

KENDAL

Summer 2018

More than a market town – Your newsletter from Kendal Town Council



Kendal Welcomes New Mayor Cllr Guy Tirvengadum

Cllr Tirvengadum became Kendal's new Mayor at Kendal Town Hall on the 17th of May. He has been representing Oxenholme for 8 years helping the community, making a difference and championing Equality & Diversity in Kendal.

Cllr Tirvengadum is a Director of AWAZ, a Cumbrian based social enterprise which aims to be the voice of the BAME community in Cumbria and is the go to organisation in Cumbria regarding any equality and diversity issues. Cllr Tirvengadum is also Chair of the South Lakeland Equality & Diversity Partnership (SLEDP) since 2012.

Cllr Tirvengadum was born in London, went to University in Manchester and moved to Kendal in December 2002. He works full time as a Medical Liaison Manager for a Pharmaceutical company. Together with his wife Helen, who works as a Nurse, he has 4 children and enjoys travelling, good food, good wine and fell walking.

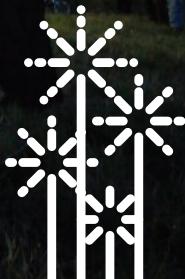
REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year Remembrance Day and Sunday fall on the same day. It is also the 100th anniversary of the WW1 Armistice. To mark this occasion, the whole event, including laying of wreaths, two minute silence and

Remembrance service, will take place from 10.30am until approx 11.20am at the War Memorial in Market Place. Details are being finalised and will be advertised in full in the next edition of our Newsletter in October.

Lakes Alive Coming Soon!

7th – 9th
September 2018



The Lakes will again be Alive to the sights and sounds of this annual cultural extravaganza. The team are back together and plans to entertain, wow and delight all who attend this year's Lakes Alive are hotting up as the count-down begins.

Last year's Lakes Alive Festival offered a fantastic programme that appealed to curious families and art lovers alike. Thousands of people saw spectacular installations, promenaded amongst contemporary art and couldn't help but join in with lively performances by contemporary dancers and musicians.

Memories were created as hundreds of people followed the electrifying Sparks on the opening evening as they drummed diners from the Jacob's Join feast up to Kendal Castle

to be memorised by Shipping Forecast a stunning field of light created by artist Pete Johnson.

This year, throughout Kendal town centre and the surrounding hills there will be a vibrant programme of contemporary work which audiences can watch, take part in or actively help to create. We have illuminations, digital delights, intimate performances and unusual happenings throughout the weekend.

The full programme will be announced early next month but be assured, Jacob's Join, the unique Cumbria dining experience along the River Kent which has been so enthusiastically adopted by Kendalians, will feature again on the 7 September with a mass musical parade to this year's magical

installation at Kendal Castle.

There are lots of opportunities for volunteers to don the orange T-shirt, meet new people and be part of this years' team. Whether you can spare a couple of hours, or a couple of weeks - we'll find something to suit your unique talents! Call Holly on **01539 792610** or email lakesalive@lakedistrict.gov.uk if you are interested.

Lakes Alive is a free event and wouldn't be possible without the support of our funders: Arts Council England, Lake District National Park, South Lakeland District Council, Kendal Town Council, Kendal BID, Cumbria County Council and Friends of the Lake District.

Who Makes a Blooming Difference?



Community Champions Award

The Kendal in Bloom Committee are asking for nominations from members of the public for individuals, groups or businesses who make a difference to the attractiveness of their local area.

It could be a stunning floral display, innovative planting style, imaginative ways of recycling, keeping their local area tidy, planting utilising a tiny space, the list is endless!! The nominations will be considered by your Town Councillor. All nominations will receive a certificate of acknowledgement at the Awards Ceremony in September.

There are several ways you can nominate people for the Community Champions Award including: contacting your Town Councillor (if you are unsure who your ward Councillor is, a full list can be found at www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk/town-councillors-2/), calling in at Kendal Town Council, Town Hall, Kendal, LA9 4DL or emailing allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk. Whichever way you choose to nominate, please ensure you include a brief description of the nomination, your contact details and the contact details of your nomination.

My bee's on Sedburgh Road Allotment



"My Uncle John kept bees. He had three hives at the top of the field, backing onto the wood. As a nine year old, I carried things for Uncle John from his house a field and a half away, and watched in awe from a distance as he worked on the hives. I helped extract honey and remember the heady honey aroma of his sealed up outhouse with its stone cold floor. Some memories are so clear.

