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BDRA VACANT ROLES

Our Vice Chair has been doing a sterling job standing in for the Chair, whilst this vacancy has existed. He is now resigning at the AGM in May and we are desperate for a Chair and Vice Chair. Our secretary is also resigning in May, but has kindly agreed to stay on until we can find someone else to fill this role. If you, or maybe someone you know, has time to spare, maybe just retired and are looking for something different to do, we would love to hear from you to arrange an informal chat. We have a great team on Committee and all our other volunteers, waiting to support you.

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Vice Chair

This role acts as the primary deputy to the Chair, supporting Committee leadership, managing actions and tasks, and presiding over meetings in the Chair's absence.

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Primarily organise Committee meetings and the AGM, distribute papers and take minutes for both and handle correspondence.

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Thank you to…

Dee Mather, who has volunteered to become a road rep and deliver The Resident to members in Outwood Farm Road/Close,

BDRA NEWS

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PLANNING UPDATE

At the time of going to print the local borough ward elections had taken place in early May resulting in a hung council, that is, no single party commanded a majority to effectively form an administration, and we had no idea at the time whether coalitions or alliances would be formed to address this issue. But it looked inevitable.

The situation will no doubt have been resolved by the time you read this and may result in positive changes when it comes to planning matters. All we can say is that whoever forms the next council administration will need to push back on the Government's imposed housing target and hold a very strong line if we are not to see excessive building on the Green Belt around Billericay. Unless that target is significantly reduced the Local Plan will continue to propose 28,000 houses across the borough of which around 8,000 will be in our area. That scale of building is unsustainable and not justified based on true local need.

When it comes to planning applications any new administration, assuming they have the will to do so, might find it hard to overturn previously approved Green Belt developments and try to block those yet to be decided. They will need to find legitimate and legal reasons that adhere to planning legislation. It cannot be simply based on a political whim, or thin arguments, because to do so will very likely result in costly appeals with little chance of winning. Sadly, much of the damage may have already been done.

In the next edition of The Resident, we hope to be able to provide more information on this and try to show a way ahead; one that will hopefully be beneficial to the residents of Billericay and beyond.

In the meantime, you can find the latest position, including details of all planning applications, at **www.billericayactiongroup.org.uk**, or join the Facebook group 'Save Billericay From Housing Developments'.



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AGM – a thumping success!

The BDRA AGM was held at Emmanual Church on the 13th June. The event was a great success with 71 attendees. Stephen Chapman, the Vice Chair thought the high attendance was down to him giving a speech! But I think we can be sure that those attending had come to hear The Rt Hon Richard Holden MP, address the audience. Richard gave a short speech, and then welcomed questions from the audience. There were many, mostly around the local plan and the loss of Billericay Green Belt, along with the lack of infrastructure to support the number of houses being proposed. Richard left the meeting and the evening continued with the normal AGM business.

Thank you to Richard and his team and all those that attended, in making the evening such a success, look forward to seeing you all again next year.



Hooray for the Billericay Litter pickers

When Basildon Borough Council wanted to charge Billericay Mayflower Rotary for collecting litter at the Soap Box Derby, on the 3rd May, they knew they could turn to John Gibbons of Billericay Litter Pickers for help, and he came up trumps. Within hours of the call being put out on the litter pickers fb page there were more than enough volunteers to ensure the whole day was covered. Well done to those volunteers, who helped make sure that more money went to the charities selected by Billericay Mayflower Rotary. Thank you to all those who disposed of their litter responsibly and shame on those of you who dropped it!

If any of you are interested in helping to keep Billericay litter free, you can follow Billericay Litter Pickers fb page, where details of up and coming litter picks are always advertised.



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But wait, maybe you are like many of those aged over 60 and struggle to use everyday technology and being told to contact services and businesses via email and websites, that is so common in today's world, leaves you feeling out of touch and confused. Age Well East can help with their Digital Inclusion support. This is a free service supporting people with limited access to their community, aged 60 and over across Essex who would like help using everyday technology. Delivered by trained volunteers, the service supports older adults in the comfort of their own homes, helping them gain confidence with digital skills so they can stay connected, informed and independent.

The service offers support with mobile phones, tablets, laptops, desktop computers and devices such as Alexa. People can obtain support with a wide range of digital tasks, including sending emails, joining video calls, using WhatsApp, accessing GP online portals and booking systems, using the NHS App, ordering prescriptions, accessing library service apps and shopping online safely and confidently. Others may simply want to become more comfortable using technology in everyday life so they can stay connected with family, friends and services or become more familiar with their mobile phones, which are capable of so much more than making calls. A big part of the service is building confidence and reducing the fear many older people feel around technology. All the volunteers at Age Well East are DBS-checked and offer patient, friendly guidance. Feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive, with clients advising that they no longer feel intimidated by technology and are now able to access important services independently and stay in touch with family and friends.

