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Editor's comment

HAVE you submitted your comments on Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan and Transport Plan which will have a major impact on the borough, especially here in the south - if not why not?

This will shape the future of our local villages and impact not just on our lives but those of future generations - especially in the Appleton Thorn and Grappenhall where Green Belt land is earmarked to be released not just for housing but also employment, with proposals for two huge logistics centres in the area.

It is certainly worrying when you hear the former head of the town's planning department describing the Local Plan as "flimsy" and urging people to challenge and question it, especially the proposed development of our Green Belt, which is exactly what John Groves did, when I attended one of the recent events organised by residents' groups and local parish councils.

While Mr Groves has been employed by parish council's in the south to challenge the Local Plan, especially the development of Green Belt, he is certainly an "expert" and knows the

planning process better than most. We mustn't let apathy win the day – as it did when a proposed event for the local business community was cancelled due to lack of interest apparently I was one of the few who responded an interest to attend!

Whatever our council decide your views will count when the whole plan comes before a Government Inspector at a future date.

So please don't let apathy win the day - make your voices heard and let Warrington Borough Council know exactly how you feel about their Local Plan which many say is not fit for purpose.

You have until 5pm Monday June 15 to lodge your comments/ objections.

Meanwhile congratulations to the Local Parish Councils and residents' groups who have come together to put forward a "professional" team to ensure no stone is left unturned in the bid to protect our precious Green

Belt for future generations to enjoy. While this group has come together in the South the Local Plan impacts on our whole town so please don't adopt a NIMBY attitude – everybody needs to work together to ensure whatever



future developments take place have the right infrastructure with the least impact on our environment.

The council does need to develop our town and provide more affordable housing and indeed some excellent work is going on in our town centre, regenerating it and encouraging more residential development.

But we must ensure no stone is left unturned in developing brownfield sites before we consider building on any of our green belt.

Robin will be crowned village Rose Queen

TWELVE-year-old Robin Broadhurst will be crowned Thelwall Rose Queen on June 15 – and she'll have her six-year-old sister Olivia as one of her attendants.

They will both be following something of a family tradition as their elder sister, Erin, 14, was Rose

Queen in 2016. Robin said: "I was over the moon when I was nominated for Thelwall Rose Queen.

"As the theme for this year's float's is Disney the theme for my float will be 'Princess Belle' with the colour scheme in lemon, white and a touch of gold, followed by the attendants lemon and white gold butterfly themed float.

'I have chosen a beautiful dress for the occasion which I can't wait to show everyone on the day. I have also helped to choose my attendants dresses and my mum has designed all the flowers for the occasion.

Robin is a pupil at Lymm High School and previously attended Thelwall Junior School.

Her favourite subjects include Maths, English and French and she also enjoys extracurricular activities such as athletics, football and swimming.

She loves reading and her main



hobby is Morris Dancing - she dances weekly with Zirconia Morris Troupe in

She regularly take part mpetitions which lead lead competitions championships at the end of the year.

" I dance with the Tiny line as part of a team and we have won many medals and trophies. I have won Dancer and Marcher of the year for my group two years on the run.

Robin is also a member of Ambitions Dance School in Lymm and is currently training towards taking her Grade 2 Ballet exam.

She added: "I am really excited and honoured to be chosen for Rose Queen and will look forward to seeing everyone on the day.

"Please give me a little wave and let us pray for sunshine."

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Top best extension award for Urban Building

projects



MD Carl Palmer (centre) with Mike Hannon (left) and proud home owner Neil Castle.

WARRINGTON based Urban Building Projects, working in partnership with the borough council's Building Control Team has scooped a top award at the North West Building Excellence Awards.

Urban Building Projects won the prize of "Best extension to existing home at the North West Building Excellence Awards 2019 held at Lancashire Cricket Club.

