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## Shoebury Station Parking Update...

Over the past few months, Shoeburyness Conservatives have consulted residents in the High Street and Gunners Road about the commuter parking problems.

We feel that due to the increase in commuter parking it is necessary to implement some form of restricted parking.

The majority of residents were in favour of a one hour no waiting restriction Mon-Fri in the High Street.

To solve some long term issues, we are looking at the possibility of providing a hard surface car park area to the rear of the new flats (formally Jenkins Garage) opposite the station.

We would be very interested in your views and look forward to feedback particularly from residents in this area.



Cllr Rayner above, visits proposed parking site.

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### Help and Advice

Pat Rayner, Allan Cole and Roger Hadley are available to help all residents in Shoeburyness. Contact them using the contact details opposite.

Alternatively you can meet them at their monthly surgeries held on the last Saturday of every month at Friars Community Centre from 10:00 - 12:00

If you would prefer to write in confidence, send your letters to: **Pat Rayner**, 93 Kingfisher Close, Shoeburyness, Essex, SS3 9YB

# It's time to set the record straight!



*Dear Resident*

**I wish to correct a few misconceptions that are put about to gain political advantage.**

All councillors who are elected have a duty to serve the whole town. However, many candidates are 'single issue' trying to gain votes as such. I mean, would Shoebury residents want a local councillor who wants residents to pay increased council tax to provide Thorpe Bay with a 20mph speed limit?

Meeting of the council are open for local residents to observe. Those who attended the recent Development & Control meeting will have witnessed planning permission given to Southend United F.C. for a new stadium on Fossets Farm.

We have to work within planning law which means a Government Inspector can overturn any decision made by the council. One recent example was the council refused planning permission for 100 flats without no car parking, yet the Government Inspector gave planning permission.

All councillors work together but it is not human for them to agree all the time. I say to the critics, come and listen to the debates, but sadly, they will rather sit at home and write letters to local newspapers.

*Cllr Allan Cole*

## We want our money back...

**Our Primary Care Trust (PCT) covers Southend, Basildon and Thurrock.**

It manages its finances well - so well that the Labour Health Minister has DEMANDED nearly £9 million back as a 'loan' to help the spiralling debt in the Health Service.

When asked, "When will this be paid back?" answer: "We don't know". This is another example of money that should be spent on local services being taken from us by this Labour Government.

## Breaking News...

As we were going to print, Shoeburyness Conservatives have learnt that a Government Inspector has allowed the redevelopment of the Shoebury Hotel.

This despite the council twice refusing planning permission. We will have more on this in the next edition of In Touch.

## Official: Home Office is a complete shambles



**The Home Office is in a complete and utter shambles say local Conservatives.**

Foreign criminals are allowed to stay in this country and are rarely deported. More than 27,000 convicted British Nationals, paedophiles and murders have been deported back to England.

**NONE OF THESE HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE SEX OFFENDERS REGISTER AND THEIR WHEREABOUTS REMAIN UNKNOWN.**

Local Conservatives ask, just how long can this be allowed to go on for?

## Can you help the Conservatives win in Shoeburyness?

- I would like to deliver a few leaflets
- I would like to display a poster
- I would like to register my support
- I would like to join the Conservatives
- I would like to make a donation
- I would like to have a postal vote

Please send to: **Pat Rayner**, 93 Kingfisher Close, Shoeburyness, Essex, SS3 9YB

# Message from James Duddridge MP...



*Dear Constituent*

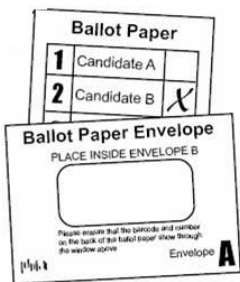
Firstly, happy New Year to everybody and I hope you all had a good Christmas break. I thoroughly enjoyed celebrating my son Tom's first Christmas and spending time with my family.

In 2007, the political landscape is going to change. We are likely to see the back of Tony Blair and a lot more of Gordon Brown. This will mean big changes for the Government and in turn the way that we approach them. Personally, I will be looking for the Party to take a strong line on issues like crime and immigration, as well as addressing issues such as the NHS and education.

One of the problems with a short article like this is that it is difficult to make sure I talk about the issues that matter to you most. If you want to know more about the various issues that I work on you can visit my website at [www.jamesduddridge.com](http://www.jamesduddridge.com), email me on [james@jamesduddridge.com](mailto:james@jamesduddridge.com) or read my weekly column in the Southend Times.

*James Duddridge MP*

## Attention all Postal Voters!



Recent changes to the law have made postal voting more secure but will mean that there are changes to postal voting arrangements.

All residents who currently have a postal vote will have or will shortly be receiving a letter from the Electoral Office at Southend Council asking them to complete a new form with a signature and a date of birth. A reply envelope will be provided.

Any resident who fails to complete this form will lose their right to vote by post. If you have any questions or queries on postal voting please contact **Tony Cox** on 298 576.

### Dates for your diary...

- 14th May**...Private dinner with Oliver Letwin at the New Palace of Westminster. Call 600 460 for more details
- 22nd March**...Association Antiques Roadshow
- 28th June**...CWCC Annual Lunch with guest speaker Sayeeda Warsi, Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party
- 7th July**...Shoebury Hampton Court Flower Show
- 9th November**...Association Annual Dinner, with guest speaker Michael Gove MP

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# Consultation promised on landmark building



Artist Impression of the proposed landmark building

**Over 250 Shoeburyness residents attended a packed public meeting at Shoebury High School to discuss issues on the Garrison Development.**






Many residents had concerns about the proposed landmark building. Gladedale pledged to local residents that they would hold a public consultation before any plans would be submitted to the council.

One of the surprises of the evening was the announcement that Gladedale were planning to build a hotel on the land adjacent to Ness Road. Your local councillors will be monitoring these proposals and would welcome any comments that you may have.

A question and answer sheet about the Garrison and Gunners Park is available to local residents. If you would like a copy, please contact **Derek Jarvis** on 292 744.

## I Shoebury

5 reasons why we love living in Shoebury...

-  We pay the lowest council tax in Essex and the 8th lowest in England
-  We have some of the most cleanest beaches in the UK
-  We have multi award winning parks in the town
-  We have been voted one of the most car friendliest towns in Britain
-  We have been voted the top place to retire by Which? magazine

**Please let us know your tales and what it is about Shoebury that you love so much.**

## New Primary Care Centre

**A new Primary care Centre is planned for the Garrison development.**

Due to legal issues, plans to build on the site of Shoebury House in Ness Road have been changed to avoid unnecessary delay.

The new centre will be large enough to house all the services from Shoebury House and the Shoebury Health Centre.

A range of community services like district nursing, physiotherapy and blood taking will also be available. Subject to planning permission, it is hoped work will start in early 2008 with completion summer 2009