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## Rotary Celebrations

▶▶ Tameside Rotary had some very special celebrations at their February meeting, the first of which to celebrate the 80th Birthday of current president Mike Glover. It was also an opportunity to mark the 50th wedding anniversary of Manhar Taylor which the group passed on their congratulations.

Speaker at the event was Wendy Warrington – aka Wandathemidwife - who last year delivered the specialist baby incubator for use in war torn regions, it was delivered to a children's hospital in Ukraine just in time for Mother's Day. In January Tameside Rotary gave her £500 to support her relief work in Ukraine that she used on her visit that month to buy food and hygiene products that were desperately needed. At the February meeting Wendy was also presented with The The Paul Harris Fellowship which is widely considered the most prestigious award in Rotary, honouring individuals who contribute outstanding service to the community and dedication to the Rotary mission. If you can support Wendy you can find her on Instagram, TikToc and apply to join the facebook group for more information.



# Mossley Farmers Market wins big at national awards

➤➤ Mossley Farmers Market has won the hearts of local people since the day it launched and now it has gone even further by being named Best Small Speciality Market at the Great British Market Awards.

This is an outstanding achievement for a market that has been operating for just one year, having launched in 2025.

The monthly market, held on the last Sunday of each month, has quickly become one of Mossley's most popular community events. Visitors enjoy an impressive range of fresh food, handmade crafts, plants, treats and friendly traders, as well as family-friendly entertainment that makes every market day special. Attractions have included Laurel & Hardy tribute acts, interactive characters such as the Grinch, children's entertainment including dinosaurs, and even classic car displays, helping to create a lively and welcoming atmosphere for all ages.

The Great British Market Awards are organised by the National Association of British Market Authorities, NABMA, the leading body representing and supporting markets across the UK. NABMA promotes high standards in market management, professional development for market officers,



and champions the important role markets play in local communities.

The awards are judged by a panel made up of some of the most experienced market professionals in the industry, ensuring that winning markets truly demonstrate excellence, innovation, and community impact.

Cllr Stephen Homer, Tameside Council Executive Member for Towns, Transport and Connectivity, said: *"This is fantastic news. The market is more than just a shopping event - it's a celebration of everything that makes the Mossley community special. It's a chance to meet people, socialise, support local traders, and enjoy a day filled with community connections. A great big thank you to*

*the traders and community who have made it such a special event with their support and enthusiasm."*

## The judges praised Mossley Farmers Market for its:

- Strong support for small businesses and local makers
- Positive, community-focused atmosphere
- Wide range of entertainment and activities suitable for all ages
- Contribution to energising and enhancing Mossley's town centre

Residents are encouraged to keep an eye out for exciting announcements about the 2026 programme of events, as the markets programme continues to grow from strength to strength.

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# CRIMEWATCHERS DOG SHOW



➤➤ Droylsden's Crimewatchers organization had another dog show to support the security work they do around the town centre during evenings and early mornings.

On Sunday February 1st the event was hosted at The New Salisbury Club on Ashton Road in Droylsden. The show opened at 12pm with judging set to take place from 1pm with categories including Pedigree Puppy, any crossbreed puppy and classes featuring a variety of veteran dogs. There are quite a few fun classes too that include Prettiest Bitch, Wiggliest Tail, Dogs Most Like Their Owner and Fancy Dress to name a few.

Andy Lorne from Crimewatchers, who attended with dog Storm, was bowled over by the support they received and thanked The Salisbury Club, volunteers and all who brought their dogs along.

Crimewatchers is a local community patrol service born out of necessity and built on dedication. Our team of trained professionals help deter crime, support vulnerable residents, and enhance public safety across Greater Manchester.





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## Destiny In The Desert Launched in Hyde

Members of the Hatton Family came together at Hatton Gym in Hyde on February 10th for a press event to promote **Destiny In The Desert**.

They were joined by the two headline fighters for the April 11th fight, Eisa Aldah and Kel Brook along with former professional boxer Anthony Crolla who will be managing the UK team going over to Dubai.

The UAE's first professional boxer, Eisa Al Dah will face the UK's former World Champion Kell Brook for the WBC World Title, The Union Belt. Featuring

a full undercard of UAE Residents v Manchester UK fighters, plus celebrity guests. The event will be raising money for The Ricky Hatton Foundation and supported by Campbell Hatton with other family members.

The venue is The Agenda in Dubai on April 11th with an evening featuring tributes and honour the legendary Ricky "The Hitman" Hatton whilst also supporting the newly formed Ricky Hatton Foundation.

