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## Leaving the EU. What does it mean for you?



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When we leave the European Union, we will also leave the EU customs union. The question we all want to know the answer to is 'what that means for me?' Well first, let's have a quick reminder of what the customs union is. In short, it's an agreement between European member states that there will be no internal tariffs on goods that move between them. Once goods are within the EU, they can also travel freely. This means that administrative and financial barriers to trade within the EU are massively reduced.

So why would we want to leave? The important factor of the customs union in the Brexit debate has been that while you're in it, you don't have the freedom to negotiate your own trade deals on goods from other parts of the world. The government insists that such freedom is integral to the success of Brexit.

There are alternative options to a customs union that are being considered, firstly a customs partnership in which the UK collects the EU's tariffs on goods from other countries on behalf of the EU. If the UK tariffs were lower, and those goods stayed within the UK, then companies would be able to claim back the difference. This would potentially lead to greater bureaucracy and added costs.

Secondly, the idea of a 'highly streamlined customs arrangement' has been proposed. The suggestion is that rather than getting rid of checks altogether, they would be

minimised. Trusted trader schemes and new technologies would be used to ensure companies make bulk payments for the duties, rather than each time goods cross a border. Of course, we also have the issue of Ireland to address. All involved parties have made a firm commitment to keeping an open border between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. We're yet to see a suggestion that offers the perfect solution to this delicate issue.

Leaving the customs union could mean increased border checks and supply chains within industry would be heavily affected. Businesses operating 'just-in-time' production, such as those in the automotive industry, have multiple goods coming into the UK from mainland Europe every day. Honda, for example, relies on 350 trucks arriving daily; a 15-minute delay to their factory in Swindon would lead to an estimated cost of £850,000.

We are likely looking at higher tariffs. Switzerland and Norway do experience tariff-free access to the EU from outside the customs union but in return, they allow free movement of works and contribute to the EU budget. With immigration being such a large factor of the Brexit negotiations and the UK looking to restrict the free movement of people, it's unlikely that we will negotiate a similar agreement.

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# Editor's comment

THE long running saga over a proposed housing development on a farmer's field in the heart of Appleton Thorn was due to be back before planners as Village Life went to press.

Four years on from when developers Bloor Homes unveiled proposals to develop the land a "compromise" development was due before the borough's planners for 71 properties, including 22 "affordable" compared to the original scheme which suggested between 80-90 properties.

Whatever the outcome of the meeting I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating local residents on their hard work not only in relation to this proposed development, but their general CARE for the village they live in.

The aptly name CARE group, have certainly gone the extra mile and dedicated many volunteer hours in campaigning for the best possible development on this site and delivering the first Neighbourhood Plan in the borough.

We are certainly blessed with many hard working like-minded individuals across our local communities.

As well as the great work by CARE we mustn't forget all those hard working people who help deliver our outstanding community events each year.

We have already enjoyed another excellent Bawming the Thorn, Thelwall Rose Queen and Whitley Rose Queen, with plenty more to come including the Stockton Heath Festival which is now a major event.

It certainly has been fun seeing all the village scarecrows.

All these events depend on the goodwill of hard working volunteers, which begs another question - how come not a single person from the area was represented in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours?!

Surely we have enough deserving people in our local communities for at least one person to be recognised for their endeavours.

Having discussed this with the powers that be I am informed that not many nominations are put forward from the area!

Each year when the New Year and Birthday honours are announced we trawl through the list for Cheshire looking for local people - and it is



always disappointing when there are none or very few to be found.

So come on - if you know a deserving person who has dedicated their life to helping others get those nominations in - forms are available at [www.gov.uk/honours](http://www.gov.uk/honours).

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August issue of  
Village Life  
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## Bringing a taste of Italy to Appleton

**A café owner is hoping to bring a taste of Italy to Appleton after winning planning permission for a pizzeria takeaway.**

Karen Howard has been granted permission by Warrington Borough Council planners to transform her Bizzie Beans café on Bridge Lane, Appleton.

