

# ART, ENTS & LEISURE

## Cilla's sounds tell of the sixties **Students bring docker to life**

THE Thameside Theatre on Orsett Road, Grays, will host a retelling of the 1960s as it presents a heartfelt review of the life of Cilla Black.

Starring Victoria Jones (left) in the role of Cilla performing songs including 'You're My World' and 'Anyone Who Had a Heart' while the Shades trio swing through a decade of hits by Cilla's friends and co-stars such as 'I Only Want to be With You' and 'River Deep Mountain High'.

The effervescent Victoria and the Shades trio rediscover one of music's most defining eras. They follow the life and career of the iconic Cilla Black while their stories reflect on some of the biggest 60s stars. The show features new arrangements of music from artists including the Beatles and Dusty Springfield.

Tickets available from www.thurrock.gov.uk/theatre.

### Explosive show

A SHOW for youngsters with an interest in science stops off at Hornchurch's Queen's Theatre next week. 'MadScience' features Dr Dude and the perfectly named Pyro Paul who create explosions, potions and chemical reactions, bringing science to life and putting the fun in the fundamentals of science.

The show, on Saturday, 9 June at 11.30am, lasts an hour. Tickets are £5. Book at www.queens-theatre.co.uk

A FOUR metre puppet representing decades of dockers will make an imposing entrance at an event in Tilbury next month.

Kinetika, the renowned international outdoor arts company, has been commissioned by the Tilbury on the Thames Trust to create a four metre tall puppet of a docker, based on the many dockers who once worked on the docks in Tilbury.

The Tilbury Docker puppet will debut at the Windrush 70th anniversary celebration at Tilbury Cruise Terminal on Friday, 22 June.

Kinetika has been running workshops over the last few months to gather ideas and research how the Tilbury Docker puppet should look and what he should wear. Students from Gateway Academy and South Essex College have all played a part in designing the puppet.

KS3 and KS4 students from Gateway Academy attended a full day workshop in February this year to begin designing the Tilbury Docker puppet.

Working with Kinetika's artistic director, Ali Pretty and puppet designer, Tony Mason, the students created a number of different designs, mapping the elements of the puppet out on paper to scale to get a picture of the overall look.

At the end of the workshop, an initial design was developed and then finalised with further



Costume construction students at work on the blueprints for the puppet, while a student from Gateway Academy, right, puts its size in context.

input from students from the South Essex College's Costume Construction degree course.

Rachel O'Dwyer, a teacher at the Academy who accompanied the students to the workshop has continued to be involved with the project. "I saw that Kinetika was looking for local artists to help out with the sculptural aspect of the puppet and, as sculptor was what I did my qualification in, I volunteered. I really love being at the High House Production Park and Kinetika's studios so try to go as often as I can," she said.

Students from each year of South Essex College's Costume Construction degree course have also been involved in making the

Tilbury Docker's outfit. Using the skills they have learnt on their degree course, the students have been designing, screen printing and constructing his costume, incorporating into his waistcoat designs based on the different cargos the dockers had to unload from the ships arriving from around the world.

Images of the students working on the Tilbury Docker designs can be found on Instagram at @costumeconstructionbasec

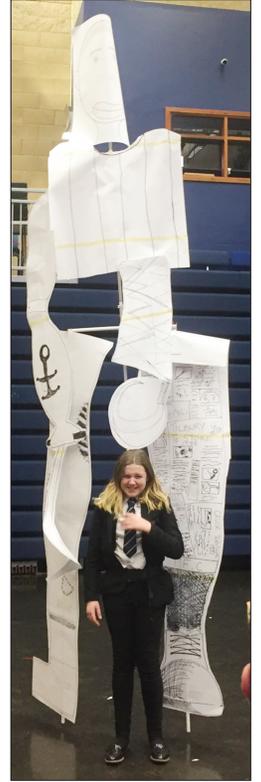
The making of the Tilbury Docker puppet is the beginning of a process of reviving the Tilbury Carnival. Kinetika has plans to stage a carnival in 2019. The Tilbury on the Thames Trust aims to make the Cruise Termi-

nal into a vibrant space for use by all the community and the carnival is part of that development.

The Tilbury Docker will make his first appearance at the Tilbury Cruise Terminal on 22 June for the celebrations to mark 70 years since the Empire Windrush brought the first Caribbean passengers to a new life in England. He will also appear on 14 July at intu Lakeside during Kinetika's Thurrock 100 walking festival which will run again this year, and he will return to Tilbury for the Port Open Day on 21 July. Work on the Tilbury Docker puppet kicks off a very busy summer for Kinetika.