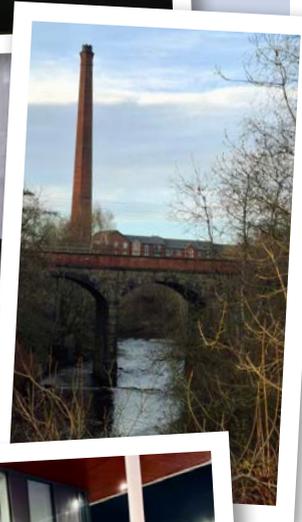
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Dukinfield Park – Sam Shaw



View From Hyde Cricket Club  
Michael Gray



Ashton Canal  
Sam Shaw



Ashton Sign – Howard Murphy

# Ashton Town Hall restoration – designs to go out for consultation

Plans to bring the Grade II listed Ashton Town Hall back to life are moving forward with new designs being drafted to start to show the building could be fully restored and reopened by 2030.

The council are being asked to approve up to £1 million to prepare a planning application and carry out surveys and technical work needed before construction can begin.

Ashton Town Hall is an important historic building in the centre of Ashton-under-Lyne. It has been closed since 2015, but earlier repairs funded by the Levelling Up Fund have already helped repair the historic façade and high stone parapet of the building. Work on the main steps will finish by Summer 2025.

The new plans show ideas for how the Town Hall could become a modern, welcoming place while still keeping its historic character. The ideas include a new entrance with lifts and a staircase, better access for everyone, and restoring old rooms to look closer to how they originally were. There could also be new spaces such as a restaurant, a coffee shop, and a new home for the Museum

of the Manchester Regiment. The ballroom and Council Chamber would also be restored for community, cultural and civic use.

The goal is to make the Town Hall a lively and vibrant building again, helping improve Ashton Town Centre and supporting local pride in the area's history.

A public engagement event is planned for March 2026, giving local people the chance to see the ideas and share their views.

Councillor Eleanor Wills, Leader of Tameside Council said: "Ashton Town Hall is one of our most treasured buildings, and I'm really pleased we're taking the next big step towards bringing it back into use. This project isn't just about restoring a historic landmark; it's about creating a place that the whole community can be proud of.

*With new spaces for culture, learning, food, and community activities, the Town Hall will once again be at the heart of Ashton. We want young people, families, and visitors to feel welcome here, and these plans will help make that happen.*

*I'm excited for residents to see the designs and share their views so that together, we can help shape a Town Hall that celebrates our history*



*while supporting Ashton's future."*

Councillor Andrew McLaren, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Growth, Housing and Homelessness added: "Restoring Ashton Town Hall is not just about protecting our heritage; it's about driving future growth. By creating new cultural and commercial spaces, we're investing in a town centre that attracts visitors, supports local businesses, and creates new opportunities for residents. This project will play a vital role in strengthening Ashton's economy for years to come."

The whole project is expected to cost around £25 million, and the Council plans to look for extra funding once listed building consent is approved. The project is also part of Tameside's involvement in the National Lottery Heritage Fund's "Heritage Places" programme, which supports local heritage and skills.

**If plans are approved, building work could start in March 2028 and finish in March 2030.**



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## Bank withdrawal

Ashton will lose its Halifax branch in June as the group makes a series of bank closures. Currently located in Arcades Shopping Centre customers will be able to utilise the facilities of the Lloyds branch on Old Street for banking services.

## Lifting weights or bags?

Gee Cross in Hyde is set to get a Sainsbury's and a PureGym built on the former Audi Approved Hyde site which closed down in March last year and has been sitting empty ever since.

## Off to Florida

Elements Extreme Cheer from Dukinfield are set to compete in Orlando Florida. Elements will be taking around 30 children and their families to Orlando at the start of April. The teams heading to the USA include junior lyrical, youth lyrical, junior hip hop and one of the cheer teams, with competitors aged roughly between 10 and 16.

## This is the way

Leading the characters at Hyde Fundraisers Sci-Fi Day on May 2nd in Ashton will be The Mandalorian. He is certainly bound to be a popular figure with the feature film The Mandalorian & Grogu due to hit cinemas on May 22nd!

## Space for spaces

Tameside council has submitted proposals to build a new 171-space car park on Waterloo Road in Stalybridge. It represents an important step in the ambitious scheme to transform the area and support future growth, the town hall says.

## Community Growth

Shree Bharatiya Mandal in Ashton marked India's Republic Day with a vibrant flag-hoisting ceremony, followed by the official opening of a new community polytunnel funded through generous donations from local supporters.

## Heritage Inspired

Students from Clarendon Sixth Form College in Ashton-under-Lyne have a striking new exhibition inspired by Portland Basin Museum and its collections. Student's work is displayed throughout the museum, positioned alongside the historic objects and displays that sparked their ideas.

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## Apprentices and employers celebrated during annual awards

Tameside College celebrates the achievements of apprentices and employers with awards ceremony.

➤➤ The college's annual apprenticeship awards evening took place in the lead up to National Apprenticeship Week 2026 on Tuesday 3rd February, at Dukinfield Town Hall.

Apprentices were joined by their families and friends for the special occasion, alongside employers, members of the college's senior leadership team and guest of honour Gert Rohrmann, Training and Development Manager at Siemens.

