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East area

1. Balmoral Close, James Square
2. Outwood Farm Close, Outwood Farm Road
3. Hillary Mount and Burghstead Court

Contact: Markhayes001@sky.com

Lower Southend Road, (south of Outwood Common Road)

Contact: keithbailey1951@outlook.com

Farewell to our road rep Mary Long who helped us deliver in Southend Road for 20 years and will be greatly missed!

BDRA NEWS



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THE LOCAL PLAN – WHERE ARE WE NOW?

The emerging Local Plan was withdrawn over a year ago now. Basildon Council has started afresh on a new version that they are planning to complete and adopt by the end of 2027.

The new plan will be for the 15 years to 2042.

The process actually started late last year with a new call for sites i.e., asking land owners to put forward areas for possible future development in a new Local Plan.

The second phase will be an Issues & Options public consultation, being prepared for this June. This is a formal, but optional, consultation allowing residents and stakeholders to comment on high level themes that will inform the next Local Plan. There will be no site allocations at this stage.

The themes include the plan period of 2027 to 2042, housing need and type, affordability, spatial options (where to build), employment and environmental matters.

It is important that we have a big local response to the June consultation. As with previous consultations we will provide advice and guidance nearer the time.

We will not see any details on final housing numbers and proposed sites until the first draft Local Plan in 2024, and that too will be subject to public consultation as the plan making process dictates.

In parallel to the above, the Council has set up a Local Plan Residents Forum and the BDRA & BAG are involved.

Additionally, the Government is proposing key changes to national planning policies which could have a beneficial impact on the next Basildon Local Plan, most specifically allowing the limiting of housing numbers where the existing Green Belt is a constraint. Basildon Council has acknowledged that they will have to adapt the next Local Plan should the proposed Governmental changes become legislation, but we are pleased to see that they are already considering a more appropriate (hopefully lower than before) housing target based on the real local need.

Getting the housing target right is most critical as from that the scale of land required will be the obvious outcome. Protecting the existing Green Belt from development remains paramount.

But we also need to consider that that they are the right types of houses for local need, affordability is addressed, that the sites are in the right places to meet that localised need and are sustainable within our existing communities and environment. We also need to see adequate and early infrastructure provision.

We need a new Local Plan to stop speculative development and to deliver the houses we really need in a controlled way. As before we collectively need to support, inform and at times challenge the Council to ensure it's a good plan for the future of our town and the borough as a whole.

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Dear Editor,

In response to Julian Whybra's letter last issue

The term affordable housing is a generic one and covers a large number of affordable tenures. Each one offers a different way to rent or part own a new home, depending on housing need and personal financial circumstance.

References to 80% of market rent relate to one affordable tenure only - Affordable Rent. Even then, 80% is a maximum and often the rent paid to the Housing Association is lower. Other affordable tenures, such as a Social Rent are heavily subsidised and the rent is significantly lower than that paid by affordable rent tenants. Shared Ownership and Shared Equity models offer flexible pathways to part ownership.

The real issue as to whether the homes are truly affordable and whether they benefit local people is that while the Local Planning Authority will start from a position of 35% affordable housing, with a 70:30 split between rented and shared ownership homes, Developers will argue minimal or zero affordable housing by reason of viability. This isn't unique to Basildon BC or Billericay; this is a tension that plays out daily on a national and local level. Hopefully Basildon BC will stay strong and hold Housebuilders and Developers to account and ensure that the interests of local residents are put before commercial gain.

Regards

Anon

Dear Editor,

Barrenleys Wood update

Readers will recall the tragedy of Barrenleys Wood, near Outwood Farm Road, where the landowner destroyed more than 6 acres of irreplaceable Ancient Woodland by dumping more than 50,000 tons of rubble on it.

BDRA worked with the Council to get an Enforcement Notice, requiring removal of the spoil, but the Planning Inspector said only part of the spoil must go - he couldn't require removal of the rest as it had been there more than four years.

Cllr Schrader has been in touch to say that the Council Enforcement team has been on site and confirmed that the required spoil has now been removed, and the residential caravans vacated as well.

We're very grateful for Andrew Schrader's persistent support with this, and we're also grateful to the Council Enforcement team for their efforts in what has been a challenging case.