Jenny Walters, is a local Digital Inclusion coordinator for the Basildon area, who lives in Billericay, she has been providing digital skills support since September 2025. As well as helping 19 local residents get to grip with everyday technology, she has appointed 6 volunteers in the area to help her. Jenny says she is helping clients with anything and everything to do with technology, but most frequently helping clients understand more about their mobile phone.

Marion Wilson, a local resident living in Billericay is an OAP, but certainly not elderly. She is bright and alert and although she was used to her tablet and her laptop, her mobile phone was a mystery to her and used to stay in the glove compartment of her car, in case she broke down. Now she doesn't drive it is just a weight in her handbag as she has little use for it. She was aware it could do much more than she used it for but didn't know where to start, and then became aware of Jenny and the Age Well East support. She had five sessions with Jenny, who she advised explained everything very clearly, was extremely patient and wrote everything down in clear language. Now she has the bus company apps, so when she travels by bus, she can check the bus routes and times. Jenny showed her how to download and group display the Apps together so they are easy to find. She states her general competence has increased and she feels so much more confident using her mobile phone. So now when she is out carrying her phone around it's not just a weight in her handbag, but a really useful tool in today's digital age.

If you think Jenny could help you or maybe you think you could help deliver this support and be a volunteer, then you can contact Jenny on **jenny.walter@agewelleast.org.uk** or telephone **0300 373 3333**.

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Billericay Soapbox Derby 2026



Photo by Billericay Rotarian Peter Greene

Billericay Mayflower Rotary members and their helpers were mightily rewarded for all the hard work planning, organising, and setting up Billericay Soapbox Derby 2026 on Sunday, May 3. Despite dire forecasts of showers and thunder and lightning, around ten thousand people attended and were rewarded with an exciting and very entertaining family day out, plus fabulous weather!

Twenty three karts hurtled down London Road in Billericay in pursuit of prizes in the student, corporate, fastest and wackiest kart categories. Points could also be gained on the strength of the entertainment value of the groups supporting the karts. And are the winning entries were:

Student category:
1. 14 B Rides Again – *77 seconds*
2. 9 Quilters Flyer – *65 seconds*
3. 15 Shark Attack – *53 seconds*

Corporate category:
1. 4 Polka Dot Farm – *67 seconds*
2. 10 K-Pop ParaBar – *59 seconds*
3. 2 The Scopes Box – *58 seconds*

Wacky category:
1. 21 Team Hogwarts – *79 seconds*
2. 16 Balloonaticks – *75 seconds*
3. 1Funlovingcriminals – *72 seconds*

Fastest category:
1. 26 SEVVC – Soapbox Division – *25.86 seconds*
2. 5 Son of Rusty – *27.42 seconds*
3. 15 Shark Attack – *28.57 seconds*

With great entertainment, food stalls, and activities for all ages, Billericay Soapbox Derby has become a much-loved highlight on the Billericay calendar. But the event not only showcases engineering skills and artistic flair, it is also one of Mayflower Rotary's major fundraisers.

Mayflower Rotary would very much like to thank all those that made the day a huge success, Mayflower members, Billericay Rotary, Billericay Town Rotary, District 1240 officials, who worked all day as judges, Billericay Round Table, Billericay Lions, and Mayflower's Big Eventers. Not forgetting their very generous sponsors: ParaBar Estates; Billericay Self Storage; Stock Brook Golf Club, Hill – Created for Living; Safari Childcare; Butyl Products; Colt Security Systems; Crocus Wealth; Kumon Billericay; Nairnsey Fisher & Lewis; My Disney House.

It's a big undertaking to stage an event of this scale, but the shared vision, teamwork, and cooperation resulted in a hugely enjoyable and rewarding experience for all.

STOP PRESS! *Event manager Colin Campbell has just announced that Soapbox Derby raised over £35,000 for community projects and local charities that the club supports: BOSP, Kool Carers, Barrow Farm, Billericay Food Bank, Headway Essex, Marie Curie, Macmillan, to name but a few.*

Thank you, Billericay!

The Classroom Companions You Never Expected

As far as school pets go, students at Mayflower High School have pretty unique ones.



