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Craft

**Embroiderers
Guild - South &
East Essex Branch**

To promote and practise education in embroidery to members and the wider public, through speakers, workshops. Day classes, exhibitions. Visitors are welcome. Membership is open to all.

Joan Overy

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307945

befolkard@aol.com

<http://www.embroiderersguild.com>

**Essex Handicrafts
Association, SE
Essex Branch**

To promote and practise education in arts and crafts with speakers and workshops. We meet 2nd Weds of each month in St Barnabas Church Hall, Hadleigh. We are a friendly group and visitors and new members are always welcome.

Rosie Bartley-
Crozier

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479862

rosie.crozier22@btinternet.com

Pier Patchers

Meet every 3rd Weds of "odd" months Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov at Balmoral Community Centre, Salisbury Avenue from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

Mrs Iris
McMillan

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S.E. Essex Federation Of Townswomens Guilds	There are 18 guilds within the Federation Area, holding monthly or bi-monthly meetings.	Mrs Jean Lawrence	01702 585359	laurie192@talk.talk.net



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Dance

Amanda Restell Academy of Dance	Offers classes in all the theatre base dance subjects, namely Ballet, Tap, Modern Jazz, Theatre Craft, and Disco, from the age of about 3 years up to, well no limit really.	Christine Restell	01702 712000	
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Angela Allport Performing Arts School	Ballet R.A.D., Tap Jazz, Adult classes, audition classes. Friendly school established in 1990. Examinations taken. Excellent exam results in R.A.D. and I.S.T.D. Children taken from two and a half years to professional level.	Angela Allport Principal	01268 774668	
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Circle Folk Dance Group	Folk Dances from around the world. This friendly, relaxed group meets Wednesdays, 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. at Westcliff United Reformed Church, Kings Road, Westcliff on Sea.	Ruth Elberg	01702 713186	
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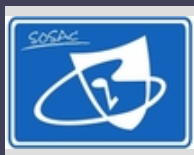
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Dallas Line Dance Club	Line Dancing club.		07889 733349 07889 733349	
Davies Dance Centre	Dance school based in Leigh on Sea.		01702 715361	http://www.daviesdance.co.uk
Denise Roberts School of Classical Dance	Ballet R.A.D., Tap Jazz, Adult classes, audition classes. Friendly school established in 1990. Examinations taken. Excellent exam results in R.A.D. and I.S.T.D. Children taken from two and a half years to professional level.	Denise Roberts	01702 468613	
Grand Ceilidh Club	The Grand Ceilidh Club is Southend's barn dance club. Get active in a social atmosphere at our weekly barn dances every Wednesday. First visit to club is free, everyone welcome.	Ms Claire Jarvis	07818 622822	jarv065@googlemail.com http://www.southendbarndance.org.uk



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Miller School of Dancing	The oldest established school of theatre dance for children in Southend-on-Sea.	Gena Badger	01702 712316	missgena@millerschoolofdance.co.uk http://www.millerschoolofdance.co.uk
Opus 2 Dance Studio	Teaching Dance to all ages. - 525 London Road, Westcliff on Sea.		01702 342339	
P & M Dance Studio	Dance Studio based at St Marys Hall, Victoria Avenue, Southend.		01702 523480	
Ridley School and Studios	Ridley School & Studios is a dance school located in Leigh On Sea.		01702 473137	



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Shoebury Dance Centre	For the best in both Class and Personal Tuition Specialised training is also available for those wishing to take professional teaching qualifications. All assistant teaching staff are fully qualified.	Jill Bush	01702 295476	enquiries@shoeburydancecentre.com http://www.shoeburydancecentre.com
South East Essex Scottish Society	The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) is a registered Scottish charity (SC 016085), dedicated to promoting Scottish country dance. It has a world-wide network of "branches" and affiliated groups.	Mrs Edna Carroll	01702 428974	carroll@27shipwrights.freeserve.co.uk
Southend Dance Centre	Dance school located at St James Church Hall Elmsleigh Drive Leigh-On-Sea Essex SS9 4DP.		01268 743116	http://www.southenddance.com
Southend Flamenco	We promote flamenco dance and guitar in the Southend area and offer weekly dance classes, to help beginners learn the technique and choreography.	Michael Smith	01702 465244	southendflamenco@gmail.com http://www.southendflamenco.co.uk



