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Cutting through the noise – how does a financial adviser help?

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Don't worry, these are just examples taken at any point in time. But you know what it's like – you listen to the radio and hear one thing, then open a newspaper and read the opposite. You go on social media and hear all manner of contradictory views and opinions. You chat with friends in the pub who've got as many different pieces of advice as there are types of beer or artisan gins on offer!

Noise, noise, noise!

Everyone's an expert. Everyone's telling you what to do. But how do you know who to trust?

The good news is that if you're working with a financial adviser, you don't need to listen to that all clamour around you. The right adviser will help you understand what you can control and give you a sense of perspective.

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So rather than being swayed by sensationalist headlines or being worried by the ups and downs of the markets, use your financial adviser to help you 'keep your head when all about you are losing theirs'.

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Editor's comment

HAVING been a regular visitor to Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden over many years it never fails to take my breath away whatever the time of year.

Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, all have their unique times and colours and I never been disappointed when visiting.

It really is one of Warrington's a hidden gems and a jewel in the crown which was brought back to life thanks to a lottery grant and a hard working group of volunteers.

It amazes me that so many people still seem to be unaware of it despite rave reviews on Trip Advisor which recently had it listed as the Number One visitor attraction in Warrington!

It was originally part of the estate of Thomas Parr, a wealthy banker in Warrington who established his home there around 1830. After a turbulent period of demise, the walled garden was saved and transformed back to its former glory.

Facilities include a pleasure garden with three ponds, a fully stocked kitchen garden, a cafe which is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday serving a selection of freshly made food using, where possible and produce from the kitchen garden

when available.

The site is owned and managed by Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council and is open Tuesday-Sunday and admission is free.

Opening times: Tuesday - Thursday from 1pm - 4pm (Garden only), Friday 9am - 4pm, Saturday & Sunday 10am - 5pm (Garden and Fountain Room Cafe).

The site has disabled access and toilet facilities.

Don't just take my word for it - check out the reviews on Trip Advisor.

A recent 5 star review:

"What a hidden gem! A must visit place....

Oh my word....never knew this place existed and only live local. The gardens are beautiful and well kept with fresh produce to purchase if you catch the gardener....the real jewel in the crown is the well stocked cafe!

The choice of food is fantastic and choice for veggies is brilliant (believe me, I've been to some places and veggies are treated as second class citizens). You can tell that care is taken with every meal prepared and only the freshest ingredients are used. The choice of cakes is also amazing, I struggled to choose between those and the scones with clotted cream and



jam! Mmmmm

My friend loved the vast choice of freshly ground coffee and I had a great choice of teas.

The staff were very attentive and more than happy to assist us with our choice on ordering, especially when my friend has dietary requirements.

I recommend a visit to this fab hidden gem!"

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Park Royal Hotel wins Best Venue Customer Service Award

THE Park Royal Hotel in Warrington has been awarded the 'Best Venue Customer Service' award at the National Venue Awards 2018.

The award was made after a panel of industry experts recognised the hotel's commitment to customer satisfaction.

The National Venue Awards ceremony is a celebration of the diversity and versatility displayed by the UK venues sector. The Park Royal faced competition from four other notable venues on the day but were victorious in securing the prestigious award.

Annie Brown General Manager of The Park Royal said: "the National Venue Awards Best Venue Customer Service award is based on recognising excellence and rewarding exceptional quality provided to customers.

"It's wonderful recognition for the team here, who work incredibly hard to exceed our customers' expectations and offer a truly memorable experience each and every time. The award speaks volumes about the high standards that underpin everything we do."

The 2018 result demonstrates The Park Royal's commitment to raising and maintaining high standards and ensuring customer satisfaction for every guest.

The Park Royal Hotel, leisure and spa based in Warrington, features 146 bedrooms, a state-of-the-art spa and on-site leisure facilities, making it a popular choice for guests looking for short breaks or special getaways.



Lib Dems choose candidate for next General Election

BOROUGH councillor and Grappenhall parish councillor Ryan Bate has been selected to stand for the Liberal Democrats in Warrington South.

Cllr Ryan Bate has been a high profile figure in the area for his part in opposing the major housing proposals in the Grappenhall, Appleton and Stretton areas.

