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David Mower - MP for Warrington South

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Road safety day

CHILDREN at Appleton Thorn Link Club held a "Beep Beep! Day" to help promote road safety.

The national campaign aims to make roads safer for children and adults on foot and bike. It followed a survey in which eight in 10 children said they wanted slower speeds in their community.

As part of the campaign youngsters

were taught about road safety and traffic awareness via a series of fun activities including making posters and singing road safety songs.

Home extension refused

AN application for permission to build a single storey extension on the side of a semi-detached house in Acton Avenue, Appleton, has been rejected by planning chiefs.

Planners decided the extension would harm the character and appearance of the original dwelling because of its scale and bulk, when added to previous extensions.

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Opinion

PEOPLE living in rural, or semi-rural areas alongside the M56 motorway have long complained about round-the-clock traffic noise - and it would seem those in the Appleton Thorn area are likely to be complaining for some time.

Current Highways Agency policy is that low-noise surfacing is specified as a matter of course on new strategic roads and also on existing roads where there is a need to carry out resurfacing, so one would expect some relief at Appleton Thorn in the not too distant future.

But apparently not. This section of the busy motorway has not been identified as one requiring noise mitigation measures, so in the event of re-surfacing being required it will be carried out using materials just as noisy as the present surface.

Neither is tree planting likely to be considered as, according to Defra, a band of trees has to be at least 10m in depth to reduce traffic noise by any significant amount.

We find this puzzling as we know of locations where a single row of closely planted conifers has reduced both noise and air pollution for nearby residents to a remarkable degree.

Given that low-noise surfacing costs more than ordinary surfacing, we wonder whether it is cost rather than the local environment that is influencing official thinking.

IT is heartening to know that Knutsford Town Council, in agreeing to take over the town's market, has been consulting with the stallholders on how they will work together in the future.

If anyone knows what makes a market prosper, it is the traders who ply their wares there on a regular basis.

The market on Silk Mill Street is already a major attraction which serves not only local people but also those from many

surrounding communities.

But under its former owners - Cheshire East Council and before that the former Macclesfield authority - we feel it has never been allowed to punch its full weight.

The Town Council says it wants to carry out improvements and although almost £250,000 is said to be needed to be spent on the market hall over the next five years, Cheshire East has agreed to fund "necessary repairs" as part of the transfer.

It will be up to the Town Council and the stallholders to make sure they do.

The A556 Lobby Group, which is championing the cause of an alternative to the controversial A556 bypass in the Mere, High Legh, Rostherne and Tabley areas, fears its proposals are being ignored by the Highways Agency.

Agency chiefs, on the other hand, say although their initial assessment of the group's proposals are that it offers poor value for money, they will consider it fully, comparing costs and benefits in detail.

Meanwhile the traffic, for the most part, keeps flowing, bringing into question whether anything needs to be done at all.

Fund-raiser in memory of mum

AN Appleton woman whose mother died tragically from cancer when she was just 52 picked herself up to raise £675 in her memory.

She got work colleagues to join in the fundraising and persuaded shops to donate prizes to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Jane Colbeck, aged 20, manages the Warehouse store in Warrington's Golden Square shopping centre.

She was struggling to cope with the loss of her mum, Susan, who died after an 18-month battle with ovarian and breast cancer - and then hit on the idea of the fundraising day.

Jane said: "The day was fantastic and so much fun. The total was amazing and it means we sold a lot of 40p raffle tickets! Prizes were donated by stores throughout Golden Square Shopping Centre and all the winners are delighted with them.

"I know my mum would be proud of what the team has achieved and we will definitely look to do it again very soon to help raise even more funds for this fantastic cause," she said.

■ Pictured at the fundraising event are (from left) Ellis Roach, Jane Colbeck, Elisha Cieslar and Katherine Lamb from Warehouse.



Record breaking Festive market

A RECORD number of people attended the Stockton Heath Festival Christmas Market in The Forge Shopping Centre.

There were a variety of stalls selling Christmas themed crafts, gifts and delicious foods.

Warrington choir Wired for Sound and the children and teachers of Stockton Heath Sixpence Voice Studio performed. Mulled wine and mince pies were also on offer to add to the festive atmosphere.

Behind the Red Lion Mother Christmas and her helpers welcomed children to a magical area with a nativity scene, where they enjoyed stories and singing. Santa also made a special visit to the village.

Deborah Cook, joint co-ordinating director, said: "We had specifically gone for a Christmas theme with something for all the family. Many of the shops were open, the village was really buzzing and we were complimented on the lovely atmosphere in the market areas."

Money raised will go towards Stockton Heath Festival next year which will be from June 20 to 23. Other



charities to receive funds from the day are Walton Lea Project, Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden, Rotary Club of Warrington and Blooming Boteler the Friends of Sir Thomas Boteler C of E High School.



