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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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You sound just like the type of person we are looking for. BDRA now has a vacancy for a Chair.

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.

Ex Co Secretary

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

If you are interested in any of the above roles, ***please contact resident@bdra.org***

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We are desperately in need of new volunteers to help us distribute and manage our magazine. Can you spare just a few hours a month to help us deliver our magazine to your street?

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- **Outwood Farm Close and Balmoral Close**

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BDRA NEWS



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PLANNING UPDATE

Despite great arguments from local residents, as well as from ward and town councillors, Basildon council planning committee recently approved a controversial development of 49 houses on Potash Road. Clear road safety concerns we raised, and even the developer proposed to put traffic calming measures in place, but frustratingly Essex Highways saw no issues and were happy with just some repainted road markings. We can but hope that they are right. It is a serious accident waiting to happen on a notoriously narrow road.

Elsewhere, a development of 850 houses was approved at Bowers Gifford, and a new application has been submitted for 1,100 on Dunton Road at Steeple View, right on our doorstep. The attack on the Green Belt continues right across the borough.

At the time if going to print in mid-April nine planning applications for almost 4,000 new houses in or near Billericay are still to be decided. They are all in the Green Belt and on active farmland. The next planning committee meeting will not now be until after the May elections so it could be a while yet before the fate of those areas is known.

Finally, the emerging Basildon Local Plan is now running late compared to the council's formal timetable with no updates being issued. It is now unlikely that we will hear further until after the council administration is confirmed May.

We will provide further updates on all major planning matters in future editions of The Resident, or you can check the latest position, including details if those outstanding planning applications, at **www.billericayactiongroup.org.uk.**



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Annual General Meeting 7.30pm, 13th May 2026

Billericay Action Group

As a member you are invited to our AGM

at the Emmanual Church Hall 66-68 Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LD

This is your opportunity to meet the Committee and hear about what we have been doing and share your ideas about what we should be looking at in the year to come.

We have arranged for the Rt Hon Richard Holden MP, as our guest speaker.

The agenda and details of nominations for Committee positions, The Independent Examiner and any motions to be submitted at the AGM, will be available on the website www.bdra.org from the 29th April.

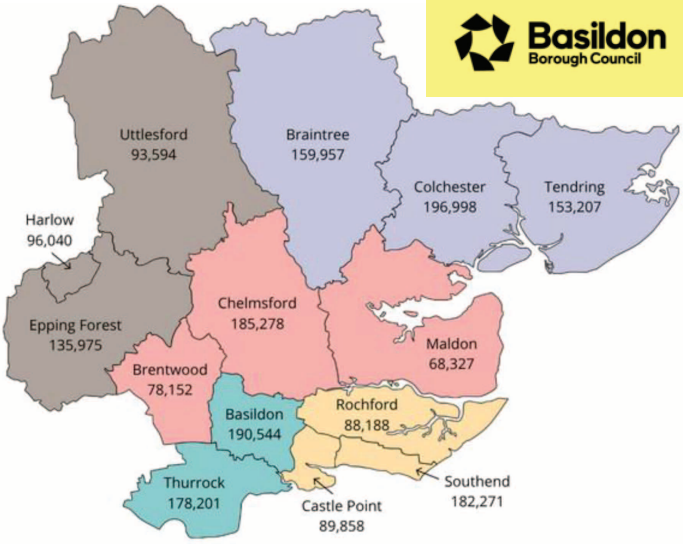
Refreshments will be served at the end. We would love to see as many of you as can make it.

Five unitary authorities

The Government has confirmed its preference for five new unitary authorities in Greater Essex. This is the next step towards Local Government Reorganisation. See map right. Basildon is to merge with Thurrock to form one unitary authority.

Elections to the new authorities would then take place in May 2027 and they will replace the current councils in April 2028.

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On a Saturday evening in March, Billericay Lions held their annual "Taste of…." Quiz attended by friends, families and the people of Billericay and raised £594.54 for charity. This is the 17th year of the "Taste of…." Quiz and the Lions have raised well over £12000 in total from holding this event.

More than 75 local residents attended the Taste of Austria Quiz, which included a Quiz, Tapas style Austrian food and a raffle. Funds raised will help individuals and families in the local area.

Lion President Lisa Hull said: *"We are incredibly grateful for the support from the local community. Events like this help us continue supporting people across Billericay and the surrounding area."*

Billericay Lions is part of Lions International, the largest Volunteer Service Organisation in the world, and organises a variety of local community events each year, some to provide a service to local people, others raising funds for local charities and providing practical support to people in need throughout the area. Anyone interested in learning more about volunteering with Billericay Lions can email lions@billericaylions.com or visit the club's bookstall outside Poundland in Billericay High Street on Saturday mornings.