Alasdair Daw



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We, Billericay Town FC, pride ourselves on being a community club and have done so for many years. With upwards of around eighty teams operating under the BTFC banner including men's and women's senior teams, through colts and girls' teams ranging from U7's up to U18's age group, plus walking football for over 60's and soccerbility teams.

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NORSEY WOOD SPRING FAYRE – 30TH APRIL 2023

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Members of the Society will also be undertaking guided Tours of the Wood and there will be Pond Dipping available, which is always a favourite with the youngsters as well as being educational. The local Scouts will provide refreshments.

With the Fayre being a week earlier than usual so as not

to clash with the Coronation weekend, we are hopeful that the Bluebells will still be showing to bring some Spring colour to the Wood.

The Fayre will be open from 11.00am – 4.00pm, but parking will be limited.

www.norseywoodsociety.uk

BILLERICAY ROUND TABLE EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday 8th April 2023

11.00am Prize Collection
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Another outdoor bowling season will soon be commencing in the beautiful Lake Meadows Park in Billericay and the Billericay Bowling Club has organised a Free Open Day on Sunday 7th May 2023 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. We cater for all ages and currently have around 100 members.

Q CAN I HAVE A GO TO SEE IF I LIKE IT?

A Of course you can. Just contact Jenny Hyland on 07941 977338 in advance to pre book a time slot. This is a FUN day and sessions will be for approximately one hour to enable you to see if you like bowls.

Q DO I NEED ANY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT?

A Only flat soled shoes and we can supply the bowls.

Q IS COACHING AVAILABLE?

A If you discover an immediate love of bowls we will be arranging a number of coaching sessions during the next 2/3 weeks and Club coaches plus experienced bowlers will be available during the Open Day to answer any queries but the day concentrates on having FUN.

Q HOW OFTEN CAN I BOWL?

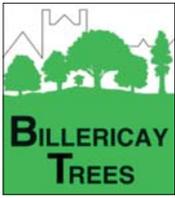
A Our summer season outdoors starts on 1st May until 30th September and bowling is available every day. Club morning is every Thursday and there is also a Monday club afternoon, Ladies, Mens and Mixed leagues run throughout the season and Friendly matches - usually Mixed Teams are also played during the summer. We also play indoor invitation games at local bowling clubs from October to April.

Q WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I JOIN?

A Each new member is allocated a 'buddy' to guide them through the early days and coaching by qualified coaches is always available on a one to one basis.

For further information visit www.billericaybowlingclub.co.uk or contact JENNY HYLAND or BRIAN HYLAND (Club Secretary) on 01268 410883





Billericay Tree Wardens (BTW)

The Norsey Road Monkey Puzzle Tree

Norsey Road is known for its tree-line of mainly veteran oaks that add a Street Scene amenity quality; for the road is a prestigious address for house ownership. However, over the years when gap-site Developers acquire a property they invariably extend or replace the existing dwelling with something far larger that requires the removal of trees (veteran oaks in particular) from the front gardens. This usually refers to that side of the road whose properties back onto Norsey Wood but not exclusively.

In October of 2022 one of our BTW members noticed that a For Sale sign had been put up outside a property on the opposite side of the road. In the front garden is a splendid mature and healthy Monkey Puzzle tree. Over the years we have realized that when a property changes hands, that is usually the time when trees come under a perceived threat; as the new owner may want a tree removed. In this case, the Monkey Puzzle represents not only a Street Scene amenity tree but also as a landmark as one drives or walks past it. We have reason to believe that the tree was planted in the early fifties.

On inspecting the Planning Application for the property, it became apparent that the Monkey Puzzle tree was to be felled.

So we checked with BBC Planning whether or not the tree had a TPO designation, but on being told not we then immediately applied for a TPO. A Basildon Council Tree Officer attended site and assessed that it met the necessary strict criteria for protection. As we understand it, the necessary legal paperwork for a TPO is being completed. It's not only our native tree species that can be TPO protected but fine specimens of ornamental trees also qualify.

There's an irony here, as the road's character and exclusiveness is jointly engendered by its proximity to a 175 acre Local Nature Reserve of Ancient Woodland and its SSSI designation coupled with its tree-lined front gardens. So removing any of the front garden trees has an overall harmful effect

on the Street Scene. Quite a few veteran and characterful trees have "disappeared" from Norsey Road in recent years due to "ambitious" development. Thankfully, a few of the veteran oaks in the front gardens are protected with a TPO but we remain vigilant of further threats to trees.

