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One of the key advantages of saving for your retirement through a pension scheme is the tax relief you receive on the money you contribute, usually available at your usual rate of tax. The '**Annual Allowance**' limits the amount of contributions both you and your employer can make to your pension in a year which benefit from tax relief and is currently set at £40,000.

However, in April 2016, the government also introduced the '**Tapered Annual Allowance**', which reduced the annual limit for those whose total income exceeds £150,000. This amount includes your salary, bonuses, dividends, savings interest and employer pension contributions. For every £2 of income above £150,000, your Annual Allowance will be reduced by £1, up to a maximum reduction of £30,000. So that those who receive a one-off increase in pension contributions from their employer are not unfairly caught out, the government also ensured that the Tapered Annual Allowance only applies to those whose taxable income before employer pension contributions is above £110,000.

Looking at some examples shows how the Tapered Annual Allowance works. Andy receives a salary of £160,000 in the 2017/18 tax year, with a further £16,000 of pension contributions from his employer. This gives a total income of £176,000, which is £26,000 over the £150,000 limit. Andy's Annual Allowance is therefore reduced by £13,000 (half

of that amount), meaning the amount of his pension contributions which can benefit from tax relief during 2017/18 is lowered from £40,000 to £27,000.

Bethany, meanwhile, earns a salary of £195,000 in the same year, with her employer making £15,000 of pension contributions. Her income from rental properties, savings and a share portfolio amount to £20,000, giving Bethany a total income of £230,000, exceeding the £150,000 limit by £80,000. As half of this amount is £40,000, Bethany will receive the maximum reduction of £30,000. She will therefore only receive tax relief on up to £10,000 of her pension contributions in 2017/18.

If the Tapered Annual Allowance affects you and you're wondering whether there are any legal workarounds which can be implemented to avoid being hit by it, the short answer is that there aren't. Of course, if your total income decreases then your Annual Allowance will increase again. But apart from either earning less or reducing the amount you and your employer contribute to your pension. However, there are other investments alternatives for individuals effected by the Tapered Annual Allowance if this is something you would like more information on please get in touch with a member of the Simple Solutions Financial Management team.

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Editor's comment

IT isn't the first time and it certainly won't be the last time we have raised concerns about Warrington's Preferred Development Option - especially for the South of the Borough.

Now with the possibility of a huge distribution centre on Green Belt Land at Grappenhall bordering with nearby Appleton, things seem to be going from bad to worse.

Although this is still at the speculative stage with a scoping application it is clear developers have their eyes on this huge area of rolling farm land which includes a historic monument and six residential properties.

Having visited the site which is close to the motorway roundabouts and Poplars Truck Stop I can't think of anything worse for this location.

I am realist and realise that some Green Belt land will be developed - but I have to say I believe this site is totally unsuitable for a distribution centre the size of 45 rugby pitches!

The traffic from the nearby Distribution Centre at Appleton Thorn, compounded by the huge numbers of HGVs visiting the Poplars Truck Stop, make this land totally unsuitable for a development of this scale on traffic grounds alone - not to mention pollution and litter.

We await the council's final PDO announcement following the consultation with great interest, especially involving this area of land.

Meanwhile I have been given the honour of being co-opted onto Appleton Parish Council, representing the Thorn Ward, along with fellow Appleton resident Gerry Palmer.

We are both independent of any political party and look forward to representing the local community,

which also has its own issues regarding the proposed Bloor Homes development as well as concerns about speeding traffic passing through the village.

We have already attended a coffee morning at St Cross Church to meet local parishioners, which is something we aim to do on a regular basis.

I have also become a family member at the village hall, which I have to say is a great community asset.

Working in the local media it is important that I maintain my political independence as I work with politicians from all the main stream parties and when dealing with local issues and working with other politicians I will always continue to adopt a balanced common sense approach.



**Deadline for the June
issue of Village Life
is May 22**



Parents to tackle Three Peaks Challenge for school

A TEAM of 13 parents from Stockton Heath Primary School will head for Scotland on July 6 - to start an attempt on the Three Peaks Challenge.

At 7.30am the following day they begin their ascent of Ben Nevis - and the clock will be ticking away the 24 hours they have to climb all three peaks.

The other two, of course, are Scafell Pike and Snowdon - and the total walking distance is 23 miles (37km) and the total ascent is 3064 metres (10,052ft).