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The BDRA time Capsule



You may be aware that in 2026 we are celebrating our 100th birthday. What an achievement! That means we have been working for the community for a hundred years and have had 100 years of residents volunteering to work with us.

Ten years ago, on our 90th anniversary we made up a Time Capsule to be opened on our 100th anniversary. We are hoping to get someone special to open the capsule at our Open Day in the Reading Rooms, on the 4th July. We will be providing more information on this as the details are agreed.

The time capsule contains photos, maps, lists of significant features, the extent of the green belt and the draft local plan, which was added to the personal hopes and fears of children, adults and members of churches and societies. The capsule was kept in the Cater museum to be opened in 2026 and thereafter its contents used as artefacts and documents for research. This is a summary of the 'Hopes' to give you a feel for the shared aspirations at that time. The fears are in most cases the opposite.

HOPES

That Billericay remains as pleasant a place to live as it is currently - we owe it to future generations to leave them a town that we would like to live in.

HIGH STREET

The historical character is retained and improved upon with out of character 1960s buildings, being replaced independent shops remain and there is a good range of shops, enough car parking, and Elizabeth Cottage is sympathetically restored.

GREEN BELT

The Green Belt will still be there for the people of Billericay to enjoy.

Any housing developments in the proximity of Mill Meadows or other Billericay nature reserves and wildlife sites are sympathetically developed with suitable wildlife corridors and extending habitats.

COMMUNITY

That Billericay remains a town with a good sense of community and that all the community organisations still flourish.

There is a particular emphasis on younger people. Girl Guiding hopes to have grown in Billericay, with more volunteers coming forward to give girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities. I think that we can echo this for all youth groups.

People are more considerate with less anti-social behaviour, litter, vandalism and speeding. These comments come from the Sunnymede school children.

TRANSPORT

The roads have been suitably maintained with minimal potholes.

Much improved public transport services.

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Renewable energy is developed and electric vehicles are more common.

That my grandchildren will be able to afford to live here.

Quite a list. We are creating a new Time Capsule to be opened in 2036, I don't think it will be the same Committee dealing with it, but what should we put in the capsule to epitomise life in Billericay? I am not sure that our 'Hopes' today would be any different from those above. This is your chance to get involved.

What would your hopes and fears be for the future? We will be writing to schools, community groups and churches to get their ideas as well.

We would love to hear from you, send your ideas to

resident@bdra.org





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May! A time for new beginnings, new life, bird song and bank holidays! In the past, the first of May was always known as May Day and played a significant day in shaping our springtime traditions. After a long, wet winter, seeing the first flowers of spring lifted spirits and promised warmer times ahead.

In ancient times, pagan festivals worshipped gods associated with the seasons, and festivals were held to mark their departure or arrival, encouraging good harvests and prosperous times ahead. May festivities were first recorded in Ancient Roman times in honour of Flora, the goddess of flowers, fertility and spring.

In medieval times, May Day became a day of feasting and dancing in towns and villages across the British Isles. Many traditions developed to mark the day, now mostly forgotten. Chimney sweeps wore gaudy clothes and made mischief on the streets, hustling for coins, whilst milkmaids danced for pennies. Later, the festival developed with dancers weaving long ribbons into intricate patterns around a maypole, along with gathering wildflowers and the wearing of summer clothes. Often a 'lord and lady' would be chosen from among the ordinary people to preside over the day, eventually this changed to choosing of the May Queen – a girl who would be dressed in white and crowned with flowers, who became a symbol of purity and the promise of spring.

This past month has brought new life to the park, with a pair Egyptian geese raising a brood of 8 goslings. Although we have seen adult Egyptian geese on many occasions in past years, this is the first time that we have had the goslings since FoLM was founded back in 2012. Fewer other water birds seem to have nested here this year, as a result of the extensive clearing of the lake edge near the sluice.

You will find a new noticeboard near the new sculpture in the Garden of the Child, which may help you find some of the creatures hidden in the spiral. The Habitat board has also been replaced near the play area.

Last month we mentioned the forthcoming 'Love Parks Week' in late July, when it is hoped organisations might join in the celebrations, showing how we value our wonderful park! Please contact us soon if your organisation would like to plan an event.

