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Contact Jan Weir jimandjanweir@gmail.com

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Contact John johnhowe06@gmail.com



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Membership Secretaries look after their particular area. The role will normally take a few hours a month and would suit anyone looking to give something back to the community. Use of email would be an advantage. Interested?

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Magazine Article Coordinator

Our magazine now needs a new person at the helm. The main responsibilities of the role include:

- Collating notes and articles about local subjects
- Research and producing small written articles
- Determining the content of the monthly magazine
- Liaising with the magazine printers and advertisers.

Interested? Contact resident@bdra.org for more details.

Thank You...

Thanks to **David Wilson**, who on behalf of the BDRA, has examined and commented on Planning Applications in Billericay for the past 3 years. We thank David for all his hard work.

Thanks to **Trevor Lech** who has resigned from the committee; Trevor used to be a road rep and an AMS and then Treasurer until he moved away in 2023, but remained as a committee member. We thank Trevor for all his help and commitment to the BDRA over many years.

Thanks to Road Rep – **Lesley Lugg**.



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BDRA NEWS



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LOCAL PLAN LATEST NEWS

In the last the last edition of The Resident we reported that the new Basildon Local Plan would be published in draft form in October, however, there has been a delay by the council.

As a result, we have no new details to share with you this month but the threat of over 27,000 new houses over the next 20 years and the resulting loss of the Green Belt remains.

At the time of going to press it now looks likely that we will not see the new plan until early November. Assuming there are no further delays we will provide all the information in the December edition of The Resident.

Should you wish to keep up to date with the Local Plan plan please visit;

www.billericayactiongroup.org.uk

or search for and join the Facebook group 'Save Billericay From Housing Developments'



Happy 20th Birthday to the Parkrun

On the 2nd October 2004 the first parkrun took place at Bushy Hertfordshire, when 13 runners took part in a 5k run. On the 5th October 2024, 271 runners and walkers celebrated parkrun's birthday, by running or walking the 5k course around Lake Meadows. Nationally, 336,627 people finished the 5k course and 45,867 volunteered. **That's awesome!**

Anyone can join in whatever your level of fitness, it could be the beginning of a fitter you. Walk or run all are welcome. Register on-line and check in at 8.45 every Saturday at Lake Meadows.

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Does your area look like this?

We have noticed recently that our town is looking very neglected. This is very sad and does not impart the right impression to visitors – that residents love Billericay and are proud to be part of their great community.

Have you seen an area that looks like those in the photos?

They were taken at the junction of Radford Way and Stock Road.

The BDRA have tried to get something done about the hoarding around the building plot for some time and now the weeds growing along the edge of the pavement and up to the top of the barrier have made the scene worse.

Just up the road, along with the weeds on the edge of the pavement there is another site, that is overgrown and neglected. What a mess this area looks. What a poor impression of our town for visitors coming in via the station!

Let us have your comments, and possible photos, so that we can take this up with our Councillors. There is now a Pride Team working for Basildon Borough Council but they have clearly not visited Billericay recently.



Winter Fuel Payment advice and support!

Basildon borough is helping pensioners with their heating costs this Winter

1. Basildon Council's Warm Home Guarantee

Basildon Council has allocated £100,000 to give a one-time grant of up to £100 to eligible households. Grants will be disbursed on a first-come, first served basis until funds are exhausted and is only available to a household once per annum. The council is calling on the entire community to get involved and inform others about the scheme to make sure that no one is left out in the cold this winter.



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Age: Applicant must be a pensioner (state pension age or above).

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Residency: Must be a resident within the borough and not have a second home.

Eligibility can be checked by visiting:- <https://onlinebenefitclaim.basildon.gov.uk/vicforms/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Pension%20Credit%20or%20Warm%20Home%20Guarantee%20Eligibility%20Checker.wdf>

2. UK Government's Pension Credit scheme

Pension Credit is available for people over state pension age and on a low income. It gives extra money to help with living costs but has a very low take-up rate across the country, Basildon Council's Outreach and Engagement team will help people to claim what they are entitled to. The team can be contacted either by phone, through face-to-face appointments or at one of our outreach locations across the borough. The team are available to help people get the support they need whether that's from council services, via external providers or through extra discretionary financial help.

