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Opinion

IT is now three months ago since we raised concerns in this column about the proposals for a theme park within Tatton Park.

Tatton, we suggested, already attracts 800,000 visitors a year - surely enough, bearing in mind the traffic congestion which major events in the park already cause. Now we learn the Norfolk-based company which wishes

to develop the "adventure playground" in the park hope to attract an additional 300,000 visitors a year - some 1,500 to 5,000-a-day.

No wonder opposition is growing to the plan.

STAG, the Save Tatton Action Group - www.savetatton park.co.uk - has taken up the cudgels on behalf of people living in Knutsford and Mobberley and have already persuaded Cheshire East Council to extend the deadline for objections from May 17 to June 1. A small victory perhaps, but one which at least gives time for more people to learn

about the proposals, their scale and likely impact. STAG suggest that public consultation has been deliberately low key and while we would not argue with that, we should point out that if WE knew about the scheme back in February, there is no reason why members of the public should still be unaware of them.

The real issue, surely, is whether, when the late Lord Egerton gifted his estate to the National Trust in the 1950s, he could possibly have conceived that one day they might want to turn part of it into an adventure playground. We think not.

We would remind the Trust of the words of its director general, Dame Fiona Reynolds: "We will never turn our outdoor places into giant adventure playgrounds."

THERE will be people in the Appleton area looking at recent planning applications in the Park Lane/Firs Lane and Red Lane areas and saying: "I told you so.

Appleton Parish Council has lodged objections to the proposals put forward by local farmer John Bryan to convert two outbuildings into two detached houses and change the use of a barn to create two dwellings.

Nothing unusual in that. There is a long history of the council opposing plans put forward by Mr Bryan - and indeed an even longer history of Mr Bryan clashing with other councils, including Warrington and the former Vale Royal authority, on planning issues.

Sometimes, Mr Bryan has been successful, sometimes not. On one occasions he had to demolish a number of new barns he had built and on another he took his fight as far as the European Court before finally being defeated. But why should anyone be saying: "I told you so"?

Simply because an oft repeated objection to the farmer's barn proposals has been that the buildings resemble dwellings and could easily be converted at a later date.

Mr Bryan is now seeking to do just that and it will not be enough for his opponents to say "I told you so." Planning applications are all treated on an individual

basis and if planning officers can see no reason to refuse conversion plans they will recommend they be approved.

It will be interesting to see the outcome of this further chapter in what has become a long-running saga.

'Alice' reunited with an old friend

STORYBOOK character 'Alice' was reunited with an old friend when she visited Walton Hall Gardens Children's Zoo.

This year's Alice, Thalia Thompson, aged nine, a pupil at Moore Primary School, went to the zoo to 'adopt' a white rabbit, as featured in the classic Alice in Wonderland story.

Thalia has alreadv represented the Lewis Carroll Appreciation Society at a number events this year. Her hobbies are Street Dance, Horse Riding and Karate. The society supports the

zoo by sponsoring its rabbits each year.

Author Lewis Carroll was raised in Daresbury and it is thought that he used to play in the grounds of Walton Hall Gardens when he was a child.

Thalia received a rabbit adoption pack which included a rabbit fact pack, certificate, keyring, newsletters, and birthday card.

Adoptions start at only £12 and further details are available from the park rangers on 01925 601 617 ext 2.



Was this monument just a folly?

IT stands almost as tall as a twostorey house on the highest point in Appleton – yet most locals have never seen it.

The Lyon Monument dates from 1875, is a Grade II listed building and is a memorial to one of the most distinguished families to have lived in the village.

But, bizarrely, it stands on top of High Warren reservoir, in the middle of Warrington Golf Club's picturesque course, off London Road.

It is doubtful if it can be seen from anywhere in Appleton - and even passing golfers get only a fleeting glimpse of it, peeping above the skyline.

Parish councillor John Price thinks it should be moved to a site where it can be seen by local people.

He said: "It is part of the history of Appleton, yet hardly anyone knows anything about it and many people don't even know it exists. It should be somewhere it can be seen."

But the big snag is that, according to United Utilities, who own the land on which it stands, it would cost £50,000 to move it.

It consists of a tall sandstone column standing on a large plinth, with a stone lion at each of its four corners. One of the lions has been toppled from its place, presumably by vandals.

The Lyon family settled in the area in the late 17th century and lived at Appleton Hall - part of which became Appleton Hall Grammar School which, in turn, became today's Bridgewater High School.

They gave their name to Lyons Lane

and their home is remembered by the Appleton Hall housing estate and Hall Drive.

