

RE:PORT

YOUR LOCAL UPDATE FROM THE PORT OF TILBURY

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00. WELCOME TO THE RE:PORT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



PAUL DALE
ASSET & SITE DIRECTOR



The Port of Tilbury is growing at quite a pace with new businesses moving into the Port. A new rail service is now in operation between The Port of Tilbury and The Port of Grangemeouth up in Scotland, Nippon Gases have built a CO2 hub, Maritime transport have opened their new rail connected distribution terminal and of course, the construction of Tilbury2 is well underway.

We know that as a major employer and business in the area, our neighbours have strong links with the Port of Tilbury and we would like to thank you for your support while we move as quickly as we can through the Tilbury2 construction process.

Many local people have told us that they wanted to bring back a Tilbury Carnival. I am so pleased that we have been able to help to make this happen and the Tilbury

Carnival will return this summer. There are carnival workshops being delivered through local community groups and schools where everyone is focused on the preparation, and developing the skills for the big day.

As the main sponsor of the Orsett Show for the third year running we are keen to get more people visiting the show; like the port, the Orsett Show is very much

part of our local heritage. This year we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Grain Terminal in the port and will be sponsoring the trophy for the best bread baker! Please come along and say hello to us at the Port of Tilbury Stand at the Orsett Show or visit the Cruise Terminal on Carnival day and see what all songs, stories and dances that the local community have been working on, are all about!



LATEST NEWS

- **Port of Tilbury sponsors the Orsett Show for the third year running**

It has always been a great way for the port to connect with the local community so please come by the stand and say hello on Saturday the 7th September. For more information visit: www.orsettshow.co.uk



- **Forth Ports, in partnership with Eddie Stobart and Direct Rail Services announced a new weekend service linking, for the first time by rail, the ports of Tilbury and Grangemouth, Scotland's largest port.**

The new two-way rail service started on Friday 28th June and has been launched on the back of customer demand to open up the rail link between the South of England with Central Scotland.



- **First concrete pour of new Tilbury2 ro-ro terminal**

The concrete pour of the first slab of the Tilbury2 roll on /roll off terminal took place at the end of June by main contractor GRAHAM civils and Gill Civil Engineering supporting with the concrete project. When operational in Spring 2020, Tilbury2 will be the UK's largest unaccompanied freight ferry port, the country's biggest construction processing hub and the creation of a new significantly larger railhead which can accommodate the longest freight trains of 775m.

- **The main Structure of the Old Tilbury Power station came down in March with a loud bang heard far and wide!**





02. CAPITAL CRUISING



Capital Cruising is well underway with its summer schedule in Tilbury, the London Moorings in Greenwich and Tower Bridge.

It has been an exciting few months with Viking Cruises making stops in Tilbury, the arrival of the beautiful Vasco - CMV's new ship - and the arrival of the Norwegian Pearl which was a fantastic spectacle on the river. Her passengers spent a couple of days in Tilbury with many of the passengers catching a train to Lakeside and Central London or visiting local attractions like Tilbury Fort and Gravesend.

The Cruise Terminal in Tilbury is making the most of its heritage and now hosts some fantastic murals and textile panels in the windows telling various significant stories that are part of local history.

As the cruise business continues to grow more investment has been made in the terminal and it now has an extended carpark specifically for cruise passengers and workshops have just started to look at how the riverside is promoted through signage and interpretation boards.

03. TILBURY ON THE THAMES TRUST



The summer carnival is coming back to Tilbury on 20th July and will be inspired by the local heritage of the area; the role of Tilbury with the Empire Windrush; and drawing on the style of the Notting Hill carnival.

The project will also engage with the local schools and residents of Tilbury, in a programme of educational workshops.

tilburycarnival.tott.org.uk

For over a year the TTT has talked about Carnival with our local communities who have all been very keen to see a carnival return to Tilbury. Many local people have already been involved and the carnival workshops have had a real community spirit feel. Les Morgan, the Chair of Tilbury Riverside Project, has been a keen supporter and has been a great advocate for the project.

TTT secured funding for Tilbury Carnival from the Windrush Day Fund which awarded £20,000 for the carnival, complementing the funding already secured which includes £10,000 from the Port of Tilbury, £7,000 from Thurrock Council and a crucial £30,000 from Arts Council England.