Training began in February with a cold walk at Trentabank Reservoir near Macclesfield, and come June they will be walking Snowdon twice on the same day to complete the main training.

By the time they start the challenge, they will have walked Snowdon six times.

Spokesman Paul Jackson said: "We are doing this to raise money for Stockton Heath Primary PTA."

"We have an annual fund raising target, however we are doing this walk to raise extra funds to develop

the outside area at the school for the children. The playground needs developing desperately and we have one focus as a team to raise as much money as possible. Our initial target is £3000.

"What makes this a special walk is that all of the parents involved have day jobs, children and commitments. We are giving up our time to give something to the school. Such an

amazing group of people."

If anyone would like to donate they can do it via

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Opposition mounts to Green Belt distribution centre

PARISH councils and local residents are voicing their opposition to any plans to allow a major distribution centre the size of 45 rugby pitches on green belt land at Grappenhall.

A request for an environmental impact assessment scoping opinion in relation to the proposed development involving 325,150m² of employment floorspace on the land – adjacent to junction 20 of the M6 and junction 9 of the M56 – been lodged with Warrington borough council.

Agents Spawforths, on behalf of Langtree Property Partners and First Panattoni, are drawing up plans to submit an outline planning application for the development of the site.

The site, bounded by Grappenhall Lane and Cliff Lane to the north and the motorway slip road to the east, includes an ancient monument, a farm and six residential properties which are now under threat.

Warrington Borough Council's local plan preferred development option (PDO) has earmarked the area, which is currently Green Belt, as future employment land as an extension of the Barleycastle Trading Estate.

A scoping opinion seeks the authority's formal view on what issues an environmental statement should contain in the event of a planning application.

Local resident Bill Roberts, who has been campaigning against development on green belt land in the area, local residents and local parish councils have all voiced their opposition.

He said: "This is designated Green Belt, includes an ancient woodland and ancient monument and moat with a public right of way. It is hardcore

do not touch land and this is the first speculative step towards a planning application.

"Enough is enough. We need to stand together for the sake of ourselves and our children and protect this green belt which provides a buffer between Grappenhall and the motorway.

"Before we know it we will have another Omega development!"

Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council has also voiced major concerns saying the request for scoping opinion is extremely premature. They say the land has not yet been confirmed or disregarded as employment land and will not be until at least Autumn.

In a letter to borough planning officer Michael Davies they say: "We are aware that the land was put forward as a 'possible' site for B8 employment land in the PDO, but the fact that there was unprecedented and massive local opposition to the PDO consultation (4000-6000 consultee responses), on the grounds of inappropriate loss of Green Belt and lack of proposed infrastructure (including traffic improvements/upgrade), then even carrying out an EIA at this stage is wholly inappropriate and far too early. The PDO was put out as a 'consultation' and should not be taken as a 'given'.

"The parish council originally objected to the PDO consultation on grounds that the need for new homes and employment land (partly on Green Belt) is based on over-optimistic projections. There are no 'exceptional circumstances' demonstrated to justify that Green Belt land needs to be utilised. Also, the concept of a 'New City' has no demonstrable public support and is not based on any feasibility or viability work that might



suggest this option is deliverable.

"Any subsequent submission of an outline planning for this site (either before or after the release of the revised PDO/Local Plan) will be met with opposition from the Parish Council. It is our firm belief that development should not take place on Green Belt land, as no 'exceptional circumstances' are demonstrated."

In a similar letter Appleton Parish Council has voiced the following concerns: "The opinion of the parish council that any proposal for any planning application on this land would be unacceptable. The land is Green Belt and therefore should be protected from any development of any kind. The land is of high landscape value and is valuable greenbelt. Bradley Hall is a site of historic value and this and the surrounding fields must be protected from any sort of development due to environmental and ecology reasons.

"The parish council also feel

that the development of this land is not acceptable due to the traffic implications. Any additional industrial/distribution hub will be entirely dependent upon Heavy Good Vehicles. The existing local roads and motorways junctions could not cope with any additional traffic.

"The parish council are increasingly concerned with the amount of litter around the Appleton Thorn trading estate and any future development would just increase litter issues around the area. The parish council have major concerns regarding additional pollution problems and as such, any development of this land is not acceptable."

Meanwhile all the South Warrington parish councils are working together to employ a planning consultant in readiness to respond to the revised Local Plan, due in the autumn.

This same working group is currently working on a joint response to the request for a scoping opinion.

