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Billericay District Residents' Association



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March 2025

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The Magazine Distributor takes delivery of approximately 4000 magazines from our printers and delivers them to 12 distributors, who deliver them to the road reps, for delivery to our members. Our magazine is printed 10 times a year, there is no magazine in January or August. The role involves the loading and unloading of boxes. Therefore, this role would suit someone who is fairly fit and has the use of a car, for which a mileage allowance will be payable.

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Data input person

We are looking for someone to do data entry work in relation to our Membership Database, the person in this role would work alongside and support our Membership Database Secretary. The database contains records of all our members and is a very important tool in keeping our records up to date. The role would involve entering payments, changing membership type, running reports and creating and deleting member records and would require 2-4 hours per week. Interested?

Contact gordon2908@me.com



We have just heard the sad news of the death of Tony Martin, who served the members of Crescent Close, Gordon Close and Wick Glen for over 10 years. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.



REMINDER...

We can now offer an e-version of The Resident. If you opt to receive the e-version you will be required to pay your subs by bank transfer. If you would prefer to receive The Resident in this format, please email resident@bdra.org

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BDRA NEWS



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ANOTHER LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

You are no doubt aware that a public consultation was recently held on the draft version of the emerging Basildon Local Plan. That consultation ended in January.

It now transpires that important details were missing from that consultation and there will be another one! The new consultation starts on Monday 24 February and can be found here:

www.basildonlocalplan.commonplace.is

Whilst it's good that residents are being given the opportunity to comment on such matters it is frustrating that this drip feed of information doesn't allow us to have a single complete view

of the Local Plan and make good, well informed, comments.

But it's worse than that, there remains missing information on critical items such as the impact on our roads and the delivery of infrastructure and services to meet the proposed 27,000 new homes. There is a very good argument that Basildon Council needs to stop, take stock, and present residents with a complete plan for comment rather than continuing this confusing and piecemeal approach!

For help and more information please visit

www.billericayactiongroup.org.uk

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Letters to the Editor...



Dear Editor,

I wondered if you can mention something in your magazine. I live in Mountnessing Road and a neighbour found a camouflaged wireless camera hidden in the hedge in front of his house monitoring activity. I presume this was to find out when the house was empty. Worth warning residents to check any hedges in front of their house.

Anonymous

Hello,

Just received the latest edition of the Resident mag, just to clarify something. The cormorants are resident at Lake Meadows, I've counted 8 on the island trees over the winter. There are no fish left in the lake under 1-1 half pound in weight, they have all been eaten by these destructive birds. Only Carp remains in the lake. These birds have a direct effect on Herons and Kingfishers. Work it out, an adult Cormorant weighs around 2kg, it eats its body weight in fish a day, times 8 on a small lake like Lake Meadows, not many small fish will remain. I do agree though with the water fountains but not really needed in the colder months.

Kind Regards

Darren Cant

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Vange Allotment - 0830-1300
Behind St James Road, Vange, SS16 4XS

Every Tuesday p.m. - Walking Group

Basildon Sporting Village - 1830-2000
Basildon Sporting Village, Cranes Farm Road, SS14 3GR
meet at front reception

Every Wednesday a.m. - Pop Up Stand

Human Kind Cafe, 111, Billericay High Street, CM12 9AJ - 1000 - 1300

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Every Wednesday a.m. - Walking Group

Alternate between Wat Tyler Park Pitsea and Gloucester Park, Basildon - 10.30-1200
Wat Tyler Park, Pitsea - meet in main car park in front of main office & barns.
Gloucester Park - meet at our Charity Shop at 37 East Walk, Basildon SS14 1HA

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King Edward Road, LAINDON SS15 6GY
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Monday 28 April



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If you live in a flat and have communal bins you will not be affected by this change and should continue to use the recycling bins provided.

The existing blue and white sacks will be collected from you before or soon after the change in service starts, and taken to a recycling facility.

For further information: -
https://www.basildon.gov.uk/wastechanges?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAAR1CCiYg_bCTmGS7yslw_-Q1mCPi46_zsF15QpJ3WUluAC82clt80Q

Soapbox Derby is back in Billericay on Sunday, 4th May 2025



This fantastic Billericay Mayflower Rotary community and charity fundraising event attracts up to 10,000 spectators is back on the first May bank holiday Sunday (4th May). It's a great family day out with plenty of choice of food and drink; a well-stocked bar; live, lunchtime music; kiddies' rides; inflatables, and of course the spectacular races themselves!

