

**Cultural affair**

**BASILDON:** An international themed day, with music, art and other entertainment, takes place at Vange Community Hall, in Vange Hill Drive.

Joy Christian Centre is organising the free event, to promote different cultures and local businesses, between 10.30am and 3.30pm on September 3.

**Art exhibition**

**WICKFORD:** An exhibition displaying work by artists and authors will run at Christ Church, off High Street.

The free event, from 9.30am until 1pm tomorrow and Monday, will also give visitors the opportunity to buy some of the work on display.

**Child's play**

**BILLERICAY:** Children aged five to 12 can take part in free activities and games at Lake Meadows.

Basildon Council's play rangers' scheme visits the park between 10am and 1pm on Monday.

**Stamp society**

**BILLERICAY:** The philatelic society meets at the Folds Art Centre, in Laindon Road, between 7.30pm and 10pm on Thursday.

# Dancing for Daisy!



■ Brave – Daisy is hooked up to a feeding machine for up to 18 hours a day

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A NON-STOP dance marathon in aid of a poorly little girl is set to get fundraisers working up a sweat in Laindon.

Dancers with fleet feet and big hearts will take part in a four-hour session of the Zumbathon dance craze to raise funds for Daisy Palmer.

The seven-year-old, of Burr Close, Laindon, has a life-threatening condition which means she cannot eat food and can only sip water.

The brave youngster is hooked up to a feeding machine in her bedroom for up to 18 hours a day.

Her family is now trying to raise £100,000 to build a much-needed extension to cater for Daisy's complex medical needs.

The fancy dress Zumbathon, at Laindon Community Centre, in Aston Road, on October 1, is open to everyone. It starts at 7pm and finishes at 11pm.

Those taking part can get sponsored to do as little

## 4-hour dance marathon for sick child

or as much of the four hours as they like.

Money raised on the night, through £10 per person ticket sales, will be split between the Daisy Palmer Trust and London's Great Ormond Street Hospital.

In addition, all sponsor money will go to Daisy's cause.

Organisers are also appealing to businesses in the area to donate raffle prizes. For more information, or to donate a raffle prize, e-mail [info@zumbadanceandfitness.co.uk](mailto:info@zumbadanceandfitness.co.uk)

● Firefighters from Basildon fire station, in Broadmayne, are holding a charity car wash on Saturday, September 17, in aid of Daisy Palmer.

Funds will be split between the Daisy Palmer Trust and the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund.



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