

BERA E-NEWSLETTER 8th March 2019 – www.bera.co.uk
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FINAL REMINDER - BERA renewals

Payment is now overdue for January to December 2019 if you wish to remain a member. The cost this year is again £10 per year, per household, and we hope you feel this is value for money. Renewals can be completed by filling out the membership form online and paying by bank transfer (see the form giving you our bank details on the homepage at www.bera.co.uk) or by printing off a membership form (lower down on the homepage) and returning it with your payment to Ron Woodley, 91 Tyrone Road or Mike Stafford, 85 Maplin Way. We would be very grateful if you could return your renewals as soon as possible, and it really helps us if you fill out a form so that we can check that we have your up-to-date information.

Reminders:

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If any of you have taken photos locally that you would like displayed on the BERA website, please send them by email to: photos@bera.co.uk.

BERA AGM - We are holding the BERA AGM on **Thursday 21st March 2019** at St Augustine's Church from 8-10pm. The head of Air Traffic Control at Southend Airport will be speaking at this event. Our second speaker will be discussing the new Care SOS Line, offering residents a direct link for emergencies.

BERA Coffee Morning - The next BERA sponsored coffee morning will be on **Thursday 21st March 2019** at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone Road and The Broadway from 10am to midday (unless we advise you otherwise it is always on the 3rd Thursday of the month). Please come along for tea/coffee and biscuits. We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms and will take orders for the car key signal blocking pouches.

1. C2C Line Update

The following starts in June following 9 months of negotiation by a member of the BERA Committee. We would like to say a big thank you for all his efforts.

- From June C2C will be running **new fast trains at weekends** which [link Southend and London in as little as 44 minutes](#). We will also be extending our services via **Ockendon to Shoeburyness**, creating a direct weekend service to the Lakeside shopping centre for residents at **Southend East, Thorpe Bay and Shoeburyness**.

In short, from June there will be a new fast train hourly on Saturday and Sunday in each direction, calling at all stations to/from Benfleet then West Ham and Fenchurch Street, taking 50 mins to/from Thorpe Bay. There will also be 2 extra through trains to/from Thorpe Bay to Grays and Lakeside each hour on Saturday and Sunday - so 7 trains an hour through the Borough on Saturday and 5 an hour on Sunday.

Other C2CNews

- This month saw the **second anniversary of the acquisition of c2c by Italian rail giants Trenitalia**. Under their ownership they have made major improvements to our service, such as introducing Automatic Delay Repay 15, the UK's best compensation scheme for delays; commissioning a £100m deal for new trains; and been named the UK's best train operator at the National Transport Awards.
- Independent passenger watchdog Transport Focus published its bi-annual [National Rail Passenger Survey](#) at the end of January, and once again **named c2c as one of London's most popular train operators**. Overall 88% of c2c customers said they were satisfied with their journey, up +2% on the last survey six months earlier. Meanwhile consumer group *Which?* ranked c2c as the only train operator to score a 4*-rating in every category of its own annual passenger survey.
- Last month c2c added to its recent awards haul by winning the industry's **Golden Whistle award** for the [most punctual commuter operator](#) in London and the South East. Meanwhile c2c's Managing Director Julian Drury was a finalist in the [Industry Leader of the Year category](#) at the **2019 Rail Business Awards** held earlier this month
- Research by independent website [On Time Trains](#) lists **Basildon and Grays** as two of the three best stations for commuters living near London, for the combination of punctuality, frequency and value offered by c2c.
- They have submitted a planning application for a **multi-million pound redevelopment of Barking station** which [will increase capacity, reduce congestion and celebrate the architectural features](#) of the Grade II-listed station
- Work is well underway on [station renovation projects](#) at both **Ockendon and Grays** stations. This follows the completion of our £1m upgrade of the side ticket office at **Upminster** station before Christmas.
- They have relaunched the [c2c website](#) with a new clearer design, making it easier for customers to find the information they require. Stage 2 of the website redevelopment will follow in the next couple of months, when we launch a new retail platform on the website for purchasing tickets.