Homes plan would be 'cruel' to badgers

A DEVELOPMENT of nine new homes in an idyllic canal-side location has been blocked - because of its likely impact on a badger family.

Planning chiefs have thrown out the scheme, put forward by architects Randle White Ltd, for land off Birchdale

Road, Appleton, adjoining the Bridgewater Canal.

Objections were received from 22 nearby residents, Appleton Parish Council, Stockton Heath Parish Council and from Stockton Heath Allotments Association on highway safety grounds,

loss of privacy, drainage problems and over-development of the site.

But it was objections from the borough council's natural environment officer and the Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group that carried most weight with the planners.

They decided that despite the applicants introducing a badger corridor, with five badger gates, around the perimeter of the site, the development would result in the loss of badger foraging grounds.

Planners were told it was believed badgers had lived on the site - currently occupied by two detached bungalows - for many years. There was evidence of at least one sett, and of badgers feeding on the lawns.

The natural environment officer stated: "It is important to know that destruction of a badger's foraging territory, the interruption of their paths to such territory or to water sources might be classed as cruel, ill-treatment."

He added that fruit trees on the site, a large expanse of lawns provided good foraging ground for badgers while two ponds provided a water supply. There was also evidence of a mammal track and latrine.

"Badgers are creatures of habit. They tend to use the same pathways to foraging areas and will continue to try to do so despite any obstacles that are places in their way. New fences may be broken down and new roads crossed despite any difficulty or danger presented."

The proposed development would be likely to cause "badger issues" as the animals tried to continue to use long established routes.

"Forcing badgers into close proximity with humans would lead to increased reports of nuisance and damage to gardens and other property."



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Memorial to Queen's Jubilee year

KNUTSFORD is permanent reminder of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Year has been officially unveiled.

Cheshire's Lord Lieutenant, David Briggs, cut the tape to 'open' the arch on the path leading to Knutsford Library, in Toft Road, accompanied by the Mayor, Cllr Vivien Davies and other members of the Town Council.

The arch, designed by Pickmere artist Christine Wilcox-Baker and made by Dave

Broadbent at his forge in Mobberley, has six diamonds and six pennants to mark each decade of the Queen's reign.

It also has two horses to reflect the fact that Knutsford once had a racecourse on The Heath and that the annual "Royal" May Day procession is always led by a horse.

The archway was funded with grants from Manchester Airport and the Crown Estate.

Scouts search for their history

A VILLAGE scout group is seeking help from the public to piece together its long and complex history.

The 21st Warrington (1st Appleton) Scout Group can trace its origins to 1934 - when it was actually registered as the 22nd Warrington (1st Appleton) group, based in Chapel Lane, Appleton.

But it seems there was, at some time, another 22nd Warrington group, based at nearby Stretton - although in the early 1940s scouting activity in the area lapsed.

When the group was re-registered it became the 21st because there was, by this time, another 22nd group at Hollins Green and the original 21st was not active.

Press cuttings exist from around this time, but the group would like to hear from any local who can help fill in the gaps in its history.

The group currently has 150 active youth members - boys and girls - with a waiting list of around 25.

Anyone who can help build the group's history should email tony_jeffries@hotmail.co.uk



■ Theatre company members get the "auction" under way.

Town 'sold by auction'

SOME of the most desirable parts of Knutsford - including Tatton Park - were "sold" at a spoof auction in the town.

The event, organised by Oxfam, was filmed to highlight the practice of land grabs in various parts of the world. Members of Knutsford Musical Theatre Company helped get the event under way, playing the parts of bidders who were invited by local auctioneer Nick Hall to bid for various buildings, businesses, offices, etc.

Oxfam's Serena Tramonti said: "Across Africa and beyond, big land deals are taking people's homes, jobs and food. Unlawful land deals must be stopped and this tongue-in-cheek auction was designed to make people think about it.

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Photographer living life

AWARD winning wildlife photographer Lesley Wood waded through thigh-high mud to reach the ideal spot on a windswept Camargue beach in the South of France to capture some close-up shots of the of wild horses that would soon be galloping towards her.

As the herd closed in she turned to focus her camera on the lead stallion then lost her balance and fell backwards into the saltmarsh.

Dozens of fully grown Camargue horses were now bearing down on her position and the Stretton mum of two had no option but to crouch down while burying her head in her hands.

"Thankfully these beautiful, powerful horses galloped around me leaving me shaken but unhurt," recalled Lesley.

"Unfortunately, my two £5,000 cameras ended up submerged in a muddy pool of water but I was safe.

"At the height of the incident, I was too busy trying to do my job to be terrified. It was dangerous but exhilarating. Happily I got some great shots of the horses charging across the beach towards me!" added Lesley, whose up-close and personal style of wildlife photography has provided her with a series of potentially life-or-death encounters around the world.

