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The Pound – and that sinking feeling!

The Pound is continuing to weaken against most major currencies with further confirmation over the last few weeks that the Brexit negotiations look like being hard fought.

the reasons for the Pound's current weakness against the Dollar and the Euro since 24th June it would appear that the primary reason for the weakness is market negative sentiment against the Pound.

City strategists who make forecasts for a living are now lining up to reduce their own forecasts for Sterling. Personally I have always held the view that trying to predict currency movements is like trying to catch a falling knife. The reasons for this are that a country's currency is calculated by several different measures. One being the balance of payments so, imports v exports. Also, there is foreign investment, as well as the outlook for foreign investment. And there is market speculators or City strategists. If you try to work all this out, you can sometimes be reasonably comfortable with your findings. However, when you try to balance this out with one currency against another, it can drive you insane.

So as the pound falls UK companies face a real threat from imported inflation. This was highlighted in a very public way a couple of weeks ago in the row between Tesco and Unilever over Marmite. The lower the value of Sterling the higher the costs of imports. But, as reported by Bloomberg in a recent report that almost 80% of the UK's top thousand companies use currency hedging to counter adverse changes in exchange rates.

So as we all too often see the financial markets (including currency) shifts in sentiment occurs frequently, and sometimes sends some assets or currencies running for cover. But in the real economy where business and consumers transact, then firms find a way of dealing with matters as they unfold. A case in point being the Marmite situation a few weeks ago.

Since the EU referendum the Dollar and the Euro strengthened significantly against the Pound. However, the Dollar has weakened over the same period against the Japanese Yen. So comparing



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Editor's comment

LIBRARIES and car parking are the hot potatoes around the villages – in particular the loss of free parking in Stockton Heath and Lymm – and the threat of closure of both libraries in the villages.

Well the good news is Warrington Borough Council has listened to the concerns of the 2,500 who have signed a petition opposing the loss of free parking for an hour on the village car parks – the bad news they have only relented a little – by allowing a 15 minute free period, aimed at allowing children to be dropped off at local schools.

The council proposals are still to be rubber stamped but it would appear that they have actually listened to the public's concerns.

It may have saved a lot of time and heartache if they had actually consulted with local councillors and businesses before implementing any proposed changes in the first place – although this would take time and effort – something the council struggles with during these times of austerity and constant cut backs on staffing resources.

Regarding the libraries the consultation period has now come to an end – again after being extended following a huge outpouring of concerns from local councillors

and members of the public, with thousands signing an online petition opposing any closures.

In the grand scheme of things a saving of £300,000 a year seems to be a small drop in the ocean to maintain our existing library services.

Speaking to local councillors and LiveWire there have been plenty of positive suggestions and feedback during the consultation period – and I for one would be very surprised if we saw any library closures in Stockton Heath or Lymm.

Yes there may be some changes – but in a changing world, with fewer people reading books and using libraries, change is inevitable.

At Grappenhall the local community rallied to ensure they continued with a library service and there is also talk of local parish councils helping fund libraries, with small increases in their parish precepts.

If people are passionate enough to campaign for something, I would have thought a couple of pound a year on the parish council precept would be a small price to pay to maintain a library service. Let's face it many of us don't think twice about spending £2-£3 on a fancy coffee once or twice a week. Paying the same amount once a year to maintain a library service is a "no brainer" in reality.



WARRINGTON Borough Council has again appeared to have listened to the people after performing a u-turn on their opposition to an elected Mayor as part of a devolution deal for the borough – putting us in control of our own purse strings, in particular when it comes to business rates.

The decision has been welcomed by Warrington South MP David Mowat, who like many, is anxious that the council now consider doing a deal, with Cheshire, rather than Liverpool, which many believe would bring much better economic benefits to the town.

I for one, with many other business people in the town echo his sentiments. Let's just hope if we do end up with an elected Mayor, we can have an independent one who is not controlled by an allegiance to any particular political party!

Volunteers lend a hand at Walton Lea



VOLUNTEERS rolled up their sleeves to give a helping hand to local charity the Walton Lea Partnership.

