

The Resident

Billericay District Residents' Association



December 2023

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



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BDRA VACANT ROLES

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We are desperately in need of new volunteer road reps and relief road reps 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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Area Membership Secretary for Great Burstead & South Green

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From February 2024 we will be offering a digital version of the magazine if you prefer, less paper in your letter box or are moving or have moved out of the area, but would still like to know what is going on in Billericay. The magazine will be delivered by email and we will require members who choose this method to pay their membership fees by Bank Transfer. All you have to do is email us by the 15th January at e-mag@bdra.org if you want to change. If we do not hear from you the paper magazine will of course continue to be delivered to your door.



BDRA NEWS



"Help us to help you"



The Joint Area Committee (JAC) are working hard

As a result of the recent boundary changes, Steeple View is now part of Billericay. Whilst Steeple View has its own Resident's Association, several members attended the recent JAC meeting. Their members were particularly looking for support concerning the potential new housing development in Dunton Road. It was hoped that all parties would be able to work together to support the future aims of Billericay.

New planning applications were reviewed and objections made to the Council where it was considered they would have a negative impact on the lives of those living in Billericay.

The composition of Billericay's High Street is currently being reviewed including the number of shops and businesses compared with other town centres in the area. It is planned to produce a survey to canvass the views of residents on how they use the High Street and what they would like to see in the High Street in the future. Although shopping habits are changing, the High Street is still the hub of the Community.

The eyesore at the corner of Radford Way is frequently discussed and we have featured articles in The Resident previously. There is now a hoarding around the site and although it does look tidier, we are continuing to lobby for a resolution and the long-term intentions for the site.

There is a considerable amount of funding available for Billericay youth art/musical projects from The Community Voices project run by Basildon Borough Council. Currently, there is no one driving or organising any events for the young people of Billericay and the BDRA will be looking to make further representations to Community Voices to ensure that the youth of the town do not miss out.

The JAC meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms. If you want to get involved or have concerns about something in the town, why don't you attend, everyone is welcome.

HELP THE BDRA CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE BILLERICAY

State of Roads & Pavements

Like many of you we have been concerned with the deteriorating condition of Billericay's roads & pavements.

For example, we have seen how bad the condition of Hillside Road & Norsey Road is, and The BDRA wrote to our local District & Town Councillors to raise the issue and press for the repairs to be prioritised. However, this did not expedite the repairs.

So we approached the County Council with a freedom of information request to find out when these roads were due for repair, you may have noted that Hillside received patch repairs only on 27th October but as far as we are aware no date has yet been set by the Council for repairs to Norsey Road.

We also asked the County Council to show if they fairly distribute repair funds across Essex to identify if Billericay receiving its fair share. Unfortunately, this was just a computer says "NO" moment as they do not hold this data.

We will be continuing to contact our Councillors and the County Council to press for Billericay's roads and pavements to be brought up to an acceptable standard of repair. However, it would assist us if our members could bring all roads and pavements in need of repair to our attention.

SO PLEASE FORWARD DETAILS OF ALL ROADS/PAVEMENTS NEEDING REPAIR TO bdra@theresident.org, with photos if possible.

Out with a bang!

Billericay Fireworks 2023, organised by Billeircay Roundtable was a great success! Lots of money raised, which will be given back to those who need it most in and around Billericay. New friendships forged, community groups brought together, traditions kept and a ton of pride earned by all of those involved.

Well done Billericay and thank you to everyone who supported this annual event.



Fireworks photo: Photofold Camera Club



The Billericay Reading Rooms have a new Letting Officer



Sheila Pullin who has been the Letting Officer and Trustee for the past 13 years has decided to stand down from the role at the end of the year to spend more time on her other interests locally. Sheila has been a vital cog in the smooth running of the Rooms over all these years, making many friends along the way.

The new Letting Officer, Askin Ozerin, has taken over the role at a very busy time and recognises the History and traditions of this 160 year old Organisation.