While other schools may have therapy dogs or hatch chicks as part of children's learning, students at the school, in Billericay, have taken ownership of two axolotls.

The amphibians – named Marshmallow and Shadow by students – with feathery external gills are being taken care of in school by students who feed them live worms and refresh their water.

The pets are helping students to understand their science lessons in gas exchange in fish, how organisms are adapted to their environments and how these adaptations support survival, how organisms maximise surface area to make diffusion efficient, and ecosystem processes such as the nitrogen cycle.

Kim Poole, deputy head of science, said: *"From adaptations and physiology to ecosystem processes, Marshmallow and Shadow demonstrate how a simple classroom aquarium can support rich scientific discussion across the curriculum. They remind us that, sometimes, the most effective prompts for learning are right in front of us.*

"The axolotls are very popular; students are fascinated and they have become a regular part of lessons. They prompt many discussions and help bring scientific concepts to life."

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Work never stops in a garden, so it's much the same in the park. Recently our team of gardeners planted out over 600 geraniums in the raised bed in the garden area, as well as filling the boxes at the main entrance. It took 11 gardeners nearly two hours of hard back-breaking work, and considering several of them are in their 80s, they deserve a huge round of applause. If only some of you reading this would volunteer to give a hand on Tuesday mornings. We'd welcome anyone who would like to join us!

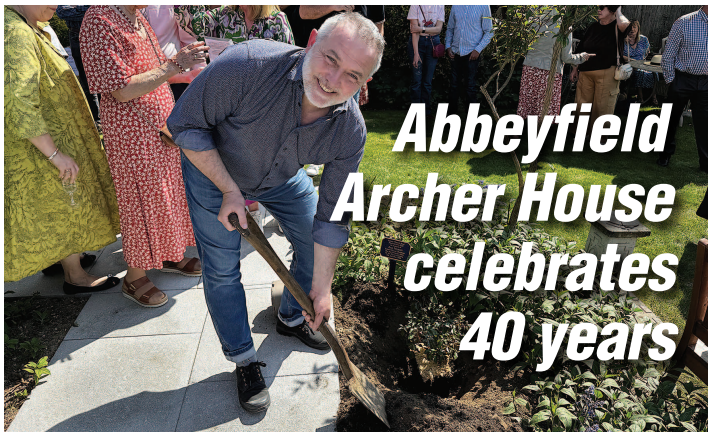
Elsewhere in the various garden areas, plants are blossoming, with the rhododendron area in full bloom, under which forget-me-nots flower in profusion each summer. The weeds, of course, grown even faster than shrubs and perennials and work is never ending on keeping them under control. Some of the weeds are a joy in themselves of course and we encourage those – for example, cowslips and ox-eye daisies in the conservation area – not just for the flowers but for the myriad of insects,


Photo: Sarah Clapton

bees and other small creatures that live amongst them. Caterpillars are everywhere this month, including stripey cinnabar moth ones, bees hum and bumble for nectar, transferring pollen as they wander. Dragonflies and damsels hover by the lake edges. Birds seek out insects to feed the open beaks of their young and goslings paddle perpetually behind their proud parents.

There is so much that children can learn from a visit to the park, including the new sculpture, especially when parents help them and talk with them. The Princess of Wales has recently been on a visit to Reggio Emilia in Italy to see their inspirational nurseries and schools, where children are encouraged to learn through play and nature, exploring their surroundings and developing their own understanding of the world around them. In the UK, we seem to believe children learn what we adults tell them they should learn, and then we test them. How sad! What a wonderful resource Lake Meadows is for children to explore and find out about the environment, and maybe we adults can learn a few things too! Have fun and do tell us if you find anything interesting.

Coming next month – Jazz in the Park on July 11th, followed by Love Parks Week at the end of July. If your group would like to put on an event at the park during Love Parks week, we would be delighted to hear from you – **secretary@lakemeadows.org.uk** And do take a look at our new website **www.lakemedows.org.uk**



Abbeyfield Archer House celebrates 40 years

It was a lovely day to celebrate Abbeyfield Archer House's 40th anniversary celebrations recently. Residents, their families, staff, specially invited guests, and Richard Holden MP enjoyed a sunny afternoon in the gardens of Archer House, listening to the Dodgy Jammers, with prosecco and a delicious high tea. It was 40 years to the day that Princess Anne arrived by helicopter on Sun Corner to open officially the assisted living home here in the heart of Billericay. A rose was planted in memory of Archer House's fundraiser and first Chair of Trustees, Ann Mynott, by her son Graham.

