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CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY FOR LUNCHEON CLUB

On Thursday
September 25th
the Festival Hall in
Denton hosted its final
Luncheon Club event
with a Christmas theme.

The building is closed for extensive work over the next couple of years to modernize the site and create multi-use opportunities funded through the Levelling Up funds awarded to the town back in 2023.

Cllr Denise Ward said: "With our volunteers we did a Christmas



Lunch, decorated for the season with entertainment, bingo and raffle." She also thanked Cllr Vincent Ricci and all the volunteers who have supported the Luncheon



Club over the past 15 years. For the time being the last Thursday of the month will host the Luncheon Club at the Victoria Park Community Centre.



CHAMPIONS FAREWELL FOR OUR RICKY

On Friday October 10th Tameside said a final goodbye to Ricky Hatton MBE as the people of Hyde and beyond paid their respects.

His cortege began in Hyde at The Cheshire Cheese and then included a dove release at The New Inn before passing his gym to head down Market Street. Crowds gathered around Hyde Town Hall as the procession made its way past, led by a truck hosting his beloved Only Fools and Horses van, then the hearse and other vehicles in the cortege. Rounds of applause echoed around and Manchester City flags waved proudly as The Hitman left Hyde to the service at Manchester Cathedral before culminating at the Etihad. To receive him in Manchester a host of familiar faces included Wayne Rooney, Paddy McGuinness, Amir Khan, Frank Bruno, Tyson Fury, Nigel Benn, Freddie Flintoff and Greater Manchester's Mayor Andy Burnham amongst them.

There was only one Ricky Hatton – rest in peace.

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RESTAURANT CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Restaurant at Tameside One hosted a very special event recently with students preparing a themed dinner to mark Black History Month.

The menu featured such items as Amuse Bouche, Jerk Chicken and Curried Goat with desserts highlighted by Rum cake with toffee sauce. The Restaurant at Tameside One gives students the experience of working in the kitchen and front of house to support their qualifications with real world experience.

Images by Massimino Malacrino



Help in sight

A new partnership between Tameside Council and the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) is helping to create more inclusive streets and public spaces across the borough. Councillors and council officers are working closely with the charity to better understand the needs of blind and partially sighted residents, ensuring future developments and infrastructure improvements are accessible for all.

Meet & Gr-eat

Hyde Fundraisers have revealed the date for their 2026 Character Curry event at The Indian Plaza in Audenshaw. The event will take place on Tuesday February 17th and they have revealed one of the first charities to benefit will be The Ricky Hatton Foundation.

Market in your diary

The final Mossley Farmers Market is set to take place on Sunday November 30th. The event has proved a great success with a mix of stalls and entertainment each month so there is hope it will be set to return in Spring 2026.

Star Giveaways

Starcutouts will be supporting the launch of Christmas in Tameside with a special display and giveaways at the Victoria Market Hall in Stalybridge on November 15th. The hall will be hosting a special Christmas themed craft event as part of this year's Northern Lights Winter Parade event.

Cams Catch The Villains

CCTV cameras are playing a key role in keeping Tameside's streets safer and cleaner, with more than 162 arrests made so far this year thanks to the borough's state-of-the-art monitoring network. The figure is over three times higher than the total arrests linked to CCTV intelligence during the whole of last year

Lotter(y) investment

Tameside has been chosen by The National Lottery Heritage Fund as one of six new areas to benefit from a multi-million-pound UK-wide investment, as part of its ambitious Heritage Places initiative. The announcement marks a significant milestone for the borough, making Tameside the first designated Heritage Place in both Greater Manchester and the North West of England.

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Tameside Umbrella Parent Carer Forum Hosts Successful Family Fun Day

The Tameside Umbrella Parent Carer Forum (TUPCF) marked a significant milestone by holding their first Family Fun Day at the Grafton Centre in Hyde on Saturday, 27th September. The event proved a resounding success, drawing just under 100 families from across the borough.

Local organisations dedicated to supporting the wellbeing of Tameside families were on hand, offering stalls, demonstrations, and information throughout the day.

The fun day was created to give parent-carers an opportunity to meet the parent carer forum volunteers, see what support is on offer, and have the opportunity to give feedback on what they would like to see more of in the borough.

Ruth Williams, Secretary of the Parent Carer Forum, summed up the day: "This was such a lovely child and parent-focused event. The kids absolutely adored walking the goats and seeing the therapy dogs. It was great to see lots of networking going on and something gained



for all who attended. Thank you everyone who attended and to the volunteers for such a successful day."

Organisers hope to build on this success and continue fostering connections between families and support services, ensuring that the voices of parent-carers remain at the heart of future events in Tameside.

Melanie Broughton

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UK's largest heritage funder chooses Tameside for local transformation

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has announced Tameside will be one of six new areas joining its ambitious Heritage Places initiative, designed to put heritage at the heart of regeneration plans for towns, cities and green spaces across the UK.

Tameside is the first Heritage Place for the North West of England, and Greater Manchester.

Encompassing 9 distinct places and towns, Tameside is rich in heritage and ambition. Home to over 300 listed buildings and three Scheduled Ancient Monuments, the area boasts a wealth of heritage assets. But it is more than built heritage; it is the home of the Manchester Regiment and local brass bands laid the foundations for the oldest Whit Friday Brass Band contests in the world.

Tameside Council has been working closely with the Heritage Fund to unlock the potential of these heritage gems. With strong foundations and bold ambition,

Tameside is poised to transform its heritage into a powerful driver of place-making and prosperity.

Tameside and the other six areas join nine others, previously announced in 2023, as part of The National Lottery Heritage Fund's plan to invest £200m in up to 20 areas across the UK. The aim is to unlock the potential of local heritage to connect communities, revitalise local economies and enable places to thrive.

Heritage Places aims to play a vital role in forging long-term partnerships to revitalise the heritage that communities care about and to explore untapped possibilities, contributing to local identity, increasing heritage skills and boosting pride in places.

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Horses in field near Hartshead Pike
Sam Shaw



Autumn comes to Ashton
Howard Murphy

Heron in Dukinfield
David Taylor



Stamford Park
Sam Shaw



Ashton gears up for Christmas

>>> As the festive season approaches Ashton town centre will be hosting a few special events organised by Tameside Markets and supported by Ashton Town Team.

Watch out for some fabulous entertainment and attractions on Saturday November 22nd when Christmas truly arrives. With festive lights adorning Fletcher Square and the Christmas Tree on Bow Street watch out for some great entertainment from 11am. On November 29th it's Santa Saturday and yes, the man himself will be visiting Ashton Market Hall where you can come and deliver

your Christmas letters in person!