Planners find fault with tennis club's floodlight scheme



STOCKTON Heath Tennis Club has failed in a fourth bid to gain planning consent for floodlighting on its courts at Delphfields Road, Appleton.

The borough council's development management committee refused permission for the scheme after nearby residents lodged objections on the grounds it would lead to a loss of residential amenity.

Appleton Parish Council also objected and the committee was told there had been opposition from 19 nearby residents and a protest petition signed by 46 people. Officers had recommended the scheme be approved.

The club has twice before had similar applications turned

down, in 1994 and 1995 and withdrew a third application last year.

Currently, when members need to play under floodlights, they use courts at the nearby Bridgewater High School.

The committee was told neighbours were worried about the glare of the floodlights affecting homes and the possibility of noise and disturbance of an evening.

Officers argued that the lights would be designed to avoid spillage of light into neighbouring homes and gardens. They proposed a condition to prevent the lights being used after 8pm during the week and to prevent their use at all on Sundays.

JD Kitchens making designs on the future

JD KITCHENS have been designing and installing beautiful kitchens, bedrooms and studies in homes across the North West for over 16 years, and now they're turning their design talents on themselves, launching a new brand and updating their Padgate showroom to showcase the latest interior designs.

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Dave Charlton, MD said: "We're just putting the finishing touches to our displays, vans and signage so that they reflect the latest designs from the kitchen catwalk held in Milan this April.

"We'll be hosting some great events and baking workshops with the Room Forty bakers over the summer to showcase the latest technology, so keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages to find out when."

JD Kitchens is on Gorsey Lane, Warrington. Drop in Monday to Saturday or make an appointment by calling 01925 636997.

Ozen - The lifestyle luxury resort

Whilst we were still experiencing the awful cold weather this March; I was very fortunate to go to the Maldives to experience the new OZEN by Atmosphere for five nights. This seemed to be the Winter sun destination of choice this year because I was not on my own having booked two clients to Atmosphere Kanifushi (sister hotel to Ozen) and then another two clients to Komandoo Island Resort. All in agreement that we LOVED the Maldives!

Atmosphere Kanifushi is located north of Male and takes approximately 30 minutes by seaplane from Male International Airport. Kanifushi offers some of the best diving and snorkelling sites in the Maldives and each of the spacious villas offer direct access to the pristine white beach. Board basis here is Platinum Plus All Inclusive.

Likewise Komandoo Island Resort is located in the North Atoll; approximately 40 minutes by seaplane from Male International. This Island is

very much an intimate oasis with an air of rustic charm and boasts one of the most contemporary restaurants in the Maldives, Aqua. Various dining options are available at this hotel (B&B, Half Board, Full Board and All Inclusive).

Ozen is a brand new lifestyle luxury resort and opened it's shores to the world on 15 July 2016. Situated in the South Atoll with a transfer time of approximately 45 minutes by speedboat this resort is very much for the discerning traveler with a uniquely exclusive holiday plan. As soon as you arrive at the jetty you are made to feel extremely welcome and soon relax into the 'easy' island life. The staff shout greetings to you as they zip past on golf buggies. The resort is very family-friendly with a great kids' club offering regular daily activities and movie screenings! Walking over the bridges that link the islands you can see baby black finned sharks, sting rays and multi-coloured fish. Bikes are available for you to take and cycle to island number two, or make your way back to your villa!

We stayed in the lead room category (Earth Villa), which sees the sunrise, but the villas on the opposite side of the island (for the amazing sunsets)

have their own private pools. To be honest we were more than happy with this as each villa has a spacious deck from which you step onto your private strip of beach and the water is literally a stone's throw away! All villas have outdoor bathrooms and I was uncertain whether I would like this, but I LOVED it! Not even sure if we needed a butler either, but I have to say our young man (Marey) was fantastic. We were happy for him to take care of our dinner reservations, but he was on hand 24 hours if required!

The Indulgence dining Plan is fantastic with a great selection of restaurants including the exclusive underwater restaurant M6m, which is without a doubt the jewel in the crown. Open for lunch and dinner, this seafood restaurant showcases beautiful

underwater views whilst you enjoy exceptionally exotic modern seafood cuisine!

The Management and staff work very hard to make this a special place to visit and will leave you with wonderful memories. This is just a tiny section of what Ozen has to offer and if Maldives is on your list then please call in to see me for a chat.