The family was involved in banking and were prominent in local life throughout the 18th and 19th centuries.

Just why they should have chosen to erect their monument where they did is not clear.

Cllr Price wonders if it could have been seen from the family seat at Appleton Hall. This is believed to have burned down in 1820 but, as the grammar school did not open until 1968, must have been rebuilt.

1968, must have been rebuilt. He said: "As things are, it is something of a folly, which is a shame because no-one can see it.

" One place where it could go would be the island at the Owens Corner roundabout."

United Utilities have indicated they may be prepared to carry out some restoration work, involving the damaged lion.

But borough council highways officers say their first thoughts are that, because of its size, permission to site it at Owens Corner would be refused on road safety grounds.



All of a flutter over a Purple Flag

THE first village in Britain to win a Purple Flag - an award for meeting high standards of safe, entertaining nights out - has a problem. It can't find a suitable place to fly it! The issue has been exercising the

minds of members of Stockton Heath

Parish Council and a number of suggestions have been put forward. A building company has even offered to provide a flagpole if a



suitable place can be found to erect it. But planning consent would first have to be obtained.

The flag, awarded by the Association of Town Centre Management, was first raised in Stockton Heath early in the New Year, on a flag pole outside the police station.

But the pole snapped - and it is likely to be some time before it is replaced.

Helen Curwen, a local resident and member of the Stockton Heath Early Evening Economy Working Group, which carried out much of the work leading to the flag being awarded, has been searching for a permanent place to fly the flag.

Places she has considered include land adjoining the London Road swing bridge over the Manchester Ship Canal, outside Victoria Buildings in the village centre, and outside the police station - when a new pole is available!

As a temporary measure, the Red Lion pub has agreed to fly the flag but even a slight wind causes the flag to wrap itself around the pole!

Helen - and members of the Parish Council - are still looking for a suitable site and the matter is becoming urgent as there are plans for a Purple Flag Week in September.

Shop 'til you drop!

It is rare that any holidaymaker returns without a souvenir or two, but serious shoppers take off for trips with half-empty bags and are happy to spend days in a spending frenzy.

The US, with its recognisable and aspirational brands, often available at lower prices than in the UK, has long been the number one choice for spending sprees, which is why we have chosen to profile some great US shopping cities for you. However, not everyone wants to take a transatlantic flight to go shopping, so there are some short-haul suggestions too.

NEW YORK

New York's shops have a special place in our hearts, and some are as iconic as the Statue of Liberty and Central Park. Department stores including Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Saks Fifth Avenue and Barneys are on many must-shops lists, so you should make the most of their offers. Visitors can get 10% off at Macy's by downloading the Welcome International Savings Card from Macys.com or enquiring in store, and Bloomingdale's offers a signature gift when a shopper produces a same-day receipt for purchases totalling \$300 or more.

Madison Avenue and The Shops at Columbus Circle are great for high end shopping, with West 34th and Fifth Avenue for high street. The Woodbury Common Premium Outlets mall is a popular day trip with regular coach transfers departing from Manhattan.

BOSTON

Boston may not have New York's reputation, but it does offer real bargains, with no sales tax on clothing under \$175 and only 6.25% on everything else. Most shops are open seven days a week and the majority of the shopping areas are within walking distance of each other.

ORLANDO

You may be in Orlando because the children want to see Mickey, but once mum finds out about the shops in Orlando, you won't see her for dust. Orlando has been named by 'Forbes Magazine' as the number one bargain shopping destination in the US. There is enough retail space to fill 900 American football fields! Orlando has not one but two Premium Outlet centres, one on International Drive, with the world's only Baccarat/Lalique outlet and another down the road on Vineland Avenue boasting one of the few Dior outlets in the world.

LAS VEGAS

The famous slots and shows are not the only way to spend a dollar or two in Sin City – it has grown into a spectacular shopping destination too. You have the choice between huge outlet malls and exclusive boutiques in casino resorts.

Important point to remember, each state has its own sales tax and rates differ from state to state.

DUBAT

There is a definite mall culture in Dubai, which are air-conditioned



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havens and a place to meet, eat and mingle, and above all shop! Many open until 10 pm and, unsurprisingly, the city is home to the world's largest mall. Prices are set in the malls, but you can haggle to your heart's content in the souks.

PARIS

Just a Eurostar train ride away thus solving the tricky excess baggage problem that shoppers who fly have. Paris suits a range of buyers. There are all the city's sights for those who don't want to spend, and even families have access to a Chic Outlet Shopping Village conveniently located near Disneyland Paris.