Apprentice winners, who were rewarded for their hard work and success included Amber King, who has progressed from All Saints Catholic College to a dental nursing apprenticeship at Eagle House Dental.

Another apprentice who received an award was Olivia Williams, who is now working as a carpentry and joinery apprentice with Jigsaw Homes, after progressing from high school.

Employers were also presented with Train Tameside 500 'champion' awards. Train Tameside 500 is a boroughwide initiative led by Tameside College to create 500 training and employment opportunities through a partnership between local industry, further education and Tameside Council, boosting the local economy and developing the borough's workforce.

Bridge Construction North West Ltd, one of the new employer champions, were praised for supporting apprentices from the college and investing in the growth of their careers.

The awards ceremony forms part of the college's National Apprenticeship Week 2026 celebrations, which aim to highlight the benefits of apprenticeships to potential students and employers.

Throughout the week, which began on Monday 9th February, Tameside College has organised a variety of activities for students and employers. Apprenticeship success stories were also shared throughout the week.

Carl Shaw, assistant principal, said: "It was fantastic to see so many apprentices, employers and partners come together during the apprenticeship awards event, all playing a vital role in shaping the future of skills and training across Tameside. Through our new Train Tameside 500 initiative, we are working closely with employers to offer expert support across apprenticeships, T-levels, work placements, funding and innovation. Apprenticeships and skills training are the backbone of both our local and national economy, creating life changing opportunities for individuals while giving businesses the workforce they need to grow and succeed. I would like to congratulate all of the apprentices and employers who received awards during the event; their hard work, dedication and achievements are a real credit to themselves and the industries they represent."

Tameside College offers a wide range of apprenticeships in a variety of subject areas. To find out more visit the college website or call 0161 908 6600.

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# SHOWING SOME LOVE AT ASHTON MARKET

Ashton Market Hall burst into colour, creativity and community spirit once again as Love in the Market returned on Saturday 14th February.

The event was back after a spectacular reception in 2025, Tameside College's free one-day cultural event, Love in the Market, brought live music, puppetry, performance and free family activities.

The event has been created and delivered by creative industry students from Tameside College, taking part in Tameside New Creatives, a professional development programme led by Curated Place. Working with professional artists and mentors, the students programmed the event from start to finish, transforming the historic market hall into a lively space for culture, creativity and community.

Across the day, audiences were entertained by exciting bands playing classics and new material, family theatre and puppetry and hands-on creative workshops all for free.

Love in the Market was the culmination of several months of learning and collaboration through Tameside New Creatives, a programme supported by Tameside Council, the UK government through the Flexible Local Authority Grant (FLAG).



# MARKET NEWS



Spring is here and this month we are delighted to announce a new monthly market coming to Ashton town centre. Little Owl Artisan will take place the third Saturday of the month with first this year on March 21st.

The same day will see Real Deal Records back at Ashton Market Hall with their record fair and a special event in association with Ashton Town Team funded through the UK Governments Pride In Place funding.

Maybe you are looking for a gift for Mother's Day, if so why not visit Julie's Wax Melts for some inspiration at the rear of Ashton Market Hall. Looking for great freshly prepared food? Nat's Bombay Kitchen offers Indian, Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Vegan Options and Halal menu items and is consistently highly rated on trip advisor. Located alongside Nat's is Tarps Filipino Fusion Street Food which offers tasty dishes like Lava Salad, Pork Lumpia or the delicious Filipino Pork BBQ. You can also visit Dina Persian Meals located at Stall 49B, offering Eat-in and Takeaway service.

At Hyde Market Hall you'll find The Egg & Bread stall located on the first floor. The Lower ground floor has

Buddies café which has daily deals including tea or coffee with a bacon or sausage muffin for £4.20! You can also enjoy their Big Breakfast featuring 3 bacon, 3 sausage, egg, beans, tomato, mushrooms and 2 toast for £7.95!

Gentlemen are you needing a trim? At Carls Barbers on the lower ground floor you can grab a haircut Mon-Tues 9am-4.30pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am -2.30pm and Saturday 9am until 4pm. Taunton Pet Supplies is under new management with an even better range of food and pet accessories for your dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles and small pets.