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Spotlight Danceworld	Dance Studio based at 793a London Road, Westcliff on Sea.		01702 474374	
Tiffany Theatre School	Our positive approach to current trends within the industry is extensively recognised by professionals and performers.	Tiffany Campbell Welch	01702 710069	tiffany@tiffanytheatrecollege.com http://www.tiffanytheatrecollege.com
Wiggles Dance Club	We teach Ballet, Breakdance, Street, Hip Hop and all styles in between. For Fun, Fitness, Confidence or a Career we can help you every STEP OF THE WAY.		01702 542985	wigglesdc@aol.com http://www.wigglesdanceclub.co.uk



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Drama

Actorcrats

Performing since 1974, producing a panto, full length play and 3 one act plays per year. Meeting on Thursdays at 8 p.m at Friars Community Centre, The Renown, Constable Way, Shoeburyness.

Andee Byford 01702 306506

andee@actocrats

Aidan Players

Meet every Monday evening at 7.45 p.m. at St Aidans Church Hall, The Fairway, Leigh on Sea.

Maggie Downey 01702 559038

suzanne_j_downey@yahoo.co.uk

Arts Labyrinth

Benevolent group for educating and training young people in leisure; entertainment and performing arts. Under 16's - performances, festivals and LAMDA Exams. 16+ work experience and training LAMDA and OCR qualifications. Gap year students welcome.

Jenny Harrison 01702 232289



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Benfleet Operatic Society		Geoff Mingail	07868 660727	gbmingail@yahoo.com
Blah Blah Productions	The company rehearses on Saturdays at Earls Hall Infant School, Westcliff on Sea from 10 a.m. and on Sundays at Woodside Hall, Benfleet from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. (juniors) and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. (senior) company.	Michelle Taylor	01702 341410	blahblah.productions@hotmail.co.uk
Boscats		Robert Gray	01268 751303	mrgoldbury@hotmail.com
Cliffs Pavilion	Cliffs Pavilion seats 1,600 people in its modern theatre, also Maritime rooms for conference events.	Ellen McPhillips	01702 351135	info@southendtheatres.org.uk http://www.thecliffspavilion.co.uk



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East 15 Southend Campus	Now at the new Clifftown Studio complex - the Southend Campus of E15 Acting school features BA World Performance, BA Stage Combat, BA in Physical Theatre, Undergraduate courses part of University of Essex.	Clare Cook	01702 328279	east15@essex.ac.uk http://www.east15.ac.uk
East Essex Players	Meeting every Tues evening at Eastwood Memorial Hall, Lambeth Road, Eastwood.	Hazel Latcham		eastessexplayers@hotmail.co.uk
Eastwood Theatre	Available for hire for a wide variety performances, also able to host corporate events, with video projection facilities etc.	Tricia Etherton	07535 603645	tetherton@eastwood.southend.sch.uk
Josephine's Academy for Dramatic Arts	We have dance and drama classes for pupils aged 5- 16 years. Covering mime, improvisation, t.v, film, poetry and so on. We also run an agency for children, allowing them to audition for t.v and commercials.	Josephine Parsad	01702 290178	josephineparsad@tiscali.co.uk http://www.josephinesacademy.co.uk



