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New cinema's premiere opening

KNUTSFORD'S new cinema was officially opened with a premiere-style launch.

Cheshire East Mayor George Walton and Knutsford Mayor Vivien Davies were among those invited to a special showing

of the Frank Langella comedy "Robot and Frank" at Curzon Knutsford, in Toft Road.

Guests were given a tour of new facilities, including a refurbished café bar. There were also special open sessions for local business people and members of the public to look around the building.

Curzon's director of programming, Jason Wood, said: "The programming at Knutsford is designed to provide local audiences with the widest choice possible of cinema in all it's diversity. A challenge, with only a single screen.

"Access to specialised films in the region is restricted and the intention is to encourage a continued commitment to and passion for a wide range of cinema. We also want to firmly establish the venue as a first run site, playing the very best of the new releases on date and in alignment with other venues in the UK."



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Opinion

IT is inevitable that a project as huge as HS2 will split communities and in Cheshire it has certainly done that. For every person supporting the proposed new high speed rail link with London, you can easily find another opposing it vehemently.

Some divide on predictably political lines and it's probably best to ignore them. The nature of party politics means that when one side comes up with an idea, the other feels duty bound to rubbish it.

Others may be inspired by the "not in my back yard" syndrome and, understandable as this may be, they are also best kept in perspective.

After all, you can hardly expect someone whose house is to be demolished or whose view spoiled, to be overly enthusiastic about a new railway.

Cheshire East Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council have both welcomed the proposals because of the economic benefits they are supposed to bring.

Warrington Borough Council has, on the other hand, so far been a little cagey on the issue.

Council leader Terry O'Neill said: "Officers in our transport and policy teams will be studying these plans closely over the coming weeks and we will be engaging with stakeholders such as parish councils, partner agencies, residents, businesses and neighbouring authorities to formulate and submit our official representation to the government."

HS2 does illustrate one thing, however, and that is our continuing obsession with speed. Trains travelling at 225mph are held up as a reason for pressing ahead with the scheme, even though they will lop only about half-an-hour off journey times between, say, Warrington and the capital.

Is half-an-hour so important? Particularly in an age when we have been told that the internet and video conferencing

make much business travel unnecessary?

Our scepticism about HS2 is not based on whether it will benefit this town or that, or despoil this picturesque village or that, but rather on whether it is needed at all.

HOW'S this for a masterful example of corporate spin?

Cheshire East Council announces that it has made public a previously confidential report on controversial proposals for a theme park within historic Tatton Park to raise public awareness of the proposals.

In fact, of course, it has made the document public only because it was ordered to do so by the Information Commissioner following a complaint from a local resident.

No wonder the Save Tatton Action Group (STAG) has dismissed the council's explanation as "flim flam"!

What was in the report that made it necessary to keep it confidential? We don't really know - unless it was the council's pledge to loan £5 million to the theme park developers at the same time as announcing plans to cut 1,000 council jobs.

Of course the council has already spent more than £78,000 on various surveys in connection with the plan and agreed to stump up another £1.5 million on infrastructure, including a car park, should the scheme win planning consent.

Cheshire East's enthusiasm for the theme park stems from a desire to see Tatton Park become "self sustaining" for years to come.

Given that it already attracts more than 800,000 visitors a year and is one of the top-10 visitor attractions in the country, we think it is already rather more than self-sustaining.

Carvings celebrate Queen's Diamond Jubilee

SEVEN schools in Appleton, Stockton Heath and Stretton took part in a special project to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

During last summer the schools took part in a Queen's Jubilee Heritage Trail. Joining in were Appleton Thorn Primary, Broomfields Junior, The Cobbs Infants and Nursery, St Monica's Catholic Primary, Stockton Heath Primary, St Thomas' C of E Primary and St Matthew's C of E Primary.

Each school chose a decade of the Queen's reign to research.

Chairman of Appleton Parish Council Sharon Harris said: "They then did drawings of things from the decades which were carved onto a piece of oak, and then onto a 3D shape of a book and crown to provide a permanent commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee."

Each school is displaying the carvings in its grounds and they can be viewed by the public.

The project was funded by Appleton, Stockton Heath and Walton Parish Councils.

■ Pictured with the carving at Appleton Thorn Primary are (left to right) Magnus, Sharon Harris, Abigail, Lucinda Brito chainsaw wood carver, Cerys, Meadow and head teacher Craig Burgess.