LONDON

Travellers from across the globe come to London to shop so don't forget the treasures on our doorstep! London's theatres are always popular, so why not build a weekend break around shopping and a show?

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Queen Lakeisha's great day



IT was not at all unrealistic for Knutsford "Royal" May Queen Lakeisha Bradbury to write to The Queen inviting her to visit the town for this year's May Day festival.

For it was in 1887 - Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee Year - that the festival was given the right to use the "Royal" prefix by the then Prince and Princess of Wales, who did attend that year and witnessed the crowning ceremony on Knutsford Heath.

Lakeisha's invitation could not, unfortunately, be accepted, as The Queen's busy tour of the regions to mark her Diamond Jubilee had already been arranged. But a letter did arrive from Buckingham Palace wishing Lakeisha and the festival

itself every success. And a success it was. It was cold and windy, but the rain held off and the 14-year-old was duly crowned the 148th May Queen by Knutsford Academy pupil Robson Balance, aged 16.

It was a busy day for Lakeisha, starting with the traditional "sanding" of the drive outside her home in Boothfields, where a 12ft May Pole had been erected in the front garden.

She travelled to the starting point of the procession in a Rolls Royce once owned by George Formby - appropriate enough as the legendary ukulele king once lived at Mere and was brought up in Stockton Heath.

The procession was led on horseback by marshall Joe Gates, who runs the Rostherne riding school where Lakeisha takes riding lessons. Now the festival is over for another year - but Queen Lakeisha still has a busy

programme of events and appearances ahead of her. She will be greeting the Olympic Torch relay as it passes through Knutsford

and of course will be making appearances at the switching on of the town's Christmas liahts and medieval market.

As a member of Knutsford Musical Theatre Company, and its youth section, she will also be kept busy on stage - as well as her continuing studies at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School.



Hardy ram joins flock

Z00 ranger Peter Cookson-Dean is pictured celebrating the birth of a new Herdwick Ram lamb to join his flock at Walton Hall and Garden's Childrens zoo. The Herdwick is thought to have originated from Scandinavia

and is normally found on

mountain terrain. The word "Herdwyck", meaning sheep pasture, is recorded in documents going back to the 12th century. Herdwick sheep are the most hardy of all Britain's breeds of hill sheep, grazing the central and western dales of the Lake District.

While celebrating the birth of a new arrival Peter and his team also celebrated the birthday of the zoo's oldest resident - Bo Bo the donkey, who celebrated his 27th birthday with a special cake.



Objections to warehouse plan

APPLETON Parish Council has lodged objections to a major warehousing plan on the Barleycastle Trading Estate, at Appleton Thorn.

Members decided the development, put forward by Altrincham-based Morley Estates, posed a threat to the amenity of nearby residents and already raised traffic and road safety issues.

The scheme is for a storage and distribution warehouse, offices, 39 delivery van parking spaces, 60 car parking spaces and three disabled parking spaces.

There would also be a covered cycle store, docking facilities for HGVs and delivery fans, refuelling and vehicle maintenance area.

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Redundancy rant!

"I don't want to go through the hassle of dismissing him, I'll just make him redundant" A bit of a rant this but I hear this all the time, it's a bit like saying I don't want 6 I want half a dozen. If you make someone redundant you are dismissing thom and noscible in the

dismissing them, and possibly in the most risky way as far as an employment tribunal is concerned. Redundancy is very tightly defined in law as a "reduction in the need for work of a particular kind in a particular place" if you make someone redundant for any other reason, particularly if it is because someone is not performing up to standard. You are booking yourself a week in an employment tribunal which can be even less comfortable than a budget

airline flight to Malaga in the Summer Holidays!

someone redundant is the kinder option, but at the end of the day the employee can be just as disgruntled at being made redundant for a fabricated reason as they are if they are sacked for being incompetent. The problem is that if the dismissal is challenged in court and it is found that there was no redundancy the employee could end up with a big pay out even if they were the most workshy and unreliable human being you have ever come across. In fact it can be legally safer to tell someone they are workshy and unreliable than to gently coach them through the clichés that are often used in the redundancy process. So I'll end this post/rant with a plea to employers, if someone is not up to the job or is unreliable tell them and bite the bullet early on in their employment and be honest with them from the outset, not only will you reduce the risks at employment tribunal but you will be showing your other staff that the work they do is important and that you cannot afford to carry passengers. to carry passengers.

Cinema's future is secured



A small Cheshire cinema is to be taken distribution company Curzon.

