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# Editor's comment

THE Warrington South constituency is seen as a "key marginal" in the forthcoming General Election on Thursday December 12 and there has certainly been plenty of campaigning in the area.

In 40 years of covering local and General Elections I have never quite seen one like this, which, whatever people say, is clearly going to be

influenced by Brexit, which has split the country, almost in half.

Whether you wanted to Leave or Remain, I think the vast majority of us want the whole sorry saga over, sooner rather than later.

I certainly don't intend to use my column as an attempt to influence anyone on their decision on who to vote for.

As always I will say vote for the person you believe is the best candidate to represent you in this constituency.

But what is really important is that you don't become totally disillusioned and ignore the ballot box.

I know the political scene and the divisions caused by Brexit have made it a very difficult landscape but democracy is extremely important.

So when you get the chance to vote on December 12th use it wisely and vote for the person you believe



will represent us best in the corridors of power.

I'm not one for wishing my life away - but I for one will certainly be glad to see the back of this election and hopefully the divisions and uncertainty caused by Brexit.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers and advertisers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and let's all try and enjoy our Christmas dinner with no mention of the B word!

**Deadline  
for the  
January 2020  
issue of  
Village Life  
is November 28**

## Tree-top walkway for Walton Hall Gardens



DARE-devil visitors to Warrington's Walton Hall Gardens will soon be able to look down on the gardens from a rope walkway through the trees.

The borough council's development management committee has approved plans for a high ropes course close to the popular children's zoo.

A log cabin has also been approved as part of the visitor attraction.

The scheme was recommended for approval by council planning officers.

They said although the site is

in the Green Belt, the scheme is acceptable and will have little impact on the Grade 2 Listed Walton Hall. The principle of commercial activity within the Walton estate is acceptable.

There will also be little impact on the woodland and ecology of the gardens.

Members of the committee were told the proposal will consist of a metal cabin, clad in heat-treated timber to resemble a log cabin.

The high rope course through the trees will be fenced off for safety and

will vary in height from one metre to six metres. The course will have three different difficulty levels.

There was one objection from a neighbouring property concerned about the impact on ecology, overlooking, increased noise, erosion of the buffer and increased vandalism.

The facility will occupy an area of 1000 square metres of woodland.

Although the site is owned by the borough council, a commercial firm will operate the attraction.

# Temporary gypsy site is now "permanent"

**PLANNING** chiefs have given the go-ahead for a controversial temporary gypsy caravan site on Green Belt land to be made permanent.

Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council had opposed the proposal in Cartridge Lane, Grappenhall but the borough council's development management committee decided the site – which has been there for 12 years – should be allowed to remain because there are not enough gypsy sites in the borough.

They were also concerned for the welfare of seven children said to be living on the site.

The site, has been occupied since November 2007 and was granted temporary status by the Secretary of State on appeal in July 2014.

But the temporary consent had expired and as a result, the site was now unauthorised.

The committee was told there were currently six caravans on the site proposals would not alter or amend the site layout or facilities.

Planning officers said the access will remain unaltered via a gated, private drive off Cartridge Lane with suitable turning facilities to allow vehicles to exit in a forward direction.



"Vehicle movements will be no greater than that afforded by a typical housing development with the added benefit of considerably reduced construction traffic," they said.

Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council objected on the grounds of inappropriate development in the

Green Belt. But there had been no objections from nearby residents and planning officers recommended the application be approved.

The committee was told that bird and bat boxes would be provided at three locations within the site and a log and rubble insect and animal

refuge would also be provided.

Development in the Green Belt can only be justified by "very special circumstances" – but officers said the severe lack of sites for gypsies or travellers in Warrington represented such circumstances.

## Another year of live music at St Wilfrid's

LIVE at St Wilfrid's, the group that brings a rich variety of music to St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall, have announced their programme for next year.

They open their season on February 6 with a visit by Dinara Klinton, a prize-winning concert pianist who performs at most of the major venues, including the Royal Festival Hall and Wigmore Hall and worked with the Philharmonic Orchestra and St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra.

On March 14, the Fron Male Voice

Choir, one of the finest of its type in the country will be appearing. They have won awards at many festivals and last year came first in a strong field at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod.

