



Think **100th** issue Loughton

News from Loughton Town Council

Spring 2023 No 100



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AS WE celebrate this 100th edition of Think Loughton, launched back in 1998 with the Winter/Spring issue, we have an opportunity to look at some of the changes to the town during that time, brought to you by the Town Council and highlighted in this newsletter.

Our Jessel Green event has grown substantially across the years with over 3,000 local residents attending last summer. We hope to finally bring Loughton Day to residents in September this year, showcasing all the local organisations and attractions the town has to offer. Sponsorship for these two events from local businesses is being sought, so any local companies interested in

being a part of these attractions and raising their own profile are invited to contact our Community Manager, Pippa Bryce on 020 8508 4200 or contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk

The Town Council has overseen some notable projects during this period, just a few of which were: the building of The Murray Hall community centre in Borders Lane, where many local groups gather for various events / interests. The creation of the Memorial Garden in Roding Road. The recent restoration of the War Memorial at King's Green. The upkeep and development of the play areas across our town, with a scheme currently underway to re-site

and renew the playground at the Roding Valley Recreation Ground. Forty-eight heritage plaques have been installed at various locations around the town, highlighting the history of Loughton and its past residents, with the latest now being progressed.

Looking further back one of the most notable changes in the town is how its population has grown. A recent exhibition by the Loughton & District Historical Society displayed at Loughton Library reflected on Loughton's rich heritage, and they have put together an article examining Loughton Past and Present, which can be found on page 5.

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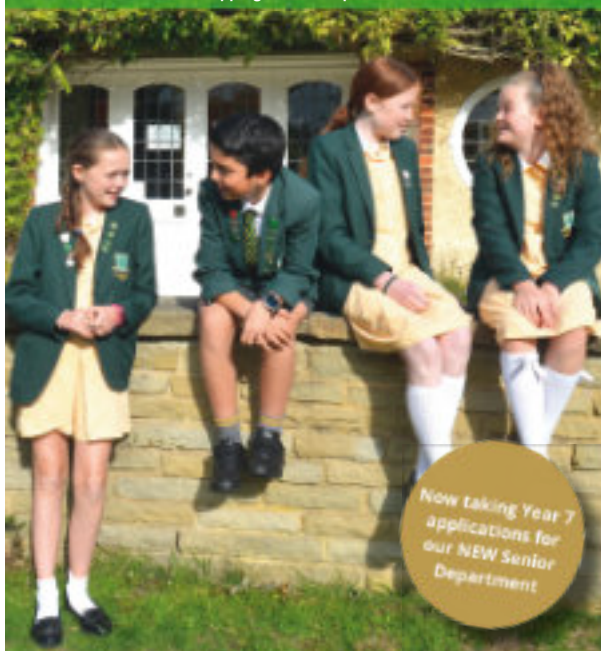
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Clerk's Remarks



THIS IS THE 100TH edition of the 'Think Loughton' newsletter, which has now been running for 25 years. The other day, I came across the first Winter / Spring 1998 edition. One line on the cover page read: - as a Town Council ...' we represent Loughton and Loughton alone; we can put clearly and with a strong voice what we think is best for our Town.' This truly resonates today,

although, as then, local councils have more limited direct functions and resources than the higher tiers of Local Government.

We are so pleased that after months of planning, designing and public consultations, the new children's playground at the Recreation Ground is coming to fruition. Late March this year is scheduled for the implementation of the new site and play equipment, subject to prevailing weather conditions. Conclusion of this project will result in a state-of-the-art play area and a much-needed new facility for residents.

Provisional dates to pencil in your diary this year, for a number of community events:

- 'The Town Mayor's Treasure Hunt' on Sunday 23 April, wholesome fun for all, young or old. See p11.
- Family Fun Day, at Jessel Green on Sunday 25 June
- Loughton Day at Loughton Cricket Club on Saturday 16 September 2023.

As our newsletter only goes to print on a quarterly basis, more detailed and up to date information will be found on our Town Council website and Facebook page, in due course.

'Loughton Wombles' has just passed its first anniversary milestone, with eight large group gatherings to date. It has proved to be a successful and sociable community group venture with a good hardcore of regular volunteers and familiar friendly faces. A worthwhile experience. New volunteers are always welcome in our efforts to make Loughton a tidier and greener place to live.