Then 65 years passed and my friend said:

'Alex, you know you could keep bees in the gap between your tunnel and your blackberry hedge?'

I had not thought of bees for so long but the happy memories flooded back.

'I don't think my allotment neighbours would be keen on bees flying round them'.

'They won't, they would fly up over the blackberry hedge, all eight feet of it, or over your nine feet high tunnel.' They would be way above head height.

'Bees are animals, I am not permitted to keep animals on the allotment and I don't think there are any bee hives on any Kendal allotments, but I can go see Janine at the Town Hall and get her advice'

As always Janine was really helpful. All the allotment holders on the Sedburgh Road site were contacted for their views and no one was against the idea was approved by the

Kendal Town Council Committee.

I've made some mistakes, not least trying to put on a bee suit inside out in front of the Scotsman I was buying my first bee suit from and failing to split my colony soon enough.

I split my hive in May, but was warned it was too late. I was working in the tunnel next to the hives when the gentle background bee noise rose to a roar in less than a minute as the bees left. I followed and watched them rise to around 30 feet then circle for three or four minutes before returning to the hive.

Unfortunately, the queen was too fat to get out of the entrance on that occasion but two days later they left again, circled downwind of the hives and conveniently landed on a blackcurrant bush on the allotment next door. They got shaken into a nappy bucket and ended up in an empty hive".

To find out more about bee keeping on Kendal's allotments please contact allotments@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk by Alex Redhead

KENDAL-KILLARNEY TWINNING

Over the week-end 9th – 11th March the then Mayor, Cllr Andy Blackman and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Guy Tirvengadum, were treated to wonderful Irish hospitality as they were invited to Killarney, one of Kendal's Twin Towns, as they hosted their inaugural Mountain Festival in association with Kendal Mountain Festival. The Killarney festival presented a programme of over forty events, running throughout the weekend, including outdoor adventure films, guest speakers, guided walks, a park run, photography exhibits, children's activities, Ireland's highest climbing wall and an interactive exhibition with SARDA Search Dogs and Kerry Mountain Rescue Team. 'Base Camp', the place to eat, drink, rest and relax, just as it is at the Kendal festival, was the hub of all the activities taking place. Plans for the 2019 Killarney festival are already in place (www.killarneymountainfestival.com) and



it is an encouragement to know that the Kendal – Killarney twinning relationship has been cemented further by this collaborative initiative.

Flood Update – From the Environment Agency

After we shared the short list of potential flood risk management options with you in February, we have been refining plans to form our leading option for delivering a flood risk management scheme for Kendal. We are currently helping South Lakeland District Council apply for additional European funding which will enable us to better protect businesses within the North Kendal Industrial Area as part of the wider flood risk management scheme. During early summer, we will contact businesses within North Kendal and, in early September, we will consult with residents and wider businesses on the leading option. A newsletter outlining our progress and next steps will be issued later in the summer.

Council Meeting Dates

Members of the public are welcome at Kendal Town Council meetings. Full Council meetings take place at Kendal Town Hall on the first

working Monday of every month
(August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st and November 5th).

Grant Beneficiaries

Every year Kendal Town Council, via the Audits, Grants and Charities Committee, allocate funding to various clubs, societies and charities who deliver a range of services to the people of Kendal.

This year £34,870 was distributed. The following charities received a grant from Kendal Town Council; Kendal Brewery Arts Centre, Abbot Hall - Lakeland Arts Trust, 1127 Squadron (Kendal) Air Training Corp, Great North Air Ambulance, "One Voice" - Kendal & South Lakes Centre for Independent Living, The Quaker Tapestry, Kendal Community Theatre, South Lakes Citizens Advice Centre, Sandgate Hydrotherapy Pool, Fairoak Housing Association, Growing Well, South Lakeland Equality & Diversity Partnership, Chestnut Community Events, North West Air Ambulance and Space2Create.

If you are involved in a charity, club or society and would like to benefit from this funding, please read the criteria and application details on the Grants page of Kendal Town Council's website and contact us before the 31st of August. Alternatively email office@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk for more info.

Keep Kendal Clean

Kendal Town Council deliver many enhancement projects throughout the town and would like to hear from you about the areas you think need some attention. Ideas can range from improving neglected yards, signage, ugly bins and or green spaces that needs some general tlc. Please share your ideas via project.manager@kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk. The Environment and Highways committee will consider all suggestions.



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