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June 2024



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# Billericay Needs You!

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## Area Membership Secretary for Great Burstead & South Green

Membership Secretaries look after their particular area. The role will normally take a few hours a month and would suit anyone looking to give something back to the community. Use of email would be an advantage. Interested?

Contact [resident@bdra.org](mailto:resident@bdra.org)

## Editor

We are looking for someone preferably with media experience to produce our monthly magazine, The Resident. You will be required to research and write articles of local interest and liaise with other local groups who will provide articles. You should provide the draft magazine electronically in one document, our printers will do the design and layout and liaise with you on approval of the draft.

Contact [resident@bdra.org](mailto:resident@bdra.org)



## REMINDER • REMINDER • REMINDER

We would like to remind our members that your annual subs of £3 are now due. Your road rep will be knocking on your door to collect it, if they haven't done so already. If you have elected to pay by bank transfer please make your payment in this manner as soon as possible. If you don't already, and would prefer to pay by bank transfer please email [resident@bdra.org](mailto:resident@bdra.org) for the bank details you will require.

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## Local Elections

May's local election was the most significant in years, with all 42 seats, rather than the usual 14, being contested. The Conservatives lost their majority and Labour are now the largest party with 18 seats against the Conservative 13. Independents make up the rest.

It is very likely Labour will lead a coalition or minority administration. There will be no more elections for two years, so we now have greater clarity on who will lead the Council as the new Local Plan is shaped.



## Kennel Lane

The Hill Group have put in a detailed planning application for 179 houses on their Kennel Lane site. Approval is a near formality as the Appeal Inspector granted them Outline Planning Permission.

Their initial ideas, shared with the public in December – would have seen housing narrow the linkage between their site and the little linear park behind Bell Hill Close, which provides a vital wildlife corridor between Mill Meadows to the north, the Hill site and wider countryside around it.

Hill agreed to our suggestion that the plot in the north-western corner of the site be shifted, leaving a more open area (marked X in the revised proposal) which allowed the corridor to remain open.



As Hill already had Outline Planning Permission, they were under no obligation to make this change. We're very grateful to them for having agreed to make this small but disproportionately worthwhile change.

## Ancient Woodland

Our invaluable Ancient Woodlands are badly affected by development in their vicinity, so it's vital that planning applications and our new Local Plan recognises their importance by leaving sizeable buffers around them, and recognising their vital role as reservoirs of biodiversity in the wildlife corridors across the wider landscape.

But not all of the smaller woods are on Natural England's "Ancient Woodland Inventory" so we've collected evidence and made applications to them for 5 small west Billericay woods to be added.



# Letters to the Editor...

## Hello Chairperson and Committee Members,

I would like to give some feedback on my recent visit to your fair town of Billericay. Today the weather was good for walking from my friend's house up to Billericay. Exercise after all is good for us mentally and physically. Also, as a non-car person it is feet or public transport. As the second of these are to say the least sparse to non-existent along Tye Common Road to Billericay it was always going to be Shank's Pony. So off I set in sensible boots along to Billericay.

Oh my what a trial it is! The pavements are so uneven with potholes and missing tarmac cracks and undulating that it makes walking very difficult. As someone who has balance issues it was unnerving in case I stumbled and fell. There are also no safe crossing spots on Tye Common Road, by which I mean no dropped curbs with the special slabs that indicate to partially sighted pedestrians that they can safely step down to the road to cross and be assured that a matching dropped and identifiable curb is available on the opposite side. This continues on every street in Billericay I have walked upon today. They are inaccessible for anyone with mobility needs wheelchair users and partially sighted/ blind. I think as concerned persons about Billericay these are issues that need to be considered and actions to improve would be good.

I am aware you are currently involved in the proposed plans for new development. These issues apply to new estates too and I encourage you to include accessibility including safe crossings for all pedestrians in your lobbying. From experience they are not always provided at the time of construction. It would be wonderful if some improvements to pedestrians safe walking routes were given priority by yourselves and Basildon Council.