April 16 sees the Meraki Duo – flute and guitar – playing a mix of music that extends from chamber music to jazz, Latin American and European folk.

On May 14, 'cellist Indira Grier, winner of a gold medal at this year's Vienna International Music

Competition, will be performing.

The Royal Northern College of Music Operatic Singers will present an Opera Gala on June 18 – a chance to see some of the students who will be the stars of the future performing arias and light operetta.

After the summer break, September 10 will see the Coull String Quartet, a group originally formed by RNCM students who now play and broadcast extensively throughout the UK and have toured Europe, the Americas, Australia, China and the Far East.

On October 15, there will be a return visit by the Budapest Café Orchestra, a group of four musicians led by jazz violin superstar Christian Garrick who play traditional folk and gypsy flavoured music from across the Balkans and Russia.

Finally, November 12 sees a visit by the Alexandra Ridout Quintet – a bright young band that have been delighting audiences at jazz festivals, theatres and clubs across the UK for some time.

## "Pet detectives" reunited missing cat with owner

A CAT which went missing for 18 days in the Grappenhall area has been reunited with his owner thanks to the keen observations of two young "pet detectives."

The cat, named Bleu, was spotted by two children, Teegan and Macie, who recognised him from posters supplied by Animal Search UK, a lost pet organisation based in Cheshire.

After spotting Bleu near their home, the youngsters wanted to help reunite him with his owner, Leanne.

The family set up a cat trap and the next day at 7.35am Bleu was caught in the trap and Leanne was notified that her beloved cat was now safe.

Leanne said: "I had been out every night searching for my boy thinking the worst and sat outside apartments, bin sheds, houses, rivers, tired, and an emotional wreck. But I would do it all again for this Boy."

She ordered a campaign pack from Animal Search UK which contained specially designed and produced posters made with special waterproof paper which is attached to street furniture.

The posters certainly did the trick as the children saw a poster and recognised Bleu, which then led to him being reunited with Leanne

He was found in Grappenhall and is now happily recovering at home. He has been seen by a vet and apart from being cold, was in remarkably good shape.



Advertiser's announcement

# Picture Perfect Cavtat

Set in a bay over-looking the Adriatic Sea, Cavtat (pronounced Savtat) is a picture perfect postcard village.

Made up of cobbled streets with sea-front restaurants and bars serving fresh-seafood.

Life-in Cavtat clings to the small road that goes around the bay where some very impressive yachts moor for the weekend. From here you can catch the water taxi every half an hour to take the 30 minute journey to Dubrovnik, either direct or stopping at all the little villages along the coast - perfect for those who like to explore. You can also catch the bus to Dubrovnik.

The five star Hotel Croatia looks like a cruise ship sailing across the hill, and as such it commands spectacular views across Cavtat on one-side and out across the Adriatic on the other. The hotel is located on its own private peninsula, covered in pine trees, typical to the area. Both the bar and the main restaurant have large terraces over-looking the bay and the warm evening temperatures meant we sat

outside every evening to enjoy the view.

Although there are no sandy or shingle beaches the sea can be easily accessed by bathing platforms and steps. The sea is amazingly clear and a highlight of our stay was watching the children take their school swimming lesson and play water polo in the bay. On one side of the hotel, man-made-paths meander down the cliffs to the sea. There is also a private 'beach'; which is a concrete bathing platform at sea level with shallow steps descending into the shallow calm waters of the bay. Here you can use the hotel's sun-loungers and towels. As you walk into Cavtat you will see that the locals think nothing of spreading a towel on the flat rocks.

The hotel pool, both inside and outside, is salt water. The main pool is surrounded by pine trees, and is serviced by the pool bar and sunbeds, parasols and towels are available.

There are steps to and from the sea-

front, winding down the hill through the pine trees, but the hotel's golf buggy runs up and down the hair-pin bends from the hotel reception to Cavtat continuously. If returning later in the evening you can call the hotel (number on your key-card) and the buggy will be sent for you.

Guests can opt for either Bed and Breakfast or Half-Board. All meals are taken in the buffet restaurant. Staff are attentive and helpful and the food is fresh and varied. If you opt for Bed and Breakfast there are plenty of restaurants and bars to choose from in Cavtat. Alternatively, the hotel offers the a la carte Spinnaker Restaurant and Bar, located on the hotel's beach, a Steak House Restaurant and the a la carte Alverde Restaurant. There is also a Piano Bar and Pool Bar which serve drinks and light lunches.