Loughton Town Council's offices have now moved to Buckingham Court in Rectory Lane and all the team have settled in well in these premises. Always new challenges - like everyone else, the Town Council is not immune from the double dose of high inflation and the huge leap in utility costs, impacting especially our two community halls. We are exploring all avenues to cut costs and

increase income, as and where we can, whilst continuing to maintain our high levels of service. As such, this year, we are looking to local businesses in the community for sponsorship for both 'Jessel Green Day' and 'Loughton Day', where we are expecting to draw thousands of local residents. Please contact the office if you are interested. We would be very grateful for any contribution towards these two major events in the Town Council calendar.

You may notice a new Loughton 'then and now' historical feature in this edition. I am pretty sure that out in the Loughton Community, there is a wealth of local knowledge and experiences that could be shared. Any photos and anecdotes that you are happy to submit for future features will be gratefully received.

Enjoy the Spring
Best wishes

Mark Squire
Town Clerk

Playing Fields Awards 2022



L:R – Park Warden Team: Tim Horton, Philip Lowry, Phil Morton & Jess Heffernan

COUNCILLOR David Wixley, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, and Paul Hoy, Services Manager, attended the annual AGM and Awards Evening of the Essex Playing Fields Association in Chelmsford on 27 October 2022. They were delighted to receive several awards on behalf of the Town Council from this year's "Best Kept Playing Field" competition, including a certificate of merit in Class 3 (for children's playgrounds) for Traps Hill Playground, which was also the runner-up in this category. Also in Class 3, certificate

of merit silver awards were received for Newmans Lane and Westall Road Playgrounds. Additionally, both the Town Council's playing fields, Roding Valley Recreation Ground and Willingale Road, received certificates of merit in Class 1, (for playing fields serving communities of more than 2,500 residents).

The Town Council's Park Warden Team and its contractors, Pinnacle and Epping Forest District Council Grounds maintenance, are thanked for all their hard work and dedication throughout the past year.

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2023

Month	Date	Agenda
Mar	6	Planning & Licensing
	8	Recreation
	15	Annual Town Meeting The Murray Hall at 8pm
	20	Planning & Licensing
	28	Environment & Heritage
Apr	3	Planning & Licensing
	12	Resources & General Services
	17	Planning & Licensing
	25	Council
May	2	Planning & Licensing
	15	Planning & Licensing
	24	Annual Council

For dates of subsequent meetings, check the council's website.

News round-up

■ **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** Loughton Town Council will be holding its Annual Town Meeting at 8pm on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 at The Murray Hall, Borders Lane, IG10 3SB. Details will be displayed on the town noticeboards and our website **News & Events - Loughton Town Council (loughton-tc.gov.uk)** Do come along to find out more about Loughton Town Council and what we offer our residents.

■ **TOWN MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE:** Was held on Sunday, 26 February 2023 at 3.30pm at the Loughton Synagogue, Borders Lane, Loughton, IG10 3SB, see summer issue for more info on this.

■ **PLAY IN THE PARK:** Returns this Easter. It's all about playing and having fun outdoors. The Play in The Park Team bring along a range of sports equipment and arts and crafts resources for children and young people to enjoy. The team help organise activities and games ALL TOTALLY FREE OF CHARGE! Children must be supervised at all times. Book online: eppingforestdc.bookinglive.com Phone: 01992 564 363.



Monday 3 April – 1.30pm to 3.30pm – Roding Valley Recreation Ground (RVRG)

Tuesday 4 April – 10am to 12 noon; & pm:1.30 to 3.30pm – RVRG

Wednesday 5 April – 10am to 12 noon; & pm:1.30 to 3.30pm – RVRG

Thursday 6 April – 10am to 12 noon; & pm:1.30 to 3.30pm – RVRG

Tuesday 11 April – 10am to 12 noon; & pm:1.30 to 3.30pm – Jessel Green

Wednesday 12 April – 10am to 12 noon; & pm:1.30 to 3.30pm – Jessel Green

Thursday 13 April – 10am to 12 noon; & pm:1.30 to 3.30pm – Jessel Green

Friday 14 April – 10am to 12 noon – Jessel Green

■ **COUNCIL TAX:** The amount we collect from our residents in 2023/24 to be spent on local services and facilities, will be £904,300. This will set the Loughton proportion of the annual council tax for a band D property as £71.39, an increase of £6.23 a year from the current figure of £65.16, equating to 12p weekly.