Cheshire East Council has granted the company a 25-year lease to run Knutsford's Civic Centre and Studio

This follows a tendering process which attracted considerable interest and enabled the council to choose Curzon from a shortlist of three. Cllr Jamie Macrae, the council's cabinet member for prosperity, said:

"This is great news - and a real opportunity to bring in fresh ideas to improve the venue and attract wider

mprove the venue and attract wider community involvement. "We wanted any prospective partners to share our enthusiasm for securing the future of cinema in Knutsford - and we are confident we now have that. "This is the heat deal financially for

"This is the best deal financially, for the people of Knutsford and it secures the future of this much-loved facility. The Civic Centre stands on the site





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of the former Marcliff Cinema, which opened around 1935 and gave its name to the nearby Marcliff Grove. It was original owned by Clifford Ogle and its name was derived by his own first name and that of his daughter, Margaret. It was acquired by the local authority in the 1960s and underwent extensive renovation.

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The car will have Bluetooth fitted as standard across the range. Customers are able to place orders now and Volvo expects the first customer cars to be delivered in September. With CO2 emissions as low as 94 g/km, the D2 version of the Volvo V40 boasts a combined fuel consumption of 78.5 mpg.

fuel consumption of 78.5 mpg. In addition, all Volvo V40 Nav models include a fully integrated satellite navigation system with voice-activated control, a seven inch colour display screen and DVD player. Two complimentary annual map updates are also included.

WINE COLUMN

by Ruth Yates from





The world of Riesling

Yes, I know what you're thinking... sweet, confected wine, Liebfraumilch or that awful Laski Rizling, which, as it happens had no connection with the grape Riesling at all.

Riesling has often been described as one of the world's finest white grape varieties, and is most definitely one of the most underrated grapes around. It's a delicate grape that loves a cooler climate, which is why its home is in Germany and Alsace, France, where it produces some of the most diverse, elegant wines from bone dry to dessert sweet.

The South Island of New Zealand and Clare Valley in Australia are producing some fabulous Riesling wines that are very characteristic and more commercially dry, as our palate now dictates. However, we are seeing other regions such as Tasmania, Eden Valley and Central Otago, all with those cooler climates that this grape loves.

To me, the wonderful thing about Riesling is its diversity, when it's young it's fresh, lively, zingy and usually very dry with floral or perfumed tones. As it matures it takes on a very distinctive character, almost petrol on the nose, which sounds awful but it's not, and it develops luscious honey spice on the palate. Wines such as the Vendage Tardive from Alsace or Beerenauslese and Auslese from Germany have these wonderful characteristics.

Whether you are having your Riesling with or without food it's delightful, it

makes an excellent aperitif when it's dry and youthful, and a must with oriental food, for example, Thai fish cakes and stir-fries. It also lends itself to pate and cheeses such as Wensleydale and all types of blue cheeses.

Last year Corks Out got involved in 'Riesling Week' and boy did it change the perception of this grape variety! So, this June we are promoting this fabulous grape, but not just from Germany this time, but also from, Austria, Alsace, Australia and New Zealand. Again, we will be serving it in our 'Taste' machines just to help you sample its diversity and find out more about why this is such a classy little number.

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iChangeForLife by John McKenzie

Three little questions

WHEN I tell people I'm a clinical hypnotherapist the first question they ask me is "You're not going to hypnotise me like Derren Brown does are you?" This means that I always spend the first five minutes telling them what I don't do - I don't have a goatee, I don't wear a waistcoat, and I don't ask people to look into my eyes. I'm a clinical hypnotherapist and not a stage hypnotist, and we have about as much in common as a psychologist and a mind reader.

Now we have that out of the way the second question they ask is "So what do you do then?" I practice cognitive behavioural hypnotherapy. The NHS is spending £600 million on cognitive behavioural therapy, which focusses on people's future and the changes that they want to make, rather than dragging over the past. The reason I use cognitive behavioural hypnotherapy is that it helps people to see positive changes and achieve success in a matter of a few sessions rather than months or years. This is for two reasons.

Firstly I take the time to talk to you and understand what it is that is

holding you back, and then I work with you on really resolving those issues - the sticking points that stop you doing what you really want to do. The second reason is that

hypnotherapy lowers the mind's barriers to change. Most people find change on some level frightening, even when it's something that they want to do like lose weight or stop being afraid of spiders. This self-protection is so powerful that it can keep people smoking even when they want to stop, or keep them avoiding invitations and opportunities out of fear of what might happen.

Through having talked to you about what is holding you back, we can make sure that the benefits that you will get from changing are even stronger than the fears and worries that have stopped you. Once your subconscious is driving your behaviour in a positive direction then real and lasting change is possible.

