

VILLAGE

Your Community Magazine

Issue 200 November 2017 FREE

life

U
urban
BUILDING PROJECTS LTD
Extension &
Building Renovation
Specialists
Tel: 01925 730888
www.urbanbuildingprojects.co.uk

Stockton Heath • Appleton • Grappenhall • Thelwall • Stretton and surrounding areas

Celebrating
200
Issues



**MP opposes
development**

Page 4

eden
RESIN BOUND SPECIALIST

www.eden-resin.co.uk
01925 263125

Hale
CARPETS & FLOORING

See our main advert
on the Back Page

01925 756275
www.halecarpets.com

For all your local news www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk



A round up of the 2017 party conference season



Don Wernham,
Financial Planner

The Base
Dallam Lane
Warrington
Cheshire
WA2 7NG

Tel:
01925 266628
Fax:
01925 267043



Simple Solutions
Financial Management Ltd
is authorised & regulated
by the Financial Conduct
Authority (FCA).
The registered office is
The Base, Dallam Lane,
Warrington, Cheshire,
WA2 7NG

Financial Conduct
Authority (FCA).
Authorisation Number
511977

Whilst September and October mean most of us are thinking about the weather getting colder, the nights getting longer and all things Christmassy appearing in the shops far too soon, in UK politics this time of year means just one thing: party conferences. The three main parties have all now held their annual conventions, setting out their stalls for the next twelve months and beyond. But what did each of the parties have to say from an economic point of view? Let's have a look at the key points to take away.

Liberal Democrats – Perhaps unsurprisingly, Brexit featured strongly as a topic in all three party conferences. Whilst leader, Sir Vince Cable, certainly didn't shy away from his party's pro-European position, he also pledged that the party would not become "UKIP in reverse". Keen to ensure his party isn't defined by its Brexit stance, Sir Vince also called for greater taxes on wealth in order to tackle inequality in Britain and backed 'fierce' taxation of foreign investors purchasing property in the UK. He pledged the promotion of a 'new generation of garden cities and garden villages' as well as assisting councils in building new homes through borrowing. He also set out initial plans for changes to university funding and corporate governance.

Labour – Whilst there has been no change to Labour's official policy on Brexit, Jeremy Corbyn's

announcement of his plans to "guarantee unimpeded access to the single market", should his party come to power, felt more forceful than previous language used by Labour. Elsewhere, the party leader promised further action to close the gender pay gap by bringing in compulsory equal pay auditing for large companies with fines for those who do not comply. Mr. Corbyn also promised further plans for rent controls in large cities in the UK to fix what the party describes as the "dysfunctional and lopsided" property market.

Conservatives – Even though Theresa May spent little time speaking about Brexit after her speech in Florence in September, the speeches from other members of the party showed that the party is still divided over what form the country's exit from the EU should take. Elsewhere, Chancellor Philip Hammond made no new economic announcements, but he did confirm that the Help to Buy housing scheme would receive a further £10 billion and that Britain's railways would receive £300 million in new investments.

On a further note we would like to congratulate Village Life on their 200th edition this month. Well done to Gary and the team and thank you for all your support over the last four years.

Editor
Gary Skentelbery

Production
Paul Walker

Account Executives
James Balme

Advertising
Freephone
0800 955 5247

Editorial
01925 623632

Email
info@warrington-
worldwide.co.uk

Websites
www.culchethlife.com
www.frodshamlife.co.uk
www.lymmlife.co.uk
www.village-life.co.uk
www.warrington.tv
www.warrington-
worldwide.co.uk

Address
New Media Centre
Old Road, Warrington
Cheshire WA4 1AT

Distribution

Village Life is distributed freely to selected homes throughout the area as well as being available to pick up from various outlets, some of which are listed below.

Appleton:
Village Hall, Co-op
Grappenhall:
Co-op, Community Centre
High Legh:
Garden Centre,
Village Hall
Knutsford:
Fryers Garden Centre,
Library, Heritage Centre,
Shaw Heath Social Club,
Lower Walton:
One Stop Shop
Mere:
Parish Club
Mobberley:
Rajar Building
The Victory Hall
Stockton Heath:
Library
Stretton:
Beehive Stores
Stretton Newsagents
Thelwall:
Post Office

Village Life is published monthly by Orbit News Ltd.

The contents of this magazine are fully protected by copyright and may not be reprinted or reproduced without prior permission of the publishers.

The publishers are not liable for any statement made or opinion expressed by third parties in this publication.

Printed by TwentyFourSeven

Editor's comment

FEW issues in recent years have caused as much controversy as the proposals for more than 700 houses at Grappenhall Heys and Appleton Cross.

Hundreds of people have attended planning meetings and made their views known. Angry councillors from the south of the borough have backed them to the hilt. The Warrington South MP has added his voice to the chorus – meaning that representatives of all three main political parties have opposed the proposals.

To no avail, of course. After two deferrals, members of the development management committee voted the proposals through, a not unexpected decision, although it did beg the question of why the second deferral had been necessary. At the

time, it was stated that it was to allow a review of the borough's local plan to be completed. But, although the consultation period had ended, the review had certainly not been completed.

Of course, the arrival of the Homes and Community Agency application at the same time as the Local Plan review did not help matters. Much confusion was caused, with many people unsure of what was being proposed in the local plan and what was in the HCA application. Perish the thought that both could have been timed to arrive while many people were on holiday!

A number of councillors are determined to fight on and we applaud them for that. We know the HCA homes were, in effect, going to build on the land years ago, but much has changed since the days of the Warrington New Town, not least the amount of traffic using local roads.

The outline plan may have been given the green light, but detailed proposals have yet to surface and there will be opportunities to have further input at that stage.



THIS is the 200th issue of Village Life and we would like to thank all readers, advertisers and sponsors who have supported the magazine since the first issue was published in April 2001.

Village Life was the third magazine to be published by Orbit News Ltd, having been preceded by Lymm Life and Warrington Worldwide. Since then it has been followed by Culcheth Life, Frodsham Life and Lifestyle Magazine to make up a group of six magazines and websites.

Our aim now is as it was in the beginning – to provide a vehicle for local news and cost-effective advertising.

**Deadline for the
December issue
of Village Life is
November 21**

Cheshire Wildlife Trust responds to Nature Reserve threat

CHESHIRE Wildlife Trust has expressed alarm over a threat to Moore Nature Reserve arising from Warrington's Local Plan Preferred Development Option.

Part of the reserve has been suggested as a potential site for future development as part of the proposals for Port Warrington – and inland port on the Manchester Ship Canal.

The Trust's evidence and planning manager, Rachel Giles, said: "We believe developing this site would be highly damaging to local biodiversity, the local community and would be environmentally unsustainable.

"We have submitted a response which outlines the harm a development on the nature reserve would cause to species such as dragonflies, bees, butterflies, breeding and wintering birds.

"We believe that the nature reserve should be protected from development."

Moore Nature Reserve has areas of woodland, meadows, five large lakes and wetlands and is home to a diverse range of plants, animals, birds and mammals.

Situated between the Ship Canal and the River Mersey, the site has been managed as a nature reserve since 1991, following a period as a sand quarry. The site is managed by wardens employed by FCC Environment who operate the nearby landfill site. With its networks of pathways, bird hides and benches, the reserve has become a popular community location.