Local Liberal Democrat chairman Cllr Ian Marks said: "The next General Election is not due for a few years but with the crazy state of politics in this country it may be sooner rather than later. The Conservative Government is in complete disarray and Labour is bitterly divided between their different factions. Having our candidates in place gives us a focus for both our national and local campaigning."

Cllr Bate said: "I was born and bred in Warrington and taught at a local school.

"I firmly believe in creating opportunities for everyone. I have worked with a range of residents and community groups to deliver improvements and in fighting against the Local Plan and major housing developments.

"Brexit is most unwelcome but I recognise that swathes of people have been left behind by globalisation and have concerns about immigration. It is up to the Liberal Democrats to offer radical political solutions to these problems so no one feels disenfranchised from our society or disconnected from the economy. We must give our children the best possible education, provide affordable housing for young families and ensure our older people receive high-quality dignified care."



JD Kitchens inspired in Milan

THE team at Warrington based JD Kitchens recently returned from the kitchen catwalk in Milan full of inspiration to ensure their designs stay fresh and contemporary.

JD Kitchens have been designing and installing beautiful kitchens, bedrooms and studies in homes across the North West for over 16 years and with brand new utility rooms to add to their collection, they have everything

you need to stylishly modernise your home.

The team, led by Dave Charlton, MD, are keen to ensure that their designs stay fresh and contemporary.

Dave, who trained as an engineer, was impressed with the new ranges released by German Designer Schuller, particularly the Next 125 range, and loved their innovative plans for the future of kitchens.

He said: "We were blown away with the new kitchen ranges for 2018 and came away buzzing with ideas for new designs. I was particularly impressed with how the future of technology will ease our domestic lives, such as being able to use an app to turn on the oven and induction hobs that look like the worktop, so that the kitchen is further streamlined".

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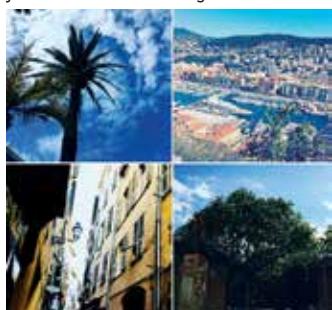


48 hours in Nice

Eight years after we honeymooned in Nice my husband and I (Sandra) returned for a long weekend, leaving early on Friday and flying home Sunday lunch time.

We flew from Liverpool, rather than Manchester direct to Nice, which made the whole airport experience quicker and easier. We pre-booked fast-track parking which includes security fast-track passes and its own entrance into the terminal building. Once in Nice the airport bus is the simplest and cheapest way to get to your hotel.

We stayed in the beautiful boutique Hotel La Perouse, with only 56 rooms, perfectly situated on Castle Hill, which separates the Bay from the Marina. This hotel is built into the hill itself - access to reception is via the front door at street level - the hotel utilises three separate lift shafts to get you to its roof terrace where the view is stunning and you can enjoy the small gym, outdoor jacuzzi and sun loungers. The hotel



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restaurant, on level one, houses the bar, patio and pool, which is a beautiful setting for breakfast, a drink or dinner, with orange and lemon trees to create shade.

Everywhere in Nice is easily accessible by foot, but the old town is closest to the Hotel Le Perouse. Here you can wonder along the narrow streets laid out in a grid pattern opening out onto traditional squares which gradually slope upwards towards Castle Hill; where you will find gardens and can enjoy unrivalled views towards the Marina on one side and the Bay on the other. The Old Town has an Italian feel with high buildings with shuttered windows with authentic bistro frequented by locals. We loved the atmosphere of the old town with its bars offering live music and great food. The restaurants at the flower market are more typically French. Head into the new town through the Place Massena (main Square) where the streets are wide, straight and chic. Here you can find exclusive designer shops or head from the Palace Massena up the Avenue Jean Medecin towards the station for more high-street names.

People watching along the Promenade De Angles with its iconic palm trees, is a must and it's always a hive of activity with people riding bikes and roller skating. The pebble beach slopes sharply in terraces down

to the sea although this doesn't stop the locals from swimming as soon as the sun comes out. The beach is divided into public areas and areas owned by the beachfront restaurants, such as the Castel Plage (over the road from Le Perouse) where you can access sunbeds, parasols, changing cubicles and showers as a patron of the restaurant.