The council's building control team had several projects in different categories of work going forward to this year's event, run by Local Authority Building Control (LABC) – the body which represents all local

authority building control teams in England and Wales – the awards recognise technical innovation, sustainability, quality of construction and high thermal performance.

More than 600 professionals attended the prestigious event hoping to go home with a prestigious LABC Award, in a variety of categories. Everything, from new schools to kitchen extensions, can be nominated.

Urban Building Projects completed their prize winning development at Walton in January 2019, turning a tired traditional detached dwelling into a magnificent modern four bedroom home, with open plan family accommodation to the ground floor.



The council's executive board member for environment and transport, Cllr Judith Guthrie, said: "This event is a firm favourite in the calendar of the construction industry and I'm delighted developments in Warrington are in the running for awards. It gives us the opportunity to showcase, at a regional level, the excellent work that goes on in our borough."

"Winning the best extension to an existing home is a tremendous achievement for Urban Building Projects and our building control team."

Urban Building Projects MD Carl Palmer said: "Having been a finalist for the past few years we are delighted to have finally won the LABC Award, The credit goes to my Contracts Manager Mike Hannon and all the urban team in their contribution to achieving this prestigious award."

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Futuristic house plan given the go-ahead



PLANNING chiefs have given the go-ahead for the construction of a futuristic house with an underground car storage facility on the former Stretton airfield.

Members of the borough council's development management committee approved the scheme despite opposition from Appleton, Stretton and Antrobus parish councils.

The application by Duncan Cameron involves land on the former wartime airfield.

It had already been the subject of a public exhibition at Appleton last year when local residents and councillors were invited to see the plans and hear about the proposals.

It was stressed that the scheme had been developed on behalf of a private individual and was solely for private use. There would be a single access via Crowley Lane.

The scheme would include improved ecology habitats, including new species rich grassland, broadleaved woodland and wildlife ponds and perimeter screening around the site.

An underground car storage

An underground car storage facility would accommodate about 50 vehicles.

But it was for private use only and the public would not be admitted

Picture shows how the house would ook

British Isles

Princess cruises has recently announced the launch of a UK based ship -Crown Princess. The 3,080 guest vessel features more than 1500 cabins, four swimming pools, 19 decks and 18 restaurants, cafes and bars. The ship has recently arrived in Southampton to begin its Spring and Summer season in the UK.

As of 24 July 2019, Crown Princess will also become the first UK-based ship to host the award-winning Ocean Medallion Technology. The medallion is the size of a 10p piece and replaces more traditional cruise cards. It is intended to make

every guest feel like VIPs with several handy features such as opening doors for holidaymakers as they approach, which is ideal for anyone who has their hands full or are with small children.

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Crown Princess will be sailing around the British Isles on a series of 12-night voyages. Departing 17 August 2019, she will sail round-trip from Southampton, calling at Guernsey, Cork, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Invergordon/Loch Ness, Edinburgh and Paris; with prices starting from £1,099 per person. This Itinerary also includes a two day experience in some ports giving you more time ashore.

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"Banks should play a part in keeping village high streets alive"

BANKS should be required to play their part in keeping High Streets alive in places like Stockton Heath.

That's the view of Andy Carter, prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Warrington South.

He has welcomed a report by the All-Party Treasury Select Committee which says banks are putting the elderly and disabled at risk by disappearing from the High Street.

The committee says banks should be more innovative in the way they deliver "face to face" services by considering a greater expansion of mobile bank branches, through banks sharing facilities with each other and via the pooling of staff of different banks.

Mr Carter said: "We know the way some people bank has changed and that online services offer very convenient access for some customers who have a computer.

"But for many elderly residents it makes banking near impossible without a long journey

without a long journey.

He added "I'm very annoyed to see Barclays' closing their branch in Stockton Heath in June. It wasn't that long ago that they were closing other nearby branches, telling people

in surrounding villages to go to Stockton Heath.