"Moore Nature Reserve is not only a haven for species but a great asset to the community. There is a bank of

evidence of how visiting green spaces and getting outside helps people deal with stress and improve mental health."

Charlotte Harris, chief executive officer at the Trust, said: "This site has become a go-to place for people in the community appreciating this benefit

"Owners of the land, Peel Holdings have it licensed as a landfill site, meaning that the nature reserve has to stay in existence until 2021, but then its future becomes vulnerable. We are urging Warrington Council to take heed our advice and the voice of the community on this issue."

Peel Holdings have submitted part of the 200 acre reserve as part of the plans for Port Warrington.

The nature reserve is an important education resource for every age group from toddlers through to university students. More than 650 children have taken part in Cheshire Wildlife Trust's education work at Moore Nature Reserve this year.

Another area of concern is the potential allocation of land in south Warrington as part of the "Garden City Suburb".

The area includes three designated Local Wildlife Sites and a number of important wildlife habitats including one of the highest densities of farm ponds in the Cheshire region.

The Trust is urging people to write to their MP expressing their concerns, even though the public consultation period has closed.



■ Hunting for mini-beasts at Moore Nature Reserve.

MP opposes any Green Belt development as part of Local Plan

WARRINGTON South MP Faisal Rashid is backing his constituents and objecting to any development on Green Belt land as part of the council's Local Plan Preferred Development Option.

He has also called for a re-think on the amount of housing development that has been identified by the council which is suggesting more than 20,000 new homes need to be built, including many on Green Belt land, over the next 20 years, if Warrington is going to meet its development needs and aspirations.

In a letter to Warrington Borough Council Chief Executive Steven Broomhead Faisal said: "Like many of my constituents who have contacted me about the Local Plan, I object to plans to develop on the Green Belt. I have serious concerns about proposals that would see our town lose much-loved green open spaces and I call for a rethink on the amount of housing development that has been identified.

While agreeing that local residents should have access to good quality jobs, high quality housing, including social housing and homes for first time buyers, and a good standard of living Faisal says "Green Belt and where possible green open spaces, should be protected from development. He also wants to see real workable solutions to Warrington's transport problems, in particular solutions that will tackle the real and inherent problems of congestion and poor air quality.

Faisal added: "Since the launch of the consultation in July, I have met many constituents and listened to their views on the Preferred Option. There is a great deal of uncertainty, anxiety and anger over the proposals.

There is particular anger over proposals that could see significant parts of the existing Green Belt designated for development. I share my constituent's concerns on this.

The challenge for Warrington Borough Council is to develop proposals that will:

- 1) encourage the efficient use of land;
- 2) protect our Green Belt/green open spaces;
- 3) promote the regeneration of brownfield sites.

He added: "These three principles should form the building blocks upon which the Local Plan is constructed. The Council has to get the balance between these three principles right. If it does not, the adverse impact of an unbalanced Local Plan will be felt for years to come."

Faisal said he had also received a number of complaints from constituents about the way the consultation process was delivered.

He added: I was contacted by concerned residents who told me that due to the timing of the consultation, over the summer holidays, they were unable to attend the consultation events. Others contacted me to say that they had not received any information about the events or indeed any information about the Local Plan until late in the consultation process.

"Concerns have also been raised about the fact that information was not sent to residents in all local areas likely to be affected in some way by the proposals. Other constituents tell me that they were reliant on social media for the information about the consultation process.

"If this part of the consultation

process on the Local Plan is to be seen to have any merit, all residents and interested parties must have been given every opportunity to view the proposals, question council officers about the proposals and then have the opportunity to make informed submissions for consideration."

He went on to stress the major concern about the Local Plan raised by constituents was its adverse impact on the Green Belt and the proposal to build 9,345 of the designated 24,774 new homes on Green Belt land.

Of these 8,155 new dwellings are proposed on the Green Belt south of the Manchester Ship Canal, with 240 new dwelling in North Warrington

Green Belt and 450 new dwellings in the East Warrington Green Belt.

He concluded that the development of local Green Belt land was the wrong approach to take to meet the housing needs set out by Government.

"It is a short-sighted approach which ignores the wishes of local people."

"I welcome proposals that will help my constituents to access good quality jobs. However, alongside economic benefits we must ensure that residents maintain access to quality green open spaces and have improved local transport provision."



■ Faisal Rashid with his letter.

Lib Dems back residents' opposition to Local Plan

WARRINGTON Liberal Democrats are backing residents' opposition to housing developments on Green Belt land outlined in the borough council's Preferred Development Option Local Plan.

While the Lib Dems say they remain ambitious for Warrington, their ambition is not just about economic success because they want to ensure that the town's historic character is retained and the environment conserved. They say enhancing the quality of life must respect the wishes and identities of existing communities.

Council Group Leader, Cllr Bob Barr said, "We believe the failure to engage with the community adequately over the Local Plan has been a serious error by the Borough Council. It is a missed opportunity. The passion shown by residents during the holiday season in response to the Preferred Development Option shows the high level of interest in the future of our town.

"The calculations for the housing targets have not been properly explained. When the Local Plan is presented for consultation, residents need to know the extent to which the targets are driven by local ambition as opposed to government and how

numbers relate to the land required for different dwelling sizes.

"We have serious misgivings about the prominence given in the plan to early green belt release. The town centre and brown field first policy must be prioritised. Warrington's role as the green lung that separates the Merseyside and Greater Manchester conurbations is essential and must be preserved. Developers must not be encouraged to believe that early easy pickings are available in Warrington's green belt. The Plan has not made the case for green-belt release particularly as additional brownfield sites such as Fiddlers Ferry and the Hospital may become available. We question the need to adopt a twenty year plan period when fifteen years is acceptable for a Local Plan. The fall-out from Brexit will have an impact too.

"We strongly support the principle of 'town centre first' development. We support the principle of 'infrastructure first' too but have serious concerns about how this will be financed to ensure prompt delivery. We doubt that the amount of additional infrastructure proposed in the Preferred Development Option will reduce congestion and provide adequate hospital facilities. There is a lack of consideration for major

investment in public transport, such as a light rail / mass transit system."

Grappenhall Councillor Ryan Bate added, "We are gravely concerned by the suggestion of using the former railway embankment through Thelwall, Grappenhall and Latchford for a strategic transport route. While supporting the need for a further high-level crossing of the Ship Canal, we ask that more thought goes into the planning of any route with properly informed discussions with the communities affected.

"We question the densities assumed throughout the plan for housing. There is a clear need for a mix of smaller homes aimed at younger households looking to establish themselves and older households looking to downsize. In providing a more appropriate mix of housing styles, we also hope the Borough Council will address the current disconnect between the location of housing and the location of jobs. A closer alignment of the two will help reduce car dependency and traffic congestion.

"We consider that the problems raised by the current PDO affect the whole of Warrington and not just those wards we represent. Failures to deal with traffic congestion, medical provision and affordable housing will not be restricted in impact to

a specific part of the town. It is essential that the eventual Local Plan benefits the whole of Warrington reducing inequalities in access to affordable high quality housing, improves the Town Centre, preserves our green spaces and creates a sustainable environment for all."

