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Editor's comment

THE government has at long last given the green light for £142.5m funding towards the £212m cost of building the controversial Western Link, which will release land for development and housing and hopefully improve traffic flow around the town.

Notification of the funding announced by Transport Secretary Chris Grayling came via the regional Tory press office, quoting recently appointed Warrington South Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate Andy Carter – before anyone at the town hall had been given a heads up!

This is political points scoring at its very best – or worst depending on how you view it.

This is what I dislike about party politics - important developments and protecting our green belt should not be political.

But when the Draft Local Plan

was approved by the council, only the opposition councillors, mainly Lib Dems, along with one Tory and one Independent, opposed it, with the controlling Labour group in the main supporting it, apart from those representing the Peel Hall area, who all abstained, along with those who conveniently missed the meeting.

The Local Plan and the Western Link will shape the future of our town.

In the grand scheme of things we certainly do need major highway improvements to the town and this will certainly open up the potential of brownfield developments, hopefully taking the pressure off the Green Belt.

The most important thing is that people engage with the Local Plan and Transportation consultations which are now underway.

Keep an eye on the council website at <https://www.warrington.gov.uk> and make sure you have your say!

This is a hugely important period in



the history of our town, particularly with the growing pressures on our green belt and the threat of two huge logistic developments at Appleton Thorn and Grappenhall, on top of all the proposed new housing.

• Below: Under threat – Bradley Farm at Grappenhall.



Tree planted to mark centenary of Cheshire Federation of WIs



PARK Appleton WI celebrated the Centenary of the Cheshire Federation of WIs with the planting of a Tulip tree on land at Pine Ways, Appleton.

President Anne Malone, performed the official tree planting watched by members, local councillors and residents, assisted by Hollyoak Tree Services.

Park WI meet in the parish hall on the second Monday of each month at 7pm and new members are always welcome.

MP welcomes Western Link funding but remains opposed to Port Warrington

WARRINGTON South MP Faisal Rashid has welcomed news that the Department for Transport has agreed to contribute £142.5m for the controversial Western Link road – but says he remains opposed to Port Warrington.

While backing the bid for the new link road, Faisal has also made it clear to both the Council and to the Department for Transport that any funding for it should be in no way reliant upon Port Warrington.

Faisal is strongly opposed to proposals for Port Warrington, which he believes offer no benefits for local people or the town.

Faisal said: "I am delighted to hear that our town will be receiving significant funding from the Department for Transport for the Warrington Western Link. Infrastructural investment on this scale is long overdue in Warrington.

"Since my election, one of the greatest concerns raised with me by my constituents has been about the need for better road infrastructure and the urgent need to act to tackle the intolerable problems we have with traffic congestion.

"These problems are a direct consequence of poor infrastructure. There are limited crossing points on the River Mersey and Manchester Ship Canal, as well as a boundary of frequently congested major motorway networks. Combined with the Constituency's growth, this has resulted in chronic traffic congestion and poor air quality.

"Former Conservative Chancellor George Osborne promised us that the Mersey Gateway would be toll-free for our town. But his Conservative Government's U-turn on this issue let us all down and plunged Warrington South into further congestion



misery. I continue to fight for the toll to be scrapped but sadly to date Conservative Ministers have failed to act on the concerns raised by me and my constituents.

"As it stands, our roads are not fit for purpose and the problems we have with congestion are only set to get worse. Doing nothing is simply not an option. I gave my backing to the Council's bid for the Warrington Western Link because I felt it would offer our town real solutions to the congestion – long-term solutions that will help future generations.

"The Warrington Western Link will hugely benefit residents in west Warrington and south of the Ship Canal by significantly improving connectivity between these areas.

"The Link will also free up brownfield sites for housing, helping to protect Green Belt land from development. Since my election, I have always pursued a brownfield

first approach to development and I have taken steps to help ensure this can happen. Along with backing the Western Link, I backed the bid for the Centre Park Link, which together will alleviate congestion in the town centre and enable easier access. I have also backed funding bids that will rejuvenate the town centre helping to strengthen its future viability.