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# Join Amy on her yoga journey

AMY Skentelbery's yoga journey has taken her many thousands of miles – but it has brought her back to her home town of Warrington.

She did her yoga teacher training in Belarus, then ran classes in Stockton Heath before going to the Pineapple Studios in London to gain her Rainbow Children's Yoga certificate.

Later she ran more classes, for children and families, in Nottingham where she had been studying at university.

Now she is planning to hold classes for adults and children in the new year.

The NHS recognises Yoga as an

activity that is beneficial not only to the body but also the mind. Amy says it has changed her life in a positive way and believes yoga does far more than increase flexibility.

### Goal

Amy teaches Sivananda style yoga, which is a form of hatha yoga. This style and other styles are integrated within the lessons as she believes we can benefit from many types of yoga.

The goal of this traditional practice is to promote physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. In this class you will complete postures that focus on

strength and flexibility of the whole body and spine. Some classes will contain pranayama (breath controls) as breathing properly can increase vitality and mental clarity.

This class is a mixture of gentle challenges for the body and relaxation, a perfect way to end the day before a good night's sleep.

Amy said: "We will nourish the body with new prana (oxygen/energy), rejuvenate the nervous system and attain a deep sense of inner peace."

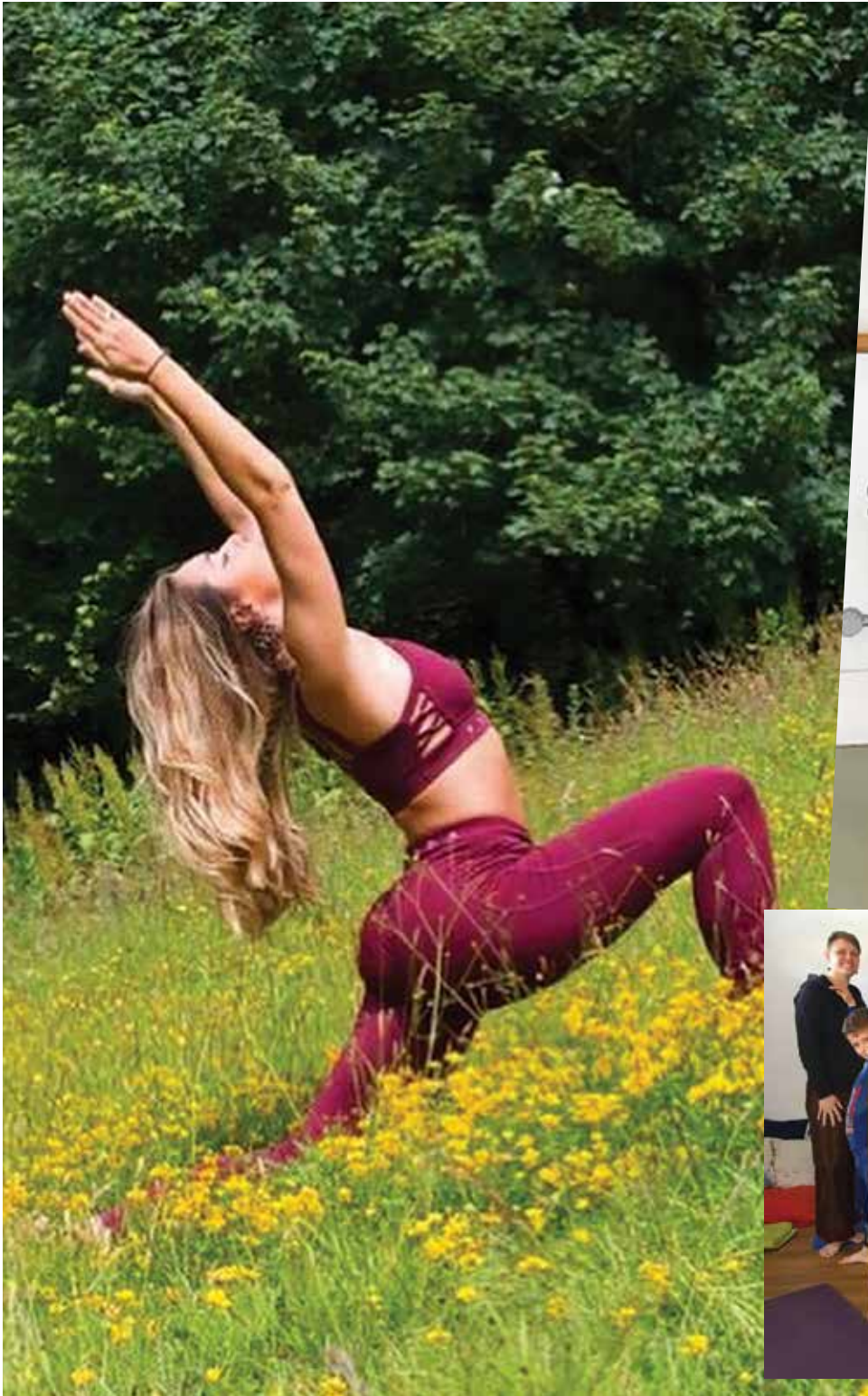
The Rainbow Yoga class and is for children (3-plus) and adults. Even grandparents can join in.