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At our recent AGM, we shared some old photographs of Lake Meadows, a few taken even before the Moat became the park as we know it. We looked back to the early days in the 1930s, when the open-air swimming pool was built; whilst others showed the variety of very popular rowing boats introduced post WW2. There were photos to remind us of our childhood – the play area, the old rocking horse and the paddling pool; as well as the old Fort, which was a boathouse in Major Thomas Spitty's time.

The farmland, that was later to become the park, had belonged to the Major's family since 1831 and, occasionally during the following century, it was used for carnivals and pageants, often with local people in fancy dress adding to the delights. However, although Major Spitty organised the digging of the lake in the mid to late 1800s, it was not him, as some local people think, who gave the park to Billericay. Several people owned Hill House farm after Major Spitty & his wife died, and in fact it was a later owner, Mrs Cater (who set up the Cater Museum) who sold the land to the Billericay Rural District Council in 1935.

The park was officially opened on

July 11th 1936 by the chairman of the council Mr Matthew Land and soon became popular as a place to visit for local families, as well as those from Romford, Chelmsford and further afield. Visitors travelled by train, car and double-decker bus. In the early days Lake Avenue was the main entrance and the traffic caused chaos – there was little parking available in the road and, on one occasion, the double decker buses brought the phone lines down!

Gradually, over the early years, improvements were made to the park. The Bowling Club settled there in 1948 and the boathouse was built the same year too. Tennis courts, a cricket square

and a soccer or hockey pitch were added, whilst a simple play area was provided close to the café that opened in 1950s, when the cricket and bowls pavilions were also built. The gardens flourished under the guidance of Reg King, one of the park keepers for many years, and his team. Following a storm in September 1958 that



caused considerable flooding, the lake was drained in the 1960s, the water level was reduced by a metre and the sluice bank strengthened.

Then, for the millennium, the beautiful statue of the Child in the Park was gifted to the children – sadly missing at the time of writing! In 2012 the Friends of Lake Meadows was formed and has since added many projects and improvements to our wonderful park.

If you have any memories of the park from your childhood or have any old photographs that you could share with us, please contact our secretary on secretary@lakemeadows.org.uk





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19th January	Pillow Talk (1959, PG)
23rd February	Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011, 12A)
23rd March	The Miracle Club (2023, 12A)

Tickets £4.00 from Billericaycine.com

FILM THURSDAY Doors 7pm, Film 7:30

7th November	The Dam Busters (1955, U)
5th December	Miracle on 34th Street (1994, U)
9th January	Back to Black (2024, 15)
6th February	Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981, PG)
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Remus Horse Sanctuary made the King's Birthday Honours List!

When Sue Burton set up the Remus Memorial Horse Sanctuary in 1983 few would have imagined that 41 years later it would be an established part of the local community, and that Sue's unstinting commitment would lead to her being awarded an OBE.

From its earliest days, Remus Memorial Horse Sanctuary, located near Ingatestone, Essex has grown into a safe haven for a range of animals from across Essex, Southern England and other parts of the UK. Borne from Burton's passion for animals and their welfare, the charity have been providing rescue, rehabilitation and care for horses, ponies, donkeys, sheep, goats and cats ever since! In 2023 the sanctuary celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Sue Burton was awarded the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for her services to equine welfare. His Majesty The King's Birthday Honours List 2024 recognises selfless and innovative service to others from people across the UK. Commenting on the award Sue stated she was "very proud and honoured to be selected...have always loved the work I do and have been honoured to care for so many wonderful creatures...none of that would be possible without the help and support of all our lovely members and supporters, staff and volunteers."

Today, the Sanctuary provides rehabilitation and care for over 200 horses, ponies, donkeys, sheep, goats and cats. The Sanctuary likens their work to that of a hospice, giving animals, the very best of care, allowing them to heal from abuse and flourish

into happy adults. Fed, watered and cared for they also receive regular veterinary and farrier attention and benefit from holistic therapies. It takes a lot of hard work, money and effort to keep sick and elderly animals in such good condition, but this is after all is their stated mission.