The Carnival will be an exciting spectacle for everyone to enjoy. It will be inspired by the local heritage of the area and the role of Tilbury with the Empire Windrush.

TTT are producing the project, with locally based international carnival designer,

Ali Pretty, as artistic director and her company Kinetika working with local groups to facilitate the design of flags, costumes and puppets. There is a choreographed section lead by Creative Mass Movement Specialist Jeanefer Jean-Charles who will return to inspire and empower local dance groups. TTT are also partnering with Norwich City Council, which will see homegrown Tilbury talent perform in one of England's oldest running carnival processions – the Lord Mayor's Procession, with a return visit of Norwich performers to join in the Tilbury Carnival.

Commenting on the carnival, Jackie Doyle Price MP said:

"It's wonderful to see the carnival return to Tilbury this summer. It will be a fantastic event for everyone to be part of and a fitting way to mark our connections with Windrush, an important part of our local history."

WINDRUSH 2019



Communities Minister Lord Bourne said:

"I am delighted to launch the Windrush Day Grant Scheme, which will help ensure that people across the country have the opportunity to take part in celebrations and commemorations every year."

It's absolutely right that we honour the Windrush Generation and their descendants who have contributed so much to our national life, and this fund will help keep their legacy alive for generations to come."

THE ARRIVAL OF THE EMPIRE WINDRUSH: 71ST ANNIVERSARY

On a misty June morning the SS Empire Windrush dropped anchor at Tilbury. Originally known as the MV Monte Rosa, she was a passenger liner and cruise ship launched on 4th December 1930. She was built by Blohm and Voss for Hamburg Sud Kreuzmarine. The ship was 500 foot 3 inches long and 65 foot 7 inches wide with two propellers and a speed of 14.5 knots. She was renamed Empire Windrush on 21st January 1947 and used on the Southampton-Gibraltar-Suez-Aden-Colombo-Singapore-Hong Kong route

and later to Kure in Japan. The vessel was operated for the British Government by the New Zealand Shipping Company. The Empire Windrush made one voyage only to the Caribbean. Leaving Trinidad on 20th May 1948 then going to Kingston, Jamaica, Tampico, Mexico, Havana, Cuba and Bermuda before arriving at Tilbury Docks.

On board were two brothers Harold Wilmot and Allan Wilmot. Harold age 40 gave his occupation as a case maker. He is the father of the comedian Gary Wilmot.

Allan Wilmot, born August 1925, was in the navy. Harold and Allan became part of the very successful group the Southlanders who had many hits during the 1950s their biggest being 'Alone' which made the British charts in November 1957 although their most famous single was 'I am a mole and I live in hole' with Harold Wilmot doing the bass voice. 7 days out from Kingston a stowaway Averill Wauchope was discovered, she was a seamstress by trade. A collection was taken for her and this paid for her fare and left her £4 pocket money.

04. TILBURY2: A VISIT TO THE ECOLOGY SITE

On arrival at the Tilbury2 site, it is a hive of activity with every conceivable piece of plant machinery in operation, including the pouring of the cement for the foundations of the new ro-ro terminal, this project is well underway and construction is happening at quite a pace.

However, only a short walk away from all this activity is a haven for wildlife, with all the sun and the rain recently the wildlife areas have sprung to life. Dragonflies, butterflies and bees go about their business and in the background you can hear a cuckoo calling.

Touring this part of the Tilbury2 operation is an absolute pleasure, although it is even muddier than the main site due to all the rain, but we make our way to the badger set that has ready-made tunnels heading into a large mound that the lovely people from Bioscan tell me is a labyrinth of tunnels inside and can house multiple badger families.

Outside there is evidence of badger activity, and the motion-sensitive cameras set up just next to the set have picked up a badger sniffing around for some treats that their bioscan caretakers have left out for them.

Whilst it has been great to see the new homes for the badgers, what we really came to see was how the water voles have been getting on, captured in 2018. They have been housed in pairs, in mini water vole hotels and today is the day that they get released into the new waterways that have been created especially for them.



At the Port of Tilbury, we are proud of the environment created at the site. It has taken a lot of work and planting to turn it into the water vole paradise that is hoped will produce generations of water vole families over the next few years.