The best time to visit Nice is in the spring and the autumn, when the weather is warm and sunny but not overly hot. When the sun comes out so do the Niçois, populating the many cafes, restaurants and outside seating areas along the city streets, the Promenade de Anglais and the beach restaurants.

Do as much or as little as you like in Nice, but either way it's a fabulous destination where you can mix with the



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chic Niçois enjoying the cafe culture, the sun and the stunning blue sea - they don't call it the côte d'azur for nothing!

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WARRINGTON'S Own Buses, the new name for Network Warrington, has got its claws stuck into south Warrington making wholesale improvements to the network.

The introduction of the "Cheshire Cat", a newly branded network servicing the south of the borough, has come into effect and offers a high frequency service, up to every 10 minutes, across a simplified and better connected network.

These transformational changes have also seen the introduction of a new cutting-edge bus fleet. The Cheshire Cat branded buses include the latest transport essentials, including WiFi, extra leg room, luxury seats and USB charging points.

The Cheshire Cat network now also passes past Warrington Bank Quay station and Centre Park. Bank Quay Station is an important gateway to the town and until the Cheshire Cat did not have a regular bus service to and from the interchange.

Managing Director of Warrington's Own Buses, Ben Wakerley, said: "I'm pleased that we're making big

improvements to the south network that will hopefully have our customers purring. These are truly buses to be seen on!"

"Feedback from our customers about the new bus fleet and simplified route has been really encouraging so far."

"We are committed to investing in a high-quality transport network that provides an excellent service for as many residents as possible, and we're pleased to see how well the new Cheshire Cat fleet has been received."

"We aren't resting on our laurels. The company is going through some big changes - the Cheshire Cat and our rebrand being two major milestones - and we will continue to work hard to improve our service in all areas of Warrington."

For more information about the new Cheshire Cat fleet, visit warringtonownbuses.co.uk or follow @WarringtonBuses on Twitter.

New timetable booklets are also available at the travel shop in the interchange or on the Cheshire Cat buses.



Controversial homes plan deferred for further "compromise talks"

A controversial plan for 74 houses on a green field site at Appleton Thorn has been deferred by Warrington planners to allow time for more "compromise talks."

More than 150 local residents and Appleton Parish Council opposed the development by Bloor Homes, with dozens of residents attending the development control committee to show their strength of feeling.

A previous application by the same developer, for 78 houses, was refused but officers were recommending approval of the modified scheme.

Objectors said the development

would amount to high density, urban sprawl detracting from the open character of Appleton Thorn village, undermining its historic character.

They also stated there was a lack of affordable housing in the development and no supporting infrastructure.

Both the Parish Council, residents and local opposition groups voiced concern about the loss of open green space in the centre of the village which was an integral part of the Appleton Thorn Neighbourhood Plan and the concept of a village green had not been fulfilled as the proposed open green space was now

a playground.

They said a village green was an essential requirement for the village and this should be incorporated into any planned development for the field.

The Parish Council also pointed out that since the original application was proposed planning permission has been granted for 370 new houses at Appleton Cross which will result in significant amount of increased traffic in the area.

Planning officers said the site was not in a particularly sustainable location, but the applicant had

agreed to contribute to the cost of public transport improvements and bus shelters. Given this, they believed the principle of residential development was acceptable.

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Sandy Lane Community Centre Open Day success

COMMUNITY groups came together at a special Open Day to showcase the Sandy Lane Community Centre at Stockton Heath.

Organised by the Warrington Borough Council's South Area Neighbourhood team, the special event took place during Dementia Action Week.

Cheshire Police were on hand offering free bike marking as well as providing cyber safety and crime prevention advice.

It provided a great opportunity to find out what was going on locally and included a pop up cafe and cream teas, coffee and cake.

Local councillors attended the

event and there were taster sessions for meditation, reflexology, Indian Head Massage, pedicures, flower arranging, sewing demonstrations and chair based exercises.

Stockton Heath Lions were also on hand supplying "Emergency Message in a Bottle" and there was also an opportunity for blood pressure checks.

South Area Manager Barbara Parratt said: "The Sandy Lane Community Centre is a great facility and it was fantastic to see so many people turn up on the open day.

"I would like to thank everyone who turned out to show their support."





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The events centre has played host to many spectacular events over the years, including weddings, gala dinners, charity balls and birthday parties.