The application involves the ground floor unit of No. 40 Bridge Lane, in Appleton, which is situated within a terraced row, between two convenience stores, one to either side and a hairdressers.

Residential flats are situated above the units, and the area is primarily residential in character.

Planners have agreed to allow to change of use of the unit to a hot food takeaway (A5 use class), with plans to operate as a pizzeria between 11:00 and 21:00, seven days a week.

The application was supported by local Councillor Sharon Harris who said the application had the potential to increase community cohesiveness within the Cobbs estate.

Cllr Harris said: "Bizzie Beans is a community café which provides an invaluable service to a number of local people, some of whom are somewhat vulnerable. It is greatly valued as a community resource and the change of use would not affect this. In fact, it would enable the owner to continue the business. It is well known that these units are hard to let and prior to Bizzie Beans taking occupation, the unit was empty and boarded up for several years."

Bizzie Beans hosts a number of community events such as a monthly book club and PSCOs surgeries. It was also an integral part of the Christmas Lantern Walk which was organised by the South Area Team and the Parish

Council.

Cllr Harris added: "The Cobbs estate is sadly lacking in a number of amenities and the change of use from café to pizzeria would, I suspect, be something that residents would find useful."

Karen added: "A lot of our customers are older people who are keen to see this kind of facility in the local community."

"We have been open since January 20 and this planning permission gives us an extra string to our bow. It will be an Italian style Street café. It will give the older people an opportunity to get out in the evenings, without the hassle of trying to get to Stockton Heath and finding somewhere to park."

Karen isn't sure yet when work will start on the transformation - but the planning consent lasts for three years.





# Ruth got more than she bargained for!



**WHEN** Stockton Heath businesswoman Ruth Yates decided to do a 15,000ft skydive for charity she got more than she bargained for – more than £1,000 more!

Wine shop owner Ruth had set herself a target of raising £3,000 for the Onside Warrington Youth Club – enough to support three needy children.

In fact she has raised more than £4,260 – and the money is still coming in.

Ruth had to conquer a lifelong fear of heights and dislike of small aeroplanes to do the skydive.

A mentor at Onside Warrington Youth Club, she said: “I have been in the privileged position to support a young lady to make some positive changes in her life. The mentoring programme at Onside Warrington

Youth Club not only changes lives but, saves lives.

“To support one child through the mentoring programme costs £1,000 per year – that’s the price of a cup of coffee per day.

“It is an incredibly valuable programme.”

Ruth can still be supported at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=RuthYates1&pageUrl=1>



## Fitting a kitchen will probably be the biggest investment in your home

DIY store B&Q has announced they will no longer be fitting the kitchens that they supply, but does it really make a difference, can't you just get any kitchen fitter to do install it?

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inside out, understanding any nuances and installing it perfectly to the designer's brief, and for the supplier to be on hand should the fitter have any problems or the manufacturer has sent the wrong part in error.

“You also want the same fitter to be on hand until the job is complete, and even afterwards in case you have a problem after sign off – it is rare, but it does happen, and sometimes you can't get the same installation team back.

“Finally, you need to understand what impact using an external installation company may have on your warranty for the units and appliances. Do your research before you choose your route.

Dave added, “At JD Kitchens our in-house fitters know our Schuller and Macintosh kitchens inside out, and they make sure that the finest details are finished to the highest quality. What's more we'll look after you every step of the way and project manage everything to make your home complete for a surprisingly attainable price”.

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# Grey skies and showers fail to dampen spirits at Bawming the Thorn

**GREY** skies, wind and occasional showers did little to deter the community spirit at Appleton Thorn for the annual Bawming the Thorn event.

Special guest of honour was Lord Ashbrook from Arley Hall, who performed the official opening ceremony and also had three grand children taking part in the parade, including the Page Benjamin Flower.

With strong family connections to the area Lord Ashbrook said it was an honour to attend the event made even more special with three grand children involved.