Now we know that you would have loved to see some pictures of the water voles scurrying out and splashing into the water but they were far more cautious, and you just know that as soon as people head home at the end of the day they will be stepping out and exploring their new environment.

Like with the badgers, cameras have been set up to monitor the water vole activity and we hope to post links to the film clips on the website in the near future so you can see these residents of the Tilbury2 site moving into their new homes.

Lucy-Emma Harris
Community Liaison and Water Vole Fan!

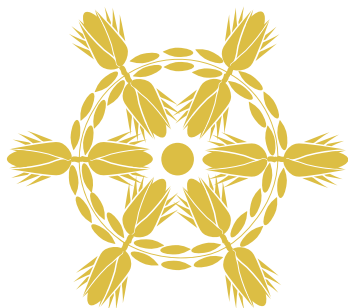
One brave little vole was enticed out of his box by a mini corn on the cob, he teetered on the edge of the box having a quick look, nibbling the corn before heading back into the rest of the family, no doubt telling them all to wait until we had moved on.



For more information visit:
www.tilbury2.co.uk

05. GRAIN TERMINAL

50th Anniversary



PORT OF TILBURY
GRAIN TERMINAL
50TH ANNIVERSARY
1969 - 2019



The Port of Tilbury is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Grain Terminal and will be sponsoring a bread baking competition at the Orsett Show in September for anyone interested in being part of the Tilbury Bake Off!

Since opening in 1969, the Port of Tilbury's grain terminal has helped to facilitate Britain's import and export needs for different grains and beans. It was built for £3million (£53.5million in today's money) as part of a £26 million upgrade to the port (£463.5million in today's money). It is the largest terminal for the import and export of grain in the country. It has over 200 grain silos, can handle 2 million tonnes per year and its berths can host ships larger than the Titanic.

The terminal brings in grain, which is made into flour through a process called milling. Flour is used in a variety of processes from making pasta, to baked goods, malt, which is used to make beers and soya which is used in baby food.

Grain comes from farms across the country and is sent to different counties including the USA, Thailand and Ethiopia or is brought into the country from France, Australia, Canada, Russia and others. With its two grain towers, it can discharge vessels simultaneously, to loading which means it can load grain in or out.

After the grain is taken from the terminal and milled into flour, the flour is used to make bread, crumpets and other baked goods; you can see these on supermarket shelves with brands such as Warburtons, Allied and ADM. Many mills are in ports that are adjacent to grain terminals and Tilbury Grain Terminal has two of these.

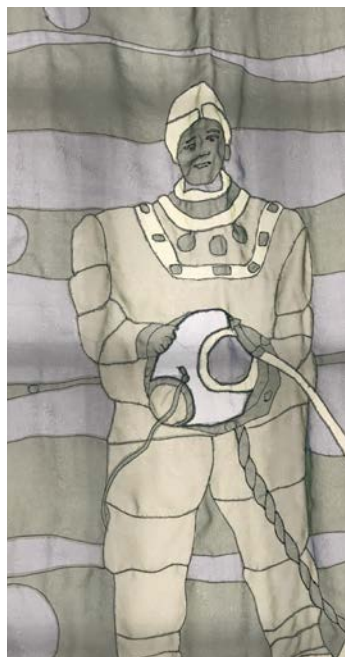
Today the Grain Terminal is fully automated which conveyor systems and computer system controlling the flow of grain across the terminal and delivering grain to the adjoining mills.

06. KITE SPIRIT

The talented ladies of Kite Spirit have been at work again and I think we can say they are now woven into the very fabric of the Cruise Terminal!