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Leigh Operatic and Dramatic Society	Meetings every Mon and Thurs evenings at Crowstone Church, Crowstone Road, Westcliff on Sea.	Membership secretary	07803 854492	committee@lods.co.uk http://www.lods.co.uk
Lindisfarne	Meetings every weds from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. at Clarence Road Baptist Church Hall. Perofrm three shows per year as well television and radio acting.	Steve McCartney	01702 312783	enigmaenterprises@blueyonder.co.uk http://lindisfarneplayers.co.uk
Little Theatre Company	We rehearse twice a week on Monday and Thursday at St. Clements Hall, Leigh-on-Sea from 8 -10pm and also on the 4 Sundays prior to a show.	Mrs Doreen Goodfellow	01702 349277	tickets@littletheatrecompany.co.uk http://www.littletheatrecompany.co.uk
Merlin Productions	Traditional pantomimes and musicals are performed.	Paul Newman	01702 208059	paul-newman@merlin-productions.co.uk http://www.merlin-productions.co.uk



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Morgan Academy of Performing Arts	The schools` aim is not only to encourage and achieve a high standard of dance, but to give all students the opportunity to experience the enjoyment of participating in theatre and performance.	Vanda Morgan	01702 470729	enquiries@morganacademy.co.uk http://www.morganacademy.co.uk
New Focus Theatre	Youth drama classes Year 2+ 5.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Tuesdays, Year 6 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Saturdays Year 10+ 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. Fridays.	Louise Manders	01702 470128	louise.manders@btinternet.com
Palace Lunch Club	The Palace Lunch Club (Enjoy Lunch with the Stars!) Occasional lunch meetings with stars in current Palace and Cliffs productions.	Emily Malcolm	01702 390472	emilym@southendtheatres.org.uk http://www.southendtheatres.org.uk
Palace Theatre	The 603-seat theatre oozes 90-years of theatrical history with its plush red velvet seats, ornate boxes, elaborate chandeliers .	Ellen McPhillips	01702 351135	info@southendtheatres.org.uk http://www.palacetheatresouthend.co.uk



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Palace Theatre Youth Groups	Tiny Palace (ages 5 – 7), Little Palace (ages 7 – 11), Young Palace (11 – 16), The Palace Youth Company (ages 16 – 19). Entry to the Youth Company is via an audition) - Based at the Palace Theatre.	Emily Malcolm	01702 390472	emilym@southendtheatres.org.uk http://www.southendtheatres.org.uk
Rayleigh Operatic and Dramatic Society	A friendly variety, performing 3 main productions a year - a musical, a play and pantomime. We also participate in local festivals.	Amanda Bedwell	01376 515021	info@rods.org.uk http://www.rods.org.uk
Singer Stage School	We hold auditions each May for new students to join the school in September. From time to time we also allow exceptional students to audition (over the period of a week during Summer School in July).	Sandra Singer	01702 331616	sandrasingeruk@aol.com http://www.sandrasinger.com
Sit and Fidget	Creative, community and Visual Arts. Meetings at St Bernards Girls School, Milton Road, Westcliff on Sea on Saturday mornings.	Claire Bartlett	01702 306742	claire@sitandfidget.co.uk http://www.sitandfidget.co.uk



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Southend Drama Society	Established in 1946, the society performs two plays per year in July and November. It has enjoyed success over the years in the One Act play festival. New members are welcome.	Kay Banning	01268 752239	rick.fiore@parallel-image.co.uk http://www.southenddrama.co.uk
Southend Operatic and Dramatic Society	Rehearsals are held at Leigh Road Baptist Church Hall, Leigh-on-Sea. We are a young, friendly and vibrant Society, always keen to welcome new members.	Dick Davies	01702 472140	info@southendoperatic.com http://www.southendoperatic.com
Southend Shakespeare Company	Meetings usually Tues, Weds or Thurs at Westcliff United Reform Church Hall, Westcliff on Sea.	Madeleine Ayres	01702 473172	sscmembership@southendshakespeare.co.uk http://www.southendshakespearecompany.co.uk
Southend Theatres	Cliffs Pavilion at Station Road, Westcliff, and Palace Theatre at London Road, Westcliff also houses Dixon Studio.	Box Office	01702 390657	info@southendtheatres.org.uk http://www.southendtheatres.org.uk



