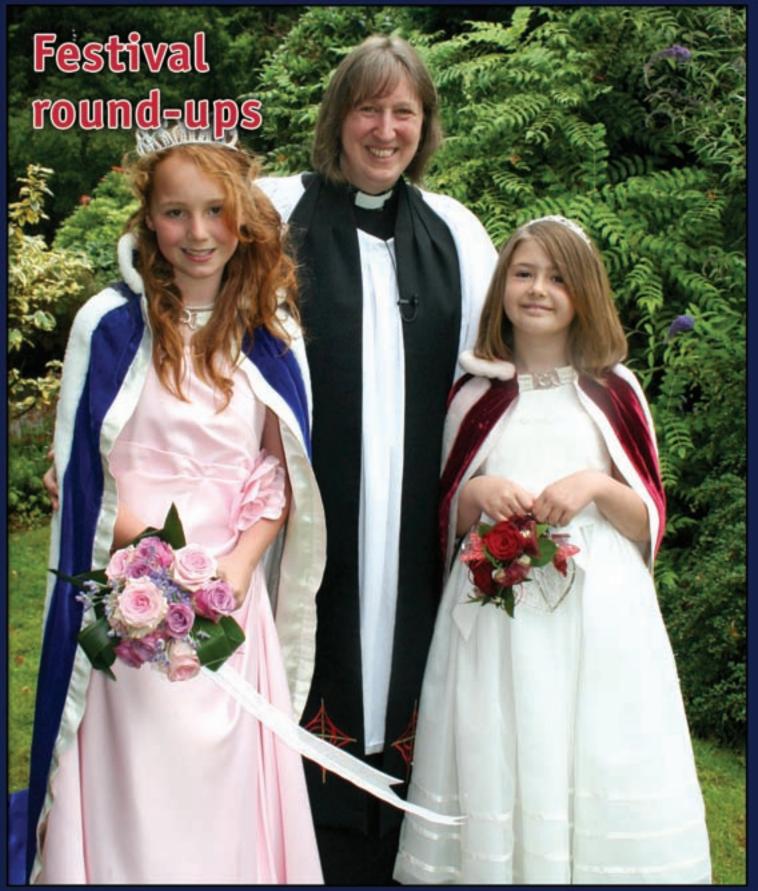
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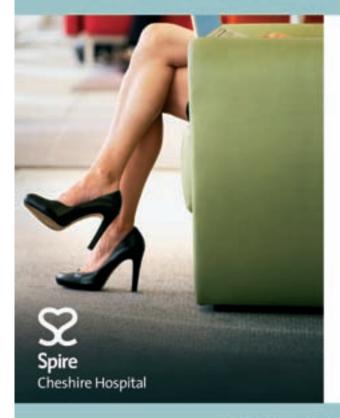
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Opinion

THE fourth annual Stockton Heath Festival, aided for once by glorious weather on the Saturday and Sunday, proved to be the most successful yet. Virtually all the events proved to be complete sell-outs and, although the full amount is not yet known, thousands of pounds were raised for charity.

Yes, the Friday night open air cinema was, as usual, subject to a downpour, but the capacity audience simply put up their brollies and stuck it out to the end. It seems the novelty of open air cinema is such that it is even better when it rains!

Festival founder, local parish councillor Tudor Pole said, four years ago, that when the festival had reached its fifth year he would be satisfied that it had established itself as a regular event on the local calendar. In fact, we think it has achieved that status already.

There is talk of extending it next year to take in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and also of perhaps moving the date forward so that it does not coincide with the traditional Stockton Heath Walking Day.

Organisers have made no decision yet and we hope they will think very carefully before making any changes to what is truly a winning formula. The date was originally deliberately chosen to take in Walking Day which, at that time appeared to be in decline, and there is no doubt the two events now complement each other.

The festival attracts people from a wide area so care would have to be taken to avoid clashing with other events.

So while we have no hesitation on congratulating the organisers on another great festival we would also like to urge caution. If it ain't broke, why fix it?

THE Legh Road Conservation Area, at Knutsford, is best known for the road after which it is named - for generations an address to aspire for if you live in Cheshire and have been successful in life.

But if the area is characterised by large, detached Italianate dwellings standing in extensive grounds, it also hides a secret of equal importance when it comes to conservation - Sanctuary Moor.

This expanse of wetland lies between Legh Road, Toft Road and Grove Park and has remained largely unchanged for years, partly because it is in private ownership and partly

because of its inaccessibility.
Unchanged, that is, except for getting wetter.
Rising water levels have killed trees, damaged wildlife habitats and threatened flooding of nearby gardens.

