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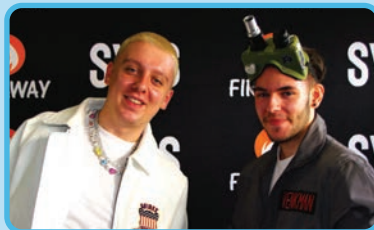
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Breakfast for Blood Bikes

On a rainy Saturday morning, shoppers in Denton could take shelter in Victoria Park Community Centre and enjoy a hot bacon or sausage muffin with a tea or coffee in support of a vital life-saving service.

Denton Inner Wheel Club organised the successful Breakfast for Blood Bikes which raised just over £300

for the Greater Manchester charity. Its team of volunteer bikers deliver supplies of blood, plasma, platelets, vaccines and breast milk to nearly every hospital in the region.

Visitors could see one of the fleet of motorcycles on display outside the centre where some of the volunteers set up their stall under a gazebo.

Sian, one of the bikers thanked the

Inner Wheel and everyone who had supported the event. Although Blood Bikes work alongside the NHS, the organisation is run entirely by volunteers, receives no NHS or government funding and relies entirely on local fundraising and donations. "Every penny helps to keep our bikes on the road to keep the service going."

Michael Wallbank



STREETFEST IS BACK

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

Located in the beautiful Armentieres Square alongside the canal in Stalybridge town centre. Previously the event had been managed by the Market Co on behalf of Tameside Council but now it's managed by the team at Tameside Markets. The first event of 2024 proved a great success with music, interactive characters and a wide variety of food traders. The next Streetfest takes place on Friday May 10th.

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



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FANS QUEUE FOR A 'PIZZA' AITCH

Ashton town centre saw part of Penny Meadow closed to traffic as the successful 24-year-old Manchester rapper Aitch (Harrison James Armstrong) visited Fireaway Pizza in Ashton.

Apart from promoting his SYPS brand flavoured water he was also there to celebrate the pizza restaurant franchise which stock the water brand and opened in the town centre in November last year.

Fans queued to meet the rap icon to get autographs and photographs. Even one of the Ghostbusters, who were in the town centre sponsored by Ashton Town Team for the day's car show, popped along to say hello!

Photos by Howard Murphy





ROUGE TO CLOSE

Ashton's Penny Meadow is bracing itself to say farewell to one of its businesses after 15 years when Rouge Fabrics closes its doors at the end of May.

The business was started by Naheed Ghafoor who said: "I worked at the airport originally but after I had my second child, I struggled with childcare, so I went on a career break. After 8 months I was bored so I decided to set up a business which was something I always wanted to do."

The shop sells all different types of fabric for dressmaking, bridal, crafts and for theatrical costumes. They also have dancewear and associated products like leotards, ballet shoes and tights. Other things

include felts, laces for bridal, satins along with all your different types of cottons, quilting and popular dressmaking supplies.

Over the years the business has also hosted dressmaking classes too that covered from using a sewing machine right through to following a pattern, cutting it out and constructing your garment. The shop had a refurbishment in 2016 and Naheed has now taken the tough decision to close the doors.

"I've just tried to give customers the best service they can get over the years but the increase in parking charges for my customers together with the current economic climate means it wasn't sustainable to continue".

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Willow Wood Flower Festival

The annual Willow Wood Flower Festival returns this month 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). 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.

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.

Entry will be £3.50, with proceeds going to Willow Wood Hospice.



Hyde chess club welcomes new players

Tameside Junior Chess Club was established in 1998 and the club re-opened in September 2022 after closing due to covid.

The club is helping local children to play chess and organise teams for them to play other children on a national level. From this the club has produced quite a few England players to date.

The club holds tournaments at local primary schools every month with various prizes and meet during term times

at Flowery Fields Primary School in Newton on a Monday evening from 6.15pm where they have coaches and friendly chess tournaments. Cost per session is just £1 and refreshments are included.

For further details you can email tamesidejuniorchess@gmail.com



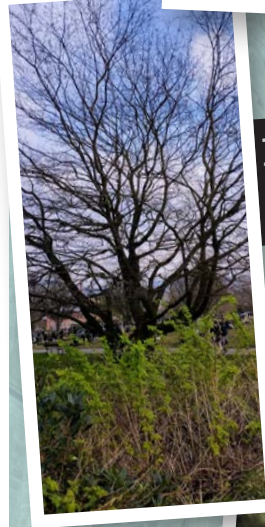
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Ashton Parish Church blooming with Daffodils
David Taylor



The Old Oak Tree in Dukinfield Cemetery
Irene Taylor



River Tame in Stalybridge
Howard Murphy



Summer Blooms in Stamford Park
Sam Shaw



More work ahead for Ashton Town Hall



Behind the scenes over the last six months work has been ongoing inside Ashton's historic Town Hall on surveys and work to help improve the roof and building envelope.

Much of the preparation work and detailed surveys carried out have not been visible as hoardings have been erected to protect the public while work is carried out by the Council's delivery partner Robertson's and sub-contractors. The next steps will see the restoration of the parapet and facade on the south and east sides of the building.

The aim of the preparation work was to enable the council to look at a longer-term plan for repairs and to seek further funding to make them possible, with this work being funded by the £20m Levelling Up Fund (LUF). Ashton Town Hall is an important part of the plans with an allocated £3.4m of the LUF monies earmarked to support its restoration and repurposing.

Whilst the overall roofing replacement

has now been paused; following approval at Cabinet the Design and Build contract will be signed with Inspired Spaces Tameside Limited and work will recommence in May this year on the repairs to the parapet and stonework. This will preserve the historic façade of the building and ensure it complements the extensive public realm works due to commence on Market Square whilst longer term plans for the building are progressed.

A Tameside Council Spokesperson said: *"There is much more work needed to restore the building to its former glory and significant investment will be needed. The Levelling Up money being used will help restore the impressive façade of the building and keep it safe until other funding can be found to continue the work on the roof and bring it back into use".*

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Students hand cheque to local theatre group after raising money with Christmas markets.

Health, social care and early years students at Tameside College donated £771 to

Behind the Curtains, a theatre group for adults with additional needs. A cheque for the proceeds, which were raised during students' annual Christmas markets, was handed over earlier this month.

Each year students host a Christmas market on the college campus with a host of activities including a tombola, bake sale and themed games. The market forms a key part of their coursework and helps them develop skills relevant to their qualification, whilst also raising funds for local good causes. Behind the Curtains, which is organised and ran by Tameside College staff members, provides weekly drama sessions for adults who have learning difficulties and additional support needs. The funds will now allow the group to continue to run for another year and provide the vital sessions.



