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Financial Education

I have held the belief for many years now that financial education should be on the curriculum in schools. I also think people should be able to access information which will enhance understanding of their overall finances. Well there is a new course designed to develop financial skills recently launched, and it is free of charge. Have a look at the link below:-

www.tpllp.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Managing-My-Investments.pdf



Don Wernham,
Financial Planner

The course is run by The Open University's True Potential Centre for Public Understanding of Finance, or PUFIN as it is now referred to. It is a 6 week web based course and aimed at anyone who has an interest in developing their financial skills. I would recommend anyone to have a look at it.

Have we not been here before?

In the last few weeks we have had mortgage lenders bringing back interest only mortgages and talk of 100% loans making a re-appearance. Now wasn't it this type of lending that got us into a mess in the first place? The autumn of 2008 is still a period that a lot of investment fund managers will prefer to forget still today. However, as long as it is easier to borrow money than it is to save it, then people will never really be any better off. And that is why financial education is so important.

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Editor's comment

IF a reminder were needed that Stockton Heath is a village with its own waterfront – onto the Manchester Ship Canal – there could have been no more tragic one than the accident last year in which great grandmother Valerie Pritchard died when her car crashed through the flimsy railings in Ellesmere Road and into the water.

The key word, apparently, in the above, is "accident", for the verdict of the subsequent inquest into 72-year-old Mrs Pritchard's death was, entirely predictably, that it was a case of "accidental death."

This leads Peel Ports, owners of the Ship Canal, to come to the conclusion that there is no need for them to do anything to improve safety along the canal.

Quite apart from its insensitivity, such a decision seems to fly in the face of the evidence. In addition to Mrs Pritchard's tragic death, we have had other incidents along the canal. Twice recently, people have had to be rescued from the embankment. Not so long ago, a bus was left teetering on the edge of the water after crashing through the railings.

And of course, there was the terrible tragedy of 2004 when two teenagers died after their car plunged into the Bridgewater Canal from Stockton Lane, Grappenhall.

All were accidents – but surely this is not an excuse for disregarding the rather obvious fact that roads running along the edge of canals pose a threat to life.

Stockton Heath Parish Council has been campaigning ever since Mrs Pritchard's death for some kind of improved safety railing along the canal. They will be dismayed at the canal company's stance.

We are astonished by it – and would urge the parish council to continue to press for action to make all canal-side roads safer.

MEANWHILE on a more positive note, credit where credit is due to Warrington Borough Council's highways department and their money saving efforts on maintaining grass verges on roadsides.

The colourful displays, especially on Lumb Brook Road, Appleton, have been quite simply outstanding.

Throughout the summer they have been in full bloom and even now as the days are drawing in, the wildflower borders are still in near full bloom.

It certainly makes for an uplifting journey into work each day for many motorists.

I am told the mix of flowers being used by Warrington is pretty unique, so much so, they are now being asked for details of their "secret formula" by



other authorities.

We are often quick to criticise and complain over issues regarding our highways – usually the length of time we spend on them stuck in traffic jams.

So it is very refreshing to be able to report on a positive – I look forward to seeing more of these attractive borders which are obviously also a boost to local wildlife with the bees still buzzing well into October!



Garden party celebrates centenary of WI

GRAPPENHALL WI held a Garden Party at Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden to mark the Centenary of the WI movement when BBC Radio 4 presenter Winnifred Robinson was guest speaker.

Pictured from left, Frances Woollan chairman Cheshire WI, Paula Threfall advisor, Guest Speaker Winnifred Robinson BBC Radio 4 presenter, Karen Young president Grappenhall WI, Mayoress of Warrington Jean Settle, Anne Ongley secretary and Judith Kennedy trustee.



Gypsy caravan park plan thrown out

A **CONTROVERSIAL** application to give a temporary gypsy caravan site permanent status at Walton – and increase the number of caravans – has been thrown out by borough council planning chiefs.

Members of the development management committee decided, after visiting the site, that the proposal would result in too many caravans.

The application was submitted on behalf of traveller families living at the Two Acre Caravan Park, Warrington Road, Walton.

It sought permission for 24 permanent pitches, with a total of 33 caravans, including mobile homes, day room, site office and four amenity buildings.

Gypsy or traveller families have been living on the site, alongside the

Bridgewater Canal, since 1997 after winning temporary planning consent. But the temporary consent expired in December last year so the site is currently unauthorised.

Cllr Paul Kennedy, who represents the area on Warrington Borough Council, told the committee the site was overcrowded.

He said the application gave the impression that all that was being asked for was permanency for what already existed. But if that was so, the site was already in serious breach of previous permissions which limited the site to 15 families and 22

caravans.