The Letting Officer and her team can be contacted on Bookings@thereadingrooms.org. To see more information about the Rooms why not look at our website thereadingrooms.org for more

information on the various courses and events booked each month.

For more information visit TheReadingRooms.org for more information on the various courses and events booked each month.



New Year • New NEWS

We are constantly looking for news and stories from the people of Billericay to include in The Resident every month. If you think you have something exciting or a view about our town to share please write to our Editor via email resident@bdra.org

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Gone too soon Mayflower High School and Billericay pays tribute to Freddie

The community stood together and helped raise over £32,000 for the family of 15 year old Freddie Coleman, a Mayflower High School student who tragically died in a road collision on Stock Road on 3 November. The Fundraiser, set up by close friends exceeded its target of £1,000 in just 24 hours with the help of anonymous donors and locals affected by this tragedy.

This devastating event has left the community of Stock and Billericay heartbroken. Dozens of flowers and letters were left outside Mayflower High School in tribute to 'Forever young' Freddie as well as hundreds of messages online. The family and parents of Freddie have paid tribute to their "beautiful boy", who was "loved by everybody who knew him, our kind, happy, funny boy", thanking everyone who has supported them.

Some of our roads are dangerous and have no safe



paving for pedestrians. At the time of writing, Essex Police are 'actively' investigating the incident, said to involve two vehicles and a suspected drink driving offence. They are asking for people with any information to come forward.

A spokesman for Essex Police said: "You can let us know by submitting a report on our website or by using our online Live Chat service. Alternatively, you can call us on 101. Please cite crime incident 218 of November 3."

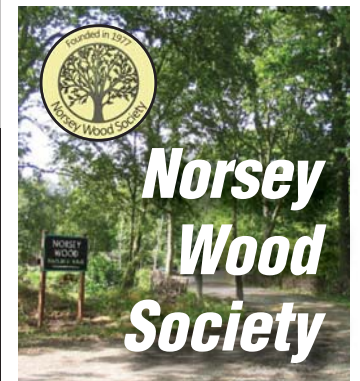
The Act of Remembrance

The people of Billericay didn't let the weather stop them from gathering to honour those who fought and died for us in war on 12 November. Crowds came together to watch a parade on the High Street including the Air Cadets.

Schools and groups also paid their respects through the week with silences and poppy art to honour our soldiers.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



The Norsey Wood Society will be holding its next illustrated Talk at 7.45pm on Monday 15th January 2024 in The Fold, 72 Laindon Road, Billericay CM12 9LD (car park behind former Reid's).

Preceded by a short AGM Alison Woollard, a City of London Blue Badge Guide, will present, 'Room to Breathe – Gardens and Open Spaces in the City of London'.

Everyone welcome to this free event.

Visit norseywoodsociety.uk or mail norseywoodsociety1977@gmail.com for more details.

A Celebration for our Volunteers



Thank you to everyone, including over 50 road reps and volunteers, who gathered for an afternoon of music, tea and cake created by Ravens Bakery and a spot of dancing, at St Emmanuel Church on 1 November.

Local band Rumatica played some familiar tunes which helped brighten up what was otherwise a rainy autumn afternoon.

Rumatica, donate all their fees to a charity of the hirer's choice. In this case the BDRA chose The Hamlin Trust to receive the £100 fee. As well as the donation from Rumatica, the BDRA agreed to donate a further £100 of its own funds. This Christmas the BDRA is

also donating £250 to the Churches Together for their Christmas Day Lunch.

The BDRA is a voluntary-led association which is dedicated to protecting the future of our town. Please tell your family, neighbours and children about us. We need the next generation to step up so we can continue our hard work in protecting the future of our beautiful town.

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The Remus Never Forget Elephant



The winning bid for 'Never Forget' – the not so little elephant donated to Remus from the 'Herd in the City' initiative in Essex – raised an incredible £2,400 for the charity. He is now back near Southend at his new forever home.