Cate Daly-Greenham, one of the Behind the Curtains founders and high needs coordinator for Tameside College, said: "Thank you so much to the students and staff involved for donating these funds. We have been running for a year now and this money will keep us going for another year, helping to pay for rent and equipment etc., which is massive

for our members. The group was formed as there is very little in the way of social groups in the local area for people with additional needs. It is great that the staff involved are part of a team effort and have experience in this area too. Well done to the students for putting in an amazing effort for us."

Students at Tameside College show off their talents in national esports competition.

The 'Tameside Titans' team at the college recently took part in the British Esports Association 'spring showdown', competing against the best teams from across the country.

The British Esports Association is the largest esports organisation in the UK and regularly hosts competitions for students, alongside their studies.

The team reached the semi-finals of the competition, after taking part in several heats, only losing to the eventual competition winners, City College Plymouth. Preston Beadsworth, esports student and former Greater Academy Ashton pupil, said: "After joining the Overwatch 2 team I have gained many skills and become much more confident. It has not been easy competing against some very tough teams but it was fantastic when all the hard work paid off. Ioannis our teacher has been amazing in helping us overcome every obstacle we came across."

Ioannis Ntzigoglou, esports teacher at Tameside College, said: "I am very pleased with the team and what they have achieved this year. Their dedication not only to the competition but to their studies proves that they will do brilliantly in their careers and considering this is only the first time some of the students

have competed, they have done us proud."

Tameside College offers a variety of computing courses, including esports for school leavers with specialist gaming PCs and classrooms. To find out more visit the college website or call 0161 908 6600.



Isaac's blooming good at volunteering

After already utilizing his skills to support planting in Hyde and helping the Brabyns Road Neighbourhood Watch Community in Gee Cross, 15-year-old Isaac Broughton was hard at work in Ashton on April 13th.

The youngster, along with mum Melanie, was volunteering with Ashton Town Team to refurbish planters on Market Avenue and Fletcher Square in the town centre. Isaac said, "I've been doing voluntary work for my Duke of Edinburgh Award which I'm doing through the scouts which usually takes around a year to complete. So, I've been



happy to support the planting around Hyde town centre and this is my second time helping Ashton Town Team with their planting."

The new planting is part of the Ashton Town Team's Ashton Blooms event that took place on April 27th sponsored by the UKSPF Creative Communities Grant.



SPRING ARTISAN MARKETS

May 4th - Hyde Artisan Market
Hyde Market Place

May 11th - Stalybridge Artisan
Melbourne Street, Stalybridge

May 25th - Droylsden Artisan Market
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BANDS STRIKE UP AGAIN FOR THE TAMESIDE WHIT FRIDAY CONTESTS



It's Whit Friday on May 24, and yet again Tameside will be hosting the hugely popular brass band contests which are often billed as the greatest free show on earth.

The tradition dates back to the late 19th century, and this year the borough is hosting 10 events – one more than last year thanks to the addition of the new Hyde Central competition.

All the contests are organised by volunteer committees under the aegis of the Tameside Friends of Whit Friday.

To have a chance of being crowned champions, bands have to perform at six of the contests. As well as demanding proof of musical prowess, the evening also tests discipline,

stamina and organisational skills.

A Tameside Council spokesman said: "The crowds that turn up year after year show that Whit Friday is one of the most popular events on the Tameside calendar.

"Of course we couldn't stage this borough-wide musical celebration without the support of the Friends of Tameside Whit Friday Brass Band Committee, local businesses and an army of volunteers.

"We thank them for their help in organising what promises to be an evening to remember."



Venues

Broadoak

Ashton Rugby Club, St Albans Avenue, Ashton, OL6 8TU – 4.30 to 11pm.

Carrbrook

Carr Rise, Carrbrook, SK15 3NY – 4 to 11pm

Denton

Denton Cricket Club, Egerton Street, M34 3PB – 4 to 11.45pm.

Droylsden

Bush Inn, Moorside Street, M43 7HL – 4 to 11.30pm.

Dukinfield Tame Valley

Tame Valley Hotel, Park Road, SK16 5LX – 4 to 11.15pm.

Heyrod

Village Hall, John Street, SK15 3BW – 4.30 to 11pm.

Hurst Village

Ashton United FC, Surrey Street, OL6 8DY – 4.30 to 10pm.

Hyde Central

Market Square, Market Street, SK14 1HL – 4 to 10pm.

Mossley

Mossley FC, Seel Park, OL5 0ES – 4 to 11.45pm.

Stalybridge

New Stalybridge Labour Club, Acres Lane, SK15 2EG – 4.30 to 10.30pm.

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 www.tameside.gov.uk/helpinghand/mentalhealth

Celebrating May 4th

The first Saturday of May will hold special significance for Star Wars fans with its links to May The Force Be With You!

Ashton Town Team will be celebrating the intergalactic date with a pop-up visit from some iconic characters in the town centre between 11.30am and 1.30pm. Star Cutouts in Audenshaw have also sponsored some licensed character cutouts that

will be taking pride of place inside business windows around the town centre too.

To get your own licensed Star Wars cutouts you can visit:

www.starcutouts.com



Time to party in Denton

There's a three-day celebration in Denton's Victoria Park on the weekend of May 25th, 26th and 27th.

Organised by Victoria Park Friends in association with Councillor Denise Ward the weekend sees the return of the popular Denton's Got Talent, back by popular demand with a cash prize. Attractions over the three days include Walking With Dinosaurs, character walkabouts from Paw patrol and Spiderman, magician Robert Bardsley, Rock n Roll Jukebox



show by singer Vince Hughes along with a weekend funfair with kids inflatable rides. For more details about the weekend event, you can email hello@victoriaparkfriends.co.uk.

Images from last years events – Massimo Malacrino

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MARKET NEWS



LOVE OUR LOCAL MARKETS

Although we celebrate our local markets and traders all year long, May is the traditional time when the Love Your Local Markets campaign gets into full swing.

This month in particular we encourage you to check out our independent local businesses on Hyde and Ashton market ground and the indoor venues too.

If you are looking to start your own business perhaps Tameside Markets can turn your dream into a reality. You can start your business with a stall at one of our markets in Hyde or Ashton. We have various incentives for new traders joining the markets family so why not contact us for further information by email at: markets@tameside.gov.uk

Don't forget this month we have the Stalybridge Street Fest on May 10th which is going from strength to strength.

