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Stockton Heath Festival is roaring success

THE 12th annual Stockton Heath Festival has been described as a "roaring success" by organisers after drawing huge crowds once again.

Andrew Renshaw, who booked many



of the events said, "The organisers were delighted to see the Festival come together so well.

There was a good mix of activities to enjoy and the Festival field and local venues were packed over the weekend. Despite a cloudy start to Saturday once the sun arrived, it stayed."

Each year, organisers look for ways to improve the Festival. Highlights included the Saturday night sell-out Motown Gold, classical music such as the talented Chameleon Wind Quintet, open-air theatre production of Shakespeare's The Tempest, world-famous author of Bob the Builder Curtis Jobling and many free events on the Festival Field. Claire Kennedy, who has been involved in the Festival for a number of years added, "It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves. Tudor Pole who started the event all those years ago, might not recognise what the Festival has become. Once again this year's success is down to providing something for everyone, of any age.

This Festival was created to bring the whole community together in celebration - and this year continued that tradition."The organisers would

like to thank sponsors, supporters, volunteers and everyone who came along for making the 2019 Festival such a roaring success.



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Editor's comment

WE may not agree with everything Warrington Borough Council and council leader Cllr. Russ Bowden do, but credit where credit is due for coming out into the local communities and engaging with local residents.

I attended the leader's forum for the first time recently when Russ was joined in Appleton by his deputy Cllr Cathy Mitchell, with Director of Growth Steve Park Chairing the meeting at Bridgewater High School.

With Appleton one of the key areas being affected by the proposed Local Plan and the planning applications proposed by Eddie Stobart and Langtree at Six56, I was a little surprised only around 50 local residents turned out.

But those who did attend made their views known and it soon became clear that there was much concern that many objections to the Local Plan and the two major planning applications earmarked on Green Belt land, had not been received due to technical problems with the council's planning portal.

The very fact only 3,500 consultations have been received this time, compared to 4,500 last time,

may indicate many objections have not got through.

There were certainly a significant proportion of residents claiming this at the Appleton meeting, with many indicating they had not received confirmation of their comments with others saying they could not find them on the planning portal.

Cllr Bowden said he would investigate and if it transpired significant comments had not got through due to IT failures he would take steps to address the issue.

I'm not quite sure what equates to significant numbers - but surely this needs to be looked into as a priority. Just how many Local Plan and planning application consultations have gone unheard?

With the Stobart's application due to be heard on July 24th (after we had gone to press) we need assurances that all comments have been received and duly considered.

If there are any doubts the whole planning process for the Local Plan and these significant planning applications surely needs to be put on hold - because if they are approved and then it comes to light numerous objections were never received, it brings into question the whole



democratic process!

Finally I would like to congratulate all members of the audience for keeping emotions under control on some very sensitive subjects - none more so than the proposed development on our precious green belt.

Also to Russ and the team for giving up their time to listen to the people - but if these forums are going to be meaningful, as I have previously said, our elected politicians need to listen to the people.

Council leader given a grilling on planning IT failure issues

WARRINGTON Borough Council Leader Russ Bowden was given a grilling on the planning portal's IT failure issues when his "Leader's Forum" arrived in Appleton - one of the areas most under threat in the proposed Local Plan.

He was joined by Deputy Leader Cathy Mitchell, while the forum was Chaired by Steve Park, the council's Director of Growth and MD of Warrington & Co.

warrington-worldwide provided live video coverage of the event.

Cllr Bowden started his forums across the borough earlier this year saying he wanted to find out about the issues that matter most to communities.

He said at the time "Warrington has a big year ahead, with a very challenging budget position and it's important that I don't lose sight of those local issues which have the greatest community impact.

"I welcome scrutiny and challenge, and the forums will be a chance for me to respond to questions and discuss key issues in an informal, open setting. I know that asking questions in formal Council meetings can be a little daunting, so I want to create an environment where everyone can raise questions or concerns and know they will be listened to.