Cheshire's got teen talent

CHESHIRE is providing plenty of talent for TeenStar - the new national competition which searches for the UK's best teens and pre-teens which singers and singer-songwriters of all genres.

Last year's Knutsford "Royal" May Queen, Lakeisha Bradbury (pictured right), two other girls from Knutsford and five girls from Appleton-based stage school Little Stars who call themselves "Solved" are through to the regional finals, competing for a place in the national finals at the O2 in London.

Lakeisha, 14, a pupil at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School, is a member of Knutsford Musical Theatre Company and has previously taken part in the early stages of the hit TV Show "Britain's Got Talent."

A keen horse rider, she has taken part in Knutsford May Day since she was five, eventually becoming Queen.

Knutsford Academy pupils Laura Downes and Abigail Chetham, both aged 12, qualified when they sang at Manchester's Palace Theatre.

Solved - they came up with the name because they say they are the answer to anyone's problem! - are a harmony group.

They are Meghan Clifford, 11, from Grappenhall, Megan Bradley, 12, from Appleton, Georgia Williams, 14, from Stockton Heath, Emma Jervis, 12, from Orford and Elle Morcom, 12, from Walton.

They met at stage school and were filming together for a horror movie and, while sitting around on set, decided to put a vocal group together.

Individually, Georgia has won many talent shows, Meghan models professionally, Megan was in the UK tour of "Oliver!" and Emma is signed to a top acting agent in Manchester. They've done various local competitions but decided to form a group of like minded individuals to put together a group to compete on a bigger scale.

Teen Star was their first competition as a group and they are delighted to be through to the regional finals which are at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester on April 7.



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There are a few small beaches and coves in Playa Blanca area also traffic free avenues lined with shops and a selection of restaurants over looking the sea. Playa Blanca used to be a small fishing village and is probably the best choice if you want a relaxing holiday. A new marina has been developed called the Rubicon Marina approx 15-20 minute walk from the centre of Playa Blanca. Here you will find lovely cafes and restaurants, why not take the opportunity of relaxing overlooking the Marina which is lined with beautiful yachts. A variety of hotels and apartments line this coastline with nice walks to enjoy the spectacular scenery and stunning sunsets

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with an array of shops, cafes, restaurants and a buzzing nightlife. They also have a blue flag beach with excellent watersports. The other resort on Lanzarote is Puerto Calero, with its promenade, stylish marina, sandy beach and designer shops. This resort is near to Puerto del Carmen and can be accessed by a 3km walk along the coast or 10 minute by car or local bus.

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HS2's major impact on rural communities

THE HS2 high speed rail link looks set to have a major impact on rural communities across Cheshire and a chorus of critics has raised concerns and - in some cases - outright opposition.

Villagers from Pickmere, Tabley, Mere, Millington, High Legh, Ashley, Rostherne, Little Bollington, Lymm, Rixton, Croft and Culcheth are questioning whether the claimed economic benefits of the new railway outweigh the environmental damage it would cause.

There is anger in particular over the fact that the areas likely to suffer most will gain least.

"All pain, no gain" is a frequently heard protest.

From the north of Crewe, the HS2 line follows the West Coast Main Line until the point where it is crossed by the A530. It then passes beneath the A530 and diverges away to cross the A54 and A533 corridors between Winsford and Middlewich.

The route then crosses a 750m long viaduct crossing

both the River Dane and the Trent and Mersey Canal. It is then elevated to cross the Middlewich Branch Line and the A530, before heading towards the east of Lostock Gralam.

The route crosses over the Mid Cheshire railway line before crossing over the A556/A559 junction.

It then passes to the east of Pickmere, to the west of junction 19 of the M6. It crosses over the M6 and then beneath the realigned A50 between High Legh and Bucklow Hill before arriving at a junction south of the M56.

One branch of this junction heads north crossing beneath the M56 before crossing over the Bridgewater canal to the east of Lymm, skirting Warburton to cross the Manchester Ship Canal at an elevated level around Hollins Green, continuing on through parts of Croft, Culcheth and Lowton.

The second branch heads east to the north of Rostherne Mere and south of the M56 junction 8, then

south of Ashley before crossing beneath the M56 around junction 6, with a new HS2 station serving Manchester Airport and the Airport City Enterprise Zone.

Both Cheshire East Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council have welcomed the proposals which they believe will provide a massive economic boost. Warrington has been more cautious and says it wants to engage with residents, parish councils, businesses, etc before making any representation to government.

