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Kids off to Uni? — but have you been saving enough?

Recent figures from the Institute of Fiscal Studies suggest that the average total debt incurred by today's university students over the duration of their studies amounts to £51,000. The new figure comes as those in higher education see the interest rate on student loans rise to 6.1% in September, despite the Bank of England base rate remaining at its lowest ever figure of just 0.25%. The rise means that students will now typically have mounted up £5,800 of interest by the time they graduate. Total student debt in the UK has now risen to £100 billion, a figure higher than the nation's total credit card debt.

The rising cost of higher education, perhaps makes it unsurprising that 40% of parents are now beginning to save towards future university costs before their children have even been born, with one in five hoping to have saved £2,000 by the time the baby arrives. Frustratingly, however, around two thirds of those who are saving are doing so by simply placing the funds in an ordinary savings account, meaning their money is earning them very little in interest.

An alternative option to consider is a Junior ISA (JISA) in the child's name, which they can then access when they turn 18. The account currently allows £4,128 to be saved every year, and the best rate market rate for a cash JISA offers 3.25%. Saving the maximum amount at that rate for ten years would result in a nest egg of £49,427 tax free to cover university fees with plenty left over for other expenses.

Whilst a cash JISA offers dependability, a stocks and shares JISA is also worth considering as the potential reward on your investment can be higher. Both types of JISA can be opened at the same time with the allowance shared between them, so spreading your savings between the two can pay off in the long run.

Using your pension to save towards your child's university education is also an option, thanks to the pension freedoms of recent years. With the ability to take a lump sum to put towards fees and other costs when you turn 55, pensions offer a tax-efficient way of putting away for both your child's future and your own. This is an option which needs careful planning, however, as you'll need to make sure you have enough for your retirement before paying for your child's education.

For those able to do so, it may also be worth speaking to your own parents about helping towards their grandchildren's university costs. Rather than leaving money to a grandchild in their will, a grandparent might consider gifting towards fees and other expenses or placing the money in a trust, reducing their inheritance tax liability and allowing their grandchild to benefit from their legacy when they really need it. If you would like to talk to me about any of the above matters please do get in touch - 01925 266628

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Editor's comment

IT is pleasing to be able to report that progress appears to be being made by the borough council's Libraries Working Group towards developing sustainable plans to save most, if not all, of our local libraries.

Different ideas have been explored in different areas and some show much promise and considerable imagination.

One could ask why some of the ideas could not have looked into before we reached the position we were in some six months ago when we were painted a bleak picture of the future of the library service. But at least they are being studied now.

The proposals for Stockton Heath Library, in particular, look interesting

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and it is good to see them being put forward for what is one of the borough's busiest libraries. It is an excellent building which could be adapted to enable it to be used for other community purposes without detriment to the library itself.

Its superb location, in Alexandra Park, would make it an ideal spot for some kind of café catering for park users.

And of course, it should not be forgotten that it caters for a much wider area than Stockton Heath itself.

It is now more than six years since the borough council took the previously unthinkable decision to close Grappenhall Library after carrying out a consultation exercise in which the majority of people indicated they would rather see the library – and one at Great Sankey – close than have reduced opening hours at all libraries.

It did not stay closed for long, of course, as local volunteers came forward to run a much wider service than simply a library. They were inundated with offers of books from the local community – so much so



that at one time they were turning books away. The facility still seems to be flourishing.

Whether or not the proposals for Stockton Heath will result in a similar service it is too early to say, although it has rightly been made clear that any rescue proposal should not result in professional library staff being replaced by volunteers

We still believe libraries form a vital part of local community life so let us hope the latest optimistic report of the Libraries Working Group is justified.

Rainbow of colours helps raise funds for St Rocco's Hospice

A RAINBOW of Colours brightened the path for St. Rocco's supporters at the charity's annual Colour Run at Walton Gardens.

In what has to be the year's most colourful event The St. Rocco's Colour run was a sell out as around 800 runners and hundreds of supporters converged on Walton Gardens to make the event a huge success.

In glorious sunshine and amid scenes reminiscent of the spectacular Holi festivals in India, the participants enjoyed a glorious technicolour experience whilst at the same time raising much needed funds for the hospice.