"On making my decision to back the Warrington Western Link bid, I made it clear that any support would be on the condition that all possible efforts were made to minimise the impact on local people. Throughout the process to date, I have worked closely with residents, the Council and with the Transport Minister, Jesse Norman. I arranged for Council officers to meet residents on a regular basis to raise concerns and to be kept informed of any progress. Council officers have worked hard to consult with residents

and businesses. I have made it clear to the Council that these meetings must continue.

"As the process develops, I will continue to represent my constituents' views on this issue to the very best of my ability.

"Warrington has a pressing need for major infrastructure projects to reduce congestion and by doing so, improving air quality in the town. I believe the Warrington Western Link project will go some way to ameliorate these problems, playing an essential role in relieving congestion and reducing travel delays and by doing so, hugely benefiting communities across Warrington South for generations to come."

But there has been strong opposition to the Western Link Road with protesters claiming it will destroy local communities and add to the town's traffic and pollution problems.

MP remains opposed to any Green Belt development

WARRINGTON South MP Faisal Rashid says he remains opposed to any green belt development in the borough in the light of the council approving the draft local plan.

The MP met up with Village life Editor Gary Skentelbery for a live broadcast to discuss the concerns and fears of many constituents following the council's decision to approve the Draft Local Plan.

While the Labour controlled Borough Council plans to release 10 per cent of green belt to meet housing and employment needs, Faisal says "releasing one per cent without exceptional circumstances, is one per cent too much."

But he says the council must deliver a local plan as it is a statutory requirement of the Government.

"This issue is not just facing Warrington – it is facing the whole country," he added.

Faisal also stressed he had "no powers to make the borough council make a decision."

"But we need to be sensible and deal with things in a sensible way.

We are facing a housing crisis and attacking the council and local MP is not the solution.

"I can see some people using the Local plan for political gain – and this is something I will not do."

He added that the local plan had to go through a due process, with nine weeks of consultation starting on April 15. Once this was completed the council would assess the feedback and then go back out to consultation on the proposed local plan.

Talking about the council's relationship with developers like Langtree, while understanding peoples' concerns it was sometimes necessary for the private and public sector to work in partnership.

An example of this was Wire Regeneration involving the proposed re-development of Warrington Bus depot, where land was jointly owned by the council and Langtree.

He added that it was also sometimes better for councils to work with developers they had a relationship with, instead of unknown ones from out of town.

But he stressed he remained

opposed to the Six56 proposal by Langtree on Green Belt land at Grappenhall because of the traffic implications for the town.

"I can see no exceptional circumstances why this should be

approved," he added.

The full interview can be viewed on the www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk website by searching "MP remains opposed to green belt development."



Staycation

Times have changed a lot in the past ten years when the UK Media first used the term as a way of describing the Great British getaway. At that time it appeared people were sacrificing their traditional overseas holiday for something less expensive and less exciting!

Short breaks may be by definition shorter, but that does not mean you should be prepared to compromise on quality. The investment in accommodation and facilities we have seen on home soil over the last decade means the 'staycation' is no longer a fad. In particular; there is great demand for luxury lodges. There are hot tub retreats nestled deep in the forest and quirky beach huts with stunning sea views. You can escape to a beautiful cottage, stunning barn, or hop aboard a stylish boat. Suitable for all the family and pets can even go free in some accommodation. What could be

more special than a weekend away in the Cotswolds with the grand-children? A cheeky second or third little break before or after your main holiday.

One of the major operators has teamed up with a leading group exercise provider to offer children a 'virtual fitness programme' called BORN TO MOVE. Incorporating a range of fun, physical movement patterns, such as martial arts, dance and yoga. The programme aims to encourage children to have fun moving to music. The virtual classes are tailored for age groups ranging from four to 16. They also intend to trial several adult virtual



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Second huge Green Belt logistics plan submitted for South Warrington

HOT on the heels of Eddie Stobart re-submitting a planning application to develop Green Belt land in South Warrington, developers Langtree and Panattoni have put in their proposal to create another huge logistics centre on neighbouring land.

Both applications come following Warrington Borough Council's decision last week to approve their Draft Local Plan, which includes releasing green belt for employment uses.