With kind regards

Angela Chudley  
Billericay Visitor

## PICK UP BILLERICAY!



The Billericay Litter Pickers is a community group set up by Victoria Gibbon and her husband in November 2019. We have 725 members in Facebook and we arrange monthly group litter picks around Billericay. We are a very family orientated group, as our two children come along to all the picks and we have two other families who help to run the group.

Since our first litter pick, we have collected over 500 bags of rubbish and worked with many groups, such as the Girl Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scout groups and also the Girls Brigade. The largest group litter pick we have done had over 60 volunteers. We think it is important to work together as a community to keep the area we live in safe and clean for residents and the local wildlife.


If you'd like to find out more or join us on our next pick, please search for 'Billericay Litter Pickers' on Facebook.



## The Cater Museum

is looking for a **Treasurer** to manage the financial affairs of the museum and ensure they are legal, constitutional, transparent, and within best practice. If you are interested, or if you would like more information, please contact us at [info@catermuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@catermuseum.co.uk)

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# Open Day – Saturday, 27th April

**A** most successful Open Day was recently held at the Reading Rooms in Billericay and despite the unpredictable weather, there was a steady flow of visitors attending. The aim of the event was to heighten awareness of the organisation and to gain more membership, which was achieved. We especially wanted to make awareness to those people who had recently moved to Billericay.

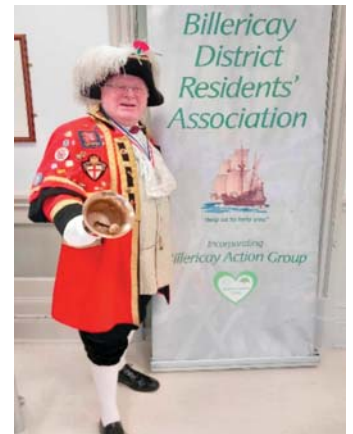
Committee members of the BDRA and volunteers were on hand to discuss with members of the public about the future development and planning that is either proposed or happening in the town.

The BDRA were joined by members of The Billericay Archaeological Society, The Cater Museum and the Billericay Community Archive group who were all able to present photos and information of how Billericay was in the past, which helped to make it a most interesting day.



Thanks go to our sponsors, Birkett Long Solicitors who kindly paid for the printing of our leaflets and brochure. Tesco and Asda who supplied all the refreshments, biscuits and cakes and thanks also go to the helpers who kept the tea and coffee going throughout the day.

The Town Crier, Jim Shrubbs also attended and rang his bell to attract some attention and interest to our event. Jim has been in the capacity of a Town Crier since June 2001, when he was asked by the Rotary Club of Billericay Mayflower to attend their Fun Day, and he has been doing this job ever since, so thanks go to him for joining us for the day.



## Rotary SoapBox Derby

**W**ell, could it have gone any better? The sun shone, Sun Corner looked fabulous, and the people came in their thousands to watch from the roadside or on the huge screen, 22 fantastical karts race down London Road, Billericay. And that's not all! During the lunchtime break, visitors were entertained by the fabulous One Track Mind. The little ones were not forgotten either: there were kiddies' rides, zorbs, a bouncy castle, and the ever-popular bungees. A wonderful family day out.

A Billericay Mayflower Rotary spokesperson said: "We are immensely grateful to the support we received from Billericay Rotary, Billericay Town Rotary, Billericay Lions, Billericay Round Table, and Mayflower's Big Eventers. Basildon Council staff did an amazing job of keeping the field spick and span throughout the day. We also very much appreciate the support from our loyal sponsors, ParaBar Estates, Crocus Wealth, We Swap, and Giggling Squid. But most of all we were thrilled by the sheer number of people that attended Soapbox Derby 2024, making it the huge success that it was, and possibly... the best EVER!"

And the winners were: Corporate category - Wilderness Explorer; Student category: Brightside Primary; Wacky Racer - Star Wars; Best Constructed Kart - Tecniq; Fastest Overall: Team Kappow. Well done all.