Also, on that day Ashton Town Team will present young musician Jack Doyle who will be providing some great tunes to entertain Santa and the shoppers between 11am and 2pm. December 6th will give you a chance to win a special prize with a festive edition of Play Your Cards Right between 11am and 1pm. It's Small Business Saturday that day and Ashton Town Team have a free calendar to giveaway sponsored by Bromleys Solicitors so grab one whilst stocks last. There's music from Mossley Ukelele Band on Saturday December 13th who will be performing in the main seating area.

Keep your eyes on Tameside Markets and Ashton Town Team social media for more information.



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DINNER LADIES SERVE UP LAUGHTER

On October 4th Tameside Markets and Ashton Town Team hosted a special event to celebrate all things food and drink in Ashton town centre.

The Oktoberfest event featured musical performers Tom Stevenson, Ethan Booth and Natalie Ciufo. Laughter was provided by good-time girls dinner ladies Freda and Rita who certainly brought smiles to the faces of shoppers and stall holders at the event. It was the perfect antidote to a day that was teeming with rain from Storm Amy. There was also a special display supported by the Tameside Local Studies & Archive Centre showcasing some of Ashton's pubs of yesteryear. Deputy Chair of Ashton Town Team, Valerie Unwin said: "Oktoberfest was a great opportunity to support our

independent food and drink retailers here in Ashton town centre. From a local pub to artisan bakery, from exciting take away options to a relaxing café there are so many businesses that will appreciate your support. With Christmas coming we also encourage shoppers to think local and shop with your trusted independent businesses."



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Northern Lights Winter Parade set to bring seasonal sparkle to Stalybridge

The magical Northern Lights Winter Parade is set to make its highly anticipated return this winter on Saturday 15 November, marking the start of Tameside's festive celebrations.

The spectacular yearly event will take place in Stalybridge, offering a free evening of sparkling culture and celebration, combining unforgettable lantern displays and vibrant performances to create an electric atmosphere. Over the past few years, thousands of families have enjoyed extravagant displays in both Ashton and Hyde, and over seven thousand people turned out to be part of the celebrations in 2024.

Tameside Council, Global Grooves, No Eyed Theatre and Cabassa will collaborate with local community groups and volunteers and together will host an unforgettable evening to start the countdown to Christmas. The event will conclude with the switching on of Stalybridge's Christmas tree lights.

As always, the evening will also include local talent, dancers, and artists to help create a glowing spectacle that captures the spirit of the season. This year the parade will also be supported by festive-themed Stalybridge Street Fest which has been moved to Saturday so everyone can make the most of the evening.

This event is funded from GMCA's Flexible Local Authorities Grant Fund and supported by local volunteers and community groups.

Following the parade, Christmas Celebrations will continue with events held across the borough throughout November and the beginning of December. Each of Tameside's nine towns will host a festive event with music, food, and community, as they each turn on their Christmas tree lights.

Dukinfield - Friday 21 November

Denton - Saturday 22 November

Ashton-under-Lyne - Saturday 22 November

Audenshaw - Friday 28 November

Droylsden - Saturday 29 November

Hyde - Saturday 29 November

Hattersley - Friday 5 December

Mossley - Friday 5 December

Micklehurst - Saturday 6 December

Tameside Council's Executive Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture, Cllr Leanne Feeley, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to welcome the return of Tameside's Lantern Parade to Stalybridge. Every year it delivers a wonderfully festive community celebration.

"We want everyone to play a part in the parade whether it's creating a lantern, being part of the parade performers or just coming along to enjoy and watch this amazing free event. It's not to be missed and a truly brilliant evening that really highlights and honours the amazingly creative and cultural spirit of our borough."

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



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With Christmas rapidly approaching, the wide variety of traders at Ashton Market Hall are offering fantastic quality and value when it comes to your food, gifts and housewares this year. Supporting market traders is vital this time of year for these small independent businesses and your custom is much more appreciated than the big supermarkets.

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Mandy Yuan is based inside Ashton Market Hall at the **My Medicine** stall, and she has been working in Chinese medicine for almost 30 years. Therapies on offer include acupuncture, Chinese acupressure massages suitable for any type of body pains such as back pain, arthritis and stress related pains. These treatments can also help any type of muscle pains, menstrual, prostate or infertility problems.

If you are looking to wrap up warm as the weather turns colder then why not visit **Trymee Fashions** who have a fabulous selection of quality clothing including great value knitwear on offer. This year the business has also expanded to Stall 37 to offer an even greater range of clothing essentials.

Established over 38 years, **Spec Tackle** is a familiar sight in Ashton Market Hall with budget to designer frames available. They have hundreds of frames to choose from and all types of lenses too coupled with a friendly and helpful service. If you know your prescription, why not pop in and see how much you can save – the focus is very much on customer service and satisfaction.

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Treat yourself to a hot snack at **Wendy & Mandy's Café** who'll keep you nourished during the shopping adventure inside the market hall. The award winning café has also introduced a range of homemade Cheesecakes in a variety of flavours – a perfect treat when you stop for a drink!

Don't forget that all your favourite Ashton Market traders continue to be open during the period of works taking place on Ashton Market Ground. Some outside traders have now been relocated inside the Market Hall whilst others will be based in Fletcher Square.



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Portland Basin was host to a Halloween themed steampunk event on October 18th when a plethora of people donned unique outfits for the occasion.

Music was provided by Mossley Ukelele Group all suitably attired for the occasion. Organiser Lorraine Booth organizes the events twice a year and the next event will be Spring 2026. If you are interested to discover more about these events, then pop along to either the next one in Tameside or if you are looking to get involved yourself you can contact: lorrainebooth1952@gmail.com

Photos by Howard Murphy



College hosting open events to help students find future career path

Tameside College and Clarendon Sixth Form College is hosting a series of Open Events for school leavers, offering guidance on post-16 education and career pathways.

Last month events were held at all three campus locations for the college showcasing the wide range of courses available.

During the events students and parents have the opportunity to tour the college's campuses and facilities, receive impartial careers advice from teachers and staff, learn about the courses on offer at the college and find more out about the college's future

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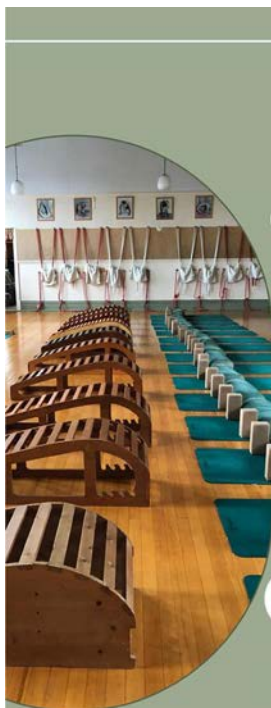
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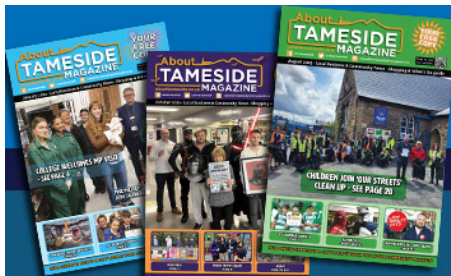
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DOG SHOW LENDS A PAW TO **CRIMEWATCHERS**

➤➤ Crimewatchers Security in Droylsden was stunned by the brilliant turnout at their Dog Show hosted by The Kings Head on September 21st.

