

BBWCVS

Queen's Park

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YOUR VOICE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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Handy Numbers

Billericay Town Council
01277 625732

Basildon District Council
01268 533333

Adult Community College
01268 520599

Brightside Primary School
01277 655995

The Health Centre
01277 658071

Council Housing Repair
01268 465000

Guinness Trust Office
01277 631795

Streetcare
01268 294949

Billericay Police Station
01277 631212

OPEN DAY 7 Apr 07

Calling on all kids, young people and their parents to come along to the Open Day taking place at the small hall in the Hannakins Farm Community Centre.



The event is organised by the Queen's Park residents group and funded by the Community Development project at BBWCVS. We have teamed up with Technology4Kids, Anderson Dance Group and Karate Kickboxing school to show you what's on



offer. Technology4Kids have the hottest and most advanced equipment in gaming, animation, film production, audio and video effects and much more. Anderson Dance Group offers classes in many dance styles such as street dancing, salsa, ballroom, disco, etc. You can also find out the art of self defence and other skills the Karate Kickboxing school teach.

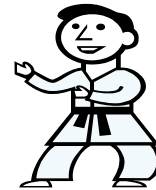
During the day you will have an opportunity to sign up for any activities you are interested in taking part. You will also be able to tell us how much you want to pay for it!

We can offer most of the activities at discounted prices for the residents of Queen's Park area who receives this newsletter.



DATE: 7 April 2007
TIME: 4 - 7 pm
VENUE: Hannakins Farm

Please see enclosed leaflet from Technology4Kids



Queen's Park **NOT** ISOLATED

This article could have had a very difference message if it wasn't for the residents of Queen's Park.

Just before Christmas 2006 a letter was sent out to all community representatives in Queen's Park informing them about the changes to bus service 101. Service operator First Essex Buses announced that the service was losing too much money and they would discontinue it from the 2nd January 2007. This caused an outrage among the residents in Queen's Park who rely on the service to get to the station, post office, shops, access health care services, etc. A community that has four sheltered housing schemes heavily relying on the transport links to vital services was heading towards total isolation as the 101 bus service was the only public transport in and out of Queen's Park.

Local residents together with their community development worker from BBWCVS and councillors started a campaign to save the bus service. Letters were sent to local MPs, Essex County Council highways and transportation officers. An article was printed in the Billericay and Wickford Gazette which detailed the disappointment and disadvantages this change would bring to residents in Queen's Park. A petition to save the Queen's Park's public transport was also launched.

As a result of these activities bus service 222 operated by NIBS extended their service to cover the Queen's Park area in Billericay with effect from 2nd January 2007. It was made possible with financial support from Essex County Council. A "Thank You" card was signed by residents and sent to the Transport Liaison Officers at the Essex County Council.

(222 bus timetable enclosed)



TOGETHER we can ...

Activity Fun Day

An Activity Fun Day is taking place at the Brightside Primary School in Queen's Park on the 24 March 2007 from 12:30 - 3:30 pm. The event is organised by Adult Community Learning.

FREE taster sessions on brick laying, child care, modern language (Portuguese and Spanish), creative crafts, IT, drawing art, yoga, creative writing and much more.

For the children there will be Face Painting, a bouncy castle, family learning crafts, competition with prizes, treasure hunt, etc.



Entrance and all activities are **FREE**,

Please note that all children must be accompanied by adults.

For more information call **01268 520599** ext **247** or **286**, Sandra or Deanne .

SKIP or No SKIP ?

Many residents complained about dumped rubbish in front of the houses and in car parks in Queen's Park, especially dumped furniture and other big items. If you would like to have a skip put on your street to get rid of your unwanted items, please call **01277 658086** and leave the name of your street on the 24 hour answer phone. We will organise a free skip and let all residents on your street know when it will be put on the street. **(MAKING Queen's Park CLEANER)**



Did you Know ?

Julie's Column
(QP resident)

www.freecycle.org

When you want to find a new home for something -- whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano, or an old door -- you simply send an e-mail offering it to members of the local Freecycle group.

Or, maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself. Simply respond to a member's offer, and you just might get it. After that, it's up to the giver to decide who receives the gift and to set up a pickup time for passing on the treasure.

Their main rule: Everything posted must be free, legal, and appropriate for all ages.

One person's trash can truly be another's treasure!

Art Craft and Social Group

Contact: Pamela Hammond on 01277 623558

Times: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30 am - 11.30 am and 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm.

Subjects taught: Crafts - all needle crafts, silk painting, crochet, knitting, ribbon weaving and embroidery, paper mache, petal porcelain, machine embroidery, patchwork, quilting, box making, dress making, water colour painting and many more

Levels/Ages taught: Adults from beginners onwards. This is a craft and social group providing a range of arts and crafts for adults of all ages to learn or improve at your own pace.

Announcements



Billericay Parents Forum

Parents find they are not alone!

Local parents meeting for a course find that others feel just the same as they do about their families. Everyone has problems with their children at some time and talking with others can help you deal with them and help you enjoy family life more. The courses are **free** and **friendly** and are often held at Queen's Park Community Church. People say it has really helped them. A new DVD giving information about the courses is currently being made and will be used in schools and other venues to tell everyone about our courses.

If you'd like to know more, ring Tina on **01277 633910** or email info@billericayparents.com



Daniel's Den

Parent and Toddler Group

0 to 5 years olds

Every Tuesday 1 – 3 pm at Hannakins Farm Community Centre.

Contact Elizabeth Hardy on **01277 622 003** for more information.



Computer School

Where: Hannakins Farm Community Centre

When: at the moment we are running different courses on Monday evenings, Wednesday mornings and afternoons, and Thursday mornings and evenings.

What: our courses cover introduction to computers, using internet/email, Word processing, spreadsheets. We also offer the CLAIT level 1 qualification, which is nationally recognised by employers. These courses are **FREE**. We just ask for donations to cover the cost of room hire and replacing equipment and the costs of CLAIT registration. We also work in primary schools taking family learning courses, and in secondary schools working with youngsters who benefit from a more practical approach to learning. We also run courses for children with special needs in partnership with the SNAP organisation.

How: if you would like training in one of the topics mentioned above, please ring Vince Lewington on **01277 657169** (please leave a message if no answer and we will get back to you).



If you have any announcements about birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, knowledge to share, or just a letter to residents, please contact Artak on 01277 658086 or artak@bbwcv.org.uk. Pictures are welcome. Next issue will be published in June 2007



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