Loughton Town Council (LTC) continues to be highly sensitive to the ongoing 'cost of living' rises and substantial increases in utility costs for residents and has worked intensively to keep this increase as low as possible.

During this difficult financial period, LTC has re-prioritised a number of projects, but is pleased to confirm that with the wonderful support of resident's feedback last summer, it currently remains on track to deliver the new all-purpose play area on the Roding Valley Recreation Ground this spring.

Loughton past and present

THE PHOTO is of Queens Road, taken in the 1930s. The houses on the right were built about 1928. Taken from opposite no 68, it shows the whole street without a single vehicle save a bicycle half-way down the hill; there also appears to be a heap of something in the road. Queens Road was sold as individual plots about 35ft wide - you could buy one or several. The five houses behind the cameraman are large Victorian villas, two pairs of semis, let out to two families each by 1945, and one detached at the very top (Questcot, Vincent Nello's house no 119). These were abominated by W C Waller, who says they were always difficult to let; regarding them as particular blots on the landscape. I suspect the land was laid out for two further pairs which were never built. The houses/flats out of shot, to the left of camera, must have been spare plots, and houses/maisonettes (of a very different style)

were not consented till 1961. The original photo shows a For Sale board by FH Worley. A couple of houses downhill from these spare plots were built by George Hopkins Hatton, who specialised in putting up very cheap (approx £500) mostly detached houses on spare and side plots in Loughton during the 20s and 30s. One of these sold for £990,000 in July 2022. The telephone pole in the left centre, even then out of the perpendicular, has been replaced; Queens Road did not have its telephone cables trenched in the 1950s as some did.

The top of Queens Rd was to suffer from the blast of a V2 rocket, which fell on 2 March 1945 (and also incendiaries in February/August 1944). None of these were reckoned "serious" by CUDC (*Chigwell Urban District Council*) in Queens Road.

A curious feature is that the upper bedroom

bays to nos 68 (Mr Hunt's house) and 70 (Mr Pinnock's) must have been damaged, and were replaced by flat fronts, though the similar bays to the boxrooms, were left alone. The gable was also reduced in depth. These things often happened during reinstatement.

The Today photo shows the effect of 85 or so years of change. A few houses have been rebuilt, or additional ones sandwiched in - but the greatest change is the motor car. I counted 87 on that Yesterday blank street on the day I took the photo!

Interested in local history? The Loughton and District Historical Society has a wealth of knowledge, information and old photographs meeting regularly at the Methodist Church in High Road, Loughton.

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Open to anyone looking to socialise, they are dementia friendly for people with varying degrees of memory issues and those who love and care for them. Its activity based with singing, word games, puzzles, bingo, and chair yoga with free light refreshments. Next session is Thursday 9 March 2-4pm at Loughton Club, 8 Station Road, IG10 4NX, and then every 2nd Thursday of the month (see page 13).

We also have FREE Social & Warm Places at Ongar, Waltham Abbey and Chigwell Row.

Our Community Surplus Hub runs every Tues 11.30-1pm at The Loughton Club, 8 Station Road IG10 4NX, offering free groceries, clothes and essentials without assessment or referral to anyone that needs it.

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John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web, but it is difficult to find. Walking in Essex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

Check out the websites and get walking!



Festive Card Competition

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Scarlett Roberts-Rhodes, a Hereward Primary School pupil, the overall and Junior category winner in the 2022 competition, whose design created our official Town Council card. Unbeknown to the judges, Scarlett was runner-up in the infant category last year, undeterred she was determined to go one better this year!

The Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor, Cllrs Barbara Cohen and Mick Stubbings, selected the winning designs from the entries received. Although numbers were down on previous years the judges still faced a difficult task making their choices.

The presentation to the winners, of a £25

gift card and laminated certificate was made by the Town Mayor at the final Council meeting of the year, on 20 December in the Buckingham Court Chamber. Scarlett was joined by Florence Tufton, a pupil at Alderton Primary, the infant category winner and Victoria Yozova, the secondary category winner, who attends Roding Valley High School.

The overall results were as follows:

Infant Winner Florence Tufton
Junior & Overall Winner Scarlett Roberts-Rhodes, **Runner-up** Elsie Fourie;
Secondary Winner Victoria Yozova
No adult entries were received this year.