The event also celebrated the organisation's 5th anniversary of providing their local community patrol service born out of necessity and built on dedication to help deter crime, support vulnerable residents, and enhance public safety across Greater Manchester. Special guests at the dog show included Blue Peter dog Henry along with Dr Who robot dog K-9 courtesy of Hyde Fundraisers. Attendees were also delighted to meet new patrol dog Storm and enjoy a slice of birthday cake too!



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MARKET NEWS



November 15th sees the launch of Christmas in Tameside with the lantern parade taking place in Stalybridge. As part of the event, we shall have a wide variety of traders in the Victoria Market Hall selling food and gift items.

The Real Deal Record Fair is back at Ashton Market Hall this month and don't miss the special Christmas event on November 22nd. On November 29th we shall be working with Ashton Town Team to present Santa Saturday at Ashton Market Hall with a special visit from the man himself! Finally, it's the last Mossley Farmers Market event for 2025 on Sunday November 30th!

At Ashton Market Hall why not take the opportunity to stock up on your pet jackets and accessories from **Paws & Claws** who also have a great range of food and pet treats too. Maybe you are looking for a gift for Christmas, why not visit **Julie's Wax Melts** for some inspiration at the rear of the Market Hall. To help you look smart, why not drop into **The Press Gang** offering a great service for all your laundry needs. Washing and Drying, Ironing, Dry Cleaning and Alterations. Meanwhile just a reminder you can find more of our traders now in Fletcher Square including

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Saturday 22 November

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Denton

Friday 28 November

Audenshaw - Ryecroft Hall

Saturday 29 November

Hyde
Droylsden

Friday 5 December

Mossley - Central
Hattersley

Saturday 6 December

Mossley - Micklehurst



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Football legends raise money for Willow Wood

26th September saw three footballing legends help raise over £9,000 for Willow Wood Hospice at the 6th Annual Willow Wood Hospice Football Night. Over 200 Tameside football fans experienced an evening of funny stories, memories and fun with well-known footballers; Joe Corrigan MBE, David White and Brian Horton.

This year, the three Manchester City legends helped raise this record amount that was almost double the amount raised the previous year. Host for the evening was Tameside's own former Premier League referee Roger Dilkes. Roger asked a wide variety of questions to the trio of former City stars. The audience loved the candid, funny and revealing answers the footballing guests provided.

The popular event is organised by Brian Wild and Chris Smith, who are long-time supporters of Willow Wood Hospice having raised over £40,000 since Chris's wife died in the hospice in 2013.

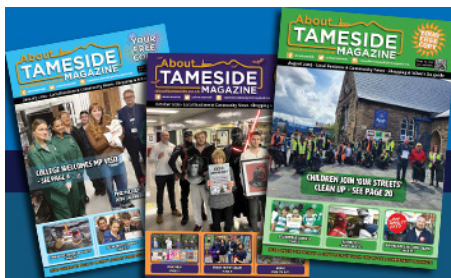
Former Tameside Mayor, Brian Wild said, "We're all volunteers and even the pie & peas for the 200 guests is made

in her own home, at her own expense, by Tameside Councillor Denise Ward. We aimed to raise £7,000 but this result is just astonishing. Chris and I are pleased that this money immediately goes towards providing specialist, compassionate and dignified care to patients from Tameside and Glossop with life-limiting illnesses".

"We've raised thousands for the Hospice over the years, and many people have a real connection with the work the Hospice does – it touches almost every family at some point of their lives," said Brian Wild, who is a patron of the Hospice. He added, "The Football Night always sells out early, and the tickets get snapped up. I take my hat off to these sports people that give up their time for free to entertain the 200-plus

audience." A considerable amount of this money is raised in the community, before the Football Night, with several significant supporters directly helping with sponsorship and donation. We get support from Cosmo Bingo (Stalybridge), Bay Freight, Manchester Credit Union, APEX Joinery, Lo-Cost Windows and Hyde Accessible Transport Ltd and many others.

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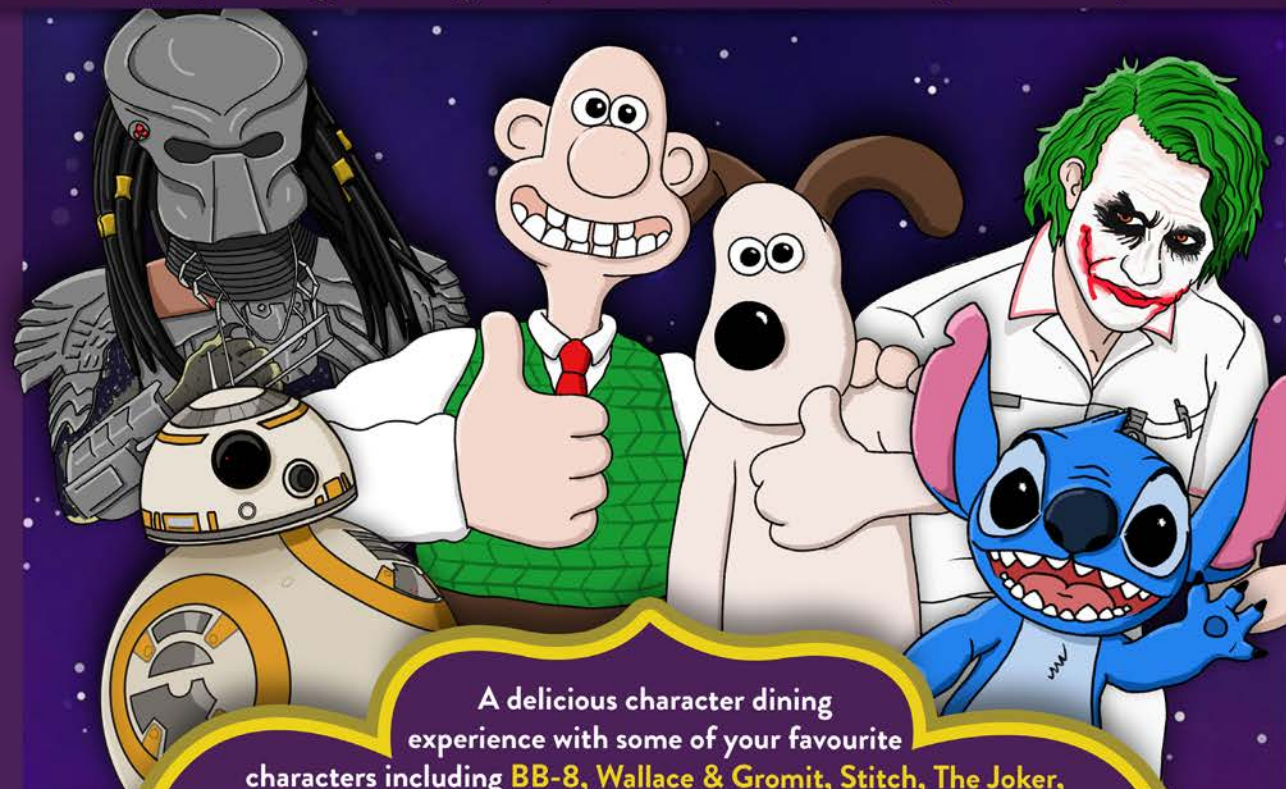
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"A loss no victory can replace"