The event also offers a great opportunity for local businesses to help the community raise funds for local charities, whilst at the same time promoting their own services.

Having your name on a kart and seeing it on the big screen as you enjoy the fun of a hair-raising run down the London Road course

(adjacent to Sun Corner) is just amazing. A kart is a challenge to build but it provides a great sense of achievement. Can't manage a kart but want to take advantage of the publicity that being associated with Soapbox Derby offers? Opportunities are available for all budgets. Or simply come along to enjoy the fun!

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Met Norman Turner, who was 100 on the 22nd February 2025. He moved to Trinity Road Billericay in 1960, where he immediately became involved with the BDRA and delivered the newsletter, which in those days was called The Mayflower.

He moved to his current address in Fairfield Rise in 1984, and soon became the road rep for Fairfield Rise, but stopped in 2020 when Covid arrived and he was still a young man of 95!

There were birthday celebrations at Norman's house on Saturday, when his two children, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren all celebrated this milestone, which included a card from the King and Queen.

Norman still lives alone, looking after himself with a small amount of help from carers and family. What a great achievement, what changes Norman must have lived through. What's his secret to living

such a long life? He says lots of exercise: He retired from Essex County Council in 1990, where he was Footpath Officer, but he also walked and cycled for many years. Longevity obviously runs in the family, whilst chatting to Norman I met his brother, a young 90-year-old, who has driven from South Wales on his own to celebrate Norman's special birthday!

According to Wikipedia, Norman is one of only 2,730 male centenarians in England and Wales, of whom a very small proportion live on their own. We always knew he was special.

We all wish Norman well and many more healthy years to come.

The finalists' photographs for our 2024 Photo Competition have recently been displayed at Billericay library. Presentations were made to the adult winners, who each received a poster of their photograph, and each of the juniors received a small framed print of their winning photo.

Winners of the two adult categories were:

General Section: Nigel Harris's winning 'Don't let the sun go down on me'; with Sarah Stewart runner up with 'Sunshine Showers'.



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The workshops for juniors last summer proved very successful and the thirteen young people who joined in the sessions have obviously enjoyed them and taken on board the group leader's advice. They all entered photos for the competition and received a framed copy of their winning entry. We shall be running more of these sessions this year, so if any youngsters you know might be interested, please register your interest with our secretary on

admin@lakemeadows.org.uk

Places will be limited and usually get snapped up very quickly!

After their winter break, the FoLM volunteer gardeners have started work again at the park. You will see them every Tuesday morning, many of them in their purple polo shirts, keeping the various beds weed free and well pruned. Anyone interested is welcome to join us for a couple of hours. You don't need specialist gardening knowledge or special tools, just an enjoyment of pottering in the garden and enjoying meeting new people. We have a large supply of tools, so you just need to wear suitable gardening shoes and bring gardening gloves. If you would like to know more, ring Charles on 07843 860 135 (answerphone) or drop a line to chairman@lakemeadows.org.uk



Nature Section: Abigail Clapton's winning 'Red Brown Longhorn beetle' and Hugh Summerville – Cutting runner up with 'Swiftly Swooping'.



It is good to find that the café is under new management. Lakeview Palace opened in February and offers a wide range of food and drinks. Cash and cards are now taken!

Our popular Early Morning Bird Walk has been led, over the past few years, by Neil Sumner, a local ornithologist. Every year around 30 or so different birds are heard or seen, some are regular inhabitants of the park, other purely visit. This year's event will take place on Sunday May 11th at 7am. Bookings are being taken via our website: www.lakemeadows.org.uk but be quick as places usually fill up very rapidly!

And finally, Jazz in the Park will be held on Saturday July 12th from 4pm. Details to follow soon. Book the date in your diaries if you'd like to join us for a free afternoon of music in the park.

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Understanding care home fees

If you require care, funding comes from self-payment, council support, or NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC). If CHC does not apply, the council assesses your finances. If your capital exceeds £23,250, you must pay for your own care.