Loughton Town Council thanks all the participants who supported this event.



Town Mayor, Cllr Barbara Cohen with Junior Category and Overall winner Scarlett Roberts-Rhodes



Town Mayor, Cllr Barbara Cohen with Infant Category winner Florence Tufton



Overall Winning Entry 2022



Town Mayor, Cllr Barbara Cohen with Secondary Category winner Victoria Yozova

Coronation treat

AS WE look forward to the momentous Coronation of our new King on Saturday, 6 May this year, we look back at the last such occasion, the Coronation of his late mother, Queen Elizabeth II which took place 70 years ago on 2 June 1953.

Cllr David Wixley, like many local children, enjoyed a Coronation Party and the community spirit it engendered. Having attended Whitebridge Infants School, where each child was presented with the gift of a book commemorating the connection between the Royal Family and the County of Essex, David also received an official invitation (a treasured possession) to a Coronation Celebration at the Avondale Sports Fields marking this historic occasion. Who at that time, would ever have thought that HM Queen Elizabeth II would reign for such a period and that the nation would have to wait 70 years' before witnessing such pomp and pageantry again in the Coronation of a Monarch?

1953 was memorable across the globe for some other notable events: on 29 May, Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa of Nepal, become the first explorers to reach the summit of Mount Everest, which at 29,035 feet above sea level is the highest point on earth. 24 April saw Winston Churchill knighted. On 25 April Francis Crick and James D Watson discovered the chemical structure of DNA. March saw the deaths of Queen Mary (wife of George V)

and of the former Russian Leader, Joseph Stalin. In November the poet Dylan Thomas died in NY aged just 39 years.

Closer to home, in February, the UK suffered severe flooding along coastal areas from Lincoln to Kent, with at least 280 people losing their lives, Carvey Island being particularly badly affected. In April eight people lost their lives following a crash on the Central Line at Stratford. In the world of sport, Blackpool won the FA Cup (known as the Matthew's Cup Final), coming from 3-1 behind against Bolton to win 4-3, with a hat-trick being scored by Stan Mortensen, who had served at RAF Chigwell during the war. In August England won the Ashes at the Oval beating Australia for the first time since 1934.

We await in anticipation to see what other remarkable events occur in 2023 the year of the Coronation of HM King Charles III.



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■ 7 Mar 2pm The Peter Rudeforth Jazz

Band Theydon & Abridge Jazz Club, Abridge Village Hall, 39 Ongar Road, RM4 1UD. Disabled facilities. Free Parking / Bar / tea & coffee. Open to non members – membership available, £8 per person. Event prices £10 per person. Enquiries: davedyer24@gmail.com or Dave or Sheila Dyer 07903 879209 www.theydonjazzclub.weebly.com

■ 14 Mar 7.30pm Resurgam the music of St Paul's Cathedral, preceded by a musical presentation from Bancroft's School. The Arts Society, Bancroft's Prep School, 611 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RF. All new members welcome. Donation Requested. Enquiries: Mary Affleck 07767 662762 marycaffleck@gmail.com

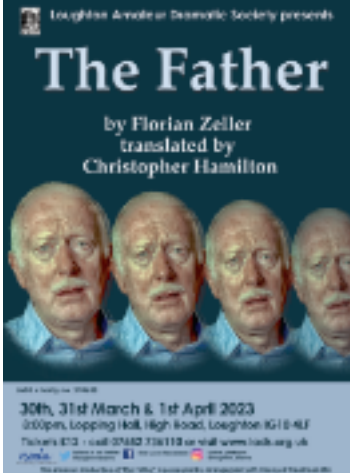
■ 15 Mar 2.30pm Kenwood House English Heritage, a talk, by Louise Cooling, Woodford and District National Trust, All Saints Church Hall, Woodford Green. Enquiries: speller643@btinternet.com / 07774 164407

■ 18 Mar 7.30pm Epping Forest Singers Spring Concert: Faure Requiem and Vierne's Messe Solennelle at St John's Church, Loughton, IG10 1PD. Musical Director Fru Chilvers and Accompanist Paul Chilvers. For further details please go to our website: www.eppingforestsingers.com

■ 21 Mar 2pm Enrico Tomasso (Rico's Hot Four) Theydon & Abridge Jazz Club, Abridge Village Hall, 39 Ongar Road, RM4 1UD. Disabled facilities. Free Parking / Bar / tea & coffee. Open to non members – membership available, £8 per person. Event prices £10 per person. Enquiries: davedyer24@gmail.com or Dave or Sheila Dyer 07903 879209 www.theydonjazzclub.weebly.com

■ 23 Mar 7.45pm Essex Handicrafts Association Woodlands Branch, Subject to be confirmed. Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month in the church hall at Loughton Methodist church contact Karen Myles 020 8508 4581 (see p13).