Yoga teaches children how to use

their bodies in a healthy way. It's non-competitive, unlike most sports, giving children the chance to feel part of a healthy, non-competitive group. Yoga increases feelings of social connection, making it the perfect activity for families.

Amy said: "This yoga will be FUN, meaning it will include activities to help us connect to each other, games and fast movement for the children. It will also be filled with postures, positivity and relaxation."

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which were presented at the recent highly successful Beer Festival.

The three awards were:  
•North Cheshire club of the year

2019.

•Merseyside & Cheshire club of the Year 2019.

•15 years in CAMRA good beer

guide.

The three-day Beer Festival incorporated some of the finest local real ales as well as Ciders & Perry's, all sponsored by local individuals and Companies.

These awards follow on from ATVH bar being named as "National Club of the Year" truly a well-deserved honour for all the Massey's hard work.

The hall is situated in the centre of the village. The attractive sandstone building was once the village primary school and is now a thriving community building.

Sold to the villagers in the early 1980's, it is a charity run by a dedicated team of local people. The hall provides a home to a variety of local groups and community activities.

It houses a large hall, a small comfortable lounge, a pool room and offers a kitchen and a fully serviced bar facility. It is available to hire for private parties and events offering ample parking.

The friendly Village Hall bar is open to its members and their guests on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings and on Sunday afternoons a choice of home cooked food is also available.

For more details on membership visit [www.appletonthornvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.appletonthornvillagehall.co.uk)



Pictured are Derek & Chris Massey with two CAMRA representatives





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# Money Column

By Margaret Black

## WatkinsonBlack Books of Jokes

Well, here we are again writing for the December issue. We did think we would be letting you know about the latest budget and the effect that it would have on your income next year, but the budget has been cancelled. So, as it's Christmas we thought we might make a selection from the "WatkinsonBlack Book of Jokes". So, here goes:-



Margaret Black and David Watkinson

The taxman calls on a farmer to ensure that he is paying and taxing his workers correctly.

Taxman "So who do you have working here and how much do you pay them?"

Farmer "Well, firstly there is the tractor driver. He is on £200 a week. Then there is the herdsman. He is on £250 a week. Oh, and then there is the Village Idiot"

Taxman "You cannot use nasty language like that any more. What does he earn?"

Farmer "Well he works about 80 hours a week. Sometimes he gets a tenner but usually he goes home with nothing."

Taxman "That is absolutely outrageous. Where is this fellow?"

Farmer "You are talking to him!"

Q: Why do scientists use tax inspectors rather than rats in experiments?  
A: They are numerous, you cannot get attached to them and ....there are some things even a rat won't do.

An architect, an artist and an accountant were discussing whether it was better to have a wife or a mistress.

The architect said he enjoyed time with his wife, building a solid foundation for an enduring relationship.

The artist he enjoyed time with his mistress, because of the passion.

The accountant said "I like both. If you have a wife and a mistress then they both think you are spending time with the other, meaning you are free to go into the office and get some work done."

Two accountants are queuing in a bank when some armed robbers burst in. Whilst one robber gets the bank clerks to empty the tills into a bag another robber lines up the customers and starts taking their wallets and jewellery.