When you step into Hyde Market Hall, you'll be surprised at the variety

of stalls we have on all three floors. Located on the lower ground floor, **Taunton Pet Stores** is the stall to go to for everything you need for your pet from food to accessories and more and have been trading since the Market Hall opened in 1967. For all your phone, electrical and vaping requirements and accessories, pay a visit to **Hyde Vape**, **Hyde Electronics** and **Fone Magic** who are all located inside Hyde Market Hall and managed by Saji and Asad who are always happy to help.

At Ashton Market Hall if you are looking for great value footwear for all the family then pay a visit to **Goody Two Shoes**. Packed with shoes, boots, slippers and sandals with a great range of sizes available too. **Florence Italian Café** offers hot and cold drinks, soups, pastas, wraps and delicious cakes to enjoy. At unit 73 **G. E Shaw** features artificial flowers, teddies, ornaments, lights, lampshades and other giftware.

Please keep updated about the

works on Ashton Market Ground and how to access the Market Hall and find your favourite traders by following us on social media.

Thanks for shopping at your local market and supporting small, local independent businesses.

Luke Mirfin
Markets Events and Communications Manager



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Cadets tour historic sites

▶▶ Last month Ashton Air Cadets visited France to tour the historic battlefields of Ypres and The Somme.

The group had time to look around Ypres visiting the Menin Gate, St Martin's Cathedral and St George's Memorial Church. Selected cadets were able to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate at which the Last Post was played.

They were also able to visit the Musee Somme 18916 in Albert which is set in a 230m tunnel gallery 10 feet below ground.

The Air Cadets then had a conducted tour of the Somme battlefield which proved a moving experience for all the group.



SPEEDWAY UPDATE - THE WEATHER WINS

▶▶ With plenty of inclement weather recently, Tameside's two speedway riders have endured a stop-start opening to the 2024 season.

Amid several rain offs, including one at local track Belle Vue both Kyle Howarth and Charles Wright have still managed to get in some track action. Charles' testimonial meeting at Redcar was a great success with a large crowd attending but Kyle's own 10-year celebration at his home track Sheffield fell foul to the recent downpours we have had. It will now take place at the Owlerton Stadium next month on Wednesday June 12th.

Charles has come back to racing this year after sustaining a serious

injury racing in the top league in Poland at the back end of last season. Speaking to About Tameside Charles said: "Everything is good now; I've worked hard on my fitness, and I am fine now."

Belle Vue took on Sheffield last month in the first leg of the KO Cup. Kyle scored a hard earned 5 points for the current league champions. The return leg was postponed due to the weather and was re-arranged for early May.

Kyle has also snapped up the chance to race in Poland this summer after signing for Start Gniezno who ride in the Poland's National Speedway league.

Words and Photos
Howard Murphy



KYLE HOWARTH



CHARLES WRIGHT

INDEPENDENT RETAIL AWARDS RETURN TO ASHTON



Shoppers can vote for their favourite independent retail businesses based in Ashton Town Centre in the Ashton Independent Business Awards. You can vote online from May 20th until June 30th at www.ashtonsmallbiz.co.uk with the winners announced on July 4th.

The town centre will be more of the focus of this year's awards as businesses work hard to attract shoppers to the town once again. So, the footprint covered by the awards will be dedicated solely to that area. This will include Stamford Street, George Street, Old Street, Katherine Street, Oldham Road, Penny Meadow, Fletcher Street, Market Street, Booth Street, Henrietta Street, Bow Street, Warrington Street, Market Avenue, Wood Street, Delamere Street, Booth Street, Wellington Street, Cavendish Street, Bentinck Street and St Michael's Square.

Of course, this would include businesses in Ashton Market and those independent businesses in our Ashton shopping centres.

Categories that you can nominate in are:

- Fashion/Footwear
- Fresh Food
- Cafe/Take Away
- Jewellers
- Hair & Beauty
- Specialist Retail
- Floral, Cards & Gifts

- New Independent Business
- Market Trader

There will also be a Town Team award chosen by the Deputy Chair of Ashton Town Team – Councillor Bill Fairoull.

Chair of Ashton Town Team, Kevin Taylor BEM, said: "Ashton thrives on its independent retail offering and the awards are a way to recognise the quality and value they bring to the town centre. With the next year



featuring extensive works in the town centre these businesses need your support more than ever so the Town Team hope you'll be shopping local."

ASHTON INDEPENDENT RETAIL AWARDS 2024



- Footwear & Clothing
- Cards & Gifts
- Market Trader
- Cafe
- Fresh Food
- New Retail Business
- Take Away
- Retail Specialist

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Royal Visits to Tameside



There is lots to discover about Royal visits in the archive centre going back to 1900, pay a visit to the Old Street Centre, behind Central Library in Ashton-under-Lyne that's open Tues, Weds & Thurs 10-5pm.

Queen Camilla, then HRH The Duchess Of Cornwall, is one of the most recent royal visitors to Tameside when she visited the homeless charity Emmaus in Mossley in May 2022. The visit was part of Emmaus Mossley's 25th anniversary celebrations and to build excitement for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June 2022.

Sept 2017 Prince Harry visited Ashton on a tour of Manchester, he called into the converted Ashton Old Baths where a number of organisations now work. He was very happy to see how we've transformed such an iconic Tameside building into a magnificent working space for so many people. He was introduced to the Deputy Mayor of Tameside, Cllr Andy Kinsey, and Steve Pleasant MBE, Chief Executive of Tameside Council, before having photographs taken with the people gathered. Inside the building, Prince Harry spoke to call handlers about the importance of looking after your mental health and praised the mental health service provided in Ashton. As part of the visit, The Prince received a detailed briefing from the Hub's adult and children's clinical psychologists, Dr Alan Barrett and Clare Jones.

Sept 2011 Duke of Gloucester visited Tameside College, Centre for Enterprise and the Hospital. The Duke, Cousin of Queen Elizabeth II unveiled the latest improvements to the area. He officially opened the College's new Enterprise Centre at St Peterfield, where budding young business brains can meet and develop their ideas. The Duke then went on to the Hospital to see the £112million improvements and unveil a plaque to commemorate the opening. He met officials and some patients from the children's ward.

March 2005 Princess Anne, president of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers met people involved with The Tameside Carers Centre in Hyde.

November 2002 Prince Charles visited on his 54th birthday and lavished praises on the people of Tameside through a heartfelt speech delivered to a packed Ashton Town Hall. He re-opened the Museum of the Manchester's, signed the visitor's book and unveiled the blue plaque.





