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Main cover photo - Damian Cox, Head of Retail Department at Tameside College T1 / Bakery, Catering and Hospitality, with a cake created by the college to mark the 50th anniversary of Tameside Council. The cake was presented to the council who made a sweet gesture by passing it to their care leavers to enjoy.

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Willow Wood's bloomin' great fundraiser

➤➤ The annual Willow Wood Flower Festival returns in May to raise funds for the Hospice. This year the event will be taking place on Saturday May 11th (10am to 4pm) and on Sunday May 12th (11am to 4pm).

Guided by a dedicated committee comprising Eileen Smith, Ann Fee, Sheila Redfern, Christine Lucas, Pauline Giblin, Judith Scott, Bernice Woodward and Lorraine Vaughton, this cherished annual event promises to be as vibrant as ever. This year's festival holds special significance as it commemorates 25 years of compassionate care for patients from our local community. Under the theme of 'all things Willow Wood', the festival aims to honour this milestone.

Throughout the weekend, visitors can immerse themselves in captivating displays crafted



by both individuals and groups. These exhibits will pay homage to past events while also highlighting various departments and services offered by the Hospice. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase the showcased displays, adding a touch of beauty to their homes while

making a difference to patients in our care. Additionally, guests can indulge in a glass of prosecco as they leisurely explore the stunning exhibits and bask in the serenity of the Hospice's picturesque gardens. **Entry will be £3.50, with proceeds going to Willow Wood Hospice.**

TAMESIDE CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

➤➤ Various events took place to celebrate this year's International Women's Day.

For International Women's Day 2024, Bromley's Solicitors joined forces with GM Business Growth Hub, Tameside Council and Build a Business to deliver a Brunch and Learn Event in Tameside. Joined by Civic Mayor of Tameside, Cllr Tafheen Sharif, the event was an excellent opportunity for women to get together, network and celebrate their achievements. There was also an opportunity to find out about and access fully funded business support from the GM Business Growth Hub.

At Dukinfield Town Hall Cllr Tafheen Sharif partnered with the Umeed (Hope) women's group to organise an Ascot-themed celebration to raise funds for her nominated charities. Ladies were dressed as they would for the famous racecourse's royal enclosure – if they wish – including of course a hat.



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Aaron's festival fundraiser

Aaron Parkinson, Manager at Ashton's HalfWay House Pub, recently presented a cheque for £1350 to Target Ovarian Cancer.

The money was raised with a music festival at the venue featuring local acoustic artists and the admission charge went towards the charity pot. The choice of charity was a personal one for Aaron who had the sudden loss of a family member last summer to cervical cancer. From the initial shock diagnosis, she passed away after seven days and this was the catalyst that encouraged Aaron to do



something. He said: "I just want to thank all the staff who were crucial in giving their support including Pete, Nicky, Rachel, Hope, our little mascot and to John Bradley of The Dollar Bombers who hosted the event. Plus, we are so grateful to our customers for the kindness and generosity supporting such a good cause."

Streetfest returns this month

Stalybridge Street Fest is back on 12th April with tasty street food and drink traders and great musicians and activities

Located in the beautiful Armentieres Square along the canal in Stalybridge

town centre. It's a family friendly event so everyone is welcome to come along enjoy, good food, drink, music and have fun with friends.

Find out more at www.intameside.co.uk/
StalybridgeStreetFest



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Droylsden Marina - KT



Dry stone wall at Shaw Moor in Stalybridge – Seamus Doherty



Reflecting on The Pike – Sam Shaw



Springtime at Ashton War Memorial
David Taylor

Affordable eyecare

➤➤ **The cost of living is challenging all of us at the moment but amongst our priorities should be our eyesight. Ignoring any issues or problems with our eyesight could put our vision at risk and cause further deterioration of any conditions we may be facing.**

Vision loss usually occurs gradually and painlessly, and most people don't notice until after the damage has been done. Putting off eye care increases the risk for undetected or uncontrolled eye conditions, eye damage, and vision loss, especially from glaucoma.

Delayed eye care also allows other eye problems to go unchecked. The following eye conditions have few or minor symptoms at first and may only be detected by eye exams.

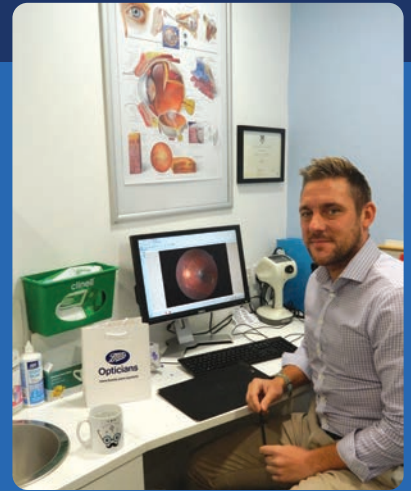
An eye stroke. Like the heart or brain, the eye can suffer damage from obstruction of a blood vessel. One type of eye stroke occurs when blood flow leaving the retina (the light-sensing component in the back of the eye) is disrupted. It can cause temporary or permanent vision loss. People with high blood pressure, diabetes, glaucoma, and cardiovascular disease are at greater risk for this condition.

Diabetic retinopathy. Diabetes can cause blood vessels in the retina to become "leaky," leading to temporary vision loss. "Sometimes the blood will clear on its own. If it doesn't, you may need surgery. If the old blood or new blood vessels block the drain in your eye, you can get increased eye pressure and glaucoma," Dr. Shen says.

Age-related macular degeneration. This condition gradually destroys the macula, the retina's central portion. It's the part of the eye that provides central vision needed for seeing objects clearly.

With yearly eye exams, patients are able to get prescriptions that are up to date. Having an eye prescription suited to your eyes now and not your eyes a year ago means fewer headaches and reduced eye strain.

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Hat Outlet open once more

Hats and Caps have been produced in Denton for over 300 years and that tradition still continues today at Denton Hats producing a wide range that is sold around the world.

The popularity of hats has grown consistently and their established shop, The Hat Outlet, has been building success. Now the shop has been revamped following renewed interest and customer demand for the public facing shop.



The Hat Outlet offers high-quality Men's and Ladies hats including Fedoras, Panamas, Flat Caps, Faux Fur Hats and more! If the style, colour or size you are searching for is out of stock it's always worth checking back with the stock being regularly updated.

Located at Unit 3 Tameside Business Park, Windmill Lane, Denton, M34 3QS The Hat Outlet is open Mon-Thurs: 9am-3pm and Friday: 9am-12pm.



Need a new kitchen?

When considering something like a new kitchen people may have different priorities like budget, design, space and accessibility.

The team at Harrison McCarthy have years of experience in helping people get the kitchen or bathroom that satisfies all their needs. So here are a few tips if you are considering giving your kitchen or bathroom a makeover in 2024.

Although it might give you a little cost saving by reusing your kitchen carcasses the downside is it will limit you if you are looking to change design and layout. If you decide to reuse your existing kitchen carcasses is entirely up to you, and it will depend on what your situation is as well as what you want from your new kitchen.

With so many appliances available ensure your plan includes plenty of electrical outlets in areas where you plan to use a coffee pot, toaster oven, blender, and other countertop appliances. Install multiple outlets along the backsplash and on the island to have electricity wherever needed.