The large band of merry helpers from Lend Lease spent a day helping the staff and beneficiaries at Walton Lea to paint a new look tearoom, refresh the garden room, furniture showroom and farm shop.

A group of helpers also worked on a new living wall in

the Victorian Walled Garden helping erect a new pergola and garden beds for upcoming horticulture projects.

The charity, which also has premises on Long Lane, Warrington, which supports adults with learning difficulties, is always on the look out for volunteers to lend a helping hand.

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Protestors campaign to save Stockton Heath Library

SCHOOL children, teachers, a head teacher, parents and other library users – demonstrated outside Stockton Heath library to oppose any plan to close libraries in Warrington.

Only 24 hours notice was given of the demonstration or, organisers believe, even more people would have turned up. BBC television were present to film the protest.

Local schoolgirl Freya Macormac, aged 10, said: "We need our library because not only is it part of our community, but people of all ages love to read books and not everyone has the money to buy them or travel further afield to get them.

"Some people aren't lucky enough to have access to the Internet either and your local library provides this service.

"Our school uses the library a lot and the best part is the summer reading challenge. They can't take that away from us. The summer reading challenge encourages children 4-11 to read at least six books during the summer holidays. Over 640 children signed up at the beginning of summer when I joined."

Meanwhile Appleton Parish Council also lodged objections to any closures.

Letters of objection have been sent to library operators LiveWire and Warrington Borough Council, who pay LiveWire an annual management fee to

provide a library service.

In a statement, the parish council said: "The planned closure of both Stockton Heath library and Lymm library will result in no library provision, other than a 'lending locker' in the South of Warrington and this is unacceptable."

The parish council says it is concerned that there is no firm commitment for a "hub" in South Warrington, despite the proposals to reduce services.

Closing any library in Warrington will result in a loss of community facilities.

Stockton Heath Library provides free wi-fi access, computer access and printing and scanning facilities.

There are no plans for any digital library in the South of Warrington and no plans for the replacement of the library service.

A spokesperson for library operators LiveWire said: "It is vital that we discuss the future of our libraries, as the way they are being used is changing significantly against a backdrop of wider central government cuts. We need to respond to this and examine the options."

The final decision on any library closure will be taken by Warrington Borough Council – and a number of councillors have already spoken out against any closures.





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Walton Hall conservatories revamp moves closer



WORK to breathe new life into the famous Walton Hall conservatories is set to take a big step forward, thanks to a new funding bid.

Warrington Borough Council's executive board has approved the submission of the 'Walton Estate Conservatory Range round 2 bid' to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

The bid is a major part of the plans to rejuvenate the conservatories – which have fallen into disrepair – so that they can become an iconic centre-piece for Walton Hall once more.

The executive board approved the submission of the round 1 bid to HLF in March 2015 and the council was informed in November 2015 that this bid had been successful.

Heritage Lottery Fund applications are a two-stage process to ensure that development proposals are robust and risk managed. The round 2 bid, if successful, will confirm funding to deliver the full project and the council will enter into a 20-year contract with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

It would pave the way to the restoration of the conservatories, with the council responsible for the management and maintenance of the buildings, and providing a high quality public venue for learning, skills development, volunteering and public.

Executive board member for culture, leisure and community, Cllr Tony Higgins, said: "Walton Estate is one of the jewels in Warrington's crown – a first class leisure destination which is steeped in history. The conservatories are an important part of that history, which is why we are working hard secure their future.

"This bid is a major part of our ambition to build an even better Walton Estate. Securing this funding would be a huge success story for Warrington, enabling us to bring these stunning conservatories back to life to be enjoyed by visitors for generations to come."

Key to the plans are the Friends of Walton Hall and Gardens. They were the catalyst for the project when work started and continue to support its development.

From the start of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid process, the council has partnered with Myerscough College, specialists in education and training for land based industries, and with Walton Lea Partnership, a successful local charity providing supported employment for adults with learning disabilities.