"Now they're saying you have to go into Warrington or use a Post Office. Villages like Stockton Heath need to retain a mix of services on the High Street to benefit all sections of the community."

Mr Carter also believes the Post Office should not simply be seen as a replacement for bank branches, but a complimentary proposition where available.

"In cases where the 'last bank in town' is due to close, banks should be required to provide and fund 'banking hubs' in the local Post Office, with adequately trained staff. It's not fair for taxpayers to be subsidising the big six banks' lack of branches.

"I hope the government will take steps to ensure that the Post Office receives adequate funding from banks for the services it provides on their behalf and I've written to the High Streets Minister Jake Berry to ask him to consider what steps he can take to require banks to play their part in keeping our High Streets alive."



MP calls for Broomfields Leisure Centre upgrade

WARRINGTON South MP, Faisal Rashid, has called for a "much needed" upgrade to Broomfields Leisure Centre following a visit to see the new facilities on offer at Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub.

Faisal recently visited the Great Sankey Hub where he met with Councillor Tony Higgins, Warrington Borough Council's portfolio holder for Leisure and Community and Livewire Managing Director, Emma Hutchinson.

During the visit Faisal was given a tour of the facility, including a look at the newly refurbished swimming pools. The former Great Sankey Leisure Centre has been transformed into a neighbourhood hub, which encompasses leisure, library, health, and cultural facilities under one roof.

Along the tour Faisal also took the opportunity to press the case for much-needed improvements to Broomfields Leisure Centre in Appleton.

Faisal said: "It was a pleasure to be shown around the Great Sankey Hub – and to see the newly refurbished swimming pools. I look forward to the opening of the new health spaces and a new Subway, which are expected in the Hub shortly.

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"Located in the heart of the community, the Hub offers a range of services in a modern setting. It is great to see a local community asset receive the investment it deserves.

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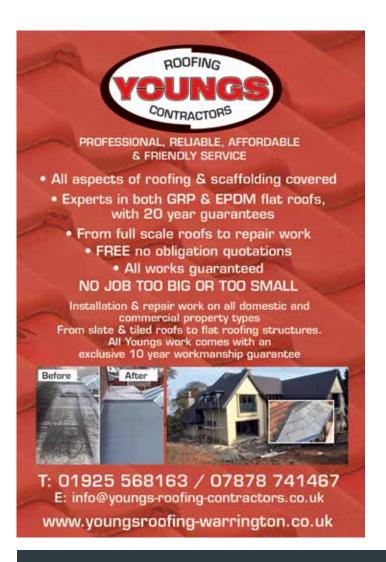
"This investment sends an important message – that as a town we are committed to delivering facilities for the betterment of local health and wellbeing.

"During the visit, we also discussed Broomfields Leisure Centre. I made it clear to both Emma Hutchinson and Councillor Higgins that investment in the Centre was long overdue and that I wanted to see the community facility receive a much-needed

upgrade as soon as possible.

"Both confirmed during our meeting that discussions on this work were ongoing. I will continue to press both Livewire and the Council for action on this. I want to see work to revamp Broomfields Leisure Centre carried out as soon as possible."







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THE Appleton Thorn Village Hall, the Old School, is also a Community hub owned by the village. The Hall is a charity which is run for the use of the villagers.

Mums and Tots, Pre- School, Appleton Thorn School of Dance and Girl Guiding Groups all use the Hall weekly. Vital income for its survival is provided by membership and hall rentals.

The members bar at the Village Hall is run independently and for the past 15 years has been run by the Massey family.

It is currently managed by Chris Massey in whose stewardship the Appleton Thorn Village Hall bar has won the prestigious title of National Club of the Year 2019 by CAMRA, for the choice and quality of real ale served.



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All set for Bawming the Thorn!

After the 'Call to Arms' for volunteers was made in the Village Life March issue and together with promotion on Social Media, 25 people came forward as volunteers at the Thorn Inn to help plan this year's event on Saturday, June 15.