All proceeds (around £20,000), from the event go to support Rotary charities. If you'd like to know more about Soapbox Derby or what Rotary does, please go to: <https://mayflowerrotary.org/about/>

Mayflower would also like to thank Billericay Rotary's Peter Greene for the splendid photographs.

And now Billericay can look forward to another Mayflower Rotary event - **Billericay SummerFest** 2024, on July 7 at Sun Corner.





# BILLERICAY

*Dementia Friendly Community*

**Billericay's Dementia Action Week**  
13-19 May 2024

Thank You!

People of all ages across the town have really got behind the purpose of this important national focus week – to gain greater understanding of how living with dementia affects not only those who have received a dementia diagnosis but also their family and friends.

Firstly, **thank you** to our shops, businesses, cafes and Library in the High Street who have so creatively put up "forget-me-not blue" displays to show support and empathy. The United in Kind forget-me-not posters are all around the town and, for special mention, children's posters are displayed in shop windows and in the library – a big thank you to Buttsbury Junior School and Quilters Infants School for their thoughtful messages and eye-catching images forget-me-not images. Both Quilters and Buttsbury are Dementia Friendly Schools and throughout the year maintain a focus on ensuring that the children develop and sustain empathy for people living with dementia. Their interest and commitment were impressive. It is so important that young people have this understanding and can show support for people living with dementia.

The new Humankind Café opened its

doors for the first time this week and we were delighted that they hosted our Dementia Support Open Day, where many services, charities and dementia friendly clubs and activities were represented.

We have begun our programme of Dementia Friends sessions that will be held at the Café every two months, starting this time with the volunteers and staff who are now proudly Dementia Friends.

We would like to give a big thank you to all those who gave their support to Billericay's Dementia Action Week, of which there are too many to mention. If you are interested in becoming a Dementia Friend yourself personally (or for your business or organisation) contact us via our **Facebook page @ Billericay Dementia Friendly Community** and we can arrange something for you.



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The month of June is when the park is really looking its glorious best. The trees are in full leaf and the gardens are flourishing, whilst the lake sparkles. By now, the Great Crested Grebes have usually raised their first brood of the season and hopefully the parents Fred & Ginger can be seen proudly swimming with their young on their backs. You may be lucky to see them diving for fish, or to see our visiting kingfisher flash by! The Canada Geese strut around, each pair followed by a number of fluffy yellow goslings, which look so appealing despite the noise and mess that they make. Hidden in the water's edge, families of moorhen & coot chicks dart about in search of tasty flies and grubs, whilst overhead the swifts and terns swoop and glide, performing their acrobatics. Recently, 35 different types of birds were seen or heard during our Early Morning Bird walk!

You could take time to capture a few photos yourself, whilst you relax and enjoy the wildlife and scenery. Then you could enter our photo competition later in the year; you might even win a prize! There are both adult and junior sections and photos can be taken of anything you see in the park this year. Rules and application forms are on our website. Last year we ran popular photography workshops for juniors, and more of these will be held over the school holidays.



Photo by Sarah Clapton

During the week starting June 10th, we shall be surveying park users, for their opinions about the park. Do look out for our committee members with their

clipboards and help us by answering just a few questions. If you would like to complete the survey on-line, we shall have a QR code on our noticeboards, which will link you to the survey.

Finally, a reminder that next month we shall be holding our Jazz in the Park event again. We pride ourselves in putting on this free event, with a wide variety of popular and well-loved music from different bands. Bring a picnic and some garden chairs and spend the afternoon by the lakeside. More details next month, but meanwhile do note Saturday July 20th 4pm in your diaries!