They have provided expert input, ensuring that the outcomes are deliverable and robust. It is planned that Myerscough College will operate a satellite centre for full-time students within the newly restored buildings, working on projects to benefit students and the wider estate.

The council is in discussion with other partners to deliver additional activities, to make maximum use of the restored site and surrounding areas.

The round 2 detailed bid will be submitted in November 2016.

Restaurant's awning plan is thrown out

PLANNING chiefs have thrown out plans for a retractable awning over a Stockton Heath restaurant's outdoor eating area.

Members of Warrington Borough Council's development management committee decided the awning at Ego, in Walton Road, would have a harmful impact on the street scene and also have a detrimental effect on an adjoining business.

Almost 150 people had written letters supporting the restaurant's application, but Stockton Heath Parish Council had objected on the grounds the design and appearance of the structure would impact on the overall visual amenity of the street.

They pointed out the property was located directly on the border of the London Road Conservation Area.

Four other objections were also lodged – including one from neighbouring business Costello's Bar.

Planning officers had recommended the scheme be approved.

Aegean gems

The Cyclades is still very popular; largely due to Santorini and Mykonos, but for those who are less keen to share their holiday with the tourist mass, there are the lesser-known islands of the Sporades.

The beaches are unspoiled, food is cheap and delicious and the atmosphere is wonderfully easy going. Lying off the eastern coast of Greece in the Aegean, the Sporades, meaning 'scattered ones' consist of 24 islands, most of which are permanently uninhabited, save for four - Skiathos, Skopelos, Alonissos and Skiros (the hardest to reach and the least visited of the four).

Unlike other sun-parched Mediterranean islands, the Sporades are swathed in pine forest, making for a surprisingly green archipelago, and between them they are home to beautiful beaches.

SKIATHOS - The most popular and cosmopolitan of the Sporades Islands is also the easiest to reach. As well as its international airport, there are daily ferries and hydrofoils connecting Skiathos to its three siblings, making it the perfect starting point for an island-hopping holiday, and is home to about 65 sandy beaches (a pebble beach on Skiathos is so rare that they offer boat excursions

to the one at Lalarial). The beaches are kitted out for both families and couples, offering umbrellas and loungers for hire, and plenty of beach bars. All are blessed with water so blue and clear that you would think you were in the Caribbean if it were not for the backdrop of pines that often lines the beaches. Skiathos town is very attractive and during the day the town can appear rather sleepy, but in the evenings the waterfront hums with life and a daunting array of restaurants. Nightlife could mean a quiet cafe, a lively bar or an up-to-the minute music club - whatever your taste, Skiathos can accommodate it.

SKOPELOS - The sleepy, low-key island of Skopelos has seen an influx of tourism since Mamma Mia was filmed there in 2007. Skopelos is still very much a working island, it has a more 'Greek' flavour than its glamorous neighbour Skiathos, and a lower pace of life. Strong traditions and considerable beauty combined with its delightful town and relaxed atmosphere, make Skopelos an Island to savour. If a Mamma Mia pilgrimage is not your thing then Skopelos offers excellent walking, mountain biking and kayaking opportunities. There are now four marked trails, most taking in a monastery or town

(the countryside is dotted with historic churches and monasteries, three of which are inhabited). The Town of Skopelos is one of the most characterful island ports in Greece. Strict building and preservation orders have kept it colourful, clean and neat with narrow climbing streets, countless tiny chapels (over one hundred in all!) and houses linked by bridges in the special architecture of the Sporades. Mulberry trees line the waterfront and shade numerous cafes and restaurants. Skopelos Town also has some good quality shops selling local crafts.