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Southend Youth Arts	Southend Youth Arts is a not for profit organization and registered charity (no. 1120369) based in Southend-on-Sea, Essex. We have been established in the area for over 15 years and can offer affordable and accessible arts opportunities for young people	Kimberley Skehan	07929 308739	kskehan@sky.com http://www.southendyoutharts.co.uk
Squeaky-Clean	no regular meetings - occasional experimental plays in intimate venues - function rooms in pubs.	Steve Pilley	07941 610819	info@squeaky-clean.org.uk http://www.squeaky-clean.org.uk
Starlight Productions	A small albeit friendly group that produces two shows annually. We also have an active social calendar. If you are looking for fun and enthusiasm then contact us.	Irene Volke	01702 612351	starlightproductions@blueyonder.co.uk http://www.starlightproductions.co.uk
Theatre Factory	Theatre school based at 969 London Road.		01702 715645	



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Trinity Players	New members are needed and will be made very welcome. We meet on Tuesday at 8.00 pm in Trinity Parish House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend. Producing two plays per year.	Jean Goodson	01702 584201	jean.goodson@tiscali.co.uk
Wednesday Players	Performs an annual pantomime, plus plays and cabaret evenings. Group meets at St Thomas More Hall, Hadleigh on Suns 3 - 6 p.m. Monday and Thurs 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.	Stuart Budds	01702 557600	thebuddsfamily@yahoo.co.uk http://www.thewednesdayplayers.co.uk
Wesley Theatre Group	Meetings every Monday at Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Westcliff on Sea.	Miss B Cartwright	01702 712956	isobelwratishlaw@hotmail.co.uk
Whitehall Performing Arts College	Based in Southend on Sea in Essex, our new and spacious college site is ideally situated for student life: combining close proximity to London.		01702 529290	info@whitehallcollege.co.uk http://www.whitehallcollege.co.uk



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Festival/Forums

Idea13	An online forum - an opportunity to share knowledge, marketing, audiences, reviews and ideas. To extend existing networks and relationships and to create a strong cultural voice for the Borough.			http://www.idea13.org
Southend Festival	During the month of June, Southend is transformed into a Cultural mecca as Southend College brings you Southend Festival, showcasing the freshest talent and established names across music, art, film. Literature and performance, offering something to all.	Jo Taylor	01702 220400	jotaylor@southessex.ac.uk http://www.southendfestival.com
Southend Fringe Festival	An annual arts related festival held in Southend, sponsored by advertising and with regular fund raising events.	Emma Reed		southendfringe@googlemail.com http://www.southendfringe.co.uk



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Southend on Sea Musical Festival Association	Object of the festival: 1. to encourage the study, performance and appreciation of good music by holding annual public competitions 2. Professional adjudications.	Mrs Annette Forkin	01702 341195	annette.forkin@btinternet.com
SX Festival	At the SX FESTIVAL 2010 there's a whole lot of entertainment. With Five Stages of Live Music and Entertainment from Bands and Musicians to Theatre and Comedy Shows. There's something for everyone. Held at Tabors Farm, Rochford.	Jackie Lackenby	01702 343533	jackie@sxfestival.co.uk http://www.sxfestival.co.uk
Village Green	Village Green supported by Metal and Arts Council England East will bring together internationally acclaimed artists and performers from Southend area to create an exciting celebratory event, as part of the cultural olympiad leading up to 2012.	Collette Bailey	01702 470700	colette@metalculture.com http://www.metalculture.com/village-green