The current application sought permission for 27 families and 35 caravans – a “massive scaling up” of the site

Fifteen nearby residents opposed the application on the grounds an increase in the size of the site would increase traffic to an unacceptable level. Amenity buildings on the site had never had planning permission, they claimed.

Planning officers said the scheme should be refused because it was an inappropriate development in the Green Belt causing demonstrable harm to the character and appearance of the countryside.



Beatle house plan turned down

A **PLAN** to build a new house in the grounds of an existing property once occupied by the parents of Beatle George Harrison has been thrown out by Warrington planners.

Members of the borough council’s development management committee decided the proposal put forward by David Mantle in the grounds of Sevenoaks, Old Pewterspear Lane, Appleton, was too large for the site.

Almost two years ago, planners approved an outline application for the house, but planners were told the new, detailed scheme, was almost one third larger.

Six nearby residents had objected to the plan, complaining of loss of privacy, overlooking, overshadowing, draining issues, etc and Appleton Parish Council were concerned that the proposed access to the site was close to a children’s playground and on a bend.

The plan was for a mainly two-storey dwelling with four bedrooms, two en-suites, two dressing rooms, living and dining rooms and access from Hatfield Gardens.

In the 1960s, Sevenoaks was bought by George Harrison for his parents to enable them to escape from the “Beatlemania” which was sweeping the country and leading to hundreds of fans descending on their home in Liverpool.

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Village Purple Flag group is wound up

THE group that steered Stockton Heath towards becoming the first village in the UK to be awarded a Purple Flag for the management of its night-time economy, has disbanded.

Stockton Heath Purple Flag Association (SHPFA) has handed over its responsibilities to Stockton Heath Parish Council, together with its remaining assets.

Parish council chairman Cllr Celia Jordan said: "We are very proud of being the first village in the country to win a Purple Flag and the SHPFA has sufficient money left for us to commission signs at the two main entrances to the village stating that we were the first.

"The problem has been a lack of resources. The SHPFA was supported by the borough council with officer time at the beginning of the five year project. But this has been withdrawn because the borough are no longer able to spare the resources.

"The police have also withdrawn because they feel the objectives have been achieved.

"There was also a risk of duplication of effort between the SHPFA and other bodies and the volunteers in the group – residents and councillors – had to free themselves for other calls on their time.

"The Purple Flag Association achieved a great deal – not least the arrangement by which local shopkeepers and others have made their toilets available for use by members of the public.

"We are also hoping to arrange defibrillators outside the police station and in the Forge Shopping Princt. We will keep the Purple Flag flying in Stockton Heath."

Purple Flags are usually awarded to cities and large towns to acknowledge that they have safe, well-managed evening economies. Stockton Heath, with its bustling night life, was the first village, in 2011, to receive the award.

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Tracey launched the business in August 2005 with eight therapists and now there is a team of 25 therapists offering over 25 different therapies!

She said: "I would like to thank everyone for all their support over the years and was delighted that the Mayor and Mayoress and their charity Champion Hashtag Teddy George was able to joining us at our event."

The Mayor congratulated Tracey and her team on their achievement and wished them well on their next 10 years.

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By Margaret Black

Margaret reaches 65

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I was 43 years of age when I embarked on my career as an accountant with my long time friend David Watkinson.

I had almost finished my Business & Finance course (very useful for any business you may embrace) when as part of the course I had to complete 3 weeks work experience and my tutors advised that my strong point appeared to be accountancy, so who did I turn to but my pal David who had just recently set himself up in his own chartered accountancy practice as David J Watkinson & Co.

I came away from my course in 1993 with a very rewarding result of 9 distinctions but before that David had offered me a position in his firm provided I continued with a formal accountancy qualification, which I subsequently did.

For a number of years we worked shoulder to shoulder to grow and develop the practice, rising from 2 members in the firm to 6 by the year 2000 at which point David made me a partner in the firm. Realising that the name of the practice David J Watkinson & Co did not portray the names of the partners, on 18th October 2002 (my 52nd Birthday) the name was changed to WatkinsonBlack.

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David Watkinson and Margaret Black

Nora overwhelmed by generosity

A GROUP of volunteers set up by a local businesswoman to organise aid for Syrian refugees has been overwhelmed by the response from the public.

Nora Carlin, who owns lifestyle management firm Arley's Angels at Appleton Thorn, started the group "Refugees - aid from the Northwest of England", after seeing photographs of tragic Aylan Kurdi, the little Syrian boy found drowned on a Turkish beach.

The 56-year-old grandmother started simply by setting up a Facebook page appealing for donations which she intended storing in her own portacabin prior to sending them on to the Manchester-based charity Syria Relief.

But within hours, the response convinced her much more was needed. "I was overwhelmed - the kindness and generosity of so many people was humbling."

Nora knew there were empty offices at a haulage depot near her home so she approached owners Mark Crook and Andrew Wright who were more than happy to let her use them on a short term basis.