As a total contrast we included two nights stop in Dubai on our return flight home, and chose the new JW Marriott Hotel, which is located in the developing 'canal' district. This was a great hotel, close enough to the Airport and the area is expected to become one of the largest waterfronts and man-made developments in the world! Currently works are ongoing for the Dubai EXPO 2020!

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Petition launched to save Sandy Lane tip

AN online petition has been launched in a bid to secure the future of the Sandy Lane tip at Stockton Heath.

More than 900 people have already signed the petition created by local councillor Judith Wheeler.

She says Warrington Borough Council is considering the provision of waste services throughout the town and Sandy Lane is once again faced with possible closure.

Cllr Wheeler says it is important to secure the future of the recycling facility. Opening hours at Sandy Lane have already been reduced and any closure would mean residents of South Warrington being faced with journeys across the town, to recycle their rubbish.

"This only contributes to Warrington's traffic congestion, something we wish to reduce," she said.

She is urging people to sign petition to urge the Council to keep Sandy Lane open – or provide alternative recycling facilities in South Warrington.

A storm of protest erupted in June 2014 when a proposal was put forward to close Sandy Lane to save an estimated £450,000.

By the September the controlling group were accused of performing a "cheeky u-turn" over any closures while an affordable borough wide strategy could be developed.

A council spokesman said: "Officers are currently reviewing the CRC provision within the borough, the results of which will be presented to a future executive board meeting."

Easter fun at the "Cathedral of the Canals"

HUNDREDS of families made the most of free family fun at Cheshire's Anderton Boat Lift near Northwich including some from the Stockton Heath area.

On offer were free Easter Egg hunts and the opportunity to enjoy decorating a gingerbread man free-of-charge to take home.

Entry to the Anderton Boat Lift's grounds, exhibition and shop is always free, as is access to its new £50,000 play area. Throughout Easter, visitors to the site could also opt to pay and take a boat trip either through the Lift itself or along the River Weaver.

Mollie Matthews (pictured) from Stockton Heath, enjoyed painting Easter bunnies

Graham Wood, duty manager, Anderton Boat Lift, said: "It was great to see so many children and their families enjoy the free Easter Egg

hunt, gingerbread decoration and the play area that has been designed to resemble the giant lift and which was new last year. I particularly like seeing the look of sheer wonder in the eyes of children when they see the giant Lift for the first time – and the look of amazement when they then realise the huge structure is carrying boats. It has been a really happy Easter and we welcome everyone back to enjoy the Lift's on-going activities."

The Anderton Boat Lift is regarded as one of the seven wonders of Britain's waterways and is an engineering masterpiece, being the world's first ever successful boat lift. It is often referred to as the "Cathedral of the Canals". The Lift sits in a spectacular location between the River Weaver and the Trent and Mersey Canal and is an interesting combination of working historic structure and fun, educational experience.



Church wins support from National Lottery

ALL Saints' Church, Thelwall, has received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the "175 in 2018 – conservation, memorials and memories" project.

Made possible by National Lottery players, the project allows finalising the planning of community engagement and urgent conservation work as part of its 175th anniversary celebrations.

The development phase involves detailed preparations for various capital works and plans for a Thelwall Heritage Discovery Weekend on October 13-14 to showcase the project for the wider community.

Planned capital works include repair and renovation of the exterior of the building, conservation of the 1894 Shrigley and Hunt mural, the stained glass windows, and the marble altar steps.

An educational programme

will train church guides and will investigate and record the graveyard and crypts. All information gathered will be widely communicated through our website, www.allsaints.org.uk

The vicar, the Rev Douglas Black said: "We're delighted that we've received this support thanks to National Lottery players. There is so much local history tied up with the church, and this will allow us to spread our enthusiasm for the building through the community, and to conserve it for future generations."

"Although a first round pass does not guarantee we will receive a grant due to competition for reducing funding, it does mean that HLF believe that our project has potential to deliver high-quality outcomes and value for Lottery money."

On October 13, anniversary celebrations will focus on Thelwall's social history with the help of neighbouring local history groups

and the Archives and Local Studies Service. In the Parish Hall and in the Church will be displays, talks and taster sessions for families and people of all ages and interests - family history, social history and natural

history.

The Heritage Discovery Weekend will include a special service on October 14 to mark the 175th anniversary of the first phase of the present church building.



CCTV cameras at children's zoo

CCTV cameras are to be installed at the children's zoo at Walton Hall Gardens – to deter vandals.

The borough council's development management committee has approved proposals to fit two cameras on the gable end of the zoo's toilet building.