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Deanery Orchestra	An all age orchestra performing a range of music. Rehearsals from 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Nazareth House.	Mr P Coath	01702 202208	philcoath@waitrose.com
Eastwood Chorale	The choir is a small friendly and versatile group of singers who meet on a Wednesday evening at the United Reformed Church, Saffory Close, Eastwood (nr Progress Road).	Ian Walker	01268 781399	info@eastwoodchorale.freeserve.co.uk
Essex Concert Orchestra	The Orchestra brings varied music to a wider audience in an endearing and informative manner, whilst providing talented musicians a chance to study and perform repertoire outside of the confines of professional musicianship.	Malcolm Hiscock	01702 207912	eco@mhiscock.demon.co.uk http://www.essexconcertorchestra.org.uk



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Essex Folk Association	Countywide body promoting Folk song, music, dance, crafts and traditional activities. Registered charity.	Janet Barclay	01621 828576	dave@record1.wanadoo.co.uk
Fidelio Singers	A small female group of talented musicians who enjoy singing together. Rehearsal on Weds evenings.	Mrs Margaret Cozens	01702 475343	
Freda Parry Scholarship For Singers	The competition for this Scholarship, maximum value £1000, is held annually for candidates under 29 years, resident within 15 miles of the centre of Southend on Sea, and undertaking a course of advanced singing study at a recognised school or college.	Elizabeth Elliott	01702 580413	
Gaudeamus	Meeting weekly - chamber choir.	Ruth and Lawrence Barker	01702 421550	



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Highlands Forum Male Voice Choir	The Choir meets for rehearsals Tuesdays at 1.30 p.m. in the lounge of Highlands Methodist Church, Sutherland Boulevard, Leigh on Sea, before the Forum meeting commencing at 2.30 p.m.	Mr Jack Thomas	01702 476021	
Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir	The Choir, conducted by David Clark, numbers around 100 members and is always ready to welcome new members. Rehearsals are on Friday evenings at 7:30 at The Salvation Army Temple, Hadleigh.	Mick Jacks	01268 759874	mocolos@btinternet.com http://www.lomvc.org
Midnight Studios	Recording Studio based at 24 Wallis Avenue, Southend.		01702 337048	
Orpheus Singers	A 150 strong ladies choir, developing a broad repertoire Rehearsals every Tuesday from 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. at Hadleigh Methodist Church	David Clark	01268 741373	http://www.theorpheussingers.co.uk



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Rug Opera	An operatic group based in Southend on Sea - performing at Palace Theatre and other local venues.	Deborah Groves	01702 344108	
South Essex Youth Symphony Orchestra	SEYSO is open to orchestral instrumentalists from Grade 4. For beginners up to Grade 4 the South Essex Youth Training Orchestra meets concurrently. SEYSO provides monthly workshops and 3 substantive courses annually with major public performances.	Malcolm Hiscock	01702 207912	seyso_team@hotmail.com http://www.seyso.org.uk
Southend & District Organists Association	Primarily concerned with religious music and the traditional pipe organ. But also welcomes membership from non-players and singers. Affiliated to the incorporated association of organists.	D.F. Powell	01702 346950	
Southend Bach Choir	Mixed SATB Choir of approx 65 members performing 3 concerts per year. Meetings weekly on Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. at Blenheim Primary School, Blenheim Chase, Leigh On Sea.	Christine Smith	01268 772842	http://www.southendbachchoir.org.uk



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Southend Band	The band rehearses from 7.45pm until 9.45pm at St Peters Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff on Sea.	David Hurrell	01702 552668	southendband@hotmail.com http://www.southendband.com
Southend Boys Choir	The Southend Boys' Choir rehearses each Friday during term time at Southend High School for Boys. Membership is open to all boys aged 8 and upwards and is free, by application to Roger Humphrey.	Roger Humphrey	01702 215623/07 771- 600009	rosemarypennington@southend.gov.uk http://www.southendchoirs.org.uk
Southend Chamber Music Club	Membership is open to all interested in music, both players and non-players and the subscription includes admission to concerts and the use of an extensive library of chamber music.	Mrs V Davis	01702 201274	
Southend Choral Society	Meeting every Thurs in term time from 7.45 - 9.45 p.m. at Princes Avenue School (entrance in Hornby Avenue).	Heather Crisp	01702 465460	brenda-f@hotmail.co.uk http://www.southendchoral.org