He said he wished he could attend more often but the event often clashed with other events across Cheshire.

Legend has it that the thorn tree, which stands beside the local church, is believed to be an offshoot from the Glastonbury thorn which grew from the staff of Joseph.

Adam de Dutton, a knight of the crusades and local landowner brought it to Appleton Thorn in 1178, although the current tree is a relative newcomer.

Bawming the Thorn involves decorating the tree with flowers and ribbons, with local school children from Appleton Thorn Primary School performing the bawming dance.

Pupils from Appleton Thorn Primary School re-enacted the bawming dance with pupils John Wilson taking the role of Knight and Benjamin Flowers as Page.







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# Inn theme for Thelwall Rose Queen

**THIS year's Thelwall Rose Queen procession and crowning was a dry and warm event despite a dreadful weather forecast.**

Leaving the Parish Hall carpark led by Lymm town crier, Peter Powell and the pipes and drums of the Manchester Phoenix pipe band this year's floats were decked out in the theme of 'the Inn Names'.

These included the Church Green, the Horse and Hound, the Mad Hatter, The Holiday Inn, the George and Dragon, the Unicorn, the Wellington, the Farmers Arms and the Fireman's Arms.

The parade was joined by the retiring Rose Queen and attendants float, the 2018 Rose Queen float and her attendants.

Also parading through the streets lined with locals were Thelwall Morris Men, the Bataala band and various vintage vehicles.

This year's Rose Queen was 10 year old Lola Coulton who has lived in the village all her life. She loves sport and dance and has never missed a Rose

Queen event, even as a baby. Her attendants were Poppy Coulton, Lily Hanson, Kate Yarwood, Ava Fotherby Packer, Evie Leigh and Milijana Miseljc. Lola took over from last year's retiring Rose Queen, Maddison Shaw, aged 12.

The winners of the best walking float were the Thelwall Rainbows and Brownies who were a riot of colour decked out as 'the Unicorn'. Best motorised float went to Cheshire Day Nursery with their amazing depiction of 'the Mad Hatter'.

Also announced was the winner of the best scarecrow competition which went to Joanna Storey for her superbly artistic 'beware, children playing out'.

After the parade it was time to perform the crowning ceremony which was carried out by Maggie Taylor and then on to the fun and festivities.

The large and happy crowd were treated to an afternoon programme of events which included The Thelwall Junior Choir, Warrington animal welfare dog show, the Bataala Liverpool drum band and the Thelwall Morris Men.

Activities included donkey rides, assault courses, birds of prey, remote control car racing, a coconut shy, crazy golf and some fabulous fairground rides.

The local hostellers, the Little Manor and the Pickering Arms catered for hungry and thirsty revellers and the Little Manor had a gin fizz and Pimm's tent, a BBQ and live music to entertain the crowds.

Events such as these take an awful lot of organising and this year special thanks should go to Philip Young, Chairman of the Thelwall Rose Queen Committee and all his volunteer colleagues. The local PCSO's and the St. John's ambulance were also on hand to ensure that all went smoothly.

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# Work well underway on renovation of Appleton Parish Hall

**WORK is progressing well on renovating the Parish Hall at Appleton, thanks to a £50,000 grant from funding body WREN.**

Walls have been re-plastered, new doors and surrounds have been replaced and new flooring and carpet laid both in the small hall, toilets and council office. New shelves have also been installed to house books for the library.

Also the disabled access ramp and toilet are being revamped.

Cllr Sharon Harris, Chairman of Appleton Parish Council, is "delighted with work so far and proud that the Parish Council has taken the initiative to make the hall a dementia friendly space making it usable for all in our community."

She said the Council had received many favourable comments from users of the hall already. This now completes phase one and two of the project. Work is expected to be completed by September 2018.