The Herd in The City trail took place from 14 July to 4 September and consisted of 46 elephants and 72 baby elephants located around Southend-on-Sea, Leigh-on-Sea and Shoeburyness. Each of the wonderfully decorated elephants had a meaning and significance and were part of a trail that people could follow.

'Never Forget' was gifted to Remus for fundraising in October 2023.



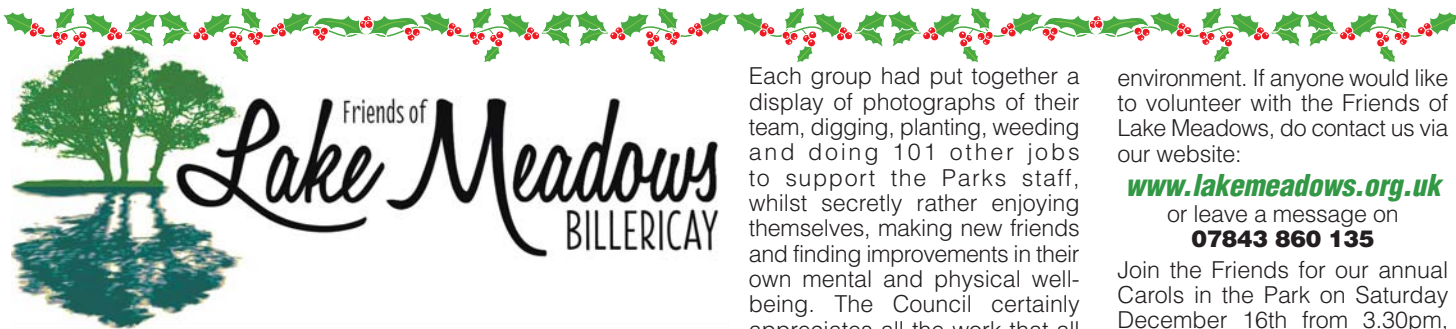
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About eighteen months ago, the Friends of Lake Meadows volunteers instigated the formation of Basildon Parks & Countryside Volunteers Network. So far there are 12 groups involved, who meet quarterly to share ideas and concerns, disasters and achievements, as well as receiving regular updates from the Parks Operations Manager.

Recently, representatives of all the volunteers in the Network were invited by Basildon Council to a special afternoon event at Wat Tyler Country Park to celebrate the work that we do. Forty volunteers including six of our gardeners and a member of our ecology team, joined councillors, members of the parks team and other staff members to celebrate the range of work that the groups undertake.

We heard details from the Parks Manager about the wide variety of green spaces in the Borough that includes five town parks, three country parks, sixteen open spaces and twenty recreation grounds, as well as several nature reserves. The huge variety of wildlife and the many different types of habitat is quite amazing, ranging from grassland and scrub, to ancient woodland, salt marsh, rivers and lakes. We, at Lake Meadows, are particularly privileged to have such a wide variety of birds

and waterfowl visiting the park and the many species of trees and wildflowers that have been surveyed by the Friends is remarkable for a 40 acre town park.

Each group had put together a display of photographs of their team, digging, planting, weeding and doing 101 other jobs to support the Parks staff, whilst secretly rather enjoying themselves, making new friends and finding improvements in their own mental and physical well-being. The Council certainly appreciates all the work that all the volunteers undertake, which across the Borough, amounts to over 10 thousand hours per year. They admit that they really could not do without us! Our involvement is central to helping shape the future of our parks and open spaces. Hopefully we shall grow, ensuring that our parks and open spaces continue to flourish and that they will continue to be recognised as essential for our own health and for the

environment. If anyone would like to volunteer with the Friends of Lake Meadows, do contact us via our website:

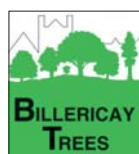
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07843 860 135

Join the Friends for our annual Carols in the Park on Saturday December 16th from 3.30pm, near the bowls pavilion. The event is free, with Xmas refreshments available, but a bucket collection will be taken with proceeds going towards caring for the park. Bring torches!

