

# TDC Report May 2016

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## **CLACTON AIRSHOW**

The Royal Air Force has now confirmed the appearance of the Typhoon on both days of this year's event on August 25 and 26 which is being organised by Tendring District Council.

The aircraft has been one of the show's favourite displays over the past few summers and is likely to be so again.

The Typhoon has significantly increased the RAF's warfighting capacity and is both exceptionally flexible and capable.

Every member of the display team has been handpicked from an elite group of skilled personnel at RAF Coningsby to represent the very best in excellence and dedication that the RAF can offer.

The Typhoon is one of those displays that certainly leave an impression and it is one of the stars on any Airshow; it will join the Red Arrows, Beech King Air and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) - the Spitfire, Hurricane and Lancaster - which are all involved on both August 25 and 26.

Also confirmed in the programme is the Sally B - the last remaining airworthy B-17 in Europe.

Anyone wanting information about sponsorship opportunities, hospitality, or trade space at Clacton Airshow 2016 should contact 01255 686683 or 01255 686654.

Clacton Airshow can also be contacted via twitter @ClactonAirshow and via its website, [www.clactonairshow.com](http://www.clactonairshow.com)

## **CALLING ALL WORLD WAR TWO VETERANS IN TENDRING**

A special World War Two Veterans Day is being staged in Tendring this summer to honour all those involved in the conflict around the world.

It is the second year running that Tendring District Council has joined forces with the Royal British Legion to organise the afternoon in Clacton's Princes Theatre.

It is open to all veterans to go along and meet up with old colleagues and share in a social gathering.

The event will take place on Saturday July 23 starting at 12 noon and will include a buffet and dance.

It will be a mix of music and memories - with the opportunity for veterans to display memorabilia and share stories and anecdotes.

Jamie Robinson, Branch Chairman and Parade Marshal for Clacton RBL, and of course lives in Mistley, said that last year's gathering to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day had been a huge success with more than 100 attending and 45 veterans presented with medals which had been especially made for the occasion. Because of the great success it was decided to repeat it again this year – inviting all those who were contacted last time.

TDC and the RBL are especially inviting any recipients of the Legion D'Honneur, France's highest decoration to attend. It was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte.

TDC Chairman Jayne Chapman will be attending the event and is looking forward to meeting the veterans.

Any World War Two veterans or Legion D'Honneur who have not been contacted so far and want to attend should get in touch with Karen Neath at TDC by emailing [kneath@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:kneath@tendringdc.gov.uk) or by calling 01255 686520.

## **COUNCILLOR REMOVED FROM CABINET POST**

A Councillor has been removed from a Cabinet post by the Leader of Tendring District Council, Cllr Neil Stock.

Cllr Mick Skeels Snr was removed from his post, which was Portfolio Holder for Leisure, following a recommendation made by the Council's Standards Committee.

He has also been removed from any external posts held with organisations in connection with the Council, with immediate effect.

Cllr Skeels Snr, who represents the St John's ward in Clacton, admitted he had breached the Members' Code of Conduct. He will remain a District Councillor.

The Standards Committee considered the report of the Council's Monitoring Officer at the Council Offices in Weeley yesterday.

It followed three complaints made to the Council which alleged a breach on a number of counts, but primarily for using foul language in a public place.

After the Committee meeting Cllr Stock said; "I stated publicly when this issue was first brought to my attention that the right and appropriate body to determine an allegation of this nature is the Council's Standards Committee and their decision today has proved that my judgement was correct.

"The Committee has made a very clear and unambiguous statement that all councillors, and especially cabinet members, must demonstrate faultless conduct at all times and I have immediately executed the request that they have made of me as Leader of the Council."

The Chairman of the Standards Committee, Cllr Rosemary Heaney said the Committee was appalled by the disgraceful behaviour of an elected member of the Council, which was unnecessary and exhibited a lack of self-control.