To mark the occasion, The Park Royal is hosting a glamourous anniversary ball in the Royal Suite on July 13, in conjunction with Warrington Disability Partnership and the Tim Parry and Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation, with a percentage of all ticket sales going to the two charities. The night will consist of arrival drinks, a delicious 3 course

dinner, a table magician, live band and a DJ, complete with a dance floor for guests to party the night away!

This event is set to be a night to remember, with tickets selling fast, so don't miss out on securing your place! Call 01925 730 706 or email events@theparkroyal.co.uk to book your ticket.

*Tickets are £40 and a percentage of each ticket sale will be donated to Warrington Disability Partnership and the Tim Parry and Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation.

*For parties of 10 or more, the organiser will be treated to a complimentary stay at The Park Royal on the night of the party.

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A day to remember at Arley Garden Festival

THREE leading figures in Cheshire horticulture will share their knowledge and anecdotes at this year's Arley Garden Festival.

Lord Ashbrook, whose family have nurtured Arley's gardens for 250 years, will be one of those taking centre stage in the popular Gardeners' Question Time marquee.

He will talk about the Arley gardens'

history from the 18th century through to the current day and answer any questions from the public.

Joining Lord Ashbrook will be Arley's Head Gardener Gordon Baillie who has worked in high-profile gardens across the country - including once being gardener to the musician Sting.

Former BBC Gardener of the Year

Sue Beesley, owner-manager of Bluebell Cottage Gardens and Nursery in Dutton, completes the trio of experts.

"We feel very honoured to have such knowledgeable speakers and are sure our visitors will be delighted to hear from all three," said Event Organiser Helen Begent.

"All of them are offering their

time on both days of the show to give the public every opportunity to ask questions or simply listen to the horticultural stories they have to tell."

It is the 24th year for the Arley Garden Festival, which is firmly part of the calendar for Cheshire's gardeners.

Every year around 5,000 enthusiasts - as well as those just looking for a family day out - visit the event.

Among the highlights will be the specialist plant nurseries, floral marquee, food fair and craft stalls. There will also be live music, a classic car display and children's entertainment.

Pupils from local schools have also been busy creating their own show gardens, which will be honoured by judges and the public.

"Increasingly, gardening is being recognised as an important element in education and we are delighted at the enthusiasm shown by the children and their teachers," said Lord Ashbrook.

The show is open 10am to 5pm. Tickets can be booked at a discounted rate at www.arleyhallandgardens.com or bought on the gate for £16.50 and include entry to Arley's award-winning gardens and the hall - home to Thomas Shelby in the BBC's BAFTA-winning drama Peaky Blinders.





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Money Column

By Margaret Black

Changes in interest relief for landlords

From 6th April 2017 rules for this type of claim have altered, the way to claim has been revised. Successfully changing from relief by deduction to that of a relief by a basic rate tax deduction, once it is fully effected owners of unincorporated property rental businesses will receive relief as a basic rate tax reduction.



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

From deduction to tax reduction

The changes in which interest relief is given to landlords will be phased in over four years from 2017/2018 tax year to 2020/2021 tax year. Each year the ratio of interest for which relief is to be claimed by deduction decreases and the ratio for which relief is claimed as a basic rate tax deduction increases.

The overall effect: it moves the claim from the position in the earlier years up to 2016/2017 tax year where relief for interest costs were wholly deducted when calculating the profit of the rental business to that of, from 2020/2021 onwards, where relief is only given, in full, as a basic rate tax reduction.

The Change will be Phased in as follows:

- 2017/2018, relief for 75% of the interest costs given as a deduction, with relief for the remaining 25% given as a basic rate tax reduction
- 2018/2019, relief for 50% of the interest costs given as a deduction, with relief for the remaining 50% given as a basic rate tax reduction
- 2019/2020, relief for 25% of the interest costs given as a deduction, with relief for the remaining 75% given as a basic rate tax reduction; and
- 2020/2021, and later years, relief for 100% of the interest costs is given as a basic rate tax reduction

The concept of relief as a basic rate tax reduction is slightly more complex. Instead of deducting the interest when calculating the profit, the interest (or, in interim years, the ratio not eligible for relief by deduction) is ignored when working out the tax on the rental profits. The tax bill is then cut by the basic rate tax reduction, which in most cases is 20% (per the basic rate of tax) of the interest costs. So, if the interest costs are £5,000, the tax bill (calculated to exclude interest) is reduced by £1,000.