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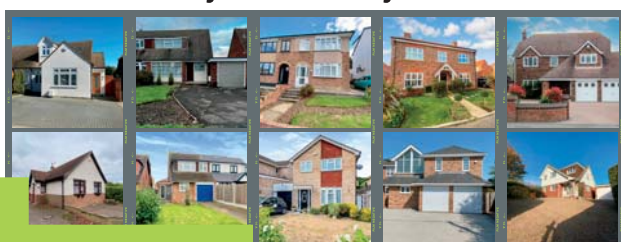
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## BDRA and Town Council Meetings

- **Billericay Town Council Meetings** Planning, **11th, 25th, June**; Town Council **13th June**
- **BDRA Meetings Thursday 13th June**. 7.30pm at The Reading Rooms. All members welcome. Contact us on resident@bdra.org



## Clubs and Societies

- **Basildon and Billericay French Circle** meet at The Fold, Laindon Road, Friday 21st June at 8pm 'Vizille, un chateaut une revolution' a talk in French by Thierry Veinois. All welcome visitors £5 [www.basildonandbillericayfrenchcircle.com](http://www.basildonandbillericayfrenchcircle.com) or contact 07986 293419
- **Basildon Mind** A local Charity focusing on helping people with their mental health. Working with Billericay Pastors, drop-in centre on **Wednesdays** 2-5pm in Community Hub, High St. Billericay. Contacts: 01268 289700, john@basmind.org
- **Billericay Archaeological and Historical Society** meet at The Fold, Laindon Road, **Monday June 10th** The History of Mountnessing Windmill Non-Members £2, Raffle £1, refreshments £1 per person. Contact alantaylor8@btopenworld.com
- **Billericay Choral Society** presents 'Floral Meets Choral' – an evening of songs about nature. **Saturday 29th June** at 7.30pm St Peters Church, South Weald CM14 5QJ. Tickets £10 in advance (£12 on the door). [www.billweicaychoral.co.uk](http://www.billweicaychoral.co.uk) or from Slipped Discs Billericay (cash only). Phone 07759 917986
- **Billericay Art Club at The Fold Thursdays** 9.30-12.30 New members wanted to join small group of friendly, encouraging amateur painters at The Fold Refreshments and free parking available. Call Eileen on 01277 659347 for more information
- **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 lgilbey@oal.com
- **Billericay Horticultural Society** meet at the Chantry Centre from 8pm-10pm, visitors welcome £3.00. Refreshments available. **15th June** – Plant Sale. Email 43trouble@gmail.com
- **Billericay Lions Club** meet in The Duchess Suite at The Duke's Head PH on the **second and fourth Mondays every month** 8-10pm. If you would like to make new friends, whilst helping those less fortunate than yourself, please get in touch 0345 833 9849. For more information [www.billericaylions.com](http://www.billericaylions.com)
- **Billericay Men's Shed** Generally fortnightly – **Mondays** – Coffee n chat, **Tuesdays** – Woodworking, **Wednesdays** – Volunteer supported sessions for those with dementia and their carers. Lake Meadows to the front of the bowls building, just beyond the bowling green. Contact billericaymensshed@gmail.com or phone 07544 752686
- **Billericay Branch of The Mother's Union** meet on **4th Wednesday each month** at 1pm for 1.30pm start in the Mayflower/Pilgrim Rooms of The Emmanuel Archer Hall 66-68 Laindon Road, Billericay CM12 9LD. We have a variety of Speakers and activities, Contact Pauline 07939102945
- **Billericay and District Parkinsons Support Group** We have **every Monday and Tuesday** at 11.30am at Studio360 our exercise classes; **every other Tuesday** Let's Sing Group meet at 2pm in Christchurch, Wickford, our Walk and Talk Group meet **every Thursday** at 11am at main entrance of Lake Meadows to walk a loop or two and tea at the end; **Monthly meeting on 3rd Saturday of each month** at Emmanuel Hall at 2.30pm.