ALONISSOS - is a tiny, quiet island that brims with Greek chrisma. Home to about 3,000 people, its remoteness renders it ideal for clients craving total peace and quiet. Ferries and catamarans leave regularly from the main port of Patitiri for Skopelos, only 20 minutes away, and for Skiathos, another hour further to the west. This makes the odd day excursion easy, as well as twin-centre holidays. Old Alonissos, high above Patitiri, boasts stunning views and is certainly picturesque. Abandoned in the 1960's, the old houses are now largely restored and favoured by artists and writers. The village



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has a dozen tavernas, several cafes, a couple of bars and a mini-market; and is particularly atmospheric in the evenings (it is recommended all visitors go for dinner there at least once). Alonissos was one of only 22 areas from more than 1000 in the world to be awarded a Quality Coast Certificate in 2013. The seas around the island are designated a National Marine Park, set up to protect the indigenous Monk Seal.

Each of the Islands can be reached with flights from Manchester and even in early May the weather is warm enough for sunbathing, and the islands' pretty ports, restaurants, cafes and beaches feel lively but not overcrowded, making them all the more appealing for clients seeking true relaxation.



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Residents fear Grappenhall Heys development is 'done deal'

RESIDENTS fear plans for 400 homes on green field sites at Grappenhall Heys are a "done deal" which will have a major impact on the local community.

Although local residents have always known the land has been earmarked for further development there are concerns over the scale of the proposed development which has been outlined by the Homes and Communities Agency - and lack of facilities to support the community.

The proposed development of 400 properties will include a mix of 2, 3, 4 & 5 bed homes, including town houses and 30% (120) will be affordable homes.

There are also future plans for a further 550 homes on land at nearby Pewterspear Green and Appleton Cross.

Local resident Jonathan Hatto said: "The public exhibition was low on information with no handouts or electronic copies to take away on the day although we were able to leave contact details to receive electronic copies after the event.

He said the consultancy hired to produce the plans, Atkins, had presented the proposed development as a 'done deal' and seemed reluctant to answer any concerns from residents.

Mr Hatto added: "Many residents thought that the plans had completely ignored the negative effect that 400 extra houses would have on the area, in terms of loss of green spaces and addressing the concern around insufficient infrastructure to support the development. Atkins basically stated that any issues brought about by the development would be the council's problem!

"Whilst the residents understand that the development will more than likely go ahead at some point, it's key for us to ensure it doesn't have a detrimental effect on Grappenhall Heys and the wider community."

He said there were concerns around increased traffic volumes - which had already been identified by Atkins - which show that there are already problems on Lumb Brook Road where it meets Grappenhall Road and around Stockton Heath.

"The addition of several hundred cars on the local traffic network will only exacerbate the current problems. Any planning application put forward to the council needs to have a great deal of thought put into it on how to mitigate these issues," added Mr Hatto.



A hive of activity at Withington

WITHINGTON Girls' School has enjoyed a busy start to the academic year.

New headmistress Mrs Sarah Haslam took up her post in September and is already making her mark. A focus on 'wellbeing' and 'enrichment' has seen mindfulness classes launched for pupils and staff, whilst a new programme of imaginative study options have been rolled out to Sixth Formers.

A new garden has been opened to allow girls to enjoy a relaxing outdoor space, and the Junior School celebrated the opening of its new building last September with a First Birthday party event.

Pupils continue to work hard in the classroom, but in typical Withington style they have also been putting their energies into activities out of the classroom. From Juniors to Sixth Form, girls have been enthusiastically embarking with great gusto on field trips, fundraisers (raising nearly £500 on Jeans for Genes Day), sport and other extracurricular activities.



Unveiling Withington's new garden are from left to right, Garden Designer and Parent Emma Kyng, Headmistress Mrs Sarah Haslam and WGS Chair of PTA Jo Kinney

The new Year 7s visited Ghyll Head in the Lakes, where they got to know each other, their form teachers and their Sixth Form peer supporters. Upper Sixth Biologists immersed

themselves in a four-day residential visit to an ecology centre in North Wales, and the school's younger members enjoyed field trips to Castleton and Macclesfield Forest.

In sport, Withington's Year 9 netball team have just won the Plate competition at the national GSA tournament at Condover Hall, Shrewsbury.



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Money Column

By Margaret Black

Child Benefit – Pension Contributions

After new rules were introduced 7th January 2013, the Inland Revenue emphasised that if a parent earns more than £50,000 and are receiving child benefit, they may have to pay all or some of the benefit back.