If the profit is less than the interest costs or the profit is sheltered by the personal allowance, the basic rate reduction is capped, and is 20% of the lower of: finance costs not deducted in the year, or profits of the business for the tax year, or total income that exceeds the personal allowance for the year.

This avoids the tax reduction creating a tax repayment – at best, it can cut the tax bill to nil if the taxpayer is a basic rate taxpayer. Any unrelieved interest costs can be carried forward to the next year.

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Posh 'White Party' at rugby club

Lymm Rugby Club is hosting a posh "White Party" to raise funds to achieve the ultimate ambition of building a state-of-the-art clubhouse, organising a series of events geared to embrace the community of Lymm and bring everyone together.

The Posh Party on The Pitch will take place on Saturday, June 9 in the summer marquee at Lymm Rugby Club and promises to be an excellent night of entertainment involving a high class three course dinner, with a live nine piece band and free bubbly drinks reception.

It is set to be a great night and the rugby club would like to invite social groups in Lymm and surrounding areas, to take a table or two! So if you are part of the local social or sporting scene this is the night for you!

Themed as The White Party in 2018, if you were to book a table of 8, 10 or 12 guests the cost is £55 per head. Dress code is white, light attire or fancy dress.

All proceed go to the Lymm Grass Roots Club House Appeal.

Meanwhile the rugby club has also signed up two of the best speakers on the after-dinner circuit, for a black tie Sportsman's Evening on Thursday 7 June 2018.

Ian Robertson, the BBC Rugby commentator and former Scottish International is joined by Dr Kevin Jones, the funniest man in medicine who is set to debut at the Edinburgh Fringe in August – see www.drkevinjones.co.uk.

Both speakers are regarded as the best in the business and it promises to be a superb night of entertainment.

To be held in the summer marquee built on the pitch at Lymm, tickets at £55, or tables of ten at £550 for corporate clients, are now available to book through Mal Pritchard on 07855 322248 or malcolm@hammondraggett.co.uk

All proceeds go to the Lymm Grass Roots Club House Appeal.



Festival photo competition

STOCKTON Heath Festival will be holding a photographic competition themed "Out and about in Stockton Heath" this year.

Closing date for entries is June 17.

Photographs will be displayed on the festival field on Saturday and Sunday 7-8 for viewing and public voting.

There will two age groups - 15 years and under and 16 years and over.

The competition is sponsored by Victoria Garage and Milton Motor Company.

An online entry form can be found at <https://stocktonheathfestival.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Stockton-Heath-Festival-photo-competition-Entry-Form-2018.pdf>



Village will be packed for Historic Transport Day

WHEN local man Alan Williams organised the first Lymm Historic Transport Day in June 2013 it was meant to be a one off to help raise funds for the ten day Lymm Festival.

But it was so successful, in spite of atrocious weather, that it has now become a key event on the region's transport event calendar as well as generating a wide range of education and heritage spin-off benefits.

"We do have a unique setting" explained Alan, who is still the Event Director. "The Bridgewater Canal cuts right through the heart of our beautiful Cheshire village. We also have access to a glorious seven acre main event field close by and a tarmacked area next to the canal that can accommodate over a dozen traction engines." And this year for the second time the show takes to the skies too with a flypast by a Battle of Britain Memorial Fund Spitfire marking the centenary of the RAF.

"There are some great contributions from the Warrington area too. North West Casual Classics Car Club has been supporting the event since year one and describe it as one of their favourite events in the calendar while the Burtonwood Association will be marking the 70th anniversary to the day of the start of the Berlin airlift. This year too for the first time Network Warrington will be getting more involved by providing a vintage double decker shuttle for the centre of Warrington.

"The trick is to try and provide something for everyone from transport enthusiasts to families" field manager John Parry said.

"I suppose I could be described a bit of a 'petrol-head' and there will certainly be plenty that I am looking forward to seeing, but for the grandkids there's Lightning McQueen, LEGO and dinosaurs too. That's the complete package for lots of kids"

The event prides itself on being largely self-funding with some top-up sponsorship from local businesses. Key sponsors this year are local building supplies company MKM and Central Self Drive who are celebrating their 50th anniversary. H&H Classic Cars, Urban Building, Redex and KC Autos complete an impressive line-up who can see the value in putting their name to an event that has earned a great reputation.