They will form part of a wider CCTV network coverage the estate.

Councillors were told a need had arisen to improve coverage due to vandalism and damage to buildings over a couple of years

"In an attempt to reduce the amount of damage, CCTV cameras have already been introduced in the area of the hall and the café courtyard." a report to the committee stated.



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Chance to pick up a bargain



MONTHLY plant sales have started again at Walton Lea Partnership on the first Sunday of each month offering the opportunity for local gardeners to pick up a bargain.

The local charity which supports adults with disabilities, sells locally grown plants and produce.

There is also a shop supplying

recycled furniture and various other gifts and crafts for the home and garden and a cafe serving tea, coffee and cakes.

Based in the old Victorian Walled Garden which used to be part of the Walton hall estate the charity is always on the lookout for volunteers be it corporate groups or individuals.

They are open seven days a week



10.00am til 4.00pm and volunteers are welcome to come for a few hours, full days or even a week.

Site manager Julie Groom said: "Our plant sales are very popular and offer great value. It is a real opportunity to pick up some bargains."

Meanwhile the charity is always on the look out for volunteers

Julie added: "We have got lots

of fantastic volunteers but we can always do with more. Anyone with any amount of spare time who would like to turn their hand at any of these activities to help our charity to continue with our vital work would be very much appreciated."

Any one interested in volunteering should call 01925 860143

Community gets involved in preparing for cricket

MEMBERS of Appleton Cricket Club were joined by members of the local community at a special event to prepare their Lyons Lane ground for the new cricket season.

Appleton has been selected as one of just three "showcase" clubs across the country which epitomise the spirit of NatWest Cricketforce.

England and Yorkshire bowler Liam Plunkett turned up to help volunteers, along with staff from sponsors NatWest to work on the ground.

Over a weekend, an estimated £20,000 worth of volunteer time was given to help improve the ground as a place to play and watch cricket.

Club chairman Antony Hurst commented: "The time and effort of our volunteers this weekend has transformed the club. We're well on the way to completing a new patio area for spectators and we've installed new fencing around most of the playing area."

"We're grateful to all those who came to help out. The weekend has helped cement our reputation as Warrington's friendliest cricket club."

Appleton CC is always on the lookout for new players of all abilities. Visit appletoncheshire.play-cricket.com for more details.





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Money Column

By Margaret Black

Trivial benefits

You can only very rarely look at the tax system and admire its generosity towards payments to employees. Whenever possible, therefore, where this is possible then consideration should at least be given to taking advantage, however small that advantage may be. One exemption which is frequently overlooked is the exemption from income tax and National Insurance of "trivial benefits".



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

A trivial benefit is one which costs the employer less than £50 to provide. Whilst this may at first seem to be too trivial to bother with, this may change when it becomes apparent that this is not per employee but per benefit. For example, providing a Christmas Gift costing £45, a Birthday Gift costing £45, a Birthday Gift to the employee's partner of £45, and a further gift of £45 on the birth of a child, adds up to a total of £180. However, as each is below £50 then they are all exempt from tax. This is equivalent to providing a gross salary of about £265 at an after-tax cost to the employer of about £145.

There are a number of conditions that must be met for the exemption to apply:

1. The benefit must not be cash or a cash voucher. In other words, the voucher must be exchangeable for cash.
2. The cost of the benefit must not exceed £50. If it does then the whole of the benefit is taxable and not just the excess above £50.
3. There must not be a contractual obligation to provide the benefit, nor must it be part of a relevant salary sacrifice arrangement. Care must be taken not to create an implied contractual obligation, for instance by providing a trivial benefit on a recurring basis. Normally, it seems unlikely that Christmas and Birthday gifts would be challenged.
4. The benefit must not be provided for particular employment services performed by an employee as part of their duties, nor in anticipation thereof. Benefits may be challenged under this provision if they are provided on a regular or frequent basis, or the benefits in total are overly generous.
5. The costs of the benefits to any director or office holder, including any benefit provided to their family members who are not, themselves, employees must not exceed £300 per annum. If the total cost of benefits exceeds £300 then the total cost of the benefit that takes the total above £300 becomes taxable, as does any further benefits provided in that year. For instance, an employer provides trivial benefits to a director and their family members totalling £260 and then provides a further benefit costing £49 taking the total cost to £309. As that takes the total above £300 then the whole cost of £49 is taxable, not just the surplus of £9, as well as any further trivial benefits provided during that tax year.