Contact:
secretary@lakemeadows.org.uk





Billericay hosts a model railway exhibition again, filled with miniature trains, at the Hannakins Farm Community Centre on Saturday 13th June between 10am to 4pm. The centre's main hall and side-room will be packed with 15 model railway exhibits in a range of scales and sizes, representing different eras of railway history. Each exhibit symbolises hours of painstaking work to capture a brief moment in time.

Some will feature traditional steam outlines while others are just as likely to include more modern diesel and electric styles of rolling stock. Sophisticated electronics enable them to be controlled by tablet or smartphone while also offering a higher level of detail. Among the displays is BilleriQuay a new layout which has been built by the club and will make its return this year.

Hosting the show, in aid of its funds, is the Billericay Model Railway Group, (BMRG). Exhibition Manager, Andrew Craig said,

"We have had some great responses from exhibitors who are keen to bring their layouts to Billericay". "We are certain the event will be hugely enjoyed by enthusiasts and families". "The exhibition team works hard to create a show that reflects the wide range of skill level and interests that go into creating a model railway".

Exhibits are coming from across the county and beyond either from clubs or individual enthusiasts. Traders will be offering a wide selection of pre-loved and nearly new models, accessories and spare parts, some of them exclusive. This event will appeal to young and old fans of scaled down trains.

Light refreshments will be on sale throughout the day in the cafe. Regular buses stop nearby and the venue is close to Billericay railway station. There is free parking at the centre.

Adult admission to the exhibition is £6 while children are £3 and families are £14.

BMRG hopes to recruit more members and details of how to join can be obtained by emailing:

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Billericay WI marks 110 Years of Friendship, Service and Community

Billericay is fortunate in having four active branches of the Women's Institute, including one of the longest-established WIs in Essex. The town's oldest branch continues to thrive, meeting twice a month in its own much-loved hall in St Edith's Lane, off our High Street.

This remarkable branch celebrated its 110th birthday on 18 March this year. President Doreen Potter welcomed members, guests and fellow WI Presidents from across Essex to a joyful anniversary tea. Surrounded by flowers, cards and colourful banners – and with a beautifully decorated cake taking pride of place – everyone joined together to sing Jerusalem and raise a toast to more than a century of friendship and community service.

The original Billericay WI was formed in 1916 – in the midst of the Great War, meeting first in another hall in the town. By 1924, the members had achieved something quite special: their own purpose-built meeting hall in St Edith's Lane, which has served generations of women ever since. Today, the branch continues its warm traditions, including friendly Friday coffee mornings from 10.30am – a relaxed chance to chat, meet new people and enjoy the WI's welcoming spirit.

On that sunny March afternoon, Doreen Potter opened the celebrations and read a beautifully prepared history of the branch written by Sheila Smith. Entertainment was provided by the well-known singer Lorraine Ely, whose performance added fun and flair to the occasion. There is no doubt that this WI branch is something rather special – a place to learn, laugh, contribute and make lasting friendships. New members are very welcome. Why not give it a try and see for yourself.



Open Garden Scheme comes to Little Burstead

Many of you will be aware of The National Garden Scheme (NGS) which gives visitors unique access to over 3,300 exceptional private gardens in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands, and raises impressive amounts of money for nursing and health charities through admissions, teas and cake.

As a result of private gardens being opened to the public NGS have been able to donate over £77.8 million to nursing and health charities. Their core beneficiaries include Carer's Trust, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Parkinson's UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

On **Sunday 10th May 2026** – Ivy Cottage, Laindon Common Road, Little Burstead, Billericay, Essex, CM12 9TB is open to the public. It is a cottage garden presenting a mixture of herbaceous, annual and climbing plants and a large water lily pond in a garden of 1½ acres. It is a haven for birds, butterflies and bees, with borrowed views and mature trees. A garden to quietly reflect, take photographs or have a picnic. Admission £7.50 child free. Opening times 12.00-16.00

On the **18th and 19th June** there is a combined opening with Ivy Cottage and 1 Brook Cottage, Laindon Common Road, Little Burstead, Billericay, Essex, CM12 9TA. Brook Cottage has a traditional cottage front and back garden, plus 3½ acre curtilage of meadow and woodland. The garden combines variety, colours and textures with a profusion of roses, peonies, lilies and classic blooms interspersed with more exotic plants and flowers, vegetables and vines. Grounds invite exploration and contemplation. Admission to both gardens, adult: £13.00, child free. Opening times 12:00 - 16:00.