- **Billericay WEA** at The Reading Rooms, Billericay High Street CM12 9AS. **Wednesday evening** Learning Circle – The Bank of England – its history, people and policy with Dr Paul Fisher. **Wednesday 3rd July** 7.30-9.30pm Donations please. To contact: [Billericay.branch@wea.ac](mailto:Billericay.branch@wea.ac)
- **Carers Peer Support Group** Meet at 2pm in Education Room of Billericay Medical Centre on **last Monday of the month**. To book: Contact Jenny. [Goodson@carersfirst.org.uk](mailto:Goodson@carersfirst.org.uk)
- **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 **Monday 10th June** at 7pm – Parents are given a warm and friendly welcome in a safe environment. Contact Lyn on 07387805406 or e-mail lyn-currie@hotmail.co.uk [www.gone-too-soon.online](http://www.gone-too-soon.online)
- **Hearing Help Essex** Hearing Aid Support Session. **Monthly maintenance sessions** for NHS hearing aid users at The Chantry Centre. To book an appointment call 01245 496347, text -07950 406173 or book online at [www.hearinghelpessex.org.uk](http://www.hearinghelpessex.org.uk)
- **Norsey Wood Society** will be holding our next Illustrated Talk at 7.45pm on **Monday 17th June** in The Fold, Laindon Rd CM12 9LD (Car park behind the former Reids) Ian Grant, Education Officer, Chelmsford Bee Keepers Association will present 'Honeybees and Beekeeping'. Everyone welcome to this free event. Visit [norseywoodsociety.uk](http://norseywoodsociety.uk) or mail [norseywoodsociety@gmail.com](mailto:norseywoodsociety@gmail.com) if more details required.
- **Offshoots Singing Group** meet on **1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month** at St Johns Church, Outwood Common Road CM11 2LE from 7.45-9.45pm. No auditions. Parking on site. Contact [geoffrudd47@gmail.com](mailto:geoffrudd47@gmail.com) or phone 07763424206
- **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](http://www.photofold.org.uk)
- **Probus Retired Men's Club** Join other retired professional and businessmen at our **monthly** lunch, usually with a Speaker. Contact Steve on 07817 694980 or [stevejk88@outlook.com](mailto:stevejk88@outlook.com) for more details.
- **Billericay Ladies Probus Club** If you are retired and would like to make new friends, join us for a **monthly** lunch, chat and speaker. Contact [stephanie4probus@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie4probus@gmail.com) for more details.
- **Remus Horse Sanctuary 2nd June** Open Day at The Sanctuary 1pm-4pm. Admission £6 per adult, £4 for children or £15 per person to include Cream Tea. Advanced online booking is recommended; **10th June** Afternoon Tea at The Sanctuary. Starts 2.15pm Cost £25 per person; 23rd June Sponsors' Day Come and meet your sponsored animal 2-4pm. Members only. Limited spaces, booking essential; **30th June** Online Auction via Remus Facebook Page. Starts 11am; **30th June** Curry Lunch at Nirvana Indian Restaurant, Ingatestone. £20 per person. 2pm for 2.15pm start. Booking essential; **7th July** Open Day and Fun Dog Show at The Sanctuary 1pm-4pm Contact <https://www.remussanctuary.org/events>.