Some people love the addition of an island in their kitchen but if you are considering one think about how you'd like to use it within the space before deciding how to design a kitchen. If you are planning to cook and eat on the island, make sure you plan enough space, so the cooktop is safely separated from the dining area. The island can also be used to house other elements, such as a sink or dishwasher for added functionality.

The budget for your new kitchen starts with the most important items, including cabinets, countertops, and appliances. Once you've decided on your spending on those three things, you can decide on the rest, including flooring, backsplash, lighting, and the sink and fixtures. Then comes decorative touches, such as paint, window treatments, and artwork.

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Heartfelt thank you to local studies volunteers

Hard working local studies volunteers received a personal thank you from the Civic Mayor of Tameside, Cllr Tafheen Sharif, at a celebratory event held at the archives centre on Cotton Street, Ashton.

Over the current financial year, more than 3,000 hours have been volunteered across Tameside Cultural Services – which also includes museums, galleries, arts and engagement – with almost half purely within local studies. Accompanied by Cllr Sangita Patel, the council's assistant executive member for culture, heritage and digital inclusivity, the Mayor heard all about the vital work the volunteers do.

This includes cleaning the Stamford Estate plans, military research, listing new accessions, staffing family history help desks, and cataloguing and researching the Tameside Reporter's vast photographic archive as part of the Smile project. Members of Tameside Local History Forum were also present. Volunteer Stephanie Shakeshaft got curious after her father passed away not knowing anything about the Archive. She said: "So the volunteer who helped me when I came left, and I took over when he left to join as a volunteer. There's lots of reasons why people visit the archive, they may not



know about their parents but have heard stories over the years but haven't a clue how to research it. So, I've been helping people here now for over 12 years."

Another volunteer with expertise in military research is Phil Handley who said: "If anybody has got any medals, I would do the research to find out about them so they can discover the story behind them. Today I've brought some medals I have collected from Richard Francis Poole, an Officer in The Cheshire Regiment World War 1 including the Military Cross and French legion D'Honor. After the First World war he joined The Royal Engineers and eventually became a Lieutenant Colonel receiving the OBE in 1940 and then in 1945 he received

the CBE. I've been collecting medals for over 50 years and if people are curious to discover if any of their family have been decorated perhaps a first stop is to check the records of The Gazette - www.thegazette.co.uk/all-notices/content/national-record-of-achievement."

Cllr Patel and the Mayor also saw items from the local studies and archives collection such as posters, plans, pictures and letters. The Mayor said: "We couldn't do what we do without our wonderful volunteers. By continuing to give and give they keep Tameside going. I want them to know their work is hugely appreciated and to thank each and every one of them. "It was also pleasing to see some young people involved as they will keep things going. That's very important as history tells us who we are and where we have come from. These are all things that need to be available to new generations as they grow and learn." Cllr Patel added: "I really enjoyed talking to the volunteers and I would like to thank them for the superb job they do. "Their work is carried out with passion and pride, and they are a great asset to the borough and its heritage. Thanks to their dedication and commitment, Tameside's story will be available to the people of the future."

If you would like to volunteer with Tameside Local Studies and Archives, call 0161 342 4242 or visit www.tameside.gov.uk/archives.

The local studies and archives centre is in Ashton, at the junction of Cotton Street East and Oldham Road.

Happy Birthday Bridge Jewellers!

➤➤ This month Bridge Jewellers celebrates its first birthday in Stalybridge at their premises on Melbourne Street. The business, which recently had an interior refurbishment, will be celebrating in a number of ways including offering customers 10% discount on jewellery items between April 8th until 22nd.

There is also an opportunity to join their new Loyalty Scheme where after 5 purchases you can benefit with a 10% discount on an item of choice – excluding luxury watches and gold over 10gms.


If you are looking to sell jewellery, scrap gold or maybe a high-end watch then why not visit Bridge Jewellers, your local shop specialising in fine jewellery and luxury watches to both sell and buy.

On the jewellery side Peter Tucker is a diamond merchant by trade with over 20 years' experience and they offer appraisals, insurance valuations and cleaning. Amongst the jewellery they buy and sell, gold is without doubt the main commodity. They buy gold at the market rate, which is usually updated three times a day, so you get the current price rather than lower fixed pricing at some outlets. A useful thing to remember the higher the carat of gold the better the purity and the higher the value. Did you know that 9 carat is just 37.5% gold with the rest made up by nickel, bronze, copper and other elements.

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Inner Wheel's first class efforts

Colourful hand-knitted postbox 'toppers' have been popping up around Denton for more than a year. One of the latest creations has recently been placed on the Market Street postbox outside Denton Town Hall to celebrate 100 years of the worldwide Inner Wheel organisation which has its roots in Manchester.

Keen knitter Florence Oliver who has recently been crafting a host of different designs to decorate the postbox at Morrisons in Denton was invited by the Denton Inner Wheel to make a topper featuring the movement's distinctive logo.

She had previously knitted dozens of knitted character 'Teds'- some inspired by Denton's history and heritage such as a Boy Scout, the chairman of the town council and a proud citizen carrying a poppy wreath. While self-isolating during the COVID pandemic, she made 'key worker' bears including a police officer, bus driver, doctor and paramedic.

On a sunny afternoon in early March, Denton Inner Wheel president Kathleen



Walker and other members met for the official unveiling of Florence's latest creation and were clearly delighted.

The organisation was formed by Mrs Margarette Golding at a meeting at the social club in Lower Mosley Street, Manchester on 10th January 1924.

The Denton club started in 1947 and at its height in the 1990s had 35 members. Kathleen told us about the work of the organisation supporting many local charities such as food banks, hospices and women's refuge. "This year BEAT (eating disorders) is our national charity, and we are also supporting Blood Bikes".

International causes are also helped such as Shelter Box, Mary's Meals, as well as aid for the citizens of war-torn Ukraine and earthquake zones. "Our aim is friendship and service here and around the world".

Members from Denton are looking forward to joining 1,000 women from all around the world who will be attending the Inner Wheel official centenary celebration at the Central Convention Centre in Manchester over three days at the beginning of May.

Michael Wallbank

Snowdon charity challenge

Atta Ul-Rasool and Sajjadur Rahman organised the Mount Snowdon Fundraising Challenge 2024 raising funds for the Mayoral Charities of Tameside and Oldham.

The first team who reached the top in 3 hours and 34 minutes were; Atta Ul-Rasool, Oldham Salt Bhai and Shoaib Muhammad.

Shortly afterwards: Khairul Alam, Rubina Alam, Sara Alam, Sajjadur Rahman, Polash Chowdhary, Mustak Mohsin, Mohsin Ahmed, Jubed Ahmed also made it to the top as well! The group set a fundraising target of £1000 and from the total amount raised the organisers will divide 50% towards the Mayor of Tameside's charities and 50% towards the Mayor of Oldham's Truly Wished Program. The charities chosen by the Mayor of Tameside (Cllr Tafheen Sharif) are:

- Home-Start - which helps young and vulnerable families
- We Shall Overcome - helping our homeless
- West African Development - which supports Tameside's ethnic minorities

The Mayor of Oldham (Dr. Zahid Chauhan OBE FRCGP) has taken a different approach and launched a charitable program named "Truly Wished". For further info please visit; <https://trulywished.org/> The organisers wish to thank their sponsors which include Sajjad Foundation, Ali & Sons Groceries, The Village Charity, SMS Foundation, Otithi Bangladesh Cuisine, The Indian Plaza, Oldham Superstore and Prints & Needles.