April 1987 The Queen Mother visited Ashton Town Hall and the Museum of the Manchester's as she was Colonel in Chief of the Regiment. She was thrilled with the Museum, the Old Comrades and the public. She sent a letter to the Mayor Jack Pettit, saying it was a delight to meet so many of your citizens and deeply touched by the warm welcome she received.

May 1968 the Queen visited North-East Cheshire during 'Operation Spring Clean'. She visited Werneth Low where she planted a sycamore tree, she then went to Hyde and had a walk around the market and asked if there were any good bargains. She met the M.P. for Stalybridge and Hyde Mr Fred Blackburn, who apologised for the wet weather. She saw how the district had been washed and brightened largely by volunteers.

March 1964 Prince Phillip went on an industrial tour of Dukinfield, Hyde and Stalybridge. Calling at Daniel Adamson's where he saw a piece of red-hot metal spun and shaped by their unique Presspun process. He then went to Kenyon's Rope Works also in Dukinfield and Range Boilers, Bridge Street, Stalybridge. On the way to Stalybridge one of the cars in the procession got a flat tyre. He also visited the newly built houses at Hattersley.

November 1962 Lord Snowden, the husband of Princess Margaret visited Ashton Palais, however he wanted no press or reporters at the venue. At the time the Palais was being used for the filming of Billy Liar. Lord Snowden flew to Manchester and had lunch at the Midland Hotel and then was driven to Ashton. He met with the actors Tom Courtenay and Topsy Jane playing Liz and took photographs of the balcony and dance floor scenes for The Sunday Times colour supplement.

Jill Morris

Duchess Of Cornwall image courtesy – Steve Reynolds

About Tameside

Willow Wood Benefit

Bromleys Solicitors are delighted to confirm that through colleague fundraising efforts in 2023 the law firm has been able to raise £862.50. The money will be contributed towards their nominated Charity Partner, Willow Wood Hospice.

Hill Top

Hill Biscuits is absolutely delighted to be named the winner of this year's 'Large Business of the Year' at the 2024 Tameside Business Awards. This is fantastic recognition of the company's employees, achievements and overall performance in recent years, inspiring further positivity for the future.

Ashton's Events Funded

Ashton Town Team have announced that funding from the UKSPF Creative Communities Grant Fund has been received to support a series of events in Ashton Town Centre. The first of these took place on April 27th and the next event – 'Ashton Day' is scheduled for Saturday June 8th.

Hattersley Plans GO!

A new Aldi and drive-thru Costa will be built just off Hattersley town centre now plans have been given the green light. The retail park would be accessed via Stockport Road with eight employment units and electric vehicle charging facilities to go alongside the foodstore and coffee shop.

Significant Steps

Latin Steps Dance Company, an Ashton-based team of under-10s, have earned the title of British Champions at the British Open Championships in Blackpool Winter Gardens. This is the first time in 17 years that an English team has won this prestigious competition.

New Mayor Elected

This month at the next full council meeting current Civic Mayor of Tameside, Councillor Tafheen Sharif, will be handing over the mayoral chains to Mayor elect Councillor Betty Affleck who will take office for the 2024-2025 period.

Sci-F'Hyde

Andrew Crombie has announced an exciting Sci-Fi Convention style event for Hyde this August. Andy, one of the establishing members of Hyde Fundraisers and business Time Tunnel Collectables, is hoping to release further details of the event soon and the invited guests.

Send your bulletins to:
tamesidecommunitynews@gmail.com

About Hyde

Hyde Update

It's a busy year ahead, packed full of events and regeneration for the Town Centre and Clarendon Mall.

Lots of great events for families to enjoy, kicking off in May with the popular Vintage Car Show. Posters with details of this and other upcoming events, will be displayed in the new Town Notice Board, which is now double sided and is located at the side of the bus shelter, facing the Town Hall.

Whit Friday, at the end of May, sees Hyde become part of a 10 town Brass Band Contest. The event will be over 7 hours from 3pm to 10pm, with band after band attempting to impress the Hyde judging panels, with free attendance for those who watch.

In June, it has been proposed the Sunday Second Hand Market, currently held in Ashton, will transfer to Hyde, whilst redevelopment of its current site takes place. Also in June, the Gee X Well Dressing event, including a parade around the village, is always a draw for a large crowd of visitors.

Gee X will also be hosting its Annual Fete, organised by Rotary Club of Hyde, on July 30th. There is a small charge for entry, with lots of entertainment and things to do.

On August 25th, Hyde Park will host the 4th Hyde Mela event, organised by a team of volunteers, designed to appeal to the whole community, bringing everyone together, for a huge party.

Planning is underway for a large Comicon/Sci-Fi presentation in Clarendon Mall, which will take place in early August (once confirmed).



The Beer Festival will also be making a welcome return to Hyde Town Hall, organised by Tameside Rotary. The town played host to this event for the first-time last year.

'The Tour' running event takes place over a 4-day period, culminating on Sunday 16th June, with the Dr. Ron Hill Hyde 7 (mile) race. The start and finish lines are outside Hyde Town Hall, beginning at 9.30am.

Every first Saturday of the month, you can visit the Artisan Market on the Square, with pitches available for all local traders.

The year is set to culminate in November, when the Borough Lantern Parade returns to the town, as part of the Christmas Lights Switch on event.

Andy Richardson

Theatre Boost

Hyde Festival Theatre has been awarded a significant grant of £20,000 from the People's Postcode Lottery. The funding will be used to expand theatre's facilities. A significant portion of the grant will be dedicated to expanding the theatre's bar facilities, creating a more inviting space for patrons to socialise and enjoy refreshments before and after performances.

Sports Upgrade

A new sports facility containing a football pitch and cricket nets will be built inside a glass manufacturing factory in Mossley. Poesia Property Holdings' proposal for five cricket lanes alongside a football pitch for small-sided games inside their Waggon Road site has been approved. The new indoor sports facilities would provide year-round use for the general public to book out.

Deputised!

Mark Llewellyn, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees at Willow Wood Hospice, has been honoured by becoming one of the six Deputy Lieutenants of Greater Manchester. Within each of Greater Manchester's 10 boroughs, Deputy Lieutenants are the representatives of the Lord Lieutenant and formally represent her at events if she is unavailable.

K-9 BACK IN ACTION

➤➤ This year's Ashton Sci-Fi event on July 6th will see the return of Doctor Who's robot dog K-9!