Cllr Bowden fielded a variety of questions, starting with the IT issues which have been facing the planning department during the consultations on the Eddie Stobart and Six 56 planning applications and the Local Plan.

Numerous residents complained that they had not had any acknowledgement that their

comments had been received. There were complaints that the planning portal was difficult to use, not fit for purpose and there was a lot of concerns that responses were not appearing on the planning portal.

Cllr Bowden, said: "It is a concern to us as elected members that some comments aren't being received."

He assured residents that if it transpired that a large number of comments had not been received he would take steps to address the problem.

There were calls from the floor that if it was proven that the consultation process was flawed, it should be

started again.

A former IT professional in the audience described the council's website and planning portal as "pathetic" and "rubbish."

Cllr Bowden said work was ongoing to produce and deliver a new and better website.

Other concerns raised included the council's close relationship with large organisations and "conflicts of interest", development of Green Belt land, poor infrastructure and the council's decision not to defend the refusal of planning permission at the Eddie Stobart appeal.



Sun shines on Stockton Heath Walking Day

GREY clouds cleared to ensure the sun shined down on the annual Stockton Heath Walking Day.

Following a short service on Alexandra Park local churches and schools walked through the village for the annual walk of witness.

This year's parade was led by Stockton Heath Christian Fellowship.

Stockton Heath Walking Day takes place on the 2nd Saturday in July every year. It provides a great day in the community where the local churches and associated schools walk through the village of Stockton Heath. Accompanied by bands and music this

"walk of witness" demonstrates the churches love for the community and their faith in Jesus.

The walk proceeded along Grappenhall Road into the village centre then through the village along London Road before turning left into Ellesmere Road, Francis Road and then back into the village centre along Walton Road.

Crowds of people from the community and local councillors, along with Mayor of Warrington Wendy Johnson and Warrington South MP Faisal Rashid, lined the streets to watch.



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Diane and her husband stayed at the Eagles Palace Hotel, where they sampled a few of the many activities on offer, making Baklava, learning traditional Greek dancing and sailing in the hotel's speed boat with a skipper.

The hotel provides a free shuttle bus

to the village, Ouranoupolis, which is a beautiful 10 minute coastal drive and the ferry port offers sight seeing cruises. However, for the less energetic the hotel's private beach provides free sun beds with parasols, jugs of iced water, fresh fruit and towels. Enjoy a drink at



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Grappenhall Walking Day blessed with sunshine again

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Reverend Jane Proudfoot of St. Wilfrid's Church led prayers appealing for people to enjoy the nature and countryside around them.

The village can trace this annual custom back over 180 years.

Like last year the event was a scorching success with the glorious weather putting smiles on faces.

After a service on the school playing fields the procession progressed throughout the street of the village, lined by well-wishers.

Walkers were musically

accompanied by the Dobcross Youth brass band who travelled from Saddleworth to play.

The retiring Queens and incoming queens and their attendants were joined on the walk by Church members, The Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Grappenhall Rainbows, Grappenhall preschool, St. Wilfred's School, and many local residents.

Rose Queen was Niamh Corley-Lewis, Rose Bud was Annie Molden and the first ever Village Prince Noah Chadwick. Retiring Rose Queen was Millie Chadwick while retiring Rose Bud was Emily Davis.

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WALTON Hall and Gardens has received the coveted Visit England Tourism Award for 2019/20.

Tourist locations that applied were judged across a number of criteria, with points of comparison ranging from a warm welcome and the availability of staff, to the quality of food and drink and disabled access.

This year, Walton Hall and Gardens scored highly in all areas and was

successful in being awarded the much sought after accolade for the second time in a row.

Cllr Tony Higgins, the borough council's cabinet member for leisure and community, said: "It's an honour that Walton Hall and Gardens have been given this award for the second time. It really is a credit to the hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the hall, gardens and facilities

are kept to a high standard for visitors to enjoy all year round.