Appleton Parish Hall is used by many community groups and clubs serving local people of all ages and interests. There is a Toddlers group on Friday mornings, a coffee morning run by Aim Christian Fellowship and a library on a Tuesday morning, several WI groups meet at the Parish

Hall along with two flower clubs and a Keep Fit session on Thursday mornings.

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Richard Smith, WREN's grant manager for Warrington, said: "It's always nice to see something we have funded start to take shape. We're delighted to be supporting such a worthwhile project and look forward to it benefitting community groups across Warrington."

Appleton Parish Council is also providing funds for the renovation project and the Parish Council was also successful in being awarded £1,500 from the Community Initiative Fund from Warrington Borough Council.

Further information about the Wren grant work and Appleton Parish Hall can be obtained by the clerk, Mrs J Monks on telephone 01925 268153 or Email [clerk@appletonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@appletonpc.org.uk). To hire Appleton Parish Hall for an event or for a children's party please contact the Booking Secretary, Mrs C Middleton on telephone 01925 604589.



## Church celebrates 150th anniversary

CELEBRATIONS are going on at St Thomas' Church, Stockton Heath, to mark the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the present church building.

Special events are taking place throughout the summer and started with a cheese and wine evening to mark the beginning of a flower festival, "Our House of Prayer."

At the cheese and wine evening there was a re-enactment of the parishioners meeting which took place on February 9, 1865, to plan the present building.

The flower festival will run until Sunday, July 1 from 10am to 4pm daily.

There will be a "Best of British" concert with Golborne Brass Band on Saturday, June 30 at 7.30pm

On Sunday, July 1 the usual morning services will be followed by a special celebration service at 3pm.

The Bishop of Chester, the Rt Rev Dr Peter Forster will conduct the service, which will include readings from the 1868 consecration service, together with the planting of a yew tree and the burying of a time capsule enclosing items and prayers chosen by children of the church and St Thomas' Primary School.

In addition, a booklet entitled "Notable Dates and Events in the Life of St Thomas' Church" is available from the church.

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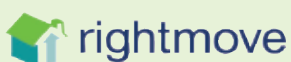
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# Great turn out for Whitley Rose Queen Fete

**THERE** was a great turn out from villagers for the 71 st Whitley Rose Queen Fete keeping the fabulous traditional village community event alive.

The entertainment began with a parade, starting at the school and then around the village, ending at the village hall field. Music was provided by the Frodsham Silver Band.

The 2017 and 2018 Rose Queen Retinues, local school children, pre-school children and vintage vehicles, participated in the parade.

Rose Queen 2018 Kristie Underdown was crowned accompanied by her retinue, accessorised in red followed by an afternoon of entertainment.

This started with the pre-school fancy dress competition and a superb performance of The Greatest Showman was performed by the pupils of Whitley Village School. They danced and sang many songs from the film.

They were in striking costumes and well-rehearsed.

Mrs Kim Cairns Acting Headteacher said: "Every year the children are so excited about the Rose Queen; we love being part of such a close community. Both children and staff had worked really hard for the show and I am sure everyone will agree that this year really was exceptional. We were so proud of our children".

Throughout the afternoon there were games, stalls, tombola and raffle with great prizes. Last but not least the Great Whitley Pig Race and tug of war challenge took place.

The Great Whitley Pig Race, won this year by Ace, pictured with his owner, trainer, local farmer and Rose Queen Chairman Mr Robert Houghton, who can be seen in the back ground.

Organisers would like to thank all those who supported this lovely event and wish Whitley Rose Queen 2018 Kristie a great year!







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# Money Column

By Margaret Black

## Making Tax Digital

**With only 9 months to go before many businesses are affected then it is time to once again look at the Making Tax Digital ("MTD") reporting being introduced in respect of VAT from April 2019.**

MTD will affect all VAT registered businesses with UK taxable turnover in excess of the VAT registration threshold, which is currently £85,000 per annum. These businesses will be required to comply with the MTD record keeping and reporting for VAT periods beginning on or after 1st April

2019. If a VAT registered business has a turnover below £85,000 at April 2019 then they will not be required to enter the MTD regime immediately. However, those business will need to monitor their turnover on a rolling 12 month basis, in the same way as businesses not registered for VAT, and if their turnover exceeds the VAT registration threshold then they will enter the MTD regime at the start of the next VAT period. Once in the MTD regime then it will continue to apply to that business even if turnover drops below the registration limit unless the business deregisters for VAT.