Events Diary

**Friends of Lake Meadows
Carols in the Park
Saturday December 16th
3.30pm**

*Near the Bowls Pavilion
Bring torches!*



Billericay Tree Wardens (BTW)

Brightside Primary School – Planting Project

On the morning of Monday 6th November the Billericay Tree Wardens (BTW) enlisted the help of the pupils from the Eco-committee to plant a seven foot tall Silver Birch (pendula) and four butterfly attracting Buddleja bushes (davidii).

The planting complements a seated area bordered by timber planks previously installed by the school. The plant species were chosen for their relatively quick growing ability and attraction to insects. Tree Warden and Councillor Chris May joined us for the project (third in from the left), BTW's tree planter Nathan Hume is fifth in from the left followed by Fiona who has liaised with the school throughout. The young from the Eco-committee enthusiastically joined in the

planting process and were keen to apply the compost, tamping it down and finally applying the mulch! A word that became the 'word of the day' with much amusement! This is the second planting project that the BTW has undertaken at the school and we thank the teachers in charge for seamlessly organizing the event. The young already have the mindset as to the importance of nature and were ready for the challenge! The child protection policy restricts publishing

pictures of children so the significantly older BTW members will have to make do! The project

was co-funded by the school and the BTW. **The BTW is a subgroup of the BTC.**





Protect Your Stepfamily's Financial Future

If you are a parent and your child has remarried and their new partner has children already from a previous marriage or relationship, now is a good time to consider updating your will.

Depending on your circumstances, you may be overjoyed by the new additions to your family, whereas others are not, and they want to ensure that their own bloodline inherits their estate. It is important to talk through your wishes with a will specialist, as a will can be drafted in accordance with your wishes.

Will my step-grandchildren automatically inherit my estate?

Legally speaking, if you pass away without a will, then any step-grandchildren will not receive anything in your estate, whereas any biological grandchildren would do so under the rules of intestacy (in the event that your

spouse, parents, and children have predeceased you).

How can I make my step-grandchildren or my child's new partner inherit my estate?

If you are on good terms with them and would like to leave part of your estate, then this is easily done. You just need to specifically name them as a beneficiary of your will.

What if I do not want my step-grandchildren or my child's new partner to inherit my estate?

You need to ensure that you do not leave them a legacy under your will and that they are not financially



dependent on you in any way during your lifetime.

You also need to consider whether you actually want to gift something to your own child, especially in the event that, when they pass away,

part of their estate is given to their new blended family.

It really does depend on what your individual circumstances are and who you would like to leave your estate to.

If you would like to put a will in place, then please contact me.

Emma Clarke

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Dates for your Diary!



BDRA and Town Council Meetings

- **Billericay Town Council Meetings** Planning, 12th December 3rd, 16th and 30th January; Health, Wellbeing and Environment 9th January; Finance and General Purposes 18th January; Town Council 14th December, 25th January
- **BDRA Meetings Thursday 14th December and 11th January 7.30pm** at The Reading Rooms

All members welcome. Contact us on resident@bdra.org.