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Southend Council Concert Series	A series of Wednesday lunchtime concerts held in the Council Chamber of the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue at 12:15 p.m - 1 p.m. and series of professional evening concerts held at Plaza Centre.	Rosemary Pennington	01702 215624	rosemarypennington@southend.gov.uk http://www.southend.gov.uk
Southend Festival Chorus	Large choral society has built a reputation for outstanding performances of Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern Choral repertoire. Rehearsals Weds evenings at 7.30 p.m. St Peter's Church, Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff.	Betty Hall	01702 479195	http://www.southendfestivalchorus.org.uk
Southend Girls Choir	The Choir rehearses each Wednesday during term time at Southend High School for Girls. Membership is by application to Rosemary Pennington.	Rosemary Pennington	01702 215624/07 771-600009	webmaster@southendchoirs.org.uk http://www.southendchoirs.org.uk
Southend Music Service	Now administered from Southend High School for Girls.	Ros Pitcher	01702 588852	rospitcher@southend.gov.uk http://www.southend.gov.uk



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Southend Philharmonic Orchestra	Southend Philharmonic Orchestra meets on Tuesdays at 7.30pm at St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh on Sea, Essex.	Paul Day	01702 479299	http://www.southendphilharmonic.co.uk
Southend Senior Singers Choir	Choir for ladies and men over 60 years of age. Performing one concert per month. Varied programme of folk, show tunes, classical and traditional.	Janice Gray	01702 586957	janicemarie@hotmail.co.uk
Southend Symphony Orchestral Society	Membership of approx 50 musicians. Meetings every Wed evening during term time at St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh.	Janet Blades	01268 550399	info@southendsymphony.org http://www.southendsymphony.org
Southend Training Choir	Meet weekly during term time at St Bernard's High School, Milton Road, Westcliff. Tuesdays 4.15 - 5.15. This is a training choir for young singers, aged 7+ who may wish to join the Southend Boys' or Girls' Choirs. No Fees and no memberships.	Kim Zimmer	01702 343583	kjz@stbernards.southend.sch.uk http://www.southendchoirs.org.uk



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Southend Vox	Southend Vox is a new adult choir for the town. Rehearsals every Weds during term-time from 8 to 9.30pm at Temple Sutton Primary School. We rehearse during half-term.	Emma Turnbull	07769 706714	info@southendvox.com
Southend Wind Orchestra	Peforms at various locations in the Borough, including Priory Park, as well as across Essex and beyond. Rehearsals take place at, Chalkwell Park Methodist Church, Kingsway, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, SSO 9XF Weds evenings 7.45 pm until 9.45 pm.	Sallie Falvey	01702 206156	info@southendwindorchestra.org http://www.southendwindorchestra.org
Southend Young Singers	this choir is for boys and girls aged 8 to 21, and rehearses at Clarence Road Baptist Church.	Mrs Silverman	07944 329882	
Southend Youth Big Band	The band rehearses every Friday in term time at Belfairs High School from 7:30 – 9:00pm.	Lynn Walsh	07742 187520	



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Southend Youth Symphonic Wind Band	Catering for young woodwind, brass and percussion players in South East Essex. Weekly rehearsals every Friday evening 7 - 9 p.m. during term time. New members welcome.	Tony Orchover	01702 332297	tonyorchover@hotmail.com http://www.syswb.org
Sundown Arts		Jo Overfield	07759 626708	joverfield@gmail.com
Westcliff Collection	This is a new community orchestra formed in 2009 to perform regular concerts in the Southend on Sea local area. Concert programmes are planned to educate and to allow audiences to experience less familiar pieces.	Tony Orchover	01702 332297	tonyorchover@hotmail.com http://www.westcliffcollection.co.uk



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Visual Arts

Art of the Village

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Art On Sea

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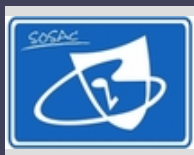
Ashingdon Art and Social Group

Group is made up
mainly retired people,
meeting weekly, mainly
watercolour, but all
mediums are used with
mixed abilities. 30+
members.