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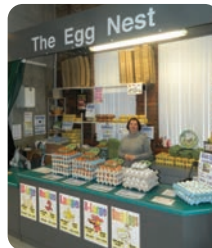
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MARKET NEWS



➤➤ This month we are delighted to announce the return of Stalybridge Streetfest on Friday 12th April.

For those needing some refreshment whilst visiting Hyde Market Hall then visit **Angies Jackets Takeaway** serving hot and cold drinks with a range of salad boxes, toasties and hot sandwiches. You'll find delicious baked goods on offer from the **Homemade Cake Stall** on the first floor. If you are out and about on the market square, then try a delicious baked potato or maybe you would prefer a burger from our two portable traders.

We are highlighting some of our traders at the rear of Ashton Market Hall this month close to the popular Market Gallery. **Nat's Bombay Kitchen** offers Asian, Indian and vegetarian friendly vegan options with halal menu items and rated

consistently high on Trip Advisor. **The Egg Nest** has a great range of fresh farm eggs on sale in large trays or from half dozen. They also stock duck eggs too! **Ashton Market Deli**, perhaps still remembered as Redmans by some of you, has a variety of food items available including cooked meats, pies and much more. Located alongside Nat's is **Tarps Filipino Fusion Street Food** which offers tasty dishes like Lava Salad, Pork Lumpia or the delicious Filipino Pork BBQ. You can also visit **Dina Persian Meals** located at Stall 49B, offering Eat-in and Takeaway service.

Don't forget you can visit markets online promoting our traders in

both Hyde and Ashton. Apart from trader details you'll find the latest information on specialist markets in each area to so get clicking by going to:

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Luke Mirfin
Markets Events and Communications Manager



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Showcase for children's services

Parents and carers were invited to meet local children's services which support children, young people, and families across Tameside at an event on March 2nd.

Taking place at Level 1 of Tameside One, Market Place, Ashton, families were able to connect with local services, find information on topics affecting day-to-day life, plus there will be play sessions for children.

The event was designed to bring an array of services under one roof to give families direct access to the free support available to them. Information stalls available on the day will include advice on physical and mental health, infant feeding and family support, money and benefits advice, as well as what's on from the cultural and library teams.

Teams from Tameside's Family Hubs and Active Tameside were also providing fun activities for children, including art

and craft sessions, planting seeds, and bike obstacle courses to try out.

Tameside Council Deputy Executive Leader, Councillor Bill Fairfoull, said: "With a range of free support available to our local families, it's important that we bring events like this to the community to ensure parents and carers know what is accessible to them. Bringing our Children's Services teams together from Tameside Council and partner organisations in a central location is an ideal way to highlight this in an informal setting."

More information about support and help available for parents, carers and young people can be found on Tameside Council's website by visiting www.tameside.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies







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Bollywood theme for Mayor's charity ball

»» Bollywood came to Tameside for the Civic Mayor's charity ball at Dukinfield Town Hall on Saturday, March 2nd.

Entertainment was provided by the multi-award-winning Ri Ri's Dance Academy; Dhol Drummers and pioneer of UK Bhangra music, Joga Singh; and the menu featured authentic Indian food (including vegetarian option) as well as a more traditional choice.

The Civic Mayor of Tameside, Cllr Tafheen Sharif, said: "Bringing

Tameside's communities together is something that means a great deal to me."

The event raised over £9000 for The Civic Mayor's charity appeal fund that comprises Home-Start (HOST), which offers expert support to families with young children that are going through difficult times; West African Development, which helps ethnic minority communities in Tameside, and Pauline Town's We Shall Overcome, which provides assistance for the homeless.



Tameside @ 50

What's happening to Local Government in Lancashire?

On the 1st of April 1974, local Government had a huge shake up when nine towns – Ashton, Audenshaw, Denton, Droylsden, Dukinfield, Hyde, Longdendale, Mossley and Stalybridge came under the administration of Metropolitan Borough of Tameside and became part of the new Greater Manchester County Council.

The total population at that time was 223,000, and the council planned to employ 9,000 members of staff, comparing it to today 2,798 staff look after a population of 219,000. On the Sunday before, Stalybridge Mayor, Councillor Arthur Dugdale, led a procession of the departing council from the Town Hall to the Parish Church, on a lovely spring day. The Ashton Mayor, Alderman Ernest Jones, wrote a farewell message of appreciation for the service given over the years to the people of the town.

The first Mayor of Tameside was Councillor James Eason of Ashton and his wife Lena, Mayoress, were presented with a Royal Assent from Queen Elizabeth II, for Tameside to be a borough, it was printed on vellum with a large seal attached

to it by red and yellow silk cord. The deputy Mayor was Councillor John Porter of Stalybridge, with his wife Lily as deputy Mayoress.

Each of the towns had a central information centre to help with the changes on the day of opening. This was to help with the changes to rent, rent books, house repairs and an assortment of other queries, which were all passed onto the relevant Tameside departments. An eight-page civic newspaper was published along with an information brochure to help people with the change. A trendy T-shaped symbol was chosen to identify the district with a colour scheme of Kingfisher blue and brown.

The new Tameside Administrative Complex in Ashton did not open until 1981.

Jill Morris



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Tameside at 50: Centre for Tameside



Tameside Administrative Centre (TAC) was opened in 1981 when all the individual town councils of Tameside were brought together under one roof.

It was constructed by a new method at the time using pre-cast concrete sections, which cut building time but allowed for a traditional and attractive brick finish. The complex was triangular, and the highest part was the eight storey tower block, the remainder of the building was three and five storeys high. The total cost of the build was £11 million.

The main entrance was on Wellington Road with a reception desk to direct people to the appropriate departments, there was also a cash office and information desk. However, another entrance was created on the Market Ground which was more convenient for the public to access.

Space on the ground floor was allocated for a superstore which was taken by Wilkinsons who also moved into the new building until the chain closed its stores in 2023.

On the first floor was the administration department along with planning and personnel. On the second floor were the Education department as well as Libraries, Estates and Social Services. On the third floor was the Chief Executive, Architects, Environmental Health and Building Services and Housing Departments. The fourth floor was Finance, fifth floor Engineers and the top floors were taken up with IT.

The catering department and staff restaurant were also situated on the first floor providing meals at lunchtime and catering in the evening when the Town Hall held events.

Replacing the ageing Council administrative building, which was too large, no longer fit for purpose and too expensive to run, with a smaller building incorporating the latest energy-saving technology and shared with partners, was also a decision to save taxpayers money.

You can look back at many other aspects of Tameside history in old newspapers which are accessible at Tameside Local Studies & Archive Centre, on Cotton Street East, Ashton, where it will remain as it will not be moving into Tameside One. The Centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am-5pm plus Saturday 10am-1pm. Check on the website for events and family history information. www.tameside.gov.uk/archives



Tameside at 50: Maintaining a tradition

Since Tameside was formed in 1974 the borough has had a Civic Mayor. The Civic Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected by the Council annually. The Civic Mayor has the following responsibilities:-

1. to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
2. to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
3. to be the conscience of the Council;
4. as the first citizen of Tameside to deal with his/her ambassadorial role both inside and outside the Borough;
5. to chair Civic Council meetings including a mid term Civic Council Meeting to present the State of the Borough address in relation to his/her duties;
6. together with the members of the Civic Panel, to market Tameside in a positive manner; and
7. to attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council or (s)he determines appropriate.
8. The Civic Mayor, and in his/her absence, the Deputy Mayor, preside over the first and opening part of each Council meeting.

