

## **BERA E-Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)**

### **BERA AGM**

### **THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 AT ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH FROM 8-10PM**

1. BERA membership is now due for the year January to December 2018. Hopefully you will have received a BERA brochure through your door which contains a renewal form, but if not, you should be receiving it soon. Alternatively, you can pay online by bank transfer and there is a link on the home page of the BERA website [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk). There is also a link on that page to print off a renewal sheet if you prefer. We would be very grateful if you could renew your membership as soon as you can so that we can get them all done together.

2. Please find below details of major road works in the borough with associated road closures for the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

UKPN  
Brighten Road  
New electrical supply scheme to multiple customer connection points.

LA Ref- 79090.  
02/01/2018 – 29/01/2018.

Anglian Water  
Victoria Road  
Replace screens, pressure plate and tidal cove inside chamber.

LA Ref- 79590.  
15/01/2018 – 09/02/2018.

Please note, if you require further information regarding these work's or any road works in the Borough, information is available via [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org).

The parking bays opposite 45-49 Fermoy will be suspended from 00:01 on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 through to midnight on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018.

3. Below are the links for “No cold calling” signs. You can print them off and put them on your front windows or doors if you would like to.

[Standard version 2](#)

[Letterbox version](#)

4. The Tram Stop Shelter Charity are planning a musical evening (Dvorac, Shostakovitch, Behr, Haydn, Delius, Piazzolla and other light classical) on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 from 7pm at St Augustine's Church, Thorpe Bay. Tickets will cost £7.50 and are available at the door or in advance from Mike or Wendy Stafford on 01702 870895.

5. Officers have studied the parking problems in Colbert Avenue and patients problems in visiting the doctor's surgery in Tyrone Road. These changes have now been signposted and letters should have been delivered to all residents in Tyrone Road, Fermoy Road and Colbert Avenue about the proposed change in the road restriction time. In BERA's opinion these are good compromises to the problems in Tyrone and Fermoy and this should make it easier for residents to visit the doctor's surgery and in Colbert Avenue it should make it much safer for residents.

6. The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at The Methodist Church (on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway) from 10am to 12 midday.

7. Be aware that fraudsters are posing as fraud detectives and are contacting residents to advise that their bank accounts have been fraudulently accessed. They advise the resident to go to the bank and remove a large sum of money or purchase high value goods which the fraudster suggests they look after for safe keeping. Never hand over money in such instances and always ask for ID from anyone calling at your home. If in doubt always ask a relative/neighbour or your bank for advice. Alternatively call the police on 101.

8. The Council have put into the budget that they will allow free coach parking in the gasworks car park. This was one of the proposals BERA put to the Council because of the coach parking problems we experienced last year in our area and in other streets throughout the town.

9. BERA have had a reply about the open bins on Thorpe Bay Gardens. These are due to be replaced on a rolling replacement plan and should all be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

#### 10. **Southend Hospital**

After a lot of criticisms of BERA, at last the Council have picked up our concerns regarding the STP proposals. It will now be raised at a full council meeting. It's a pity they didn't do it earlier.

#### **Save Southend NHS Rally**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 12:00 midday  
Pier Hill  
Southend-on-Sea

This is a non-political, family friendly, peaceful, community rally to highlight the general NHS Crisis and current proposals in the Mid and South Essex STP public consultation.

## **Public Discussion Events Launched for NHS Consultation in Mid and South Essex**

RESIDENTS across mid and south Essex are being invited to a number of public discussion events to hear more about outline plans for the future of health and care services.

An event is listed below. Places can be booked online by visiting [www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk](http://www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk) or by phone on 01245 398118.

**Thursday 8 February 2018**

**6.30pm - 8.30 pm**

Maritime Room,  
**Cliffs Pavilion,**  
Westcliff  
SS0 7RA

The consultation document for Southend Hospital is out. A copy of the document is available by phoning 01245 398118, emailing [meccg.stpconsultation@nhs.net](mailto:meccg.stpconsultation@nhs.net) or writing to:

Consultation Team  
Mid and South Essex STP  
Wren House  
Colchester Road  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM2 5PF

If you are concerned about what is planned for our hospital then we urge you to make your views known either by emailing or writing to the address given in the consultation document. Alternatively you can complete an online survey by going to

[www.surveymoz.com/s/90059489/NHS-Mid-and-South-Essex-STP](http://www.surveymoz.com/s/90059489/NHS-Mid-and-South-Essex-STP).

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.

### **11. Work has started on foundations for New Kent Elms Footbridge**

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council's Contractor, Eurovia, has started preparing for the construction of foundations for a new footbridge over the A127 at Kent Elms.

This involves modifying the drainage network on the northern side of the junction outside the Kent Elms Medical Centre.

They are planning to remove six trees on the southern side of the junction to create room for the ramps to the new footbridge, a site compound and allow for the foundations to be dug. Later in the year, 22 trees will be planted as close to the original positions as possible and adjacent locations to compensate for the loss of these trees.

From 29 January, workers will then start digging the foundations for the new footbridge on both the northern and southern sides of the junction. This work is scheduled to take 11 weeks.

During this period, traffic management will be in place on the eastbound carriageway Lane 1, leaving two lanes open for traffic. On the southern side of the junction there will be no traffic management on the carriageway that will impose any restriction, so two lanes will be open at all times.

While this work takes place, utility companies are due to finish moving underground pipes and cables, which will allow Eurovia to construct the additional lane heading out of town. The work will start at the beginning of March and finish in June.

The bridge itself is currently being constructed offsite by NuSteel and will be erected under successive overnight road closures in May. This is a similar arrangement to how the former footbridge was removed, which kept disruption to traffic to a minimum.

To keep up to date with work at Kent Elms, please visit [www.bettersouthend.co.uk](http://www.bettersouthend.co.uk), email [bettersouthend@southend.gov.uk](mailto:bettersouthend@southend.gov.uk) or call 01702 215408.