It has been established that it is highly likely that many parents do earn more than the £50,000, possibly in the region of £53,000 - £54,000, what these parents may be unaware of is that they may be able to receive the child benefit without having to claim it back later.

It has been reported that around 1.1 million families would have been affected by the new rules which was dubbed as "a new tax on children", officially known as the "high income child benefit charge". Those parents who chose to carry on receiving the child benefit would have had to complete and submit a Self-Assessment Tax Return as well as having to pay extra tax. The tax charge is 1% of the amount of the child benefit for each £100 of income between £50,000 and £60,000 and for those earning £60,000 the charge is 100% of the amount of the child benefit, so in effect they will actually be no better off. i.e for a family with two children where one parent earns £54,000, the child benefit would be £1,752 per year, the tax charge would be 40% of £1,752 which is £700, if that same parent's income was £62,000 the tax charge would be the full £1,752.

What many parents do not realise is that they can still receive the benefit without paying tax by reducing their top line income, this needs to be sufficient to take them below the £50,000, thus avoiding any tax implications. There are three potential ways to reduce the income as follows:

- Contribute into a personal pension plan
- By increasing charitable giving, the adjusted net income is the gift aid donation "grossed up" amount, i.e the amount donated plus the basic rate of tax. So for every £1 of gift aid donations made, £1.25 is taken off your income.
- Consider using salary sacrifice and opt to have some of your pay paid in the form of childcare. Childcare vouchers are taken out of income before tax is deducted so taxable income will also be reduced
- A further option may be to buy extra holiday from your employer via a salary sacrifice, i.e say have an amount taken off gross salary for an extra weeks holiday. Whichever way you arrive at your adjusted income you will have to provide proof by submitting a Self-Assessment Tax Return to the Inland Revenue. Unfortunately it is too late for the paper version, submission date is 31st October, there is still time for the submission of the online version which is by 31st January 2017.

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David Watkinson and Margaret Black

Warrington Islamic Association come to aid of refugees



WARRINGTON Islamic Association have provided a major boost to a local charity helping Syrian refugees preparing to face Winter in Greece.

Four van loads of aid have been delivered to "Refugees – aid from the Northwest of England" started by local businesswoman Nora Carlin, who runs lifestyle management firm Arley's Angels at Appleton Thorn.

Nora started the charity after seeing photographs of tragic Aylan Kurdi, the little Syrian boy found drowned on a Turkish beach.

The substantial donation of aid worth around £8k, which also included a cheque for £3k, has been delivered to the charity's temporary depot in Lostock Gralam.

A delighted Nora said: "I would like to thank the Warrington Islamic Association for their fantastic support and generosity."

"They have been fund raising and

collecting donations of practical aid over the last few weeks. They have spent thousands of pounds on new clothing, footwear and food for the refugees.

"They have also presented me with a substantial cheque to assist with transport costs and other items needed for the refugees."

"We are pleased and humbled by their generosity and community spirit to do so much to help others in need. We have never received so much from one group before."

"Our next container will be sent later this month with another one a few weeks later, both to Greece where there are 57000 refugees facing winter."

Nora added: "What seems to have started as a small collection has now grown to approx £8k of aid arriving in 4 vans! Not an insubstantial and a wonderful contribution from the community."

Special volunteers honoured



VOLUNTEERS from across the Warrington were honoured during the first ever Mayoral Achievement Awards held at Warrington town hall.

Hosted by the Mayor Cllr Faisal Rashid, the awards honoured local people whose heroic work is helping to transform lives. Dozens of nominations were received from the public.

The event is the first of three to be held during the Mayor's year in office, and focused on the work of Warrington's wonderful volunteers and community champions. A further two awards events will be held later in the Mayor's tenure, focusing on local sports and performing arts stars and young entrepreneurs.

Those honoured included two very special volunteers, Nora Carlin from Appleton Thorn and Su Williams from Lymm and who were presented with 'Lifetime Achievement Awards' by the Mayor.