Together with the traditional ceremonial robes and chains of office the Civic Mayor is also custodian of the mace.

The ceremonial mace was used early as a symbol of authority of military commanders. Today the mace is used mainly as a ceremonial object. It has become the Mayor's symbol of Authority. It is used by The Civic Mayor of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, on all major and civic/ceremonial events throughout the Borough and beyond. Although, since the 1st April 1974 the Council has the possible use of several maces which were acquired through the formation of the Metropolitan Borough of Tameside, the Hyde Corporation Mace is used. This being the most ornate and decorative of the maces possessed.

Here are the Tameside Mayors since 1974

1974-75 James E. Eason
1975-76 John Devaney BEM
1976-77 Eric C. Clark
1977-78 Percy Travis
1978-79 Peter Greenhough
1979-80 Charles A. Meredith JP
1980-81 George Hatton JP
1981-82 George Newton
1982-83 Philip G. Warne
1983-84 R. H. Smith
1984-85 J. Geoffrey Brierley
1985-86 Thomas Marsden
1986-87 John V. Pettit BEM
1987-88 Joseph Fitzpatrick
1988-89 Martin Wareing JP
1989-90 Katherine W. Shaw (1st female of Tameside)

1990-91 Robin B. J. Denyer JP
1991-92 Lena Eason JP
1993-94 John Hughes
1995-96 Albert E. Hatton
1994-95 Patrician L. Haslam
1995-96 J. Alan Whitehead
1996-97 Michael P. Ballagher
1997-98 M. Eileen Shorroch
1998-99 James Middleton
1999-2000 Frank Robinson
2000-01 Brian Wild JP
2001-02 Stephen Pool LLB
2002-03 Pauline Harrison
2003-04 Margaret Downs
2004-05 Bill Harrison
2005-06 Jacqueline Lane
2006-07 Margaret Sidebottom
2007-08 Michael Smith
2008-09 Jack Davies
2009-10 John B Sullivan JP, GNSM, LTCL
2010-11 Jean Brazil
2011-12 Susan Quinn
2012-13 Brenda Warrington
2013-14 Joe Kitchen
2014-15 Dawson Lane
2015-16 Vincent Ricci
2016-17 Philip Fitzpatrick
2017-18 Joyce Bowerman
2018-19 Denise Ward
2019-20 Leigh Drennan
2020-22 Janet Cooper
2022-23 Michael Glover
2023-24 Tafheen Sharif



Tameside at 50: Facts

Ashton Market Hall caught fire on the 25th May 2004 completely devastating the interior and displacing the businesses within. With the outside structure intact work commenced to bring the market hall back from the ashes. After being housed in the temporary Phoenix Market Hall on Old Cross Street car park Ashton Market Hall re-opened in 2008.

The M60 is the only orbital motorway in Britain (the M25 is part dual carriageway at Dartford Bridge and tunnel). It began with the construction of the Western Stretford Eccles bypass in 1958 and took over forty years to complete the circle with Denton West in 1989 until the opening of the Middleton-Denton Eastern finished the section in 2000.

In February 2018, Denton Councillor Brenda Warrington became the first woman Executive Leader of Tameside Council following the untimely death of her predecessor Councillor Kieran Quinn in December 2017. She remained as council leader until May 2022 steering the council through the challenges of completing the Tameside One project and the Covid Pandemic.

John Schlesinger's film *Yanks* starring Richard Gere was filmed in Tameside in 1978 using familiar landmarks including Stalybridge town centre, Stamford Golf Club and St Paul's Church, as well as Hyde Town Hall.

Leigh Drennan has made history a couple of times in Tameside, he was elected aged just 20 in 2012, and also became the youngest councillor to serve as the borough's Mayor in 2019-20. In taking on the role, he also became Tameside's first openly-LGBT+ civic mayor, with partner Cory James by his side as consort.

Tameside has had a strong relationship with television drama over the years featuring in programmes like Coronation Street, Jossy's Giants, Making Out and Band Of Gold. More recently we have had programmes like Scott & Bailey, Cobra, Ridley Road, Stay Close, The Full Monty, Brass and detective drama Ridley.

In February 2013 the Manchester to Droylsden to Metrolink line opened and in October that year the Ashton section of the Metrolink opened completing the Ashton route to the Manchester town centre after years of work.

Councillor Roy Oldham, who passed away in 2010, was the longest serving Executive Leader of Tameside Councillor from 1980 until 2010. He was a founder member of the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities, following the dissolution of the Greater Manchester county council in 1986, and went on to chair the board of Manchester international airport, which is owned by the 10 Greater Manchester authorities. He also chaired and led the Greater Manchester pension fund for 23 years.

The name 'Tameside' was chosen because of the River Tame which helped power the industrial revolution two centuries ago.

Following the demolition of TAC (Tameside Administrative Centre) which had been the hub of council offices since 1980, the new Tameside One complex featuring council facilities, new library and Tameside College opened in March 2019.

Mossley Councillor Tafheen Sharif is the first Muslim and ethnic minority person to be appointed civic mayor of Tameside since the borough was created on April 1, 1974.



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Local author pens children's poems to raise hospice funds

A local author has penned a bespoke treasury of poems to help raise funds for Willow Wood Hospice, which she describes as "a very special place".

'Into the Willow Wood' by Johanne Lee is a variety of poems aimed at children aged 7 to 11, that she hopes adults will enjoy reading too. The book covers a wide range of subjects from self-belief and faith to fairytale and nature.

Johanne, who lives in Glossop but is originally from Droylsden, has always had a keen interest in reading and writing poems since her childhood. It was only during the Covid pandemic that the mother-of-three, who also recently became a grandma, decided to combine her poems together into published books and join poetry groups.



Fittingly, a poem dedicated to the Hospice called 'Into the Willow Wood' features in the book. The butterfly on the book's front cover is also a symbol to make the book more unique to the Hospice. 'Into the Willow Wood' will be released on 12th April. It will be available to buy at the Hospice reception, Dark Peak Books & Gifts in Glossop and through online retailers such as Amazon and Waterstones. It will also be accessible as a hardback and, in the future, as an eBook.

Back to school

MP Jonathan Reynolds made a visit to Cromwell High School and Sixth Form on Friday March 8th.

He met with Headteacher, Suzanne Pass, and made a tour of the school meeting students. Cromwell is a specialist school for children and young people aged 11-19 with severe complex needs, complex autism and

profound and multiple needs. Jonathan has been a supporter of the school for a number of years helping to establish the sixth form provision four years ago. Last week he discussed the issues in dealing with increased pupil numbers and the limited space for expansion. Cromwell currently has 140 children which is set to increase significantly in the coming years.



Denton Awards

On Thursday March 14th Denton's Festival Hall was host to a special community awards event organised by local councillors Denise ward and Vincent Ricci.

We spoke to Councillor Ricci to find out how the event came about. "Denise spoke to me and said what did I think about putting an event on for community heroes within the Denton area. There's a

lot of people who do loads of work that nobody is aware of and it's about volunteers putting work into the community. A lot of the groups here at the event come to our luncheon club and that's how we got to know them. It's been a fabulous turnout today; everyone seems to be enjoying themselves and it's all about recognizing the unpaid work these groups do."



