





HEART OF PITSEA NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2014

WEBSITE LAUNCH IN SEPTEMBER

Look out for our new website at **www.heartofpitsea.co.uk** which will detail upcoming events and activities.

ELM GREEN PLAY AREA

During the summer improvements were made to the play area at Elm Green. New rides and slides have now been installed. We visited the local 'Pitsea Junior School' and local nursery who both voted on a final design. The young people were excited by the arrival of this new equipment and commented that they regularly use this space following their school day.

Watching this transformation from a run down space to a new thriving family zone has been exciting. The Heart of Pitsea team have listened to local community members and are still striving to make further improvements.

The team are keen to focus on new areas within the Heart of Pitsea and have resources ready to make a difference to other play areas in the coming years. The team would like to hear from you as **your views and ideas matter**, **please contact us at hello@heartofpitsea.co.uk** to help prioritise a play area to improve. The run down play area near Chalvedon shops has been recognized but there are still many other play zones within the local area that have also been suggested.

What is your view? Is there a play area near you in need of a revamp?

Please get in touch either by emailing hello@heartofpitsea.co.uk or by visiting our facebook page 'Heart of Pitsea'.

"Elm Green has really changed. I enjoy taking my family"

Paul

"I joined to listen to the local community and help make things happen!"

Tina



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World War 1 Centenary Commemoration

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FORGET NEVER, OUBLIER JAMAIS, VERGESSEN NIEMALS

We want you to help the Basildon Borough Heritage Group commemorate the centenary of World War 1. In a project initiated by local MP Stephen Metcalfe, we are linking with Basildon's twinning towns of Heilienghaus in Germany and Meaux in France to establish a mobile exhibition of what life was like in the three towns during The Great War, launching at Wat Tyler Country Park - September 2014.

We hope to engage as many local schools, clubs and societies in making a contribution to the exhibition as possible, making the exhibition a true community commemoration. We have drawn up a list of what we would like to see on display at the exhibition. It is not an exhaustive list and we will always be open to any other suggestions that people may make.

The Town – The geography of the town, number of inhabitants, local industries, local schools, colleges, etc..

Education - School curriculum, pupils – class sizes, school leaving age, qualifications, teachers

Work Place - Employers and working conditions, incomes, benefits, trade unions, products and services

The Armed Forces - Exploring regiments, memorials and cemeteries, lives of casualties, call up and volunteering, lads brigades, uniforms, peer pressure, deserters and punishment

Home Front - Women and children at work, children's games and toys, rationing, newspapers and information films, helping the cause, posters and propaganda, suffragettes, the government and elections

Sport and Recreation - The Football league, cricket, boy scouts, theatre, concerts, film **Other aspects** – Communication, conscientious objectors, monarchies, empires and allies

You can help by:

*Bringing any artefacts, posters, literature etc. you may have from WW1 to The Basildon Borough Heritage Group based at Wat Tyler Country Park for documentation and with your permission, exhibition.

*Write poetry, short stories, biographies about The Great War and those that were caught up in it.

*Artwork (including drawings, collages, paintings, sculpture etc) you have created to commemorate The Great War.

Dates for your Diaries

13th/14th September 2014 Barleylands Country Show — Display of Basildon at War.

27th September - launch of Forget Never, Oublier Jamias, Vergessen Niemals exhibition at The Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park

6th December - Christmas Concert at St Martin's Church

Contact Us

Get in touch for more information. We are keen for community members to contribute to our newsletters in the future. If you are interested please get in touch at hello@heartofpitsea.co.uk or call (07872) 001671. Visit us on the web at www.heartofpitsea.co.uk due to be launched in September.

COMMUNITY

WE NEED YOU!

We're always looking for nominations for community members or groups to receive the recognition they deserve.

Please send ideas for newsletter articles, local photos or you may want to mention about a group you belong

To help us grow and make a difference we need community members to help with a variety of projects planned for the future. This could be helping with a gardening project, hosting a quiz night or helping to update our facebook page. We have a wide variety of tasks to achieve and your support will be crucial to our success. Please get in touch on (07572) 001671



Community First Funding Pitsea North and South wards Final Year Timings

As you maybe aware this is the final year of the Community First programme.

The Pitsea South East/North West Community First grant programme is available to all constituted voluntary and community groups based or delivering services in the Pitsea wards, Basildon and will fund up to £2,500 towards project costs.

Applications forms and guidelines on grant criteria, grant guidance, and more information about Community First is available on www.bbwcvs.org.uk. Applications should be returned to admin@bbwcvs.org.uk or by post to Basildon, Billericay and Wickford Council for Voluntary Service, the George Hurd Centre, Basildon, Essex, SS14 2FL.