The classic character assisted Dr Who number 4 (Tom Baker) before making a return with David Tennant in the episode School Reunion and then Sarah Jane Adventures. The Hyde Fundraisers model is based on the School Reunion episode and has been out of action since 2016. That year he made an appearance for BBC Children in Need in Manchester with Hacker T Dog and Chris Johnson when a rogue radio control signal almost sent him crashing off a desk. At the time his wiring was damaged, and he's remained inoperative since.

However, group volunteer Pete Brocklehurst from Hyde, who has created his own R2D2, has come to the rescue and took on the challenge to bring K-9 back to life. Apart from fixing his Radio Control unit he's made several improvements including

the battery pack upgraded from lead acid type to lithium. In addition, the dog can now move his head and wag his tail remotely and via sensors on his back. Pete explained that the mechanism for the tail wag derived from a cat toy fish that wriggled and he was delighted to get K-9 'back on his feet' so to speak. John Leeson, who provides the voice of K-9 on television, has also recorded dialogue especially for Hyde Fundraisers which fans will hear when they meet the prop.

The Doctor's faithful robot dog is set to appear at this year's Ashton Sci-Fi Day organised by Hyde Fundraisers on July 6th in the town centre supported by Ladysmith Shopping Centre, Tameside Markets and Arcades Shopping Centre.



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Celebrating Brass

This year's Whit Friday brass band contest will be held on Friday May 24th in Tameside as well as venues in Saddleworth.

Brass bands from all over the country and even abroad come to compete, going from village to village playing their music. To enter the contest each band must compete in at least 6 venues, each having its own prize, bands can come away with thousands of pounds in prize money. Stamina, discipline and organisational skills are needed to compete as well as a well-tuned band. Starting

around tea-time and with over 20 bands playing in each venue the event can go well into the night.

These annual contests began in the 1880's at Uppermill, Mossley and Stalybridge, now there are many contests around the towns and villages bordering the Western Pennines. The bands play while marching into the performing arena and are judged blind by a committee hidden from view.

There are big prize monies to be won from £750 for the local competitions to up to £2,000

for the open championships. Bands can only win a single prize. In the event a band places first in 2 separate categories (for example 1st section and local) they will receive the highest value monetary prize. The lower value prize will go to the next highest scoring band in the relevant category.

What constitutes a local band differs at each contest; however, the Tameside Local Prizes can only be allocated to a band which resides (have a band room or primary practise space) within 6 miles radius of Ashton Town Hall Steps



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CAR SHOW PROVES BIG HIT FOR EASTER

The Civic Mayor of Tameside, Councillor Tafheen Sharif, visited the Easter Car Show in Ashton on March 30th.

Visitors enjoyed the glorious weather as members of the Tame Valley Vintage & Classic Car Club showcased a great selection of vehicles for the public to enjoy. Also making a pop-up appearance were a couple of Ghostbusters sponsored by the Ashton Town Team. The characters posed for photos around the town centre.

Images by Howard Murphy



THE TOUR IS BACK FOR 2024



The Tour is a four-day community running festival offering an array of stunning routes and terrains to challenge all abilities, providing runners with a unique experience in areas of outstanding beauty.

Choose from four local routes or take on the full challenge to experience a truly unique running experience. Runners will receive a medal for each race completed, with those completing all four races receiving a Tour 2024 finisher t-shirt.

Not a runner? Not a problem!

There are plenty of ways to get involved by volunteering at the event, hosting a free stall our free community market or simply coming down to cheer on the runners and enjoy the market.



RACE DATES

- **Thursday 13 June** - X Trail, Park Bridge/Daisy Nook Country Park
- **Friday 14th June** - Hell on the Fell, Stalybridge
- **Saturday 15th June** - Hero Half-Marathon, Longdendale Trail
- **Sunday 16th June** - Dr Ron Hyde 7-mile race

Have you secured your place yet?

BOOK HERE:

www.questmedianetwork.co.uk

Stalybridge Snooker League 3rd Quarter

➤➤ This quarter started on 25th January and over the first four weeks of matches in the snooker league, there were wins for all the teams, except St Peter's.

Denton and Staly Vegas won the most and at the end of week 4

Denton were in first place with 51, Hyde B had 48 and St Peter's /Staly Vegas were joint third on 37.

In the whist section of the league,

there were wins for every team and at the end of week 4, St Peter's were still in pole position on 25, MB were second on 21 and Staly Labour were third on 16.

At the end of this quarter after a further 3 matches, Denton were top with 62 points, Hyde B were still second on 57 and St Peter's were third on 43. In the whist league, St Peter's were still top with 31 points, Mossley

B were second on 25 points and Staly Labour were third on 24 points. There is only one more quarter to go before we know the two league champions.

The league is always looking for new teams /players and if interested, further can be found on our website www.stalybridgesnooker.com. The league secretary can be contacted on ian.stalybridgesnooker@outlook.com

Ian Hopton

TV Stars to host Pride of Tameside Business Awards in May

➤➤ Returning this May, the Pride of Tameside Business Awards ceremony promises glitz and glamour and will be co-hosted by popular TV stars Danny Miller and Daniel Jillings.

The Pride of Tameside Business Awards organised by Tameside Council are made possible by sponsorship and support from a wide range of fantastic local businesses with the aim of highlighting the amazing people and businesses helping to drive the local economy across Tameside.

Over the last month businesses have been nominating themselves for categories including the Creative Business of the Year, Manufacturer/Engineering of the Year, Construction/Property Business of the Year, Childcare/Social Care Business of the Year, and nominations closed on 3 April. Award hosts Danny and Daniel

are no strangers to the TV screens, Danny is known as the iconic Aaron in Emmerdale, a character he has played since he was 15 years old, in addition to being crowned 'I'm a Celebrity' 2021 winner. And Tameside resident Daniel has appeared on our screens in soaps Coronation Street, Hollyoaks and TV drama's PREY, Four Lives, as well as Netflix film Enemy Lines.

They are also co-founders of the children's bereavement charity Once Upon a Smile. In 2019, they opened Sidley House, Greater Manchester's only dedicated children's bereavement centre.

About the Pride of Tameside Awards Daniel and Danny said: "We are thrilled to be named as hosts for this wonderful evening and we look forward to seeing everyone



on the night."

A Tameside Spokesperson said: "We are really looking forward to the award ceremony but it's also about celebrating our fantastic businesses. So, if you have not nominated your business yet you will need to be quick as nominations close at midnight tonight. Tickets for the awards ceremony will be on sale very soon."