In March of last year, there was a third of an acre of Ancient

Woodland on Green Belt removed from one of the rear gardens along Norsey Road that extended down to Norsey Wood's Main Ride, the legality of which is still contested.

The BTW is a subgroup of the Billericay Town Council. Newsletters can be accessed via www.billericaytowncouncil.gov.uk website under the heading "The Town" and then follow the dropdown.



BILLERICAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The History of Billericay Horticultural Society goes back to the late 1800's when allotments were worked on the site of St Andrews Hospital. The formation of B.H.S, commenced around 1921 and its affiliation to the R.H.S. was completed in 1926.

Today the society welcomes around 50 people with monthly meetings held at the Chantry Centre on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8.00pm.

Our annual member fees are £5 a single and £8 for a couple plus £2 when attending. There will be three Coach Outings for members in 2023.

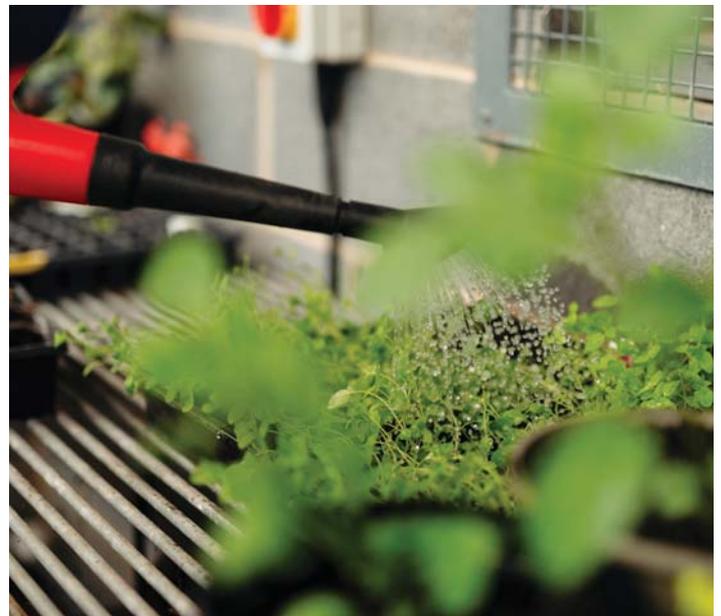
❁ 19th May – Ramster Gardens, Surrey

❁ 22nd July – Wisley Gardens, Surrey

❁ 16th September – Bressingham Gardens, Norfolk

A plant sale will also be taking place in Billericay Reading Rooms on 13th May & 10th June.

To find out more about the society and join please contact Victor Hare 43trouble@gmail.com





By the time you are reading this article, the new play area at Lake Meadows should be completed. And what an exciting and challenging play area it is! Based upon the Friends' story of the Wizard & Dragon and her lost eggs, the new area provides a range of equipment and activities that are accessible to young children of all abilities and which will encourage them to explore and investigate.

Lake Meadows is one of the first parks in the Borough to benefit from Basildon Borough Council's £9 million investment in their Play Review. Local families were consulted on the ideas for Lake Meadows last summer. A new skateboard park is also due to be installed soon at Lake Meadows and the outdoor gym equipment will be moved and new safer surfacing installed there.