A number of protest groups have already been set up promising a determined fight against the proposals.

High Legh Parish Council has set up a working group to ensure local people are represented in any debate on the HS2 proposals.

Pickmere Parish Council says the rail link would have the most significant impact on the area for generations and hopes to collaborate with neighbouring parishes to make its views known.

Volunteers win praise for community work

COMMUNITY-minded volunteers from Hill Cliffe Baptist Church, Appleton have won praise from councillors for their hard work to improve the environment and people's lives.

Jon and Becky Curtis (pictured) and their church team of volunteers, known as The Hive, can regularly be seen collecting litter in the Stockton Heath area.

Stockton Heath Parish Council praised the team for its work and contribution to the well being of the community.

Cllr Tudor Pole said: "Picking up other people's rubbish is not everyone's cup of tea. But it's a task Jon and Becky with their band of volunteers from Hill Cliffe Baptist Church can be seen doing regularly in Stockton Heath."

"Picking up litter is not the only good deed performed by The Hive group. They also bake cakes and take them to the elderly or cook meals for those they know are in need or recovering from illness."

Jon and Becky want to expand the area where they pick up litter, and hope in future to include the centre of the village.

Cllr Pole said: "They also hope to get to know people as they quietly go about their unenviable task and encourage support for their group. We'd like to help to build a community, where we know and support one another and have fun together."

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Maths students strike gold

STUDENTS from Warrington's Priestley College achieved three golds, seven silvers and 11 bronzes in this year's UK Mathematics Trust Senior Maths Challenge.



More than 98,000 pupils from across the UK entered the challenge with the top 10 per cent receiving a gold certificate, the next 20 per cent silver and the next 30 per cent bronze.

Matthew Cummins and Ben Stratulis, both 17, were two of 4,000 of the top students who were invited to take part in follow-on competitions.

Maths tutor Wendy Brennan said: "This competition is an extra challenge for students who choose to take it on.

"It provides extra preparation for their exams because it is done under test conditions, but they also enjoy taking part."

The Senior Maths Challenge is aimed at those in years 13 and below.

Priestley students sat the challenge in college and those who received

were some strange questions, but it was interesting."

Former Bridgewater High pupil Matthew Cummins, who studies Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Physics at Priestley, reached the BM01 round.

That posed six questions giving students three and half hours to answer in detail showing all their workings out.

"I like how once you know your maths you learn how to apply it and you always have a definite answer," he said.

Legal aid for divorcing couples axed in April

IT will be no April Fool's joke on April 1st for separating and divorcing couples who will lose the right to claim legal aid, warns Stockton Heath based QualitySolicitors Forshaws Davies Ridgway (FDR).



After April 1st, only people who have suffered proven domestic violence or forced marriage will be able to apply for legal aid. Everyone else will have to fund their own legal work or represent themselves in court.

Audrey Venables (pictured), the firm's head of family law, believes the Government's decision is going to have dire consequences for many vulnerable people and low income families.

She said: "Since the previous Government first proposed this cut in 2009, the legal profession has been campaigning against the decision. We are very concerned it will leave the most vulnerable people in our society without the ability to access legal advice and representation.

"For example, a mother and father who cannot agree on the arrangements for their children will now have to represent themselves in court if they cannot afford a lawyer. As well as those on benefits, stay-at-home parents will also be disadvantaged because they may be forced to represent themselves against their more affluent partner who is able to hire a professional advocate.

"These cuts will cause huge inequalities and an imbalance of power for parents who have chosen to stay at home with their children. People will be tempted to cut corners and not get professional advice, potentially signing up to damaging arrangements which could badly affect them the rest of their lives.

"The loss of legal aid is also bound to have an adverse effect on court waiting times, as cases will inevitably take longer to be heard. The change is going to impact on everyone, not just those who lose the right to free representation," she added.

To ease the pain for those who will lose access to free help, family lawyers at QualitySolicitors Forshaws Davies Ridgway have come up with a package of easy payment measures which will help spread the load. This includes a fixed fee menu of prices or a pay-as-you-go system, enabling clients to select help when they need it most.

Anyone who may be eligible to continue to seek legal aid due to domestic violence is encouraged to seek help from the police or their GP.

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Volunteers wanted for village festival

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to join the team which runs the popular Stockton Heath Festival.

The four-day festival of arts, culture and heritage will run from June 20-23 this year and plans are already being drawn up. There will also be a Christmas Market in December.