Your home is excluded from the assessment if occupied by:

- Your partner, spouse, or civil partner
- Your estranged or divorced partner,

if they are a lone parent

- A relative who is under the age of 60 with a disability
- A relative over the age of 60
- A child of yours under the age of 18

Care costs vary by location and needs, with specialist care, like dementia care, being more expensive.

Life Interest Trust Property Wills

Without proper planning, assets intended for loved ones could be lost to care home fees. Basic wills, which often leave the entire estate to the surviving partner, may result in the estate being sold to cover care costs.



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Many people assume their home will automatically pass to their children, but without the right will in place, it could be used to pay for care. This can significantly reduce the inheritance left

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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 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, **Monday March 10th** 'The Wallace Historical Murder – Philip McKinder. Non-Members £2, Raffle £1, refreshments £1 per person. Contact alantaylor8@btopenworld.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 at Methodist Church, Western Road, Billericay. For more information contact www.billericaychoral.co.uk
- **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 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 Charities Table Sale** **29th March** 9.30-12 noon Mayflower Hall, Chapel Street CM12 0ND. Items for sale to raise money for local and national charities. All welcome
- **Billericay WEA** at The Reading Rooms, 73 High Street, Billericay CM12 9AS – Learning Circle Course – Poetry – Does it Have to Rhyme? With Alan McFadden **Wednesday 12th March** 2-4pm. Donations to cover costs please. **19th March** – Queen Marie of Romania with Margaret Mills, 2-4pm. Donations please. The Annual Friendship Tea with a Speaker from Essex Wildlife Trust **Wednesday 26th March** 2-4pm. Donations please. Enrol by contacting: Billericay.branch@wea.ac.uk mailto:Billericay.branch@wea.ac.uk
- **Carers Peer Support Group** Meet at 2pm in Education Room of Billericay Medical Centre on **last Monday of the month**. To book: Contact Jenny. Goodson@carersfirst.org.uk
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- **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
- **Mill Meadows Society Thursday 10th April** 7.45pm The Chantry Centre CM11 2AP AGM followed by talk – 'Essex Rock' by Ian and Ros Mercer. Free admission. Non-members welcome. Refreshments available. Website millmeadows.org.uk, Email admin@millmeadows.org.uk
- **Norsey Wood Society** will be holding our next illustrated talk at 7.45pm, **Monday 17th March** at The Fold, Laindon Rd CM12 9LD. 'Canvey Wick- Brownfield Rainforest', a SSSI vertebrate haven. Jo Loman, Buglife Community Warden at Canvey Wick Nature Reserve. All welcome to this free event. Visit norseywoodsociety.uk or mail norseywoodsociety1977@gmail.com for more details.
- **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** welcomes 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 8th March** Quiz Evening=Stock Village Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm start; **16th March** Online Auction via Remus Facebook Page. Starts 11am; **16th March** Curry Lunch at Nirvana Indian Restaurant, Ingatstone. £20 per person. 2pm for 2.15pm start. Booking essential; **6th April** Elderly Horse Workshop – at The Sanctuary 11am-3pm. Refreshments available. £40 per person. Booking essential. Call Office – 01277 356191. Contact <https://www.remussanctuary.org/events>.
- **Royal British Legion Billericay Branch** meets on **last Wednesday of the month** at 8pm in the Chantry Centre. You don't 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 Rd, Brentwood CM14 4TJ 8pm start. Phone 01245 420475. www.spikesplace.co.uk. Price £15 cash on the door., Fully accessible. **Tuesday 4th March** Alan Barnes with the John Pearce Trio; **11th March** Pete Neighbour, John Pearce, Andy Cleyndert, Matt Fishwick; **18th March** Al Nicholls Quartet
- **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.
- **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
- **APPLE Bridge** Friendly Club meets at Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Avenue on **Wednesday mornings** for duplicate sessions at 9.45. Sessions cost £4 per session. Bring own refreshments. Contact 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

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

Deadline for the next issue is 10th March for events taking place between 10th April and 9th May

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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:

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

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

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.