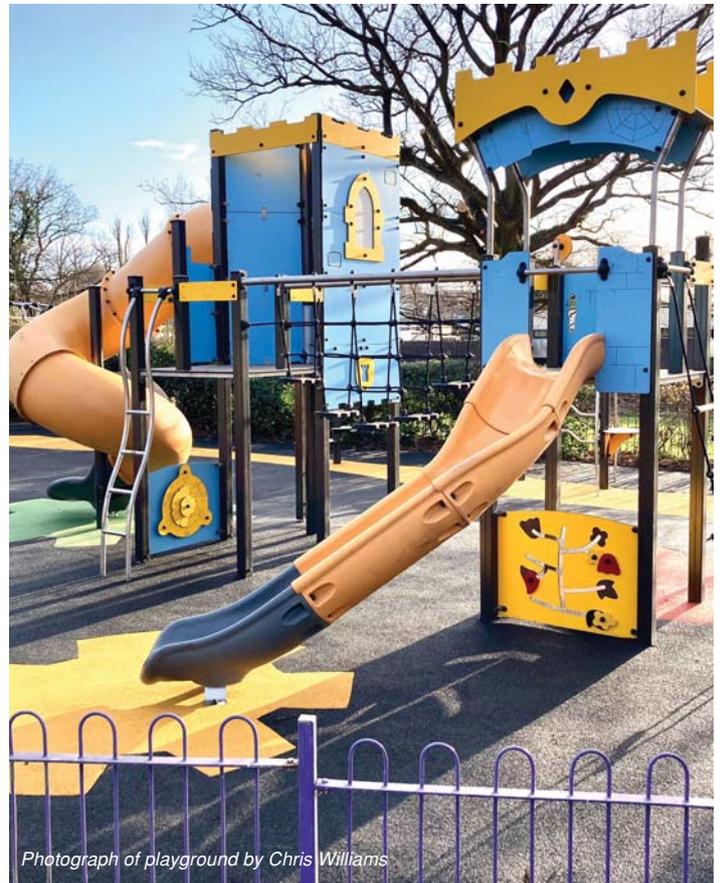
Chairman of the Leisure and Environment Committee, Councillor Craig Rimmer said: "Play areas provide lots of fun and memories for children and their parents, and the best thing is they're totally free places to enjoy. We want to consult further on the play areas that were proposed for removal, to make sure that we are providing suitable opportunities for all young people in the borough".

Meanwhile, the Wizard and Dragon, which were commissioned by the Friends of

Lake Meadows in 2013, are showing signs of their age. As soon as the weather improves, they will be repainted again, so they should last this year. It would be lovely to replace them but at present this looks unlikely. The storybooks created at the time is now available free from our Information Hut or on-line at www.lakemeadows.org.uk

The old rocking horse in the play area, which was installed many years ago, has been rescued and is currently being 'stabled' before being fixed permanently somewhere nearby, as a static unit for children of the present and future generations to enjoy. We are trying to make contact with the descendants of Councillor John Barr, who was a Billericay Councillor during the 1970s and whom we believe was connected with the Rocking horse. If you know any of his family, please do contact.

Another addition to the park last



Photograph of playground by Chris Williams

month, was the dedication of a tree in the garden area by the mayor of Basildon and two of the cast of Gavin & Stacey, the BBC's long-running, successful series. Neither Alison Steadman nor Larry Lamb, two of the actors, had ever visited Billericay before now. It is believed that their visit was filmed as part of a promotional video about a new TV series.

The Friends are currently looking

for new committee members, gardeners and people to man our Information Hut. If you can spare just a couple of hours a week, we would love you to join us. For more information about the amazing work that the Friends of Lake Meadows do to enhance the park for the local community, please take a look at our website:

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We would love to see all our members to thank them for their support and our many volunteers without whom your Resident Magazine would not exist.

We are hopeful to have a speaker from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance; I'm sure their speaker will be extremely engaging with many interesting stories as well as providing information about the important service they provide.

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- **BDRA Meetings** All members welcome. Contact us on resident@bdra.org. Next meeting: 7.30pm at the Reading Rooms on Thursday **13th April**



Clubs and Societies

- **Billericay Archaeological and Historical Society** meet at The Fold, Laindon Road, **Monday 17th April** – Transport in London during WWII. Tony Beard Non-Members £2, Raffle £1, refreshments 50p per person. Contact alantaylor8@btopenworld.com
- **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 ljgilbey@oal.com
- **Billericay Horticultural Society** meet at the Chantry Centre from 8pm-10pm, visitors welcome £3.00. Refreshments available. **Monday 17th April** – Asian Woodland Plants Helen Chen Contact 43trouble@gmail.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
- **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

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- **Outwood Common Tenants and Residents Group** Easter Fayre, Bonnet Parade, Egg Hunt. **Saturday 8th April** 12-3pm. St John's Church, Outwood Common Rd
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - **Remus Horse Sanctuary 15th April** Spring Sale at Billericay Reading Rooms 11am-2pm; **23rd April** Online Auction via Remus Facebook Page. Starts 11am; **23rd April** Curry Lunch at Nirvana Indian Restaurant, Ingatestone. £20 per head. 2pm for 2,15 start. Contact <https://www.remussanctuary.org/events>
 - **Stock Brook Ladies Probus Group** meets on the **3rd Wednesday of each month** to listen to a speaker and take lunch together at Stock Brook Manor. All are welcome. Please contact stockbrookladiesprobus@talktalk.net for more details.
 - **Stock Drama Group** presents Sugar Daddies by Alan Ayckbourn. **Wednesday 26th-Saturday 29th April** 8pm at Stock Village Hall. Tickets £10 available from Exclusive Dry Cleaners, Holly Ct, Billericay or phone 01277 840737. www.ticketsource.co.uk/stockdramagroup
 - **Spike's Place Jazz Club** – performances on **4th, 11th & 18th April**. Bardswell Social Club, Weald Road, Brentwood. www.spikesplace.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
- **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