HMRC have stated that they will support alternative methods of submitting VAT returns, such as the current online interactive VAT form, but only until April 2020. After that date it is possible that all VAT registered businesses will be required to enter the MTD regime.

All businesses which are caught by MTD will need to submit their VAT Returns using MTD-compatible software. This can be an accounting package or spreadsheet, but it must be able to connect directly to HMRC's systems. The system must be able to:

- Keep the required records in a digital format
- Preserve those records for up to 6 years
- Create a VAT return from those records and which will include, as well as the current information:
  - A split of sales, and VAT chargeable, at the various VAT rates
  - A record of the Input VAT claimed for each purchase
  - Provide this information to HMRC digitally, without any manual intervention
  - Provide HMRC with additional information as required
  - Receive information from HMRC about the business's compliance record

With relevant adjustment, the above requirements apply to group registrations, and to businesses reporting under annual accounting, and to businesses using any of the special schemes, such as flat rate, retail and margin.

MTD will initially only apply to VAT reporting, and penalties will be charged for non-compliance subject to a 12 month soft-glove approach. Whilst the government's intention is to extend it to other taxes they have stated that they will not do so before "the system has been shown to work". Welcome to the world of the lab rat!

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## Get set for fun at Stockton Heath Festival



**FOUR days of fun are set to take place at the annual Stockton Heath Festival from July 5-8.**

Now in its 11th year, the vibrant Festival is well established and much anticipated, firmly woven into the fabric of village life.

Come rain or shine there will be plenty for kids to get involved in and something for everyone to enjoy.

All ages are catered for. Starting with early learning, there is a Baby Sensory session for little ones up to age 13 months and older children can enjoy storytelling sessions, Fun French, creative crafts and activities, puppets, the annual play for Kids – Treasure Island – and Paddington 2 film. The Festival Field will come to life with face painting, the Bubble Man, the mini farm, Climbing Wall, a Balloon Maker and much more.

There are many activities for all ages and abilities including canal boat trips and a Festival workout. There is a Sports Taster and competitions to take part in and you can vote for your favourite artwork by a local artist at the Festival Art Exhibition which will be open from Wednesday 4th July at 10am in St Thomas' Church. Many of the venues come alive at night so don't miss out – take a look at the programme or website to see what else you can enjoy.

There are many free events and for those needing a ticket you can buy them from the Festival Box Office at the Forge in Stockton Heath, or online in the What's On section. With the Festival just around the corner, make sure you book to avoid disappointment.

Stockton Heath Festival Information

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## Day nursery changes hands after 20 years

THE long-established Stretton Day Nursery has been sold to expanding nursery group Kids Planet.

Specialist business property adviser Christie and Co brokered the sale of the Tarporley Road nursery, which has spaces for 50 children.

Previous owner Patricia Morris decided to move on in order to retire after setting up the nursery and running it for more than 20 years.

She said: "This truly was a difficult decision, which took years to make. I felt Christie and Co had the right approach – professional but with a human face."

"I had a very specific profile of the successor in my mind. It was also important to me that I dealt with one person throughout."

Claire Roberts, of Lymm-based Kids Planet, said: "We are thrilled to add Stretton Day Nursery as our 26th nursery and we would like to thank Patricia for choosing us to take over the nursery following her retirement. We look forward to continuing to build on the high standards of care and education they provide."



# All set for Disability Awareness Day 2018

Work is well underway for the 27th annual Disability Awareness Day which takes place at Walton Gardens, Warrington, on Sunday, July 15.