Archer House is a lovely home-from-home, within easy walking distance of the High Street. There is currently a rare vacancy for one of the rooms. Residents have to be over 55 and pay £1,685 a month, reviewed annually, which includes rent, energy, water, meals, laundry, council tax. Please get in touch: **abbeyfieldbillericay@gmail.com** or phone: **01277 626390**

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Billericay Strides Out

Did you watch the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April? This year there were over 1million applications of which 59,830 were successful. They came from over 200 countries around the world, the youngest being 18 and the oldest 88. This year a new world record was achieved, with the winner coming in at 1:59, breaking the two-hour barrier. The amount of money raised for charity is also expected to break records, with the sum collected so far reaching £87.5 million. What a fantastic event and achievement for all those that participated.

Amongst these participants you would disappointed not to see some of our Billericay residents. Meet Steven Green, Joanna Bolton and Campbell Reeman, who all have differing experiences but were able to raise large sums for charities close to their hearts. Their participation alone, with the training and commitment it requires, is a test to their fortitude and courage.

Steven's great passion is rugby, but he was running his first and he says his last Marathon, because he is too old! I don't believe it, he achieved a very respectable time of 4:21. His charity of choice was Wooden Spoon the children's charity of rugby, for which he has raised the huge sum of over £8000! Joanna, ran her second London Marathon and this year was granted one of only 3,000 female places awarded on a 'good for age' basis,



Emily Giddings and Campbell Reeman

based on a previous marathon time. She ran a new PB of 3:06:55, which is a championship qualification time for next year. She raised £2,365 for Homerton Hope Neo Natal Unit, who helped a couple of her fellow Billericay Striders when their baby Theo arrived



Joanna Bolton

too early, supporting them when he sadly died.

Campbell, another Billericay Strider, was running his third and last, event in a trilogy, having run the Chelmsford half marathon in March and the Brighton Marathon earlier in April. His time for the London Marathon was 3:17, another great time. He was raising funds for the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, who supported his father and the family last September when dad sadly passed away with brain and lung cancer. He raised £850 across the 3 events. He didn't start the marathon with his fellow Billericay Strider, Emily Giddings, but they happened to meet at about the 25-mile mark and ran the last mile together. Great comradery!

Billericay Striders run an annual 10k race, which this year takes place on the 5th July. I met these amazing runners at the parkrun, which takes place at Lake Meadows every Saturday morning at 8.45. If our London Marathon participants have fired your enthusiasm, and you are already running, have a go at the local 10k event. If you are new to running or not ready for 10k yet, join the 5k parkrun, which is a great event for those new to running or not ready for the longer distances.