Happy participants of all ages ran, jogged, walked, danced and even hula hooped their way around the 3km course while getting covered in different coloured powdered paint thrown from the colour stations along the way. The Colour stations were provided by Adele Carr Financial

Recruitment and McDonald's along with Walker Begley Chartered Accountants.

Last year's event was also sold out with over 800 runners of all ages forming a rainbow trail along the course whilst raising over £25,000 to support patient care at St. Rocco's, which as a registered charity and relies on over 70% of its funding being generated by the local community. It is hoped that this year's event will be even more successful.

"St. Rocco's Colour Run is a fantastic event for young and old alike," said Lauren Tilston, St. Rocco's Fundraising Manager. "It really is a great way to spend a Bank Holiday afternoon and the sponsorship raised really does make a difference to our patients and their families at a difficult time in their lives."

Joining the runners was St Rocco's retiring Chairman Norman Banner and his son Edward.





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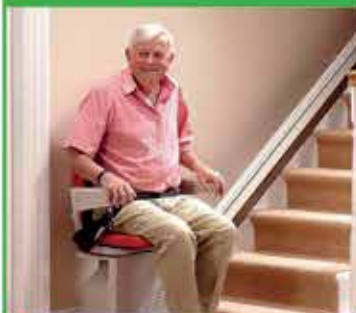
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Having looked at the usual summer destinations, even with free child places, we couldn't find quite what we were looking for, and surprisingly we found exactly what we wanted in the Lakes and Mountain's brochure.

So the first week in September this year we turned our backs on the normal sun-drenched summer destinations and headed to Salzburg airport for our holiday in Hinterglemm, Austria.

We would by no means consider



ourselves 'outdoorsy' or in any way adventurous! We were tempted by the free child place offered at most hotels, free resort travel cards' allowing free use of all cable cars and buses, along with attractions such as mini-golf, tennis courts, heated indoor and outdoor swimming pools and child-friendly hotels with children's clubs.

We happily filled our days wandering around Hinterglemm, and its sister village Saalbach, having the odd hot chocolate, and looking in the gift shops. We rode all four cable cars amongst the hikers and mountain bikers in all their gear! Both villages are small with pedestrianised centres; and are made up of hotels and cafes with some shops. All the cafes and bars have outdoor seating areas, individually decorated and very chic, very 'Après-ski'!

We chose the family run Gardenhotel Theresia which offered a free child-place. After our transfer we were greeted warmly with a welcome drink, a present for our daughter and shown into the dining room for lunch, whilst our bags were taken to our room. Our local representative was very helpful and friendly. The room being very spacious and beautifully furnished in Austrian style, with a seating area and a large balcony

decked with red geraniums.

Hotel Theresia is the only organically certified hotel in Hinterglemm and all its food is sourced locally and seasonally and prepared in-house. It is full board; offering a breakfast buffet, a lunch buffet or packed lunch, afternoon cake and a five course gourmet evening meal. They also offer a children's menu. The food was absolutely amazing, nothing disappointed. The waiting staff were exceptional, and very kind and patient with our daughter.

The hotel's pool is heated to 32 degrees and we swam every afternoon rain or shine! The children's' paddling pool was also heated. Both are set in the hotel garden surrounded by the 'natural' swimming pool, decking and sun loungers, and all are filled with spring water from the hotels' own springs. There is also a play-park, sand pit, trampoline, football and basketball courts and table tennis.

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The whole experience was very child-friendly. The hotel will lend you a baby monitor, buggy, pram, baby carriers, bottle warmers and potty all free of charge. We also availed ourselves of the hotel's coin operated washing machine and tumble-dryer.

Our daughter loved riding in the cable cars and all the summits (except one) offer adventure trails, summit play grounds and leisurely walks that are pushchair friendly. There are traditional restaurants at the summits and mid-stations offering welcome refreshments and all with excellent play areas.

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Two-years-old - the charity born out of tragedy

IT started in a portacabin at Appleton Thorn, the brainchild of a local businesswoman who had been moved to tears by photographs of a little Syrian boy found drowned on a Turkish beach.

Nora Carlin, owner of lifestyle management firm Arley's Angels, felt she just had to do something to help the refugees pouring out of Syria and trying to reach safety via a perilous voyage across the Mediterranean.

She started simply by setting up a Facebook page appealing for donations to store in her own portacabin prior to sending them on to the Manchester-based charity Syria Relief.