■ 30 Mar – 1 Apr 8pm The Father by Florian Zeller. Award winning drama dealing with ageing, loss of identity and family love. A sensitive portrayal of living with dementia. As the titular father tries to make sense of his changing circumstances, he begins to doubt his loved ones, his own mind and even the fabric of reality. The 2020 film version was nominated for 6 Oscars & 6 BAFTAs. Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS) at Lopping Hall, High Road, Loughton IG10 4LF. Tickets £12 – call the box office on 07552 736 110 (answer machine) or visit www.lads.org.uk



■ 1 Apr 7pm The Roding Players Orchestra Spring Concert St Mary's Church, 201 High Road, IG10 1BB. Tickets: £10, £9 concessions, under 11s free – available on the door (cash or card), includes refreshments. Contact: Shirley Fuller – shirley.fuller55@gmail.com 07713 113384 <http://www.rodingplayers.co.uk>

■ 4 Apr 2pm The Sunshine Kings Theydon & Abridge Jazz Club, Abridge Village Hall, 39 Ongar Road, RM4 1UD. Disabled facilities. Free Parking / Bar / tea & coffee. Open to non-members – membership available, £8 per person. Event prices £10 per person. Enquiries: davedyer24@gmail.com or Dave or Sheila Dyer 07903 879209 www.theydonjazzclub.weebly.com

■ 18 Apr 2pm The Shooting Stars Theydon & Abridge Jazz Club, Abridge Village Hall, 39 Ongar Road, RM4 1UD. Disabled facilities. Free Parking / Bar / tea & coffee. Open to non-members – membership available, £8 per person. Event prices £10 per person. Enquiries: davedyer24@gmail.com or Dave or Sheila Dyer 07903 879209 www.theydonjazzclub.weebly.com



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■ **27 Apr 7.45pm** Essex Handicrafts Association Woodlands Branch, Subject to be confirmed. Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month in the church hall at Loughton Methodist church contact Karen Myles 020 8508 4581 (see p13).

■ **2 May 2pm** Alan Gresy's Ragtimers Theydon & Abridge Jazz Club, Abridge Village Hall, 39 Ongar Road, RM4 1UD. Disabled facilities. Free Parking / Bar / tea & coffee. Open to non-members – membership available, £8 per person. Event prices £10 per person. Enquiries: davedyer24@gmail.com or Dave or Sheila Dyer 07903 879209 www.theydonjazzclub.weebly.com

■ **7 May – 24 September 2pm – 5.30pm** Sunday afternoon tea enjoy homemade cake, tea/coffee in the tranquil churchyard of High Beach Church. The Buxton Chapel is available for private prayer. Entertainment on some Sundays and an opportunity to ring the carillon. An Arts Trail for you to learn more about the Church building and grounds is available, and also outdoor games for younger people. The Church of the Holy Innocents, Church Lane, High Beach, IG10 4BF Vicar: Revd. Jane Yeadon – 07960 604416 Parish Administrator: 07853 336880

■ **9 May 8pm** LS Lowry: A visionary artist Is he our English Van Gogh? A lecture by Michael Howard, practicing artist who has presented at the RA, of which he is a Fellow. The Arts Society, Bancroft's Prep School, 611 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RF All new members welcome. Donation Requested. Enquiries: Mary Affleck 07767 662762 marycaffleck@gmail.com

■ **16 May 2pm** The Peter Rudeforth Jazz Band Theydon & Abridge Jazz Club, Abridge Village Hall, 39 Ongar Road, RM4 1UD. Disabled facilities. Free Parking / Bar / tea & coffee. Open to non-members – membership available, £8 per person. Event prices £10 per person. Enquiries: davedyer24@gmail.com or Dave or Sheila Dyer 07903 879209 www.theydonjazzclub.weebly.com