Co-ordinator Sue Williams said: "How fantastic that the village community came together once more to make this historic event happen, as in previous years."

Bawming the Tree was always going ahead organised by the School Head Zoe Jones but not the fete or raising funds for next year.

But now thanks to the influx of volunteers the fete will take place on the Village Hall field, as in previous years, with thanks to current sponsors Bloor Homes and Park Royal with much valued support from Appleton

Parish Council.

Park Royal is going to make special spa offers for the day so come along to the Village Hall Members Stand!

Organisers need ongoing support to ensure this historic and community event continues.

The Timetable is as follows: -

11.50 Road Closures

11.55 Procession assembles outside the Village Hall.

12.00 Procession proceeds

12.30 Bawming the Tree 13.00 Roads Open. Bawming Fete and Appleton Thorn Village Hall Bar

16.00 BBQ coals lit at the Village Hall, who provide the heat, but you provide the meat.

Salads provided.

£1.00 entrance fee, children under

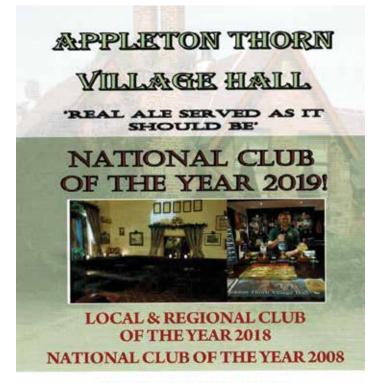
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This is for the second time. The first time was shared in 2008 but in 2019 the bar has won it outright! Well done Chris!

Chris says there are always seven real ales on offer from an ever-changing variety of brewers, as well as draft lager, cider and Guinness. If beer isn't your tipple there are 25 gins available as well as a choice of wines and spirits.

Come along where you will always be given a warm welcome and a comfortable place to meet and chat. The bar is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7.30pm to 11.00 pm and Sunday 1.00pm to 4.00pm and 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Visit www. appletonthornvillagehall.co.uk

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Money Column

Watkinson Black

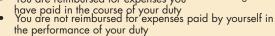
David Watkinson and Margaret Black

Self-assesment 2019

If you are one of those people who have to complete a tax return even though you are in employment and believe your tax is dealt with accordingly, things may not be as clear cut as they may seem.

Some employees receive 'benefits in kind' (BIK) through their job, some of which are as follows:

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 Mileage allowance (BIK) or
 You are reimbursed for expenses you





If you do receive 'benefits in kind' or 'reimbursements' you should receive a copy document from your employer which reports these items to the HMRC, this document is known as a Plld and should be released to yourself and HMRC by no later than 6th July and in turn these should be reported on your tax return

Please be aware that the annual PAYE tax codes that are issued by HMRC are based on the prior year's information, therefore, any changes in 'benefits in kind' or changes to 'expenses' reimbursed or otherwise, should be reported on the tax return for the relevant tax year.

If there are changes in the company car during the tax year this will need to be reported on the relevant tax return.

Private medical care usually has an inflationary increase each year, this also needs to be reported on the tax return

If the employer pays an employee for the business mileage travelled in the performance of their duties he may be either under or over paying the rate per mile. The HMRC recognised rate per mile is .45p, if the employer is paying more per mile the difference in the amount becomes taxable, if, however, he is paying less the employee can claim the difference against his taxable income/tax suffered through PAYE, either way this needs reporting on the tax return.

If the employee has paid for expenses in the performance of his duty and they have not been reimbursed by his/her employer these can be claimed on the tax return and depending on any of the above points may lead to an overpayment of tax.

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Taste of Summer arrives at Heritage Café at Walton

A taste of Summer has arrived at the Heritage Café at Walton with an iced latte and an iced americano, both are perfect for those long hot days!

