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| Redbridge Barking & Dagenham **Di’s Diamonds Events** | 2025 |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat | Sun |
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|  | **1**  **4-7PM Space Studio Andy Singleton Natural connections** exhibition including some of our Di’s Diamonds | **2**  **12-2 King George V** lunch *Gants Hill* | **3** | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| **7**  **12-2 Pipe Major** *Lunch & Bingo**Dagenham* | **8**  **11-1 Fairlop waters** *Walk / coffee Barkingside* | **9**  **11-1****Barking Park walk** *Barking* | **10**  *XX Amanda off XX* | **11**  *XX Amanda off XX* | 12 | 13 |
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| **10.30-12.30 Hub** Craft **14**  Amanda hosting  **Must pre book (HAV)** | **Saachi Gallery visit 15**  Free Flowers- Flora in Contemporary Art & Culture  *Chelsea* | **10.30-12 Coffee with Jacinth 16**  **Space Studios** *Ilford*  **12-2Old Maypole** *lunch & Quiz**Hainault* | **17**  **12-2 Pipe Major** *Lunch & Bingo**Dagenham* | **18**  *XX Amanda off XX*  **Good Friday** | 19 | 20  Easter Sunday |
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| **21**  **Easter Monday** | **22**  **XX** | **12-2Crowlands 23**  *lunch*  *Dagenham* | **24**  **11-1 Hainault Forest** *coffee / walk* *Hainault* | **25**  *XX Amanda off XX* | 26 | 27 |
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| **10-12 Hub** Craft **28**  Amanda hosting  **Must pre book (HAV)**  **1.30-3 Fullwell Cross Library** Bring your own Craft | **12.30-2 Live Well Havering 29**  **Roadshow Elm Park**  **(HAV only)**  **Moved to 6/5/25** | **30**  **1-3 Kenneth More** afternoon tea & music *Ilford*  **To Be Confirmed** |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 02/04/25 12-2pm Lunch King George V** 645 CRANBROOK ROAD, ILFORD, ESSEX, IG2 6SX [King George V pub in Ilford | Greene King Pubs (greeneking-pubs.co.uk)](https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/essex/king-george-v/) 2 course £5.49, 3 courses £6.49. Buses 128, 150 167 from Ilford station, Shere Road stop CQ. *Email* [*disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk*](mailto:disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk) *to book your place so we know who to contact in the event of cancellation / change*

**Monday 07/04/25 12-2pm** **Lunch followed by free bingo**. **Pipe Major**, 1,Yewtree Avenue, Dagenham, RM10 7FN  
Large car park, Almost opposite Dagenham East station. We have our own area, pay for your own food and drink, bingo is free. Book early to avoid disappointment. *Email* [*disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk*](mailto:disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk) *to book your place so we know who to contact in the event of cancellation / change*

**Tuesday 08/04/25 11-1pm Walk Fairlop Waters** FAIRLOP WATERS COUNTRY PARK, FOREST ROAD, HAINAULT, ILFORD, IG6 3HN [Map (redbridge.gov.uk)](https://my.redbridge.gov.uk/map/parks-and-open-spaces/fairlop-waters) **462 bus from Ilford station to Fairlop Waters tube central line Fairlop, cross the road**

Meet in the café for coffee then walk around the lake, it takes 45 min to an hour (3.2KM) and there are benches on the way but you need to be able to walk that far unassisted. Alternatively, you can stay in the café till we come back and take in the scenery. Suitable footwear required, dress for the weather and bring water, we will just have a coffee morning if it’s raining. ***Pre booking essential*** [*disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk*](mailto:disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk) *to book your place so we know who to contact in the event of cancellation / change due to weather*

**Wednesday 09/04/25 11am-1pm Barking Park Walk** meet in the Big Friendly coffee house then have an optional stroll down past the lake. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Walk slow 20-50 min with rest stops. Please only attend if you are able to walk that far as it’s a fair walk from the bus stop. Bus EL1 from Ilford station, Park Avenue stop then 10 min walk, buses 5. 62, EL2, EL3 from Barking station, Hulse Ave/Barking park stop then 7 min walk.145 bus to Abbey school then enter park via allotments. Free parking next to Abbey School, next left, park

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**Tuesday 15/04/25 11-3 Saachi Gallery** Duke of York's HQ, King's Road, London, SW3 4RY **Studio** [FLOWERS – FLORA IN CONTEMPORARY ART & CULTURE » Saatchi Gallery - Book Now](https://www.saatchigallery.com/exhibition/flowers-flora-in-contemporary-art-amp-culture)