Some of the consultation resulted in chaotic scenes, especially at the Park Royal Hotel in Stretton, where residents had to queue to gain access, with many saying they had no opportunity to contribute to the consultation.



■ Cllr. Bob Barr.

Advertiser's announcement

Welcome to Venice

Venice is an unfathomable experience and one of the world's most romantic locations. Comprised of 118 islands connected by bridges, the city is unlike any other.

My family and I visited Venice in September and had a wonderful time, which began as soon as we arrived at Marco Polo Airport. We had not arranged a private 'Meet & Greet', but had made the decision to take a private water taxi from the Airport, which is located some distance from the terminal on the edge of the Venetian Lagoon (definitely worth the walk!). After a twenty minute or so walk (plenty of signs to direct you); the water appears in front of you and the rows of numbered water-taxi piers. Liaise with the staff at the desks, who will ask for the name of your hotel and direct you to your driver (busier times may result in a longer wait). Currently the price is set at 120 Euros per taxi and once at your pier the driver will take your luggage from you, stow it in the water taxi and help you board. Shared taxis



can also be booked (we can assist with this). The most cost-effective mode of transfer is the Alilaguna 'ferry' or water bus and tickets can be purchased at the counter in the arrivals terminal or booth near the pier. Sitting relaxed in the comfortable water taxi we took in the stunning views on the journey to our hotel, catching glimpses of islands in the Venetian Lagoon.

If you've ever been to Venice, you'll know that one of the best ways to explore this wonderful city is by getting on to the water and navigating around the myriad of waterways that criss cross the city. Or lose yourself in a bygone era as you explore by foot. St Mark's Square is also a great place to begin because so many attractions are right here and this is where we paddled in our wellington boots on our first afternoon! I would also add that it is worth taking in St Mark's Square at night (when all the day trippers & cruise passengers have left!). Small duelling orchestras play at the Cafes on both sides of the square providing a very different atmosphere, which you are able to watch for free!

A walking tour, which is a 'must do' for any city break, can be booked in advance (and we have an abundance to choose and book for you!). On our first evening we booked the 'Venice Ghost & Legends' walking tour. We met our guide, Christina (great fun), at eight o'clock on the Rialto Bridge where our 'chilling' evening walking tour (approximately 90 minutes) began. We passed through the hidden back streets of Venice which

provide the perfect stage for an array of ghost stories and legends from the city's past and present. We were lucky to have a great group of people and a fun evening was enjoyed by all.

Evening is a great time to go shopping as again the streets are not quite so bustling and the most famous streets for shopping are in the Le Mercerie area of the San Marco District. Almost every canal-side street has a restaurant so you will be spoilt for choice. Another great tip is to book your Gondolier from the side street rather than the main stations. Prices are set (80 Euros for the day and 100 Euros for evening) for a 30 minute ride and you can opt to have a serenade or not! We chose the evening option because the daytimes were busy with traffic jams! Our Gondolier was fun and informative pointing out hidden locations as we glided by. If you would like to keep the cost to a minimum then you are able to book a 'shared' Gondola ride. A 'must-do' evening stop is Harry's Bar, a favourite of Charlie Chaplin, where the Bellini was a gorgeous mix of Prosecco and peach (the best I have



■ Stockton Heath @ Hays

tasted) with complimentary canapes and a fantastic laid-back atmosphere.

A great inexpensive way to see Venice and the Islands is to purchase a travel pass, which will enable you to hop on and off the waterbus as you like. The Islands tend to be less busy so nice to stroll and maybe have lunch with a glass of Prosecco or Aperol! On our last day the weather was beautiful and we walked away from the crowds to discover Venice with the locals (fantastic). Whatever the season, Venice always enchants and for the true romantics the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train is surely the most stylish way to travel - that's another story...

'Finally, may we congratulate Gary and the team on the 200th issue of Village Life, which we are proud to be associated with. Hope you like the picture of Venice Carnival Celebrations 200 years ago!'

We are open Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm and Saturdays 9am to 5pm
If you cannot make these times we are happy to arrange an appointment at your convenience.

80 London Road, Stockton Heath
01925 269400

stocktonheath@hays-travel.co.uk

Follow us on Facebook

Keep the village alive support your local traders!

Looking to transform your kitchen?

Exclusive quality German kitchens at affordable prices. FREE no obligation consultation.

JD Kitchens
Established 16 Years

Visit us at: Gorsey Lane, Warrington WA1 3PU
www.jdkitchens.co.uk | sales@jdkitchens.co.uk
01925 636997

'Call in' challenge for controversial homes plans

THE controversial decision to approve plans for 770 new homes on land at Grappenhall Heys and Appleton Cross is being challenged by five borough councillors – supported by Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council.

Liberal Democrat councillors Mike Biggin and Ryan Bate have initiated a "call in" of the decision by the borough council's development management committee.

This could mean the decision would be referred to the council's scrutiny committee, which, while it does not have the power to overturn the decision, can refer the matter back for further consideration.

But as Village Life went to press, there were doubts about the legality of such a move with differences of opinion between some lawyers and planners.

Cllr Biggin and Cllr Bate decided to call in the decision on the grounds of injustice and a lack of consideration of the infrastructure issues – in particular the inadequacies of the local highway network.

They say there is no evidence that the applicant – the Homes and Community Agency (HCA) – has given adequate consideration to the highways and infrastructure issues.

There were numerous objections to the proposals on these grounds when they were considered by the development management committee. But the committee voted 6-3 to allow the development to go ahead.

Ironically the meeting had to be delayed 15 minutes because many objectors could not get there on time because of traffic delays caused by Stockton Heath Swing Bridge breaking down.

The outline planning application was for 400 properties at Grappenhall Heys and 370 at Appleton Cross and was recommended for approval by

planning officers.

But the proposals were opposed by Appleton Parish Council, Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council, Stockton Heath Parish Council and Lymm Parish Council, as well as by Warrington South MP Faisal Rashid.

After the meeting, the MP said: "I have real concerns about the impact these developments could have on south Warrington. I do not believe that the council or the HCA have shown these applications to be 'sustainable'. The opposite is true; these two developments are not sustainable."

"My main concern about the applications concerned the additional pressure that building this number of homes will have on roads in south Warrington. Council leader Terry O'Neill has publicly said that large scale developments will not be brought forward unless the infrastructure is in place to cope with the added traffic demands. But there are no plans to tackle the additional road

infrastructure pressures that these applications will add to our roads in south Warrington."

"At peak times, local roads can barely cope with existing pressure, and as we have seen it only takes an incident such as that with the swing bridge to bring the town's road

network to a standstill.

"I will be meeting Cllr O'Neill to press for action and calling on the Government to ensure that the HCA responds to these concerns. I will also be meeting representatives from Peel Ports to discuss the action they can take to help tackle these issues."



■ Protestors at a previous planning committee meeting.

George Formby fans move to have grave renovated

THE George Formby Society are raising £2500 in donations to restore the Warrington grave of their hero and his father to its former glory.

When local George Formby enthusiast Andy Bibby saw the decline in condition of the entertainer's gravestone on a recent visit to pay his respects, he was moved to contact the George Formby Society and suggest they consider funding the remedial works.