But it is good to be able to record that volunteers from the Sanctuary Moor Residents Association - formed only last year - the Cheshire Wildlife Trust and Macclesfield Conservation Volunteers have got together to do something about it.

They have started work on a conservation project which appears to be restoring the Grade A Site of Biological Interest to its former glory.

Water levels are falling and vegetation starting to recover. Grassland has dried sufficiently to allow the introduction of hardy, Dexter cattle.

It is, of course, early days but the signs are that thanks to these volunteers, this almost unknown gem will remain a sanctuary for wildlife.

School leavers celebrate with Prom

MORE than 300 pupils from Bridgewater High School, Appleton, Warrington, dressed to thrill for their school leavers Prom event.

Five coach loads of pupils set off from the school for an evening of fun at Rivington Hall as they bid their fond farewells. Some of the pupils will be returning to Appleton College, while others will be leaving for pastures new. To mark the occasion pupils were presented with a special School Year Book reflecting on their time at the school.

A group of friends from Year 11 are pictured prior to departure.



GRAPPENHALL WALKING DAY Lucy's crowning glory

For more pictures from the event visit www.village-life.co.uk

TWELVE-year-old Lucy Glover was crowned St. Wilfrids Rose Queen 2011 at the annual Grappenhall Walking Day.

She was crowned following a walk of witness through the village by members of St Wilfrid's Church and local community groups.

Hundreds lined the cobbled streets to watch the walk followed by various activities on the school playing fields.







■ St Wilfrid's Rose Queen 2011 & Attendants





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Staff celebrate awards

STAFF from Johnsons Hairdressers celebrated their annual awards with a slap up meal at Dukes 92 in Manchester.

The awards are presented in recognition of the hard work and commitment by staff throughout the year at Johnsons salons in Stockton Heath and Warrington town centre.

At the event awards are presented to those individuals who have demonstrated a great attitude to work!

This year's winners were:
Julie Receptionist of the Year at

Sankey Street salon

Receptionist of the Year at Sarah Stockton Heath

Shelly Stylist of the Year - Sankey Street salon
Sarah Stylist of the Year Stockton Heath salon
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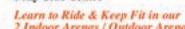
■ Employee of the year Danielle (left) with Sankey Street Stylist of the Year Shelly (seated) and Sankey Street Receptionist of the Year Julie.



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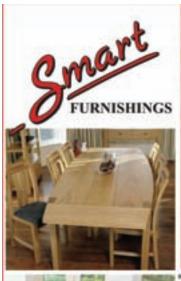
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Emma's busy time pays dividends

IT'S been a busy time for 25-yearold Emma Slattery since she decided to go self-employed last October.

She's written a book, researched and made her own skincare products and started doing beauty treatments from home. All while caring for son Oliver, aged three.

The former Bridgewater High School pupil, who lives at Appleton, is set to open her own salon in Whitesands Road, Lymm under the name EmmaElizabeth beauticians.

She has also arranged to supply EmmaElizabeth products to shops across Cheshire including Stockton Heath and Knutsford.

Emma decided to go self-employed because it would fit in with caring for Oliver.

At first she made skincare products simply for her own use, then for her Mum and Aunt.

She said: "They loved the creams so much I started using them on my clients and they loved them too - and started buying them off me.

"Word spread and business grew. I now have quite a group of ladies who use my products and buy them for their daughters and granddaughters."

their daughters and granddaughters."
Emma studied beauty at Warrington
Collegiate and when she launched her
96-page book, "Beauty - the True
Story" in Manchester, her proud tutors
Trish Clarke and Alison Bailey, were
there.

Glamour model Hannah Massey who uses Emma's skin care products herself – has given the lavishly illustrated book a rave review.

Emma's products use 100 per cent natural oils and plant extracts and are all handmade. The treatments she offers include pedicure, waxing, tinting, manicure, eyelash perm, botox, fillers, semi-permanent makeup, teeth whitening, nails, Hollywood lashes and spray tan.

More details are available at www.beautybyemmaelizabeth.vp





STOCKTON Heath's MC2 Hair Design have faced down competition from across the UK to be recognised as having some of the best young stylists in the country.

The team includes Danielle Brookes who won the Young Total Beauty Award and Tom Price who was accepted into Creactiv UK, a UK wide exclusive team of stylists.