But within hours the response from the public was overwhelming and she realised much more was needed.

Volunteers came forward to help – and donations began to flood in.

Nora, a 58-year-old grandmother, said: "I was overwhelmed – the kindness and generosity of so many people was humbling."

All that was two years ago and Nora's little group of volunteers has now become a charity, CARE UK – Charity and Recycling Enterprise UK – collecting and sorting donations of all kinds of goods from the public and sending them to wherever they are needed.

To date, the charity has sent 24 40ft containers of donated goods to Syria and Greece – where many of the most needy refugees find themselves stranded.

And CARE UK celebrated its second anniversary by opening a store in Warrington's Cockhedge shopping centre.

Warrington South MP Faisal Rashid, has agreed to become the charity's patron and helped Adam Parr, son of one of the volunteers, whose sixth birthday fell on the same day as the anniversary, to perform the opening ceremony.

The new store is part retail shop, part storage facility.

In addition, CARE UK also use a former furniture store at Lostock Gralam, near Northwich for storage and loading containers.

The charity has a board of trustees and a management team – but just like the people who work tirelessly sorting and packing the donated goods, they are all volunteers.

Still the donations pour in. Clothing, shoes, books, baby products, etc., coming from schools, church groups, knitting and sewing groups, voluntary organisations, individuals.

Nora still cannot believe how generous people have been.

Although CARE UK's main emphasis is still on helping refugees, the goods are now sent wherever they are needed – locally or anywhere in the world.

Through an arrangement with Warrington Disability Partnership, they receive walking aids, crutches, sticks, zimmer frames, etc.

Nora said: "It has been the biggest refugee crisis since the Second World War and it is still ongoing. But the British people have been amazing."

"What started as a purely local campaign to raise support has brought in help from all over the country – and it is still coming in."



The Park Royal Hotel goes the extra mile to help raise £82,000 for NSPCC

THE Park Royal Hotel at Stretton is celebrating a successful first year in partnership with the NSPCC, helping raise an outstanding £82,000 for the charity as part of the QHotels group, exceeding its initial target of £75,000.

The three-year partnership, which launched in June 2016, aims to bring guests and employees together across the hotel group to raise vital funds for the children's charity.

The Park Royal employees have embraced fundraising by taking part in a number of challenges throughout the year including The Great Manchester run.

The hotel also hosted a number of fun and creative community events offering up different ways for guests to get involved, from sponsored car washes, bake offs, and much more.

QHotels' 20,000 leisure club members and leisure club employees have also got behind the cause, collectively pedalling 2,699km – the distance from QHotels' southernmost hotel, the Ashford International in Kent, to the Westerwood Hotel in Scotland, and back again.

Now entering its second year, The Park Royal is reconfirming its commitment to the cause, with the

launch of a new charitable incentive for corporate bookers.

The new package will enable organisations arranging an event at The Park Royal to donate the five per cent cash back they can receive in high street vouchers to the NSPCC.

QHotels customers will also continue to have the option to make a £1 donation to the NSPCC with every online booking.

Caroline Brennan, Senior Partnerships Manager at NSPCC, said: "It has been a real privilege

working with the QHotels team in the first year of our partnership. Their commitment to raising money for us has been outstanding and it has been great how they have involved both employees and guests in fundraising drives."

"Excitingly, the second year of the partnership is shaping up to be even better than the first with a number of new events and initiatives being organised across the UK."

Annie Brown, General Manager at The Park Royal said "It's been a real

privilege to support the NSPCC over the past year and we've been blown away by the efforts and commitment that has gone into the impressive fundraising schedule, resulting in us surpassing our ambitious fundraising target by almost £10,000.

"Going into our second year of partnership, we're determined to keep breaking targets to raise money for this incredibly important cause with a range of creative activities and events for our guests."

CCTV cameras can stay in place at gated house

PLANNING chiefs at Warrington have ruled that CCTV security cameras erected at a large, gated house can stay in place.

In addition, another camera can be erected in the rear garden of the house, in Windmill Lane, Appleton.

A part retrospective application divided councillors at a meeting of the borough council's development committee.

Members were told two, two-metre high metal poles each forming the mounting for a CCTV camera had been erected on either side of the entrance to the house without planning consent.