It all happens on Sunday June 24. The aim is to create an all-day experience with six buses providing park and ride facilities from local car parks as well as nearby Warrington town centre.

The village will be buzzing with traction engines, historic working boats and model railways on what is the first weekend of Lymm Festival which this year celebrates its own 20th anniversary.

Profits from the event have helped fund the setting up of the newly established Lymm Heritage Centre close to the canal. The Centre tells Lymm's story which has been so heavily influenced by the arrival of the canal in the late 1760s. It has received over 6,000 visitors in its first six months. The project has also received important support from The Heritage Lottery Fund.

To find out more about the event go to lymmtransport.org.uk There are still a few opportunities for volunteers to help staff the event and a free pair of tickets plus an invite to the after-party. Details again on the website.



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- Kyla Brox - Festival blues night

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- Jonathan Veira - Bass baritone
- Local choral groups
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BACK IN TIME

- The Enigma Machine Story
- Heritage Centre exhibitions
- Local history walks

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View latest programme at lymmfestival.org.uk

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Festival tickets set to go on sale

AFTER months of careful planning tickets for the 11th Stockton Heath Festival are set to go on sale from Friday June 8.

Throughout the Festival the

community comes together to celebrate art, music, drama, local culture and more. As a visitor to the event, what can you expect from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th July this

year?

Taking a trip around the Festival during the day, beginning on the Festival Field you will find plenty of vibrant colour including face painting, balloons and bubbles, and stitching and sewing workshops for older children and adults in the Arts Tent.

Visit the vibrant arts, crafts and farmer's market where you'll find beautiful glass ware, artisan products and homewares. Stroll across to the Mini Farm or Dog Show to meet the animals, or enjoy Pinxton Puppets and the Climbing Wall. Why not pop into the Kid's Zone to find Diddi Dance, Crafts, Mini Professors and more? Or children can enjoy the ever popular Treasure Island show from M&M Theatrical Productions.

are the Comedy Night at the Slug and Lettuce, The Merchant of Venice open-air theatre, rock at the Festival Marquee and David Live, a Bowie tribute band.

While the Festival Marquee welcomes Viva la Coldplay tribute band, other local venues offer competitions, films, sporting activities and music ranging from swing, to musicals and the popular children's gospel choirs.

Getting tickets

Most of the Festival activities are free, and for events requiring tickets, they are on sale from Friday 8th June online or from the Festival Box Office at the Forge in Stockton Heath.

The 11th Stockton Heath Festival is set to be a feast for the senses, to be explored and enjoyed. Pick up a programme to see what you can discover.

Stockton Heath Festival information

Festival news – Twitter and Facebook Website – www.stocktonheathfestival.co.uk

Get involved – volunteers@stocktonheathfestival.co.uk

General enquiries – hello@stocktonheathfestival.co.uk

Photography competition – photography@stocktonheathfestival.co.uk

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Storytelling

Around the village, in the library you can hear stories about World War 1 soldiers expertly told, and children will be able to join in with storytelling and craft sessions. The Scouts Centre will be a hive of activity where adults can try a Festival Workout and children can enjoy a fun French class.

The canal is open for boat trips and the allotment for delicious fresh produce. Art lovers can appreciate work in St Thomas' Church from Wednesday and lovers of technology can enter 3D worlds showcasing local talent through a virtual reality experience at Priestley College.

By night, the local venues shake off their daytime activities and invite visitors to enjoy a different Festival experience. Big draws for this year

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Sandy Lane Centre, Stockton Heath, 7.30pm

June 19
APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudson Green Road, 7.30pm

June 21
GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane, 7.30pm

June 14
LIVE AT ST WILFRID'S
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Every Monday
COUNTRY DANCING CLUB
St Thomas' Primary School, Parkgate Road, Stockton Heath.
8-10pm. Details: 01925 262356

BRIDGE CLUB
Belong Warrington, Loushers Lane 7.20pm. Details 01925 262534

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

HIGH LEGH BRIDGE CLUB
Village Hall, 7-10pm. Rubber, Duplicate and Chicago played. Details: Audrey Greaves 0161 904 0120

Every second Monday
PARK (APPLETON) WI
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudson Green Road, 7.30pm

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

Second and fourth Monday
WARRINGTON ART GROUP
Bellhouse Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall, 7-9pm.

