

TDC Update Manningtree – January 2019

ELECTORAL REGISTER FOR 2019 PUBLISHED BY COUNCIL INCORPORATING WARD CHANGES

The latest edition of the electoral register for Tendring has been published by Tendring District Council (TDC) – which factors in changes to ward boundaries.

Each year the council must complete its list of all those registered to vote in elections, and in which ward they will do so, and TDC published its on December 1.

Following a Local Government Boundary Commission for England review, TDC is reducing from 35 wards down to 32, and from 60 councillors to 48, from the next election on **May 2, 2019**.

As a result some voters' wards may have changed, which may also mean a change to the polling station they use.

To see the new ward boundaries visit

<https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/council/elections-voting/polling-arrangements-review>

Ian Davidson, Returning Officer for Tendring, said it was important that residents checked where they would be voting.

“There is plenty of time until the next district council elections, and we will be doing a lot of work to remind people of these changes in the lead up to polling day,” Mr Davidson said.

“However, with the publication of the latest electoral register now is a good time to have a look and see where you are voting for in the May elections.”

It is not too late to register to vote in this year's district council elections. To do so people should visit <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> or for those without internet access call Electoral Services on 01255 686566 to obtain a form.

BUSINESS START-UP WORKSHOP FOR BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS

Those looking to start-up their own business in Tendring are being encouraged to attend a one-day course on beginning your own firm.

Starting your own business can be an exciting but challenging prospect and help in the early stages can often make a difference to success.

Colbea, one of the area's leading enterprise agencies, is running a workshop taking participants through a step-by-step guide on the process of setting up and structuring your own business, from managing finances and marketing to exploring the business idea and drawing up an action plan.

Tendring District Council's Regeneration team is working closely with Colbea to provide business support to small, medium and start-up enterprises around the district.

Zoe Fairley, Tendring District Council Cabinet Member for Investment and Growth, is encouraging Tendring entrepreneurs to use the workshop.

"As part of our Tendring4Growth initiative we are keen to support up-and-coming businesses in our district," Cllr Fairley said.

"We are looking to work with Colbea this year to help us achieve our ambition of growing the Tendring economy, and if you are looking at starting up your own business in 2019 then this workshop is a great place to start.

"Although Tendring has a better than average success rate for start-up businesses, it is by no means an easy feat and this workshop will help potential business owners go into the process with a much better understanding of the realities involved."

Colbea Chief Executive, Ashleigh Seymour-Rutherford, added: "Starting your own business can be one of the most daunting experiences an individual can undertake and if you don't seek the right support in the early stages, your dream of entrepreneurship can fail even before it has had a chance to take form.

"We want to ensure that budding entrepreneurs turn every opportunity into a success and ultimately drive forward our local and regional economy."

The workshop costs £5 and takes place at the Colbea centre in George Williams Way, Colchester, from 9.30am-4pm on Tuesday, January 29.

To sign up for the workshop visit www.colbea.co.uk, email liz.bourne@colbea.co.uk or call 01206 548833.

PRIDE OF TENDRING AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2019

Community heroes from across Tendring have been recognised in the district's version of the New Year's honours list.

The 17 recipients of this year's Pride of Tendring Awards, which began seven years ago, have been revealed.

At a special evening at Clacton's Princes Theatre, being held on Friday, March 22, all the recipients will be officially recognised and presented with their award.

The awards aim to highlight deserving stalwarts from all walks of life who make a real difference to others in their community.

The awards are run by Tendring District Council (TDC) and are sponsored by Orsted Energy and East of England Co-operative Funeral Service in Clacton. They are also

supported by the Clacton, Frinton and Walton Gazette and the Harwich and Manningtree Standard.

District councillors put forward nominations from a wide variety of groups, organisations and individuals throughout Tendring, all very deserving of an award.

Mark Platt, TDC Chairman, thanked everyone is supporting the event again this year.