First part of our feature on some of the Men and Women with Connections to Dukinfield who gave their lives in W.W.2.

104 men and 2 women, 82 of whom are listed on the main memorial in Dukinfield, on Chapel Hill, were killed in action or died of their wounds between 1939 and 1945. 1 in 3 were under the age of 22. All the Services are represented, Army, Royal Navy, RAF, as well as the Merchant Navy and the A. T. S.

Corporal William Lainton, 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers was killed and buried in Sicily in the Argenta Gap War Cemetery. His two brothers also served and survived. He was a St Mary's schoolboy and had started work at Daniel Adamson's.

James Bowers, who had lived on Wharf Street was a gunner in the 2nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. He died age 20, on May 31st, 1940, from a wound received during the retreat from France. He is buried in Dukinfield cemetery (Section B5, grave 809).

(Section 2a grave 68a) In Dukinfield cemetery is the grave of Private William Jones, who was one of the 3,000 men killed from the Royal Army Medical Core. These were medical men, doctors and nurses who supported the British army in every theatre of war. He was 35 when he died so near to the end of the war in Europe in March 1945.

They are just three of the 64 army men from this town killed in action.

Lives were lost at sea, 9 from the Royal Navy, 3 in Merchant Navy ships and several died whilst being

transported by sea.

Able Seaman, Joseph Travis had been in the Navy for 5 years. He had lived with his mother on Thorncliffe Ave and had attended Globe Lane Primary, Crescent Rd Secondary and Hyde Technical School. He was aboard HMS Galatea with another Dukinfield man, Able Seaman, Edwin Rooth, when she was attacked and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea, with two torpedoes from U boat 557. 470 men died that day, Dec 14th, 1941, 144 survived but Joseph and Edwin were not among them.

Another Royal Navy man, Ordinary seaman, Clarence Hadfield had the misfortune to die in an air raid in Denton, on Dec 23rd, 1940, whilst on leave from H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth. His parents lived in Bush St, Dukinfield.

Two prisoners of war, Aircraftman Robert Carroll of the 211 squadron, R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve and Trooper Water Turner, 3rd King's Own Hussars were killed whilst being transported in a Japanese troop ship which sank.

Sergeant Peter Lowe, aged 20 died 18th August 1943 aged 20. He was a wireless operator and air gunner seconded to the Royal Australian Air Force Squadron. He is buried in Berlin 1939-1945 war cemetery.

Pamela Hitchcock

Credit

This summary was produced using the super research on all the men of W.W.2. done by Mike Pavasovic. His booklet is called, 'Dukinfield 39-45 a record of the town's sacrifice in the Second World War'. It is available from Tameside archives priced £2 and has many more pen portraits.



Community Spirit Shines at Annual Scarecrow Festival

The Gee Cross Scarecrow Festival returned on 27th and 28th September, with almost 30 entries, but there could only be one winner, and two runners up prizes, and with so many creative entries, it was always going to be a difficult choice for judge, and local celebrity, Tom Cassell, aka The Syndicate.

This annual family-friendly event was run by local councillor, Phil Chadwick, who reflected on the weekend: "It was touch and go whether the festival went ahead this year, given the tragic circumstances in the village and whether it was appropriate to do so. I decided to go ahead with it and I'm glad I did as seeing all the Facebook posts, interactions and people's faces, I'm glad I did. Hopefully next year there are more entries as a few did pull out last minute, but all in all



another great Scarecrow Festival and Tom Cassell enjoyed himself and he's looking forward to next year already". And he certainly is as he told us, "It was such an amazing day for the community, by the community! The creativity was next level, and I was so happy to be invited back to judge the contest! Can't wait to see what ideas people come up with next year!"

Melanie Broughton

Pictured:

- 1st Prize** - A Steve Irwin Inspired Scarecrow, complete with a crocodile-infested pool won first prize
- 2nd Prize** - Mary Poppins
- 3rd Prize** - Pop Mart Bunny

Tameside Stands Together at culture event

Communities came together at a 'My Culture, Your Culture, Our World' event to celebrate the different cultures and faiths in Tameside, as part of National Hate Crime Awareness Week.

Ashton Health Group, based at Ashton Central Mosque, organised the event held on 18 October through the GM Hate Crime Community Small Grants programme, administered by Tameside Council.

This was an excellent opportunity to bring communities together and connect with one another, showing unity and respect in our community, and highlighting the Mosque

as a welcoming place for all.

The event, featured an amazing variety of food tasting samples, activities such as arts and crafts, and information stalls for all to enjoy from seven different cultures within Tameside.



TAMESIDE REMEMBRANCE 2025

Over the weekend of November 8 and 9 and into Tuesday November 11, Tameside's towns, villages and communities will again be holding services and ceremonies to remember those who fell in the two world wars and many other conflicts.

Saturday 8 November

Audenshaw

Ryecroft Hall – Saturday 8 November – Wreath laying ceremony at 10.30am at the memorial stone in the grounds of Ryecroft Hall.