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

Every fourth Monday
MARFIELD WI
Grappenhall Community Library, Albert Road, Grappenhall. 7.30pm

Every Tuesday
COFFEE MORNING
St Cross Church, Appleton Thorn.
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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

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Warrington Sports Club, Walton Lea Road,
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HIGHER WALTON WI, St John's Community Hall,
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Every fourth Wednesday
ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY
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Every Thursday
THE SILVER QUAYS Senior Citizen's Club
The Quays Community Centre, Thelwall New Road,
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Details: 01925 753474.

BRIDGE CLUB
Belong Warrington, Loushers Lane 7.20pm. Details 01925 262534

Every second Thursday
STRETTON WI
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudson Green Road. 2.30pm.

GRAPPENHALL PROBUS CLUB
Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, 10am.
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Young cricketer's dream start to the season

THE cricket season got off to a dream start for 17-year-old Grappenhall batsman Arthur Pennington as he hit his first-ever 1st XI century as his club raced to victory over Elworth in the Cheshire Cup.

He hammered an unbeaten 108 against a strong bowling attack as Grappers got the better of a closely fought game at Broad Lane.

And it was just the start for the promising youngster.

After eight games he was top of the 1st XI batting averages, with an average of 49.50 in all matches – league, cup and one "friendly."

His 297 runs amounted to almost a quarter (24.34 per cent) of his team's total number of runs and included 35 fours and four sixes.

Arthur has been on Grappenhall's radar as a future 1st XI player for some time and has really excelled over the last couple of years.

In 2016 he scored a phenomenal 184 for Cheshire Under 15s in a representative match against the Cleveland Schools Cricket Association.

But the previous year he scored his first senior century for Grappenhall 2nd in a league match against Middlewich – a remarkable feat for a then 14-year-old.

Last year he scored another century for the 2nd XI and made a handful of 1st XI appearances.

Arthur has two older brothers, Albert and Stanley, who are also promising players and play for Grappenhall. They have all been at the club since Albert, the eldest, was eight years old. He is now 20 and at university, but still plays for the 1st XI when available.

Club secretary Paul Tyerman said:



"The Pennington family are truly a part of the fabric of the club.

"Mum Jan and sister Lorca are both involved in the club, with Jan having formerly been a junior coach. Now she and Lorca do the teas for the matches, week in, week out."

Unfortunately, Arthur's excellent form has not, so far, been matched by his teammates too often, and

Grappenhall 1st XI had to wait until their fifth game before they recorded a league win.

This meant they were languishing at the bottom of the Cheshire County League ECB Premier Division and facing an uphill task if they are to remain in the top flight of Cheshire cricket.

Golf club to support disability charity

HIGH Legh Park Golf Club has chosen to support disability charity, Stockdale's, this year.

The Sale-based charity supports more than 200 children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and life-limiting conditions and their families every year.

Club captains Trevor Pathak and Kath Davies are passionate about

making a difference to people with learning disabilities in the community and wanted to help the charity with its valuable work.

Trevor said: "We are delighted to announce Stockdale's as our chosen charity for 2018. This local charity has provided so much for many young adults, including my youngest son who has benefited from the social care and abundant daytime

activities."

Kath added: "My cousin found the care given to her late son to be compassionate, loving and caring during his three years as a permanent resident. His all too short life was greatly enhanced by this wonderful charity."

This year's season started at High Legh with the traditional Captain's Drive In, where members raised over £1,000 for Stockdale's.

The captains have more fundraising events planned throughout the year leading up to their annual golf day in August, when they hope to raise even more money for Stockdale's.

They have also secured the support of Barclays.

Natalie James-Crumlish, fundraising manager at Stockdale's said, "This is a brilliant result. It means so much to everyone at Stockdale's to have the support of both organisations! Big thanks to Trevor, Kath, everyone at High Legh and Barclays for their kindness. We are so pleased with this amazing news and look forward to working with them throughout the year. It will make such a difference to people who need it the most."

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