They join a roll of honour that includes Vickie Gourley winning the La Biosthetique UK Hair & Beauty Awards in 2009 and Stacey Mills who was Runner up in 2010. Meanwhile back in Warrington, young assistant Poppy Bridge has also been wowing the crowds with her stunning voice, winning Warrington's Got Talent at Chicago Rock.

All are overseen by proud Salon Manager Melissa Jacks, a member of the La Biosthetique UK Artistic Team.

Salon owner Martin Coleman speaks about their achievement, "People think that winning these awards makes us exclusive, but the whole reason we push ourselves is to simply improve and give our Warrington clients the very best in hair design and service.





Marrakech

You can visit here with direct flights from Manchester and either have a single centre or a twin centre holiday.

Marrakech is situated at the foot of the Atlas Mountains. Twin centre Marrakech with a beach holiday in Essaouria or Oualidia, alternatively you can stay in the mountains ie Kasbah Tamadot - Richard Branson's hotel. Clients who recently visited on their honeymoon ended up having dinner with Richard Branson's mother! So you never know who you might meet when you are away!

If you fancy an authentic hotel try a Riad which is a traditional house built around a courtyard and usually located in the medina, which is the old part of the town. Riad's are more like a traditional guest house and guests are encouraged to sit in the courtyard after the evening meal and relax.

Look no further for a perfect honeymoon destination, as you have so much choice to mix and match beach, city or mountains. Hotels offer spa treatments, cookery lessons, turkish evenings, golf, watersports, hiking, trekking, quad biking etc

Tours are very popular ie doing Imperial Cities Private Tour, Dunes & Kasbahs Private Tour, Medinas of Morocco - which is a small group tour or take a horse drawn carriage to explore the city. Shopping is a must, don't leave without a visit to the souks which are situated in the old

medina, selling carpets, pottery, copperware, leather, wools, silks, Moroccan slippers etc, The famous square Djemaa el Fna is well worth a visit particularly at night where it is filled with stalls, street vendors, snake charmers, dancers and fortune tellers. For more relaxing time take a trip around the gardens Palmeraie or sit in one of the restaurant terraces overlooking the square and sip mint tea. For more details please ring 01925 269400 or pon in for coffee





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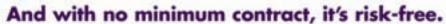












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STOCKTON HEATH WALKING DAY Sunny weather boost for Walking Day

SUNNY weather and an increase in the number of bands helped make Stockton Heath Walking Day a success according to parish council chairman Cllr Celia Jordan.

She told members that the churches others involved in the organisation worked very hard to make the day a success.

But Cllr Graham Roughsedge was concerned about the lack of traffic cones to prevent parking in several areas - including Alexandra Road which he said caused problems.

Cllr Tudor Pole said he had been asked by a "prominent member of the community" why the military were not represented in the procession.

"He thought the military should be represented. I said it is up to the churches," he said.

Cllr Pole and several other members said they felt it was inappropriate for the military to be involved.



■ The team from

Apple Jacks





■ St Thomas' Sunday School Rose Queens Holly Ledwith and Charlotte Wright and attendants



■ 1st Stockton Heath Rainbows and Brownies



■ Parish Council Chairman Celia Jordan and members of the council and guests



■ Bethesda Chapel and one determined walker!



Thelwall's Got Talent

TALENTED youngsters from Thelwall Junior School took part in the grand final of 'Thelwall's Got Talent' at Warrington Parr Hall in front of over 500 spectators!

There were 14 final acts that included singers, cheerleaders, a 'yo yo ist', a guitarist, a beatboxer, gymnasts and dancers! The evening was hosted by teacher Jamie Vermiglio who described the event as the biggest and best yet!

The show was opened by last year's winner - Thomas Gleave who won with a very entertaining comedy act! In a memorable evening each act was welcomed to the stage after the audience was treated to a video of them rehearsing and getting ready for the main event. Each act then performed to the best of their abilities and then listened to comments from the judges who were Sharon Osborne (Mrs Morgan), Piers Morgan (Mr Weston) and the Hoff (Mr Goulder). At the end of all of the performances the audience were able to vote for their favourite acts!

In between the acts the audience were treated to special quest performances from Thelwall Infant School and the Thelwall Junior School teachers!

When all of the voting was done the results were as follows - 3rd place -Francesca Caine (dance), 2nd place - August Gondek (dance) and 1st place was Jessica Burrill (dance). The winner (pictured left) received a video of her whole performance!