The controversial Six 56 Warrington development would create around 4,100 jobs and generate £7.1m pa in new rateable income for the local authority, say developers Langtree and Panattoni who have submitted a planning application to develop the major new employment site, which they say will create new high-quality logistics jobs.

The £180m development would provide 288,000 square metres of new employment space if approved by Warrington Borough Council.

Six 56 Warrington is on land bounded by junction 20 of the M6 and junction 9 of the M56 motorways. The submission follows a series of well-attended public consultation events and the recent approval by Warrington Borough Council of its Draft Local Plan which has identified the land for employment uses.

The scheme will focus on providing space for logistics businesses, explained John Downes, Langtree's group chief executive. "It's where the greatest demand lies and the jobs are much more diverse and better paid than people perhaps realise," he said.

"The average salary in the sector is £28,000 and in a scheme of this type there will be a wide variety of roles available, from warehouse operatives to supply chain managers and highly skilled technicians. This development is about ensuring that Warrington remains a competitive and relevant economy as the world of work evolves."

He says, it is Langtree's ambition to 'go one step further', ensuring jobs in the local supply chain, too.

"The impact of our investment will be magnified if we can engage



local suppliers in the construction and operation of the scheme. We are therefore committed to working with partners to ensure as far as possible, that contracts are placed with local firms," added Mr Downes.

Langtree and Panattoni say employment sites are needed to maintain Warrington's position as one of the UK's most successful local economies and continue its track record of attracting new employers and jobs to the area, the local council believes. They are bringing forward their proposals in response to Warrington Borough Council's Draft Local Plan, which has identified a need for 381 hectares (941 acres) of new employment space over the next 20 years.

The application is expected to be heard by Warrington Borough Council's planning committee in early Summer. If approved there would be an intensive period of work involved before construction could begin, with tenants expected to occupy buildings from Spring 2021.

Visit www.six56Warrington.co.uk for further information.

Warrington South MP Faisal Rashid, local residents and councillors have all

voiced opposition to the development of Green belt land in the area.

Meanwhile the town's largest logistics business Eddie Stobart has re-submitted their plans to build a National Distribution Centre (NDC) on Green Belt land at Barleycastle Lane at Appleton Thorn.

The proposals for a 59,000 sqm, state-of-the-art building on land close to the existing Eddie Stobart's HQ would create at least 480 new jobs in Warrington and add £18 million to the local economy every year.

A previous planning application for the scheme was turned down by Warrington Borough Council – against Officer advice – in November last year. That decision has since been appealed for review by the Planning Inspectorate.

The new application follows a public exhibition process in February 2019 with the local community, which has resulted in additional investment being proposed for the local road network.

Speaking after the re-submission of the planning application, a spokesperson for Eddie Stobart said: "This is a significant milestone for the business as it looks to grow

in Warrington, create new job opportunities and invest in the town.

"I am delighted that we have been able to explain the proposals in more detail to the local community and that many of those who took part in our consultation supported our ambitions.

"The scheme represents a unique opportunity for Warrington Borough Council to secure a £73 million investment in the borough and create at least 480 new jobs in the town.

"We have always said that Eddie Stobart needs to build its new National Distribution Centre next to its HQ and Training Academy in Warrington. We're pleased that we now have an opportunity to work with the planning authority to deliver this vision, on a site earmarked for Employment development in the emerging Local Plan."

Once validated, the planning application and supporting documentation can be viewed on Warrington BC planning portal at www.warrington.gov.uk





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Twin baby goats proving popular at Walton Gardens

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Born recently ago the twin kids were pictured enjoying the sunshine by local wildlife photographer Darren Moston.

Zoo keeper Peter Cookson Dean, who had been keeping a watching brief, had been hoping for a rare pure white baby goat to add to the collection. His dream almost came true with one of the new twins almost all white apart from a small patch.

"We've never had a pure white baby goat born at the zoo and they are quite rare so we brought in Casper a white Billy from Yorkshire for the breeding," said Peter.

"One of the twins is almost pure white" he added.