To find out more about the awards go to www.prideoftamesideawards.co.uk/

Quiz Challenge

1. In what year did the first Tour of Tameside running event take place set up by the late Dr Ron Hill?
2. Millie Gibson who plays Doctor Who companion Ruby Sunday was born in which Tameside town?
3. How many sacraments are there in Roman Catholic theology?
4. Which children's TV series featured a green dog and a pink cat?
5. Dendrology is the science and study of what?
6. What spirit is used to make the "John Collins" cocktail?
7. In which year of the Nineties did the sit-com "Friends" make its TV debut?
8. What is the key ingredient of a Mornay sauce?
9. What was the title of Stephen King's first novel?
10. In which English County would you find the towns of Grimsby, Scunthorpe and Skegness?
11. What is the longest nerve in the human body?
12. What two colours are mixed to make green?
13. Sheena Easton sang the theme song for which James Bond film?
14. How many tiles does each player start with in a game of Scrabble?
15. In transport, what do the letters GWR stand for?
16. Who was the only Welsh winner of the speedway World Championship?
17. Who in 2011 became the first group to win the UK X-Factor?
18. In which country was the original Legoland theme park opened in 1968?
19. What colour is the centre of an archery target?
20. Which major river flows through the Egyptian city of Cairo?
21. Who will be the new Tameside Civic Mayor for 2024-25?
22. For which element is Sn the chemical symbol?
23. Which Leicestershire town is famed for its pork pies?
24. Which group of workers were represented by the trade union the NUM?
25. In the game of chess how many squares can a King move a time?
26. In which year was the school leaving age in England and Wales raised to 16?
27. What does an ICHTHYOLOGIST study?
28. Which crop is affected by the "BOLL WEEVIL"?
29. Which car manufacturer produces models known in the UK as ZAFIRA and INSIGNIA?
30. Lord Ganesha is an Hindu deity in human form but with which animal's head?
31. In judo, which colour belt follows the yellow belt?
32. How many jumps does a horse have to clear to win the Grand National?
33. What is the common name for the medical condition "SINGULTUS"?
34. Which is Shakespeare's longest play?
35. On which US state's flag can the Union Jack be found?
36. What was the name of the ship in Bram Stoker's novel that brought Dracula to the UK?
37. Which open wireless technology derives both its name and logo from the 10th century King Harald 1 of Denmark?
38. James Bond famously drove an Aston Martin DB5 in "Goldfinger", what do the initials DB stand for?
39. Which song from the Disney movie "Mary Poppins" won the Oscar for Best Song in 1964?
40. Which sign of the zodiac is represented by a pair of scales?



What can we be doing in May? It's still not too late to fertilise

your trees and shrubs. Use a Rhododendron or Evergreen type of plant food to feed evergreens and other acid loving plants like Azaleas and Rhododendrons, Camellias and Junipers.

Also use an all-purpose garden fertiliser to feed roses, deciduous shrubs and trees, but be sure to water the fertilizer in thoroughly after it is applied. While talking of roses keep a vigilant eye on the roses, do keep them sprayed for aphids and other pests and diseases such as black spot. It's also time to think about our lawns, after winter there will be damage to repair, get those weeds out that are killing the grass, feed the lawn, then scatter the fresh seeds promptly after cutting, so as to use the cut grass as mulch which also keeps the birds away too. While setting your mower for a higher cut during the spring months will help the grass to grow in fuller and help choke out any remaining weeds.

Now let's turn our thoughts to the veg, have you got your seeds ready? Yes you can buy expensive garden centre seeds, but I get

just as good a result from bargain priced stores. Carrots, Lettuce, Potatoes, Corn, Beans, Peas and most popular vegetables, with the exception of the warmer weather crops, can be seeded or planted into the vegetable garden at any time now. But do wait until mid to late May before planting the warmer weather crops like Tomatoes, Squash, Cucumber, Pumpkins and Peppers.

Looking towards the flowers, May does have a lot to offer: Pansies, Snapdragons, Dianthus, Petunias, Geraniums, Fuchsias and Impatiens should be ready to plant by mid-month. Toward the end of the month, it should be warm enough to plant out the more tender annuals like Salvia, Zinnias, Marigolds and Cardinal Flowers. Let's not forget the bulbs Dahlias, Gladiolas, Lilies, Cannas and other summer flowering bulbs can be planted this month. Gladiolas bulbs may be planted at two week increments until the first of July to provide you with cut flowers until the first frost or add that extra excitement to patio pots through the summer.



Mothers supported on their breastfeeding journey

New parents are being encouraged to access the free breastfeeding support available to help give their babies and toddlers the best start for life.

With many benefits associated with breastfeeding, the NHS recommends babies should be exclusively breastfed for the first six months. After that, breast milk can be used as part of the introduction of healthy solid food, a process known as weaning. Breastmilk continues to provide up to 50% or more of a child's nutritional needs when they reach 6 to 12 months, and up to a third during the second year of life.

Some of the benefits are that:

- breastmilk contains antibodies, vitamins and nutrients that are crucial in fighting common illnesses and diseases in early childhood and later life

- breastfeeding reduces the risk of ear infections, tooth decay, chest infections, gastroenteritis, obesity in later life, and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)
- it promotes a close relationship with the parent, supporting baby's brain development
- there are maternal health benefits such as a decreased risk of breast cancer, and some protection against ovarian cancer

Home-Start HOST work in partnership with the Breastfeeding Network to offer support in Tameside to help parents make informed choices around feeding their baby. This can be in community settings, via one-to-one support, or online at home-starthost.org.uk/infant-feeding-support/ There's also a social media community on Facebook and Instagram to support mothers at every step on their breastfeeding journey.

www.facebook.com/breastfeedvictory/
www.instagram.com/breastfeedvictory



Pets

After several high-profile incidents, the UK Government made a decision to ban XL Bullies earlier this year. Owners were given the opportunity to apply for exemptions from the ban but that deadline for applications has now passed. If you missed the deadline, you need to contact your local police force for advice on how to exempt your dog.

Those who have an exemption certificate must follow the rules for keeping them which are your dog must be:

- Microchipped
- Neutered (If your dog is older than one year old on 31 January 2024, they must be neutered by 30 June 2024. If your dog is less than 1 year old on 31 January 2024, they must be neutered by 31 December 2024. Finally, if your dog was under 7 months old on 31 January 2024, they must be neutered by 30 June 2025. We recommend that you arrange for your dog to be neutered as soon as possible, when they are old enough.)
- Kept on a lead and muzzled at all times when in public
- Kept in a secure place so that they can't escape.

And owners must:

- Have third party public liability insurance for your dog
- Be aged over 16
- Show the Certificate of Exemption when asked by a police officer or council dog warden, either at the time or within 5 days
- Let the Index of Exempt Dogs know if you change address, or if your dog dies.