The whole event was a huge success and will be one of the most memorable experiences of the school year. Headteacher Mrs Robinson commented: "It was a fabulous opportunity for our amazing children to showcase their talents. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful children with so many amazing talents. They have all done themselves and their families proud by performing in front of

STRETTON WALKING DAY

Wet weather brings curtain down

WET weather didn't deter people from taking part in the annual Stretton Walking Day which brought the curtain down on walking day season in Warrington.

Ten-year-old Sophie Leigh (pictured right) from St Matthew's Primary School was crowned Rose Queen taking over from 11-year-old Eleanor Harrold during the special ceremony at St Matthew's Church. Following the walk a fete took place on St Matthew's Church school playing fields.



■ New queen Sophie Leigh and attendants



■ Retiring queen and attendants



Elaine ChegwinHall and the queens



Retiring queen Eleanor Harrold and new aueen Sonhie Leigh



■ Retiring queen Eleano Harrold



Money Column

One for the ladies - The real cost of childcare

As a firm of accountants we are asked for advice by clients on many different financial matters which may entail a certain amount of research to ensure we give the best advice.

One of the most recent research items

One of the most recent research items addressed the economics of childcare which asked women the question "can you afford to go back to work?"

Around two thirds of women go back to work after having a baby and they will do this for all sorts of different reasons. For most it is due to the matter of finances they can't afford not to. However, as a result of increased costs of professional childcare it is maybe time that we turned that question around - i.e. not can you afford to stay at home but can you afford

whatever childcare you do choose, will cost you a sizeable part of your salary. According findings of the Daycare Trust, the average annual cost for 25 hours per work of pursons or a child under 2 is week of nursery care for a child under 2 is around £5,028 for parents in England, £5,178 in Scotland and £4,723 in Wales. A registered childminder will cost an average of £4,670 in England, £4,664 in Scotland and £4,687 in

A nanny can cost anything from £250 to £500 per week and, as their employer, you will also be responsible for deducting and paying over to HMRC their tax and National Insurance.

If you are committed to returning to work, it is worth searching for ways you may be able to reduce the costs of your childcare. Initially, why not approach your childcare. Initially, why not approach your employer they may possibly offer support with childcare costs, certain schemes allow them cost savings too. You may ask them for flexible working, if you and/or your partner could spend some time working from home, you might be able to cut the amount of childcare you need. You could maybe seek to share a nanny or a coir with other parents living poortry, or pair with other parents living nearby, or ask if a friend or relative could help out for one or two days per week. Look to ensure that you are getting any tax credits that you're entitled to : find out at you're entitled to : www.hmrc.gov.uk.

Illustration of above:

You need two wages coming in to pay the bills. But just how much will you need to earn to cover your childcare costs – and still make it worth your while to

On the national average full-time wage



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

of £25,948, you'll be taking home £19,828. Pay £5,028 for 25 hours nursery care and, assuming you are doing a 40 hour week, you'll be taking home £7.11 an hour. And of course, you'll still need to find childcare for the remaining 15 hours. Find a shared childminder, at around £3 per hour, and you are looking at another £45 per week or over £2,000 per year. Now you're taking home £6 an hour. That's still well worth bringing in, but is obviously considerably less than that which a childless worker would take home which a childless worker would take home

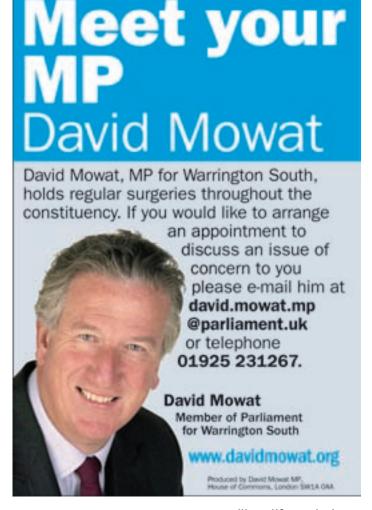
on the same salary.

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Sold out before it's available!

THE days of being able to walk into a car showroom and buy a new car of a particular model and colour without having to wait some considerable time for delivery appear to have gone.

Even so, the news that the first year's output of the Evoque - the new baby Range Rover - had sold out before the first one rolled off the Halewood production lines, is pretty startling.

Apparently, some 18,000 orders had already been placed for the stylish new SŬV.

Land Rover have invested £2 billion in the vehicle and 1,500 new workers have been taken on to build it so the Evoque has provided a major boost to the economy.

Prices start at £27,995 for the twowheel drive version, with a diesel engine and a manual gearbox which

delivers more than 50mpg.

But there are five engine transmission combinations available, three trim levels and two body styles - 5-door and coupe.

