

# Sidcup

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#### Chairman's Latest BID Update – June 2018

Dear Partner,

As we write this edition of the newsletter the sun is shining and we hope you have been enjoying the wonderful weather.



#### The Fringe Event 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June

As from our previous update to you our Fringe Festival was a wonderful success with lots of positive feedback. We have also taken on board some feedback so that we bring you an even better festival next year. Families enjoyed a weekend of free entertainment including an open-air cinema screening of top movies at Sidcup's big summer party. Dominic Price, Headmaster of Merton Court Prep School, the headline sponsor of the 2018 Sidcup Fringe Festival, said: "What a great weekend to cheer people up and brighten their day - Charlie Chaplin certainly did that for me, as did Mrs Doubtfire!

"It was lovely to see this community event succeed, thanks to the hard work of those involved and now that local people have sampled what Sidcup Fringe is like, we do hope more community groups come forward, particularly on the Sunday (the Father's Day Film Day) with contributions and ideas so that we may look forward to an even bigger and better event next year."

#### Grassington Road Car Park

We have been advised that Grassington Road (surface) Car Park, off Jenner Close, will be temporarily closed from 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 as it is to be used as a site compound while Morrisons undertake

improvements to their store and premises. Alternative Pay and Display parking facilities are available in the underground car park (also off Jenner Close) and in Main Road Car Park. It is anticipated that the car park will be out of use for approximately 5 months.

## Business Survey

The London Borough of Bexley has a newly formed Town Centres team tasked with ensuring the vibrancy and economic success of our town centres. As our town centre businesses are at the heart of this, we want to hear your views about what works well and what needs improving for your business to thrive. We also want to find out about what training and support would be beneficial.

We have developed a short survey that should take only 10 minutes to complete. It is targeted at owners and managers of town centre businesses, but is open to anyone in the business community. Everyone who completes the survey before Midnight on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July has the option to be entered into a prize draw for a meal for two worth up to £75 at an independent Bexley restaurant of your choice.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Divindy Grant ([divindy.grant@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:divindy.grant@bexley.gov.uk))

## Sidcup Library

We can report that the relocation of Sidcup Library was debated at the Public Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June and list the main points from the meeting below

- The Council is developing a scheme for a new building for the High Street on the site of the former Blockbuster Store (106 High Street) and current Podiatrists (1 Elm Road).
- The design team will shortly be appointed to design this new building. The Council is committed to engagement with residents and businesses during the design process, and there will also be formal consultation on the designs as part of the planning process.
- The Cabinet has approved the relocation of Sidcup library to the High Street in new modern facilities on the ground floor of a new building on this site.
- The upper floors of this new building will be leased to a cinema operator. Following a selection process, this space will be leased to 'ArtHouse' who will operate a small 3 screen local cinema.
- The proposals for this site are part of a wider strategy of developing the wider Sidcup cultural hub in collaboration with both performing arts colleges.





## Town Clean up

On Monday 11th June Sidcup Partners Ltd supported McDonalds, volunteers and ward councillors along with the mayor in a clean up of alleyways and areas of the town not covered by the council.

We concentrated on areas around main road and the high street our next clean up will be in October in the Station Road area.

It was surprising and in some locations shocking how much uncontained waste and fly tipping we found.

Two large lorries took away the sacks of rubbish we had collected.

In addition it was distressing to see that the nail bar next to the Star Café had unfortunately had a serious fire and much of the damaged equipment was in the rear yard awaiting disposal, we helped by arranging for a special collection for the electrical equipment to be removed as this has to be recycled separately.

## ISO Sushi

Iso Sushi wok and grill in a new business on Sidcup High St. ISO Sushi is a Japanese Sushi takeaway brand offering authentic cuisine freshly prepared using the finest ingredients. Be sure to give it a try!

## Social Media

We continue to be very keen to assist businesses by increasing the use of social media please let us know if there is anything you would like us to promote on your behalf. Please contact [hello@sidcuppartners.co.uk](mailto:hello@sidcuppartners.co.uk)

If you have any offers or news that you would like to promote please get in touch the web site is there to be used for the benefit of BID levy payers.

As usual if you have any good news stories or offers you would like promoted please get in touch

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