They are made using the Adams and Russell Continental Blend Espresso which is a medium roast, smooth coffee chocolate notes and a slight sweetness. It is a 100% arabica coffee blended with beans from both Colombia and Honduras.

However, they can also make them Decaf and with milk alternatives coconut and oat.

Also new on the menu is the Mediterranean Focaccia halloumi. tomatoes and rocket on a sundried tomato, olive and caper focaccia and a new Vanilla Cheesecake with a Gluten Free Granola Crust drizzled with Raspberry Coulis!

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Gypsy caravan site approved despite objections



PLANNING chiefs have given the go-ahead for a residential caravan site for five

gypsy families at Stretton – despite fierce opposition.

Nearly 50 residents, plus Appleton Parish Council, Stretton Parish Council and Whitley Parish Council lodged objections to the scheme.

The scheme related to land bounded by Fir Tree Close and the M56

The borough council's development management committee was told there was already an unauthorised gypsy site there and the proposal was for a mixed-use for caravans and the stabling of horses. There were two existing barns on the site and a considerable area of hardstanding.

Objectors claimed the site was within a few hundred yards of an existing travelling show people's site and that there were two other gypsy sites within a radius of two and-a-half miles, providing more than 50 pitches

Another site within such a small area would worsen an already unbalanced

distribution of gypsy sites and undermine the stability of local rural areas.

They claimed the applicants had previously shown a complete disregard of planning policy by establishing another unauthorised site in nearby Daresbury.

Although the application was for five families only, the site extended to some seven acres and the burden of enforcement activity required to prevent expansion of the development would stretch the resources of the borough council to the

limit.
"If left unchecked, the expansion of this site would quickly overwhelm the

Cllr Brian Axcell said the setting up of the illegal encampment at Fir Tree Close had been "very well planned", with purchase of the land followed by putting down hard standing, obtaining an electricity supply and moving caravans onto

Cllr Judith Wheeler said the site was accessed via a cul-de-sac of only seven

houses who had suffered from inconsiderate parking for several years.

Planning officers said the scheme represented inappropriate development in the Green Belt but there was an accepted need for gypsy and traveller accommodation which the borough council has not been able to meet to date.

The site was reasonably contained, was largely previously developed, and would not significant affect nearby residents.

If the scheme was not approved, the applicants would be forced to live on

Church to stage art exhibition by prisoners

AN exhibition of artwork by prisoners from two local prisons is to go on at All Saints Church, Thelwall $\,$ on Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30.

Aim of the display "Journey into Light" is to demonstrate to visitors that behind every prisoner's conviction and sentence is a personal story of love, hope

The exhibition is made up of more than 40 individual pieces of art produced by prisoners from Thorn Cross Prison, Appleton, and Styal Prison.

Vicar the Rev Douglas Black says the exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to

see prisoners in a new light:

He said: "Prisoners are often viewed as 'the other' yet they live in our midst, are a part of our communities and contribute to our societies.

The Bible has much to say about the plight of prisoners and the Christian faith recognises that every person is made in the image of God and is valued despite

our individual mistakes and regrets.

"The Journey into Light exhibition allows us the opportunity to better understand the lived experiences of prisoners in Cheshire."

The exhibition is inspired by the work of David Ashbrook who discovered an

extraordinary gift for painting while serving a life sentence. He painted the signature artwork used for the exhibition.

On his release, he focused upon hope and renewal and was starting to share this message of love through his artwork when his life was tragically cut short in a car accident in 2008.

The exhibition is a partnership between All Saints, Thelwall, the Diocese of Chester and chaplains from the two prisons who have worked with the prisoners to produce the pieces of art.

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Affordable homes plan wins approval



EIGHT "affordable" apartments can be provided at Stockton Heath,

planning chiefs have decided.

Warrington Housing Association has won permission to carry out the development off Chester Road despite objections from five neighbours

The development involves converting two existing semi-detached houses into four apartments and building a new block of four apartments.