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 Bowling Club** Open Day, Lake Meadows Park, **7th May 2023**, 10am - 3pm for anyone interested in having a go at playing bowls. Contact Jenny Hyland on 07941 977338 to book your place. First come first served.
- **Billericay Town Walking Football** We train at Billericay Town on **Mondays** 8pm-9,30pm and **Thursdays** 10am-12pm for Men 50+ and **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 a session. Open to everyone of all ages and abilities

To advertise your event here, please email resident@bdra.org

Deadline for the next issue is 10th April for events taking place between 11th April and 10th May 2023

Billericay District Residents' Association **COACH TRIPS**



**ON THE DAY OF THE TRIP ONLY
THE EMERGENCY CONTACT
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:

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.



RYE ON MARKET DAY WITH FISH AND CHIPS AT THE PILOT INN

THURSDAY 20TH APRIL – FULL PLEASE PAY NOW

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL – PLEASE PAY NOW (FEW SEATS LEFT)

Cost: £30.50 includes coach and fish & chip meal. **Departure times are the same for both trips:** GG 8.15am. OA 8.20am. LR 8.30am. SG 8.35am. Back in Billericay approximately 7.30pm.

Join us for one of our most popular trips.

Rye is one of the most picturesque towns in England with its cobbled streets and Tudor, Stuart and Georgian houses. There are many interesting shops to browse and plenty of restaurants to get a snack or light lunch. The market has a wide variety of stall where you can pick up a bargain. We end the day at the Pilot Inn in Dungeness a short drive from Rye. The meal includes fish chips and peas with bread butter and tea or coffee.

PLEASE TELEPHONE TO BOOK A.S.A.P

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

THURSDAY 4TH MAY – “THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL” 2.30PM MATINEE PERFORMANCE AT THE CLIFFS PAVILION SOUTHEND. THE WORLD PREMIERE PRIOR TO THE WEST END

PLEASE PAY NOW / SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel takes us on a journey to India with an eclectic group of British retirees, as they embark on a new life. The luxury residence is far from the opulence they were promised, but as their lives begin to intertwine, they are charmed in unexpected and life-changing ways. The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is a joyous comedy about taking risks, finding love and embracing second chances even in the most surprising of places. Cast includes Paul Nicholas, Tessa Peake-Jones, Belinda Lang & Graham Seed.

Cost: Coach and top priced ticket £ £49.00 **Depart:** GG 12.20pm. OA 12.25pm. LR 12.35pm. SG 12.40pm. Back in Billericay approximately 6.30pm.

Please contact Yvonne on 01277 840560 A.S.A.P.

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



THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2023 – HASTINGS ON MARKET DAY SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

Hastings is a large cinque port with strong connections to the fishing industry. It has two funicular railways one which takes you up to East Hill Hill, where you can enjoy lovely views or West Hill where you can see the ruins of Hastings Castle. The old town is full of charm with half-timbered houses, narrow streets and passageways and offers a great collection of antique shops and vintage galleries. There are plenty of cafes to buy a coffee, snack or lunch.

Cost: £21.00. **Depart:** GG 8.30am. OA 8.35am. LR 8.45am. SG 8.50am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.30pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Tuesday March 14th

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



SATURDAY 3RD JUNE – SNAPE MALTING AND ALDEBURGH ★ NEW ★

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 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: £19.00 **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 on Tuesday 11th April

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



SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2023 – BURY ST EDMUNDS HIDDEN GARDENS ★ NEW ★

Now in its 37th year this event is held every year and all the money raised goes to the St Nicholas Hospice Care. About 30 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: £25.50 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 Monday 17th April

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

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 seats, however if we are unable to resell your seats you are liable for payment. The terms and conditions which apply to BDRA coach trips can be found at www.bdra.org

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