

WINTER UPDATE

Welcome to our second edition of our SECAT Community Update!

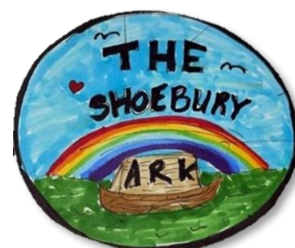
SECAT is delighted to publish our second Community Update newsletter. Thank you to all the organisations who have worked with us to gather free or low cost family activities and support which are on offer during November and December. All details have been provided by the organisers or are from public websites so they are responsible for the content. We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas, stay healthy and safe, and look forward to being in touch again in Spring!

Following the success of the Hares About Town trail in 2021, Havens Hospices will be teaming up once again with Wild in Art in 2023, bringing an Elephant Trail to the City of Southend that will leave a lasting impression.

SECAT is extremely excited to be involved in this amazing project and have, along with each of our schools, adopted a member of the herd. The whole SECAT community is working hard to run charity events, with donations going to Haven's Hospice. We look forward to receiving our Baby Elephants in the new year to design, decorate and name. Each elephant will then be displayed together with the other baby elephants across Southend, Shoebury and Leigh's indoor public areas for a minimum of eight weeks in July and August 2023.

After the trail our baby elephants will stomp back to us.

www.herdinthe.city



SECAT COMMUNITY



To keep up to date with the amazing things which are going on in our community, please go to our social media accounts, newsletters and websites.



- [@BournesGreenInf](https://twitter.com/BournesGreenInf)
- [@BournesGreenJun](https://twitter.com/BournesGreenJun)
- [@HinguarSchool](https://twitter.com/HinguarSchool)
- [@RichmondPri](https://twitter.com/RichmondPri)
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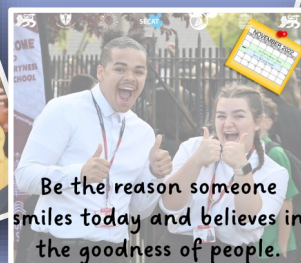


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- www.richmond-avenue.co.uk
- www.secat.co.uk
- www.shoeburynesshigh.co.uk
- www.thorpedene.secat.co.uk



- [secat](https://www.instagram.com/secat)
- [richmondavenue](https://www.instagram.com/richmondavenue)

More Instagram accounts will be available soon as we broaden our social media communication.



SECAT COMMUNITY



SHOEBURYNNESS HIGH SCHOOL



We look forward
to seeing you .

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING



EXPECT EXCELLENCE

Please go to our website for more information www.shoeburynesshigh.secat.co.uk



RICHMOND AVENUE SCHOOL

Prospective Parents Talks and Tours

Tuesday 22nd November @15:30

Wednesday 30th November @17:00

Please come along to the school office on the day and time given.

No booking required. We look forward to seeing you.



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- **Wednesday 21st December**
- **Thursday 22nd December**
- **Friday 23rd December**

Venue: Shoeburyness High School

Time: 9am - 1pm each day (although it will be staggered starts and finishes see below).

If you have siblings they can all come together at one of the times.

Start Reception/KS1	Start year 3/4	Start year 5/6/Secondary
9-9.30am	9 -9.30am	9-9.30am
Finish Reception/ KS1	Finish year 3/4	Finish year 5/6/Secondary
12.50pm	12.55pm	1pm

The children that come will get a FREE breakfast, FREE healthy snack and FREE lunch provided. During the day they will get to take part in Sport, Art and Music which will be provided by teaching staff from across SECAT.

We have 40 places available each day - you will be able to book places on our Winter HAF programme from the 21st November.

For more information, please go to [Holiday Activity and Food Programme \(HAF\) | Livewell Southend](#)

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HOLIDAY

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ACTIVITY

F

FOOD

This holiday provision is for school aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits-related free school meals.

NOVEMBER



Nov

17

Family History Drop In

Drop in event, for anyone who would like help in their national and international family history research. Friendly and informal session.

[What's On - Visit Southend](#)



Time: 10am-3pm

Venue: The Forum

Cost: Free

Age: All

Nov

19

Christmas Lights Switch On

9am-7pm Market. Main stage (12pm-6pm) with community performances ending with a big sing-a-long with the Music Man Project and switching on the lights at 6pm. Other activities include:

Southend Art Trail, Come as Yourself - leave as an Elf, local talent busking bus and Artisan Christmas Market

Time: See details

Venue: Southend

High Street

Cost: Free

Nov

19

Seafront Fireworks

The fireworks are set off from a barge out in the Estuary, east of Southend Pier, meaning you can get a fantastic, uninterrupted view of the displays anywhere from Sea-Life Adventure to Genting Casino.

www.visitsouthend.co.uk/guide/fireworks

Time: 7.30-7.45pm

Venue: City Beach

Cost: Free

Age: All

Nov

19

St Peter's Christmas Fair

Raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac, teas, coffees, mince pies, kids activities, Father Christmas and lots more.