- On the community front, they teamed up with the **Shoeburyness Residents' Association** to celebrate [the 135th birthday of Shoeburyness station](#) at the start of the month. They also joined forces with the **Focal Point Art Gallery** in Southend, who commissioned award-winning artist and musician Mark Fell to develop [a unique app that provides music for c2c passengers](#), which changes in response to the train's different positions on the track.

2. THORPE BAY YACHT CLUB - Invitation to BERA Members

The Yacht Club, situated in rather a stunning spot in Thorpe Bay Gardens, would like to bring to the attention of BERA members that they now have a weekday lunchtime membership category available. They have a new chef, and BERA members are invited for a complimentary coffee, tea or soft drink and can enjoy one of the best views of the estuary from the clubhouse and balcony.

There is a wide range of food and drink available. If you like what you see and experience, their membership is very reasonable, with the weekday lunch membership as low as 60p per week. Take a copy of this newsletter with you to get your complimentary drink (TBYC Tel: 01702 587894 www.tbyc.org).

3. Further resurfacing works:

Chester Avenue - Due to commence on the 22nd of April 2019. Full road width from the junction with Shaftsbury Avenue to Eastern Esplanade. These works are planned to be completed over 2 days, finishing on the 23rd April 2019, weather permitting.

Bryant Avenue - Due to commence on the 24th of April 2019. Full road width from the junction with Shaftsbury Avenue to Eastern Esplanade. These works are planned to be completed over 2 days finishing on the 25th April 2019, weather permitting.

Affected residents and businesses in the area will be notified nearer the time. If any of the works will present problems then please let Ron Woodley (01702 588662) know so he can feed this back. You will then be contacted directly.

4. Warning

Be aware that recently we have had people trying to sell items from boxes after knocking on your front door. Don't buy anything from them as they are usually cheap items that they will sell you for a lot of money.

5. Southend NHW Crime Data 25th February to 3rd March 2019

Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
Southchurch	42/33273/19	Theft from a motor vehicle	28/02/2019 18:48	28/02/2019 00:00	Eros Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT HAS TAKEN ITEMS FROM THE VICTIMS VEHICLE - DETAIL OF VEHICLE NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. ITEMS WERE LATER RETURNED BUT THE SUSPECT HAD REMOVED 900 GBP FROM THE VICTIMS BANK ACCOUNT USING HIS BANK CARD.
Southchurch	42/33461/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	02/03/2019 10:09	28/02/2019 13:00	Newington Avenue	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN A SILVER VOLVO INDEX NUMBER KG02EZF WHILST PARKED ON VICTIMS DRIVE BY TOWING THE VEHICLE AWAY WITH A BLUE TRANSIT VAN.
Southchurch	42/34124/19	Burglary - Residential - Dwelling	03/03/2019 13:37	02/03/2019 12:00	Burlescoombe Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY BY SMASHING THE REAR PATIO WINDOW AND TAKEN ITEMS

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Thorpe	42/32192/19	Burglary - Business And Community	15/02/2019 17:34	25/01/2019 00:00	Shoebury Common Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS BROKEN INTO BEACH HUT BY UNKNOWN MEANS. AS THE OWNER HAS NO WISH TO BE IN THE BEACH HUT ASSOCIATION DETAILS ARE NOT HELD.
Thorpe	42/33884/19	Interference with a motor vehicle	03/03/2019 00:34	03/03/2019 00:15	Huntingdon Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS SMASHED THE PASSENGER WINDOW OF THE VICTIMS WHITE PICK-UP TRUCK BY UNKNOWN MEANS. THE VICTIMS DAUGHTER HEARD THE ALARM AND THE VICTIM WENT OUTSIDE TO SEE HIS VEHICLE DAMAGED.
Ward	Reference	Offence Type	Reported Date	Committed From	Street	Town	MO
West Shoebury	42/30739/19	Burglary - Residential - Non-Dwelling	25/02/2019 12:01	20/02/2019 23:00	Chelmer Way	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS FORCED ENTRY TO VICTIMS GARAGE CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE DOOR.
West Shoebury	42/33393/19	Theft of a motor vehicle	02/03/2019 08:02	01/03/2019 22:00	Delaware Road	Southend-on-Sea	SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS STOLEN VICTIMS VEHICLE, ORANGE

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