Clubs & Societies

- **Billericay Archaeological and Historical Society** Meet at The Fold, Laindon Road, Monday 11th December 'Christmas in the Trenches' Nick Dobson. January 9th Death in Ancient Egypt Janet Brewer 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 lilgilbey@oal.com
- **Billericay Horticultural Society** meet at the Chantry Centre from 8pm-10pm, visitors welcome £3.00. Refreshments available. Monday 18th December – Christmas Party Contact 43trouble@gmail.com
- **Billericay Lions Club** meet in The Duchess Suite at The Duke's Head Ph on the second and fourth Mondays every month 8-10pm. If you would like to make new friends, whilst helping those less fortunate than yourself, please get in touch 0345 833 9849. For more information www.billericaylions.com
- **Billericay Men's Shed** Generally fortnightly – Mondays – Coffee n chat, Tuesdays – Woodworking, Wednesdays – Volunteer supported sessions for those with dementia and their carers. Lake Meadows to the front of the bowls building, just beyond the bowling green. Contact billericaymensshed@gmail.com or phone 07544 752686
- **Billericay Branch of The Mother's Union** meet on 4th Wednesday each month at 1pm for 1.30pm start in the Mayflower/Pilgrim Rooms of The Emmanuel Archer Hall 66-68 Laindon Road, Billericay CM12 9LD. We have a variety of Speakers and activities, Contact Pauline 07939102945
- **Billericay Choral Society Tuesday 12th December** 8pm Emmanuel Church, Billericay. Christmas Concert with John Pierce (tenor) and Sue Handscombe (flute). Christmas Oratorio by Bob Chilcott and other Festive music. Tickets £10 in advance (£12 on the night), available from Slipped Discs, Billericay High Street. Online via website www.billericaychoral.co.uk or phone 625667.
- **Billericay and District Parkinsons Support Group** We have every Monday and Tuesday at 11.30am at Studio360 our exercise classes; every other Tuesday Let's Sing Group meet at 2pm in Christchurch, Wickford, our Walk and Talk Group meet every Thursday at 11am at main entrance of Lake Meadows to walk a loop or two and tea at the end; Monthly meeting on 3rd Saturday of each month at Emmanuel Hall at 2.30pm.
- **Billericay WEA** at The Reading Rooms, Billericay High Street CM12 9AS. In World Cinema with Bex Harper. 8 Wednesday sessions 2-4pm from January 10th to March 6th (excludes Feb 21st). Fee £67.20. Ref: 000012233. Enrol www.wea.org.uk or phone 0300 303 3464 or contact Billericay.branch@wea.ac.uk or 01277 598568
- **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 December at 7pm – Parents are given a warm and friendly welcome in a safe environment. Contact Lyn on 07387805406 or e-mail lyncurrie@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** are dancing at the Christmas Market on 3rd December: 12.00 St Edith's Lane, 12.25 The Chequers, 12.50 The Crown and on 10th December at 12.45 The Bear, Stock. New members welcome at our practices every Thursday at St Mary Magdalen, High St. at 7.30pm. For more information: 01277 654228 or www.mayflowermorris.com
- **Norsey Wood Society** The Society will be holding our next Illustrated Talk at 7.45pm on Monday 15th January 2024 in The Fold, 72, Laindon Road, Billericay CM12 9LD (car park behind former Reids). This will be preceded by a short AGM. Alison Woollard, a City of London Blue Badge Guide will present 'Room to Breathe – Gardens and Open Spaces in the City of London'. Everyone welcome to this free event. For more details visit norseywoodsociety.uk or mail norseywoodsociety1977@gmail.com
- **Olde Fashioned Jumble Sale and Xmas Fayre Saturday 2nd December** 12-3pm. St. John's Church, Outwood Common Road CM11 2LE
- **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 10th December** Carol Service at The Sanctuary, 2pm for 2.15pm start. Due to lack of parking space, only members/sponsors 17th December, 28th January – Online Auction via Remus Facebook Page. Starts 11am. 17th December, 28th January Curry Lunch at Nirvana Indian Restaurant, Ingatstone. £20 per person. 2pm for 2.15pm start. Booking essential. 4th February Virtual Open Day –

via the Remus Facebook Page. 11am-1pm Contact <https://www.remussanctuary.org/events>.

- **Spike's Place Jazz Club** Bardswell Social Club, Weald Rd, Brentwood CM14 4TJ. 8pm start. Telephone 01245 420475, www.spikesplace.co.uk or find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Prices and full line-ups listed on website. Fully accessible.
- **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.
- **The Wallace Singers Christmas Concert** – 'O Holy Night' – Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm The Wessex Auditorium, Brentwood School. Middleton Hall Lane CM15 8EE. Box Office: 07981030481. Email: thewallacesingers.boxoffice@gmail.com Ticket price £15 (under 14s £8)

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** Friendly EBU affiliated 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 4 years+ 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 btfcwt@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 January 2024 for events taking place between 1st February and 9th March 2024

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 at
Wickford, opposite the retirement apartments.