The Dangerous Dogs Act was introduced in 1991 and



gave the Government the power to ban any breed appearing to be bred for fighting or to have the characteristics of a type bred for that purpose.

Under the Dangerous Dogs Act, these breed types are banned in the UK:

- Pit Bull Terrier
- Japanese Tosa
- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- American Bully XL

It's illegal to breed, sell, give away or abandon a banned type of dog.

If you own a currently banned breed type, and don't have a certificate of exemption to keep them, the police can seize the dog and keep them, even if they're not acting dangerously and no complaint has been made. A court process is then needed to determine if the dog poses a danger to the public and if the owner can apply for an exemption certificate.

50 years since the formation of Tameside

ON 1 April it was 50 years since Tameside was established as a metropolitan borough – a new type of authority created by the Local Government Act 1972.

Taking its name from the River Tame, it encompassed the municipal boroughs of Ashton, Dukinfield, Hyde, Mossley and Stalybridge, and four urban district councils: Audenshaw, Denton, Droylsden and Longdendale.

The first mayor was Cllr Jim Eason and Cllr Percy Travis was chair of policy and resources, which effectively made him the first executive leader. While immensely proud of their historic attachment to Lancashire or Cheshire, Tameside's towns and villages also knew they were relatively small and on the very edge of their counties. They struggled to make their voices heard in Preston and Chester where so many decisions were made. By combining as a metropolitan borough they had much more control over the matters affecting them. Within Greater Manchester, their partners were neighbours rather than distant towns closer to the Lakes or Staffordshire.

The local government scene has continued to change



since 1974, but Tameside is looking forward to its second half-century with confidence. Various events are planned to celebrate the golden jubilee. There will be a trail at Portland Basin Museum, Ashton, featuring 50 significant objects from the borough's history, and Tameside Local Studies and Archives Centre, Ashton, will be hosting an exhibition of important documents. The terrace area outside Tameside One in Ashton is to be named in honour of former executive leader Cllr Kieran Quinn, who died in 2017.

Despite the challenges it has faced, especially in recent years, Tameside Council has achieved a great deal and continues to work hard for its residents. It is extremely proud of the communities that make up the borough and looks forward to continuing to create a place where everyone can achieve their hopes and ambitions.





Ted's fun page

Ted's Jokes

What recognition did Dr Who get for his new herb range?

He was made a thyme lord!

How does a Dalek keep its skin soft?

EXFOLIATE!

Why does the Doctor regularly go to the dentist?

He doesn't want to lose his K9!

What do you call a time-traveling cow?

Doctor Moo!

Why didn't the Dalek apply for a job at the job centre?

There wasn't any temporal-shift work available!

Who's in Tameside

This year Hyde Fundraisers will be bringing some of their Doctor Who characters back to Ashton once again for the Sci-Fi Day event on July 6th.



Andrew Crombie from Hyde created the first Daleks for Hyde Fundraisers back in the early 1990's alongside an impressive police box. In 2016 students from Tameside College created a classic Doctor Who TARDIS console which was on display at a Sci-Fi event in Stalybridge.

We have seen various appearances from Doctor Who characters and stars in Tameside over the years. The latest series begins this month on BBC 1 with new Doctor Ncuti Gatwa and Tameside's own Millie Gibson as companion Ruby Sunday.

Star Cutouts Ltd in Audenshaw are licensed to produce life sized character cutouts from the series from the latest Doctor back to the very first plus a wide range of monsters and companions. Plus just up the road in Lees, Oldham Character Options produce a range of popular Dr Who toys including the Sonic Screwdriver!



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find the 6 changes in the second image ?



The main group which has brought Doctor Who alive locally has been Hyde Fundraisers who, apart from characters, have also had two stage show events for The Trial of Davros at The Village Hyde in 1993 and the Tameside Hippodrome in 2005. We have also had visits from various stars of the show including Elisabeth Sladen (Sarah Jane), John Leeson (Voice of K-9), Michael Jayston (The Valeyard) and Andrew Hayden Smith (Jake Simmonds).

Cookery Corner

Cheesy crumble topped fish pie

Ingredients

- 350g skinned fish, such as ling, hake, cod, haddock or salmon (try and get sustainably sourced fish where you can)
- 350g un-dyed smoked haddock
- 1 small onion
- 1 bay leaf
- 450ml milk
- 1 fillet of cooked smoked mackerel
- 25g butter
- 25g flour
- 2 tablespoon crème fraiche
- Salt
- Ground black pepper
- Pinch of nutmeg
- 225g chilled shortcrust pastry
- 50g leftover cheese such as Cheddar, Gruyere

Serves 4

Instructions

Place the raw fish in a wide pan, add the quartered onion and bay leaf and pour over 450ml milk.

Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for about 5 minutes, or until the fish is just cooked.

Remove with a fish slice, the fish and place in an ovenproof dish about 22cm in diameter. Discard the onion and bay leaf from the dish and put into a compost bin or stock.

Bring a small pan of water to the boil and hard boil the eggs; carefully lower the eggs into the water and boil for 8 minutes. Drain and run under cold water; peel the eggs, cut into chunks and place on top of the fish. Flake the smoked mackerel and distribute over the eggs and cooked fish.

To make the sauce; melt the butter in a pan, stir in the flour and cook for one minute over a moderate heat. Gradually add the fish poaching milk, whisking all the time, and simmer for 1-2 minutes, stirring until you have smooth, slightly thick sauce. Remove the sauce from the heat, add the crème fraiche, season with salt, ground black pepper and nutmeg. Pour the sauce over the fish and the eggs.

Preheat the oven to 200°C (400°F) mark 6. Thickly grate the frozen pastry straight over the top of the fish pie, sprinkle with cheese and cook for about 25-30 minutes or piping hot and the topping is crisp and golden.



ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE

Motoring tips from Guide Bridge MOT & Service

It's a common misconception that having your new car serviced at an independent garage will void your warranty, and that you must go to a franchised dealer.