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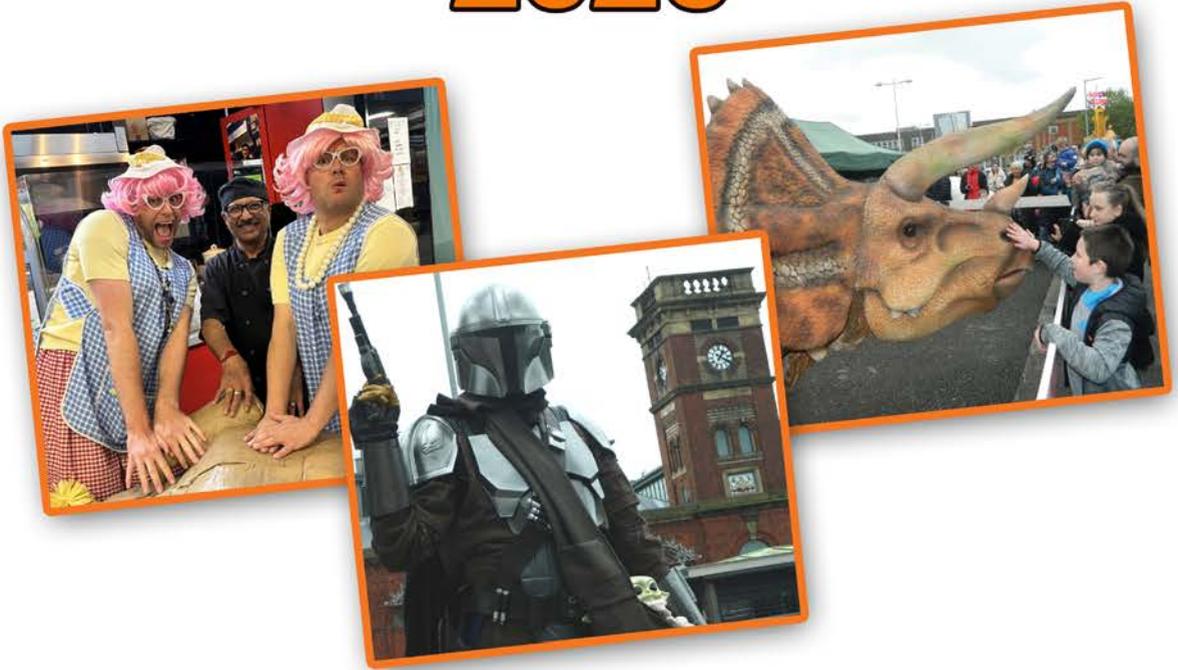
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# ASHTON EVENTS 2026



Ashton is set for a year of vibrant community events thanks to the first allocation of Pride in Place funding. The Ashton Neighbourhood Board has confirmed that £8,000 will be allocated to Ashton's Town Team to deliver a programme of seasonal activities designed to boost footfall, support local businesses, and celebrate the town's unique character and will tie in with the opening of the redeveloped Market Square this Summer!

## So What's On in 2026?

- Amazing Ashton (March 21) – Live music, comedy entertainment, and family activities.
- Sci-Fi Celebration (May 2) – The annual event organised by Hyde Fundraisers
- Independent Business Awards (July) – Recognising and promoting Ashton's independent traders.
- Dinosaur Show (August 8) – Interactive dinosaur puppets and displays for families.
- Heritage Day (September 19) – Photo exhibits and heritage panels celebrating Ashton's history.
- Small Business Saturday (December 5) – Festive crafts, giveaways, and character appearances

Plus don't forget every third Saturday is our Artisan Market and bi monthly the Real Deal Record fair! There's also great activity organised by Monopoly Events like Streetlife on June 6th and Halloween around the Market Avenue area!



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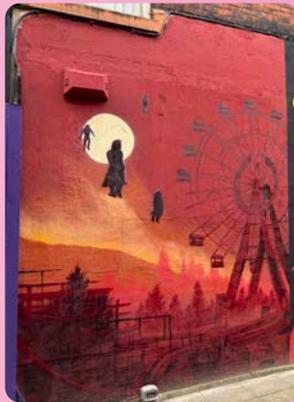


## LOST BOYS CAN BE FOUND IN ASHTON

The iconic vampire horror film *The Lost Boys* has now made its mark in Ashton town centre thanks to Andy Kleek and Monopoly events.

Located on Wood Street in the area between the old Sorrentos and To The Moon and Back, the huge painting captures the key bridge scene in the film together with a montage of the main characters. Other themed attractions from the film are planned, including a Hole-in-the-Wall *Lost Boys* themed fast-food outlet along with an Interactive *Lost Boys* Cave – dive beneath Market Avenue and feast with vampires! They also suggest that cast members from

The *Lost Boys* will also visit twice a year for exclusive, one-off events. This new addition is certainly something unique for Ashton and builds on the various activities Monopoly Events have invested in over the past year, with the next Streetlife scheduled to take place on June 6th!



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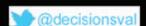
  
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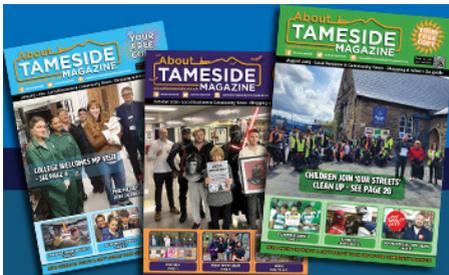
# STUDENTS CELEBRATE BURNS NIGHT

➤➤ The Restaurant @ Tameside One hosted its own Burns Night Celebration on January 28th complete with a Scottish piper.