Nora – who received a large number of nominations for her work to set up a group to collect and sort donations to help refugees. Her organisational skills have brought together a large band of volunteers who work together to support some of the world's most vulnerable people. Nora also finds time to devote considerable efforts to the improvement of Appleton Thorn Village.

Su is a hardworking volunteer with a huge list of activities, including being a school PTA member, receiving the Anne Frank award for services to prison education, setting up an art garden project, supporting a village in Sierra Leone, helping to set up the Lymm Food Festival and raising many thousands of pounds for charity. She has even found the time to launch a junior youth club.

Badminton group seek new members

APPLETON Hall Badminton Club has been part of the local community for more than 30 years and welcomes players of all abilities to come to enjoy the fun and exercise the sport offers.

This friendly club is looking for new members to come along to the weekly club nights and optionally to play in competitive league fixtures if they wish.

One member Andy said, "Personally, with a young family I found the club offered me the flexibility to play and not impact on my family life. I found it a great place to meet new friends, whilst doing some exercise and there's was no expectation on my ability. This was great for me as I hadn't played for many years!"

The club meets every Wednesday evening between September and Easter from 7.30 to 10pm at Bridgewater High School (the Lower School sports hall has 4 badminton courts).

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November 8
STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
Sandy Lane Centre, Stockton Heath. 7.30pm

November 15
APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road 7.30pm

November 17
GRAPPENHALL & THE WALL PARISH COUNCIL
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

November 19
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An evening of easy-listening jazz featuring standards and original compositions and arrangements.
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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 BRIDGE CLUB
Village Hall, 7-10pm. Rubber, Duplicate and Chicago played. 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.
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PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
Quays Community Centre, Thelwall New Road, Thelwall. 7.30pm.
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Appleton Independent Methodist Church
Appleton Parish Hall, 10am-12 noon

Every second Tuesday
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BOOK CLUB
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Every Wednesday
APPLETON HALL BADMINTON CLUB
October - July at Hall Drive, Appleton. 7.30-10pm.
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Every first Wednesday
WALTON WI
St John's Church Community Hall. 7.30pm
Details: 01925 604384

STOCKTON HEATH PROBUS CLUB
Warrington Sports Club, Walton Lea Road, Higher Walton.
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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
The Quays Community Centre, Thelwall New Road, Thelwall.
Details: 01925 753474.

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

Every second Thursday
STRETTON WI
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 2.30pm.

GRAPPENHALL PROBUS CLUB
Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, 10am. Details: 01925 264427.

Every third Thursday
NORTH EAST CHESHIRE FLOWER CLUB
Warrington Golf Club, London Road, Appleton. WA4 5HR 2pm
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Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane 2.15pm

Every Friday
APPLETOTS TODDLER GROUP
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 9.45-11.30am. Details: 01925 268153.

To list your event call Village Life on

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Entries open for 10th anniversary race



ENTRIES are now open for next year's 10th anniversary of the Robert Moffatt Memorial High Legh 10k race.

It will take place on Sunday, March 5, starting at 11am.

The race around the lanes of High Legh, is going to be particularly special because of the 10th anniversary. This very popular race on a fast, flat course has an enviable reputation for being friendly and welcoming – and is set to be the best yet!

The race which will once again be organised jointly by Lymm Runners and the High Legh Community Association is a community based event that has a fantastic reputation as being friendly to runners of all abilities.

Lymm Runners will also be offering a beginners course for new runners or those returning after a break.

This will start on Tuesday January 6. The course, costing just £28, includes membership to Lymm Runners and UK athletics affiliation provides eight weeks of structured training to gradually increase your fitness and distance in the lead-up to the High Legh 10k. Places are limited and booking is essential. For more information visit www.lymmrunners.org.uk The race will be chip timed and multiple category prizes are available as well as a technical running T-shirt for all finishers and a special 10th Anniversary goody bag.

Entry before December is £16 for affiliated runners and £18 for non-affiliated runners. After December, if any places are left, the fee will increase. The route starts and finishes at High Legh Primary School.

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