As the robber works his way down the line one of the accountants feels something pressed into his hand. "What's that?" he asks the other accountant who replies "It's that fifty quid I borrowed off you last week!"

Well, it's better than reading about a budget, isn't it? For more from the "WatkinsonBlack Book of Jokes" have a look at "Warrington Worldwide", or send us an e-mail to [info@warringtonaccountants.co.uk](mailto:info@warringtonaccountants.co.uk) and we will send the whole book to you in .pdf format. Meanwhile, the partners and staff at WatkinsonBlack wish you all a Very Merry Christmas, and hope that you all enjoy a very healthy New Year.

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# New manager aims to transform iconic hotel into market leader



marketing and revenue growth plans that have led to developed hotel operations and enhanced guest experiences.

Mark said: "I have also developed marketing strategies, which have also achieved strategic and operational goals."

"I have now taken on a new challenging management position at The Park Royal Hotel, part of the Almarose hotels and resorts group. Bringing my wealth of experience in this role, I am excited to lead the iconic, well-respected hotel for a growing hospitality company. I look forward to taking this hotel to the next level and being part of the transformation project that will see a fresh rebrand and refurbish programme."

Almarose Hotels have an exciting portfolio of hotels throughout the country.

Mark added: "I am very keen on joining this developing company and utilising my wealth of experience to transform this iconic hotel into a market leader in 2020."

THE Park Royal Hotel at Stretton has a new General Manager, Mark Illingworth, who aims to use his experience to transform the iconic hotel into a market leader.

Mark has 25 years' experience which has seen him go from being a Director for Thomson Select, leading, managing and developing their specialist hospitality recruitment and consultancy agency, to managing major hotels across the country, including the Samlesbury Hotel, AccorHotels and more recently the Mercure Haydock Hotel.

During this time he has successfully executed strategic business,

## Santa set to help raise funds for charity



EXCITEMENT is building as the final plans come together for Santa Claus to take residence in his grotto at Walton Hall & Gardens this December helping raise funds for local charity Warrington Disability Partnership.

This year, Warrington Disability Partnership will be teaming up with F11 Photography, Warrington-Worldwide and Warrington Borough Council for the launch of their annual accessible Santa's grotto.

The official launch day will begin on December 7th at 10.30am with the grand opening of the grotto by the Mayor of Warrington, Cllr. Wendy Johnson.

The Santa's Grotto is open from 10.30am until 4.30pm every Saturday and Sunday, closing at 4.30pm on December 22. The cost of the visit is £7.50 per child and includes a present and a trip around an amazing reindeer trail with reindeer food provided. Photographs and gifts of your Santa visit will be available to purchase on the day.

There are also lots of other wonderful festive activities to take part in, including craft activities, live music, entertainment, face painting, fairground rides and much more to keep all the family busy!

Come along for a chance to chat with Santa about your Christmas presents and help a local charity at the same time!

Bookings can be made online via the WDP website ([www.disabilitypartnership.org.uk](http://www.disabilitypartnership.org.uk)) but it's fine just to turn up on the day of your choice!

All money raised will assist Warrington Disability Partnership to continue providing their services. For more information call Warrington Disability Partnership on 01925 240064.

Santa will be in his grotto in the Heritage Courtyard every Saturday & Sunday from December 7th to Sunday December 22 from 10.30am-4.30pm.

There will be a special Autism hour on the 14th & 22nd from 9.30am-10.30am

# FDR Law go one better with latest Legal 500 ranking

FOLLOWING last year's success when FDR Law became the first Warrington based law firm to achieve a ranking in the prestigious Legal 500, the firm achieved the double this year with listings for both its Real Estate and Private Client teams. The Legal 500 rankings are the leading guide to law firms and solicitors across the UK and only recommend firms following a thorough, independent process.

Highlights for the Real Estate team included representing Network Space on the sale of 25 sites across the North West in a deal worth £93m, advising United Utilities Property Service on the disposal of a substantial area of land in Swinton for residential development, and acting for a client on the negotiation and completion of a property and asset management agreement for a national portfolio of industrial and commercial sites. The Legal 500 researchers summarised as follows:

"FDR Law is regularly engaged by commercial and residential developers, retail and leisure operators, corporate occupiers, and investors. It also acts for public sector clients and is experienced in education sector property mandates. Its experience includes strategic partnering and site assembly work, acquisitions and disposals, asset management, development and forward funding work. Team head Stephen Woodall acts for public and private sector clients; Charles Agar is



Members of FDR Law's Real Estate and Private Client teams celebrate their success.

experienced in private sector property development instructions; and John King handles contentious matters."