The traditional menu featured Treacle, Whiskey Cured Salmon, Beef Fillet, Neaps & Tatties, Haggis, Swede puree and to finish Cranachan Whiskey syrup with Toasted Oats. Students had worked hard in preparing the venue theming and working both in the kitchen preparation and serving. The restaurant gave an opportunity for students to have real world learning and interaction in a busy venue providing invaluable experience in their course.

There are plans to join in with this year's Ashton Sci-Fi Day with a special themed Star Wars meal on Thursday May 7th in association with Hyde Fundraisers.

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## LEAP Community Green

LEAP Community Green is helping people improve their mental health, reduce isolation and reconnect with nature through welcoming outdoor wellbeing groups across Dukinfield, Hyde and Ashton.

Our groups create friendly spaces where people can spend more time outdoors, meet new people, learn new skills or build on existing ones. Activities include growing vegetables, seed sowing, companion planting, seasonal workshops, nature play and relaxed social gardening. No experience is needed — just a willingness to get involved.



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| TUESDAY   | Sister Shed         | 10am-12pm       | BLOOM Allotments, Grange Road South, Hyde SK14 5NP           |
|           | Allotments For All  | 10am-1pm        | Community Green Allotment, Meadow Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 4AN |
| WEDNESDAY | Coffee, Grow & Chat | 6.45am - 9.45am | LEAP Centre, Clyde Street, Ashton, OL7 0NQ                   |
|           | Garden Gang         | 9.45am-11.15am  | Community Green Allotment, Meadow Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 4AN |
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# FUNDRAISERS EVENT IS HOT STUFF

➤➤ On February 17th local voluntary group Hyde Fundraisers held a special event at the award-winning Indian Plaza in Audenshaw. The 'Character Curry' fundraising event was held in association with the restaurant and Councillor Denise Ward.

The restaurant hosted Laurel & Hardy, Wallace & Gromit, Joker, Predator, BB8, Spiderman, Stitch and even a Gorilla from Planet of the Apes. There was also musical entertainment too from young Jack Doyle and Roger Degenero.

SP Bowling from Hyde Fundraisers said: "This is the second time we have done this event and huge thanks to everyone who came and

gave their support. Special thanks to Maf and all the Plaza staff who were excellent along with the hard work Denise and Dave put in during the evening with the raffle. The actual evening with tickets, raffle and donations raised £2,200"

During the event the group made donations of £300 to Tameside Young Carers, Willow Wood Hospice, Reubens Retreat, KidsCan and The Ricky Hatton Foundation.

Hyde Fundraisers confirmed that they will be back in Ashton on May 2nd for the annual Ashton Sci-Fi Day which will include an appearance from The Mandalorian!

**Images by Howard Murphy/  
Massimino Malacrino**







# Former Hyde Library sold with plans moving forward for new homes

➤➤ The successful sale of the former Hyde Library building to Hyde Court Ltd has been confirmed by Tameside Council, paving the way for a major residential redevelopment that will deliver 102 new homes in the heart of Hyde town centre.

The project, was granted planning approval in July 2025, will preserve the historic façade of the Victorian library, bringing the long-vacant site back into use.

**Under the plans submitted by Hyde Court Ltd, the redevelopment will include:**

- Fifty-three apartments within the refurbished and extended former library building
- Thirty-four apartments in a new three-storey block
- Fifteen apartments in a second, smaller block on the site
- The homes will be a mix of sizes, and there will also be spaces for cars and bikes.

The multi-million-pound scheme forms part of the wider Hyde Masterplan and is viewed as a key step in revitalising the town centre. The building, which has stood empty since library services relocated to Hyde Town Hall in 2015, has suffered from years of deterioration and vandalism.

Councillor Hugh Roderick, Tameside Council, Executive Member for finance and resources said: *"The sale and redevelopment of the former library marks a significant moment for Hyde. This building is an important part of our heritage, and Hyde Court Ltd's investment will ensure it is brought back into use with the care it deserves. Restoring this much-loved landmark while delivering high-quality new homes is exactly the kind of regeneration that strengthens our town centre."*

Graham Dutt Director for Hyde Court Ltd said: *"This is an exciting opportunity to bring a landmark building back into meaningful use and to contribute to the long-term revitalisation of Hyde town centre. Preserving the historic character of the former library while delivering high-quality, modern and sustainable homes is central to our approach. We're pleased to be working collaboratively with Tameside Council and look forward to delivering a scheme that the community can be proud of."*

Forts Developments part of Forts Group Ltd has been appointed as the main contractor for the scheme, leading the construction and refurbishment works. Jeton Osmani director for Forts Developments



said: *"We are proud to be delivering this important project for Hyde. Restoring a heritage building of this significance while creating contemporary, energy-efficient homes is exactly the kind of work we specialise in. We look forward to working closely with Hyde Court Ltd and Tameside Council to achieve a high-quality outcome for the community."*

The redevelopment is expected to deliver a mix of one, two and three bedroom apartments, along with car and cycle parking to support future residents. The scheme is anticipated to act as a catalyst for further investment in Hyde, aligning with the town's long-term regeneration strategy.