■ **19 - 20 May 7pm (Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm)** Scenes from a Midsummer Night's Dream - by William Shakespeare - **not performing the whole play** Theydon Bois Drama Society, Theydon Bois Village Hall, Coppice Row, Theydon Bois, Essex, CM16 7ER. Tickets - £10 – Available online from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/theydonboisdramasociety> or phone: - 01992 919038 Website address - <http://theydondrama.org>



■ **20 May 7pm** A concert of sacred and secular music by Opera Octaves The Church of the Holy Innocents, Church Lane, High Beach, IG10 4BF. Tickets £10 each inc. light buffet supper and glass of wine/cold drink to be ordered before the event from Jane Begley at janey.begley@outlook.com or 07572 111387

■ **25 May 7.45pm** Essex Handicrafts Association Woodlands Branch, Subject to be confirmed. Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month in the church hall at Loughton Methodist church contact Karen Myles 020 8508 4581 (see p13).
 ■ **30 May 2pm** Enrico Tomasso (Rico's Hot Four) Theydon & Abridge Jazz Club, Abridge Village Hall, 39 Ongar Road, RM4 1UD. Disabled facilities. Free Parking / Bar / tea & coffee. Open to non-members – membership available, £8 per person. Event prices £10 per person. Enquiries: davedyer24@gmail.com or Dave or Sheila Dyer 07903 879209 www.theydonjazzclub.weebly.com

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OUR COMPETITION to recognise the efforts of local businesses that decorate their premises bringing a festive feel to the town happily returned to its full rules this year (post Covid), with each category winner receiving a trophy and

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hours walking The Broadway and Loughton High Road to identify the winning displays, along with runners-up and highly commended businesses, who added some cheer to the Town. Our congratulations and thanks to all.



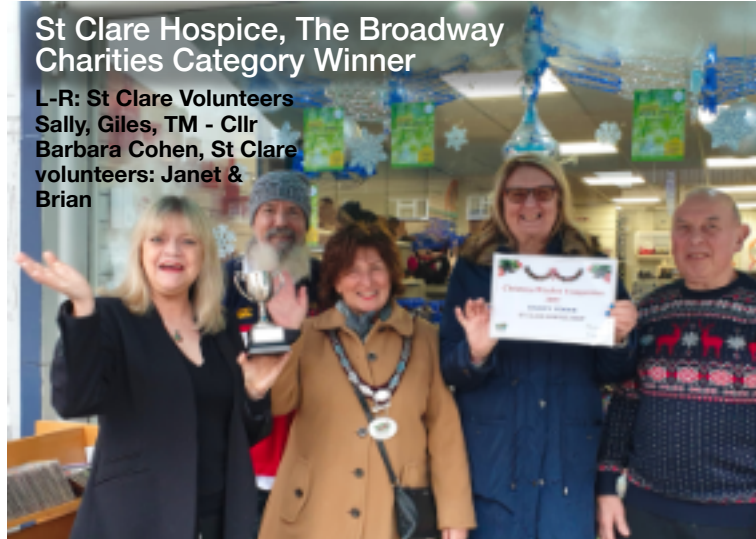
Aura – Eateries Category Winner

Aura Staff with Town Mayor, Cllr Barbara Cohen 3rd left



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L-R: Gary Lytton, Manager & TM, Cllr Barbara Cohen



St Clare Hospice, The Broadway Charities Category Winner

L-R: St Clare Volunteers Sally, Giles, TM - Cllr Barbara Cohen, St Clare volunteers: Janet & Brian



Emily Grace Florist – Independent Category Winner

L-R: Emily Grace, Owner & TM, Cllr Barbara Cohen

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Painting of Loughton Club

Fundraising for dementia

LOUGHTON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (LADS)

continues to support local charities, this year supporting Dementia UK and Epping Forest Dementia Action Alliance (EFDAA). Launched in 2016, EFDAA brings organisations and individuals together to improve the health and social care outcomes for Epping Forest residents affected by dementia. The condition is at the centre of LADS 3rd play of the season, 'The Father', a sensitive portrayal of loss of identity, living with dementia and family love. At its performances on 30, 31 March and 1 April at Lopping Hall, proceeds from programme sales and Dementia UK collection boxes will be dedicated to EFDAA's work helping those living with dementia to fully participate in community life.