This is absolutely not the case, and in fact under European Law, the Block Exemption Regulations give you the right to have your vehicle serviced, maintained and repaired at an independent garage of your choice, without invalidating your warranty. This is as long as the independent garage services the vehicle according to the manufacturer's schedule using parts which are of "equivalent quality", Guide Bridge MOT are able to service and maintain your new vehicle. Many garages are not able to do this and could invalidate any warranty you may have, so please be very careful when making your choice... if you are unsure, ask us and we'll help you

So, what are the benefits of having your new car looked after by an independent garage such as Guide Bridge MOT? Well, the most obvious one is the cost saving you'll enjoy. New cars don't come cheap and it's likely you'll have invested a serious amount of money into yours, so why needlessly waste money going to a main dealer? The Independent Garage Association recently polled 2,000 of its members and the statistics are quite startling. The labour rate alone could save you ££££'s

It's only natural to assume that the cost saving will mean a sacrifice in quality, right? Wrong! Guide Bridge MOT have access to the same level of technical information and parts as main dealers,

and our staff are trained to the same levels too, unlike main dealers we are trained to work on all makes and models not just one. There is no compromise on the quality of work you'll receive at an independent garage such as ours, meaning you'll receive both great service and fantastic value.

It's also worth pointing out that you'll have a far more positive experience at an independent garage, we're a family fun business and because we rely on your continued custom, we will always go that extra mile to ensure you keep coming back. We recently won the 'Going the Extra mile' award so it's not just words! Main dealers don't rely so much on retained customers, and more often than not you're just another statistic. Technicians at independent garages such as ours are well and truly part of the local community, we shop at the same grocers at you and we take our kids to the same school as yours. By choosing an independent garage such as Guide Bridge MOT you're reinvesting money back into your local community, which can only be a good thing!

Don't fall for the myth that states you need to have your vehicle serviced at a main dealer. By going to a local trusted independent garage such as Guide Bridge MOT you'll not only receive a level of service that is at the very least is on a par, but you'll also save yourself a lot of money at the same time, money that can go towards your next new car! What are you waiting for???

Ring Adam on 0161 339 5354 to ask how we can help you get the best out of your car.

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.



Ashton Market ground has held many events and initiatives over the years involving community groups, youth groups and neighbourhood watch schemes.

Can you believe it was twenty years ago this month that Ashton town centre suffered a devastating blow as the market hall was almost completely ruined by a huge fire which ravaged the town's popular building.

In the early hours of May 25th 2004, a large and ferocious blaze ripped through the much-loved structure destroying all the 116 stalls inside and badly affecting the livelihoods of the market traders and their families.

Only the solid outer wall of the Victorian hall remained standing in the days and weeks that followed, encasing the collapsed roof and all the market's internal workings. The wall's strength came to the fore in the rebuilding in



the years that followed as the new hall, stalls and fittings were then constructed within the original brick shell.

The story of the fire made headlines all over the country and further afield with Ashton town centre being awash with tv crews, reporters and photographers in the days that followed the awful event.

The market, prior to the fire was a busy, bustling and thriving retail centre. In the months that followed a huge clean up got underway and the council quickly put into place plans to rebuild a temporary market hall.

They requisitioned the Old Cross Street car park to construct the Phoenix Market Hall as a temporary replacement which opened for business in the October of 2004 whilst work went ahead re-building the original market hall.

Images and text by Howard Murphy.



QUIZ CHALLENGE ANSWERS

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|------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1. 1981 | 15. Great Western Railway | 29. Vauxhall |
| 2. Broadbottom | 16. Freddie Williams | 30. An Elephant |
| 3. Seven | 17. Little Mix | 31. Orange |
| 4. Roobarb & Custard | 18. Denmark | 32. 30 |
| 5. Trees | 19. Gold (Yellow) | 33. Hiccups |
| 6. Gin | 20. Nile | 34. Hamlet |
| 7. 1994 | 21. Councillor Betty Affleck | 35. Hawaii |
| 8. Cheese | 22. Tin | 36. The Demeter |
| 9. Carrie | 23. Melton Mowbray | 37. Bluetooth |
| 10. Lincolnshire | 24. Miners | 38. David Brown, the one-time
owner of the company |
| 11. Sciatic Nerve | 25. One | 39. "Chim Chim Cher-ee" |
| 12. Yellow and Blue | 26. 1973 | 40. Libra |
| 13. For Your Eyes Only | 27. Fish | |
| 14. Seven | 28. Cotton | |

MAY 1ST

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.

MAY 4TH

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.

Celebrating May 4th

Ashton Town Centre. 11.30-1.30

Ashton Town Team celebrate this special intergalactic date with character pop ups and check out characters hidden in shop windows courtesy of Star Cutouts.

MAY 10TH

Stalybridge Street Fest

Armentieres Square, Stalybridge

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

MAY 11TH

Stalybridge Artisan Market

Melbourne Street, Stalybridge

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

MAY 13TH

Tameside Junior Chess Club

Flowery Field Primary School, Hyde, 6-8pm

Every Monday learn to play chess at this fun club which operates during term time. Admission £1 and includes refreshments. Open to all ages and abilities.

MAY 25TH

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.

MAY 30TH

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.

MAY 31ST

Friday Live: Mark Llewellyn - The lives of Les Dawson and Roy Barraclough

Guide Bridge Theatre, Manchester, M34 5HJ

Have you had the shish kebab? is a unique look at the lives of Les Dawson and Roy Barraclough - and their classic comedy creations Cissie and Ada. Mark Llewellyn, who knew both performers, reveals why their relationship worked, how they became famous - and just who inspired those gossip housewives!

FILM OF THE MONTH

Kingdom Of The Planet Of The Apes



Director Wes Ball breathes new life into the global, epic franchise set several generations in the future following Caesar's reign, in which apes are the dominant species living harmoniously and humans have been reduced to living in the shadows. As a new tyrannical ape leader builds his empire, one young ape undertakes a harrowing journey that will cause him to question all that he has known about the past and to make choices that will define a future for apes and humans alike.

GAMING - With Bobby Kent

Stellar Blade - Apr 26th

Reclaim the Earth from its alien invaders in this PS5 exclusive and debut game from Korean developers Shift Up. Hack and slash through hordes of enemies in high octane combat, defeat colossal alien bosses with unique abilities, and explore what's left of humanity's home - but be warned, it's PEGI 18!



THEATRE

West Side Story

Ashton-under-Lyne Operatic Society present the classic musical at George Lawton Hall in Mossley between May 21st to May 25th. West Side Story takes its inspiration from William Shakespeare's play Romeo and Juliet, with the story taking place in the mid-1950s Upper West Side of Manhattan in New York City, then a multiracial neighbourhood. The show revolves around the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds. The young protagonist, Tony, a former member of the Jets and best friend of the gang's leader, Riff, falls in love with Maria, the sister of Bernardo, the leader of the Sharks. The two leads in the show will be played by Dan Maughan (Tony) and Lucy Donoghue (Maria).

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