The award winners were:

Volunteers circle of friends at St Mary's Church, Victoria Park Community Centre, Victoria Park Bowling club, Denton History Society, Mencap, Lifeline Ambulance, Tameside community computers, Denton Inner wheel, Ensemble theatre group, Digital Health Workshop Denton and The Luncheon Club. There was also a special award given to John Gilmore, for his life saving achievements.



Just what the doctor didn't order!

As Dukinfield Medical Practice marked the retirement of Doctor Tim Dowling on Saturday February 24th a surprise was waiting.

One of his patients, Stephen Gooderson, decided to truly make it a day to remember by calling in Hyde Fundraisers to bring along one of their Daleks! Doctor Who's arch enemy found itself facing a 'real' Doctor at the Concord Way Surgery but there was no animosity on this occasion. Arranging the Dalek invader Steve said: "Dr Dowling has treated me over 20 years and he's been a fantastic Doctor and friend. I just wanted

him to finish on a high and with a bit of fun. He was absolutely gobsmacked and 'who' else could have seen him off." Hyde Fundraisers were delighted to get involved and Sp Bowling, one of the team said: "It's not the usual type of thing we do but we apart from the kind donation from Mr. Gooderson it was certainly a unique retirement surprise."

What did Dr Dowling, who had been at the surgery since 1998, make of it all? "Steve is a really amazing man, and this has been fantastic. I'd just also like to express my gratitude to my patients and colleagues for everything I've learned and experienced, it's been a wonderful ride."



THANK YOU



Wendy Hobin from Natural Health would like to thank stall holders, customers and friends for their amazing wishes and gifts she received following the closure of her business at Hyde Market Hall in February.

Wendy would like to thank everyone for their support and sends good wishes to you all in Hyde and beyond.



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About Hyde

Clarendon Mall Hyde

In the early 18th century, the area where Hyde was born was largely agricultural, with small hamlets, the largest being Gee Cross village, at the base of Werneth Low. Owing to the availability of good local water sources, along with rapid advances in the spinning industry, it was an attractive place for entrepreneurs of the time to build large mill buildings, to process the wool, at first from local farms.

The industry was also fuelled by imports from the expanding British Empire in Georgian, then early Victorian times. The building of the Peak Forest Canal made the movement of raw materials and products easier before roads and road vehicles had been improved. The railways in the mid nineteenth century also contributed to the growing wealth of those who invested in the mills. Along with the mills, housing was created for the workers, along with shops and public houses, many of which started as private houses selling alcohol. Several of the Mill owners saw the benefits of contributing to the development of things beneficial to creating a sense of community and physical statements to instil a sense of pride. In the mid 19th century, what became Hyde town centre, was the site of a couple of large mills, one being Greenfield Mill. One important ingredient in the production process was a store of water, in the form of a reservoir, which prior to 1850, could be found on what became the Market Square.

In 1881 Hyde was officially incorporated as a town, with the town



hall building we have today was created. By this time the reservoir had been filled in, allowing what had become a market space to expand and become a regular feature of the town, drawing traders from further afield as transport links improved. Trams were added as the 19th century came to a close. Clarendon Street and Clarendon Place was the main shopping thoroughfare, where grand buildings housed shops for everything people required. The market square was filled with wooden huts, for the small independent trades to do business.

By the 1950s these had been replaced by market stalls, but the square was bordered on one side still by roads filled with terraced housing, which had deteriorated in condition. In the early 1960s Cheshire County Council, along with the then Hyde Council, took the decision to redevelop the area adjacent to the Market Square. A partnership with a private developer saw the construction of the Clarendon Shopping Precinct, which opened in 1967. One of the first businesses was owned by Mike King, as the Chicken, Bacon & Cheese Shop (now Hot Food Kitchen), another was Erik Kirsh, the jeweller. The new building also housed an indoor market and part of the outdoor market also spread into the newly created structure, but in an area that had no roof. In 1994 a major development took place, which included putting a roof over the area,

which wasn't originally covered, but market traders in that part were not allowed back into that area. The Mall had changed ownership several times, with the latest owner taking control in November 2023.

The Indoor Market and outdoor one on the Market Square are still owned by Tameside Council, who manage and let the stalls. Despite losing many of its big-name stores, the Mall is now home to an NHS Health Hub. Several small independent businesses have opened, with a new coffee shop opening this month. Hyde has suffered over the years, like similar mill and market towns, who have had to adapt to a changing world. Hopefully it can find a new purpose to thrive once again.

Andy Richardson



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Musical Exhibition

"Let the Music Play" is the new exhibition at Portland Basin Museum, Ashton. It's a celebration of the diversity of musical styles and talent found in the borough. Among the items on display is a drum kit used by Pete Simensky, a member of the Hyde/Dukinfield Sixties band The Meteors.

Engaging with Ashton

The Ashton Town Centre Delivery Group has been dissolved following the creation of a new Ashton Town Board. The Board will be in place from April this year and provide oversight of the delivery projects, identifying opportunities and working with local partners as well as continuing public engagement. The Chair of the Board will be Phill Brown MBE, chairman of Benchmark Building Supplies, other board members will include a Local MP, Councillors, Police and other representatives.

Lottery comes through

The Anthony Seddon Fund has announced the receipt of a transformative grant of £408,345 from The National Lottery Community Fund. This substantial award will support the charity's crucial work over the next five years, focusing on supporting and enhancing its peer-led mental health services.

Developing Ashton

Last month saw the first meeting of Ashton Mayoral Development Zone (AMDZ) which will help create jobs, homes, and improve spaces helping to make Ashton a better place to live. Find out more about the plans at www.tameside.gov.uk/AMDZ

Double Big Mac

The McDonald's drive-thru at Crown Point North Shopping Park in Denton will expand and be reconfigured following planning approval. The latest application submitted would see the largest change to try and prevent queueing onto Worthington Way

We're Cutout for this

Audenshaw's Star Cutouts limited are gearing up for the arrival of the new Dr Who series next month with their latest life-sized characters including new Doctor Ncuti Gatwa. They also have a range of Star Wars cutouts – perfect to celebrate Star Wars Day – May 4th. Visit www.starcutouts.com

Send your bulletins to: tamesidecommunitynews@gmail.com

Fight to save church

>>> The fight is on to save Ashton's historic church with two spires. St James' on Cowhill Lane has been a focal point for the area around Penny Meadow for 160 years, but sadly, like many other churches has struggled to survive in the 21st Century.

Attendances on Sundays have dwindled to an all-time low while running costs have soared. Last year the Church of England asked the five churches in the Good Shepherd parish to decide which could be closed. Faced with a difficult choice, representatives voted that it should be St James'. A consultation process is now underway giving parishioners, local councillors and community groups the opportunity to voice their objections. More than 70 people attended a public meeting in the church on March 11 and the C of E Manchester Diocese will consider the views expressed before a final decision is made.