Memorial Gardens – Short Service and wreath laying ceremony at 12pm

Droylsden

Littlemoss – Saturday 8 November – Service of remembrance in the memorial garden, Lumb Lane, at 2.30pm

Sunday 9 November

Ashton

Ashton-under-Lyne, Central – Sunday 9 November - Parade assembles on Market Street 9am and proceeds to Ashton Parish Church for a remembrance service at 9.45am. Afterwards the parade will reassemble on Stamford Street and proceeds to Ashton War Memorial via the BT roundabout and Mossley Road for a wreath laying ceremony at 10:45am.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Cockbrook

- Service in St Gabriel's Church, Audley Street, at 9:30am followed by a wreath laying ceremony at 11.00am at the Stamford Square war memorial.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Hurst - Service in St John's Church at 9.30am followed by a procession via Kings Road to the war memorial in Hurst Cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony and planting of personal poppies at 11am.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Park Bridge

- Service of remembrance at the war memorial in the grounds of Park Bridge Institute at 10.45am.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Waterloo - Parade assembles at Cannon Burrows

Primary School, Oldham Road, at 2:15pm and proceeds to the Oldham Road war memorial for a service of remembrance at 2.30pm.

Audenshaw Cemetery

- Service of remembrance and wreath laying at the war memorial in Audenshaw Cemetery at 3pm.

Denton

Central - Parade assembles at 10am outside Denton West End Working Men's Club, Grosvenor Street, and leaves at 10:20am to the remembrance garden where a wreath will be laid. Parade continues to Denton Town Hall. At 10:45am, the parade will proceed along to the war memorial in Victoria Park for a service of remembrance at 10:55am.

Haughton Green - A service of remembrance will be held in St Mary's Church, starting at 10:30am, followed by a short wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial on the south side of the church.

Denton West - Wreath laying ceremony to be held at the memorial in Thornley Park at 1:30pm.

Droylsden

Central - Sunday 9 November - Parade assembles on Church Street and departs at 10am proceeding to Droylsden War Memorial for a remembrance service and wreath laying ceremony at 10.45am.

Dukinfield

Central – Sunday 9 November – Service of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony at 3pm at the Chapel Hill war memorial.





Hyde

Werneth Low – Sunday 9 November
– Procession will assemble at Lower Higham Visitor Centre, Higham Lane, leaving for the Werneth Low war memorial at 11:45am. A short service of remembrance and wreath laying ceremony will be held at 12pm.

Hyde, Central - Parade assembles on Greenfield Street at 2pm for departure at 2:10pm proceeding in a loop to arrive back at the town hall for a remembrance service at 2:30pm. This will be followed by a wreath laying ceremony at approximately 2.45pm.

Newton - Rosemount Methodist Church. Parade leaves Rosemount Methodist Church, Bennett Street, at 9:45am and proceeds to the war memorial outside the George and Dragon, Bennett Street, for a short service of remembrance and wreath laying ceremony at 10am.

Newton - St Mary's Church. Service held in St Mary's Church, Bower Street off Talbot Road at 10am. The parade will then travel to the Little Soldier at the junction of



Cartwright Street and Victoria Street where a wreath laying ceremony will be held at 11:45am.

Longdendale

Broadbottom - Parade assembles at Broadbottom Community Centre, Lower Market Street, at 10:30am and proceeds to the war memorial via Market Street and Mottram Road. An act of remembrance will be held at the war memorial at 10.45am.

Hollingworth - Remembrance service at St Mary's Church, Market Street, at 10am. Followed by a walk along the pavement to the war memorial, Mottram Moor, for a wreath laying ceremony at 10:50am and rededication.

Mottram - A service of remembrance will be held in Mottram Parish Church at 10.30pm.

Mossley

Central - Service of remembrance and wreath laying ceremony to start at 10:45am at the war memorial in Mossley Park.

Stalybridge

Central – Sunday 9 November – Parade will assemble in Armentieres Square at 10:15am and will proceed at 10:30am to Stalybridge War Memorial for a remembrance service and wreath laying ceremony at 10:55am.

Tuesday 11 November

Dukinfield

Town Hall Steps – Tuesday 11 November – National act of remembrance to be held outside Dukinfield Town Hall. The ceremony will include a two-minute silence at 11am.

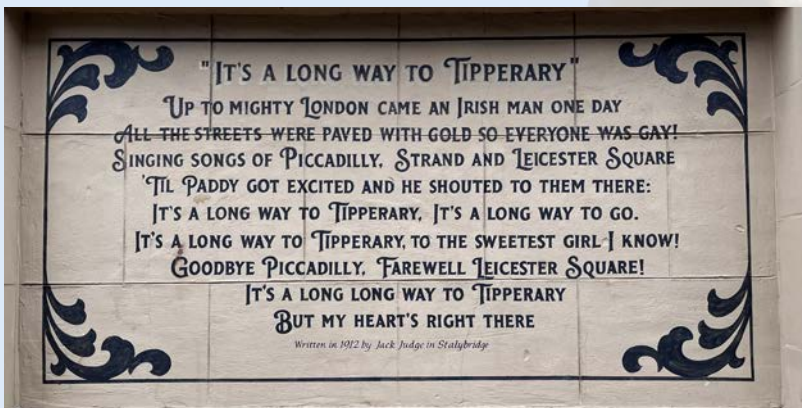
Hyde

Godley – Tuesday 11 November – Service of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony to be held at the war memorial on Godley Hill Road at 10:50am.

Stalybridge

Millbrook – Tuesday 11 November - Service of remembrance to be held at St James's Church, Millbrook at 10:50am.

Images by Howard Murphy





FUNDRAISERS AT 40

SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED

>> Back in 1985 when the Blackpool Doctor Who Exhibition closed its doors a group of friends that had met at the venue vowed to stay in touch. From that moment they talked about possibly dressing up and raising money for charity around Tameside initially. So that was the spark that started Hyde Fundraisers and the charity that all the volunteers agreed to support at the time was the BBC's Children in Need Appeal.

Joining several of the live broadcasts over the years the group made various presentations that began with a couple of hundred pounds to the highest amount presented reaching £15,000. Of course, over the past ten years or so the group have donated to many other worthwhile causes but have still consistently donated to Children in Need every year – even during Covid with an online fundraiser titled Trial Revisited. That particular promotion took a behind the scenes look at the groups Trial of Davros shows that took place in 1993 and 2005 presented by voice of K-9, John Leeson.

The association with BBC Children in Need has always strengthened the groups links with the Doctor Who Production office and lead to visits to BBC Dr Who exhibitions along with involvement in various tv appearances.

This months BBC Children in Appeal will be taking place on Friday 14th November.



