of chocolate making with tasters. You will also have an opportunity to buy goods at favourable prices. The demonstration will be followed by a cream tea which is home made and prepared on the day of our visit.

Cost: Coach, demonstration and cream tea £26.00
Depart: GG 9.00am, OA 9.05am, LR 9.15am, SG 9.20am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.15pm.
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THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2019 – AN INVITATION TO VIEW HOVERTON HALL, NORFOLK, INCLUDED IS A SNOWDROP TOUR AND LIGHT LUNCH

Yvonne and Kathleen are looking forward to seeing you on the day. Here is a reminder of the pick up times. 

Emergency mobile for use on the day only is 07518 122647. Please put it in your contacts. 

Depart: GG 8.30am, OA 8.35am. LR 8.45am. SG 8.50am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.00pm.

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If you have any questions please telephone Yvonne Cave, 11 The Vale, Stock, Ingatestone, CM4 9PW.

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