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# Local Studies and Archive Centre recognised for high standards

Tameside's Local Studies and Archive Centre has once again been recognised for its high standards, retaining its accredited status for the seventh consecutive year.

A volunteers' afternoon was held at the end of January at the Local Studies Centre, to celebrate the award and a certificate of achievement was received by the team.

Tameside Council's centre has met the agreed UK standards for archive services on its policies, processes and engagements. As a result, it

can remain a place of deposit for documents such as council and court records.

This achievement reflects the hard work and passion of both Tameside Council staff and local volunteers, who have contributed over 1,000 hours over the past year.

The team work to preserve documents in controlled temperatures and organise a range of file types for residents to access, they also assist with family history research, cleaning archives, scanning photographs, and much more.

The National Archives Accreditation Panel recognised that this is a "well-managed archive service, delivered by a new team that has successfully come together over the last year".

Tameside Council Executive Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture Cllr Leanne Feeley said: "The team and volunteers at Local Studies have done an incredible job to help retain accredited status and it is such a testament to their hard work. Their attention to detail and genuine passion for the roles has kept Local Studies a place of deposit, and the recognition is truly deserved."



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# CARNIVAL UPDATE

➤➤ **Stalybridge Carnival will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary later this year. To mark this milestone Stalybridge Festival Committee (in partnership with Dukinfield & Stalybridge Rotary Club) is planning a bumper Carnival befitting of this occasion.**

As in recent years the Festival Committee will be holding a Stalybridge Spring Show in Cheetham Park on Sunday 3rd May (11am until 4pm) to help raise valuable funds towards this year's Carnival. Watch this space for more details.

Event Organiser, Ian Cochrane, said: "Stalybridge Carnival has very much become an integral part of our heritage and culture. We have been working hard behind the scenes planning the Carnival and are pleased to announce that we have joined forces with the global Carnival arts group - Global Grooves based in Mossley to add some extra magic to the parade."

We are planning to have a float in the Carnival for our former Stalybridge Carnival Queens who can contact us via our email address [stalybridgefestival@outlook.com](mailto:stalybridgefestival@outlook.com) if they would like to join us in the parade."

"Once again, we are planning a fun packed family day of activities in Cheetham Park including a large family fun fair, many craft and community stalls, hot food and live entertainment in the Performance Arena."

The Festival Committee will also be working with Stalybridge Motor Bike Club who themselves are celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2026 and will be hosting a Motor Bike Show in Cheetham Park on Carnival Day.

It all adds up to being an unforgettable date. So put the date in your diary now – Sunday 28th June.

**Ian Cochrane**  
On behalf of Stalybridge Festival Committee



## Working for your community? Need Funds?

➤➤ 'Small Grants, Big Difference' is the name Tameside Rotary has given to its community cash awards scheme aimed at offering small grants of up to £500 to local groups, charities, clubs, societies, and other organisations supporting community life in Tameside.

Throughout the year, Tameside Rotarians (volunteers) hold fundraising events and then the proceeds are distributed back into the community. The grants available now are the result of the generous support given by residents and local businesses to the Tameside Rotary Santa Float collection in 2025.

Tameside Rotary is now keen to hear from a wide range of groups, supporting a broad range of causes, where a grant award would help make a difference to those they are striving to serve in the local Tameside community.

Last year, Tameside Rotary's 'Small



'Grants Big Difference' scheme was able to distribute cash grants to twenty seven local groups from across the Borough supporting a diverse range of projects including preparing and delivering hot meals to vulnerable people; developing and running community hubs, gardens and transforming local green spaces; working with children across environmental and art/cultural related projects; recycling projects; various support groups who provide help and care for those living with

dementia, mental health concerns; loneliness or isolation or potentially life limiting conditions; support for Scouts and Brownies and purchase of key equipment or materials to support fundraising or community led activities.