Cookery Corner

Lamb Hotpot

Ingredients

- 700g large potatoes, peeled
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil, plus extra for brushing
- 1 large white onion, sliced
- 4 carrots, chopped into small pieces
- 12 lamb meatballs
- 450ml chicken gravy (leftover or bought)
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 thyme sprigs 2 thyme sprigs



Instructions

- Boil the potatoes in a saucepan of boiling water for 15 mins until par-boiled, then drain and leave to steam dry and cool.
- Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Heat the oil in a large frying pan and fry the onion for 10 mins or until starting to soften. Add the carrot and cook for 5 mins until tender. Tip the carrot and onion mixture into a large 2-litre ovenproof dish. Put the pan back over high heat. Fry the lamb meatballs, turning, until golden on the outside. Put the meatballs into the ovenproof dish. Pour over the gravy and tuck in the bay leaves and thyme sprigs.
- Thinly slice the cooled potatoes and arrange over the top of the meatballs. Brush the potato with 1-2 tsp oil and add a good grinding of black pepper. Bake in the oven for 20-25 mins until the potatoes are tender and starting to become crisp at the edges, and the gravy is bubbling.



We will have opened seven new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Resource Bases in mainstream schools across the borough after the Department for Education's (DfE) approval by the end of October. We are now in the process of inviting expressions of interest for phase 2 for September 2026.

These specialist places will provide over 100 additional places for children with SEND and help pupils stay closer to home and learn alongside their peers. All Resource Bases are fully functional and will be supported by specialist services like educational psychologists and speech therapy.

The new provision, made possible through a £1.5million investment from Tameside Council, is already making a difference - helping children settle quickly, thrive in their learning, and feel truly included. Greenfield Primary Academy in Hyde has warmly welcomed families and the wider school community. Their new purpose-built classrooms feature specialist resources and carefully designed learning spaces, including a soft play area, sensory zone, regulation area and outdoor learning spaces - all tailored to meet the individual needs of every child.

The success of the provision is down to the dedication and expertise of the staff team, who bring a wealth of experience and a genuine passion for supporting children with additional needs. Ongoing professional learning ensures



Cllr Leanne Feeley

staff remain up to date with the latest research and best practice in SEND education.

Parents are already seeing the difference. Danielle Lewis, parent of Eli, said: "My son is happy, and the staff are incredibly supportive. They understand his needs and are non-judgemental, which means so much to a SEND parent."

Academy Principal, Zoe Neophitou, said: "The feedback from parents, especially those of children with SEND, reflects the dedication of our staff and the strength of our provision. We remain committed to ensuring every child feels valued, supported and able to thrive whether in mainstream, or as part of our SEND Unit."

I am looking forward to seeing the new SEND units continuing to go from strength to strength in making a difference in supporting children and families across the borough. This investment into SEND education will also offer the opportunity of better outcomes for children who are able to have a school place to meet their individual needs closer to home.

Tameside Council Executive Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture Cllr Leanne Feeley



Quiz Challenge

1. What element's name comes from the Greek for "light bearing"?
2. What was the name of the fictional town in the 1998 film *The Truman Show*?
3. Which artist had periods named Blue, Rose and Crystal?
4. What name is given to a female rabbit?
5. Which brand makes the perfumes Addict, J'Adore and Poison?
6. What is nori, the traditional wrapping of sushi, made from?
7. In which US State is the city of Memphis?
8. When milk is coagulated to form cheese curd what is the name of the liquid that is released?
9. In which country did the modern day sport of pigeon racing originate in the mid-19th century?
10. Which monarch was the Gunpowder Plot designed to kill?
11. Which Councillor is next in line to become the Civic Mayor of Tameside in May 2026?
12. Currently Andy's Manclub in Tameside has clubs in Ashton, Stalybridge and which other town?
13. How many players make up an Aussie Rules football team?
14. A Garrote watch, Dagger Shoe and tape recorder camera were all gadgets featured in which James Bond film?
15. Bingo, Chilli, Honey, Miffin and Aunt Trixie are characters in which children's tv series?
16. What do the initials of the organisation NATO stand for?
17. Lady Gaga had which number 1 chart hit in January 2010?
18. Which was the first film in the "Carry On" film series?
19. How many letters are there in the Greek alphabet?
20. What building is pictured on a bottle of HP sauce?
21. Which animal lives in a drey?
22. According to the nursery rhyme, what did Tom Tom the Piper's son steal?
23. Which day of the week is named after the Norse God of thunder?
24. Which is the lightest metal?
25. In what year was the film *V for Vendetta*, a dystopian thriller, released at the cinema?
26. Where would you use a Windsor Knot?
27. On which date did the First World War end?
28. Which is the closest French port to England?
29. "Goodbye" was the title of the last episode of which comedy series?
30. What type of pastry is used to make the Greek dish Baklava?
31. Governor Ratcliffe, Meeko and Captain John Smith are characters in which Disney film?
32. List For Life, Perfect Day, Nightclubbing and Born Slippy were featured on which film soundtrack?
33. What is a period of play in a polo match called?
34. In which East Anglian city is Steve Coogan's character Alan Partridge based?
35. Of what is Gynophobia the fear?
36. Which actor played Two face in the film *Batman Forever*?
37. Which fruit has the Latin name *Rubus idaeus*?
38. At which year's winter Olympics did Great Britain's Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards compete in the ski-jumping competition?
39. In which opera does the characters Escamillo and Don Jose appear?
40. Who recorded the 2010 US number 1 "Firework"?

Stuck for an answer? Check page 30



November is a great time of year, lots of amazing changes in colour as the trees begin their winter sleep, though the downside is all the sweeping up too, though if you remove fallen leaves from lawns and borders and put them in a separate compost bin or even a black bin liner, they make good leaf mould. Yes, there are still things to do before the really bad weather takes hold.

Again, you could plant tulip bulbs, just select bulbs with different flowering times to prolong the flowering season, flowers in March and early April plant bulbs of the Kaufmanniana, Fosteriana and Greigii groups, but for flowers in April to early May try Swan hybrids and Parrot Tulips and for late May there are Rembrandt and multi flowering types. Now you need to cut back any herbaceous perennials except Penstemon which should be left so the stems protect the crown of the plant. It is also still a good time to lift and divide perennials that look overcrowded too. Let's not forget the lawn, if the weather is very mild and the grass is still growing you can cut it with the mower blades set at least 1½ inch high and while you're at it when putting the mower away for the final time give it a good clean and spray oil on any moving parts.

Our veg patch should not be overlooked, if the ground is not frozen or waterlogged, plant new cane, bush and fruit trees, not forgetting to mulch them too. Do not leave any rotten fruit to lay on the ground around fruit trees or bushes as they will carry infection on to next year and talking of infections if not already done put grease bands round both the trunk and stakes of fruit trees to prevent female moths climbing the trees and laying their eggs. On to the winter veg, you will need to remove any yellowing leaves from Brussel sprouts and stake if they look vulnerable to falling over, then snap the leaves on cauliflowers and bend them over the curd to protect them. Now if you have a vacant patch in the vegetable garden dig it over, weeding and incorporating well-rotted manure as you go.