The one-time research biologist who swapped a life in a laboratory for the role of roving wildlife photographer has been charged by a bull elephant in Botswana, attacked by an angry male seal in the Galapagos Islands and had to fight off the attentions of an 'army' of sharp-jawed Leaf Cutter ants in the Amazonian rainforest.

"It's true that I've had one or two other frightening experiences on my photographic expeditions to different parts of the world," added Lesley who had a long and successful career as research boffin before being 'smitten' by the photography 'bug.'

"But getting the right photograph at the right time is what it's all about," added Lesley who discovered her talent for animal and wildlife photography not long after starting her own photography business from home.

"I started out doing weddings, portraits and family shots but quickly discovered people also wanted memorable photographs of their dearly beloved pets. Then I won a prestigious national photographic award for a line-up of adorable Cavalier King Charles pups and it wasn't long before other pet commissions came flooding in.

"I dropped the wedding photography and concentrated on people and their pets, mostly

involving dogs. My shots managed to capture the bond between owners and their beloved pets. Soon people were asking me to photograph their horses - now equine photography, away from the show ring and out on location, is a hugely important part of my business."

Lesley's interest in animal photography grew so much so that she decided she would like to capture images of animals in the wild. And that led to her embarking on a series of photographic safaris around the globe.

"I've had some amazing trips including expeditions to Kenya, Botswana and South America and came away with a variety of stunning images, some of which adorn the walls of homes and offices across the UK and overseas.

"Yes, some of the situations I have been in were demanding and potentially dangerous. However, people do seem to like the realism and honesty of my work. That is why I am determined to continue with my photographic safaris."

Those safaris are also important to Lesley's growing army of fans because they are the source of the raft of wildlife photographs that they queue-up to buy. The images she produces end up on the walls of homes across the UK and further afield.

"I'm also determined to carry on with my overseas work to record the images of stunningly beautiful animals, a growing number of which are now endangered species," added Lesley. "As well as producing memorable photographs, I want to help make people aware of the threat to the world's wildlife.

"That's why a portion of the proceeds from the sale of my 2013 Calendar is going to the 'Elephants for Africa' appeal.

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Life on the wild side!



College boy is now a finance director

A FORMER Stockton Heath schoolboy has been appointed director of finance at the world's first children's hospice.

Richard Quayle, now 36, was a pupil at Bridgewater High School and Priestley College before going on to study at the University of Central Lancashire and John Moores University, Liverpool.

He is now working at Helen & Douglas House, which cares for children and young adults with life-shortening conditions and offers support to their families in Oxfordshire and surrounding counties.

He said: "Priestley College was a stepping stone for me because it put me on the finance and business path.

"I got six GCSEs all at C and didn't know what I wanted to do, but hopefully my story shows what you can achieve if you continue to work hard after school.

"I also received some very valuable careers advice at college that helped me to make the right decisions and that is why I am where I am today."

Richard, whose family still live in Stockton Heath, studied a BTEC in Business and Finance at Priestley and went on to work for the Audit Commission.

The hospice offers specialist symptom and pain management, medically-supported short breaks and end-of-life care, as well as counselling and practical support for the whole family.

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Helen House was the world's first children's hospice founded in 1982 by Sister Frances Dominica.

Douglas House opened in 2004 as the world's first hospice specifically for young adults aged 16 to 35.

Richard said: "We are a close-knit family here, but I have to try and balance that with running the hospice as a business."



Advertiser's announcement

New Year, New You!

by Paul Mason

AS another year draws to a close and the festive season fills you with the joy of spending time with friends and family enjoying life to the fullest, in the back of your mind is the thought of another 10lbs added to your already full figure or beer belly.

Ladies ... has it been another year of putting everyone else first, running the kids here, there and everywhere and doing this with a smile on your face? But at what expense? Neglecting yourself physically and emotionally as the pounds creep on? You continue to put on a brave face and laugh and joke about a new year's resolution but inside feeling low and unappreciated?

Gents.....have you put yet another hole in your belt? Starting to bend over to see your toes? Dream of getting those elusive abs out next year? In reality, working so hard that you never see your wife or kids and when you do you're too tired or grumpy to play with them.

I want you to be brutally honest for a second and answer the question below:

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- Struggling to achieve fat loss in stubborn areas such as your bum, hips and thighs

- Seeing your slim and desirable clothes hanging in your wardrobe collecting dust
- Trying every diet and getting NOWHERE with it
- Feeling lifeless in the mornings and sleepy in the afternoon
- Wasting money on supplements, gyms, and classes

- only to be let down
- Food cravings that last until your 'WILL POWER' finally gives in to temptation
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Money Column

By Margaret Black

Getting your business ready for PAYE Real Time Information (RTI)

HMRC believes that the current PAYE system is inadequate and antiquated as work and pay practices are different from when the system was first introduced in 1944.