Please note – When a trip is confirmed the fare must be paid as soon as possible.

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CRUISING INTO CHRISTMAS, INCLUDING BLUE BADGE GUIDE, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND FISH & CHIP SUPPER

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023

PICK UP TIMES: GG 12.00pm OA 12.05pm

LR 12.15pm SG 12.20pm

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2023

We arrive at Royal Greenwich to enjoy an afternoon of Christmas shopping in the covered market & boutique style of shops with time to visit the National Maritime Museum & the Queen's House (both are free entry).

We meet our Blue Badge Tour Guide at Greenwich Pier at 3.45pm, as the sun sets, for a one hour cruise to Westminster with a fun & informative Cockney skipper's commentary. We pass the Canary Wharf all lit up like a mini-Manhattan. We sail beneath a floodlit Tower Bridge and through the glistening City & West End.

Our coach driver meets us at Westminster Pier ready for a tour of Christmas London by night. It's great fun seeing the busy shopping streets from high up in your coach.

The tour is much more than the Christmas Lights though as we'll also show you some of London's most beautifully illuminated buildings and we go off the beaten track to bring you up to date with what is new in the capital.

At 6.30pm we finish our day with a fish & chip supper, a hot drink & will be ready to head home around 8pm.

I have informed everyone that the pick up times would be changed for the 17th trip.

**PICK UP TIMES: Depart GG 12.45pm. OA 12.50pm
LR 1.05pm SG 1.10pm back in Billericay approx
8.30pm.**

**Emergency contact No. 07518 122647 For
day of the trip only.**

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

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WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2024 – GUIDED TOUR OF FAVERSHAM BREWERY WITH TWO COURSE LUNCH SEATS AVAILABLE

We arrive in Faversham in time to have a coffee before we start our tour.

The Shepherd and Neame brewery is Britain's oldest brewery. We learn on the guided tour about the ancient art of brewing and look at brewing and fermentation vessels they used. We can taste natural mineral water from the brewery's well and try some malted barley.

The eighty minute tour includes a visit to the old brewery store which features impressive displays of historic delivery vehicles, a recreated coopers' workshop, bygone pub signs and a collection of interesting memorabilia. The tour ends in the visitor centre with a tutored tasting of three of their Kentish ales. You will have the chance to visit the Brewery Shop where you can pick up a souvenir, gift or some of their favourite beers.

Our lunch will be Spitfire sausages served with Spitfire ale onion gravy, mashed potatoes and peas followed by home made bread and butter pudding and fresh cream (*vegetarian option available*), a drink of your choice is included

A virtual tour is available for those that would rather not do the walking tour.

Cost: Coach, Guided Tour and Lunch £54.50

Depart GG 8.30am. OA 8.35am. LR 8.45am. SG 8.50am back in Billericay approximately 5 00pm

Please telephone to book

Kathleen Fox, 72 Perry Street, Billericay, CM12 0ND.

Telephone: 01277 622342

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NEW FOR 2024! COACH HOLIDAY

FULL – WAITING LIST IN OPERATION

**Balance due by the 13th January
2024 plus insurance of £15 if
required.**

**IMPERIAL HOTEL EASTBOURNE SATURDAY 9TH
MARCH – WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024**

**Included 5 days half board 2 full day excursions (places to
be arranged) 1 evening half price bar (5pm till 9pm)
Entertainment every evening. Usual pick up points times to
be arranged.**

The Imperial Hotel is ideally situated 100yards from the beach and 300yards from the shops. All rooms have a television and tea and coffee making facilities. There is a lift and also a bar and a separate lounge area. A coffee shop and snack bar are situated in the hotel. Wifi is available in the public areas. There are 14 single room available with no single supplement.

Cost: £290.00. Deposit £55.00.

Please telephone to book

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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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