

TDC Update – Manningtree – January 2018

ACTRESS AND THEATRE COMPANY DIRECTOR COMING TO CLACTON FOR DRAMA SKILLS WORKSHOP

Actress and theatre company director Kim Wright is heading to Clacton to deliver a drama skills workshop for aspiring young actors at the town's Princes Theatre.

Kim trained at the Tiffany Theatre College and continued her training at the Tom Todoroff Acting Studios in New York.

She has a whole host of theatre credits to her name and is looking forward to the session at the Princes on Sunday February 11.

It will concentrate on creating live theatre directly – a skill set that helps in building scenes and characters in order to develop a sense of reality.

It will support actors and actresses to fire their imagination to use as a starting point for physical action.

Essential skills, such as self-expression and communication, will help layer any dramatic work.

Kim is a director and founder of JK Theatre Arts, a company in Sussex which provides opportunities for youngsters to explore the art of storytelling through drama, physical theatre and dance.

Registration at the Princes on February 11 is at 10am and the day will run from 10.30am to 4pm.

The workshop is the third to be put on by the Princes Acting Centre and there is funding and student discount available.

For more information call Melissa Wenn on 01255 430809 or visit Princetheatre.co.uk

TENDRING COAST TAKES A BATTERING IN HIGH WINDS

Staff at Tendring District Council (TDC) have been working hard to clear up debris after the coastline took a battering in the high winds 17/18 January.

Seven teams were out and about from early morning tackling trees and branches brought down overnight.

The priority was given to incidents where roads were blocked or partially blocked.

Nigel Brown, Tendring District Council's Communications Manager, said it was a busy morning.

"Our teams were out before first light and by 11am there were reports of problems concerning 27 trees on land we are responsible for across the District," he said.

"It was mainly in the Clacton area but there were also issues in the Frinton and Walton area and Mistley.

“We will get round as quickly as we can to clear up but ask people to be patient.”

Essex Fire and Rescue Service also asked the Council to go to the Shannon Guesthouse in Agate Road, Clacton.

A chimney collapsed into the building around 7.20am and it was inspected as a dangerous structure.

“The owners were unable to stay in the property and have moved into another guesthouse just down the road,” added Mr Brown.

“A member of staff from TDC escorted them back into the building to retrieve important items that they needed to take with them.”

There were also reports of missing greenhouses, fence panels and trampolines having been blown out of gardens.

HELP US UPDATE YOUR RECORDS FOR ABSENT VOTING

More than 5,000 registered voters in Tendring can expect to receive a letter through their door over the coming weeks.

Tendring District Council (TDC) will be writing to all those postal or proxy voters whose recorded signature will be over five years old on January 30, 2018.

This exercise is being undertaken as there is a legal requirement to request a new specimen signature for voting purposes every five years.

Letters will begin to go out in the next week and the exercise will be completed in mid-March.

Ian Davidson, TDC Chief Executive, Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer, urged absent voters – those who opt for postal or proxy votes – who receive this communication to respond quickly.

“It is important that recipients do get back to us promptly to enable us to carry out this exercise as efficiently as possible and to enable records to be updated,” he said.

“This exercise is all about ensuring that security checks in relation to absent voting continue to be effective.”

Mr Davidson added that around 5,000 people in Tendring are affected and therefore will receive a letter.

TENDRING'S TWITTER FOLLOWING KEEPS ON GROWING

More than 5,600 people are now following Tendring District Council (TDC) on Twitter after an increase of more than 12 percent in the past year.

The Council is continuing to expand its use of social media networks – while at the same time putting out important information to residents through traditional media.

TDC tweets around 1,000 of its own news releases a year as well as advertising job vacancies on its main Council feed while also retweeting other information affecting the District.

Carlo Guglielmi, TDC's Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Resources, said it is vital to use all methods available to keep in close contact with residents.

"Social media has an important role to play and I am pleased to see that the number of people following us on Twitter continues to grow," he said.

"It is all about communicating with our residents so they are more aware of the good services and facilities we provide for their benefit."

TDC also has individual Twitter feeds for Careline; Clacton Air Show; Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools; the Princes Theatre and Recycling – all with separate followings.

You can follow the Council @Tendring_DC

FUN AND ACTIVITIES LAID ON FOR YOUNGSTERS IN TENDRING AT HALF TERM

An extensive programme of fun and activities is being laid on for youngsters in Tendring during the February half term break.

A host of sessions have been organised to take place at Tendring District Council (TDC) sports centres and pools at Brightlingsea, Clacton, Dovercourt, Harwich, Manningtree and Walton between February 12 and 16.

These will include indoor, outdoor and water-based activities – with something for all ages to enjoy.

Mick Skeels, TDC's Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism said he hopes that young people will take advantage of the opportunities on offer.

"It is important that we encourage our young people to live healthier lifestyles and improve their wellbeing while also having a fun time," he added.

In many cases you only have to turn up at the right facility and register. However, some sessions have a limited capacity so it is best to book in advance.

Full details of the activities, venues, costs and timings will be available from TDC's centres and on TDC's website, www.tendringdc.gov.uk

Information can also be found on Facebook under 'Tendring Leisure Centres'. Just click on 'Like' for updates.

TENDRING TO REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

A special ceremony is being held on Clacton seafront later this month to pay tribute to victims of the Holocaust.

As part of events nationwide Tendring District Council (TDC) Chairman Mark Platt will join with members of the Colchester and District Jewish Community at the Sunken Rose Garden on Marine Parade West.

The ceremony will take place on Friday January 26 at 11am and will mark Holocaust Memorial Day which has been commemorated every year since 2001.

In 2007 TDC planted a white rose bush at the seafront site and the following year a specially-commissioned plaque was set in the ground next to the bush.

The service will be led by Roy Fox, Chairman of the Colchester Synagogue.

Cllr Platt is inviting residents to join him at the ceremony which is a time for quiet reflection.

“It is an event which provides us with the chance to remember all those who lived through the horrific events of the Holocaust,” he said.

“We normally have people from a number of religious groups come along to pay their respects with us and we hope that will happen again on January 26.”

The Council will be putting up a poster display remembering the Holocaust in the foyer of Clacton Town Hall from Monday January 22 for one week.

The Government announced the establishment of Holocaust Memorial Day in 2000 and the first activities were held the following year.

The aim is to promote awareness of how people and communities were persecuted under Nazi racial and social policy because they were different.

General Information:

If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on 01255 686768.

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