**Groups will need to apply quickly as the closing date is 27th March 2026. Guidance notes and an application form are available from Tameside Rotary's website [www.TamesideRotaryClub.com](http://www.TamesideRotaryClub.com)**

# Quiz Challenge

1. If you ordered PULPO in a Spanish restaurant, what would you expect to be served?
2. Which movie won the Oscar for Best Animated Feature when it was first introduced in 2001?
3. In TV sets what do the letters OLED represent?
4. What meat is generally used to make a Cornish Pasty?
5. The character "Rum Tum Tugger" appears in which musical?
6. Which Disney character has been played in movies by both Julie Andrews and Emily Blunt?
7. Who wrote the novel "Robinson Crusoe"?
8. In an alphabetical list of the planets in our solar system which comes first?
9. From which flower is the spice Saffron obtained?
10. What is the principle ingredient of Marinara Sauce?
11. Who was the first Tudor monarch?
12. The novel "Lord of the Flies" was first published in 1954, who was the author?
13. What river flows through the city of Vienna?
14. Chief Inspector Dreyfuss was played by which actor in the Pink Panther films?
15. What is the square root of a quarter?
16. What was the gangster Al Capone's full first name?
17. In the game of basketball what is the one word term for carrying the ball without bouncing it?
18. From which animal does the meat mutton come?
19. Millie Gibson who played Dr Who companion Ruby Sunday comes from which Tameside town?
20. What instrument was James Galway famous for playing?
21. In credit agreements, what does the abbreviation APR stand for?
22. Of what is Trichology the study?
23. What is the name of the Griffin family's talking dog in the TV series "Family Guy"?
24. Which vitamin is known as Ascorbic Acid?
25. Which organisation has the motto "Blood and Fire"?
26. In Rugby Union what number is generally worn by the fly-half?
27. If you lied under oath in court what offence would you be guilty of?
28. In which Ian Fleming novel did James Bond make his first appearance?
29. What type of creature is a Shearwater?
30. What type of cheese is the favourite of TV's "Wallace and Gromit"?
31. Which was the first James Bond theme to be nominated for an Oscar?
32. Which gland in the human body produces Insulin?
33. In a standard pack of playing cards, how many red cards are there?
34. Who played Eva Peron in the movie "Evita"?
35. Which airport has the code LGW?
36. Which county was the tv series Happy Valley set?
37. Does Your Mother Know was released by ABBA in what year?
38. What was the name of the character played by Richard Wilson in TV's "One Foot in the Grave"?
39. By what name do we know dried plums?
40. Michael Ball & Captain Sir Tom Moore had a number 1 cover version of what song in April 2020?

# Mayor Recognises Fundraisers Anniversary

➤➤ Civic Mayor of Tameside, Cllr Shibley Alam and her consort, Mr. Mohammed Khairul Alam, invited volunteers from Hyde Fundraisers to the Mayors Parlour on Wednesday January 21st.

Amongst the volunteers were one of the groups founding members, Andrew Crombie from Hyde, who built several props in the early 1990's including two full size Daleks. One of his Daleks featured in the season finale of last year's Dr Who series in a flashback to a Jon Pertwee adventure from the 1970's.

Other members included Cheryl Revell from Ashton who has created some of the costumes for the group and Melanie Broughton from Gee Cross who has been involved over 20 years. Another guest was robot BB8 created by volunteer Pete Brocklehurst from Godley.

The mayor praised the organisation and the work of the volunteers presenting a certificate of

appreciation for all the support they have given since 1985 to various good causes.

**The group's next event will be this year's Sci Fi Day in Ashton on May 2nd.**



# CHARITY BALL IN ASHLEY'S MEMORY RAISES OVER £19K FOR WILLOW WOOD

➤➤ More than 200 guests dressed to impress for an emotional and uplifting evening at The Premier Suite & Lounge in Audenshaw, as family, friends and supporters came together to honour the memory of Ashley Butterworth.

The Ashley B Charity Ball, organised by Bryan Butterworth, John Havern and the team at Premier Events and Memorabilia, raised an incredible £19,542.65 for Willow Wood Hospice – with the final total still expected to rise.

The glittering event, held on 24th January at the Corporation Road venue, was in honour of Ashley, who received end-of-life care at the Hospice in Ashton-under-Lyne. For his dad Bryan, the evening was both

a tribute and a thank you.

*"I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved, as well as those who donated and attended the Ball. With the help and generosity of so many people, we raised £19,542.65.*

*"Our aim was to thank Willow Wood Hospice for the care they gave to my son Ashley in his final days with us. They are amazing in the way they cared for him and us as a family, so we decided we were going to raise awareness and as much money as we could to help the Hospice".*



Bryan now hopes the Ashley B Charity Ball can become an annual fixture, continuing to raise both funds and awareness for the vital work carried out by the Hospice.



March is the ideal time of year to start planning your veg patch, what you would like and where to put it. Although some veg is cheaper to buy, why not go to the effort of growing your own?

Well simply put to the taste, home grown straight from the ground carrots, beetroot, potatoes and even the humble lettuce are a different taste from fresh and not the shop bought bland taste.

It all starts with the seeds, picking the right ones and getting the right equipment to do the job. Supermarkets sell basic compost and even seeds, Wilkinson's have a good range of seeds that are low cost and have proven reliable, while pound shops are good for things like peat pots and even containers.

If you really want to sow something special a trip to the garden centre is needed, more so for some good advice as to what you can grow well in the space and soil you have. Everyone, no matter what size of garden, should be able to grow veg.