Refreshments, Tea, coffee & cake, will be served on all dates at 1 Brook Cottage.

Saturday 20th June – Brook Cottage has an evening opening from 18.00 to 21.30, when there will be a BBQ with soft and alcoholic drinks available, at extra cost. Admission Adult: £7.50 Child: Free. Why not go along, meet your neighbours and enjoy beautiful gardens on our doorsteps, whilst donating money to some excellent charities.

For more information see
https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/49154/ivy-cottage
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- **Billericay Town Council Meetings** Planning,**12th 25th May**; Health, Wellbeing and Environment **19th May**; Finance and General Purpose **28th May**; Annual Town Council **7th May**. All meetings start at 7pm.



Clubs and Societies

- **Anna's Place** For older adults. Dementia friendly. Crafts, puzzles, games, music, singing, lunch, and refreshments 10.30am-2pm **every Tuesday**, Christ Church Hall, Perry Street, Billericay. For more information phone 01277 630144
- **Basildon and District Rambling Club** Come and join us for a walk on **Saturday afternoons** starting at 2pm SHARP. For further details go to https//basildondistrictramblingclub.co.uk or call our Ramble Secretary on 07890 585619
- **Basildon and Billericay French Circle** meets at The Fold, Laindon Road. **Friday 5th June** at 8pm Albert Camus – a talk by Emilie Capulet. 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 May 11th** Not Forgotten – The Crooked Billet. The story of a V2 rocket attack – Jennie Randall. 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. **May 8th** A Century of Spice Patrick Rothon. 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. Next meeting **April 27th**. More information : judithisobel@talktalk.net
- **Billericay Horticultural Society Monday May 18th** Flowering Shrubs for each month- George Lockwood. 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.
- **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 11th May**. 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.
- **Mill Meadows Society Thursday 14th May** at 7.45pm in the Chantry Centre CM11 2AP. AGM of registered charity Mill Meadows LNR followed by a talk by Daniel Bridge on 'Wood', Daniel is a renowned local professional photographer and photography tutor. Free admission. Non members welcome. Refreshments available. Website: millmeadows.org.uk. E-mail admin@millmeadows.org.uk
- **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.

- **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 24th May** Online Auction, starts at 11am; **24th May** Curry Lunch at Nirvana Indian Restaurant, Ingatestone. £22 per person. 2pm for 2.15pm start. Booking essential; **7th June** Open Day at the Sanctuary 1-4pm Entry £8 for adults and £6 for children. 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, Essex CM14 4TJ 8pm start. Phone 01245 420475 www.spikesplace.co.uk or find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. £15 cash on the door, full line-ups listed on website. Fully accessible. **Tuesday 5th May** – Matt Wates, Leon Greening, Julian Bury, Matt Fishwick. **Tuesday 12th May** – Marc Cecil, John Sealy, Leon Greening, Simon Thorpe. **Tuesday 19th May** – Ted Beament, Robert Fowler, bass and drums to be advised.
- **The 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**. **22nd May** Kev Remmington The Men's Shed. 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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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

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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.

BATTERSEA POWER STATION SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026

PLEASE PAY NOW

Discover London's most exciting shopping centre in this iconic Grade 2* listed building. It has over 150 shops, bars, restaurants, parks and riverside walks. Take a ride on the land train (£2.50) for a gentle journey around the estate and soak up the atmosphere. The Chimney Lift makes a thrilling 109 metres ascent to the top of the north west chimney with a stunning 360 degree view of London's skyline. Visit the power station's magnificent art deco turbine hall and see Sir Giles Gilbert's 1920's office the power station's original architect.

Cost: £21.00 which includes coach and entry to Battersea.

Depart: GG 8.45am. OA 8.50am. LR 9.00am. SG 9.10am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.00pm.

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

A VISIT TO HISTORIC CHATHAM DOCKYARD AND CALL THE MIDWIFE TOUR – THURSDAY 28TH MAY

SEATS AVAILABLE

DUE TO LACK OF TAKE UP, UNFORTUNATELY THIS TRIP HAS HAD TO BE CANCELLED

Join us for a visit to Chatham Dockyard ritage spot three histo rine. Take the

Cost dwife Tour.

Depa LR 8.30am, SG 8.35am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.00pm.

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

NEW TRIP SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026 – BURY ST EDMUNDS HIDDEN GARDENS

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.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Thurs 14th May

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NEW TRIP SATURDAY 26TH JULY – SNAPE MALTING AND ALDEBURGH

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.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am Tuesday 12th May

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