Flowers have, throughout history, inspired artists, writers and creatives. *FLOWERS – FLORA IN CONTEMPORARY ART & CULTURE* seeks to reveal the myriad ways that flowers continue to be depicted by artists and their omnipresence within our contemporary culture. Occupying two floors and over nine major gallery spaces, this exhibition features large-scale installations, original art, photography, fashion, archival objects and graphic design exploring the ongoing influence of flowers on creativity and human expression. Aside from studies of their inherent beauty and drama, flowers are also utilised as symbols, signifiers or metaphors for human emotions and impulses.  Flora lies at the heart of myths and stories that inform our cultural outlook and language. Recognised as unparalleled objects of beauty in nature, artists continue to evoke the power and beauty of flora to convey a multitude of messages and meanings. Over 500 unique artworks and objects are on display throughout the exhibition, divided into nine sections – from *Roots*, *In Bloom*, *Flowers and Fashion,* *Science: Life & Death,*to *New Shoots* – each exploring different creative themes and media. One room is entirely devoted to a bespoke installation piece by Rebecca Louise Law, made up of over 100,000 dried flowers, while another is transformed into a digital projection space featuring interactive work of the pioneering French artist Miguel Chevalier.

The gallery is 3-4 minutes’ walk from Sloane Square Underground (District and Circle lines) **Free entry, free tour.** Meet at the gallery for 11 or Sloane Square at 10.50. Jacinth is travelling from Ilford, leaving at 10am sharp so please let us know where you’d like to meet. Very limited spaces. Romford to Stratford, central to Mile End, district line to Sloane square. *Email* [*disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk*](mailto:disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk) *to book your place so we know who to contact in the event of cancellation / change*

**Wednesday 16/04/25 10.30-12 Coffee morning with Jacinth, Space Studios, Town Hall, Ilford. Opposite Kenneth More Theatre.** Bus 86 (library stop) Space studio is opposite on the end of the Town Hall building. *Email* [*disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk*](mailto:disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk) *to book your place so we know who to contact in the event of cancellation / change*

**Wednesday 16/04/25 12-2pm Lunch and quiz Old Maypole**, Fencepiece Road, Ilford, Greater London, IG6 2NG. **247 bus** stops outside. Money off voucher and menu https://www.sizzlingpubs.co.uk/findapub/northwest/theoldmaypoleilford/signup

Pay for what you eat and drink, free quiz. Meet new people. *Email* [*disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk*](mailto:disdiamonds@ageukrbh.org.uk) *to book your place so we know who to contact in the event of cancellation / change*

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**Wednesday 23/04/25 12-2 lunch, Crowlands Golf club**, Wood Lane, Dagenham, Essex, RM8 1JX <https://www.crowlandsheath.co.uk/contact-crowlands-heath/>**.** free tea / coffee, please note soft drinks and alcohol are not included. Buses stop right outside, large car park. Limited spaces so book early to avoid disappointment.

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**Thursday 24/04/25 11-1pm Hainault Forest / Foxborough Farm visit and coffee/ brunch / lunch / walk**

Meet in the new Woodland Trust Visitor centre by the second car park. Approx. 45 min to an hour to walk round the lake or 25 min to walk round the farm and there are benches on the way. You need to be able to walk that far unassisted. Alternatively, you can stay in the café till we come back and take in the beautiful scenery. Suitable footwear required, dress for the weather, we will just have a coffee morning / lunch if it’s raining or too muddy. Farm entrance is gravel so may be unsuitable for some mobility scooters.

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**Monday 28/04/25 1.30-3pm Fullwell Cross Library,** 140 High Street, Ilford IG6 2EA, in the big room on the left, access via front doors [Fullwell Cross Library • Vision Redbridge Culture and Leisure (visionrcl.org.uk)](https://visionrcl.org.uk/centre/fullwell-cross-library/) **Cost £3 including tea / coffee**

**Bring your own art or craft project**, share skills with others, learn a new skill.

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**Wednesday 30/04/25 1-3pm Kenneth More. Afternoon tea, singing & dancing.** Kenneth More Theatre, Oakfield Road, Ilford, IG1 1BT

***Pre booking essential with any dietary requirements by midday on Mon 24/04/25***

*£10 pay on the day,* ***no show or late cancellations must still be paid for so don’t forget to cancel if you’re unable to attend.***

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***This event is tentative at the moment.***