## **RESULT OF DISTRICT BY-ELECTION FOR ST PAULS WARD**

UKIP'S Jack Parsons won the by-election in the St Pauls Ward on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May with a turnout of 33.1 percent. This is the second by-election since May 2015 following the resignation of two UKIP elected Councillor.

The up to date POLITICAL GROUPS are as follow

Conservatives	23	
UKIP	14	
Labour	4	
Holland Residents' Association	3	
Independent	6	
Vote Leave Group	2	(ex UKIP) (formerly Leave the EU)
Coastal Independents	3	(ex UKIP)
Tendring Independents	2	(ex UKIP)
Unaligned	1	(ex UKIP)
Lib-Dem	1	
Tendring First	1	

The Council has never had such a high number of political groups, but this mainly due to the periodical fragmentation of the 22 strong UKIP Group originally elected in May 2015.

### **Planning**

Application on the former BX Plastic Factory Reference: **B/15/00263/OUT**

Location: Brantham Industrial Estate and land to the north and peninsula,  
Factory Lane, BRANTHAM

Proposal: Hybrid application for regeneration of existing industrial estate and development of adjoining land. Outline: Mixed use development to comprise approximately 320 dwellings; approximately 44,123 sqm of Class B1, B2 and B8 employment uses; approximately 720sqm of Class A1, A3, A4 and A5 retail uses and Class D1 community uses; provision of public open space and new playing pitches (Class D2). Full: Proposed new access from Brooklands Road; improvements to Factory Lane; new on site road network and structural landscaping; and foul and storm water drainage infrastructure.

This was determined and approved by Babergh DC Planning Committee on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May by 9 votes to 5.

We, your local Members, through TDC lodged a holding objection to this application as the proposal has failed to address the impact on the Manningtree Station Underpass.

Application **15/00761/OUT**

Location: Land to the South of Long Road and to west of Clacton Road, Mistley, CO11 2HN.

This was refused by TDC Planning Committee earlier in the year, with both Cllr Coley and I speaking against, as well as Martin Rayner, Chairman of Mistley PC; but on legal advice and following comments from ECC Highways this application went back to committee last night 18<sup>th</sup> May, with a recommendation to remove all reasons for refusal and bizarrely Committee agreed with the recommendation. Cllrs Coley and I are now seeking exact clarification on the implication of this decision, especially as the applicant lodged an Appeal against non-determination, which hasn't yet been withdrawn.

We presume this would mean that the application is now approved, but as this is the first time a decision such as this has been made, under these circumstances, we cannot confirm at this present time, and we are currently seeking clarification.

## **PRINCES THEATRE SET TO BECOME HOME OF ESSEX BOXING ORGANISATION**

Clacton's Princes Theatre is set to become the home venue for the Essex Boxing Organisation (EBO).

The move comes after a successful fight night was staged at the theatre in Station Road which included a team match between Essex and Manchester and three title fights.

More than 350 fans packed the venue and the evening also included a guest appearance from former World Boxing Council world champion John H Stracey to support the event, posing for photos and signing autographs.

It was the first time that the Princes, which is run by Tendring District Council, has hosted a boxing event for several years and there are certain to be more on the cards with the next planned for July 30.

A spokesman for the EBO said that the aim was to bridge the gap between amateur and professional boxing. It was a resounding success with some excellent bouts and pulled in spectators from all over the county.

This is the first time this venue was used but it will not be the last as it worked out perfectly for both sides.

He also added that he was delighted with the way the evening went and will be returning in a couple of months and will probably look to use the theatre three or four times a year.

On the night Essex almost pulled off a clean sweep against Manchester with five wins and a draw from six bouts. Clacton boxer Matt Grantham was amongst those to taste victory.

The main event of the evening was an English title fight at light welterweight where Colchester's Calvin Carruthers triumphed over Eastbourne based Lee Finch, who originally comes from Clacton.

The winner's belt was presented by John H Stracey.