Adjoining company UK Site Security also pledged support with access to toilets and kitchen and paying the electricity bill, as well as supply bags and ties to pack the donations in.

As donations began to pour in, Nora decided to expand the appeal beyond the immediate Warrington area across the whole of the North West.

Originally the idea was to help refugees at Calais but the scope of the exercise soon broadened.

Nora said: "Syria Relief has been established for four years and have

a network of volunteers. They know where the aid is most needed.

"So far a convoy has gone to the Greek Macedonian border and containers have gone directly into Syria for displaced people living in camps.

"We are also responding to a crisis in Samos, a Greek island, where there has been an upsurge in refugees landing which has caused their limited stocks to deplete quickly.

"Four large bags of baby items have been sent to a charity in Istanbul to aid refugees there.

"We have had a constant stream of donations of food, clothing, sleeping bags and tents since we started."

More storage space quickly became necessary - and was promptly offered at the Thorn Cross Young Offenders' Institution.

Collection points have been set up across Warrington and as far away as Preston and Crewe.

Top of the list for donations are tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned beans and hygiene items for men and women.

Nora, who has about 30 volunteer helpers locally, said: "It's been on the news so much and I had been thinking we really ought to do something, but I never realised how much good will there is out there from people who want to help."

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■ Nora (front left) with her volunteers.



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Lottery boost for Walton Hall

EXCITING plans for the transformation and restoration of part of historic Walton Hall and Gardens have moved a step closer thanks to a winning bid for initial support from the National Lottery via the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

The borough council - who own the hall - worked with partners Myerscough College, Walton Lea Partnership and the Friends of Walton Estate on the winning bid which includes plans to restore the historic conservatory and stable buildings and transform the old buildings into a dedicated learning centre.

The stable yard, once occupied by Lady Daresbury's prized Kerry cattle, will become classrooms and offices, with the historic conservatory and

vineyard used as teaching, growing and display space.

Subjects taught at the new learning centre will include horticulture and animal care, with students carrying out project work on the Walton Estate and in the Children's Zoo as part of their course.

Walton Lea Partnership's work will be carried out side-by-side with the College, allowing people of all ages and abilities to learn and thrive together. The project also includes a

schools "model garden" that will allow children from Warrington schools to learn how to grow their own plants and vegetables.

An important part of the project will be to re-open the conservatory area to visitors. Part of the main conservatory will be a public space where visitors can learn about the horticultural heritage of the site and see development and training work being undertaken.

Cllr Kate Hannon said: "We have worked very hard with our partners over the past year to bring forward this project vision, which continues our ongoing work to restore the Walton Estate. With Heritage Lottery

Fund support, we will now be able to restore the grand conservatories and beautiful buildings to their former glory and setting within the gardens. Even better, we will be able to dedicate these buildings to a new useful life providing facilities for young people and disabled adults, inspiring a whole new generation."

As part of the project, a programme of events and activities will be planned that will aim to connect visitors to the popular gardens to the heritage and history of the site.

Volunteer group "Friends of Walton Estate" will play a major role in the transformation and in public engagement.

School receives Royal visit

WITHINGTON'S new Junior School and Central Hub was officially opened during a Royal visit by HRH The Duchess of Gloucester to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the School's foundation.

The Duchess was escorted on a tour of the school's impressive new buildings by Headmistress, Mrs. Sue Marks, accompanied by civic and local dignitaries. She was treated to a choral recital by Junior School pupils before going on to visit the new Zochonis laboratory, one of the school's three state-of-the-art Chemistry laboratories, which have been upgraded to university specification as part of an overall

enhancement of senior school facilities.

Her Royal Highness unveiled a plaque commemorating the opening of the new Junior School and Hub. She was presented with a copy of the School's 125th Anniversary book, *Towards the Light*, by Head Girl Radhika Saggar and received a posy of flowers from seven-year-old Tara Sumra, the youngest pupil in the School.

The Royal visit officially marked the completion of an extensive £5 million building and redevelopment project; the largest-ever single capital investment in Withington's history, which was timed to coincide

with the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the school.

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November 10
STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
Sandy Lane Centre, Stockton Heath. 7.30pm

November 17
APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 7.30pm

November 19
GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

November 28
LIVE AT ST WILFRID'S
Crown Brass Quintet. A dynamic Manchester-based group consisting of Ben Conway and Aaron Woods (trumpets), Matthew Head (horn), Rachel Allen (trombone) and Toby Butt (tuba).
St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall. 7.30pm.

Every Sunday
GRAPPENHALL HEYS WALLED GARDEN
Witherwin Avenue, Grappenhall Heys, WA4 3DS.
Cafe open from 12 noon-4pm serving teas, coffee, home-made cakes and savouries.