Joint co-ordinating director Deborah Cook said: "We are keen to meet anyone who might be interested in joining us.

"There are opportunities in a wide range of roles including IT, logistics, finance, fund-raising, sales and marketing. You may be helping with things such as our lottery, sorting the provision of services and acts at the festival site, selling tickets or taking minutes at a meeting. Many people have experiences and skills that would be very useful to us."

Volunteer manager Claire Kennedy added: "Stockton Heath Festival is run entirely by volunteers of all ages and is always happy to hear from people who may like to become involved. This can be from a few hours at Festival time to as much time as you are willing to devote to a role. Please contact us by emailing volunteers@stocktonheathfestival.co.uk

Information about the festival can be found at www.stocktonheathfestival.co.uk

■ Pictures show vents at last year's festival



Fraudsters target cash points across Cheshire

POLICE are warning the public to be on their guard following a series of cash point scams that are occurring across the county.

Fraudsters are targeting cash machines positioned outside post offices, convenience stores and other outlets across Cheshire and the key message from the police is to be on your guard before you use a cash machine and be alert to suspicious activity from any cash machine points.

Operation Astoria has been put in place by the Economic Crime Unit to concentrate on crime related to ATMs (cash machines) within the Cheshire Force area.

Many of the tactics being used by fraudsters to target machines are card skimming, card entrapment and cash trapping.

There are three main ways in which the fraudster will commit fraud:

Card Skimming - This involves the use of the video recording element of mobile telephones to capture the pin numbers of innocent ATM users. These adapted mobile telephones are usually hidden above the pin number area. The fraudster will also attach a false mouth piece which will read and copy the details on the magnetic strip of the card. Once these details have been copied, this information can be transferred on to a new card and, with the pin number, they can withdraw money from the victims account.

Card Entrapment - The fraudster will use an adapted mobile telephone to record the pin number being inputted by the victim but will use a device to trap the victims card once it has been placed into the machine. The victim usually believes

that the card has been retained by the cash machine due to a problem. The fraudster will recover the original card and the pin number and is then ready to use the card.

Cash Trapping - The fraudster will place a device over the area where the money is released from the cash machine. The device traps the money making the victim believe that the machine has a problem and is not releasing any funds. The fraudster will then collect the device and the money collected.

In the North West, card fraud has dropped considerably over the last five years but still accounts for £21m making Cheshire the second worst in the UK.

DC Tony Condon, from the Economic Crime Unit said: "There have been an increasing number of attacks on ATMs across Cheshire, where the fraudsters are using all three methods to obtain money from innocent victims. ATM users do not know they are victims until they realise their account balance has reduced more than normal.

"Our intelligence suggests that organised crime groups are responsible for the attacks and are of Eastern European origin which has in turn led to more overseas spend on fraudulent use of UK cards and stolen identity. We are asking all members of the public to be vigilant when using a cash machine and to be aware of any suspicious activity around cash points, which may be an attempt to deploy a device."

If anyone wants to report any suspicious activity, please contact Cheshire Police on 101 or visit the fraud page at cheshire.police.uk.



Jenny will be crowned Queen

JENNY Warburton has been chosen as this year's Knutsford "Royal" May Queen.

The 13-year-old will be crowned the 149th May Queen at a ceremony on Knutsford Heath on Saturday, May 4.

She has taken part in the festival since she was a tot and was a court lady last year.

Jenny had more competition than has been usual in recent years - there were 25 girls bidding to be Queen.

Secretary Ann de Ruiter said: "We've had 17 or 18 contestants in recent years, but 25 is a good number and it shows the event is still really strong."

Dylan McCourt, 14 was chosen as Crown Bearer and two 12-year-olds, Amy Siwek and Lucy Glasby-Seddon were chosen as ladies-in-waiting.

Court ladies will be Shayna Horth, Emilia Russell, Jasmine Dines and Celine Barclay while Rachel Moonan, aged 12, will take the part of Maid Marion.

Maids of honour will be Lucy Howarth, nine, Charlotte Barker, eight, Libby Young, nine, Eva Marie Jones, eight, Katie Chaplin, nine and Amber Houghton, nine

Takeaway food shop approved

PLANS for a hot food takeaway shop in London Road, Stockton Heath have been approved - despite opposition from nearby traders and the parish council.

The scheme involves conversion of a vacant shop next to the village post office.

Objections from the parish council were based on the loss of a retail shop leading to damage to the day time economy of the area.