If you'd like more info contact Revd Louise Williams on 01702 292778

St Peter's Church, Hinguar Street, SS3 9AN

Time: 10.30-12.30

Venue: St Peter's

Church

Age: All



NOVEMBER



Nov

Leigh Christmas Artisan Craft Market

19-20

Local artists, makers, designers, potters, painters, photographers and so much more.

www.leigh-on-sea.com/event/detail/leigh-pop-up-christmas-artisan-craft-market.html

Time: 12.00-4.00pm

Venue: Leigh
Community Centre
Cost: Free

Nov

Christmas Fayre

20

Stalls selling homemade gifts, arts and crafts, books, jewellery, toys etc. Christmas tombola and raffle tickets available.

KBs cafe open serving refreshments.

Haven Community Hub, 138-140 Hamlet Court Rd. SS0 7LN

Time: 11.00am to 3pm

Venue: Haven
Community Hub
Cost: Free

Nov

PA Friends of Hinguar Christmas Adult Gift Fair

23

Amazing gift ideas for all the family from 25 stall holders.

Hot chocolate, candy floss prosecco, live music, mince pies, all while you browse. Stall holders have also donated prizes for the fabulous raffle.

Time: 7-9pm

Venue: Hinguar
Primary School

Nov

Festive Gift Show

26-27

Full of unique items for you to buy with a live singer to entertain you while you enjoy some festive hot food and drink.

Children under 16 free

Time: Sat 10-5pm

Sun 10-4pm

Venue: Southend
Leisure and Tennis
Centre

Cost: £4 adults

Nov

Thorpe Bay Methodist Church Christmas Craft (26th) and Decorate the Community Tree (28th)

26 & 28

We have a Christmas tree in front of Thorpe Bay Methodist Church that needs decorating and we need your help to decorate it. Bring your decorations and hang them on the tree for everyone in the community to see.

Time:
(26th) 10am - 2pm
(28th) Anytime

Venue: TBMC
Age: Whole family

NOVEMBER



SOUTHEND

Family History Drop-in Event
The Forum, Southend-on-Sea

A FREE drop-in event conducted by experts from the Essex Society for Family History, for anyone who would like help in their national and international family history research. Beginners & practised researchers all welcome – please bring your genealogy conundrums with you!

Please feel free to drop-in to The Forum between 10am and 3pm, when our experts will be located on the first floor.

FRIENDS OF HINGUAR

Christmas gift fair

WEDS 23RD NOV 2022
7-9PM

AMAZING GIFT IDEAS FOR ALL THE FAMILY
Join us & get your Christmas shopping off to a great start

Bring your friends, your family & relax. We've got Christmas all wrapped up. Gifts from 25 stall holders. Hot chocolate. Candy Floss Prosecco. Live music. Mince pies, all while you browse. And a fabulous raffle where each prize has been donated by the stall holders. Most importantly all proceeds go to help our school and our children.

Hinguar Primary School and Nursery
New Garrison Rd, SS3 9FE
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169420

SOUTHEND FESTIVE GIFT FAIR

26-27 NOVEMBER

Leisure Centre
Garon Park



LEIGH POP UP Christmas

Artisan Craft Market

Sat 19th and Sun 20th November

12PM - 4PM

Leigh Community Centre

71-73 Elm Road, SS9 1SF

THE HAVEN
COMMUNITY HUB

THE HAVEN COMMUNITY HUB

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Handmade Crafts • Gifts • Jewellery • Food

NOV. 20TH • 11.00 AM – 3.00 PM

138-140 HAMLET COURT ROAD, WESTCLIFF, SS0 7LN

FREE ENTRY • OVER 20 STALLS

www.acsos.co.uk

FUNDRAISING FOR AGE CONCERN SOUTHEND
REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1160916

FREE

Seafront Fireworks

Southend on Sea

7:30pm Saturday 15th, 22nd & 29th Oct, 5th, 12th & 19th November

Christmas
IN THE CITY OF SOUTHEND

THE BIG SWITCH ON IS BACK!

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022

VISITSOUTHEND.CO.UK

CELEBRATING THE
Culture in our City

The Parish of St Andrew and St Peter, South Shoebury

Christmas Fair

Saturday November 19th

at 10.30am until 12.30pm

TBMC

Thorpe Bay Methodist Church

Christmas Craft and Community Tree Decoration

26th and 28th November

01702 589263

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SOUTHEND family CENTRES

What's on in your local Family Centre for families with children 0 -5 years old?