- **Royal British Legion Billericay Branch** meets on **last Wednesday of the month** at 8pm in the Chantry Centre. You don't have to have served in the Forces to join or help. Contact Derek on 07757 313688, derekgprior@hotmail.com
- **South Green Memorial Hall AGM Thursday 27th June** 8pm. Contact joanmiles419@btinternet.com
- **Spike's Place Jazz Club** Bardswell Social Club, Weald Rd, Brentwood CM14 4TJ 8pm start. Phone 01245 420475. www.spikesplace.co.uk. Prices on website, Fully accessible. **4th June** The Matt Wates Quartet; **11th June** The Richard Pite Quartet featuring Dean Masser; **18th June** Laura Klain with Andy Davies, Nigel Price and John Williamson
- **Stock Brook Ladies Probus Group** meets on the **3rd Wednesday of each month** to listen to a speaker and take lunch together at Crondon Park Golf Club. All are welcome. Please contact stockbrookladiesprobus@talktalk.net for more details.
- **APPLE Bridge** Friendly EBU affiliated Club meets at Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Avenue on **Wednesdays** for duplicate sessions at 9.30. Sessions cost £3. Bring own refreshments. Contact 07552 753075
- **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

## 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.
- **Buttsbury (Billericay) WI** meet on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** at Canon Roche Hall 8pm-10pm. New members welcome. For more details contact Jan Nash on 01277 630147

- **Little Burstead WI** meet on the **second Thursday of the month** from 2pm-4pm at Little Burstead Village Hall. Contact 01268 491396
- **South Green WI** meet on the **third Thursday of the month** at South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road. CM11 2PR. Contact 01277 652739



## Fitness and Sport

- **Billericay parkrun** Every **Saturday** 8.45am at Lake Meadows, parkrun provides a free, timed 5k run, jog or walk for all standards from 4 years+ Visit [www.parkrun.org.uk/billericay](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/billericay) or visit our Facebook page.
- **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/lake-meadows-juniors/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/lake-meadows-juniors/) or visit our Facebook page: Lake Meadows junior parkrun
- **Billericay Town Walking Football** We train at Billericay Town FC. Men 50+ on **Mondays** 8pm-9.30pm and **Thursdays** 10am-12pm (£6 per session) **Mondays** 7pm-8pm for Ladies 40+ (£5 per session). E-mail Bill at [btfcwf@gmail.com](mailto:btfcwf@gmail.com)
- **Outwood Common Tenants and Residents** – Seated Yoga **Friday** 11.15-11.45am at St John's Church. £1 a session. Open to everyone of all ages and abilities

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

Deadline for the next issue is 10th June for events taking place between 10th July and 9th September

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**ON THE DAY OF THE TRIP ONLY  
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NUMBER IS 07518 122647**

Please note that all payments should be made as soon as possible and sent to the person named on the trip advertisement. Cheques should be made payable to BDRA and the trip title shown on the back of the cheque.

Departure points for all trips:

QPR – Queens Park Roundabout (for holiday trip only), 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.*

*If you are a solo traveller on a trip, we ask you to provide a contact number when booking, in case of an emergency on the trip.*

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## **SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – SNAPE MALTING AND SOUTHWOLD**

**PLEASE PAY NOW – SEATS AVAILABLE**

We begin our day at Snape Maltings, where we can visit a collection of stylish, independent shops & galleries. Enjoy a coffee in the eateries all housed in Victorian buildings, sited on the River Alde.

Leaving Snape Maltings, we make our way to Southwold arriving at lunchtime. Southwold is famous for its glorious sandy beach, bright beach huts and extensive greens. Uniquely, Southwold lighthouse stands in a prominent position within the town, where it towers over enclosed greens and Victorian houses. A visit to the lantern room at the top is a perfect place for stunning and far-reaching panoramic views of the coastline, tours are available at a cost of £15.50 & need to be booked in advance on the website or telephone 01502 727200. Although the town has a bustling High Street, wonderful pubs and restaurants, it has managed to retain its old-world charm, evident in the Electric Picture Palace, still a working cinema and The Common Pier.

**Cost:** £20.00

**Depart:** GG 8.00am. OA 8.05am. LR 8.10.00am. SG 8.20am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.30pm.

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

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## **TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY – A MORNING TOUR OF THE LAVENDER FIELDS AT CASTLE FARM IN KENT FOLLOWED BY AN AFTERNOON VISIT TO POLHILL GARDEN CENTRE**

**SEATS AVAILABLE**

Our guided tour at Castle Farm, in Shoreham Kent looks behind the scenes of Lavender growing and essential oil production. Our tour includes a drink and lavender shortbread. Visit The Lavender Barn to enjoy the selection of lavender products, made using essential oils produced on the farm. After, relax outside The Coffee Cart with barista-made hot drinks, cold drinks, ice creams & snacks, before we head to Polhill Garden Centre. It is impossible to list everything Polhill offers, along with everything for your garden, outdoor & indoor living, cookery, wildlife care, toys, etc. etc. Novell's Restaurant has an extensive lunch menu, from both light bites to main meals.

