

19th – 24th MARCH 2018 SANDWICH REFUGEE INFORMATION WEEK

7.30pm Tues. 20th March Jury Room, Guildhall ‘*Refugee Camps – and afterwards*’

Paul Hutchings of Refugee Support Europe. Paul will speak about their work providing humanitarian aid in partnership with large agencies and local communities. He has been involved with Refugee Camps in Greece, and now with the 6,300 Rohingyas in Bangladesh.

Ady Rugerusa will speak about his visits to refugee camps all over the world including the UK and can tell us something of life afterwards. Questions and discussion are invited.

6.30pm Wednesday 21st March Empire Cinema Lounge, Sandwich, there will be a showing of a very interesting film, “**Stranger in Paradise**”. *In a classroom, newly arrived refugees learn a lesson about multifarious Europe.* **Limited seating, contact smile@janetyapp.co.uk 01304612578**

After the film **Rod Edmond** who has worked as a volunteer with asylum seekers here, will talk about his experiences. **Domenica Pecoraro – Kent Refugee Project Officer** will enlighten us on questions around the wellbeing of our many young, unaccompanied asylum seekers in Kent.

We hope for many questions and discussion – and the bar will be open! This is intended to be an informal occasion where people can air their views.

As there is much confusion between *refugee, illegal immigrant, economic migrant and asylum seeker* it is hoped to begin clarify things.

19th – 24th March St. Peter’s Church There will be an exhibition, photographs of Calais and information about local refugee support groups. In general, opening times will be **10am to 4pm.** **Check with Janet 01304 612578 to be sure, or smile@janetyapp.co.uk**

The Library will have a display of books: novels and real accounts, written by reugees or about their experiences. **The Museum** will participate with a special temporary exhibition, and it is hoped **Town Guides** may make special reference to the benefits that refugees in Sandwich, in the past, have brought to the area.

None of us know how to stem the flow – but particularly for the unaccompanied children in our area, we may be able to extend a friendly hand.

We support particularly two organizations that focus on education for unaccompanied asylum seeking children. **KENT KINDNESS and KENT REFUGEE ACTION NETWORK.**

If anyone would like to book a place for the film on **March 21st, £5 payable on the door, bearing in mind there are a limited number of seats in the Lounge, **please phone or email a s a p:****

smile@janetyapp.co.uk or tel. Janet on **01304 612578.**

Thank you.