Ashton St Michael's ward councillors Bill Fairfoull, Jean Drennan and Andrew McLaren have written to the Bishop of Manchester expressing concern that an area of "high deprivation" stands to lose one of its most precious assets. They describe St James' as not only a place of worship and familiar landmark on the Ashton skyline but also an important community hub with uniformed organisations for children and teenagers, local education classes and support groups. "It will leave a school without a place of worship, the community without a space to meet and if left mothballed will



inevitably attract anti-social behaviour and vandalism in already a challenging area." Churchwarden Tina Howarth believes St James' should be seen as more than just the regular Sunday worshippers. "There is so much more footfall during the week. "The Scout group which started in 1908 is the oldest in the district and currently has Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. It would be a great loss if this was to close." She added that St James' School next to the church has over 200 pupils who come into church on a regular basis. Built in 1863, Grade Two listed St James' is the only church within the old Lancashire boundary which has two spires, attracting visitors from far and wide, especially during the ever popular Heritage Open Days held each September. Other recent events have been well supported by the local community including a rock'n'roll nostalgia show, a Christmas brass concert and a three-day scarecrow festival.

For more information about church services and events or to offer your support, contact Tina on 07411 773336 or by email tina@dah.co.uk Michael Wallbank

Council Tax Rises

Tameside Council has approved a Council Tax rise to help enable the authority to meet statutory financial obligations and deliver a balanced budget with a 4.99% increase. It means a typical band A property, which constitute the largest share of Tameside's housing, will pay an extra £1.11 per week, with a typical band D property paying an extra £1.66 per week.

Memorial Award

The fathers of murdered Tameside Police Constables Nicola Hughes and Fiona Bone have successfully campaigned for a special award for emergency services workers killed in the line of duty. The Emblem will be awarded as recognition to the next of kin of "those who lost their lives in the course of undertaking eligible public service."

Markets Move

For the Ashton market square project, the manufacture and construction of the new kiosks is being carried out by Whitecrate Container Architecture. Work is due to begin in June. In the meantime, the market hall will remain open while some outdoor stalls will be temporarily moved to Fletcher Square.

Quiz Challenge

1. In which country were guide dogs for the blind first used?
2. Cantilever and Suspension are both types of what?
3. What type of creature lives in an Apiary?
4. What type of fish is smoked to create a kipper?
5. Why was April 23rd chosen as St. George's Day?
6. How many feathers should there be on a badminton shuttlecock?
7. Fino, Manzanilla and Amontillado are all types of which drink?
8. Jay Cartwright, Will Mackenzie, Neil Sutherland and Simon Cooper are characters in which comedy tv series?
9. In Chicken Run-Dawn Of The Nugget who replaced Merl Gibson as the voice of Rocky?
10. What is the proper name of the utensil used to stir drinks, such as cocktails?
11. In which Bond movie did singer Madonna have a cameo role?
12. Which human organ is responsible for regulating blood sugar levels?
13. Who presents the ITV quiz show "Tipping Point"?
14. In what year did the Metrolink become operational in Tameside?
15. Who made his first appearance with the 1981 release of the arcade game Donkey Kong?
16. What colour flag is waved in Formula 1 to indicate that the driver is disqualified?
17. In what year did the tv series Casualty first appear on BBC tv?
18. What is the largest island in the Caribbean?
19. In what year did Tameside Council appoint its first woman as Executive Leader?
20. Of which metal is the Statue of Liberty made?
21. Which planet in our solar system has a moon named Callisto?
22. Founded in 1895, which is the largest selling Scottish newspaper?
23. Which was the only English cheese to be mentioned in the Doomsday Book?
24. What does a monkey have that an ape does not?
25. Where was the setting for the 2002 Disney animation "Lilo and Stitch"?
26. In what year was the Droylsden Marina completed?
27. Which actor replaces Brandon Lee in the remake of The Crow being released this Summer?
28. In diving what does the acronym SCUBA mean?
29. What name is given to the small shallow dishes used in laboratories for growing cultures?
30. Of what is Hippophobia the irrational fear?
31. In which Italian city was the 1969 movie "The Italian Job" set?
32. Which tv series created by Roger Price in 1974 featured the characters including Elizabeth, John, Tyso, Mike, Kenny, Andrew, Hsui Tai and computer Tim?
33. What song did David Soul take to the UK top spot in 1977?
34. How many stars feature on the flag of China?
35. Which fictional tv and radio presenter had a series living at the Linton Travel Tavern?
36. What is a pencil lead made from?
37. How many times has Tameside council been under Conservative leadership?
38. What does SLR mean when referring to a camera?
39. The test cricket venue Headingley is in which UK city?
40. In which Netflix series would you find Charlie Spring, Nick Nelson, Elle Argent and Tao Xu?

Cookery Corner

Fruity Buns

These will make use of any slightly soft fruits from the fruit bowl, such as apples, pears, apricots, plums etc. I've used apples as they are always hanging about in my fruit bowl, but experiment with other fruits such as apricots, rhubarb, gooseberries, plums, nectarines, bananas or blackberries, raspberries or strawberries.

Ingredients

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| • 175g soft butter or margarine | • other fruit (roughly chop if soft fruit) |
| • 175g soft brown sugar | • Zest of 1 orange |
| • 125g self-raising flour | • 2 large eggs, lightly beaten |
| • 50g coconut or ground almond | • Icing sugar to dust |
| • 2 grated apples or | |

Instructions

Put the butter and sugar in a bowl and beat until smooth. Gradually add the eggs beating between each addition. Sieve the flour and fold into the mixture with the coconut or ground almonds, orange zest and chopped fruit.

Preheat the oven to 180C (350F) gas mark 4. Put the sweetie paper cups into a 'cocktail' tin. Fill them two-thirds full with the cake mixture. Place a few chopped fruits on the top. Dust with icing sugar and cook for 10-15 minutes.

Put onto a wire rack to cool.

To freeze ahead: Complete this recipe up to cool, then pack, label and freeze for up to 3 months. To use: Defrost overnight and warm in low oven for a few minutes to freshen up.



ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE

Motoring tips from Guide Bridge MOT & Service

Motoring in the UK requires drivers to meet a variety of rules and regulations – but what happens when a manufacturer discovers an issue with your vehicle?

What is a vehicle safety recall? A vehicle recall happens when a manufacturer identifies an issue with a particular make or model of vehicle – sometimes they affect a small number of vehicles, and sometimes it's a much wider range depending on the issue.

While there are some instances that will cause owners concern – such as the Vauxhall Zafira fires or Toyota and Lexus airbags, for the most part recalls are for smaller fixes to ensure reliability or, in the case of the VW emissions scandal, create compliance with emissions regulations.

How can I be made aware of a recall? After determining what needs recalling, the manufacturer registers the issue with the DVSA, who then authorise the DVLA to provide contact details of all current owners.

From these, manufacturers can then write, email or call vehicle owners to make them aware of an outstanding recall on their vehicle and advise them on how to proceed.

What if I want to check for a recall myself? The DVSA website has a function where motorists can check their car's MOT history, and they have now added a "Recall Checker" function to their service. All you need is the vehicle registration – test it out at <https://www.check-mot.service.gov.uk/>.

If there is an outstanding recall on the vehicle you are

searching for the information below will be provided and you will be advised to contact your nearest dealership to conduct an assessment.

If there's a recall for my vehicle what do I do? You can book in an appointment with the manufacturer franchised dealer of your choice – just tell them you need an appointment for a recall and provide them with your vehicle's details at a time convenient for you.

Depending on the severity of the recall, your car could be back to you within five minutes or across the span of several hours, but your chosen garage should be able to advise you on an approximate timescale so you can plan accordingly.

