

## E-Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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Dear Member

We thought you might be interested in the below which was sent to us by a member.

It is a brief history in time and shows a batsman leaving the historic pavilion in Southchurch Park that the council has left to rot over a number of years.

BERA, has and still is fighting for the Pavilion to be restored and brought back into use for the community.

Funding is in the councils capital budget but council officers do not want to use it and the Labour leader of the council actually stated he would rather spend the money on other projects, which means he is quite happy for this historic building to be demolished and vandalised. This view was supported by Thorpe Ward independent Councillor Terry.

The fight continues.

Regards Ron

Chair

*On May 15, 1948 Don Bradman's Invincibles amassed 721 in a single day against Essex at Southend-on-Sea. **Abhishek Mukherjee** looks back at the highest score ever in a single day in a First-Class match.*

In his autobiography, Richie Benaud had advised upcoming commentators to abstain from using words like 'catastrophe' or 'disaster' since they typically refer to events like natural calamities, wars, riots, and the likes. Anything on a cricket ground could not come close in comparison.

It is tempting, though, to use words of the same magnitude while describing the thrashing Australia had dished out Essex 65 years back. A total of 721 in 6 hours is no joke: true, Essex bowled at a rate of 21.3 overs an hour, but it must not be forgotten that the Australians had scored at the rate of 5.59 per over which is phenomenal even by today's standards over a full day. In fact, boundaries became so commonplace in the afternoon that Jack Fingleton was forced to notice that "the afternoon sun was not long on its downward path before boundaries were being received in complete silence."

### **The build-up**

The Australians were on a roll from the very moment they set foot on English soil. In the traditional opening match, they had beaten Worcestershire at New Road by an innings and 17 runs; they followed it by defeating Leicestershire at Grace Road by an innings and 171 runs, Yorkshire by four wickets at



## 1) Information Corner



### **BERA Coffee Morning**

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023** at **10.00am to midday** at **Thorpe Bay Methodist Church** (corner of The Broadway and Johnstone Road). We will be bringing along panic and personal alarms, contactless debit card blocking pouches, no cold caller stickers and the car key signal blocking pouches, which are free to members.

All welcome to come for a chat, tea and cake and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Renewal Time - Renew by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Thank you to the members who have already renewed as without your support, we would not be able to continue to do the work we do to keep the Estate to great place it is to live and work in.

There are three ways for you to pay this year and please renew by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

- 1) Online bank transfer from your bank account (please see our website for our new bank details)
- 2) £10 cash
- 3) £10 cheque (made payable to Burges Estate Residents Association)

### **Southchurch Park Lake Safety Rail**

We have been advised that the order to replace the safety rail around Southchurch Park has now been placed with Marlborough and the estimate is the end of April.

### **Verge Planting**

As you may have already seen, the members who requested a shrub outside of their property from BERA have now been planted for this year. To give these new shrubs a good chance of survival, could you please water them as often as necessary. Thank you.

### **Thorpe Bay Horticultural Society**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April is Thorpe Bay Horticultural Societies flower and homecraft show, as well as it being their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Please pop along to their show where there will be a bric a brac table, plant and book stalls and refreshments. Doors open at 2.15pm.



**THORPE BAY  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
***FLOWER AND  
HOMECRAFT SHOW***

**AT ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH HALL  
JOHNSTONE ROAD THORPE BAY**

**SATURDAY: 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

**AT 2.15pm**

**Admission £1 Members free**



## **2) National Corner**

### **Energy bill support to be extended**

Government support for energy bills is expected to continue for three months from April, protecting consumers from an average increase of £500. The Chancellor Jeremy Hunt will cancel a reduction in support that would have seen typical annual bills rise from £2,500 to £3,000.

### **Consultants want three-times basic pay to cover strikes**

Consultant doctors want at least three times their basic pay to provide emergency cover for junior doctors during this month's strike. The British Medical Association is recommending its members ask for £158 an hour to work during the day, rising to £262 for night shifts.

### **Ambulance strikes in England called off**

Ambulance strikes due to take place in England today and on Wednesday have been called off. The Unite union said it suspended the industrial action to enter pay talks with the Government and followed the Unison and GMB unions earlier suspending walkouts, after what they called a "huge shift" in the Government's position.

### **Rail fares rise**

Regulated rail fares in England and Wales are set to rise by up to 5.9 per cent, an increase above last year's 4.8 per cent hike but far below the rate of inflation. Some groups have said that after months of poor services and strikes, passengers are not getting value for money.

### **Extra time in pubs for coronation**

Pubs, clubs and bars will stay open two hours longer over the weekend of King Charles III's coronation. Regular licensing hours will be extended from the normal 23:00 BST to 01:00 to allow people to celebrate the coronation of the new King.