The Private Client team were equally delighted to be recommended and listed in the personal tax, trusts and probate category in the first year they have entered the awards. With feedback from clients including "A trusted, reliable and dedicated law firm" and "FDR's client service has been impeccable and their level of knowledge and expertise is of the highest quality" the Legal 500 researchers summarised the Private Client team as:

"The team at FDR Law possesses 'impressive knowledge, efficiency and integrity', handling the full range of

matters covering will drafting, estate administration, complex trusts, powers of attorney, Court of Protection, IHT planning and succession planning. Head of Team Ian Sydenham 'exhibits the highest standard of client service and care', and regularly advises the firm's highest value clients and estates.

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# WI plants a tree to mark 100 years

MEMBERS of Walton WI gathered in Walton Gardens to plant a tree to commemorate the Centenary of the Cheshire Federation of Women's Institutes.

This was at the request of Jean Harding, chairman of the Cheshire Federation, who asked all WIs in the county to plant a tree to mark the occasion.

Walton chose to plant a Prunus "Snow Goose"

Among those present were Denise Karalius, Molly Griffiths, Daphne Armitage, Marylynne Toft, Barbara Price, Judy Jerrard-Dinn, Norma Meadows, and Valerie Davies, all members of Walton WI or Walton Parish Council.

Glenis Hatch, a founder committee member of Walton WI and the longest serving member is pictured holding the spade used to plant the tree.

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# Santa set to visit stable in Stockton Heath



PROMOTE Stockton Heath, a voluntary group of local businesses and residents, has arranged a flying visit from Father Christmas.

Santa will be flying into Stockton Heath on Saturday, December 14 from 10am-2pm at the Old Stable Barn at the rear of the Red Lion on London Road.

Entry is free and includes a free gift but donations are welcome for the Walton Lea Project.

There will be an opportunity for youngsters to write a letter to Santa.

## Snow White

IT'S panto time at Antrobus – and that means villagers should be on the lookout for seven rather small characters wearing pointy hats!

Antrobus Players are presenting “Snow White” at the Village Hall on Friday and Saturday, January 24 and 25 at 7.30pm and Sunday, January 26 at 2.30pm.

Details are available from [janetfeatonby@gmail.com](mailto:janetfeatonby@gmail.com) or by phoning 07565 525029.

# What's on *in the villages*

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**December 10**  
STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL  
Stockton Heath Library\*  
7.30pm

**December 17**  
APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL  
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road  
7.30pm

**December 19**  
GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL  
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

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**Every Monday**  
COUNTRY DANCING CLUB  
St Thomas' Primary School, Parkgate Road, Stockton Heath.  
8-10pm. Details: 01925 262356

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

**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](mailto: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**  
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STOCKTON HEATH FLOWER CLUB  
Appleton Parish Hall, 7.15pm  
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**BOOK CLUB**  
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**STOCKTON HEATH PROBUS CLUB**  
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**Every third Wednesday**  
HIGHER WALTON WI, Sandy Lane  
Community Centre, Stockton Heath,  
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**Every fourth Wednesday**  
ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY  
Support Group, Brampton Lodge Day Centre, Bridge Lane, Appleton. 6.30-8.30pm

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

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

**Every third Thursday**  
APPLETON AFTERNOON FLOWER CLUB  
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road  
2pm  
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**BOARD GAME NIGHT.**  
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APPLETOTS TODDLER GROUP  
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road.  
9.45-11.30am. Details: 01925 268153.

# Village Christmas Lights switch-on

THE annual Christmas Lights switch on at Stockton Heath is being held on Friday, November 29 at Victoria Square.

As usual, children from St Thomas' CE Primary School and Stockton Heath Primary School will sing a selection of carols, but they will sing before the lights are switched on, starting at 5.45 pm. Then chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Laurence Murphy will lead a countdown to the light switch on.

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