"Walton Hall is the jewel in Warrington's crown and a treasured place for many residents and visitors to the borough. It has an abundance of wonderful qualities and it's fantastic to see that Visit England agrees."

Barry Noble, quality assurance assessor for Visit England said: "Walton Hall and Gardens is again accredited by Visit England as a Quality Assured Visitor Attraction. During the recent quality assessment visit, notable improvements were seen in the overall presentation of the attraction, provision of visitor information and in the catering service at the Heritage Café.

"It was pleasing to see the results of the ongoing hard work being carried out by the staff and management team who continue to have the full support of Warrington Borough Council".

This is the second time Walton Hall and Gardens has received the award, which lasts for two years – the last time being in 2017. From the report received from the previous award, the management team knew exactly where they needed to make improvements, which included consistent signage.

Following the success of winning the Visit England award, Walton Hall and Gardens is now eagerly awaiting the results of the Keep Britain Tidy's "Green Flag" award.



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Heritage Cafe celebrates 1st birthday in style



THE Heritage Cafe at Walton Hall & Gardens celebrated its first birthday in style with a special party to showcase its facilities.

Special guests included Warrington South MP Faisal Rashid and warrington-worldwide Editor Gary Skentelbery.

Visitors enjoyed musical performances by the Donna Marie Povey Performing Arts School.

Guests enjoyed complimentary food and drinks in glorious sunshine.

Heritage Cafe owner Stefan Manfredi said: "I would like to thank the Donna Marie Povey Performing Arts School for performing, Faisal Rashid for attending and Neil Simpson and the rest of the council for their support over the past year."

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If someone who is married or is in a civil partnership dies without a Will, their assets are distributed in accordance with the intestacy rules. Depending on the value of the assets of the deceased partner, the surviving married/civil partner will inherit all or some of the estate.

Legally speaking, unmarried cohabiting partners don't enjoy the same rights as a married/civil partner. For cohabiting couples, if one dies then the surviving partner has no automatic rights to the deceased partner's property and no automatic entitlement to inherit their estate.

The exception to this is if the cohabiting couple owned any property jointly. Any joint property will automatically pass to the joint owner on death.

If the cohabiting partner who dies has not made a Will, then any assets that they owned in their own name will be distributed in accordance with the intestacy rules. If they have any children then their estate will pass

outright to their children, bypassing their cohabiting partner. If they did not have any children, their estate will pass to their remoter family including grandchildren, parents, siblings, nieces and nephews and so on.

Without a Will in place clearly indicating that the deceased partner's share is to pass to the survivor, it is very possible that the surviving partner may not see any of their partner's estate passing to them. If the cohabiting partners intend for the survivor to inherit their assets, it is advisable that they look to prepare Wills to that effect.

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By Margaret Black

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David Watkinson and Margaret Black

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Walled garden wins Green Flag award – again!



GRAPPENHALL Heys Walled Garden has been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as one of the very best in the world – for the third time.

The four acre site is among a record-breaking 1,970 UK parks and green spaces and 131 in 13 other countries around the world to receive a prestigious Green Flag Community Award – the mark of a quality park or green space.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Kate Fitch, community outreach officer said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive a Green Flag Award for the third year running.

"We know how much quality green

spaces matter to our visitors, and this award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden to such a high standard.

"Particular thanks are due to our garden manager – Graham Richardson - and our band of hard working garden volunteers, who help keep the gardens looking so beautiful."

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "It's fantastic that we have more Green Flag Awards in the UK than ever before, joined this year by 131 international winners."

"Each flag honours the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award. We congratulate each and every winner on their fantastic achievement."





Pictured, left to right, is the cup winning team: Dan Urey, Tom Player, Phil Dixon, Sean Dunstan, Bill Moore, Brian Aitchison, Fran Hales, Julie Brassill, Kate Dewsniip and Alison Lewis

Tennis club celebrates cup victory

MEMBERS of Stockton Heath Tennis Club are celebrating after the club won the Warrington and district Lawn Tennis Association knockout competition to claim the Ardern Cup.