**Cost:** £34.00 Coach, Lavender Tour & Polhill Garden Centre.

**Depart:** GG 08.15am. OA 08.20am. LR 08.25am. SG 8.30am. Back in Billericay approximately 5.30pm.

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## **WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST – MORNING IN DEAL – AFTERNOON TOUR OF RAMSGATE WARTIME TUNNELS**

Quaint, quirky & one of the most charming coastal towns in Kent. Deal in White Cliffs Country is steeped in history. See a range of Maritime exhibits in Deal Museum, the Timeball Tower Museum, or explore one of the historical castles in Deal. Deal is an award winning High Street, with a wealth of great places to eat, waterfront Bistros serving locally caught fish & many independent shops to visit. This afternoon to travel to Ramsgate for our guided tour of the largest network of wartime tunnels, discover how the tunnels were built, listen to the stories of life underground and the "Mad Mayor" who saved the town.

**Cost:** Coach & Guided Tour £27.00

**Depart:** GG 08.00am. OA 08.05am. LR 08.15am. SG 08.30am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.30pm.

**Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Sunday 14th July**

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## **TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 – 2 HOUR THAMES CRUISE WITH PLOUGHMANS LUNCH**

We board our boat at 12 noon. This cruise provides excellent views of Windsor Castle, Eton College, Windsor race course and lots of other places of interest. The ploughman's lunch which is served at 1pm consists of cheese, ham, coleslaw, green salad with tomatoes, pickled onion, gherkins, pickle and a roll this is followed by a slice of cake and tea or coffee. The afternoon will be free to explore Windsor. Please

mention any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

**Cost:** Includes coach, cruise and lunch £52.00

**Depart:** GG 9.30am. OA 9.35am. LR 9.45am. SG 9.50am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.30pm.

**Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Tuesday 18th June**

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

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## **THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 – ELY CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS GIFT AND FOOD FAIR**

*(Due to the restriction on coaches again this year this trip is being advertised early but the money won't be required till later in the year. I will run another coach if there is the demand)*

This hugely successful Christmas gift and food fair is one of East Anglia's exceptional shopping experiences. Over 150 stalls will be exhibiting this year in the cathedral along with the festive food hall, offering its usual array of edible delights. Throughout the event you can enjoy regular floral presentations and seasonal cookery demonstrations. Musical entertainment will be provided by the cathedral choristers. Food and drink is available to purchase in the heated Cafe Marquee. You might like to visit Oliver Cromwell's house cost £7.50.

**Cost:** £25.00 which includes coach and entry to the cathedral fair.

**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 Thursday 20th June**

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## **TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 – ROMFORD DOG STADIUM WITH THREE COURSE LUNCH**

Join us today for fun day out at the Romford Dog Stadium. You will enjoy a three course lunch with tea or coffee while you sit and watch the racing and maybe have a flutter. The menu is - Starters - soup of the day, cheese ham and tomato tart or prawn platter. Main Course - pasta Bolognese, slow cooked pork, fish burger, or cauliflower cheese tart. Desert - spotted dick, chocolate fudge cake or mixed ice cream followed by tea or coffee (to be chosen on the day).

**Cost:** Includes coach, entry and lunch £31.50.

**Depart:** GG 11.30am. OA 11.35am. LR 11.45am. SG 11.50am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.00pm.

**Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Wednesday 19th June**

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## **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024 – JACK AND THE BEANSTALK AT THE CLIFFS PAVILION STARRING RYLAN – EVENING PERFORMANCE**

Doomed to sell his trusty cow, join Jack and his family as they fight to outwit the evil giant, win richest beyond his wildest dreams and the hand of the girl he loves. We have secured raised back stalls seats, so book your ticket and expect laughs, music, special effects, magic beans & bundles of audience participation in this giant of a performance.

**Cost:** Coach and Theatre Ticket £53.00.

**Depart:** GG 4.45pm. OA 4.50pm. LR 4.55pm SG 5.00pm. Back in Billericay approximately 10.00pm.

**Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Friday 12th July**

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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 tickets, however if we are unable to resell your tickets you are liable for payment.**

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