For further information and advice on the grants available please contact

Pam McCar thy: pam@bbwcvs.org.uk or tel: 01268 294125.

A typical problem faced by some of our residents:



'I've received a letter from a bailiff firm saying that they are going to come and collect a debt. I've seen stories in the news about how bailiffs have been treating people badly, and I'm worried that they will come to my house before I can sort out a repayment plan. Is there anything I can do to protect myself?

Our advice:

Basildon Borough Citizens Advice Bureau has helped many residents deal with bailiffs. We do still see evidence of bailiffs breaking the rules, so it's important that you know your rights if a bailiff turns up on your doorstep. At the beginning of April this year, the government introduced new regulations to give people better protection.

The new rules mean they have to write to you to tell you that they have been told to collect the debt so that you have the chance to arrange payment. Bailiffs are no longer allowed to enter your home between 9pm and 6am, when there are only children under 16 or vulnerable people present, or through an open window.

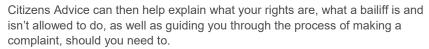
Vulnerable debtors are also given more protection, as they must now be given an opportunity to get advice and assistance from an organisation like Citizens Advice.

Bailiffs do have the right to charge fees, although there are now set fees that they can charge you at different stages of the process. Your debt could just get bigger if you ignore them. Basildon Borough Citizens Advice Bureau can help you to check what the bailiff is allowed to take and how much they can charge you in fees.

If a bailiff is behaving badly, you can complain to the bailiff firm or the company you owe the original debt to. You might also be able to complain to an Ombudsman.

If you are in a situation where you are dealing with bailiffs or struggling with other debts then you should seek free, confidential, impartial and non judgemental help from your local Citizens Advice Bureau in either Basildon, Billericay or Wickford. We will work with you to find the best solution to help put your household finances back on track.

You can find our opening times at www.adviceguide.org.uk or call for help and advice on 0844 477 0808 or 0300 456 2595 (from a mobile)







Parenting is not an easy job, and no two children are the same. There is no precise, perfect parenting recipe, and parents are occasionally faced with various challenges in raising their children.

Members of our team are available to consult with parents and guardians, we are a phone call away. You can contact us and arrange for a one to one meeting with our experienced staff, or book to attend a parent group, where you can meet and share with other parents.

Please send an email to any of the below addresses

naomi@essexcommunitydevelopment.org

bianca@essexcommunitydevelopment.org

or call **07432115879** / **07575302124**

Community Update

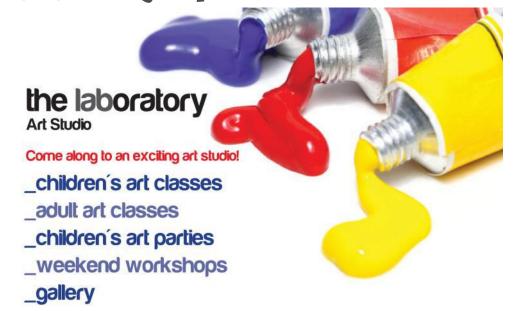


Home-Start Parent Volunteers

Home-Start Basildon District has been recruiting and training parent volunteers to provide friendship, emotional and some practical support to local parents in their home with at least one child under five years old, since 1996. We are currently looking for new volunteers and trustees to help provide this home visiting support.

Our next Volunteer Preparation course starts at 'The Place' Leisure Centre, Pitsea on Tuesday 7th October 2014 (the course runs for 8 weeks, term time only). We are also running another Volunteer Preparation course in Billericay starting on Friday 3rd October (to run for 8 weeks).

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Lorraine, Angela or Becky on 01268 550300 or e-mail us on administrator@homestartbasildon.org.uk. You can also visit our Facebook page (HomeStart Basildon) or website (homestart-basildon.org.uk)



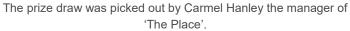
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Would you like to have your say about services provided by Dipple Medical Centre and influence the way local health services are developed?

We are keen to set up a **Dipple Medical Centre Patient Participation Group** so why not come along and meet us at the Dipple on Wednesday, 27th August 2014

Congratulations to our 'Spot the Difference' winner Mrs Havies who has received our £50 prize.





Can you spot the differences? SPOT AT LEAST 10 DIFFERENCES





Win £25

Complete the competition and enter our prize

Enter your details below and return to:

Heart of Pitsea, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, Essex, SS14 2FL.

Alternatively you can hand in your entry at 'The Place'. Closing date 31st October 2014.

Name:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Post Code:.... To qualify you must live within the Heart of

Pitsea area SS13.

Tick box if you do not wish to be added to our email updates \Box