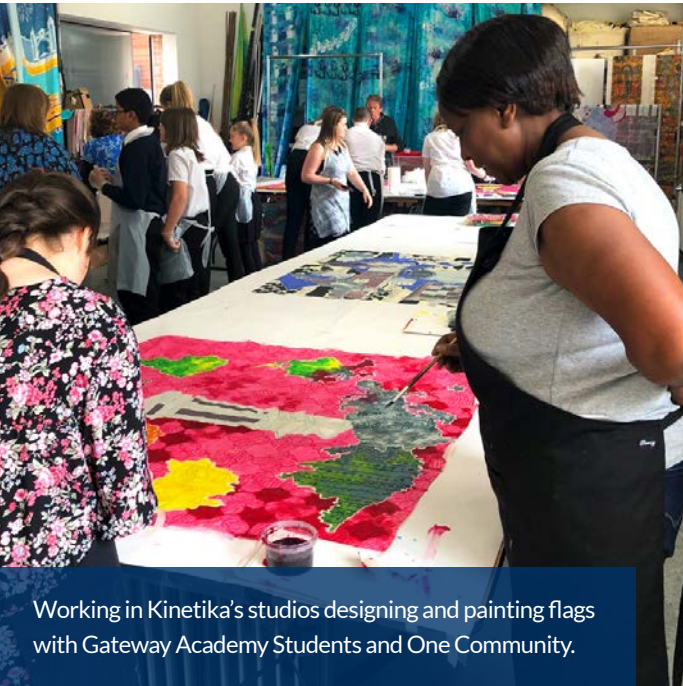
They have taken some of the historical highlights from the terminal and turned them into creative textile works of art. Each of the baggage hall windows has a panel that has been a real labour of love from researching the stories to developing techniques that are used on such delicate fabric.

Various subjects have been covered from the first female diver in the docks to the opening of the Terminal by Ramsey McDonald in the 1930s.



Kite Spirit are always looking for members who have a passion for creativity through textiles and if you have been inspired by their work look them up and see how you could get involved.

07. COMMUNITY



Working in Kinetika's studios designing and painting flags with Gateway Academy Students and One Community.



Windrush flags celebrating the historic legacy that the arrival of the Windrush had on Tilbury.



Tilbury Community flags that tell many stories including a design based on the Tilbury road layout.



Landsdown Academy learning to wave flags in preparation for carnival day.

Tilbury Twirl Stars excited to see their flag which they will be holding high on carnival day.



Gateway Academy students enjoying the puppet workshop.



Carnival dancers getting used to the movement of the carnival costumes.

08. OUR NEIGHBOURS

WORLD'S END PUB

The World's End pub has been a Tilbury watering hole for several hundred years - even before the town of Tilbury was established. This Grade II listed building is timber-framed and is said to have been the ferry house in days before it became a pub.

In the 17th century, Samuel Pepys, an administrator of the navy of England and Member of Parliament, appears to mention the original pub in his Diary, Volume 2: "Thence to 'The World's End,' a drinking house by the Park; and there merry, and so home late."

The World's End is said to be haunted by the ghost of "Swift Nick", also known as a highwayman named John Nevison. He became famous after riding his horse from Gadds Hill in Kent to York, a journey which is commonly wrongly attributed to Dick Turpin.

The pub saw hardship over the years and Eastenders stars, Barbara Windsor and Steve McFadden reopened the establishment after a fire broke out in 1998.

This beloved establishment has become the local watering hole for an assortment of different communities throughout the years from Samuel Pepys in the 17th century to the Skin-Head groups of the 1970/80's.





To find out more information visit:
www.sectatraining.co.uk

09. TILBURY2: CONSTRUCTION ACADEMY

The official opening of the SECTA construction training academy at the Tilbury2 site took place on the 25th June.

The Thurrock Hub has been created in partnership with GRAHAM, The Port of Tilbury and South Essex Construction Training Academy (SECTA) for the CITB Construction Skills Fund project, led by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council.

The site will host and facilitate training as part of the SECTA Project, which has been developed to support 650 people from the South Essex region into the construction industry. Students at the Thurrock Hub will receive ongoing training on a live construction site, with support from qualified construction professionals to provide an improved learning experience that brings the subject to life.

The CITB Construction Skills Fund supports the development of onsite training hubs. It has been set up to help train long-term unemployed and people who are looking to make a career change into the construction industry. The fund's objective is to increase the number of people trained in construction skills to create a workforce to meet the needs of the sector.

Peter Ward, Commercial Director at The Port of Tilbury, said:

"It's great to partner with SECTA and GRAHAM on a new construction academy in Tilbury. Training and skills development are a key part of our business and it is only fitting that as part of the construction of the new port, Tilbury2, that this plays a major role in the project. The Construction Academy will ensure that people are skilled

for not only the Tilbury2 project but for future work opportunities which helps our local and wider economies. Tilbury2 is a significant project for our business, our customers and the local communities and we look forward to it being operational next year."



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