Southend Family Centres have 9 accessible venues across the City of Southend which host a variety of inclusive activities aimed at all families with a child aged 0-5, including pregnant parents. Everything on offer is completely free and aimed to support your child's health, wellbeing and development.

These range from Antenatal Classes to School Readiness and everything in between. All services and activities hosted by the Family Centres are free to attend. Classes, workshops, and special sessions require booking. Play and Learn sessions are run on a drop-in first come, first serve basis.

We also have groups that are good for the planet and your pocket – Bibs & Bobs and Family Action's Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) clubs. Anyone with a child can come along to Bibs & Bobs for preloved clothing or babies items, and anyone can get up to £15 worth of food for £3.50 a week at FOOD clubs (membership is £1 for the year). Why not try our allotment drop in sessions at Friars and learn about planting and growing food.

Term-time

Drop-in sessions:

- stay and play
- messy play
- mini explorers (baby stay & play for under 1's)
- little potters (gardening)

Bookable sessions:

- antenatal classes
- starting solids workshop
- toilet training workshop
- healthy eating workshop
- Cooking
- baby 2022/2023 (social group for new babies and their parent/carers)

www.southend.gov.uk/children-families/family-centres

www.livewellsouthend.com

@SouthendFamilyCentres  

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Southend

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GARON PARK YOUTH CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Garon Park Well-Being Centre
Eastern Avenue
Southend
SS2 4FA

£15
ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP

£3
ENTRY FEE

8-15
YEAR OLDS

f Garon Park Youth



Membership can be paid in 3 payments. Please contact garonparkyouth@gmail.com to check
Christmas availability

DECEMBER



Dec Richmond Avenue Primary School Winter Fair

02

Some old favourites like the raffle and Santa's Grotto plus some brand-new stalls and games for this year!

There will even be some activities that are free to have a go at!

Refreshments available to purchase.

Time: 3.15-5pm

**Venue: Richmond Avenue
Primary School**

Age: All

Dec Trust Links Christmas Fayre

03

Local business stalls, some live music from the Trust Links band and a great chance for local families to start to feel festive.

Please contact giorgia@trustlinks.org

Trust Links Westcliff, 47 Fairfax Drive, SS0 9AG

Time: 11.00am to 2pm

Venue: Trust Links

Cost: Free

Age: All

Dec Frostbite 2022 - Project Southchurch Christmas Event

03

Artisan Market, live performance stage, food and drink traders, live art, entertainment

Southchurch - Ilfracombe Avenue Carpark SS1 2XD

Time: 1 - 5:30pm

**Venue: Ilfracombe
Avenue Carpark**

Age: All

Dec Thorpedene PA Xmas Fayre

08

There will be a host of fun stalls for Children and adults to have a go at, along with refreshments and snacks for sale and much more to feast your eyes on.

Time: 3.30-5.30pm

**Venue: Thorpedene
Primary School and
Nursery**

Age: All



DECEMBER



Dec

Christmas Festival

10

Our Christmas festival showcases different exhibitions relating to Christmas, so join us to celebrate the beauty of Christmas together.

Contact Anita Sambridge 07983 780614 if you'd like more information

Great Wakering Methodist Church, High Street, SS3 0HL

Time: 10:30am

Venue: GWMC

Cost: Free

Age: All

Dec

Shoebury Residents Christmas Market

10

Visit Santa (subject to availability—£2 which has to be pre-booked via shoeburyresidents@gmail.com), mulled wine, entertainment, Christmas gifts, health and wellness information, supporting local charities.

Shoeburyness and Thorpe Bay Baptist Church, SS3 9JD

Time: 10am - 5pm

Venue: STBBC

Free car parking on site

Age: All

Dec

All age Family Nativity Service

11

A nativity with a difference !

St Mary's Church, North Shoebury - across the Green from Asda

Time: 10.30am

Venue: St Mary's Church

Cost: Free

Dec

Christingle Service

11

Carols, candles and an orange! A short service for all the family with a collection for the work of the Children's Society.

Followed by refreshments.

If you'd like more info contact Revd Louise Williams on 01702 292778

St Andrew's Church Church Road SS3 9EU

Time: 3pm

Venue: St Andrew's Church

Age: All



DECEMBER



Dec

18

Carol Service

Come along and join in singing along to your favourite Christmas carols.

Contact Terry Galley 07752 859296 if you want more information.