Plans for a third camera on a 4.5 metre high pole to be erected in the rear garden were also to be considered, but an existing camera attached to a tree in the rear garden would be removed.

Six neighbours had been consulted and supported the application – stating that they felt safer with the cameras in place. But two other neighbours had expressed concern.

Local councillor Brian Axcell also objected, on the grounds the cameras affected the privacy of adjoining houses and captured images of people using Windmill Lane rather than protecting the house.

The committee was told there were a number of other cameras attached to the house but these did not require planning consent.

Officers recommended the proposal be approved – and the committee agreed.

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'Chaotic' consultation on Green Belt homes plan

HUNDREDS of people queued to get into an "extra" consultation event held to give residents an opportunity to learn about Warrington Borough Council's proposals to build up to 9,000 houses on Green Belt land.

The queue snaked across the car park at the Park Royal Hotel at Stretton where the event was held following pressure from Liberal Democrat councillors and Warrington South Labour MP Faisal Rashid.

Many people gave up in despair and went home without getting into the building.

Afterwards, Cllr Ian Marks, chairman of Warrington Liberal Democrats, gave his impressions of the event.

"The council has greatly underestimated the public anger in the south of the borough at the proposals to build thousands of houses in the Green Belt. Now the holidays are over people are only just realising the enormity of what is being proposed. The consultation session was swamped and people were queuing up right through the car park to get in.

"I sat in on the 10 minute video which told people all about the Local Plan process. It asked them to respond by the original date of September 12.

"At the end, I expected a council officer to inform people the date had been changed to September 29, but they had all left the room so I had to stand up and tell them myself. There were so many people in the display area, it was difficult to engage in any sensible discussion about the issues

involved. It was chaotic!"

At the borough council meeting which followed in the evening Liberal Democrat Cllr Ryan Bate thanked the council leader, Cllr Terry O'Neill, for agreeing to extend the consultation period for the public.

After the meeting he said: "In the early consultations, planning officers were concerned that few people were turning up. When I asked the leader if

he was going to improve consultation for the next phase of the Local Plan process in the spring, he fobbed me off with some meaningless answer. This would have been no comfort to the public had they been there to hear him.

"We heard from him his usual stock answer that the council was short of money due to cuts from the government so it was difficult to do

a full consultation. We feel strongly that the massive developments that are being proposed do deserve proper consultation with the public and every household in the affected areas should receive a letter.

"This time it has been too little, too late."

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Exciting proposals for saving the library

A NUMBER of exciting options are being discussed to secure a sustainable future for Stockton Heath Library – including a café area opening out in Alexandra Park.

This was revealed in the latest report from the borough council's

Libraries Working Group, which has been working over the last six months to explore a range of options to sustain, promote and develop library provision across the borough.

Stockton Heath Library is the best-used in the borough and the Parish Council and a separate "Friends"

group have also been studying options to keep it open.

These include reconfiguring the layout of the existing library in its current building to provide more space for community activities.

The library's location in Alexandra Park is seen as offering potential for a café opening into the popular park.

Professor Steven Broomhead, chief executive of the borough council and chairman of the Libraries Working Group, said: "We are moving forward with our efforts to sustain and develop the future of our libraries service, and the group is working really well together in exploring all avenues and opportunities."

"I'm very pleased that we now have a clear set of options laid out for the group to consider. It's a really important step forward in defining an achievable and sustainable strategy for libraries, wellbeing and community learning in Warrington. The process so far has retained positive community energy and activity."

One option that has been discussed is the possible relocation of Stockton Heath Parish Council to the library building.

Appleton, Hatton and Walton parish council have agreed, in principle, to give some financial support to the drive to save the library, which serves most of the South Warrington area.

Withington Girls' school celebrate outstanding results

Withington Girls' School has achieved another set of outstanding results in A-Level and GCSE examinations, which have seen them ranked as the best girls' independent school in the north of England across several league tables published in the national press since the 2017 results were released.

The School's Sixth Form cohort of 69 girls achieved exceptional A-Level results, with 91% of subjects taken securing A*, A or B grades, whilst Year 11 pupils celebrated their success in GCSEs, attaining 93% grades A* and A, or 9-7 under the new numerical grading system.