The parish council also argued that the area already had sufficient takeaway food outlets and restaurants with another two more currently being considered.

Nearby traders are also concerned at the loss a retail outlet and the prospect of increased litter, smells, noise, etc.

They said there were already six food outlets in the row.

MC2's young stars shine bright on a national stage

STOCKTON Heath's multi award winning hair design salon MC2 are seldom backward in coming forward and the education routes available to the MC2 team.

Salon director Martin Coleman said, "It amazes me of the confidence of our young stylists. Not just the qualifications, (Jordan Imrie's NVQ in the quickest time of any trainee) but pushing themselves forward into the National arena. Jordan 17, Poppy Bridge 18 and Charlotte Johnson 18 all auditioned for the coveted CreativUK under 25's hair design team with Tom Price's successful audition seeing

him through to selection. Apart from my obvious pride for the team it also creates a real buzz around the salon."

In addition, Danielle Brookes has re-engaged with La Biosthetique as a colour trainer for the North West.

Martin added, "There is healthy vibrance about the place and these qualifications are all about pushing our skills and bringing the very best experience to our Warrington clients."

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Teenage cricketer to play for England

A YOUNG cricketer has been chosen to play for England in a series of matches in South Africa.

Rob Jones, from Stockton Heath, is one of 18 boys chosen from the England Development U17s to represent the country against eight South African teams.

The 17-year-old, a student at Priestley College, Warrington, will be away for 22 days.

He said: "I always played just because I love the game. I was always able to get runs and take wickets, but I never thought I'd be where I am today - playing for England."

It will be a second overseas tour for Rob who played in India last year where he was named man of the match for his performance in the Cricket Club of India stadium after taking four for 29 in 10 overs.

"India was a fantastic experience and I would go back again tomorrow," he said. "We spent time helping underprivileged children who live in the slums and it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

"I'm just trying to maximise all the opportunities that are given to me at this stage."

Rob started playing for Stretton Cricket Club when he was seven after taking up the sport a year earlier with his dad, Peter.

By 11 he was playing with the seniors at Stretton and already had



two years under his belt representing Cheshire.

He said: "I play hard and competitively and really like to get in the batsmen's faces to let them know I am there."

Out of 56 boys who played at last year's Bunbury Cricket Festival Rob was picked for a squad of 12 to enter the England development programme.

This has allowed him to train with the likes of former England players Mark Ramprakash and Michael Vaughan and he has since acted as 12th man for Lancashire.

He said: "My next goal is to play for the under 19s in the World Cup next year."

Village shops hit by parking charges

FOOTFALL has dropped in Stockton Heath's village shopping centre since the free period on the local pay-and-display car park was cut from two hours to one.

This is the view of shopkeepers quizzed by a local councillor.

Cllr John Price - a member of neighbouring Appleton Parish Council - ventured over the border into Stockton Heath to carry out a survey of shopkeepers in London Road.

He said: "I was not acting as a councillor - it's not my parish! I was just an ordinary member of the public. But I had heard claims that shopkeepers supported the reduced free parking period which I just could not believe. And I was right. I visited every shop that was open in London Road, between Victoria Square and the Manchester Ship Canal and I found that they were 100 per cent opposed to the changes."

"I also discovered that doctors at the local medical centre were being inundated with requests for notes from patients who had been 'booked' on the car park because they had been unable to get back to their cars within one hour. It's almost as if the parking wardens lie in wait for elderly or sick people who have been delayed at the medical centre. Businesses such as hairdressers and opticians, whose customers take longer to deal with, were particularly affected."

"Overall there was a general view that fewer people were shopping in

the village since the reduced free period came into force."

Cllr Price took his findings to Stockton Heath Parish Council - who decided to raise the issue with Warrington Borough Council, who imposed the changes.

Cllr Price said: "The last thing we want to do is drive shoppers away. There were five empty shops in the street when I did my survey. We don't want any more. The borough council seems to be out to increase revenue from the car parks - but if one more shop closes they will lose a lot more in business rates."!

Spring gardening tips

TIPS and advice will be on offer at a Spring Gardening event being held at High Legh Garden Centre on March 23 and 24.

The Get Your Garden Started show will be held from 10.30 am to 4.30pm on Saturday and from 10.30am to 4pm on Sunday. There will be displays, children's activities and advice from centre experts and local gardening organisations. There will also be special offers on plants, spas and pools. Representatives from Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden Project will be on hand to talk about their work restoring the garden. There will also be advice on gardening courses, growing fruit and vegetables, beekeeping and gardening for wildlife.