Great Wakering Methodist Church, High Street, SS3 0HL

Time: 4pm

Venue: GWMC

Cost: Free

Age: All

Dec

18

Carols by Candlelight

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

St Mary's Church North Shoebury - across the Green from Asda

Time: 4pm

Venue: St Mary's Church

Cost: Free

Dec

18

Family Carol Services

11am St Peters - Family Carols; Sing lots of favourite carols and share in the Christmas story. For all ages. Followed by refreshments .

3pm St Andrews - Family Carols by Candlelight. Carols and the Christmas story in a beautiful ancient church. For all ages.

Followed by refreshments.

6pm St Andrews - Carols by Candlelight. Carols and Bible readings in a beautiful ancient church. Suitable for adults, older children and young people. Followed by refreshments.

If you'd like more info contact Revd Louise Williams on 01702 292778

St Peter's Church SS3 9AN and St Andrew's Church SS3 9EU

Time: See details

Venue: St Peter's Church

St Andrew's Church

Cost: Free

Age: All

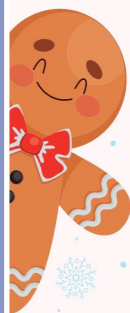
DECEMBER



December TrustLinks

CHRISTMAS

Fayre



Join us on:
Saturday 3rd December 2022
at 11am - 2pm
for free festive fun for the whole family!

Shop from local business stalls
Enjoy delicious festive food & drink
Live musical entertainment
Activities for children & families
Get in the Christmas spirit!



Trust Links Westcliff
47 Fairfax Drive
Southend-on-Sea, SS0 9AG

www.trustlinks.org/christmas-fayre-2022
Charity No. 1092324

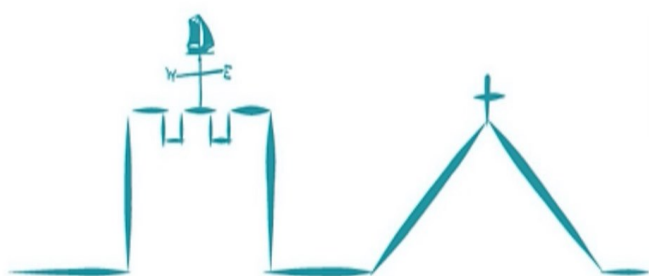


FROSTBITE

FESTIVE MARKET & ILLUMINATE SOUTHCHURCH



Richmond
Avenue
Primary School
Winter Fair



The Parish of St Andrew and St Peter, South Shoebury

www.southshoebury.org

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Serving Great Wakering & Shoebury

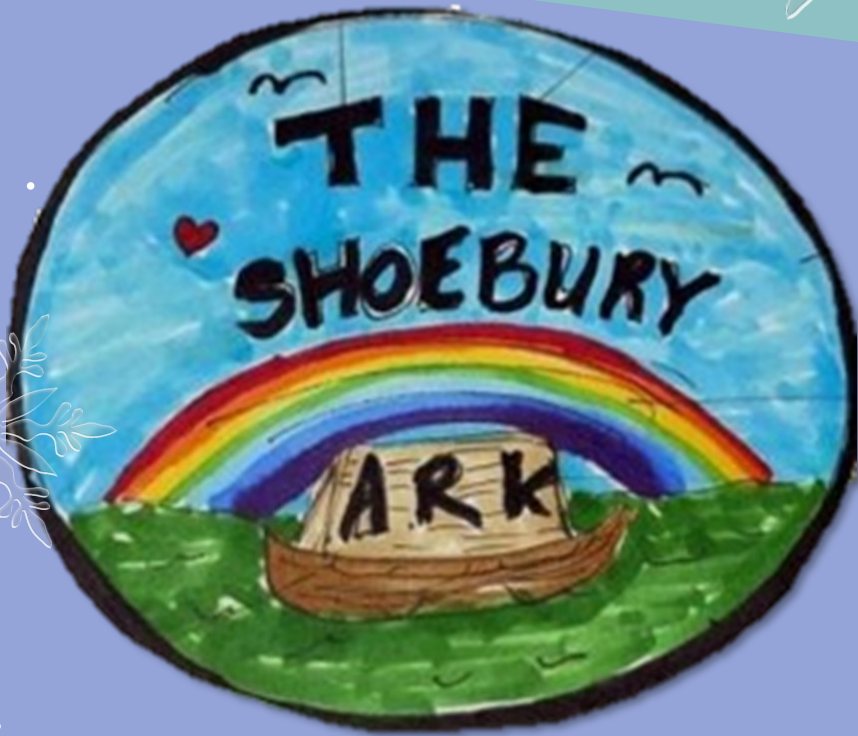
www.umcsouthend.org.uk

St Mary the Virgin North Shoebury



www.stmarynorthshoebury.org.uk

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The Shoebury Ark is a charity which aims to help alleviate poverty in the Shoeburyness area by the provision of free freshly cooked meals. In addition we also sell at very low cost tinned/packet food and children's clothing. We give out food parcels on a case by case basis and also signpost people to other support agencies.