A number of existing outbuildings at the rear of the site will be depoliched. demolished.

Stockton Heath Parish Council expressed concerned about the number of parking spaces proposed and believed there could be noise and other problems for existing neighbouring residents.

Five neighbours lodged objections saying the new building will be out of keeping with the area and overlook neighbouring gardens.

They also had concerns about parking, noise and smells from the number of him. 24 if all parameters had these each

of bins - 24 if all apartments had three each.

But planning officers said the scheme would offer much needed affordable housing in a sustainable location without any long term impact on existing properties.

Arley to welcome top garden designer to festival



ONE of the UK's most renowned garden designers will attend this year's Arley Garden Festival.

Tom Stuart-Smith, who designed a garden at Windsor Castle to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee, will give a lecture at the festival which is in its 25th year.

"I am looking forward to being part of this event, which I am aware attracts both horticultural enthusiasts as well as less experienced gardeners, said Tom. "Arley is the perfect place for a festival of this kind because it is renowned in the horticultural world for its immaculate gardens and in particular the double herbaceous horder."

Tom has designed a number of gardens for the Chelsea Flower Show, eight were awarded gold medals and three won 'Best in Show'.

His work ranges from large gardens and parks that open to the public, to smaller private gardens and is responsible for the masterplan of the RHS' new garden at Bridgewater, Salford to be opened in 2020. Tom's lecture at the Arley Garden

Festival, tickets to which can be booked now, will focus on walled

"I will be looking at examples as

varied as an Islamic garden in the heart of Marrakech, the new Paradise garden at RHS Bridgewater and of course the proposals for a Memorial Garden soon to be built at Arley Hall,' he said.

Every year around 5,000 enthusiasts - as well as those looking for a great family day out - visit the Arley Garden Festival. Among the highlights are specialist plant nurseries, a floral marquee, food fair, craft stalls and a Question Time with gardening experts. There's also live music, a classic car display and children's entertainment. In the Countryside Marquee visitors will be able to enjoy stick making, coppice fencing and willow weaving demonstrations.

Event organiser Helen Begent said the show would be one of the best in recognition of its 25 years.

This is such a landmark for us that we have got some special plans to celebrate the occasion as well as all the usual elements that have made it such a successful show over the

years," she said.

The Festival is open 10am to 5pm on June 22 and 23. To book tickets for Tom Stuart-Smith and the garden festival go to www. arleyhallandgardens.com 01565 777353.

Stable conversion plan wins approval

PLANS to convert part of a stable building at Stretton into a three bedroom dwelling have been given the green light by borough planning chiefs.

The scheme is at Stockley Farm, Stockley Lane, was opposed by Stretton Parish Council in line with its policy of opposing development in the Green Belt but planning officers recommended it be approved and the borough council's development management committee agreed.

The committee was told half an existing single-storey stable block would be converted to a dwelling. The remaining eight stables would remain as stables and storage for the private use of the new dwelling.

A new slate roof would replace the existing metal sheet roof and the building would be rendered.

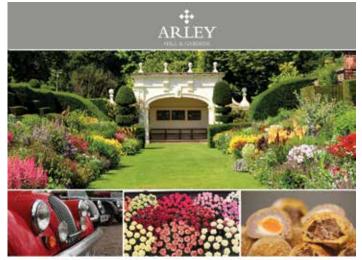
The site is within the Stockley Farm complex, which consists of a large farm house, two small stable buildings, an indoor arena, a large quadrangle stable block, a timber storage shed and a large storage barn. It has previously been run

Officers said the siting, scale and chosen materials of the building would not be prominent in the setting and would not cause undue harm to the character of the area.

It would appear unaltered from Stockley Lane.







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Grappenhall St Wilfrid's Annual Walking Day & Summer Fair

THIS year looks set to be another amazing annual Grappenhall Walking Day and Summer Fair on Saturday June 22.

