

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 31st MAY 2018 – www.bera.co.uk

Reminders:

The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on Thursday 14th June 2018 at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to 12 midday.

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1. Busiest May on record for Southend Pier

Thursday 31st May 2018

There were more visitors to Southend Pier than any other May since official records began in 2006, figures have shown.

A total of 47,048 visitors visited the world's longest pleasure pier this May, smashing the previous record of 37,349 in May 2016.

Two bank holidays of sunny weather, boat trips from the pier, new concessions and the popular Sunday Showcase music events are all thought to have contributed the pier's record-breaking popularity this May.

Pier admission figures show 15,346 visitors on the early May Bank Holiday weekend alone, with an additional 11,351 on the late May Bank Holiday weekend.

This year, there are the 'cultural beach huts' on the pier, with some now operating as concession stalls at the pier head and selling food, drinks and souvenirs. This is in addition to the continuation of crazy golf, the ice cream sales – including Southend's own Rossi's and Gelato Italia - and the refurbishment of sun shelters.

2018 promises to be a milestone year in the pier's history, with work due to start in autumn on the expansion of the pier entrance into a former penny arcade and designs soon to be published for a new visitor pavilion on the former Bowling Deck.

New Laurel & Hardy Gift Shop

A new Laurel & Hardy pop-up gift shop is to officially open from a beach hut on Southend Pier on 8 June in recognition of the film duo's famous link to the town. A range of officially licensed Laurel and Hardy gifts and souvenirs will be on sale, including t-shirts, caps and hats, mugs, postcards, umbrellas, aprons, keyrings, tankards, prints and posters.

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy famously stayed and performed in Southend for a week in August 1952, when they performed at the former Odeon and stayed at the Palace Hotel – something commemorated there by an official Blue Plaque.

To keep abreast of the latest Pier news, please go to www.visitsouthend.co.uk.

2. Four new seafront shelters for City Beach

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Four colourful new sun shelters are to be built on Southend's City Beach to give residents and visitors an attractive new area to relax and eat.

The shelters have been designed by the Council's in-house architecture team, with construction expected to start next week.

Councillors set aside £45k for the new shelters as part of the 2018-2019 budget-setting process in order to provide extra recreational facilities to City beach and add a splash of colour to one of the most popular areas of Southend's Golden Mile.

It is hoped to have the new shelters open and ready for use in June and they are expected to be very popular with visiting families as well as local residents.

The past two Bank Holiday weekends have shown us that Southend continues to maintain and grow its appeal as a visitor destination. Investments like this aim to build upon that appeal, improve the visitor experience and support the visitor economy.

There are plans to design a new pavilion on the former bowling deck of Southend Pier. Located at the shore end of the 1.34-mile Victorian pier, the new pavilion will provide a year-around, all weather facility with high quality retail and restaurant outlets and exhibition space, to create a compelling cultural offer for visitors and encourage them to stay longer in the town.

3. SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT to allow for the: **SOUTHEND HALF MARATHON EVENT 2018** on **10th June 2018** and because of the likelihood of the danger to the public it made an Order under Section 16A of the *Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1991*, the effect of which will temporarily prohibit entry into various roads as detailed in the schedules below:

SCHEDULES

ROAD CLOSURE

Road/ Duration of Closure

George Street In its Entirety **From 07.30 Hrs to 14:00 Hrs**

Rampart Terrace In its Entirety **From 07.30 Hrs to 14.00 Hrs**

Rampart Street In its Entirety **From 07.30 Hrs to 14.00 Hrs**

High Street Shoebury In its Entirety **From 09.15 Hrs to 10.00 Hrs**

Smith Street/Campfield Road (High Street to Ness Road) From 09.15 Hrs to 10.15Hrs

All roads within the Garrison (except New Barge Pier Road) ie New Garrison Road, St George's Lane, The Terraces, Warrior Square Road and Magazine Road In their Entirety From 09.15 Hrs to 10.30 Hrs

Ness Road/Shoebury Common Road & Thorpe Esplanade/Eastern Esplanade (From south of Linton Road to Beach Road) From 09.15 Hrs to 12.30 Hrs

Maplin Way (From Thorpe Esplanade to Church Road) From 09.15 Hrs to 12.30 Hrs

Burges Terrace/ Gloucester Terrace / Thorpe Bay Gardens & The Broadway (Contingency plan in place only if closure of Thorpe Esplanade westbound is still in place) From 09.15 Hrs to 12.30 Hrs

Church Road In its Entirety From 09.15 Hrs to 12.30 Hrs

New Barge Pier Road (South of Magazine Road) From 09.15 Hrs to 12.30 Hrs

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PARKING

Peel Avenue from its junction with Blackgate Road northwards for 50m Both Sides From 07.30 Hrs to 13.00 Hrs

2. Here is a brief summary of the crime information for Southend-on-Sea for the past two months:

	March 2018	April 2018
All crime	216	270
Anti-social behaviour	71	76
Bicycle theft	1	2
Burglary	11	19
Criminal damage and arson	17	29
Drugs	6	1
Other crime	4	6
Other theft	10	25
Possession of weapons	3	2
Public order	8	15
Robbery	1	3
Shoplifting	6	6

Theft from the person	3	0
Vehicle crime	12	25
Violence and sexual offences	63	61

Please visit <https://www.police.uk/shape/xA0vx3/> for more information including outcomes for these crimes and contact information for your local policing team.

3. Southend NHW Crime Data (21st to 27th May 2018)

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO - filtered
Southchurch	42/70767/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	22/05/2018 07:23	21/05/2018 18:00	Sackville Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN FORCED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS SHED BY MEANS UNKNOWN, POSSIBLY BY USING A SCREWDRIVER. TIDY SEARCH CONDUCTED AND ITEM REMOVED. DAMAGE ALSO CAUSED TO SHED DOOR.
Southchurch	42/72988/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	25/05/2018 17:01	23/05/2018 23:30	Castleton Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO SECURE GARAGE BY FORCING SIDE DOOR BICYCLE REMOVED FROM WITHIN.
Thorpe	42/73946/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	27/05/2018 20:31	24/05/2018 19:15	Colbert Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE BY MEANS UNKNOWN GAINED ENTRY TO THE VICTIMS GARDEN SHED AND STOLEN GARDENING EQUIPMENT.
West Shoebury	42/71399/18	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	23/05/2018 11:22	17/05/2018 21:00	Saxon Gardens	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ENTRY TO A WOODEN SHED BY KICKING THE DOOR CAUSING

THE WOODEN
DOOR TO SPLIT,
NOTHING
REMOVED FROM
INSIDE.

West Shoebury

42/73656/18

Other criminal
damage to a
dwelling (Under
£5,000)

27/05/2018 11:21

26/05/2018 00:00

Caulfield Road

Southend-on-Sea

SUSPECT
UNKNOWN HAS
CAUSED DAMAGE
TO THE VICTIMS
BEDROOM
WINDOW BY
MEANS OF FIRING
AN OBJECT AT THE
WINDOW.