

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PANEL

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TMBC SERVICES UPDATE

1 QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

21 April – The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons

As part of the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations, beacons are being lit around the country on 21 April. To date over 255 public beacons have been confirmed. A guide on how you can become involved can be found at www.brunopeek.co.uk which should provide all the information you need to participate in the event.

Karena, from TMBC's Leisure Services team, is happy to discuss any questions or queries you may have – email Leisure.Services@tmbc.gov.uk. TMBC will be holding a beacon-lighting event at Tonbridge Castle following consultation with the office of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant.

11 & 12 June – Official Birthday Celebrations

Kent County Council have streamlined to process for applying to hold a street party on quiet residential streets over the weekend of 11 & 12 June. Anyone wishing to make an application must do so by 23 May at the latest - <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-permits-and-licences/apply-to-close-a-road/planning-a-street-party>. Any approved parties will be circulated on a regular basis to the districts' Safety Advisory Groups.

“Clean For The Queen” Campaign

TMBC are urging community groups to sign up to the national Clean For The Queen campaign in time for the 90th Birthday celebrations. This forms part of our own Love Where You Live initiative. The national focus for the campaign is the weekend of 4-6 March, but we are encouraging groups to hold clean-up events throughout March and April. TMBC will support the events by assisting with publicity before & after your event; providing litter picking equipment, gloves, etc; and arranging for the rubbish collected to be cleared by our contractor, Veolia. More information on the national campaign can be found at www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk.

TMBC will be placing out new roadside litter signs at key points around the borough over the next week. These will be rotated around littering hot spots over the coming months.

If you'd like to organise a clean-up event or propose a location for the roadside signs, contact waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk.

2 LITTERGRAM

LitterGram is a free app solution for mobile phones or tablets. It allows users to take a picture of litter, fly tipping, and other Street Scene issues, and send them automatically to the relevant local authority. The GPS system on their device pinpoints the exact location of the problem and identifies which authority it needs to go to. The app was created by a local resident, Danny Lucas, and TMBC have worked closely with him to ensure that the app is not only simple and easy to use but gives local authorities the information they need to take action and provide feedback to the reporter. The app is available for both Android and Apple devices, and more information can be found at www.littergram.co.uk.

3 EASTER REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Details of Easter collection arrangements were provided to households in the annual recycling calendar distributed in October and is available on TMBC's website: www.tmbc.gov.uk/waste

As in previous years, there will be no collections on Good Friday or Easter Monday.

Week commencing 21 March:

If your normal collection day is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, there will be no change to your collection day. If your normal collection day is Friday, collections due on Friday 25 March will take place on Saturday 26 March instead. As a result, there will be no Saturday Freighter service on 26 March.

Week commencing 28 March:

All collections that week will take place one day later than normal, with collections due on Friday 1 April taking place on Saturday 2 April. As a result, there will be no Saturday Freighter Service on 2 April.

Saturday Freighter Service:

Due to operating refuse & recycling collections on 26 March & 2 April, the usual rota for the Saturday Service will change for March & April. The revised schedule can be found at www.tmbc.gov.uk/waste.

May, Spring & August bank Holidays:

As we will be collecting as normal on those three Bank Holiday Mondays, there will be no change to your normal collection day.

4 KENT RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP'S RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

The latest phase of the KRP Kent-wide communication campaign is aimed at improving the amount of metals collected from Kent districts. Two leaflets are being delivered to

every household in Kent, with the first going out in w/c 1 February and the second in w/c 29 February. Both leaflets highlight what happens to the metals collected from TMBC's green box service. Copies of both leaflets are attached for information.