But there are sights to see as well, there are some amazing colours on display alongside the Pampas grass, tall grass with even taller plumes called Cortaderia Selloana. Then we have Honeysuckle with creamy white sweet smelling flowers, Lonicera Fragrantissima. But by far the most striking is Callicarpa, this is a shrub with beautiful bright purple berries.

Book your winter vaccine(s) if you haven't already

As winter approaches, I'm urging everyone eligible to get their flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines.

The NHS is offering free flu jabs to people aged 65 and over, pregnant women, children aged 2 to 16, and those with certain health conditions. The COVID-19 vaccine is available to people aged 75 and over, care home residents, and anyone with a weakened immune system.

This year, the NHS is also offering the RSV vaccine to help protect against respiratory syncytial virus, which can be particularly dangerous for older adults and newborns. It's available to people aged 75 to 79, those who turned 80 after 1 September 2024, and pregnant women from 28 weeks onwards. Pregnant women are also encouraged to have the whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine, which is usually offered between 16 and 20 weeks of pregnancy, to protect your baby from whooping cough during their first few weeks of life.



Cllr Taf Sharif

Good health is one of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves and our loved ones. Taking simple steps like getting vaccinated not only protects you but also helps prevent the spread of illness in our communities. By staying well, we can keep our NHS strong, protect the most vulnerable, and enjoy the season with peace of mind.

Vaccines are safe, quick, and available at GP surgeries, pharmacies, and some maternity clinics. You can book via the NHS App, call 119, or speak to your GP or pharmacist.

If you want to find out more, head to gmintegratedcare.org.uk/winter-vaccinations.

Tameside Council Executive Member for Population Health and Wellbeing Cllr Taf Sharif

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Ted's fun page

Ted's Jokes!

What event do spiders love to attend?

Webbings.

How do billboards talk?

Sign language.

What happened when the frog's car broke down on the side of the road?

It gets toad away.

Why go to the paint store when you're on a diet?

You can get thinner there.

How do dog catchers get paid?

By the pound!

Why did a footballer take a piece of rope onto the pitch?

He was the skipper!

WEAR YOUR POPPY WITH PRIDE

This month we celebrate Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 9th

November in 2025, which is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those

that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. The main symbol of Remembrance is the poppy.

The poppy is the enduring symbol of remembrance of the First World War. It is strongly linked with Armistice Day (11th November), but the poppy's origin as a popular symbol of remembrance lies in the landscapes of the First World War.

Poppies were a common sight, especially on the Western Front. They flourished in the soil churned up by the fighting and shelling. The flower provided Canadian doctor John McCrae with inspiration for his poem 'In Flanders Fields', which he wrote whilst serving in Ypres in 1915. It was first published in Punch, having been rejected by The Spectator. In 1918, in response to McCrae's poem, American humanitarian



Moina Michael wrote 'And now the Torch and Poppy Red, we wear in honour of our dead!.. She campaigned to make the poppy a symbol of remembrance of those who had died in the war.

Artificial poppies were first sold in Britain in 1921 to raise money for the Earl Haig Fund in support of ex-servicemen and the families of those who had died in the conflict.

They were supplied by Anna Guérin, who had been manufacturing the flowers in France to raise money for war orphans. Selling poppies proved so popular that in 1922 the British Legion founded a factory – staffed by disabled ex-servicemen – to produce



its own. It continues to do so today.

All of the parts of our poppies can be recycled. After Armistice Day you can recycle your poppy at any Sainsbury's supermarket. There are also a variety of enamel poppy pins that you can wear instead of

a paper poppy. Wearing a poppy is a show of support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find 6 differences ?



Pets

The hardest thing in having a pet is the time when you have to say goodbye due to illness or old age or if there is an accident.

However tough, if you have to make the decision yourself it must be in the best interests for your pet no matter how heartbreaking that may be. Try to focus on the parts you can control. For example, you can ask your vet to come to your home, so that your pet may be more comfortable. You can also think about where your pet's resting place will be, and if they'll be buried or cremated after they've passed on.

Grieving a pet can be similar to mourning the loss of a family member. Some owners experience feelings of deep loneliness and isolation. Please don't worry or feel ashamed, these emotions are perfectly normal. Some people may not understand the intense feelings of sadness you may feel after losing a pet, but please remember there are people out there who understand. Talk to friends and family to share cherished memories you have with your pet.

Losing a pet can be very hard for children. Often, it will be their first experience of death and it can be difficult for them to understand what's happened to their friend.

It's best to be honest. Try not to use phrases like 'put to sleep' – this can be confusing, especially for younger children. They might think their pet is resting and will come back soon. It's also best not to tell them your pet has been 'rehomed' or 'gone to live somewhere else'. Your child might think it's their fault your pet is gone or hope that they come back again.

Younger children may not have much understanding of death but will miss their pet being around. They might ask you where the pet has gone and will be aware when you're



upset at the loss.

Older children will have more of an understanding. They might ask you questions like 'will my other pets be lonely?', 'what's happened to him now?' These questions might be hard for you when you're upset but it's important to answer them as openly and honestly as you can.

Don't rush to get a new pet. It might feel like that will help you and your children cope with their loss, but it can also delay the healing process or even trigger other confusing emotions. It's better to wait until the whole family is ready and excited to welcome another four-legged friend.

The Blue Cross also offer a pet bereavement service providing free, confidential support to anyone affected by losing of a pet.

Cats Protection have a confidential phone line called Paws to Listen, a service for any cat owner suffering grief or bereavement of a beloved pet.

For equine support, The British Horse Society's 'Friends at the End' is designed to make sure that no horse owner faces losing their companion alone.

For more online support for pet owners on this matter, the Animal Welfare Foundation and World Horse Welfare both share some good advice on saying goodbye too.



ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE

Motoring tips from Guide Bridge MOT & Service

Here's the second part of our look at purchasing an electric vehicle

Challenges to be aware of:

1. Upfront Cost

EVs can still be more expensive to buy new, though prices are falling and the second-hand market is growing quickly.

2. Charging Infrastructure

While charging networks are improving, access varies. We advise customers to plan longer trips carefully and install home charging where possible.

3. Range and Battery Life

Today's EVs usually offer 150–300 miles per charge, which suits most daily driving. Batteries also last much longer than many drivers expect, with warranties often covering 8 years or more.

How Local Drivers Can Prepare:

Explore Home Charging

If you have off-street parking, installing a home charger is the most convenient option.

Match Car to Lifestyle

If most of your journeys are local, an EV could already suit you perfectly. For longer commutes, a hybrid might be a stepping stone.

Consider Used EVs

The second-hand market is becoming more affordable and makes EV ownership more accessible.