The twins were born during the early hours at 5am with Peter keeping a watching brief.

He will now be organising a competition for local school children to name the baby goats.



New look Heritage Café continues transformation

THE Heritage Café at Walton Hall & Gardens is continuing to undergo a transformation while catering for all tastes.

Now open seven days a week from 9.00am until 6pm, depending on the park's seasonal opening hours, the café's friendly staff aim to provide excellent customer service and welcome all visitors to the park.

This includes dog walkers and their dogs.

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The Heritage Café menu continues to evolve, embracing veganism by introducing new and delicious products to their menu.

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Money Column

By Margaret Black

Loan charge legislation

HM Revenue & Customs seem to be getting into trouble with their lords and masters more and more frequently at present. Earlier this month, MPs took a holiday from the Brexit debacle to consider HMRC's approach to the new loan charge legislation following a highly critical report by an All Party Parliamentary Group's ("APPG") into its conduct.



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

Without going into details, the loan charge was designed to counter "disguised employment income" which many people consider to be one step too far in tax avoidance. It is when someone receives a loan instead of wages in the full knowledge that they would never be expected to repay it. These schemes were sold by tax advisers who received substantial commission from their promotion. As a firm we were approached by one of the promoters of such a scheme to provide an introduction to our clients. As a firm we decided against doing so as at the time it seemed too good to be true, and it has indeed proven to be so.

The steps taken to counter the tax advantage that these schemes provided have, however, been criticised for a number of reasons:

- Firstly, HMRC originally seemed to endorse them, and frequently engaged contractors who were being remunerated through a loan scheme, because
- Secondly, it's use was frequently a necessary condition of getting a contract, especially in the public sector including HMRC, and
- Finally, the legislation has doubled the length of time that HMRC can go back and reclaim tax.

The APPG looked at how HMRC were behaving towards this legislation and concluded that:

- There is a clear risk to the mental welfare of people facing the charge, and there had already been a number of suicides attached to it
- There will be many bankruptcies as a result of the charge
- The original impact assessment carried out by HMRC and the Treasury was flawed to the point of being negligent.
- Contractors were frequently forced to use them, especially by employers in the public sector such as HMRC
- The charge is retrospective
- The real reason for the legislation was to bypass normal legal process and enabled HMRC to collect tax that was "out of time"
- HMRC and the Treasury waged a cynical campaign of misinformation towards the public

The APPG concluded that "HMRC's conduct with regard to the loan charge indicates that it is an organisation out of control, urgently needing better and proper scrutiny and genuine accountability".

Perhaps someone should remind MPs that it is they who make the rules. We say to them:

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The team performed in front of a sell-out audience of over 1,600, raising over £30k for the Lymm Grass Roots Clubhouse Appeal last December.

No sooner was it over the scriptwriters and performing troupe were thinking about the 2019 summer spectacular, The Vaudeville Show!

Performed in Lymm Rugby Club's Summer Marquee on Friday June 14, this will be the Vaudeville Show's fourth consecutive year, with the objective of another sell-out!

Producer Simon Plumb said: "The quality of performance and therefore audience expectation, has risen significantly since this show started, but the audience can look forward to another brilliant and exceptional night of entertainment at Lymm Rugby Club, all in aid of the Lymm Grass Roots Clubhouse Appeal - with some very special guest appearances.

To avoid disappointment reserve your tickets by emailing: fiona@spa-group.co.uk

Litter pickers take to the streets



EAGER litter pickers took to the streets of Stockton Heath as part of the Great British Spring Clean.

Several local groups were involved, including the Stockton Heath Methodist Church and Encore Productions and the Scouts, along with members of the public who had signed up to the event through the Keep Britain Tidy website.

One group gathered at the Sandy Lane Centre and set out to track down litter to the east of the village centre, while another group joined the scouts and cleaned up way out west. Quite a haul of rubbish resulted - after which the volunteers met up to share a welcome cuppa!

Anyone interested in joining the next litter pick organised by the parish council should contact the clerk at clerk@stocktonheathpc for details.

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Pizza parlour aims to send customers and pizza into outer space!