Steven Green

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- **Basildon and Billericay French Circle** meets at The Fold, Laindon Road. **Friday 19th June** at 7pm (note earlier start time) 'Grenoble – Dora et retour' a talk in French by Thierry Viennois. All welcome. Visitors £5. www.basildonandbillericayfrenchcircle.com or contact 07986 293419
- **Basildon Mind** A local Charity focusing on helping people with their mental health. We hold pop-ups at the Humankind Café **every Wednesday**. We are still looking for Billericay Representatives. Contacts: 01268 289700, john@basmind.org
- **Billericay Archaeological and Historical Society** meet at The Fold, Laindon Road. Start time 8pm. **Monday June 8th** Speaker to be confirmed. Non-Members £3, Raffle £1, refreshments £1 per person. Contact alantaylor8@openworld.com
- **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 Choral Society** – Come and Sing, **Tuesdays** at 7.30pm, (term time only) at Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay.
- **Billericay Dementia Friendly Community** is happy to report some new and exciting developments. Billericay Talks – open to all but designed to be particularly suitable for people living with dementia. **Second Friday of every month** at the Chantry Centre 10.30-12 noon. An opportunity to find out, question and talk. **June 12th** The Accidental Major- Bob Massey (ex Mayor of Chelmsford). Free to attend. We hope to see you there. Billericay Community Dance at the Chantry Centre, Chantry Way CM11 2BB. **The first Wednesday of the month**, 2-4pm. £5 entry, carers free of charge. An inclusive event for adults with SEN and a dementia friendly event. For more information Anna-Anna@ bennettsfunerals.co.uk or Jo – Jocurd@bluebirdcare.co.uk
- **Billericay Flower Arranging Group** meet on **1st Wednesday of each month** at 7.30pm for 8pm start in WI Hall, St Edith's Lane, Billericay . Visitors welcome at £7 each. Contact Linda Gilbey on 01277 656217 or email ljgilbey@aol.com
- **Billericay Handicraft Society** We meet at The Fold, Laindon Road on the **last Monday of the month**. We enjoy a range of activities with demonstrations from outside Speakers as well as practical crafting experiences from our talented 'in house' members. Visitors welcome £4. Refreshments provided. More information : judithisobel@talktalk.net
- **Billericay Horticultural Society Monday June 15th** Pelargoniums Brian Carline. Meet at Chantry Centre from 8-10pm. Visitors welcome £3.00. Refreshments available 43trouble@gmail.com
- **Billericay Lions Club** meet in The Duchess Suite at The Duke's Head PH on the **second Monday 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
- **Billericay Men's Shed** Generally **fortnightly** – **Mondays** – Tea 'n chat, **Tuesdays** – Woodworking, **Wednesdays** – Volunteer supported sessions for those with dementia and their carers. Meet in Lake Meadows adjacent to the Bowls Pavilion. 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** course at the Reading Rooms, High St. Billericay CM12 9AS. Two Victorian Artists – Contrasts in Colour with Guest Tutor Mel Jackson-Bridge. **Wednesday 10th June** 7-9pm, including tea break. Fee £16. Ref:Q00026399. Enrol www.wea.org.uk or 03003033464. Local contact Billericay.branch@wea.ac.uk
- **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
- **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 8th June**. 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
- **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
- **Mayflower Morris Men** – The town's Morris Men practise on Thursday in St Mary Magdalen, High Street at 7.30pm. Beginners, dancers and musicians – old and young welcome! Tuition is free. You supply the hankies; we do the rest. For more information 01277 654228 or http//www.mayflowermorris.com.
- **Midweek Break Community Social 3rd Wednesday of the month**, 2-4pm at St. John's Church, Outwood Common Road, CM11 2LE. Join us for chat, games, activities, guest speakers and more. All adults welcome. No need to book. Free entry and refreshments.
- **National Garden Scheme 18th/19th June** combined opening with Ivy Cottage and 1 Brook Cottage, Laindon Common Rd, Little Burstead, CM12 9TA. Admission to both gardens- Adults £13, Children free. Opening times 12-4pm. Refreshments served at 1 Brook Cottage on all dates. **20th June** Brook Cottage evening opening 6-9.30pm when there will be a barbecue with soft and alcoholic drinks available at extra cost. Admission- Adult £7.50, Children free.
- **Offshoots Singing Group** meet on **1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month** at St Johns Church, Outwood Common Rd CM11 2LE from 7.45-9.45pm. No auditions. Parking on site. Contact geoffrudd47@gmail.com or phone 07763424206.
- **Peer Support Group for Late Diagnosed Neurodivergent Adults** This is a welcoming space for adults who have discovered their neurodivergence later in life. Meeting the **1st Wednesday of every month**, 6.30-8pm at The Chantry Centre. Please register your attendance by searching "better late than typical" on Eventbrite, Supported by www.safeessex.org.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
- **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 for more details.
- **Probus Club of Billericay and Shenfield** welcome retired gentlemen members to our 3-course lunch meetings, which includes a guest Speaker at Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite, Hutton on the **last Thursday of every month**. Please contact ianmarshall112@gmail.com for more information.
- **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 for more details.
- **Outwood Common Tenants and Residents** Chat with a Cuppa – A warm space and a friendly face **every Friday** 10-11.30am, for an informal chat, a cuppa, and biscuits. Everyone welcome. St. John's Church, Outwood Common Rd CM11 2LE
- **Remus Horse Sanctuary 15th June** Afternoon Tea at the Sanctuary. 2.15pm start. £25 pp. Booking essential. **21st June** – Online Auction, via Remus Facebook Page, starts at 11am; **21st June** Curry Lunch at Nirvana Indian Restaurant, Ingatestone. £22 per person. 2pm for 2.15pm start. Booking essential; **22nd June** Afternoon Tea at the Sanctuary. 2.15pm start. £25 pp. Booking essential. **5th July** Open Day at the Sanctuary 1-4pm Entry £8 for adults and £6 for children. Drinks and snacks available all afternoon. Contact Office 01277 356191; Contact https://www.remussaecembernctuary.org/events.
- **Royal British Legion Billericay Branch** meets on **last Wednesday of the month** at 8pm in the Chantry Centre. You do not have to have served in the Forces to join or help. Contact Derek on 07757 313688, derekgprior@hotmail.com
- **Spike's Place Jazz Club** Bardswell Social Club, Weald road, Brentwood CM14 4TJ. 8pm start. www.spikesplace.co.uk or find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Phone 01245 420475. £15 cash on the door. Fully accessible. **Tuesday 2nd June** Ted Beament, Jerome Davis, Rod Brown; **9th June** Jacqui Hicke Quartet; **16th June** Nat Steele, Sean Fyfe, Simon reed, Matt Home; **23rd June** Vasilis Xenopoulos, Nigel Price, Pete Whitaker, Matt Home.
- **South Green Memorial Hall AGM** on **Thursday 25th June** at 7.30pm. at South Green memorial Hall CM11 2PR. Come and support the small Committee of volunteers that keeps this valuable resource runningfor the local community. To hire the hall visit www.southgreenhall.co.uk
- T**he Next Chapter Bereavement Group** We meet **every 2nd Saturday of the month** at Emmanuel Church Hall at 10.30am-12.30 for coffee and chats for widows and widowers. For more information ring Sandra 07957 348006
- **U3a** Membership Subscription is £15 for the year, £10 if joining after 1st October. Guests are invited to attend 2 meetings a year at a charge of £2. If they then decide to join, this fee will be refunded. Meetings start at 2.30pm on the **4th Friday of the month.** 26th June AGM. Thea Watts Banking Hub. Meet at Canon Roche Centre, 21, Laindon Road, Billericay. Contact bb.u3asite.uk
- **APPLE Bridge** Friendly Club for Duplicate Bridge, meets at Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Avenue on **Wednesday mornings**, 9.30am for a 9.45am start. Sessions cost £3 per session. Plenty of parking available. Contact Sandra Lowe 07552 753075
- **Anne Owen Bridge Club** meets at Hannakins Farm Community Centre, Rosebay Avenue CM12 0SY on **Tuesday afternoons** at 1.15pm for 1.30pm start for friendly bridge. Members £3, Visitors £4 per person per session. For further information, contact Mrs Janet L'Estrange on 01277 624078.