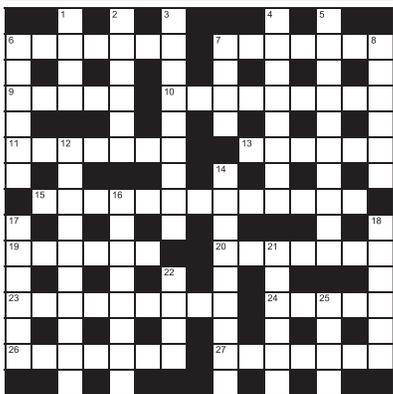
Ali Pretty said: "Kinetika moved to Thurrock four years ago, and we have had a fantastic time making friends locally and discovering so many hidden gems just 15 miles east of Central London. Tilbury, the people, the Cruise Terminal and the wild horses grazing on the marshes by the river, is one of the most inspiring places here, and I'm very excited that the Tilbury Docker puppet will draw attention to its history and its enormous potential as part of the wider national Windrush celebrations."

To find out more about Kinetika's work and how you can get involved, go to www.kinetikaonline.co.uk or follow Kinetika on facebook, twitter or Instagram.



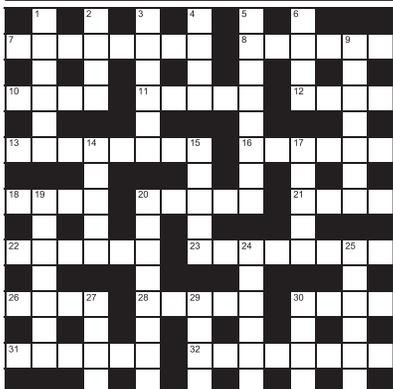
## Puzzles

### Cryptic Crossword by Gulliver



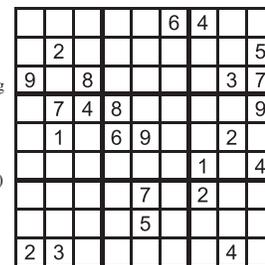
- Across**  
 6 Witnessed fight in industrial facility (7)  
 7 Survive in every coat (7)  
 9 Attack rubbish after General Election (3,2)  
 10 Support allows for bands (9)  
 11 'You might find apples here' said knowledgeable person (7)  
 13 Be one faith then cut in two (6)  
 15 I film our agent disorderly on children's game (9,4)  
 19 Take away energy from band (6)  
 20 Old Bob asked for spread (7)  
 23 Darling to search for source of sweet stuff (9)  
 24 Patronage ages one terribly (5)  
 26 Graduate students follow a student hesitating (7)  
 27 Catch an Eastern philosophy from someone online (7)
- Down**  
 1 Pulls up nerd... (4)  
 2 ...Stoned and depressed (6)  
 3 Develop complex (9)  
 4 Prancing mob follows mantle (8)  
 5 English article honestly not quite there (10)  
 6 Register attendance at home after warning (4,2)  
 7 Top look, they say (4)  
 8 Steers differently and goes back to the beginning (6)  
 12 Rousing support to adopt home girl (8,2)  
 14 Cash forbidden, we hear, from performers (5,4)  
 16 Suggesting one parliamentarian is untruthful (8)  
 17 A maths problem causes complaint (6)  
 18 Very likely to be strange lad (4-2)  
 21 Answers in concerning New Testament book (6)  
 22 Words the Spanish removed from IOU perhaps (4)  
 25 Hiding a zebra's eye? (4)

### Quick Crossword

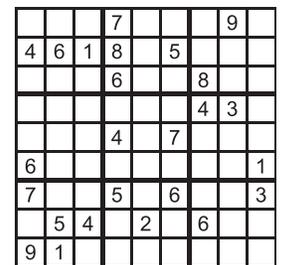


- Across**  
 7 French or German, say (8)  
 8 Quantity (6)  
 10 6th June 1944 (1-3)  
 11 10 beach (5)  
 12 10 beach (4)  
 13 Prepared (6,2)  
 16 Cancel (6)  
 18 Covet (4)  
 20 Ceasefire (5)  
 21 Elliptical (4)  
 22 Happy (6)  
 23 10 codename (8)  
 26 10 beach (4)  
 28 10 beach (5)  
 30 10 beach (4)  
 31 Insubstantial (6)  
 32 Faith (8)
- Down**  
 1 Eastern religious figure (6)  
 2 Cadaver (4)  
 3 Ended (6)  
 4 Reverse (4)  
 5 Proof (8)  
 6 Tire (4)  
 9 Ad-hoc military force (7)  
 14 Perhaps (5)  
 15 Fuelling solution after 10 (5)  
 17 Snarl (5)  
 19 Naval codeword for 10 (7)  
 20 Inked (8)  
 24 Allow (6)  
 25 Justification (6)  
 27 Bacchanal (4)  
 29 Not straight (4)  
 30 Craving (4)

### Sudoku



Difficulty: Easy



Difficulty: Medium

### Last week's answers