THE owners of Cheshire Pizza in Grappenhall, Warrington, Konrad Sedziak and Malgorzata Mrozek have teamed up with local resident Marc Dolton to help get their customers and pizzas into space!

Marc visited Cheshire Pizza one evening and started telling Konrad and Malgorzata about his plans to send items into space.

Konrad was interested straight away and looked into being the first person and business in the UK to send pizza into space.

Now a collaboration between Cheshire Pizza and Get Me To Space has developed.

Marc said: "I have always been interested in space and came up with the concept of "Get me to space" while doing some browsing on the internet. I love space, science and all things geek that are a little out of the box.

"The stranger the better in my mind. I was just having a look at the cost of sending anything to space, it turned out that sending just about anything was expensive and out of reach of a normal guy like me.

"Then I stumbled across something called a micro satellite and seen that anyone could buy one. It was still on the expensive side, so I thought about how I could at least send a piece of myself to space.

"Then the idea popped into my head, I could become a microscopic astronaut a "Micronaut" by actually sending a hair sample into space with my very own DNA in it.

A hair sample fits all of the criteria for a perfect payload on a rocket, Small, light and contains my very own personal blueprint. But this would still be expensive on my own so why not ride share and split the cost? So Getmetospace.space was born!"

Anyone who would like to know more about how you can send an item or your DNA into space, either call into Cheshire Pizza 177c Knutsford Road, Grappenhall WA4 2QL or contact Get Me To Space - www.getmetospace.space



Community centre to close after 25 years

THE Quays Community Centre at Thelwall is to close at the end of the summer after some 25 years of serving the local community.

The building has been sold by current owners Warrington Housing Association (WHA).

The community centre is home to a number of user groups in the area and they will have to seek alternative premises.

Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council lease the community centre part of the building, but their lease runs out later this year.

Cllr Mike Biggin said: "I am sad to see the community centre close, but I understand the reasons why WHA are selling it and, of course, we still have the community centre in Bell House Lane and the community library and, of course, the Thelwall Parish Hall is well used.

"But it is a pity we are losing a community centre which has served local people very well."

David Cummins, chief executive of WHA, said: "Warrington Housing Association is committed to both the homes it provides and the wider services delivered.

"We have a duty to ensure the choices we make about our homes and services are right for our residents and the community. We have consulted with the Parish Council, the Quays Committee and the service centre users to explore all options and believe this is the right thing to do at this time. We will support the transition over the next six months to ensure it is a smooth process for all involved."

It is understood users of other parts of the building, including the doctors' surgery, will not be affected by the changes.

MP launches traffic survey ahead of call for action

WARRINGTON South MP Faisal Rashid has launched a traffic survey as a prelude to demanding action from the borough council to ease congestion.

He wants residents to have their say on traffic congestion and highlight problem areas – and to put forward their own ideas on possible solutions.

The survey is running until May 5, after which Mr Rashid will be taking the findings to the town's transport bosses for action.

He said: "I am regularly contacted by constituents who tell me they are fed-up with the intolerable levels of traffic congestion in Warrington South. The local road and motorway network is already at the point of gridlock during peak times. If there is an incident on the surrounding motorway network local roads come to a standstill.

"Traffic congestion is leading to significant delays – even for motorists travelling very short distances. And this isn't just affecting travel time to and from work.

It can mean missed hospital appointments or delays for parents dropping off and collecting their children from school or childcare. My constituents tell me they want to see action taken to tackle the traffic misery.

"I am conducting a traffic survey to get a better understanding of the problems and how my constituents are affected. As part of the survey I am asking Warrington South residents for ideas on how traffic congestion in the constituency can be relieved. I will be presenting the results from my survey back to senior Warrington transport officials and I will be asking what action can be taken to tackle the traffic misery.

"The survey is open to all Warrington South residents and will be running until 5th May 2019. You can take part via the following link www.faisalrashid.com/fr-traffic-survey-2019-2/

Two new insurance and mortgage specialists join Amathus team

AMATHUS Financial Services has appointed two new insurance and mortgage specialists to its Warrington-based team.