These changes can be as quick as they are long-lasting, especially when dealing with fears and phobias. At the end of my first session with Bob, who had never learned to swim because of a fear of water, he jumped out of his

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chair and ran from the room. My concern turned to relief when he came back in two minutes later grinning broadly. So powerful had he found the treatment that he had wanted to rush to a basin and put his face underwater - something he hadn't been able to do in thirty years. Later he took his wife on a long promised trip Venice, comfortable at last to clamber in and out of boats on the canals.

The third question people ask me is "So could you really help me stop smoking/overeating/being afraid of ...?" My answer is always the same "Yes, if you really want to". Just ask yourself how much you want to change something in your life, and give it a score out of ten - if it's six or more you can have the success in your life that you want. Whether you have an unwanted habit, anxiety, phobia or pain call me in confidence today for vour free initial consultation.

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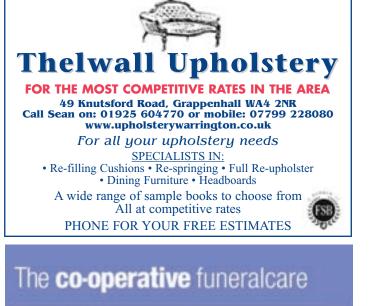
Paul, owner of Ovenu Warrington has been delivering his environmentally-

Friendly oven valeting service to homes in the area for nearly five years. Paul said: "Cleaning the oven is one of those jobs that people love to avoid and it's a chore that's often neglected. This summer when the weather hots up, people naturally love to be outside rather than stuck at home cleaning and our professional over valeting service is designed to take the heat off customers. Summer is a time when a lot of families enjoy meals together, especially if the British weather isn't good enough to let them have barbeques, so it is essential to have a nice clean appliance ready for all that cooking!

"It is also important to keep ovens in top condition for health and safety reasons. For example, spilt oils and cooking fats are two of the main causes of oven fires and an unclean oven can also be a breeding ground for germs. It is really important to make sure ovens are kept in the best condition to ensure they work to their full potential.

Customers can see how Paul's system works by watching a video at the website www.ovenuwarrington.net The Ovenu valeting process involves dismantling key components of an oven such as the door, interior panels, fan and shelves. The parts are placed into design-registered equipment, which uses non caustic products to clean the oven parts. The whole process takes around three hours and leaves the oven, hob and exterior in immaculate and safe condition. Householders who feel their oven is in need of service can find out more by contacting Paul on 01925 453377 or by visiting his website.





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June 12 STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL Sandy Lane Centre, Stockton Heath. 7.30pm

June 14 LIVE AT ST WILFRID'S LIVE A SI WILTRID'S Opera Gala by the Royal Northern College of Music. Opera classics and songs from the shows including solos, duets and ensemble pieces. St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall Village, 7.30pm

June 19 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 CILIB 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 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 June 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 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.

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Every second Thursday 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. Details: 01925 740419 GRAPPENHALL WI Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane 2.15pm

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



Accountants show support for festival

Accountants Walker Begley are supporting Stockton Heath's 2012 Festival, which runs from July 12-15, as one of its main business sponsors.

Walker Begley provides accountancy and business support services to large and small companies throughout the region and moved to support the festival recognising the value it brings to the area commercially and to the wider community.

Director Kevin Begley, said: "It's great that Walker Begley can be associated with the Stockton Heath Festival; a lot of our business is done in the area and as previous events have been a tremendous success in attracting victors locally and from the much wider area, I know how important the festival is to the local Community. When we heard the festival needed main sponsors, we jumped at the opportunity.

Deborah Cook, Festival Secretary said: "Many people are under the impression that the Festival is put on by the Council, at the expense of tax payers, this is not the case. Without vital sponsorship from local companies such as Walker Begley to help fund the event there simply wouldn't be a Festival"

The Stockton Heath Festival is a four-day event that aims to celebrate all things great in relation to local talent, arts and culture, with the primary aim of bringing the community together.





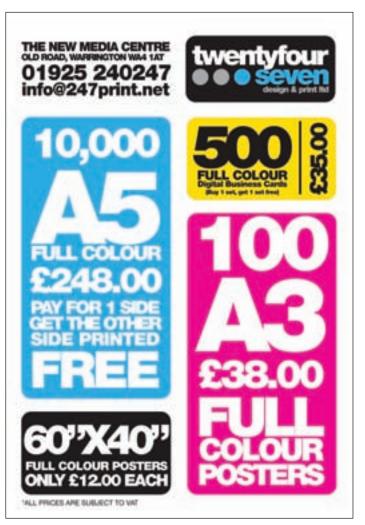
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