Talk to Trusted Mechanics

At Guide Bridge MOT

& Service Centre, we're here to guide you. From advice on choosing the right EV to carrying out servicing and MOTs, we're committed to helping local drivers through the transition.

Our Commitment to the Future:

The motor industry is changing fast, and so are we. At Guide Bridge MOT & Service Centre, we've been investing in EV training, tools, and diagnostic equipment so we can continue to provide the same expert, friendly service that our community relies on. Whether you're already driving an EV, thinking about making the switch, or just want honest advice, we're here to help you navigate the change with confidence.

Final Thoughts:

The electrification of transport is one of the biggest shifts our industry has ever seen.

While it may feel uncertain, it brings real opportunities for drivers: cleaner air, lower costs, and a new driving experience.

As your local garage, our advice is simple — start learning, ask questions, and don't be afraid to explore your options. The road ahead is electric, and together we can make the journey smoother for everyone in our community.

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.



Mascots are a very effective way of promoting a business, and they create a fun factor for customers and shoppers alike.

They can make a very positive and relatable bond with people and serve as a very popular marketing tool for businesses.

Several years ago, the Ladysmith Shopping Centre introduced 'Dandy Lion' as their mascot. An imposing, colourful and fun character, Dandy could be seen almost every Saturday on the centre. He had a high-quality outfit with a bright mane of golden hair and was a mascot you could easily recognise and was a great ambassador for the centre, posing for photos with everybody – the children especially loved him!

A few years later, Tameside Markets ran a competition for children to draw and create a mascot for the markets.



The winning entry was a mascot called Maggie the Magpie, which was quickly adopted as the Markets' mascot.

Maggie proved very popular appearing at Ashton and Hyde indoor markets, Ashton's Sunday Farmers' Market and other events like the Christmas lights switch on and community safety events alongside the Police's own Panda mascot.

One great fun event was when Stalybridge Celtic Football Club invited various local mascots for a penalty shoot-out at Bower Fold in 2014 when Celtic played Leamington. Celtic's own Bower Badger, along with Manchester United's Fred the Red and Maggie the Magpie took part in a penalty shoot-out during half time of the game.

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QUIZ CHALLENGE ANSWERS

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| 1. Phosphorus | 15. Bluey | 28. Calais |
| 2. Seahaven | 16. North Atlantic Treaty Organisation | 29. Blackadder Goes Forth |
| 3. Picasso | 17. Bad Romance | 30. Filo |
| 4. Doe | 18. Carry On Sergeant | 31. Pocahontas |
| 5. Dior | 19. Twenty Four | 32. Trainspotting |
| 6. Seaweed | 20. The Houses of Parliament | 33. A chukka |
| 7. Tennessee | 21. Squirrel | 34. Norwich |
| 8. Whey | 22. A Pig | 35. Women |
| 9. Belgium | 23. Thursday | 36. Tommy Lee Jones |
| 10. King James I | 24. Lithium | 37. Raspberry |
| 11. Councillor Helen Bowden | 25. 2005 | 38. 1988 |
| 12. Denton | 26. On a Tie | 39. Carmen |
| 13. 18 | 27. November 11th, 1918 | 40. Katy Perry |

WHAT'S ON

A BRIEF ROUNDUP OF SOME ACTIVITIES THIS NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5TH

Time Out

King Street, Droylsden – From 10am

The first Wednesday of 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.

NOVEMBER 15TH

Christmas Lights Switch On/Northern Lights Winter Parade

Stalybridge town centre, from 5pm

The event will include a dazzling lantern parade as well as beautiful and atmospheric lights showcasing key features of the town.

Celebrations will also include a Christmas Craft Market located inside the Civic Hall.

NOVEMBER 21ST

Dukinfield Lights Switch On

Dukinfield Town Hall. 5.30-6.35pm

Fun fair, Entertainment, Father Christmas on his sledge.

NOVEMBER 22ND

Ashton's Christmas Event.

From 11am

There's Christmas fun at Ashton Market Hall with music, lights and entertainment.

Denton Switch On

Denton town centre

With festive lights, stalls and entertainment to celebrate the arrival of Christmas in the town.

NOVEMBER 27TH

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.

Denton Luncheon Club

Victoria Park Community Centre, Denton from 12noon

Denton East Councillors and volunteers provide an affordable 3 course lunch offering a chance to socialise and stay warm.

NOVEMBER 28TH

Audenshaw Lights Switch On

Ryecroft Hall, Audenshaw. 5-7pm

Entertainment on stage, Craft stalls in Ryecroft Hall, Fun fair, Father Christmas.

NOVEMBER 29TH

Droylsden Switch On

Droylsden Town Centre. From 12noon

Fun fair, Entertainment on stage, Stalls.

Santa Saturday

Ashton Market Hall, Ashton town centre from 11am – 2pm.

Come along and meet Santa and give him your Christmas list plus there's music from young Jack Doyle to entertain you too!

Hyde Switch On

Hyde Town Centre. From 12noon

Come along and support local traders, check out the Christmas Lights as Hyde welcomes Christmas with entertainers and fun.

FILM OF THE MONTH

WICKED FOR GOOD

Last year's global cinematic cultural sensation, which became the most successful Broadway film adaptation of all time, now reaches its epic, electrifying, emotional conclusion in



Wicked: For Good. Directed once again by award-winning director Jon M. Chu and starring the spectacular returning cast, led by Academy Award® nominated superstars Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande, the final chapter of the untold story of the witches of Oz begins with Elphaba and Glinda estranged and living with the consequences of their choices. Elphaba (Cynthia Erivo), now demonized as The Wicked Witch of the West, lives in exile, hidden within the Ozian forest while continuing her fight for the freedom of Oz's silenced Animals and desperately trying to expose the truth she knows about The Wizard (Jeff Goldblum).

GAMING - With Bobby Kent

KIRBY AIR RIDERS - NOVEMBER 20TH

After more than 20 years, the sequel to Kirby Air Ride is finally here! Featuring more simplified yet action-focused racing gameplay compared to Mario Kart, Kirby Air Riders has an expanded roster of 12+ riders, each with their own special abilities, allowing for new ways to experience the thrill of Kirby racing.



EVENT

NORTHERN LIGHTS WINTER PARADE NOVEMBER 15TH

The magical Northern Lights Winter Parade is set to make its highly anticipated return this winter on Saturday 15 November, marking the start of Tameside's festive celebrations.

The spectacular yearly event will take place in Stalybridge, offering a free evening of sparkling culture and celebration, combining unforgettable lantern displays and vibrant performances to create an electric atmosphere. Tameside Council, Global Grooves, Cabassa and No Eyed Theatre will collaborate with local community groups and volunteers and together will host an unforgettable evening to start the countdown to Christmas.



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