This traditional community event has become a much looked-forward-to date in everyone's diary. This year the event will be bigger and better than ever before.

The day will start at 12.45pm with an environmental themed service, led by the Rector of St Wilfrid's Church, Rev'd Jane Proudfoot, on St Wilfrid's School field.

The crowd will then begin their

annual Walk of Witness around Grappenhall Village, led by Dobcross Youth Band.

Rev'd Jane said: "Walking Day and the Summer Fair is a chance for us all to get together in a show of unity and community spirit. The Walk of Witness is a longstanding tradition that dates back many years and attracts a great

With the Summer Fair as well it's a fantastic day out for all the family and everyone is welcome - come along and

Following the procession they head to the school field and celebrate the crowning of the Rose Queen Niamh Corley-Lewis, Rose Bud Annie Molden and the first ever Village Prince Noah Chadwick.

This year there is so much to see and do and along with the usual favourite stalls including crafts, food & drinks tent plus teddy tombola you can also enjoy forest school, rwo bouncy castles, fairground rides, chuck-a-sponge, pre-loved bags & uniform, white elephant stall, live entertainment and much more.



Walking Day flypast by WW2 fighter

HIGHLIGHT of Stretton Walking Day this year - subject to weather conditions will be a flypast by a World War 2 RAF Hurricane fighter

The event is set to take place on Saturday July 20 – starting with a service at St Matthew's Church at 111am when the new and retiring Rose Queens will be present and the crowing of the incoming Queen will take place.

After the service the Walk of Witness will start at 12 noon, led by the vicar, the

Rev Alan Jewell, assistant clergy and a pipe band and children from St Matthew's Primary School The Mayor of Warrington South MP Faisal Rashid are also attending. The Mayor of Warrington, Cllr Wendy Johnson and Warrington

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

June 18

APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road,

June 20

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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

Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road.

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.

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

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.

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

Every second Tuesday

STOCKTON HEATH LIONS CLUB London Bridge Inn, 8pm Contact: Grahamclisse58@outlook.com. Tel 01925 262669

BOOK CLUB

Bizzie Beans Coffee House, Bridge Lane, Appleton 11am-12 noon

Every Wednesday

APPLETON HALL BADMINTON CLUB April- February at Hall Drive, Appleton. 7.30-10pm.

Details: 01925 262356

THELWALL MORRIS MEN Thelwall Parish Hall, Bell Lane, 8.15pm. Details: 01925 767151

Every first Wednesday

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-

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

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PARISH

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

. Details: 01925 740419

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Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane 2.15pm

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Members' meetings 10am (not August or February) Thelwall Parish Hall

APPLETOTS TODDLER GROUP

Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road, 9.45-11.30am. Details: 01925 268153.

Tennis workshops despite the showers



MEMBERS and friends of Stockton Heath Tennis Club dodged the showers to enjoy a day of tennis with former Davis Cup players Danny Sapsford and Luke

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Chairman Sue Hendry said: "We had a wonderful day, in spite of rain showers.



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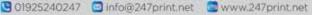












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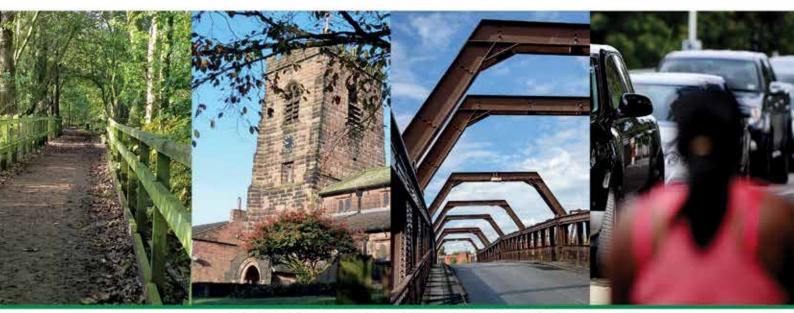
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