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We are looking for an Editor to get our news out there every month. You will support our team and research and write content for our magazine. The role is a great opportunity for someone to gain experience in editing and would suit someone who has good communication skills. Please contact resident@bdra.org to apply.

The Chiropractic Centre – Billericay celebrates its 9th birthday!

The Chiropractic Centre – Billericay at 13 Meadow Rise (off Jacksons Lane) in Billericay marked its 9th birthday with a remarkable celebration that seamlessly blended entertainment with community support. Jazz singer Amy Hollinsworth stole the spotlight with her brilliant performance, enchanting attendees and adding a touch of sophistication to the festivities. Beyond the musical charm, the event had a meaningful impact, raising over £730 for a special needs and parents charity (SNAP) in Brentwood.



This dual celebration not only highlighted the center's commitment to health but also showcased its dedication to social responsibility. The community's collective efforts in contributing to the charitable cause emphasized the Chiropractic Centre's role as a hub for both well-being and

community support. As the center continues to flourish, this birthday bash becomes a testament to its holistic approach, proving that joyous celebrations and charitable endeavors can harmoniously coexist, creating a positive impact on both individuals and the community at large.

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Cater Museum 74 High Street

For many years our High Street in Billericay was honoured to have a wonderful museum "The Cater Museum". Not only did hundreds of children enjoy a visit there, many being with school outings. Visitors to come to Billericay just to enjoy tours of the museum by the curator.

My own grandchildren visited with me, and when shown a gas mask by the Curator she finally had to agree with them that it was something Dr Who used. Not only was the museum a great asset of Billericay it was also the Head Office, for 86 years, of The Billericay Society. Which our committee visited often. It is a shame to be denied this wonderful asset of Billericay.

Since before the pandemic the museum has been closed for refurbishment and although inquiries have been made no proper answer has been received. We the former committee of The Billericay Society have been informed that they are awaiting planning permission to replace some of the windows.

The Cater Museum was established by Alice May Cater in honour of her late husband William Alexander Cater, a local antiquarian. It was opened to the public in 1960 and lies within a Grade II listed building.

In 2002 a Victorian kitchen garden was opened and in 2008 received £41,000 from the National Lottery for renovations to the rear of the building.

If anyone has any other information regarding the re-opening of the museum, please let me know. Enquiries have been made with the Billericay Town Council but they have no information either.

Doug Smith



The Cater Museum REOPENS ITS DOORS

The trustees, volunteers, and curator of the Cater Museum in Billericay High Street are very pleased to announce that we are reopening to the public. After such a prolonged period of closure we are eager to welcome both returning visitors and newcomers to relive, learn, and reconnect with the stories that have shaped our town.

Visitors can expect a blend of the familiar (like our famous two-

headed lamb), new displays, and brand-new stories that offer a fresh perspective on Billericay's past. Get ready to take a journey from Billericay's prehistory all the way through to the modern period.

You can find us at 74 High Street, and we will see you on the 3rd December, the day of the Billericay Christmas Market. (Unfortunately, there is no lift access to the first and second floors.)

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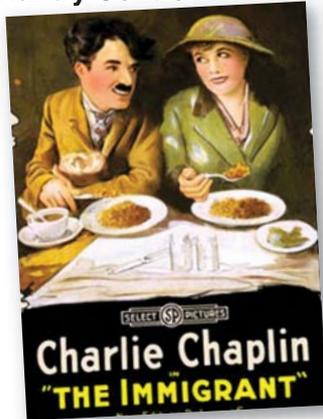
Billericay Cinema's 8th Birthday!



“Billericay has a cinema?” is a common response when you mention Billericay Community Cinema – and yet it has now been going for 8 years, firstly in the Library in 2015 and more recently in the Chantry Centre.

During that time more than 150 films have been screened, watched by over 7,200 people from Billericay and surrounding areas.

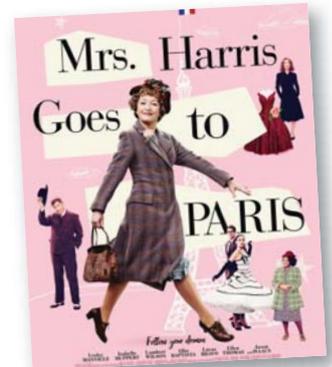
Two films are shown each month: one on a Thursday evening with refreshments including a themed cocktail/mocktail, wine and Billericay Brewing Co. beers; the other a Sunday Matinee which, whilst open to all, particularly welcomes those who fancy a bit of company on a Sunday afternoon: a natter, a cup of tea, a slice of home-made cake and, of course, a great film!