What happens if I don't fix the issue? There is currently no legal mandate for owners to have recalls resolved, but the DVSA has been discussing the option of including vehicle recall checks as part of the mandatory annual MOT, with failures for vehicles that are subject to outstanding recalls that haven't been addressed.

Owners are also responsible for the condition of their vehicle and can be subject to fines and the invalidation of their insurance if found to be driving a vehicle in a dangerous condition.

What can I do about general maintenance for my car? If you want a reputable, local, independent garage operating to a Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI)-approved Code of Conduct, you can use the Trust My Garage website or visit Guide Bridge MOT & Service. Call them on 0161 339 5354 for all your motoring needs.



April is one of the busiest gardening months of the year, there are plenty of other jobs to do just now to keep you warm and active. For one thing the nutrition left in the soil from last autumn has been washed away by winter rains, so to keep your plants healthy it is essential to provide food, now is the time to start adding compost from last year, or a great all-rounder of pelleted poultry manure which can easily be bought from the more cheaper shops.

Weeds love this just as much, so don't let them take hold, digging them out now while they are young and keeping on top of it every week will save back breaking work in the summer months when they'll root deep and spread. If you are not using an area, then clear it and cover with black plastic until you need to plant again.

We have just experienced a very mild winter in Tameside. Slugs and snails will have enjoyed this as well and will now be starting to benefit from the new growth on your plants. Don't assume that because you don't see them that they are not there. They are, they are just hiding during the day and come out at night to feast. There are many ways to control slugs, from pellets to

barriers, whichever you favour it's time to do it.

Time to consider sowing our veg, with early sowings of onions, parsnips and broad beans direct into the garden. Broad beans and peas that have been sown in pots in the greenhouse or frame should be hardened off now before planting out. Towards the end of the month carrots, turnips, radish and even lettuce can be sown. Now is also a good time to begin forcing tender shoots of rhubarb, just place a bucket over them and wait a few weeks. If you have not planted your potatoes because you had scab last year, then try putting grass cuttings under your tuber when planting, this will reduce the alkaline in your soil that causes the scabbing.

Now if the weather is fine, we can expect late winter and early spring flowers like Camellia, Rhododendrons, Chaenomeles, Corylopsis, Daphne, not to mention Forsythia, Magnolia, Mahonia and Viburnums which will now come into life bring a grand display of colour throughout the coming months. Cuttings can be taken of some plants such as Delphiniums, Phlox, Lupins and Penstemons. These cuttings will need the protection of a glasshouse or frame until the better weather arrives.

Think Green and help look after Our Streets

We're encouraging everyone to get involved with the Our Streets initiative and care for our environment by thinking green and tackling litter in our communities.

Our Streets is an ongoing campaign that aims to bring us together with our partner organisations, businesses and residents to create a greener, cleaner, safer borough. You can take our Litter Pledge to commit to keeping our communities tidy.

Through Our Streets we can work together to take pride in our neighbourhood. So, whether it's through organising community litter picks or sharing key messages to reduce pollution, Our Streets will help unite people to make a difference.

If you would like to get involved, you can join in through activities such as Litter Hubs. We have free Litter Hubs located across the borough, in local community spaces. Anyone is welcome, (whether that be individuals or groups) to book free equipment, which includes hi-vis jackets, litter pickers and black bags.

If you would like to see more details about the Our Streets initiative, visit www.tameside.gov.uk/ourstreets

For further information on Litter Hubs, to establish one at a community venue or business or to arrange borrowing equipment for litter, please contact Sharron Power on 07980 993553 or by email at sharron.power@tameside.gov.uk



Ted's fun page

Ted's Jokes

What do you call a flower that runs on electricity?

A power plant!

What do you call a clumsy flower?

A Whoopsi-Daisy

Why is a flower like the letter A?

Because it is always followed by a bee

What do you get if you cross a monkey with a flower?

A chimp-pansy

Where do flowers sleep at night?

In their flowerbed

What's a frog's favourite flower?

A Croakus

Flower Fun Facts

With the arrival of Spring this month we have some fun flower facts for you.

Flowers did not always exist on earth; according to fossil records, they first appeared around 140 million years ago.



Around 400,000 flowering plants have been discovered in the world, but there are likely many more still waiting to be discovered.

Roses are part of the Rosaceae family, which also includes almonds, plums, peaches and cherries, as well as 4,824 other species.

Flowers have been part of wedding ceremonies since the early Greek and Roman civilizations, but the bouquet toss first became a tradition in England in the 1800s. Prior to that, guests would crowd around the bride for their chance to touch the bouquet for good luck.

Flowers are capable of growing incredibly fast. For example, the world's fastest-growing flower is the bamboo orchid, which can grow up to 12 inches in a single day.

Each flower has its own unique scent; the diversity and complexity of the aromatic compounds in flowers means that no two floral scents are identical.

Floriography refers to the way flowers are used to communicate. "The Language of Flowers" can be traced back thousands of years, spanning cultures around the world.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find 6 changes in our pictures below?



The world's largest flower is also one of the smelliest things in the world! The Titan Arum stands at almost 10 feet high and due to its aroma of rotten flesh it is also known as the corpse flower.



Flowers make popular names for baby girls throughout the world. The name Lily has held a spot among the 50 most popular names for girls in the US for the past 15 years.

Pets

One problem pet owners face constantly is keeping the house clean and tidy so here are a few tips which may help.

It sounds obvious, but dirt removed through grooming is dirt not lying around the house. While you shouldn't use pet shampoo too often, a quick wash down



with plain water can make a world of difference. Keep damp dogs confined to one area, preferably with an easy to clean floor e.g. laundry room, kitchen. Better yet thoroughly dry them afterwards to avoid any eau de wet dog.

The wrong material on your sofa can act like a hair magnet, hold undesirable odours and show up the slightest stain. While scouting your new sofa, look for leather or tightly woven materials, ideally in a similar shade to your pets. If you can't spring for a new sofa, add a pet friendly throw which can be chucked in the wash when needed.

Consider the type of flooring you have in your home when buying a vacuum and if your pet goes on the furniture, look for one which can tackle upholstery too. If you've got yourself a shedder, you'll need to vacuum daily to keep on top of things.

Pet beds, toys and even leads pick up that strong dog odour and all need to be cleaned regularly. Check if they are machine washable, otherwise you can wash by hand in the sink.

Want to de-fuzz a carpet or de-fur a sofa? Put on a pair of dishwashing gloves and sweep the area with your hands. The fur instantly sticks to the rubber nubs at the fingertips. Once you're done, dip the gloves in water, and allow the fur to float to the surface. Then gather it and toss it in the rubbish. Ever let your furry friend climb into bed with you? Eliminate odours from bed covers by adding a cup of bicarb soda to your load. Then launder as normal – on a hot cycle with a mild detergent that won't irritate your pet. Collars can start to smell pretty funky pretty quickly, what with everything your pet gets up to. Soak them in very hot water with a few squirts of dog shampoo. Leave for 15 minutes, and then rub against itself to extract dirt before patting with a towel and placing in the sun to dry. Persistent pet smells affecting the energy in your home? Now that spring is here, open your windows and let some fresh air in. Even on cold days, a 10-minute blast of fresh air works wonders at deodorising.



Supporting your child through exam stress

Exams are a stressful time for any young person - 75% of student's feel stressed about exams and 82% of teachers say tests and exams have the biggest impact on pupils' mental health.