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 4years+ Visit 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/lakemeadows-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
- **Outwood Common Tenants and Residents** – Seated Yoga **Friday** 11.15-11.45am at St John's Church. £1.50 a session. **First session free.** Open to everyone of all ages and abilities

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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

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SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026 – BURY ST EDMUNDS HIDDEN GARDENS

SEATS ARE AVAILABLE

Now in its 39th year this event is held every year and all the money raised goes to the St Nicholas Hospice. Over 25 gardens are open to the public and all are within walking distance of the town centre. All the shops are open so come and enjoy the party atmosphere and the refreshments on offer. If you like to see what other people do with their gardens this is the trip for you.

Cost: £30.00 Coach and entry to the gardens.

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

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

SATURDAY 25TH JULY – SNAPE MALTINGS AND ALDEBURGH

SEATS ARE AVAILABLE

We begin our day at Snape Maltings, sited on the River Alde, surrounded by an area of outstanding beauty. You can decide to just sit by the river and take in the surroundings or visit a collection of stylish, independent shops & the galleries housing, a collection of carefully selected home wear, clothing, ceramics and much more. Before we leave enjoy a coffee in the eateries all housed in Victorian buildings.

Leaving Snape Maltings we make our way to Aldeburgh, a town situated on the Suffolk coast. Aldeburgh is world renowned, thanks to its connection with Benjamin Britten. Pastel-coloured 19th Century holiday villas line the promenade and to the east, the pebble beach with fisherman's huts. Many people are attached to the whimsical charm of Aldeburgh with its vibrant arts centre, bustling shops, award winning Fish & Chip shop & the museum housed in the iconic Moot Hall, one of the UK's most important timbered framed public buildings dating back to the early 16th Century.

Cost: £24.00.

Depart: GG 8.00am. OA 8.05am. LR 8.10am. SG 8.20am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.30pm.

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

★ NEW TRIP ★

SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST – FOUR HOUR HORSE DRAWN CRUISE WITH PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

We arrive at Kintbury at 12 noon and board our horse drawn barge. We will enjoy a four hour cruise on the beautiful Kennet and Avon canal. Lunch includes a baguette, butter, three varieties of cheese, pickle and cherry tomatoes. Tea, coffee or a soft drink is included. There is a bar where you can purchase drinks and snacks. There is also a toilet on board. Weather permitting, we can walk along the tow path if you want to stretch your legs.

Cost: For coach, cruise and lunch £66.50.

Depart: GG 9.00am. OA 9.05am. LR 9.15am. SG 9.20am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.30pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Tuesday 16th June

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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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