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Young cyclists win podium places



THREE local cyclists achieved podium positions at the Dolan circuit race series in Victoria Park, Southport.

Lottie Kilroy, age 10, from Dutton, stormed to first in the under-10 girls category, winning all but one of her six races. Sebastian Grindley, age 11 of Stockton Heath, battled throughout against some strong competition, to finish second under-12 boy.

Eleven-year-old Lymm High School student Natasha Hill sealed third under-12 girl in the series after winning the bunch sprint to finish second in her final race.

All three are members of locally-based cycling club North Cheshire Clarion.

Young cyclists from all over the North West and beyond took part in the series including 17 North Cheshire Clarion riders.

A number of other club members just missed out on podium positions. Thirteen-year-old Raphael Tabiner finished fourth under-14 boy, and seven-year-old Frank White and 12-year-old Hannah McClorey were both fifth in the under-8 boys and under-14 girls categories respectively.



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Apple Jacks Adventure Farm - fun for all the family

Review by Editor Gary Skentelbery

IF you are looking for something to do with the children at a weekend or during the school holidays Apple Jacks Adventure farm at Stretton, Warrington provides fun for all the family.

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There are soft ball play pits, go-karts, climbing frames, play areas, archery and even a haunted house to help keep you entertained whatever the weather.

There is also a tractor ride around the farm as well as on site fast food outlet and plenty of areas to enjoy your food.

When we visited the weather was not too clever but it didn't stop the whole family having fun, especially my granddaughter Olivia, who was not quite two at the time of our visit.

She had a great time and was rather reluctant to leave after more than a couple of hours of entertainment.

In fact she has been back for

seconds and spent half a day there and was still reluctant to leave!

It is certainly a place we will be visiting again over the summer.

The go-karts and the soft ball play area with cannons proved a big hit with all the family!





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What's on in the villages

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

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

May 17
GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
and Annual Parish Meeting
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

May 19
LIVE AT ST WILFRID'S
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Every Monday
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

PHILOSOPHY IN PUBS DISCUSSION GROUP
Red Lion pub, Stockton Heath 7-9pm
Contact Bill Cooke cwncooke@gmail.com

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

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Every Wednesday
APPLETON HALL BADMINTON CLUB
April- July at Hall Drive, Appleton. 7.30-10pm.
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Every first Wednesday
WALTON WI
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STOCKTON HEATH PROBUB 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 PROBUB CLUB
Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, 10am. Details: 01925 264427.

Every third Thursday
APPLETON AFTERNOON FLOWER CLUB
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road 2pm
Details: 01925 740419

GRAPPENHALL WI
Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane 2.15pm
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Every Friday
APPLETOTS TODDLER GROUP
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road.
9.45-11.30am. Details: 01925 268153.

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Tennis club are double county champions



HIGH Legh Tennis Club enjoyed unprecedented success in this year's Cheshire Team Tennis Winter Championships.

The Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10 teams all reached their respective finals – and the Under 10 and Under 9

teams ended up champions.

The Under 10 team were up first against a very strong David Lloyd Cheshire Oaks Team. It was a fantastic match which saw the High Legh Team victorious with an 8 – 4 scoreline.

Next up saw High Legh Under 8 at

David Lloyd Cheadle. The match was watched by a large crowd from clubs all over Cheshire and the youngsters from both teams battled it out to finish the match tied on 16 rubbers each. Unfortunately High Legh just lost out on the tie-breaker.

High Legh Under 9 team, again faced the might of a David Lloyd tennis centre, this time the Manchester North Branch. The team played a great game of tennis in a fantastic spirit, which saw the them crowned champions with a 14 – 6 victory.

This success was a rewarding achievement not only for the players but also for their coaching team, led by head of tennis Emma Silcock.

She said: "It is such an unbelievable achievement to make all three age group finals and even more outstanding to win two of them against David Lloyd Tennis Centres.

"What an amazingly talented and committed bunch of juniors we have at High Legh, and this is just the start, as we have so many up and coming young players showing promise. I am so proud of how all our juniors have performed in the county finals – they played with great team spirit, always encouraging each other, and they are getting better and better all the time.

"High Legh is a small club with big ambition, which they proved by triumphing over many large, established clubs on their road to victory.

For more information about tennis at High Legh Tennis Club contact head of tennis Emma Silcock (emmasilcock@mail.com) or call 07985605565.



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