Andy said "As I visit the cemetery often, being local, I was in the best position to pass on my observations of the graves current state prior to restoration and recommended we act sooner than later."

"The George Formby Society committee agreed. As a society we understand what a national great he was and we know his grave has attracted many visitors. Comedian Frank Skinner was recently one such visit to while he made a documentary about his icon."

The graves last restoration was over 20 years ago, and since then it has deteriorated to the point that the Society members have stepped up again to restore it. An appeal to members was launched in order to raise the required sum, with around £1000 already raised and

with the blessing of the stars family, the renovations are now nearing completion.

Formby moved to Warrington when he was young to live in Stockton Heath with his family. His father, George Formby senior was a well known and successful music hall performer. Despite his fathers attempts to dissuade his son, George followed in his footsteps onto the stage after a short career as a jockey.

He was to become one of the most celebrated Warrington residents and can count the Queen amongst his many fans.

George Formby became the highest paid entertainer in the country with his trademark toothy grin, ukulele and his downtrodden underdog characters bringing him both fame and fortune. He starred in 20 movies and was earning the equivalent of £1.5 million per film, a lot of which can be credited to his formidable wife Beryl who was a hard nosed negotiator.

When George Formby died in 1961, aged 56, more than 150,000 fans lined the route of his funeral procession from Liverpool to the cemetery on Manchester Road.

With the repair work now almost complete to coin Georges unforgettable words "it turned out nice again."





Reflecting on your marriage and don't know what to do?

Slater Heelis has provided expert advice to families for over 240 years.

Our team of Resolution family specialists are here to support you with first-class legal advice to provide the direction you need during separation. The team has expertise in divorce, separation, civil partnerships, finances and children arrangements. When it's appropriate for you, we are also able to offer collaborative law and mediation services.

Our family team all live in the South Manchester and Cheshire area. Living within the same community provides us with unique insight into what affects your daily lives. You are just a ride away from one of our offices in Sale, Timperley or Manchester. We have additional meeting facilities in Warrington.



"Having moved away for university, I always felt a natural desire to return to the area where I grew up. With its variety of local restaurants, shops and events, Lymm has a vibrant and strong community atmosphere which gives me everything I need on my doorstep."

Camilla Burton-Baddeley | Family Solicitor

Get in touch with our family team

✉ family@slaterheelis.co.uk

☎ 0161 672 1247

💻 www.slaterheelis.co.uk

🐦 @SlaterHeelisLaw 📘 /slaterheelis

slaterheelis ^{LLP}
SOLICITORS

 **resolution**
first for family law

Mary celebrates a happy long life with family and friends

A happy life could be the secret to a long life as Mary Miller celebrated her 100th birthday with a cream tea for family and friends at Stockton Heath Methodist Church Hall.

Mary, of Hawthorne Road, Stockton Heath, who was joined by her two sons John and Stephen, has been a regular at the church for most of her life.

She married her late husband Norman at the church, which she

started visiting as a 17-year-old local girl.

Reflecting on her life Mary, who has been a widow for 23 years, said: "Sadly my husband died too soon - but I have had a happy life."

She used to work as a telephonist at the Post office until son John was born in 1949.

She was joined by her sons and family and friends to celebrate her birthday with a special cream tea in the church hall.



Dot stands down after 32 years on council

APPLETON Parish Council's longest-serving member has retired - after 32 years of continuous service.

Dot Edwards, of Appleton Thorn, has been chairman of the council on six occasions since joining in December, 1985.

Earlier this year she and her husband, Syd, were awarded the Freedom of the Parish in recognition of their unstinting and valued service to the parish, and in particular in the Appleton Thorn ward.

They were then presented with framed, decorative scrolls.

Known throughout the area as "Dot and Syd", the couple have been a tower of strength to the council, Dot as a member and Syd as a sort of "unofficial" member - he was always carrying out odd jobs on behalf of the council, including looking after the war memorial at Appleton Thorn.



Warrington
& Vale Royal
College

School Leaver

Open Day

Thurs 16th November 5-7pm

Warrington Campus
& Hartford Campus



Warrington
& Vale Royal
Sixth

A LEVELS **NEW** FOR
SEPTEMBER 2018!

Formerly
Warrington Collegiate
& Mid Cheshire College

wvr.ac.uk



Commercial
Commercial Property
Litigation
Employment
Wills
Trusts
Probate
Personal Injury
Conveyancing
Crime
Family & Divorce

01925 231000

info@fdrlaw.co.uk

Warrington
Stockton Heath
Frodsham

www.fdrlaw.co.uk



Three great pubs, one great team!



THE RAMS HEAD INN
GRAPPENHALL



*The Rams Head is a stylish
gastro pub serving delicious food,
ales and wines*

Old Grappenhall Village
Tel: 01925 269320
www.ramshead-inn.co.uk

THE
ROPE & ANCHOR



Two Course Lunch £9.95
Sunday Lunch £10.95
(Kids eat free)

01925 814996
Manchester Road, Woolston

SARACENS HEAD



New Gin & Prosecco Bar
Coming Soon!

Wilderspool Causeway,
Warrington
01925 452335



QHOTELS
INSPIRED
BY YOU

THE PARK ROYAL
HEALTH CLUB

JOIN NOW FOR ONLY £20.17 AND RECEIVE THE REST OF THIS YEAR FREE!

Get ahead now and get into shape ready to start 2018
with a HEALTHIER YOU!

- State-of-the-art Pulse equipment
- Over 55 group exercise classes a week
- Spinning
- Bootcamp*
- Indoor swimming pool
- Sauna, steam room & whirlpool
- Spa
- Discounts throughout the hotel
- FREE parking and Wi-Fi
- Member social events



Enquire today - call 01925 730 000 & quote 'VILLAGE' - Bring in this advert to redeem the offer.

01925 730 000 | parkroyalleisuresales@QHHotels.co.uk
Stretton Road, Stretton, WA1 4NS
QHHotels.co.uk

THE
PARK ROYAL
Warrington,
Cheshire

Terms and conditions apply and offer subject to availability. New members must join on a 12 month contract to be eligible for this promotion. Booking is essential. *Bootcamp sessions are excluded from this offer and will incur an additional charge. For full terms and conditions speak to the health club team.

**BOOK
Now**

**UNDER
3s
FREE**

EventCity
MANCHESTER

**ALL RIDES
& SHOWS
INCLUDED**

**4 HRS
OF
FUN**

WINTER WONDERLAND

Manchester

The UK's Largest Indoor Christmas Theme Park

Indoors at EventCity next to
Intu Trafford Centre



**RAINBOW
SANTA'S GROTTO
& REAL REINDEER**
(UP TO & INCLUDING 24TH DECEMBER 2017)
NEW RIDES FOR 2017/18
ALL INDOORS

**GREAT GAMES &
FOOD STALLS**
(PAYABLE SEPARATELY)
**CHRISTMAS
CIRCUS**
FREE CAR PARK

9th December - 1st January

Session times: 11:00 am - 3:00pm & 4:30pm - 8:30pm

*Check website for specific rides, times and prices

www.winterwonderlandmanchester.com

BOX OFFICE: 0843 208 1842

GROUP BOOKINGS: 0843 208 6003

Public rally to show support for charity targeted by burglars

MEMBERS of the public rallied when staff and volunteers at a local charity which helps adults with learning disabilities were left heart broken following an overnight burglary and the theft of valuable tools used for making Christmas gifts.