★ HOLIDAY ★ HOLIDAY ★

**HOWDEN COURT HOTEL TORQUAY – SATURDAY 15TH MARCH
– FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025**

**SOME SINGLE ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE NOW WITH A
SUPPLEMENT OF £140 PER WEEK ALSO DOUBLE AND TWIN ROOMS
AVAILABLE PLEASE RING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF INTERESTED.**

*In case of cancellation please arrange your own insurance as a
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This family hotel is situated a ten minute walk to the shops. The hotel's private path takes you to the harbour and seafront in seven minutes. It has a separate dining room bar and lounge. All bedrooms have tea and coffee making facilities, TV, and hair driers. There is a lift, ground floor bedrooms with wet rooms and Wi fi in all communal areas and most bedrooms.

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Saturday 15th March

Travelling to Torquay with stop for lunch at Dobbies Garden Centre

Sunday 16 March

Babbacombe Model Village cost £12.50 Please ring Kathleen ASAP if you want to go (Optional)

Monday 17th March

Plymouth (Optional)

Tuesday 18th March

Free day

Wednesday 19th March

Exeter (Optional)

Wednesday 19th March

Evening Theatre trip book at hotel (Optional)

Thursday 20th March

Free Day

Friday 21st March

Travelling to Billericay with stop for lunch

This hotel has 510 five star reviews on Trip Advisor.

Included:

- 9 single rooms available without a supplement (only one room per person per booking)
- Full English breakfast and three course evening meal with tea or coffee, with waitress service.
- 3 day excursions (to be arranged)
- Evening entertainment Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, a theatre trip can be organised for Wednesday evening.

Cost: £499.00 deposit £50.00. Balance to be paid mid January.

Depart: QPR 7.30am. GG 7.45am. OA 8.00am. LR 8.15am. SG 8.30am.

Please telephone to book as soon as possible

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

Telephone 01277 622342

THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2025 – RYE ON MARKET DAY WITH FISH AND CHIPS AT THE PILOT INN

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 stalls 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 (vegetarian option available)

Cost: £36.50 includes coach and fish and chip meal

Depart: GG 8.15am. OA 8.20am. LR 8.30am. SG 8.35am. Back in Billericay approximately 7.30pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Monday 17 February

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

Telephone 01277 622342

★ NEW TRIP ★ BLETCHLEY PARK THE HOME OF THE CODEBREAKERS – SUNDAY 18TH MAY

Find out where it began and discover the story of the amazing achievements of the WW2 Codebreakers in the place where it happened. Explore 11 historic buildings, visit the iconic mansion, step inside the restored codebreakers huts, take in the faithfully recreated interiors. Discover 12 exhibitions and the wartime blocks. Immerse yourself in a cinematic experience, enjoy interactive displays and hands on exhibits. Marvel at the extraordinary achievements made by brilliant minds and complex machines.

New for 2025 is a temporary exciting exhibition discovering how Artificial Intelligence is a part of our lives today and how AI can affect our future. There are free guided tours and multi-media guides. Relax in one of two cafes for lunch and refreshments.

Cost: £43.50 Coach and Entrance

Depart: GG 8.00am. OA 8.05am. LR 8.15am. SG 8.20am. Back in Billericay approximately 6.30pm.

Please telephone to book after 9.00am on Tuesday 11th March

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

Telephone: 01277 840560

★ NEW TRIP ★ A VISIT TO ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS, LUNCH ON THE SPA VALLEY RAILWAY AND TIME PERMITTING A STOP AT POLHILL GARDEN CENTRE – SATURDAY 12TH JULY

On leaving Billericay we make our way to the charming historic town of Royal Tunbridge Wells, which has been attracting visitors for 400 years. We will be here before our train trip, to allow us to explore some of the town and The Pantiles which is the old part of the town, where there are shops galore, or just enjoy a cup of coffee in one of the many cafes. Tunbridge Wells West station is located at The Pantiles end of town which is a 10/15 minutes' walk. We board our train at 12.30pm and depart at 12.45pm. Our freshly prepared fish and chip lunch will be served on our journey and includes a drink and cake dessert. On our journey home and time permitting we are planning to stop at Polhill Garden Centre to end our day.

Cost: Coach, Train Tickets, Fish/ Sausage and Chip Lunch (Veggie Burgers & Chips are available). £50.50

Unfortunately, the railways are unable to cater for vegans or gluten free requirements, due to their suppliers.

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

Due to Spa Valley Railway requiring payment on the 17th May, to enable this trip to run, please phone to book a.s.a.p.

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

Telephone: 01277 840560

**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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