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Barling Magna Artists Group	Every Weds 8 - 10 p.m. at British Legion Hall, High Street, Great Wakering.	Mrs S Monk	01702 586110	
Beecroft Art Gallery	Situated opposite The Cliffs Pavilion, the Beecroft has a fine art collection, Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on the first Sunday of each exhibition. Admission is free.	Clare Hunt	01702 347681	clarehunt@southend.gov.uk http://www.beecroft-art-gallery.co.uk
Brush Strokes Art Group	To bring together like-minded people who have an interest in painting and drawing. To maintain a social atmosphere within the general framework of art.	Beverley Tutton	01702 341902	mary-harding@blueyonder.co.uk
Co-exist Arts	CoExist are an artist-led project formed in 2008 by Amy McKenna and Emma Emmerton, who felt there were not enough spaces for early career artists to make and show their work. In 2009 they set up CoExist Gallery and CoExist Studios at TAP in North Road.	Amy McKenna/ Emma Emmerton		coexist@hotmail.co.uk http://www.coexist.org.uk



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Eastwood Brush and Palette	Meetings every Weds evening at Eastwood Memorial Hall, Rayleigh Road/Lambeth Road, Eastwood.	Gina Warner	01702 528167	ginahwarner38@btinternet.com http://www.eastwood-brush-and-palette.co.uk
Figure of Eight	"At home" small painting group.	Gina Warner	01702 528167	ginahwarner38@btinternet.com
Focal Point Gallery	Based within Southend Central Library, Victoria Avenue, this gallery showcases work by digital artists on a regular basis, including a full educational programme.	Andrew Hunt	01702 534143	focalpointgallery@southend.gov.uk http://www.focalpoint.org.uk
Leigh Art Studio	Leigh Art Studio is committed to promoting art and craft in the community. The facilities are used by friendly groups of artists to work in most mediums. Help is always available for beginners.	Edna Paine	07816 562421	ednapaine@btinternet.com



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Leigh Art Trail	Taking place in early June. Leigh Art Trail is an annual open studios event for contemporary professional artists living or working in Leigh on Sea.	Richard Baxter	01702 470490	info@leigharttrail.co.uk http://www.leigharttrail.co.uk
Leigh on Sea Camera Club	Meetings every Thurs 8.00 - 10.00 p.m. at Leigh Adult Learning Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh on Sea.	Dave Green	01702 554326	http://www.leighcameraclub.co.uk
Metal	Metal are based at Chalkwell Park. The business of Metal is to develop creative projects and help artists and thinkers put their ideas into action.	Collette Bailey	01702 470700	colette@metalculture.com http://www.metalculture.com
Metro Art Club	Small art group specialising in portraits. We aim to draw from life, using models as far as possible. Meetings one monthly at Westcliff United Reform Church, Kings Road, Westcliff on Sea. From 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.	Penny Hawker	01702 472283	pennykia2os@aol.com



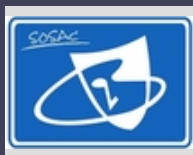
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Mosaic Studios	Mosaic commissions, public and private works , courses, school projects all with artist Paul Siggins.	Paul Siggins	01702 712111	
Roche Art Group	A small friendly group of 20 members who meet Weds evening - to paint for pleasure. Annual exhibitions held locally.	Lilian Mills	01702 207568	paul-di.nice@sky.com
South Essex Film Makers	The group meet at 8.00pm between September and April (Registration 7.45pm) at the Wyburn School, Nevern Road, Rayleigh.	Chris Taylor	07964 445356	info@sefm.org.uk http://www.sefm.org.uk
Southend on Sea Art Club	We meet throughout the winter on alternate Saturday afternoons at the Lecture Hall in Central Library for art demonstrations. In summer we meet for outdoor painting. We hold two exhibitions each year.	Mr Norman Ventris	01702 589031	members@southendartclub.org.uk http://www.southendartclub.org.uk