Our new season features a wide range of superb films including Charlie Chaplin's classic from 1917 "The Immigrant", 2018's "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Mrs

Harris Goes to Paris", "The Jazz Singer" with Neil Diamond and Laurence Olivier and Alfred Hitchcock's 1940 adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's "Rebecca".

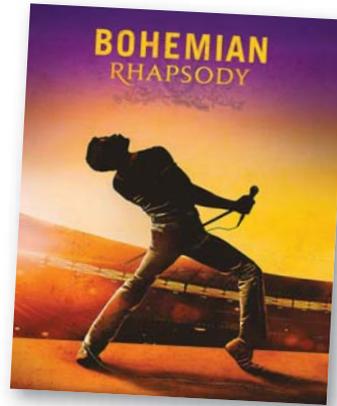
As a not-for-profit, volunteer based community group our aim is a healthy mix of friendly community spirit with entertaining films. Whether on



your own or in a group you can be assured of a very friendly welcome.

Tickets are £5 (Thursdays) and £4 (Sunday).

Find out more online at BillericayCine.com – or pick up a leaflet at the Chantry Centre, the Library, Slipped Discs and Billericay Brewing Co.



BILLERICAY STRIDERS 10K ROAD RACE 2023

It's time to remind everyone about Billericay Striders' ever-popular 10K road race in 2023, which this year will be held on Sunday 5th November. This is the 27th annual running of the event and it is becoming increasingly difficult to get a place, despite increasing runner numbers. This year entries sold out in 2 ½ days. Last year, despite the biblical weather the race was awarded the Howard Williams Trophy for the Best Road Race in Essex.

The race will start at 9.45am at Hannakins Farm Community Centre and finish at Brightside School. As in previous years, Residents in the vicinity of Hannakins Farm Community Centre are asked for their forbearance as additional parking is expected in streets close to the Community Centre. However, runners have been advised to park respectfully and should not cause any inconvenience to local residents in the area. This year we hope to be providing additional spill-over parking as in previous years.

Other roads which will be affected by the race will be: Maplebrook Mews, Upland Road, Rosebay Avenue, Queens Park Avenue, Stock Road, Ingatestone Road and Mountnessing Road. Please be patient during the race – there will be marshals along the route to assist traffic and ensure the safety of the runners. The race is run with the available help from the Police and the Council have been advised.

The race is the largest sporting event in Billericay and is contested by Essex elite

athletes, fun runners and first timers - all are welcome. As mentioned, the race is already sold out, but please keep an eye on our "Billericay Striders 10K" Facebook page as occasionally people are often looking for others to swap with.

If you have any queries,

please email the 10K committee on billericay10k@googlegroups.com

If you have already entered, good luck and enjoy the race!

Once again, the club thanks local residents for their patience during this ever-popular event.



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Our volunteers have been busy this past month both at the park and elsewhere. During October we planted over 550 winter pansies in the raised bed and in the flower boxes at the main entrance. We added bee-attracting plants to the green bee boxes and replanted the sensory beds. Additional plants also replaced some of those lost in the Garden of the Child during last summer's drought and extreme December weather.

Three of our team visited Hyde Hall to a one-day gardening forum on Wildlife and Biodiversity, when we shared information about all the work that we do with other attendees and gained some useful new ideas ourselves.

We were also invited to a 'Celebrating Volunteers' event

at Wat Tyler Country Park, when seven of us joined with other volunteers from parks and nature reserves throughout the Borough. We heard about the wide variety of different open spaces that the Parks & Countryside Team are responsible for and the range of improvements currently being made.



Cllr Jeff Henry, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing, Leisure, Arts, and Culture, gave thanks to all the volunteers involved and said we make a huge difference to our parks and open spaces and the residents that use them.

We are fortunate at Lake Meadows that Basildon Council have already provided the new play area for children, and over the next

few months, both a new skateboard park and Changing Places facility are also to be installed, as well as the toilet block being refurbished. One of the beauties of the park are the trees, especially in their autumn colours – we hope you will enjoy visiting them.