The care provided by Sue and her team doesn't come cheap, though – costing in excess of £400,000 per year to run, Remus are always looking for ways to raise money to continue to provide this outstanding care. Not ones to rely solely on the donations of the public/businesses they also have a wonderful volunteer team who facilitate fundraising activities such as charity stalls, talks, quiz nights, fairs etc but they are still desperately in need of donations to help them keep caring for these beautiful animals.

As winter nears, the Sanctuary's plea for help grows increasingly urgent. As a community, we have the power to change the narrative for countless animals facing neglect and deprivation. By banding together, we can ensure that these vulnerable horses do not endure another winter alone and suffering. If you feel you would like to donate to Remus Horse Sanctuary then you could either make a donation by visiting the website donation page at [Donate - Remus Horse Sanctuary](http://Donate-RemusHorseSanctuary.org) (remussanctuary.org) or phone



01277 356191 every little helps! Another way of helping is to volunteer, Remus are always looking for volunteers to join their existing dedicated team, they have a job for everyone, in the office, helping with the animals, maintenance, cleaning, all it needs is for you to want to help, be able to spare a few hours and be flexible and happy to work with a team.

Esme Fordham an 85yr old volunteer at Remus stated "I love volunteering – it keeps me active and gives me a purpose to life

helping these wonderful animals in so many ways"

If you are interested in volunteering please join their fundraising team! Go to their website and fill out the volunteering form <https://www.remussanctuary.org/how-you-can-help/volunteers/> or call the Sanctuary on 01277 356191.

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By Karen Sinclair

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A Guide to Disposing of Leasehold or Freehold Property

Disposing of a leasehold or freehold property can be complex, requiring careful planning and legal expertise. This article provides an overview of the steps involved, helping to ensure a smooth and legally sound transaction.

Understanding the Disposal Process

The first step when considering the disposal of a leasehold or freehold property is to conduct a thorough review of the property's title and any existing obligations. This includes:

- **Reviewing the Title Deeds:**

Ensuring there are no restrictions or encumbrances that could affect the sale.

- **Understanding Lease Terms:**

For leasehold properties, review the lease agreement to understand any conditions or obligations that must be met

- **Valuation:** Obtain a professional valuation to determine the market value of the property
- Property owners should contact a solicitor early when considering a disposal. Early advice helps identify potential issues and streamline the process, especially before making commitments or entering negotiations.
- Key questions to consider before disposing of a property:
- **Property Details:** What is the property's location, type, and any existing tenancies?
 - **Reason for Disposal:** Why are you disposing of the property?



- **Timeline:** Do you have a specific timeline in mind?
 - **Existing Obligations:** Are mortgages, leases, or other obligations tied to the property?
 - **Other Considerations:** Is the property occupied? Are there any regulatory notices, disputes, or recent insurance claims?
- Depending on your circumstances, there are several options for disposing of a leasehold or freehold property:
- **Sale:** Selling the property to a new owner
 - **Assignment:** Transferring a leasehold to another party
 - **Surrender:** Returning the lease to the landlord.
 - **Break Clause:** Triggering a break clause in your lease.
 - **Subletting:** Renting out the property if permitted by the lease.
- Disposing of a leasehold or freehold property involves several critical steps and decisions. Seeking early legal advice and understanding your options can help ensure a smooth and successful transaction.
- Proactively creating LPAs protects both you and your family.
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Billericay Tree Wardens (BTW)

The URC Ancient Burial Ground – Chapel Street – “Garden of Peace”

At the request of the United Reformed Church (URC) in Chapel Street, the Town Council organized a “tidying-up” and a “litter pick” project of the Ancient Burial Ground between Chapel Street and Waitrose. To this end, our BTC Chairman Mark Thomas contacted the local charity and volunteer groups within the town with a request for help and a date was set for Saturday 3rd August.

The Tree Wardens was asked to comment on the environmental aspects of the project. We identified that several of the trees, for various reasons, would require the attention of a professional Tree Surgeon which should include some canopy thinning that would let more light down into the understorey below. Tree work would be arranged for a later date. It was highly likely that birds were nesting lower down in the shaded and tangled leafy corners so caution was required with pruning.

Back in early 2000, the Billericay Rotary Club (BRC), in partnership with the Town

Council, had organized a major remedial project of the 18th century burial ground; involving a considerable amount of volunteer work and fund raising.