Representatives of EFDAA will be available on show nights to talk to audience members about their work and any issues arising from the production. Cathy Naylor, LADS' Chair



said, "LADS is proud of its 16-year history supporting local charities. Given the subject matter of 'The Father' the choice of EFDAA this season was obvious." Laura Cleverly, Chair of EFDAA commented "Funds will be dedicated to our priority areas for the year, whether it's a one-off activity or to help set up a regular group. On behalf of all EFDAA members we'd like to thank LADS for their sponsorship and wish them a successful production of 'The Father'."

LADS' January production (The 39 Steps) sold out before show week. Therefore, if you want to see this award-winning drama, you are reminded to book early. Tickets available from 07552 736 110 or www.lads.org.uk

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The Buffaloes, Loughton Club, 8 Station Rd. A charitable brotherhood - members (18+). Tues & Thurs, 8.30pm. mldjaworsfold@yahoo.co.uk www.loughtonclub.blogspot.com

Café Hope St Mary's Church, 201 High Rd. Mon-Fri 9.15am-2.45pm 020 8508 3643

Chit Chat Club, St Michael's Church, Roding Rd, 1st & 3rd Thurs, 2pm-4pm. Social activities & games, refreshments, company. 020-8418 7944

Forest Probus Club, Gilwell Park, E4. 2nd Fri. Lunch & speaker. New members welcome. Chairman Brian Cook 0208 5320227

Friday Market, St Michael's Church, Roding Rd. Fri, 10-11.15am

Loughton Probus Club, Gilwell Park, Chingford. 4th Tues (lunch). Secretary Derek Allen 020 8504 3074 www.probusloughton.org.uk/

Over 50s Club, Oakwood Hill Estate Hall. Daily programme of activities. 020 8637 4357

Rotary Club of Loughton, Buckhurst Hill & Chigwell The Blue Boar, Market Place, Abridge, RM4 1UA. 1st Fri 6.15pm www.loughtonrotary.org.uk

Royal British Legion Loughton Branch, 118 Church Hill. Mons & Thurs, 8pm (bingo); Tues & Thurs, 1-4pm line dancing; 2nd & 4th Weds quiz night; last Sun 1-4pm (jazz @ the RBL) 020 8508 5044 www.loughtonrblclub.co.uk

Wesley Café, Loughton Methodist Church, 260 High Rd Mon-Thurs 9.30am-3.30pm; Fri 9.30am-12 noon. Closed Sat and Sun. 020 8502 3071

SPORT

All-ability Trampoline Club (disabled people to 19 yrs), Debden Park High School, Willingale Rd. Weds 6.45-7.45pm. Loughton Flyers Trampoline Club & EFDC. Fabrizio Ferrari 01992 564567 / ferrari@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Amici Badminton Club, Roding Valley High School Sports Hall, Alderton Hill. Mons, 8-10pm. Age 30+. Chris 07713 004996

Avenue Lawn Tennis Club, 18 The Avenue, Friendly family club. Membership: juniors 020 8502 3793 & adults 020 8508 4803

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EFDC Fitness (all abilities). All classes £5 - first session free. Loughton Bowls Club, Eleven Acre Rise.

Strength & Balance - Mon 10-11am

Beginners Yoga - Tues 10-11am (dementia friendly, free of charge for carers) - Loughton Cricket Club, The Uplands

Pilates - Weds 9.30-10.30am

Keep Fit - Fri 10-11am Enquiries: csreception@eppingforestdc.gov.uk / 01992 564561

Epping Forest HF Walking Group regular Sunday walks in the local area. www.ehfg.org.uk

Epping Forest Sportability Club (EFSC) Multi-sports club for young people with mild-moderate physical & learning difficulties. Oak View School, Whitehills Rd. Sats 10am-1pm (term time) efsc@hotmail.co.uk www.efsportability.com

Katy Little School of Dance, Loughton. Ballet, tap, jazz, examinations & shows. 4 yrs to adults 07712 106941 / www.katylittleschoolofdance.co.uk

Keep Fit with Caroline Loughton Methodist Church, Joseph Rank Room, 260 High Rd Tues & Thurs, 10.40-11.40am £5. 07714 467784

Loughton Athletic Club, The Pavilion, South View Rd (Roding Valley Rec Ground). Tues, 7pm. www.loughtonac.org.uk

Loughton Cricket Club The Uplands, Loughton, IG10 1NQ. Mid April through to September. Children (5yrs) to adults. For info: Contact Cliff Greenhill Chairman 020 8502 2064 cliff.greenhill@btinternet.com

Loughton Fencing Club Weds, term-time, Debden Park High School, Willingale Rd. All abilities, equipment supplied free. Jnrs 7-8.30pm, snrs 7.30-9pm. First session free.