Every Monday
COFFEE TIME, St Mary Magdalene's Church, Appleton, 9-11am.

COUNTRY DANCING CLUB
St Thomas' Primary School, Parkgate Road, Stockton Heath.
8-10pm. Details: 01925 262356

BRIDGE CLUB
Belong Warrington, Loushers Lane 7.20pm. Details 01925 262534

LADIES' FRIENDSHIP CLUB
The Quays Community Centre, Thelwall New Road, Thelwall.
8pm. Details: 01925 264099

HIGH LEGH RUBBER BRIDGE CLUB
Village Hall, 7-10pm. Details: Audrey Greaves 0161 904 0120

Every second Monday
PARK (APPLETON) WI
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 7.30pm

Second and fourth Monday
WARRINGTON ART GROUP
Bellhouse Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall.
7-9pm.

Every third Monday
NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY
Cheshire District meeting
Grappenhall Ex-Servicemen's Club, Chester Road, Grappenhall.
8pm. Details: 01925 265773.

Every fourth Monday
MARLFIELD WI
Grappenhall Community Library, Albert Road, Grappenhall. 7.30pm

Every Tuesday
COFFEE MORNING
St Cross Church, Appleton Thorn. All welcome.
10am-12 noon

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
Quays Community Centre,
Thelwall New Road, Thelwall. 7.30pm.
Contact: 01925 757582.

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Appleton Independent Methodist Church
Appleton Parish Hall, 10am-12 noon

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Every first Wednesday
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STOCKTON HEATH PROBUS CLUB
Warrington Sports Club, Walton Lea Road, Higher Walton. Details: 01925 268540

Every third Wednesday
HIGHER WALTON WI. St John's Community Hall, 7.45pm. Details 01925 262001.

Every fourth Wednesday
ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY
Support Group, Brampton Lodge Day Centre, Bridge Lane, Appleton. 6.30-8.30pm

Every Thursday
THE SILVER QUAYS Senior Citizen's Club
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BRIDGE CLUB
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Every second Thursday
STRETTON WI
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 2.30pm.
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Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, 10am. Details: 01925 264427.

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Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 9.45-11.30am. Details: 01925 268153.

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Curtain rises on a varied programme of shows

THE long winter nights are approaching – and the curtain is rising on a varied programme of productions by local music and drama groups.

At Thelwall, the Bridgewater Players are presenting "Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders", a comedy involving a crime writer and amateur detective who arrives in the village of Chortleby at the same time as a series of murders breaks out seemingly directed at members of the village hall committee.

The play is staged from November 19-21.

Knutsford Musical Theatre Company is performing "The Addams Family" at the Memorial Court, Northwich, from October 28-31.

This is a fully fledged musical based on the original cartoon characters, not the TV series or film. It started life in on Broadway in 2010 as a \$15 million production.

Described as a "ghoulish comedy musical" the show opens with the annual gathering of all family members (living, dead, and undecided) in a graveyard amid great concern that the daughter has fallen with a young man from a "normal" family.

The Centenary Musical Theatre Company are staging "Sister Act – the Musical" at The Brindley, Runcorn from November 10-14.

Said to be a "sparking tribute to the universal power of friendship, it's based on the hit film of the same name and is directed by Ian Bennett, with Malcolm Fallows as musical

director and Jo Milbourne-Chatt as choreographer.

On November 4-7, Knutsford Little Theatre stage a new adaptation of "Treasure Island" which sticks pretty close to Robert Louis Stevenson's original. Billy Bones, Jim Hawkins and, of course, Long John Silver, are all there.

"The Musical Express" at Knutsford

Leisure Centre on December 20 is Knutsford Musical Youth Theatre's first revue and is a tour through several musical shows. The cast is split into two sections – juniors and seniors – which gives the younger members a chance to shine and the older members an opportunity to perform some songs they have not sung before.

Producer is Janet McGroggan, musical director Lillian Atkinson, senior cast director Ben Evans-Clarke and junior cast director Sue Primrose.

£38,000 improvement scheme for cricket ground



It is hardly the green swathe that poetically inclined cricket writers wax lyrical about, but the work carried out on Grappenhall Cricket Club's Broad Lane ground towards the end of the summer should offer hope that next season will be better than the one recently departed.

The club won a £38,000 grant from Sport England's "Protecting Playing Fields" fund to enable it to replace the outfield which had deteriorated over a number of years due to disease and wear and tear.

It meant "Grappers" had to play their last four games away from home – which did not help their unsuccessful efforts to stay in the top flight of Cheshire cricket. Finishing bottom of the Vivio Cheshire County League premier division, with just two victories all summer, they were duly relegated to division one.

But by next spring the new grass will have grown and, with improved drainage as well, the stage will hopefully be set for a revival and the club's senior and junior teams will be able to play on a top quality surface.

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