A top of the range model will cost £44,320.

Who got the first one? Well it was a white, five-door model with Dynamic trim and it went to the Heritage Motor Museum at Gaydon, in Warwickshire.

The Evoque is expected to appear in showrooms in September but wouldbe purchasers can expect to join a



Fuel sales plummet

FILLING stations sold one billion litres less petrol and diesel in the first three months of this year compared to the same period in pre-credit crunch 2008, according to the AA.

Milder weather, including the ninth warmest February on record, means that snow disruption was barely a factor so soaring prices at the pumps and elsewhere get the blame.

Retail sales of petrol from January to March were 835.654 million litres lower than during the same period in 2008. For diesel, retail sales dropped

by 246.994 million litres over the same period.

This 15.2 per cent collapse in petrol sales and 6.0 per cent fall in diesel sales is largely explained by record prices which saw petrol rise 7.94p a litre and diesel 10.51p during the first three months.

Comparing this year to last, UK petrol retail sales from January to March this year were down 3.7 per cent on the same period last year. Diesel sales on forecourts were up 0.5 per cent. The AA say motorists cut

back on car use and other spending to compensate for the higher fuel costs.

For the Government, the fall in fuel sales has deprived the Treasury of £637.8 million in tax.

Supermarkets appear to have suffered less than non-supermarket rivals. Government figures show that, year on year, supermarket petrol sales March this year while their competitors lost 5.3 per cent.
Petrol and diesel prices continued to set new records up until the second

week of May, adding a further 4.3p a litre of petrol and 3.3p to diesel.

But oil prices have been falling, so

the next quarter's figures should be interesting.

AA president Edmund King said: "The full impact of higher VAT, unbridled stock market speculation and a weaker pound on fuel prices and drivers' ability to afford them have been laid bare.

"The first three months of this year saw the equivalent of 13.5 days of UK petrol sales wiped out - good for the environment but appalling for families, business, rural communities and the Treasury."

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September 10-11 HIGH LEGH TRANSPORT FESTIVAL High Legh Garden Centre. Classic cars, etc. In aid of North West Air Ambulance.

Every Monday THE EVERGREENS Senior Citizen's Club Bellhouse Community Centre, Grappenhall. Details: 01925 261381

ST MARY MAGDALENE MONDAY CLUB St Mary Magdalene Church, Appleton 1.30pm

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

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

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 STOCKTON HEATH FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY St Mary Magdalene's Church, Dingle Way, Appleton. 8pm. Contact: Linda Pearson 01925 602803.

Every fourth Monday MARLFIELD WI Independent Methodist Chapel, Knutsford 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

Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month STOCKTON HEATH & DISTRICT LIONS Ram's Head, Grappenhall.

Every Wednesday

APPLETON HALL BADMINTON CLUB

Starting September at Hall Drive, Appleton. 8-10pm. Details: 01925 262356

Every first Wednesday

Walton WI St John's Church Community Hall. 7.30pm

First and third Wednesday each month NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS Sandy Lane Centre, Stockton Heath. 8pm. Details: 01925 268311

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

Grappenhall Village Sports Club Stockton Lane. 7.30pm. Details 01928 712233

Every second Thursday STRETTON WI

Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road.

Every third Thursday NORTH EAST CHESHIRE FLOWER CLUB Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 2pm Details: 01925 740419

Every Friday APPLETOTS TODDLER GROUP

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

To list your event call Village Life on 01925 623632





Olympic hopeful opens new

fitness suite

LONDON Olympics hopeful, cyclist Dani King, officially opened a new £153,000 fitness suite at Knutsford Leisure Centre.

The former Southampton schoolgirl. who picked up a gold medal in the Great Britain women's pursuit team earlier this year, cut the ribbon and chatted with guests and customers as they experienced the new facility.

The suite has undergone £153,000 refurbishment and has been fitted with all the latest equipment.

It aims to improve access to health and fitness facilities to the whole of the local community including all age groups and abilities. It also aims to attract those who would not normally use a traditional gym.

weekends back

OVEN valeting specialist Paul Clark is

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Paul is the Ovenu franchisee for

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Paul is also reminding local residents of the health and safety

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Cll Rod Menlove, Cheshire East Council's cabinet member environmental services, said: "The new fitness suite is an excellent facility and everyone at the opening was hugely impressed.

Our investment in the new fitness

suite shows our commitment to encouraging as many people as possible to stay fit and healthy across Cheshire East.

Knutsford Mayor Cllr Stewart Gardiner added: "I would encourage people to come and use this facility."



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