They defeated David Lloyd 2 in the final played at Grappenhall Tennis Club.

The competition is run in a handicap format, with both individual players and clubs handicapped and even on the basis of a home team "advantage."

Five pairs compete to obtain the maximum number of games.

Stockton Heath's team on the night comprised of:

Mens 1: Sean Dunstan and Dan Urey; Ladies 1: Alison Lewis and Kate Dewsniip; Mens 2: Tom Player and Phil Dixon; Mixed 1: Fran Hales and

Bill Moore; Mixed 2: Julie Brassill and Brian Aitchison.

Stockton Heath's route to the final involved overcoming David Lloyd 1, Grappenhall, and Bellingham 1.

Team captain was Colin Lewis.

Stockton Heath had five men's teams and four ladies teams in the WDLTA summer leagues.

In the men's competitions, the first team came third out of nine teams, the second team came seventh out of nine, the third team came top of their league of eight teams, the fourth team were second out of eight and the fifth team were seventh out of nine.

The ladies first team were fifth out of seven teams, the second team were sixth out of seven, the third team fifth out of seven and the fourth team sixth out of seven.

Care home staff win praise

STAFF at a Stockton Heath care home have won high praise following an inspection by the Care Quality Commission.

Inspectors recognised the kind and caring staff at the HC-One Summerville Care Home in Hill Top Road, in a report which rated the home good in all areas.

They said the home was safe, effective, caring, responsible and well led.

Care home manager Iqbal Sidh: "We are extremely pleased with this outcome and I am very proud that each member of our team displays such kind care and hard work in everything they do."

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Grappenhall Bells back in the village!

THE new bells for St Wilfrid's church are back in Grappenhall village, almost six months after the old ring of eight bells were rung for the last time and removed from the tower.

Nick Thomson Ringing Master, Grappenhall Bell Ringers, said: "The new ring of ten bells has been cast at the Bell foundry of John Taylor & Co of Loughborough, with casting taking place on three occasions earlier in the year.

"Ringers and Parishioners had the opportunity to visit the foundry and watch the castings on all three occasions. The tenor bell (the heaviest bell in the ring) weighs just over half a ton, and has been donated by the bell ringers themselves. The ninth bell has been donated by the PCC bell, and is in remembrance of those who fell in the First World War – as a special tribute to the fallen, the foundry has cast a ring of poppies in the crown of the bell. All the bells have been donated by individuals or bodies."

Nick added: "Four of the previous ring of bells also made the journey back to Grappenhall. These had rung out over the village for over 300 years, and have been retained due to their historic value. They are now going to have a quieter life, hanging above the new bells – one will be used as a clock bell, and another as a service bell. They have been cleaned

up whilst away at the foundry, and now look much better than when they left the tower, covered in layers of pigeon poo!!!"

The bells were taken into the church and were put on display so that they could be viewed before they make the journey up the tower, where they will remain, hopefully, for some time to come!

Following their arrival the bells were blessed as part of the Celtic Communion service, which takes place once a month. Reverend Jane Proudfoot blessed each of the new bells with oil as the congregation gathered round to look on.

During the following week, the pupils of St Wilfrid's school came down, class by class, to view the bells, and there was a stream of people showing an interest in seeing them.

Meanwhile, work continues up the tower in installing the bell frame. The Taylor's Bell Hanger, Andrew Ogden, has been leading the installation, and we have been grateful for the sterling work done by volunteers, both bell ringers and others, to assist him in his work – we would not have been able to do it without this help, which has reduced the total cost of the project.

Nick concluded: "Hopefully, the bells will sound out over Grappenhall again by the end of this month, and

the ringers will once again be able to ring in their own tower again! We would like to thank the vicars and ringers of Stockton Heath and Stretton for allowing us to continue

with our Wednesday practices at their churches."

The Grappenhall Bells Facebook page will keep people up to date with events.