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Southend on Sea Photographic Society	Meetings every Friday from Sept to End of May at Guild Hall, Hill Road, Prittlewell, Southend on Sea.	John Whitby	01702 354135	johnwit@tesco.net http://www.southend-on-sea-photosoc.co.uk
Southend Spinners & Weavers Guild		Mrs Joanne Cliffe	01702 713105	
St Georges Art Group	Meetings Thurs during term time from 1.30 - 3.30 p.m.	Christine Townsend	01702 295117	cat.townsend@btinternet.com
St Lawrence Art Group		Susan McCarthy	01702 420579	



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St Saviours Art Club	10am-12 noon Saturday mornings (excludes Bank Holiday weekends) Refreshments provided. £2 per session. St Saviour's Church is on the corner of King's Road and Chadwick Road , Westcliff-on-Sea. The entrance to the church hall is on Chadwick Rd.	Rick	01702 342920	
Studio Eleven	An alliance of artists working together to promote the arts and creativity. They hold regular group exhibitions and solo shows often giving workshops and demonstrations. The Gallery is a venue for the Westcliff Art Trail and used as a meeting point.	Debbie Hadley	07972 893813	debbie@hadley@sky.com
Thames Art Group	Meeting every Weds morning at Balmoral Community Centre, Salisbury Road, Westcliff on Sea	Patricia Jacobsen	01702 474044	
Trinity Film Makers Group	Boom Film Makers Group based at Trinity Family Centre, Argyll Road, Westcliff. Sessions take place every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 6.30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Ages 16+	Warren Laker	01702 351998	warren_laker@trinity-westcliff.org http://www.trinity-westcliff.org



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Westcliff Art Trail	Taking place in early May. Westcliff Art Trail is an annual open studios event for contemporary professional artists living or working in Westcliff on Sea. Further details available from project organiser direct.	Ann Robson		organiser@westcliffarttrail.co.uk http://www.westcliffarttrail.co.uk
Westwood Art Group	Meetings every Wednesday morning at Daws Heath Social Hall, 383 Daws Heath Road, Hadleigh.	Mr R Easter	01702 557826	
White Bus	A professional company specialising in film production, education programmes and exhibition material.	The White Bus Ltd.	020 7193 3577	contact is via website. http://www.thewhitebus.org.uk



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The English Speaking Union fosters friendship between English Speaking nations world-wide, arranges exchanges, scholarships and conferences on broad educational lines.

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**Group 77 Writers
Circle**

Meetings held fortnightly on alternate Wednesdays, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Methodist Church Hall, New Road, Leigh on Sea.

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**Palace Writers
Project**

Group led by renowned writer Roy Apps, meetings Weds at 7.30 p.m. cost to join £10 per month.

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Southend Poetry Group	Meetings on 1st Weds of month at the Naval and Military Club, 20 Royal terrace, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. Publish annual poetry anthology.	John Debenham	01702 474673	artybeat@hotmail.com http://www.southendpoetry.co.uk
Teen Reading Group	Reading group for teenagers. Meeting at Southend Central Library, Victoria Avenue, Southend on Sea -Children's Library downstairs from 4 p.m weekdays.	Susy Chaplin	01702 534115	suzychaplin@southend.gov.uk http://www.southend.gov.uk
Writers Anonymous	Creative writing group. We have published five anthologies of stories and poems to date.	Colin Butler	01702 585579	colinbutler@talktalk.net http://www.writersanonymous.org.uk