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Money Column

By Margaret Black

Basic points to remember about RTI

The starting date for Real Time Information (RTI) reporting is approaching fast. If you have employees then you need to ensure that you are ready to implement it from 6th April. There is plenty of guidance on HMRC's website, but there are a number of basic points that you should be aware of if you wish to avoid penalties.

RTI requires all payments to employees to be reported to the tax office before they are made. There is one class of employee for whom this may present particular difficulty, and that is the director/shareholder of a family company. There may be a temptation at present for the director/shareholder to "draw" an amount of money each week or month, and to allocate these "drawings" to salary and/or dividends at the end of the year. In most cases this treatment will not be acceptable under RTI.

The requirement to report to the tax office before the payment of wages means that the exact nature of each payment must be known before it is made, and all payments must be properly described in the records and fully supported by backing documentation. Director's wages should be paid separately from all other payments and supported by entries in the payroll. Similarly, dividends should again be paid separately from all other payments and

supported by evidence of their legality as well as board minutes and dividend vouchers.

It is inevitable that the nature of payments to directors will be examined in detail during a PAYE or other tax office review of a company's records, and may lead to the tax office contending that the payments are wages and therefore covered by RTI. The chance of being able to successfully resist this contention will be greatly reduced if proper records and supporting documentation are not maintained. If the tax office succeeds in their contention then substantial additional tax, penalties and interest will follow.

In a small number of cases RTI may not present any difficulty for the director/shareholder. If there is a sufficient balance in the director's loan account with the company then all "drawings" can properly be described as loan repayments. At the end of the year, the company could then vote a dividend and salary to replenish the loan. Unfortunately, the economic downturn in the past few years has resulted in many of these loan accounts being depleted due to lower profits, so this option is available to fewer and fewer companies.

The above is only one instance when RTI will lead to increased burdens on employers. There are other instances



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

including when an employer not only has employees from whom tax and/or NIC is deducted, but other employees not earning sufficient for these deductions to apply. Currently, the reporting requirements only relate to employees suffering deductions. However, under RTI all payments must be reported even when no deductions are made.

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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March 16
LIVE AT ST WILFRID'S
Craig Ogden (guitar) plays a selection of popular and lesser known works for the guitar, including work from two albums which both reached No 1 in the classical charts St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall. 7.30pm

March 19
APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 7.30pm
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
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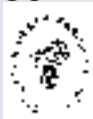
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Document storage solutions at the FileRoom

BUSINESS is booming at the FileRoom with owner Tim Blackshaw busy making plans to expand his document storage business at Stretton, creating new employment opportunities.

The FileRoom already provides secure document storage for solicitors, accountants, a hospital and major high street stores including IKEA, to name but a few, with more than 40,000 boxes currently being stored at his premises - and with prices starting from less than a penny a day, it is certainly affordable.

Tim unveiled his expansion plans to Warrington Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Colin Daniels who recently toured the impressive premises.



■ Chamber Chief Executive Colin Daniels being welcomed at the FileRoom by Tim Blackshaw and Russell Kernahan.

Tim was keen to promote his company's green credentials, with all shredding recycled and storage boxes made from over 80 per cent recycled material.

A 25kw solar panel system has also been installed to provide electric for the facility to reduce the carbon footprint of the business.

Located at the M56 roundabout on the outskirts of town, the location is ideally situated half way between Liverpool and Manchester.

Established in 2004 the FileRoom is British Standard ISO 9001 for storage, shredding and scanning.

Tim says that a recent customer survey revealed that over 90 per cent

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The play will be staged on March 14-15-16 at 7.30 at the Methodist Church Hall, Walton Road, Stockton Heath.

Tickets can be reserved in advance by calling 01925 264179.

The society is also putting on a one-night special on March 24 - Palm Sunday - in the church.

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In May there is the first of a series of three concerts in the Great Gallery at The Tabley House Collection.

Baroque music will be played by The Telemann Ensemble on May 21. When they visited last year the concert was a sell out so early booking is recommended. The music continues on June 15 with a return concert by the Sine Nomine choir with a rich repertoire from 16th century motets to popular 20th century songs.

The season ends on July 18 with a harpsichord recital by young, Japanese artist Keiko Sassa, featuring French music of the 17th and 18th century. All the music events start at 7.00 pm and cost £20 per head, with all proceeds going towards major conservation projects at the Tabley House Collection.

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