Loughton Football Club, Avondale Close. 8-18 yrs + senior team. Suns (youth teams), Sats (snrs) & weekend evenings (training). Keith Campen 020 8508 4757 www.loughtonfc.com/contact-us

Loughton Karate Club, Lopping Hall. All ages & all levels. Suns 5-6pm + weekday evenings. Stephen O' Brien 07758 341584. ALSO **Women's Self-Defence Class** - see website <http://loughtonkarateclub.co.uk/>

Mountaineering Club, Victoria Tavern, Smarts Lane. Hill walkers & climbers welcome. Mons 8.30pm. www.loughtonmc.org

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Loughton Rugby Club, Hornbeam Road, Buckhurst Hill, IG9 6JT. Training Wednesdays 7.30pm. Matches Saturdays. Contact: Michael Walker 07939 468222

Loughton Wado-Kai Karate Club, Roding Valley High School Drama Hut, Alderton Hill. All ages. Weds 7pm. 07971 672542 www.loughtonwadoikai.co.uk

Old Loughtonians Hockey Club All ages, beginners to elite welcome. www.oldloughts.co.uk 020 8504 4010, OLHC@oldloughtonians.co.uk

Pilates classes Epping Forest Community Church, Grosvenor Drive, IG10 2LG, Weds 8pm, Thurs 10am, £5. Suitable for all. www.ginafitnesspilates.co.uk

Roding Valley Angling Club New members welcome. Darren 07818 392020 / roding.valley.angling.club@gmail.com

Walk - West Essex Ramblers (sorry no dogs). Weekends, Wed & Thurs. 020 8554 1665 / 07434 902394 www.westessexramblers.org.uk

Wing Tjun Kung Fu Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill. All ages and abilities £8. Sundays (times vary betw 11.15am-3.15pm for each age group) 07977 132111 www.omni-martialarts.co.uk

TALKS

Arts Society Woodford Green, Bancroft's Preparatory School Hall, Whitehall Rd, Woodford Green. Member of NADFAS. 2nd Tues, 7.15 for 8pm. 020 8599 6281

Mothers' Union, St John's Church in Lady Chapel, Church Lane. 3rd Thurs, 10.30am for coffee & speaker. Ivy Southgate 020 8508 7530

National Trust, £3 non-members. Refreshments & NT info. 020 8508 9541 See Dates for the diary

St John's Wives' Group, St. John's Parish Hall, Church. Lane, Loughton, 1st & 3rd Mons 2pm (excluding August). Anne Pratt 020 8508 3539

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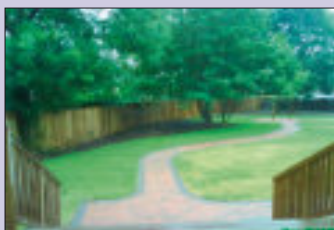
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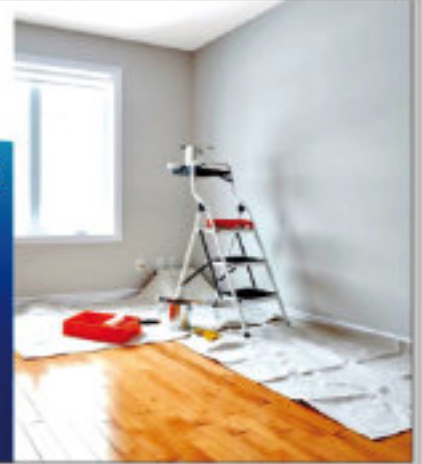
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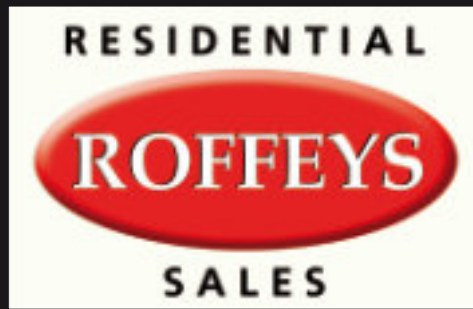


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