At GCSE, A* was the average grade achieved, including in Mathematics where 91% of entries were graded A*, Biology (91%), Chemistry (87%), Physics (91%), Double Award Science (84%), and Geography (80%). In Computer Science and ICT (the ECDL GCSE equivalent) 100% of grades were A* and in Further Mathematics 81% of the 47 entries were awarded the exceptional A* grade 'with Distinction' or A*. All of Withington's Year 11 pupils are welcome to continue to Sixth Form.

This year, ten girls – which represents more than 14% of the cohort – will take up their places

at Oxford or Cambridge to read for degrees in a variety of subjects including Classics, Fine Art, Engineering, History, Medicine, Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Of 64 girls heading to university this year, 54 have gained places at a Russell Group university (84%) with others going to UK top-ranked universities such as St Andrews and Lancaster.

Headmistress, Mrs Sarah Haslam, said of the A-Level results: "It has been an absolute pleasure to work with this year group who have made such a fantastic contribution to the life of the school. They fully deserve these wonderful results which not only reflect their high academic ability, but also their commitment and their passion for learning."

In this year's context of A Level reform in particular, it is satisfying to see the girls' and their teachers' outstanding dedication rewarded in results that enable our girls to move on to the university courses of their choice, many the most competitive in the land, and to see them leave with the skills, values, personal and social qualities needed to embrace the opportunities and challenges ahead and to go where their ambitions and dreams take them."

All smiles at Priestley College



It was all smiles at Priestley College for young people with aspirations of becoming doctors, lawyers, scientists and engineers.

The Class of 2017 achieved a 100% pass rate in 37 subjects with every Graphic Design student achieving an A* to C grade.

Other subject areas that excelled were French where 87.5% of students secured a grade in that top band and across all sciences and maths 68% of grades were at A* to C.

In a sign that Priestley students met theirs – and their prospective universities' expectations – only 14 out of more than 600 students had to go through Clearing.

Principal Matthew Grant said the A-Level results followed another set of outstanding BTEC results earlier in the summer when Priestley saw

a 100% pass rate in all Extended Diplomas.

"We are very proud of the Class of 2017, they have delivered a tremendous set of results with numerous individual achievements that really stand out," he said.

"What is pleasing is the success has come across a variety of subjects, everything from the Sciences to Modern Foreign Languages, to English, Computing and Performing Arts."

Students achieved 160 As and A*s and an impressive 68 students achieved a triple Distinction* in their BTEC results.

Among those who were celebrating was former Lymm High School pupil Sophie Jones (pictured above) whose two A*s and A guaranteed her place at Durham University studying Psychology.





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Annie appointed deputy chair

ANNIE Brown, general manager of the Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, has been appointed deputy chairman of the new Cheshire Hoteliers Association.

The inaugural meeting of the association took place aboard a pleasure cruiser on the River Dee at Chester attended by leading hoteliers

from across the county.

Aim of the association is to support the marketing of Cheshire and enhance and improve the tourism offer so that visitor numbers continue to increase.

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Money Column

By Margaret Black

Making all tax reporting digital is on its way

The government aim to have regulations in place for Making Tax Digital for VAT by April 2018, they want software developers and businesses to have at least 12 months to prepare for the new regulations to take effect from 1 April 2019.

This will entail VAT-registered persons with turnover above the VAT registration threshold to keep digital records and provide regular digital updates to HMRC. The requirements for a business to keep VAT records digitally will include:

- business name, principle place of business and VAT registration number – the requirement of 'data' will also include information about which VAT accounting schemes they use;
- the actual VAT account that each VAT registered business must keep, by law - the VAT account will show the relationship between the principal records and the actual VAT return which is to be submitted; and
- particulars will also be required in respect of supplies made and received.

Businesses reporting under the VAT flat rate scheme do not have to report under Making Tax Digital except for purchases relating to capital items, as a one off transaction, with a VAT inclusive value of £2,000 or more. The draft legislation has said: 'Digital record keeping requirements for flat rate scheme users will mirror current record keeping requirements.'