Raiders broke into the furniture and woodwork departments at the Walton Lea Project, stealing wood cutting tools worth an estimated £1,000.

Without the tools volunteers and service users would not have been able to make specialised Christmas gifts as they approach the busiest time of the year.

The workshops had been targeted previously when damage was committed but nothing was stolen.

Trustee Viv Lacey placed a notice on the door explaining the distress which had been caused but this did not deter burglars returning and

stealing two bench saws.

These are used to help create handmade gift boxes and other items including their ever popular log reindeers, which are sold from the charity's premises.

Viv added: "There was a mix of anger, frustration and upset at our Walton Lea site, when our furniture and woodwork departments were broken into.

"Not only has damaged been caused to both buildings but those involved in this crime stole much needed tools that cost approx £1000, thus causing distress to beneficiaries and staff and robbing us of the ability to make and sell much wanted items!"

But after the break-in was highlighted online via warrington-worldwide.co.uk the charity attracted a huge amount of support from the general public.

Assistant operations manager Julie Groom said: "We cannot express our gratitude and thanks for all the messages of support, offers of tools and donations to help us to replace our equipment following the theft. It has been truly heart warming!

The charity is now gearing up for their busy time of the year and is set to have a special Christmas weekend on December 2/3, including wreath making workshops.

Anyone who can help the charity can call 01925 860143 or contact them via their facebook page www.facebook.com/waltonleapartnership/



Winter Wonderland is back!

MANCHESTER'S biggest Indoor Christmas attraction, the award-winning Winter Wonderland Manchester is back for 2017!

The magic of Christmas will take over EventCity next to the Intu Trafford Centre from Saturday 9th December 2017 to Monday 1st January 2018.

Legendary children's TV show, Rainbow will be the star attraction of this year's Christmas extravaganza, plus over 50 family rides and attractions all under one roof - including new rides for 2017, and all included in one ticket price.

As well as the rides and the bright

lights, there will be a dazzling array of colourful shows which this year includes Zippy and George from Rainbow who will no doubt bring lots of magic, mayhem and comedy capers!

The spectacular Christmas Circus also makes a welcome return delivering the finest collection of circus acts that will leave everyone marvelled and amazed with daily performances.

Of course, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from Santa Claus complete with real reindeers, who will be taking time out of his busy schedule for meet and greets with all the children, every day up to

and including Christmas Eve. Fairies and Elves will also fly around to play and chat and have 's-elfies' with the children.

There will also be a whole host of games stalls and a vast array of food and drinks stalls to purchase refreshments including hot snacks and sweet treats.

Winter Wonderland operates on a session basis to ensure visitors can enjoy the experience without overcrowding offering families four hours of non-stop fun and entertainment.

Group, family and individual tickets are on sale now for the magical festive family adventure which is guaranteed

to create that enchanting Christmas spirit.

Book your tickets now at www.winterwonderlandmanchester.com or by calling 0843 208 1842, for Group Booking please call 0843 208 6003.



Model engineering society celebrate 50 years at Daresbury site

WARRINGTON and District Model Engineering Society have celebrated their 50th anniversary of being established on the Daresbury track site.

To mark the occasion an estimated 70 members, their guests and members of the public enjoyed rides around the newly extended track in the beautiful woodland setting.

Before enjoying the ride they all tucked into a buffet and then chairman, Roger Hall, gave a very entertaining speech before making a special presentation to club President Henry Woods, their longest serving member. Henry treated them all to a potted history of all the club's ups and downs over the last 50 years.

WDMES moved to the Spastic Society's site in the grounds of the Daresbury Hall in 1967 from their original site in Newton le Willows.

The society was formed originally to promote engineering in miniature,

based around live steam locomotives. They still aim to do the same but with engineering disappearing from the school curriculum it's hard to attract younger members.

So in steps, the internet and the modern way of getting access to the hobby is to purchase ready machined kits to just assemble instead of scratch building a model that can take up to 20 years to build.

Members meet on a Wednesday for track maintenance and loco testing and also meet most Sundays through the summer for track running days.

Regular evening talks are held on Thursday evenings at the cricket club house, Stretton where guest speakers entertain members on various subjects.

One such talk by the STEM project, the people responsible for designing the vehicle for the land speed record, resulted in club Secretary Brian Renton involving all the pupils from Daresbury Primary school visiting

the site over a three week period to learn about the workings of the steam locomotive which turned out to be a fabulous success.

The track is now half a mile long, running through the woodland around two ponds over bridges and through a tunnel with embankments and

deep cuttings making it one of the most beautiful tracks in the country. If people are interested in their activities they have their own web site WDMES or visit their Facebook site, Warrington and District Model Engineering Society.



Parishes pledge £10,000-a-year to keep library open

FOUR parish councils have joined together to pledge £10,000-a-year until 2022 to keep Stockton Heath Library open.

The councils at Stockton Heath, Appleton, Hutton and Walton will contribute to the fund although it is hoped that as other means of making the library building pay-its-way, their contributions will reduce.

Three organisations are considering relocating to the library to increase the building's earning potential – including Stockton Heath Parish Council itself.

Chairman Cllr Peter Walker said: "We think the library will be an excellent location for the council.

"We have been at the Sandy Lane Centre for some time but it is not ideal and some people have difficulty finding it. If we move out, it will also make it available for other interested groups."

Cllr Walker stressed that whatever changes were made to the library building they would not diminish its role as a library."

Cllr Sharon Harris, chairman of the working group set up to draw up proposals for the future use of the library said: "We have sent our final report to the borough council's Libraries Working Group, which is working to sustain, promote and

develop library services across the borough.

"I am quietly confident our proposals will find favour. Things are looking positive."

She said one of the proposals was to establish a small café in the library, opening out into Alexandra Park.

A separate Friends group had been established to consider other options for future use of the library building and attract more community use.

"But whatever is proposed, it will not impact on the library. The building will remain, first and foremost, a library with the same

number of books. Hopefully there will be room for growth," she added.

Stockton Heath is the best-used library in the borough and serves most of the South Warrington area. In fact, it has been established that only a quarter of its users come from Stockton Heath.



4 SEASONS Conservatory
Roofs

**PAY NOTHING FOR
12 MONTHS**
THEN TAKE 2 YEARS
INTEREST FREE CREDIT*

CONSERVATORY ROOF CONVERSIONS

- ✓ Cool in summer
- ✓ Warm in winter
- ✓ Reduces rain noise
- ✓ Stops sun glare
- ✓ 1 day installation
- ✓ Save on heating bills
- ✓ Suits ALL conservatories
- ✓ Nationwide service

📍 590 Manchester Old Road, Middleton, M24 4PW

✉ sales@your-choice.uk.com

🌐 www.your-choice.uk.com

PRICES FROM ONLY
£1995
INCLUDING FITTING

ecohybrid
All Year Round Insulation

Next Generation
Bi Fold Doors

FULL BESPOKE CONSERVATORY & ORANGERY DESIGN & BUILD SERVICE



SHOWROOM OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!



CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

0800 169 4822

Historic pub outbuilding to make way for new house

A PLAN to demolish an outbuilding to a historic pub – itself demolished two years ago – has been given the go-ahead by planning chiefs.

The building, adjoining the site of the former Ship Inn in Chester Road, Walton, will be replaced by a new house.

Nearby residents, Walton Parish Council and borough councillor Peter Walker all opposed the scheme.

But the borough council's development management committee

decided the scheme could go ahead.

The committee was told the scheme, submitted by owner Mike Dunn, involved demolishing the property but retaining existing boundary walls.

A new, two-storey building would be erected on the footprint of the existing building, but away from the boundary walls. There would be a two-storey extension at the rear.

Walton Parish Council argued that the scheme undermined the planning process and would not have been

allowed had it been submitted at the time the former pub was being demolished.

Neighbours said the building's footprint should not be increased.

Planning officers recommended the scheme be approved. They pointed out that the building was not locally

listed, nor listed because of its association with the former Ship Inn. It had been substantially altered and had little or no historic merit.

The replacement building would be similar to the existing one and would also be similar to properties on Chester Road.



Tribute to former village bobby and councillor

MEMBERS of Stockton Heath Parish Council stood in silence in tribute to former councillor Graham Roughsedge who sadly died on September 12.

Graham was a member of the council for 18 years and was chairman five times. Before becoming a parish councillor, he served in the local police force and for many years was the "village bobby" in Stockton Heath.

He cared about the village, both as a policeman and as a councillor and was responsible for ensuring the safety of the Stockton Heath churches' Walking Day route and, as a councillor, was, for many years, the liaison between the churches and the council. Graham enjoyed and took a

great interest in the maintenance of the village land mark of Ackers Pit.

He was born in the village and was awarded the Freedom of the Parish when he retired from the police force.

Parish council chairman Peter Walker said: "I first met Graham when he was policing our village. He taught local children, including mine, how to ride their bikes safely. He advised on home security, telling me my house locks were not good enough. He provided reassurance. I greatly valued his advice when he became a councillor. Graham was passionate about the welfare of Stockton Heath residents and served them well. It was a privilege to know him and he will be sadly missed."

Orchard memorial for library founder

A SMALL orchard is to be planted at Grappenhall Community Library to commemorate the life of local solicitor John Ashby, a founder member of the community library and former member of Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council.

The orchard is being organised and planted by the group Plant for the Planet. Mr Ashby was chairman of the library committee and was closely involved in the campaign to keep the facility going as a community library after the decision by the borough council to close the original council library.

Members of the committee were saddened at his death but determined the library should continue as he would have wished. They wanted a memorial at the building and decided a small orchard, with a quiet area and bench would be appropriate.

It was felt an orchard would be good for the building, educational for local children and provide a quiet area for local people.

There will be a ceremony to mark the planting of the orchard on the afternoon of Saturday, November 18.



**SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING**

Thursday 9th November
5pm - 8pm

For further information visit:
www.lymmhigh6thform.org.uk

To give your business a boost
from just £60 a month
just give one of our friendly
team a call today on
01925 631592

preen
HAIR & COSMETICS

Hairdressing
Cutting
Colouring
Special occasion Hair up
Hair Extensions

Cosmetics
EVL Lashes • Semi-Permanent lash extensions • HD Brows
Semi-Permanent Make up & Brows
Anti-Wrinkle Injections • Dermal fillers • Facials • Ear piercing

Online bookings are now available. See link on our Facebook page. **Preen Hair & Cosmetics**

01925 266492
15a London Road, Stockton Heath, Warrington, WA4 6SG



Millercare EST. SINCE 1952
Mobility Specialists
Rise and Recline Chairs



- New 3 button power on hand control
- Soft tailored back design
- Two pockets as standard
- 3 year warranty on frame, electronics and mechanism
- Arm covers and antimacassar as standard
- Other fabrics are available

From £699.95

Call for a Free catalogue



- New 3 button power on hand control
- Waterfall back design
- Pocket sprung seat base
- Scroll arms with wings
- 5 year warranty on frame, electronics and mechanism
- Arm covers and antimacassar as standard
- Other fabrics are available

Free no obligation home assessment

CCN    **Motability** **Stannah**

For more information call Millercare
01925 251212 | 1 Kingsway North, Manchester Road, Warrington, WA1 3NL
01925 651114 | 1 Kerfoot Street, Winwick Road, Warrington, WA2 8NU
www.millercare.co.uk

“A friendly, caring environment in which each girl can feel confident and flourish”



OPEN DAYS
Junior School
For girls aged 7-11
Senior School
For girls aged 11-16
Sixth Form
For girls aged 16+

Thursday 9th November
4.30pm to 6.30pm
Saturday 11th November
10.00am to 12noon

2018 ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS
For Year 7 entry:
Friday 12th January 2018
For Years 3-6 entry:
Saturday 20th January 2018

Means-tested bursaries now available from Year 5 upwards

 **Withington**
GIRLS' SCHOOL

To arrange a tour call **0161 224 1077** | **wgs.org**
Wellington Road, Fallowfield, Manchester M14 6BL

EXCHANGE YOUR GOLD AND SILVER FOR INSTANT CASH



All items of jewellery accepted

Did you know...?

We accept silver jewellery, cutlery, tea sets, spoons, cigarette cases, candlesticks, trophies, trays, medals, coins and pocket watches.

**ROLEX WATCHES WANTED!
ANY CONDITION**

Open: Tuesday-Saturday: 10am - 5.30pm

1 London Road, Stockton Heath
(First floor entrance on Fairfield Road)

07544 486 621



**GOLD & SILVER
BULLION DEALER**



- Soft Landscaping
- Patio Restoration
- Hedge Trimming & Shaping
- Gravel Paths
- Conifers Topped & Shaped
- Raised Beds using Railway Sleepers
- Garden Clearance

f Find us on Facebook

t: 01925 742830
m: 07899 066204

hazeldinehomeandgarden@gmail.com
www.hazeldinehomeandgarden.co.uk

Counselling Services



CHESHIRE
Natural
Health

**Martine Martinus
MBACP**

**Experienced counsellor working
with children and young adults**

**Specialist counsellor for anyone
affected by suicide or traumatic death**

Cheshire Natural Health, Beehive House, Tarporley Road, Stretton, Warrington.
www.cheshirenaturalhealth.co.uk Tel: **01925 730123**

STOCKTON FRYER

111 London Road, Stockton Heath

**NOW
DELIVERING
TO
LYMM**

Gluten Free Menu Now Available

Fish & Chips, Chinese Meals, Burgers, Kebabs and more...

We deliver to WA4: Stockton Heath, Stretton, Latchford,
Appleton Thorn, Grappenhall, Pewterspear, Walton

**Minimum order of £10 (£1 delivery charge applies)
Over 4 mile radius £2 delivery**

Phone orders for Chinese meals welcome 01925 264345

Open lunchtime and from 4.30pm.

Late closing Thurs & Sat (11pm) and Fri (11.30 pm)

WELCOME TO THE IDEAL BUILDING COMPANY



Our mission is to deliver a high standard of building work at competitive prices and give complete client satisfaction every time.