There is support available for young people and parents and carers in Tameside who are finding the run up to exams a challenging time.

The Kooth website at www.kooth.com provides free self-help toolkits as well the opportunity to chat to a mental health

professional.

The website also provides free online training for parents and carers on how to support your child to manage exam stress and a 'Guide to Coping with Exam Stress' for your people.

Young Minds also offer great advice for young people feeling anxious about their exams at www.youngminds.org.uk

The NHS website offers great tips for ways to ease the stress and support your child, just search 'NHS exam stress'.

For further information on local support for children's mental health see www.tameside.gov.uk/mentalhealth/children



HOWARD'S PICTURES FROM THE PAST...



Howard Murphy has had a keen interest in photography for many years and has worked in

the Ashton Town Centre Management office and as part of Tameside Markets team. Each issue he will share some gems from his collection.



Our local police are often out in the community spreading the message about various crime prevention ideas as well as providing their expertise and knowledge to try to prevent criminal activities.

Several years ago, one such extremely popular crime prevention scheme was the huge giveaway of several hundred purse bells.

Shoppers formed long queues at two temporary stalls outside the market hall to receive what was at the time, the latest crime prevention innovation. The simple, but highly effective, bells had a fastener that clipped on to a purse, wallet or handbag providing an audible deterrent to any pickpockets who were



attempting purse dipping or handbag snatching.

The bells were a huge success and were all snapped up in the day-long promotion. Local police officers and PCSO's explained how they worked, showing how quick and easy they were to attach with their small clips and that if the purse was moved, the bells would jingle and alert the owner.

The bells, which were the most popular items on the day were given out alongside ultraviolet pens, timers



switches for houselights and various leaflets about crime prevention and bogus callers.

For months after the promotion, in various shops and at market stalls you could clearly hear the jingle of those bells at shop counters and I'm sure today many people still have their purse bells, and they continue to be a deterrent.

Images and text by Howard Murphy.

QUIZ CHALLENGE ANSWERS

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| 1. Germany | 16. Black | 29. Petri dishes. |
| 2. Bridges | 17. 1986 | 30. Horses |
| 3. Bees | 18. Cuba | 31. Turin |
| 4. Herring | 19. 2018 – Councillor Brenda Warrington | 32. The Tomorrow People |
| 5. He is believed to have died on this day in 303. | 20. Copper | 33. Silver Lady |
| 6. Sixteen | 21. Jupiter | 34. Five |
| 7. Sherry | 22. Daily Record | 35. Alan Partridge |
| 8. The Inbetweeners | 23. Cheshire | 36. Graphite |
| 9. Zachary Levi | 24. Tail | 37. Once between 1976-1979 with Executive Leader Colin Grantham |
| 10. Swizzle stick | 25. Hawaii. | 38. Single lense reflex |
| 11. "Die Another Day". | 26. 2012 | 39. Leeds |
| 12. Pancreas. | 27. Bill Skarsgard | 40. Heartstopper |
| 13. Ben Shephard. | 28. Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus | |
| 14. 2013 | | |
| 15. Mario | | |

APRIL 3RD

Time Out

King Street, Droylsden – From 10am
The first Wednesday each month Time Out supports carers, people who feel lonely or isolated, those who may have lost a loved one or perhaps just having a difficult time. To find out more you can call Gwen Barr on 07491 880452 or email timeout@thedreamcentre.co.uk

Droylsden Leathercraft

The Cabin on The Ash Road Allotments, Droylsden M43 6QU
The group meets every Wednesday from 1pm - 6pm, although it's a drop in and people are free to come and go as they wish. A chance to be creative with leather crafts.

APRIL 6TH

Little Owl Artisan Market

Market Square, Hyde
Join traders selling a variety of items including perfect gifts for everyone at this market organised by Little Owl Events.

APRIL 11TH – 13TH

Fresh Voices 2024

Guide Bridge Theatre, Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw, Manchester M34 5HJ
Six short pieces written by members of the Guide Bridge Theatre WordsmithsINK group.

APRIL 12TH

Stalybridge Street Fest

Armentieres Square, Stalybridge
The popular food event returns to Stalybridge with all types of food and entertainment from 4pm.

APRIL 13TH

Stalybridge Artisan Market

Melbourne Street, Stalybridge
Join traders selling a variety of items at this market organised by Little Owl Events.

APRIL 14TH

Artisan Market

Denton Civic Square, 11am-3pm
Join traders selling a variety of items including perfect gifts for anyone at this market organised by Little Owl Events.

APRIL 25TH

Sailors Beware

Cheshire Ring, 72 Manchester Road, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 2BJ. From 8pm
Son's Of The Desert – the Laurel & Hardy fan club - meet the last Thursday of the month, making new friends and sharing the laughter with some of the duo's classic comedies screened.

APRIL 25TH-27TH

Murder At The Ritz

Hyde Festival Theatre, Corporation Street, Hyde, SK14 1AB
Have you got what it takes to solve the murder? Follow the life of Charles Campbell, follow the hints, find the clues, conduct interviews with the suspects. Who are you going to prosecute in this interactive Murder Mystery?

APRIL 27TH

Spring Artisan Market

Droylsden town centre, 11am-3pm
Browse a great selection of gifts, ornaments and homemade foods this market organised by Little Owl Events.

FILM OF THE MONTH

BACK TO BLACK



The film focuses on Amy Winehouse's extraordinary genius, creativity and honesty that infused everything she did. A journey that took her from the craziness and colour of 90's Camden High Street to global adoration - and back again, BACK TO BLACK crashes through the looking glass of celebrity to watch this journey from behind the mirror; to see what Amy saw, to feel what she felt.

GAMING - With Bobby Kent

Princess Peach: Showtime – Out Now

The first princess of gaming heads on her first solo outing in more than a decade with Princess Peach: Showtime! Going beyond the role of princess, the game will feature unique transformations including a swordfighter, detective, mermaid and more. Explore the whacky levels of Sparkle Theatre and save the day, no moustachioed plumbers needed.



STREAMING HIGHLIGHTS

Netflix

Dead Boy Detectives (Season 1) - Dead Boy Detectives is a supernatural detective comedy drama television series developed by Steve Yockey based on the DC Comics characters of the same name by Neil Gaiman and Matt Wagner. After deciding not to move on to the afterlife, Charles Rowland and Edwin Paine decide to stay on Earth and solve supernatural crimes.

Disney+

The Greatest Hits - Harriet (Lucy Boynton) finds art imitating life when she discovers certain songs can transport her back in time – literally. While she relives the past through romantic memories of her former boyfriend (David Corenswet), her time travelling collides with a burgeoning new love interest in the present (Justin H. Min). As she takes her journey through the hypnotic connection between music and memory, she wonders – even if she could change the past, should she?

Amazon Prime

How to date Billy Walsh - Teenagers Amelia (Charithra Chandran) and Archie (Sebastian Croft) have been best friends since childhood. Archie has always been there to fight Amelia's battles and laugh at her jokes all whilst keeping his lifelong love for her a secret. Just when he builds up the courage to declare his feelings, Amelia falls head over heels for Billy Walsh (Tanner Buchanan), the new American transfer student. Heartbroken Archie goes to great lengths to try and keep Amelia and Billy away from each other but ends up pushing them closer together and risks losing his best friend in the process.

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