Founder and event co-ordinator Dave Thompson, now Chief Executive of Warrington Disability Partnership, said: "In 1992, who would have thought that a disability information event organised by a very small, then unknown disability group, would grow in size and stature, and would influence the development of a now internationally-recognised Disability Awareness Day.

"This year sees the '27th Anniversary event', which has inspired people from all over the world and provided advice and support to 100,000's of disabled people, their families, friends and carers," added Dave, who helped co-found Warrington Disability Partnership after breaking his neck in a sporting injury.

More than 25,000 visitors are expected to attend this year's DAD, the world's largest not-for-profit, voluntary-led, pan-disability exhibition, which will once again be hosted at Walton Hall Gardens with the support of joint principal sponsors St George Healthcare Group and St Mark Universal Copts Care.

A huge tented village housing approximately 250 exhibitors – including equipment suppliers; transport; holidays; leisure and employment providers; and support groups and services – is set to attract visitors to travel from all over the UK and beyond.

Inclusive Arts is just one of the highlights of the event – with a number of disabled artists including nationally recognised performers such as the Ella Performance Group and Carly Ryan. The Main Arena will offer visitors a range of family entertainment including guide dog display teams, falconry displays and a number of marching bands. Also on-site will be the fully accessible Sports Zone with have-a-go events including Scuba Diving in the temporary pool, climbing wall, shooting, archery, basketball and much more.

A free, accessible Park and Ride service is available from Wilderspool Park; plus a free bus service every 30 minutes starting at 9.30am from Warrington Bus Interchange; British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters; trained assistants; and a scooter / wheelchair loans service promises to ensure DAD is fully inclusive to all.

"The background story to DAD is a great example of just how far a 'can do' attitude can take you," says Event Founder and Co-ordinator, Dave Thompson MBE DL.

"What started out as a one-off event is now one of the highlights of the international disabled community's calendar – inspiring similar events as far afield as India, Cameroon, Uganda, Gibraltar and Thailand. Our team is also working closely with one of our sponsors St Mark Universal Copts Care teams based in the UK and working in Egypt and Sudan."

The big day on Sunday July 15 from 10am to 5pm – will be a fitting finale to a week comprising a variety of complementary events to savour,

which are guaranteed to attract many more visitors to events aimed at disabled children and young people, mental health, learning disability, carers and a cultural diversity evening.

For more details on DAD and 'DAD Week' and all the events listed, please contact Warrington Disability Partnership on 01925 240064 or visit [www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk](http://www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk)



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# Keeping it in the family

**WHEN Paul Hazeldine was made redundant three years ago he decided to set up his own business – Hazeldine's Home and Garden Maintenance.**

But never in his wildest dreams did he expect it to grow as much as it has. By the end of 2017 they were turning business away, having undertaken some superb projects for customers in addition to carrying out regular garden maintenance.

"We needed to make a decision," said Paul. "Carry on turning people away or recruit a second team. We

decided to do the latter."

The decision coincided with Paul's wife, Lindsay, also being made redundant so it was a "no brainer" said Paul. "Lindsay loves gardening, so it made sense to give it ago."

Together with Andy, a family friend, Lindsay and Andy are filling up the diary quickly - thanks to advertising placed in Village Life.

Paul added: "We have such an array of customers, from small gardens to large properties and businesses. Many people need more than a fortnightly mow and hoe. We've installed greenhouse bases, patios, raised

beds, restored patios, painted fences, cleaned ponds, repaired shed roofs and built gazebos."

Lindsay said: 'It has been such a refreshing change to work outdoors and to meet Paul's customers. It can be quite hard at times but the reward in leaving a garden nice and tidy is great. Paul is a great boss too - who could ask for more?'