Carols in the Park: Saturday December 16th at 3.30pm.
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BDRA and Town Council Meetings

- **Billericay Town Council Meetings** Planning, 14th and 28th November; Health, Wellbeing and Environment 21st November; Finance and General Purposes 7th December
- **BDRA Meetings Thursday 9th November** 7.30pm at The Reading Rooms All members welcome. Contact us on resident@bdra.org.



Clubs and Societies

- **Billericay Archaeological and Historical Society** meet at The Fold, Laindon Road, **Monday 13th November** The Beginnings of British Working-Class Culture – Ted Woodgate Non-Members £2, Raffle £1, refreshments 50p per person. Contact alantaylor8@btopenworld.com
- **Billericay Community Archive** are holding their annual Hazel's Quiz Night on **Saturday 18th November** at 7.30pm in the W.I. Hall. Tickets are £6 (teams of up to 8) Bring own drinks and nibbles. For tickets and further details contact 07802 154677
- **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 ligitbey@oal.com
- **Billericay Horticultural Society** meet at the Chantry Centre from 8pm-10pm, visitors welcome £3.00. Refreshments available. **Monday 20th November** – AGM 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
- **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 United Reform Church** is holding a Festive Fayre on **Saturday 25th November** from 11.30am to 2.30pm in Mayflower Hall, Chapel Street, Billericay. Please come along and celebrate this special day with us and bring your friends.
- **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 November** at 7pm - Parents are given a warm and friendly welcome in a safe environment. Contact Lyn on 07387805406 or e-mail lyn-currie@hotmail.co.uk www.gone-too-soon.online
- **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
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- **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 16th November** Murder Mystery Dinner at Double Tree Hotel, Dupont Suite, Boreham Wood, Herts WD6 5PU. 7pm for 7.30pm. Smart dress. Tables of 10, teams welcome, Tickets £65 each. Contact Dena 07778 379879; **18th November** Christmas Sale- Billericay Reading Rooms 11am-2pm. Contact Daphne 01277 840217 **26th November** – Online Auction via Remus Facebook Page. Starts 11am **26th November** Curry Lunch at Nirvana Indian Restaurant, Ingatestone. £20 per person. 2pm for 2.15pm start. Booking essential. **5th November** Christmas Sale, Stock Village hall 11am-2pm. **3rd December** Virtual Open Day – via the Remus Facebook Page. 11am-1pm 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 Crondon Park Golf Club. All are welcome. Please contact stockbrookladiesprobus@talktalk.net for more details.

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- **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
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- **Olde Fashioned Jumble Sale and Xmas Fayre Saturday 2nd December** 12-3pm St. John's Church, Outwood Common Road, CM11 2LE



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- **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
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- **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

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Deadline for the next issue is 11th November for events taking place between 10th December 2023 and 9th February 2024

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This hugely successful Christmas gift and food fair is one of East Anglia's exceptional shopping experiences. Over 150 stalls will be exhibiting this year in the cathedral along with the festive food hall, offering its usual array of edible delights. Throughout the event you can enjoy regular floral presentations and seasonal cookery demonstrations. Musical entertainment will be provided by the cathedral choristers. Food and drink is available to purchase in the heated Cafe Marquee. You might like to visit Oliver Cromwell's house cost £6.50.

Cost: £23.00 which includes coach and entry to the cathedral fair.

Depart: GG 8.30am. OA 8.35am. LR 8.45am. SG 8.50am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.00pm.

Please telephone to book

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SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023 – CRUISING INTO CHRISTMAS, INCLUDING BLUE BADGE GUIDE, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND FISH & CHIP SUPPER

PLEASE PAY NOW

Due to the high demand for this trip, another coach has been booked for the 17th December, although one coach will not be enough to clear the waiting list. I will be contacting Residents to inform them, unfortunately, if you are not contacted, you will be on a waiting list for a cancellation.

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.

Cost: £58.50 All Inclusive.

Depart: GG 12.00pm. OA 12.05pm. LR 12.15pm. SG 12.20pm. Back in Billericay approximately 8.30pm.

Please telephone to book A.S.A.P.

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

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, 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 after 9.00am on Monday 13th November

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NEW FOR 2024! COACH HOLIDAY IMPERIAL HOTEL EASTBOURNE SATURDAY 9TH MARCH – WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024

FULL – WAITING LIST IN OPERATION

Insurance now £15 payable with the balance.

***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. Optional Insurance £15.00.

Balance due 13th January 2024.

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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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