Our services include: Extensions & Conversions, Complete Refurbishments, Loft Conversions, Structural Works, Homes Offices, Kitchen & Bathroom fittings, Electrical, Heating and Plumbing works, Full Plan & Design Service and General Building work.

For a FREE consultation please call

01925 730888

Urban Building Projects Ltd.

410 Europa Boulevard, Gemini Business Park, Warrington, Cheshire, WA5 7TR
Email: info@urbanbuildingprojects.co.uk Web: www.urbanbuildingprojects.co.uk

Add a little charity to your Christmas at Walton Lea Walled Garden



Gifts • Decorations • Wreaths • Curiosities • Produce

The Walton Lea Partnership

a local charity, supporting adults with learning difficulties

Call in soon... Chester Rd, Walton WA4 6TB

f /walton-lea-project **f** /long-lane-garden-centre

Weekdays & Weekends 10am - 4pm

Tel: 01925 860143

Also open Weekdays at Long Lane Garden Centre,
Warrington Business Park WA2 8TX



C J ROUND LANDSCAPES

DESIGN & BUILD

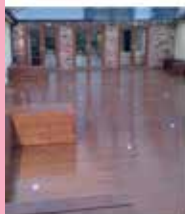
www.cjroundlandscapes.co.uk



We specialise in all aspects of landscaping from patios to driveways, decking to water features...

We also offer a fully comprehensive design service

We pride ourselves on our reliability, customer satisfaction and competitive prices



Friendly reliable family business established in 1991

Tel: 01925 752468
Mob: 07754 372742



IJP

interiors

Why Use IJP Interiors?
Over 20 Years Of Experience
Free Quotes
Quick Response
No Job To Big Or To Small

We Cover All Aspects Of Joinery



Specialists Of Staircases / Refurbishments
Kitchens & Bathrooms

Contact Us: 07811891210
email: admin@ijpinteriors.co.uk
web: www.ijpinteriors.co.uk
facebook: @ijpinteriors

Money Column

By Margaret Black

'Improving' your interaction with HMRC

Congratulations to Village Life Magazine - 200th Issue, Well Done from all at WatkinsonBlack Chartered Accountants Warrington.

Last month we looked at Making Tax Digital and how that is supposed to make life easier for HMRC's customers. This month we look at two further ways that they are "improving" your interaction with them.

Firstly, you may have noticed whenever you logged onto your tax account that they have been threatening for some time to



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

make "two-step verification" compulsory whenever you access your online tax account for PAYE, Corporation Tax other Business Services. Well, from 1st October 2017 they have carried out their threat. This means that once you have entered your username and password, as previously, you will now be sent an access code that you will have to enter to complete the process. The access code will be sent to you either as a text message to your mobile phone, as a voice message over a landline, or through the HMRC "app".

The purpose of this "improvement" is to increase security on your account. However, it is at the expense of increased complexity. The access code that is sent through only lasts for 30 seconds before it is changed. Therefore, you need to enter it quickly or you will need to go through the whole process again.

It can also cause problems if there is a second person, such as a bookkeeper, who needs to have access. For instance, they may need to submit your VAT Return when you are away from the office. Unless you can somehow get the code that you receive on your mobile to them within that 30 second window then they will not be able to access the account.

There is a solution but it does take time. You could set these people up as additional users. You set up the name, e-mail address and password which will then result in a new User ID. Then, however, the system breaks down as it is the new user that sets the telephone number that will receive the code as well as being able to change the password. This creates a whole new raft of security issues.

Secondly, from 15th December 2017 HMRC are reducing the number of ways that you can pay any tax or national insurance due. The taxes affected are income tax and national insurance for both self-employed and employed taxpayers, companies paying corporation tax and stamp duty land tax. If you have been naughty and got caught not paying enough tax it also includes any additional tax due on the settlement. Currently, as well as being able to pay electronically or over the counter at your bank, you can pay in person at a Post Office. Except for corporation tax payment can also be made by cheque through the post. However, from 15th December the option to pay at a Post Office is being withdrawn. Currently, all other methods of payment remain available, but we would be surprised if payment by cheque remains an option for much longer.

Yet more ways of HMRC improving their "customers" experience!

WatkinsonBlack have considerable experience in all areas of taxation and business services, including providing a very cost-effective payroll bureau service. If you want to arrange a no-obligation initial meeting on any taxation or accounting matter then please contact us.

Please note that these ideas are intended to inform, however, you should always obtain professional advice before taking any action.

WatkinsonBlack 
Accountants who care for Clients who matter



Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

Contact David Watkinson or Margaret Black at:
1st Floor, 264 Manchester Road, Warrington

Tel: 01925 413210

or email: info@warringtonaccountants.co.uk
www.watkinsonblack.co.uk

What's on in the villages

November 14
STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
Sandy Lane Centre, Stockton Heath, 7.30pm

November 16
GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Recess meeting
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

November 16
LIVE AT ST WILFRID'S
The Gildas Quartet. Christopher Jones and Gemma Stephens (violin) Kay Stephen (viola) and Anna Menzies (cello) – an emerging "must hear" string quartet. St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall. 7.30pm

November 21
APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road, 7.30pm

November 16
GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Recess meeting
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

Every Saturday & Sunday
GRAPPENHALL HEYS WALLED GARDEN
Witherwin Avenue, Grappenhall Heys, WA4 3DS.
Café open from 10am-5pm 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 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
Bizzies Beans Coffee House, Bridge Lane, Appleton 11am-12 noon

Every Wednesday
APPLETON HALL BADMINTON CLUB
November- July at Hall Drive, Appleton. 7.30-10pm.
Details: 01925 262356

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. 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
APPLETON'S TODDLER GROUP
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road.
9.45-11.30am. Details: 01925 268153.

To list your event call Village Life on

01925 623632



Cricketers celebrate survival – and promotion!

THERE were celebrations at Grappenhall Cricket Club's Broad Lane ground at the end of the season as the 1st XI clinched survival in the elite Vivio Cheshire County League Premier division – and the 2nd XI were promoted to the 2nd XI Premier division.

It means that next summer, both Grappenhall sides will be playing at the very top of their respective leagues.

The 1st XI made hard work of their season after being promoted to the Premier Division the previous year, leaving it to the very last match to secure the place among the top teams.

Things were not made easier for them because of two injuries to key players. Young bowler Albert Pennington ended up in hospital with a hand injury going for a difficult caught-and-bowled chance.

Aussie all-rounder Owen Lynch suffered a shoulder injury going for a catch.

The injuries brought both players' seasons to a premature end.

The 2nd XI looked likely champions of their division for much of the season but were pipped at the post in the final match, earning promotion

as runners-up

As reported last month, the club also won the league's Over 40s Cup – after more than 10 years of trying!



■ The newly promoted 2nd XI.

On your marks for the 11th High Legh 10k

ENTRIES have opened for next year's High Legh Robert Moffat Memorial 10k race.

The race – it will be the 11th annual competition – will take place on Sunday, March 4, starting at 11am.

This year's 10th race was a huge success, as despite a deluge before the start, the race was won in a record time of just 32.35 by James Wignall. The beauty of the race is that while it regularly attracts elite athletes, many use it to set a personal best or to beat the one hour mark, to raise sponsorship or simply to make it their first ever event. There is plenty of time

to get into shape before next March and in the New Year, Lymm Runners will be running their beginners course which is always popular.