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# What's on in the villages

**July 10**  
STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL  
Sandy Lane Centre, Stockton Heath, 7.30pm  
**July 17**  
APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL  
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road, 7.30pm  
**July 19**  
GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL  
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane, 7.30pm

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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, Dudlow 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**  
MARLFIELD WI  
Grappenhall Community Library, Albert Road, Grappenhall, 7.30pm

**Every Tuesday**  
COFFEE MORNING  
St Cross Church, Appleton Thorn. All welcome. 10am-12 noon

**PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**  
Quays Community Centre,  
Thelwall New Road, Thelwall. 7.30pm.  
Contact: 01925 757582.

**COFFEE MORNING**  
Appleton Independent Methodist Church  
Appleton Parish Hall, 10am-12 noon

**Every second Tuesday**  
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**BOOK CLUB**  
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**Every Wednesday**  
APPLETON HALL BADMINTON CLUB  
April- July at Hall Drive, Appleton. 7.30-10pm.  
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**Every first Wednesday**  
WALTON WI  
St John's Church Community Hall. 7.30pm  
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**STOCKTON HEATH PROBUS CLUB**  
Warrington Sports Club, Walton Lea Road,  
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**Every third Wednesday**  
HIGHER WALTON WI, Sandy Lane Community Centre,  
Stockton Heath, 7.30pm. Details 01925 602486.

**Every fourth Wednesday**  
ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY  
Support Group, Brampton Lodge Day Centre, Bridge Lane, Appleton, 6.30-8.30pm

**Every Thursday**  
THE SILVER QUAYS Senior Citizen's Club  
The Quays Community Centre,  
Thelwall New Road, Thelwall.  
Details: 01925 753474.

**BRIDGE CLUB**  
Belong Warrington, Loushers Lane 7.20pm.  
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**Every second Thursday**  
STRETTON WI  
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road. 2.30pm.

**GRAPPENHALL PROBUS CLUB**  
Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, 10am.  
Details: 01925 264427.

**Every third Thursday**  
APPLETON AFTERNOON FLOWER CLUB  
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road 2pm  
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## Cricket club signs sponsorship deal

AMBITIOUS Appleton Cricket Club have signed a sponsorship deal with Axminster Tools and Machinery.

The company's name will be on the 1st XI shirt all this summer and the deal will help the Lyons Lane club in its drive to climb higher up the Cheshire cricket ladder.

After being selected as one of just three ECB clubs in the country to be awarded NatWest Cricket Force Showcase status and after a lot of hard work on and off the pitch through the winter, the club is ready to build on the promotion up the Cheshire Cricket League they earned last summer.

They had a disappointing start to the season - the first match was washed out by the weather - but after a couple of reverses they recovered to be a respectable fourth in the league table after nine games and still within reach of the top clubs.

## Golf club captains to support disability charity

HIGH Legh Park Golf Club's captain's charity golf day takes place on Thursday, August 2 - and will raise money for disability charity Stockdales.

Captains Trevor Pathak and Kath Davies are encouraging players from far and wide to join them on what should be a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Trevor said, "Kath and I have chosen to support Stockdales this



year because the charity has been a lifeline to members of both of our families. We wanted to do something to acknowledge this wonderful support. We will be holding several events throughout the year. But our headline event is the captains' charity day which we hope will raise a substantial amount of money."

Kath added: "We have already raised over £1,000 at the captains

drive In earlier in the year and we're looking forward to adding to the success of that. But we can only achieve this by people supporting the event. We hope local golfers will join us at what is one of the highlights in High Legh Park's calendar. We are lucky to have a beautiful course set in the heart of the Cheshire countryside and a delightful clubhouse serving excellent food and drinks. People will be not be disappointed!"

The event will start at 11.30am for lunch with a shotgun start scheduled for 1pm. Dinner, entertainment and the auction will take place from 7pm. Auction prizes include a week's stay in a luxury chalet on The Warren in Abersoch and a three ball plus lunch at the exclusive Renaissance Golf Club in Edinburgh plus many more. People can enter four players at a cost of £200 per team (members) or £240 per team (non-members). All enquiries to Kath Davies at kathdaves27@gmail.com or Brian Allatt at brianallatt@aol.com.

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