“Across our community there are such a number of deserving people, and nominations for the Pride of Tendring Awards keep coming in from all across the district,” Cllr Platt said.

“The standard is yet again very high, and this is our way of recognising some of the people and groups who work tirelessly in their community.

“Many of this year’s recipients have been giving their time and efforts over a number of years, to help others. Pride of Tendring award winners are fantastic people.”

“The award winners’ announcement is a wonderful way to begin 2019 and I am looking forward to meeting all the recipients at the Princes Theatre in March.”

The details of the two successful nominees in this ward, together with the short citation are below:

Matt Bibby (Mistley)

A coach at Mistley Cricket Club, Matt Bibby’s contribution to youth cricket in the community has meant the sport is thriving among young people. Matt runs winter introductory sessions, encouraging youngsters into sport and teaching them teamwork, confidence and new skills.

His charismatic, infectious and inclusive style brings out children who are often previously shy and uncoordinated, and Matt took teams to Inter-Tendring Cricket Festival events throughout the summer.

In addition supporting families have themselves developed lasting friendships and broken down social barriers.

Although Matt has had some support, he is the constant driving force, and gives up his time alongside his full-time job.

Val Pretty (Lawford/Manningtree)

Val Pretty holds a number of key roles in the local community. She is Treasurer of The Rotary Club of Manningtree Stour Valley and The Stour Valley U3A, and Chairman of Crossroads, a local charity giving respite to carers.

In addition Val is a Lawford parish councillor, Treasurer of the Manningtree and Frankenburg Partnership Association, and for many years was Treasurer of The Manningtree Society and The Manningtree Museum and Local History group, which she also chairs.

Val is the Auditor for many local groups and clubs and her attention to detail, her no nonsense approach, and her willingness to support worthy causes are second to none.

SWIM SAFE SESSIONS TO BE EXTENDED IN TENDRING NEXT SUMMER

An initiative teaching young people how to keep safe in the sea is being rolled out to three locations in Tendring next summer.

Swim Safe, a practical outdoor water safety programme developed by Swim England and the RNLI, was successfully held in Dovercourt last summer teaching hundreds of children water awareness among the waves.

Now it has been confirmed the initiative will be held in Dovercourt, Walton and Clacton next summer, providing free sessions to around 2,000 youngsters aged between 7-14.

The extension has been secured by the newly formed Tendring Water Safety Forum, set up in the wake of the tragic death of 15-year-old Ben Quartermaine in the sea off Clacton in July.

Made up of a number of agencies, including Tendring District Council (TDC), the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Essex Police, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, the Royal Life Saving Society, Harwich Haven Authority and Brightlingsea Harbour Authority, the forum is in the process of putting together a range of initiatives to improve water safety for young people in Tendring.

A Swim Safe session lasts an hour. Young people spend time learning about the differences between swimming in a pool and in the sea, what the safety flags mean and how to get help if it is needed, before heading into the water to practise safety skills.

There will be a programme of sessions for both schools and the public.

Mick Skeels, TDC Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism, revealed the news at a Cabinet meeting on Friday, December 14.

“I am delighted that we will be able to extend this successful initiative and help to teach around 2,000 of our youngsters how to stay safe on our beautiful coastline,” Cllr Skeels said.

Graeme Richardson, a member of the Tendring Water Safety Forum and Area Lifesaving Manager for the RNLI, added how important it was to give young people this information.

“The sea can be a very beautiful place, especially over the summer, but it is all too easy to forget just how dangerous it can also be,” Mr Richardson said.

“There are a number of different things to think about when on the beach or swimming in the sea such as tide times and wave patterns, and these Swim Safe sessions are just one way in which we can remind our young people to stay safe and treat the sea with respect.”

The scheme in Dovercourt is being funded by the Harwich Haven Authority, while for Clacton and Walton funding has been applied for.

More information, including how to register your child’s place, will be available early in 2019 through the website at <https://swimsafe.org.uk>

General Information:

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

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