### **Law to create duty to remove illegal arrivals**

A new law is to place a duty on the Home Secretary to remove anyone who enters the UK by an illegal route. A bill is expected to be introduced today which would also prevent those arriving illegally from claiming asylum or returning to the UK in future.

### **Firefighters vote to accept new pay offer**

Firefighters have accepted a new pay offer, ending the prospect of strike action. The settlement is for a 7 per cent increase backdated to July 2022, plus an additional 5 per cent from July 2023.

## **3) Crime Report 27<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Ward  
Crime Reference Number

**Southchurch**  
42/35758/23

Offence Description Robbery (of Personal Property)  
Reported Date and Time 27/02/2023 20:40  
Committed Date (From) 27/02/2023 20:20  
Street partial postcode **HERA CLOSE SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNIDENTIFIED HAVE HELD THE VICTIM DOWN AND BEAT HIM AND TAKEN HIS PHONE AND MADE OFF.

Ward **Southchurch**  
Crime Reference Number 42/38280/23  
Offence Description Burglary - Residential - Dwelling  
Reported Date and Time 03/03/2023 12:04  
Committed Date (From) 02/03/2023 12:00  
Street partial postcode **VALLANCE CLOSE SS2 4**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS GAINED ACCESS TO THE VICTIMS PROPERTY AND STOLEN ITEMS FROM INSIDE.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/36785/23  
Offence Description Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)  
Reported Date and Time 01/03/2023 12:21  
Committed Date (From) 25/02/2023  
Street partial postcode **SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SS1 2**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECTS UNKNOWN HAVE SNAPPED AND DESTROYED TWO MEMORIAL TREES IN PARK.

Ward **Thorpe**  
Crime Reference Number 42/36827/23  
Offence Description Burglary - Business And Community  
Reported Date and Time 01/03/2023 13:16  
Committed Date (From) 28/02/2023 21:00  
Street partial postcode **SHAFTESBURY AVENUE SS1 2**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN HAS FORCED ENTRY TO LOCATION AND HAS STOLEN ITEMS FROM INSIDE.

Ward **West Shoebury**  
Crime Reference Number 42/38219/23  
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)  
Reported Date and Time 03/03/2023 10:44  
Committed Date (From) 03/03/2023  
Street partial postcode **SEAVIEW ROAD SS3 9**  
Offence Details (MO)  
SUSPECT UNKNOWN CAUSED CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO THE VICTIMS RED SUZUKI SWIFT SPORT BY KEYING THE BODYWORK FROM THE FRONT TO REAR PASSENGER SIDE DOORS.

## **4) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Application Number: 23/00286/FUL **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: Hayley Thompson  
Erect two storey detached dwellinghouse on land adjacent 29 Parkanaur Avenue with garage to side and vehicular access onto Parkanaur Avenue  
**29 Parkanaur Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 23/00337/FULH **Ward: Thorpe**  
Officer: James Benn  
Erect two storey extension to front to form bay windows to first and second floors, install timber canopy to front, single storey rear extension with roof lanterns, extend and alter existing garage to side to form habitable accommodation and alterations to elevations  
**36 Parkanaur Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex**

Application Number: 22/01195/FULH **Ward: West Shoebury**  
Officer: Kara Elliott  
Erect two outbuildings in rear garden for use as a gym and games room  
**8 Leitrim Avenue Shoeburyness Southend-on-Sea**

**Prior Notifications** The application(s) below are for prior approval of details submitted pursuant to exercising permitted development rights granted by the General Permitted Development Order 1995. If further information is required please contact the case officer for an explanation or clarification.

Application Number: 23/00361/TEL **Ward: Southchurch**  
Officer: James Benn  
Install 15m slim-line monopole, supporting 6 no. antennas, 3 no. equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works  
**Verge At Bournes Green Chase Southend-on-Sea**

Application Number: 23/00362/TEL **Ward: West Shoebury**  
Officer: Gabriella Fairley  
Install 15m slim-line monopole, supporting 6 no. antennas, 3 no. equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works  
**Footpath Outside Shoeburyness Nursery Delaware Road Shoeburyness**

## **5) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

APPLN. NO: 23/00278/ROT **Ward. Thorpe**  
Officer: James Benn  
REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF 3NO. ANTENNAS AND 1NO EQUIPMENT CABINET AND ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY WORKS THERETO  
**196 THE BROADWAY THORPE BAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

APPLN. NO: 23/00200/NON

**Ward. West Shoebury**

Officer: Hayley Thompson

CHANGE PITCHED ROOF COVERING FROM GREY ZINC CLADDING SYSTEM  
TO GREY CONCRETE INTERLOCKING ROOF TILES (NON-MATERIAL  
AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION 21/00149/FUL DATED 28.04.2021)

**REAR OF 141 WEST ROAD SHOEBURYNESS**

Decision: Allow Non Material Amendment

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