We operate each week on a Tuesday 2-4pm from Friars Baptist Church, Eagle Way, Shoeburyness SS3 9RJ

Turn up or contact info@shoeburyark.org.uk 01702 297189 or find us on Facebook.



We aim to provide a service in a welcoming non judgemental environment to anyone in need. Currently we serve approximately 200 meals a week

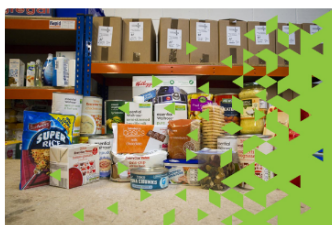
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ONE SOUTHEND

Information, Advice and Support to help us all Eat, Heat and Live this winter.



Food & Provision Support

An interactive map showing local places to find free support with food, clothing and hygiene products.

[Visit the Food & Provisions Map](#)



Warm Spaces

An interactive map showing local warm spaces where you can keep warm this winter, access free wi-fi and take part in other activities.

[Visit the Warm Spaces Map](#)

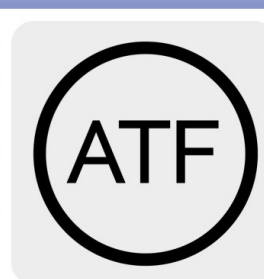


Southend City Council

All the latest information and guidance from Southend City Council and other trusted organisations.

[Visit the Council's Website](#)

Cost of living support - www.onesouthend.com



Achieve Thrive Flourish

Fun, family, friends & fitness for all ages!

Free sessions throughout the week across Basildon and South Essex
www.atfcommunity.com/whatson | info@atfcommunity.com [f](#) [@Atfcommunity](#)



ActiveEssex
Local Delivery Pilot

BasildonCouncil

ParkPlay

Basildon
Community Hub



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CHRISTMAS EVE



Dec

24

Crib Service and Midnight Mass



4pm Crib Service-Children (and adults if they wish) are invited to come dressed as an angel or shepherd and participate within the service
11:30pm Midnight Mass - Open to all but aimed at adults
St Mary's Church North Shoebury - across the Green from Asda

Time: See details
Venue: St Mary's Church

Dec

24

Crib Service

A relaxed retelling of the Christmas story as we fill the crib with sheep, shepherds and the baby Jesus.
Suitable for all ages, especially younger children.
If you'd like more info contact Revd Louise Williams on 01702 292778

Time: 4pm
Venue: St Peter's Church

Dec

24

Midnight Mass

A beautiful, solemn late night service in which we welcome the birth of Jesus.
If you'd like more info contact Revd Louise Williams on 01702 292778

Time: 11:30pm
Venue: St Andrew's Church

Dec

24

Christmas Mass

5.30pm service is Children's Christmas Mass and is geared towards families. All welcome to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas at our church services over the festive season. A collection will be taken.
Parish office 01702 292726 or shoeburnyness@dioceseofbrentwood.org
St George's Catholic Church, Ness Road, SS3 9DH

Time: 5:30pm and 9:30pm
Venue: St George's Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

Dec
25

Christmas Service

Join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

Contact Terry Galley 07752 859296 if you want more information.

Great Wakering Methodist Church, High Street, SS3 0HL

Time: 10am

**Venue: Great
Wakering
Methodist Church**

Dec
25

Christmas Mass

There is also an 8.45am mass at St Gregory's Thorpe Bay.

All welcome to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas at our church services over the festive season. A collection will be taken.

Parish office 01702 292726 or shoeburness@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Time: 10:45am

**Venue: St
George's Catholic
Church**

Dec
25

Christmas Day Service

All age Holy Communion

St Mary's Church North Shoebury - across the Green from Asda

Time: 10:30am

**Venue: St Mary's
Church**

Dec
25

Family Christmas Day Services

9.30am St Andrew's Family Christmas Service; A short service of carols; you are welcome to bring a present to show us! For all ages.

10.30am St Peter's Family Communion Service. A simple service for all the family: you are welcome to bring a present to show us! For all ages.

St Peter's Church SS3 9AN and St Andrew's Church SS3 9EU

If you'd like more info contact Revd Louise Williams on 01702 292778

Time: See details

**Venue: St Peter's
Church**



WINTER UPDATE



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