Christopher Thorne and Jane Lister have joined the existing team at the Birchwood office and bring with them

a wealth of property related experience.

Christopher said: "I'm very much looking forward to working with our clients to attain their goals whether they are looking to purchase their first home, thinking about equity release or looking to re-mortgage, we provide a bespoke service, tailored to the individual's needs."

Jane adds: "Our aim is to give our clients the best service and the most cost-effective solutions using the latest technology. We can source the best deals available on the market, everything from life cover to complex business protection as well as access to a comprehensive panel of mortgage lenders."

Of the appointments, Lynne Lister, Managing Director of Amathus FS said: "We are delighted to welcome Jane and Christopher. Their individual skills complement those of our existing team and will enhance the service we offer to our clients."



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Three reasons to be cheerful about Stockton Heath Festival

IF you enjoyed last year's Stockton Heath festival then this year you are in for another treat from Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th July.

The Stockton Heath Festival will once more bring music, drama and art to the Village and the surrounding area. There will be something for everyone, any age. Here are three reasons why the Festival is a must-see, must-go and must-do event!

This year's Festival is proud to feature the Houghton Weavers, one of the North West's best folk bands. Join Tony, Steve, David and Jim for what promises to be a memorable singalong night, on Friday July 5.



Then on Saturday the 6th enjoy Motown Gold, the top soul classics from the era which captured the Motown magic. This group perform

timeless classics from The Jacksons, Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder. Get ready to fill the floor and dance!

Bringing the event to a close on Sunday July 7, it will Definitely Maybe Noel Gallagher's High Flying Carpets!

Who wants to see the band hailed as the biggest and best Noel Gallagher Tribute Act in the world? This 5-piece band regularly play sell out shows all over the UK and Ireland.

Enjoy celebrating over 25 years of Noel's music which continues to influence and shape music today.

As well as these acts in the Festival Marquee will be storytelling, crafts, virtual reality experience, circus, dance, science and many other diverse activities.

Keep an eye on social media and the website for regular updates including when tickets go on sale.

Meet Olly – the 6ft 4 inch fast bowler from Down Under



THIS is Olly Knight, the 6ft 4 inch Aussie fast bowler, who will bolster Grappenhall Cricket Club's attack in the Vivio Cheshire County League premier division this summer.

Knight, aged 24, was signed during the winter and has impressed in early season net practice and trial matches.

He has come straight to Grappers from the Sydney Premier League – probably the highest standard of amateur cricket in the world – where he enjoyed a good season.

In addition to his fast bowling, he is a prolific mid-order batsman.



What's on *in the villages*

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

May 16
GRAPPENHALL &
THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

May 18
LIVE AT ST WILFRID'S
The Pelleas Ensemble. Henry Roberts
(flute), Luba Tunnicliffe (viola), Oliver
Wass (harp).
St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall. 7.30pm

May 21
APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road,
7.30pm

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Every Monday
COUNTRY DANCING CLUB
St Thomas' Primary School, Parkgate Road,
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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
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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
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PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
Quays Community Centre,
Thelwall New Road, Thelwall. 7.30pm.
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COFFEE MORNING
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Appleton Parish Hall, 10am-12 noon

Every second Tuesday
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Every Wednesday
APPLETON HALL BADMINTON CLUB
April- February at Hall Drive, Appleton.
7.30-10pm.
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THELWALL MORRIS MEN
Thelwall Parish Hall, Bell Lane,
8.15pm. Details: 01925 767151

Every first Wednesday
WALTON WI
St John's Church Community Hall. 7.30pm
Details: 01925 604384

STOCKTON HEATH PROBUS CLUB
Warrington Sports Club, Walton Lea Road,
Higher Walton.
Details: 01925 268540

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.
Details 01925 262534

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
Details: 01925 740419

GRAPPENHALL WI
Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse
Lane 2.15pm

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

Picnic – with Romeo and Juliet

FAMILIES will be able to picnic in Walton Hall Gardens on June 11 – and watch Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" on a big screen.

The free event is being presented by the Royal Opera House BP Big Screens at 24 locations across the country – and Walton is one of them. The show starts at 7pm.

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