More detailed information and an opportunity to enter is available at the website www.highlegh10k.org.uk

Last year the race filled up in a record time of seven weeks!

The course is the same, starting and finishing at High Legh Primary School and mostly on quiet, flat country lanes.

A spokesperson for the race said: "We are also keeping the improvements of the recent years including chip timing, the start/finish

on the road outside the school, the fabulous finisher's technical running T-shirt in the goody bag, along with lots of other stuff provided by our sponsors together with a medal for all finishers. We are proud that this is so much better value than many other races and we have even held our entry fees once again."

There will be 14 prizes for the various categories as well as the trophies for the overall male and female winners and the team trophy.

Various training events will be arranged in the lead up to the race including "Run the Route" sessions.



Meet your MP Faisal Rashid

Faisal holds regular surgeries to discuss any issues that you may need help with. **Private surgeries** take place every Friday. Simply call **01925 657600** to book an appointment, you can also send him an email at faisal.rashid.mp@parliament.uk

Open surgeries are on the first Saturday of each month, no appointment necessary – just drop in at 1 Wilson Patten Street, WA1 1PG between 10:00-12:00.

Stay up to date with all current news, policies, and events at www.faisalrashid.com, facebook.com/faisalrashidmp and [twitter/faisalrashid6](https://twitter.com/faisalrashid6) and keep an eye out for local street surgeries coming soon to a doorstep near you!



"Working hard for all communities in Warrington South"

Appleton | Bewsey & Whitecross | Chapelford & Old Hall | Grappenhall | Great Sankey North & Whittle Hall | Great Sankey South | Latchford East | Latchford West | Lymm North & Thelwall | Lymm South | Penketh & Cuddley | Stockton Heath

Produced by Faisal Rashid MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

www.faisalrashid.com

School to host firework spectacular

BROOMFIELDS Junior School, in Bridge Lane, Appleton will be hosting a Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday November 4.

In addition to a 20-minute aerial fireworks display, there will be fairground rides, a beer tent, hot food and much more. The event runs from 6pm to 9pm and the gates will close at 7.25pm for the start of the fireworks at 7.30pm.

Advance tickets are available from the school until Friday November 3 and cost £3 in advance or £5 on the gate on the night.

Christmas lights

STOCKTON Heath's Christmas Lights will be switched on in Victoria Square on December 1 at 6pm.

CLASSIFIEDS

Call FREE 0800 955 5247 to advertise

CARPET CLEANING

SIMPLY THE BEST CARPET CLEAN YOU WILL ever have. Cleaners UK Ltd. Est 28 yrs. Have your carpets & sofas beautifully deep cleaned leaving them fresh smelling & colour restored. Latest & best methods. Dry/steam. Leather cleaning, oriental rug specialist. Professional, reliable & affordable. For more info call Neil Riley on 01925 264989/07831 336060 www.cleaners-uk.net (22/18)

CARPETS, CURTAINS & INTERIORS

CURTAINS AND VALANCES made to measure to your own choice of fabric. Home visits to advise, measure and estimate. Free fitting. Curtain alterations also undertaken. Tel: Catherine Langley on 01925 604400. www.catherine.makescurtains.co.uk (21/18)

CLEANING SERVICES

arleys angels

- De-cluttering/re-organising
- Presenting your home for Sale
- Moving house assistance
- Spring/After building work cleans

01925 266834
... because you're worth it!

CLEANING AND IRONING

SWISH HOUSEKEEPING - your local cleaning company. Domestic and commercial cleaning at competitive rates. Also ironing services conjunction with cleaning. For a **FREE** quotation call Angela on 07891 669502 or Adrienn on 07581 079705 or E: info@swishhousekeeping.co.uk (07/18)

PAYROLL

WHY TRY TO BE A PAYE EXPERT? Watkinson Black can provide a cost effective payroll service, releasing you to concentrate on your business. For further details please phone: 01925 413210 or e-mail: info@warringtonaccountants.co.uk (07/18)

DOCUMENT STORAGE

FileRoom
DOCUMENT STORAGE

Box storage from less than a penny a day

Collection & delivery service

01925 732752
mail@thefileroom.co.uk
www.thefileroom.co.uk (03/18)

TUITION

PRIMARY TUITION: EXPERIENCED PRIMARY School Teacher available for private tuition. Numeracy and Literacy. Available after School and weekends. Call 01925 268627 or Mobile: 07843 607394 (07/18)

WINDOWS & GLAZING

LYMM WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES LTD, BY NEIL COPELAND. Specialist in uPVC double glazing windows, doors, porches, conservatories, also fascias and guttering. FENSA registered. All work guaranteed. Tel: 01925 756138 / 07961 361550. (22/18)

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

TRUST PROPERTY ELECTRICAL SERVICES. NICEIC Part P Approved Contractor. All Electrical work undertaken. Inspection & testing & PAT testing. All work certified & guaranteed. Call Tim on 07754409906 or 01925 601055 (03/18)

HOME CARE SERVICES

LESLEY'S PERSONAL CARE SERVICE let me help you care for your loved ones full care package references insured personal care support care service that cares fully qualified competitive rates. 07724 914128 (28/17)

HOME SERVICES

ATLAS
Your friendly local independent

PEST CONTROL

Affordable, professional, guaranteed service. Fully insured, fixed prices - no surprises once on site! Discrete vehicles, no embarrassing signs
07999 487 925 / 01925 445 222
www.atlas4u.co.uk (24/18)

CAR SALES

PARKVIEW CAR SALES

We buy and sell QUALITY CARS
Best price paid

Telephone Peter on
01925 575737 / 07957 545479

23 Padgate Lane
Padgate, Warrington
Cheshire, WA1 3RS (07/18)

Thelwall Upholstery

FOR THE MOST COMPETITIVE RATES IN THE AREA

49 Knutsford Road, Grappenhall WA4 2NR
Call Sean on: 01925 604770 or mobile: 07799 228080
www.upholsterywarrington.co.uk

For all your upholstery needs

SPECIALISTS IN:

- Re-filling Cushions • Re-springing • Full Re-upholster
- Dining Furniture • Headboards

A wide range of sample books to choose from
All at competitive rates

PHONE FOR YOUR FREE ESTIMATES



twentyfour
seven
design & print ltd

01925 240247

WWW.247PRINT.NET



Traditional Values
MODERN IDEAS



**To advertise in
the classified
section
from as little as
£6+vat
per month
Call us FREE
now on
0800 955 5247**

CARPETS

KARNDEAN

DESIGN FLOORING

HARVEY MARIA

TED TODD

RUGS

RUNNERS

STAIR RODS

ARTIFICIAL GRASS

LYMM ROAD

THELWALL

WARRINGTON

WA4 2TG

01925 756275

Hale
CARPETS & FLOORING



We're passionate about giving our customers the most stylish and affordable floor coverings. We're a family business, so expect a warm and friendly welcome plus our years of experience means you'll get expert advice, from design to installation and aftercare.

**Visit our showroom
or book a home
appointment.**

• *Quality you can stand on* •

