

**BERA – NEWSLETTER 21st March, 2017- [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk)**

1. The **BERA AGM** will be taking place next Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 8pm at St Augustine's Church. We have lined up speakers from Southend Energy and Essex Fire and Rescue Services. It would be good to see as many of you as possible attending, as we want to hear your views and ideas moving forward.
2. Another very well attended **coffee morning** took place last Thursday. For your diaries, the next one is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12 midday at The Methodist Church on the corner of Johnstone and The Broadway. Hope you can make it.
3. There are a number of members who have still not renewed their membership this year. We are now able to accept renewals online, so if any of you prefer to pay this way, either for this year or future years, you can go to the homepage on [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk), where you can click on the link and fill out a renewal form and be given the BERA bank account details. You will then need to log into your own bank account to pay us. You will need to insert the BERA account and sort code and add your name as the reference so Mike knows who has paid. For those that want to continue to pay by cheque or cash, this will stay the same and the forms and payment can be dropped at Ron or Mike's houses. You will find a link to a membership renewal form at the bottom of the home page of [www.bera.co.uk](http://www.bera.co.uk).
4. **Sailing Ship Mercedes returns to Southend Pier**

The tall sailing ship Mercedes will return to Southend Pier from 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July for open day visits and day sails along the Thames Estuary.

The Mercedes first sailed in May 2005 and is a vessel designed for comfort, cruises and family friendly events, with a professional crew on board for all your nautical needs.

Offering open days on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July, from 11am – 5pm, climb on board the 50 metre vessel and explore this beautiful ship with an impressive 900m<sup>2</sup> sail area, courtesy of 18 individual sails. Price of admission is £1 for adults and 50p for children aged 3 – 14 years old.

Alternatively, feel the wind in your hair on a day sail on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> July, and experience all that the Mercedes has to offer. Relax on deck with refreshments, learn seaman knots from the crew or take the helm and become Captain.

Tickets for sailing cruises are on sale at the Visitors Information Centre, Southend Pier. Choose between a day cruise from 11am – 2pm or an evening cruise sailing from 6pm – 8pm. Tickets are £35.00 for adults and £20.00 for children aged 3 – 14 years old. Family tickets are also available for £100 for 2 adults and 2 children.

Usual pier charges apply for more information please call the Visitors Information Centre on 01702 215620.

## 5. Crime statistics for Southend-on-Sea

Here is a brief summary of the crime data for the months of December 2016 and January 2017:

	<b>December 2016</b>	<b>January 2017</b>
All crime	244	187
Anti-social behaviour	71	61
Bicycle theft	2	0
Burglary	23	14
Criminal damage and arson	16	12
Drugs	5	3
Other crime	1	4
Other theft	19	16
Possession of weapons	2	1
Public order	12	11
Robbery	1	1
Shoplifting	4	7
Theft from the person	1	1

	<b>December 2016</b>	<b>January 2017</b>
Vehicle crime	40	17
Violence and sexual offences	47	39

## 6. **Dog Walkers/dogs mess**

Members have noticed groups of dogs that are allowed off the lead and permitted to run around in parks and unfortunately their mess is not being picked up. There has also been an increase recently in mess being left on the pavements or put in bags and left hanging on trees or shrub borders. It's such a shame that a small minority of dog owners are giving all dog owners a bad name. If you are aware of any repeat offenders or want to have mess cleared up call the council on 01702 215006.

## 7. **Train travel over the Easter period**

### **Amended service to / from London Liverpool Street via Shenfield on Sunday 16 and Monday 17 April**

Start date

16/04/2017 00:00

End date

17/04/2017

Route affected

[Download map of route affected](#)

Greater Anglia between London Liverpool Street and Chelmsford / Ipswich / Norwich and also between London Liverpool Street and Southend Victoria / Southminster

Train Operating Company affected

[Greater Anglia](#);

Description

Network Rail are carrying out engineering work between London Liverpool Street and Ingatestone / Wickford, closing all lines.

#### **Customer Advice:**

No trains will run between London Liverpool Street and Ingatestone / Southend Victoria / Southminster.

You may use the London Underground Central Line between London Liverpool

Street and Newbury Park. Buses will operate between Newbury Park and Ingatestone / Southend Victoria / Southminster.

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### **Good Friday**

A reduced service will run.

### **Saturday**

A normal Saturday service will run. However, trains between Shoeburyness - Laindon - London Liverpool Street are being diverted to London Fenchurch Street. Stratford customers should use the London Underground Jubilee Line to and from West Ham.

### **Sunday**

A normal Sunday service will run. However, trains between Shoeburyness - Laindon - London Liverpool Street are being diverted to London Fenchurch Street. Stratford customers should use the London Underground Jubilee Line to and from West Ham.

### **Easter Monday**

A reduced service will run.

8. An email received from the **Office of the PCC** for your information:

The people of Essex are being urged to have their say, in the potential change in the way Essex Police and Essex County Fire & Rescue Service is governed, through a 12 week consultation that ends on Wednesday 10th May.

The new Policing and Crime Act 2017 offers the opportunity to transform local fire and rescue governance, enabling police and crime commissioners to become the fire and rescue authority where a strong local case is made. The Government has also created a statutory duty to collaborate.

Police and Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst said: "Together we have developed a local case for Essex to strengthen our emergency services, improve joint working and deliver significant savings. We have an opportunity to share knowledge; back office services; make better use of estates, and help protect vulnerable people in joined-up ways. The resources freed up by this would be reinvested in front line services and enable both emergency services to better protect the people of Essex."

This new duty requires emergency services to keep collaboration opportunities under review and to take on collaboration opportunities where it would be in the interests of efficiency and effectiveness to do so.

To give your views, please visit:

[www.essex.pcc.police.uk/LocalCaseForChange](http://www.essex.pcc.police.uk/LocalCaseForChange)<<http://www.essex.pcc.police.uk/Loc>

[aCaseForChange](#)> or contact the Office of Police Crime Commissioner by emailing:  
consultation@essex.pnn.police.uk.