From 2019, businesses within the scope of Making Tax Digital will have to file their VAT returns using compatible software. The information contained with the VAT return will be generated by pulling information from the digital records. This will include, as a minimum, the 9 boxes required for the VAT returns, but it may also contain a specific data set of additional information which can be taken from the digital records. The boxes are as follows:

Outputs

- Box 1 - VAT due in the period on sales and other outputs
- Box 2 - VAT due in the period on acquisitions from other EU member states
- Box 3 - Total VAT due (Box 1 + Box 2)

Inputs

- Box 4 - VAT reclaimed in the period on purchases and other inputs (including acquisitions from the EU)
- Box 5 - net VAT to be paid to HMRC or reclaimed (difference between Box 3 and Box 4)
- Box 6 - total value of sales and all other outputs excluding any VAT
- Box 7 - the total value of purchases and all other inputs excluding any VAT
- Box 8 - total value of all supplies of goods and related costs, excluding any VAT, to other EU member states
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What's on in the villages

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

October 12
LIVE AT ST WILFRID'S
The Swingshift Big Band, playing the music of Glen Miller and Frank Sinatra.
St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall. 7.30pm

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

October 19
GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Recess meeting
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

Every Saturday & Sunday
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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 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. All welcome. 10am-12 noon

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

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

Every second Tuesday
STOCKTON HEATH LIONS CLUB
London Bridge Inn, 8pm
Contact: Grahamclisse58@outlook.com. Tel 01925 262669

BOOK CLUB
Bizzie Beans Coffee House, Bridge Lane, Appleton 11am-12 noon

Every Wednesday
APPLETON HALL BADMINTON CLUB
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Every first Wednesday
WALTON WI
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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
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
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road 2pm
Details: 01925 740419

GRAPPENHALL WI
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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Grappenhall veterans win Cup – after 10 years of trying



GRAPPENHALL won the Cheshire County Cricket League's Over 40s Cup – after more than 10 years of trying!

The team, bolstered by the presence of former England star and Grappenhall legend Neil Fairbrother and former Lancashire player Richard Green, defeated Toft by two wickets in the final, played at Chester.

Toft were restricted to 86-8, with Ben Clissold, Ben Cagna and Mike Holden taking two wickets each and Neil Fairbrother taking one.

Replying, Grappenhall lost two

wickets cheaply but then Iain Wright hit 30, before having to retire under the rules of the competition.

This brought Green and Fairbrother together, with Fairbrother hitting 8 not out and Green 21 not out, including a massive six to win the game.

It was a fitting way for the veterans to finish their season, as captain Steve Newell picked up the trophy for the first time.

The aim now is to retain it next year and although some of the Over 40s players are not expected to play for the club again, there is still a group

of players in their early 40s and others 'coming up through the ranks' to ensure a strong veterans' team for years to come.

House-in-garden plan thrown out

A PLAN to build a detached house in the garden of an existing house at Stockton Heath has been rejected by planning chiefs.

Members of the borough's development management committee decided the scheme would have an adverse impact on adjoining properties, including bungalows which would be overlooked.

The scheme in Denbury Avenue would have involved demolition of an existing detached garage to make way for the proposed house. An earlier scheme was also refused and the new project had been amended and scaled down.

But eight nearby residents objected, supported by Cllr Graham Wellborn, who believed the proposed house would be overbearing to the surrounding properties.

There are also concerns that proposals for a shared driveway with an adjoining house could lead to road safety issues.

Planning officers had said the proposal was in a sustainable position. Although it would increase housing density in the area, it would not harm visual character of the area.

The house would be barely visible from public vantage points.

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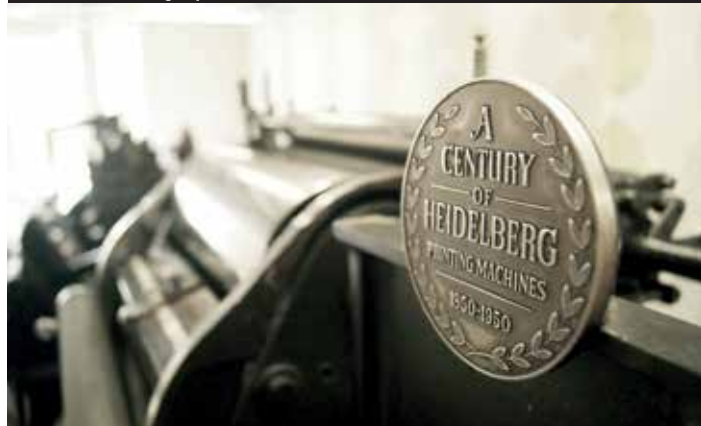
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