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The secret life of bats

A CHANCE to learn about the secret life of bats comes to Stockton Heath on Saturday, August 31.

Local people will be able to attend a "talk and walk" on bats, organised by Stockton Heath Parish Council

and led by Tony Parker, assistant curator (Vertebrate Zoology) at World Museum, Liverpool and a member of Warrington Nature Conservation Forum.

The event will begin at 7 pm with refreshments provided by Friends of

South Warrington in Stockton Heath Library (SWISH).

The talk on the habits and habitats of bats will start at 7.30 pm and the walk, across the Mill Lane Field and on to Ackers Pit, will begin at about 8.30pm.

A number of bat detectors will be available on loan which help "hear" the bats as they send out their ultrasonic signals which help them detect their prey and the obstacles they need to avoid while they are on the wing.

But the detectors must be returned at the end of the evening.

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult – and because the walk will take place

in low light and near water it is important that youngsters are kept under close supervision.

A torch is advisable – although not for use during the walk as this might deter the bats from making an appearance.

A spokesperson for the parish council said: "Bats are not guaranteed on the evening itself, but lots of information on the habits and habitats of bats will be available which may help you to bat-watch on your own in the future."

More information is available from clerk@stocktonheathpc.org.uk or telephone: 01925 210558

Donors give church £30,000 – but more is needed

GENEROUS donors have given more than £30,000 towards the cost of improvements at St Matthew's Church, Stretton.

But the church needs to raise £140,000 for its Big Welcome Project, so much more fundraising will be needed.

More details of the plans to develop the church can be found on the St Matthews website,

<https://www.stmatthewschurchstretton.org.uk/>

But briefly they will provide improved access to the church, a greeting area, a community meeting space for families and friends and a kitchen.

Pupils from St Matthew's CE Primary School entered competitions for a poster and logo to promote future fundraising activities, with Grace Berry designing the winning poster and Daniel Davies the winning logo.

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Police increase patrols at cemetery

POLICE are stepping up patrols at Fox Covert cemetery at Hillcliffe, Appleton, following complaints of anti-social behaviour.

A police spokesperson said: "We have been receiving complaints about ASB around Fox Covert Cemetery. As a result of this we will be increasing patrols of the area at different times of the day. Any offences disclosed will be dealt with."

Hillcliffe is a popular hang out for youngsters as well as people visiting to watch the sunset.

Two years ago a grieving mother was shocked to find drugs at Fox Covert Cemetery while visiting her deceased baby daughter.

A shelter had also been damaged with packages containing drugs on the floor next to the baby garden.



What's on *in the villages*

To list your event call Village Life on **01925 631592 option 2**

August 15
GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Recess meeting
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

Every day except Monday
GRAPPENHALL HEYS WALLED GARDEN
Witherwin Avenue, Grappenhall Heys, WA4 3DS.
Café open Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday and Sunday, 10am-5pm. Garden open Tues/Wed/Thurs 1pm-4pm. Bank Holidays: Garden open but café closed.

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

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

COFFEE MORNING
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
September to Easter at Hall Drive, Appleton. 7.45-9.45pm.
Details: 01925 262356

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

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

LYMM & THELWALL U3A
Members' meetings 10am (not August or February)
Thelwall Parish Hall

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

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Plan to transform eyesore shop

A PLAN to replace an eyesore building with a new mixed retail and residential unit at Thelwall has been welcomed by councillors and nearby residents.

But there are concerns that developers are trying to cram too much onto the site at the corner of Thelwall New Road and Alderley Road.

The existing building – a former newsagents shop – has stood empty and deteriorating for years.

Developers now want to provide a retail unit on the ground floor with residential accommodation above, car parking and a separate bedsit unit.

Clr Ian Marks said: "A mixed retail and residential unit seems like a sensible idea, but there is concern that too much is being crammed onto the site. It is essential that there is adequate parking because the site is on a very busy corner, near to a school..

"We are trying to get clarity over what exactly is being proposed."



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