Since then, the gardens now presented a very different habitat as the pollarded trees had regrown their leafy canopies casting much shade below and the understory shrubs have grown unchecked. Sitting in the garden, in the heart of Billericay, one experiences the therapeutic feeling of peace and relaxation that visiting a cathedral inspires - A quiet and cloistered habitat for thoughtful contemplation.



A thank you to those volunteers who engaged with the project and to the adjacent “Billericay Brewery” that brought along a sample of their beers to slake the thirst of those grafting!

Volunteers came and went

throughout the “tidying-up” session and so there was no opportunity for the traditional group photograph!

There are very strict church rules that apply to working in Ancient Burial Grounds that were of course respected.

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- **Basildon Mind** A local Charity focusing on helping people with their mental health. We hold pop-ups at the Humankind Café and Billericay Library. Contacts: 01268 289700. john@basmind.org
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- **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 Community Archive** Quiz Night **16th November** at WI Hall, St. Edith's Lane, Billericay 7.30pm. Tickets £6 Teams of up to 8. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. For tickets phone 07802 154677. We will form teams from those with less than 8, Couples and individuals welcome.
- **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. **November 18th** A.G.M. 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 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** Festive Fayre **23rd November** from 11.30am to 2.30pm in Mayflower Hall, Chapel St. Billericay. Artisan stalls to browse and refreshments available.
- **Friends of Billericay School** Comedy Bingo Night Raising funds for FOBS - Friends of Billericay School. **Friday 15 November**, School Hall, Billericay School. Hosted by the ever-popular Skittleman. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. £5 per person, under-11s free. All welcome. Suitable for the whole family. To book, please email fobs.crew@gmail.com
- **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**. - 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
- **Offshoots Singing Group** meet **on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month** at St Johns Church, Outwood Common Rd CM11 2LE from 7.45-9.45pm. No auditions. Parking on site. Contact geoffrudd47@gmail.com or phone 07763424206
- **Photofold Camera Club** meet at The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way on **Tuesdays** 8-10pm, doors open at 7.30pm. Info at www.photofold.org.uk
- **Probus Retired Men's Club** Join other retired professional and businessmen at our monthly lunch, usually with a Speaker. Contact Steve on 07817 694980 or stevejk88@outlook.com for more details.
- **Probus Club of Billericay and Shenfield** 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** **10th November** Christmas Sale. at Stock Village Hall 11am-2pm; **16th November** Christmas Sale at Billericay Reading Rooms 9am-4pm; **24th November** Online Auction via Remus Facebook Page. Starts 11am; **24th November** Curry Lunch at Nirvana Indian Restaurant, Ingatestone. £20 per person. 2pm for 2.15pm start. Booking essential; **1st December** Virtual Open Day via Remus Facebook page .11am- 1pm; **5th December** Wreath Making Workshops

at Reading Rooms, 73 High St. Billericay 10am-12.30pm or 1.30pm-4pm
Emma, award winning florist from Blooming Occasions will show you how to
create your own stylish door wreath. 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, derekprior@hotmail.com
- **Spike's Place Jazz Club** Bardswell Social Club, Weald Rd, Brentwood CM14 4TJ 8pm start. Phone 01245 420475. www.spikesplace.co.uk. Prices on website, Fully accessible. **Tuesday 5th November** Derek Nash Quartet; **12th November** Mick Foster Quartet and Students; **19th November** Greg Abate 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.
- **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
- **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

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

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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.

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**FULL
FRIDAY 22ND CANCELLED DUE TO
LACK OF NUMBERS**

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 £7.50.

Cost: £25.00 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.

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

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2024 – JACK AND THE BEANSTALK AT THE CLIFFS PAVILION STARRING RYLAN – EVENING PERFORMANCE**

**DISAPPOINTINGLY THIS
HAS HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO
LACK OF INTEREST**

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Cost: Coach and Theatre Ticket £53.00.

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Please telephone to book after 9.00am

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

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2025 – BROOKLANDS AVIATION AND MOTORING MUSEUM, GUIDED TOUR INCLUDED** **SEATS AVAILABLE**

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The Concorde tour cost is £6.50 and is not included in our price, but can be booked, please let me know when booking.

Cost: £43.00 Coach, Entrance & Brooklands 360 1 hour tour.

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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.
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