From April 2013 there will be a new way to report PAYE information in Real Time Information. PAYE will not change, just the way, and how often, you send PAYE details to HMRC. Instead of sending all PAYE details in one go, at the end of the tax year, from April employers (or your 'accountant', 'bookkeeper' or payroll bureau') will have to:

- send details every time a payment is made, at the time it is made
- use RTI enabled payroll software to send the details electronically as part of your routine payroll process.

This will be a legal requirement from April 2013 unless HMRC gives notice of a different date between now and then. Watch this space! The Inland Revenue maintain that they are introducing this new system for two important reasons:

1. It will improve the operation of PAYE for employers, HMRC and employees.
2. It will also provide accurate records on wages and tax for the forthcoming

Universal Credit, so eligible employees will get the right amount of benefit.

Getting ready for this change: STAGE 1. Do you run your own Payroll System? If YES - Do you use payroll software to calculate and submit your employees' PAYE information?

If NO Your PAYE information will need to be sent to HMRC on line - every time a payment is made - using PAYE RTI enabled software. You can do this using commercial payroll software, or You use a payroll service provider, such as an accountant or a payroll bureau, who will do it for you, or If you have 9 or fewer employees you can use some of the free payroll packages available, including HMRC's Basic PAYE Tools

If YES You will need to update your payroll software to an RTI-enabled package. You need to check your software providers website to find out when your current package will be updated. If you use the HMRC's Basic PAYE Tools, this will be updated for RTI in February 2013. If you want to access more details - go to hmc.gov.uk/rti Now go to STAGE 2

OR If at STAGE 1 your answer is NO -



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

If you use someone outside your business to run your payroll, such as a payroll bureau, accountant or bookkeeper, talk to them now about the service they will provide for you in future, and ask what you need to do to get ready for RTI. Now go to STAGE 2

To get ready for RTI you will need up-to-date details of ALL your employees - including temporary and casual workers and employees paid below the National Insurance Lower Earnings Limit.

Please note that these ideas are intended to inform rather than advise and you should always obtain professional advice before taking any action.

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What's On in the Villages

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

January 15
APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 7.30pm

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

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

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
NATIONAL VEGETABLE SOCIETY
Cheshire District meeting
Grappenhall Ex-Servicemen's Club, Chester
Road, Grappenhall.
8pm. Details: 01925 265773.

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 Decemberat Hall Drive, Appleton.
7.30-10pm.
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

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
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BRIDGE CLUB
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Stockton Lane. 7.30pm. Details 01928 712233

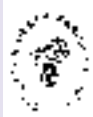
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STRETTON WI
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road.
2.30pm.

Every third Thursday
NORTH EAST CHESHIRE FLOWER CLUB
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 2pm
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GRAPPENHALL WI
Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane
2.15pm

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

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Goflers reach national finals



■ The High Legh teams.

MEN'S and Women's teams from High Legh Park Golf Club reached the final of the National Golf Club Challenge, in support of Help for Heroes.

Sixty finalists battled the elements over two days at the historic Ailsa course at Turnberry, in Scotland. The men's team consisted of Adam Fletcher, Kwai Yu, Ken Lawton, Dave Geary, Dave Wakerley, Chris Wright, Martin Berry, Matt Olley, Ross Starkey and Simon Dixon. The women's team was made up of Elizabeth Jackman, Christine McEwan, Vicky Gent, Christine Murphy and Anne Robinson. Both teams were placed third and Ross Starkey was also placed third in the individual Stableford competition.

Planners to study restaurant scheme

PLANNING chiefs are to visit the former Ethel Austin shop in London Road, Stockton Heath before reaching a decision on an application for permission to change it to a restaurant.

Stockton Heath Parish Council has lodged an objection to the proposal on a variety of grounds, including the damage the change of use would cause to the day time economy of the

village. They also believe the amenity of nearby properties could be harmed through noise disturbance and smells and the possibility of highway obstruction caused by vehicles parking in London Road. Planning officers are recommending approval and say the loss of a single retail shop would cause no harm to the vitality of the village centre.

Dance school's fundraiser

A FUNDRAISING evening by Appleton Thorn School of Dance raised £200 for Cheshire's Deafness Support Network (DSN).

The school held a fundraiser at its annual "That's Entertainment" performances at the Brindley Theatre, Runcorn.

Children of all ages took part, and a series of raffles were held. Money raised will help pay for pantomime tickets to take young deaf children from across Cheshire to see a BSL signed performance of Arabian Nights.

Gill Reeder, DSN's operations executive, said: "We are extremely grateful for everyone's efforts and we are looking forward to more partnership fundraising opportunities with the dance school."

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