This is also the time you can sow tomatoes under glass or on your windowsill. One seed into a small pot and keep warm to germinate. Water carefully with a mist spray until it gets established.

Many vegetables can be started in March depending on the size of your garden and either grown under glass or covered by cloches or a plastic greenhouse. You could sow lettuces in the greenhouse for planting out later on, rocket into a container for an early crop. Early Potatoes can be planted out with frost protection,

given our very mild weather this year, make sure you have had them in the light to allow eyes to grow into big buds, then on a warmer day they will be ready to go out. Onion sets and garlic can be planted into containers and will do very well if covered to keep them warm. Garlic keeps really well if stored in a cool place it will be good to eat well into the following year it was harvested.

This is a great time to start germinating your favourite herbs, like Basil, Dill, Parsley, Chives and Coriander are all good to have to hand. Herbs can be germinated on a windowsill or under glass but you need to know that Basil and Coriander are quite tender and really like it warm so don't plant out until May, though if your windowsill is big enough you could keep them indoors. Parsley is best seeded where it is to grow and it can be tricky to germinate, it needs some warmth. If you want to try something different Mint Basil is easy to grow and great in meat dishes, start off under glass the same as Basil. Chives will live in the garden all year round and are just starting to grow now. An additional benefit of chives is that they are loved by bees and butterflies.

The last thing to mention is slugs, as the spring arrives so do they, and if you don't want to lose young shoots to them then a favourite way of killing slugs are beer traps, effective but smelly! Any value cheap beer will do, the slugs are not connoisseurs of real ale, just fill the trap.

# Cookery Corner

## Veggie shepherd's pie with sweet potato mash

### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, halved and sliced
- 2 large carrots (500g/1lb 2oz in total), cut into sugar-cube size pieces
- 2 tbsp thyme chopped
- 200ml red wine
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 2 vegetable stock cubes
- 410g can green lentils
- 950g sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 25g butter
- 85g vegetarian mature cheddar, grated

### Instructions

- Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a frying pan, then fry 1 halved and sliced large onion until golden.
- Add 2 large carrots, cut into sugar-cube size pieces and most of the 2 tbsp chopped thyme, reserving a sprinkling for later.
- Pour in 200ml red wine, 150ml water and a 400g chopped tomatoes, then crumble in 2 vegetable stock cubes and simmer for 10 mins.
- Tip in a 410g can of green lentils, including the juice, then cover and simmer for another 10 mins until the carrots still have a bit of bite and the lentils are pulpy.
- Meanwhile, boil 950g sweet potatoes, cut into chunks, for 15 mins until tender, drain well, then mash with 25g butter and season to taste.
- Pile the lentil mixture into a pie dish, spoon the mash on top, then sprinkle over 85g grated vegetarian mature cheddar and the remaining thyme. The pie can now be covered and chilled for 2 days, or frozen for up to a month.
- Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Cook for 20 mins if cooking straightaway, or for 40 mins from chilled, until golden and hot all the way through. Serve with broccoli.



# Pets

This month Amelia Graham takes a look at things to consider if you were looking to keep a horse.

- Horses are a huge responsibility and require much more care than a cat or a dog. They have to be groomed, exercised and fed daily as well as other jobs such as cleaning out the stable.
- The upkeep of horses can often be very expensive with things such as stable rent, shoeing, vet bills and supplies to name a few.
- As mentioned, horses require daily care all year round, including the wintertime. So, you must be fully committed to its care and well being.
- Before buying a horse I think it is very important to gain knowledge and experience, possibly attending a riding school or loaning a horse to ensure you would be able to cope with the responsibility of being a full time owner.
- Before you get a horse, be mindful of the type and temperament you require, this would determine which breed would be best for you. Be honest with yourself about your ability and how much time you



- have to invest in the horse. A younger horse would require a lot more of your time, especially if they are not yet broken to ride. For a novice rider, an older schoolmaster type would be better suited for you, however much you want a four-year-old.
- A second opinion from an experienced rider can help make process easier if this is your first time buying a horse.
- Many people who have experience with buying horses say that they will never buy a horse that the seller refuses to ride. If the person who is selling the horse to you won't ride it themselves but claims the horse is perfectly safe, there is a strong possibility that they are not being honest with you.
- It is important to check all the legal documentation of the horse before you purchase it to ensure that the sale is genuine.



**After a long and rewarding career in teaching, I understand how demanding it can be to provide stimulating, fun, and sociable activities to keep children occupied.**

For parents, this can be a dilemma faced when school holidays come around. Finding suitable childcare to fit around work and other commitments can sometimes feel a little tricky. That's why I wanted to shine the light on a fantastic service we have been offering in Tameside for many years.

The Family Information Service (FIS) offer support on childcare, early education, and family services over the phone and email, and are now providing face-to-face advice from Tameside's family hubs.

They can help families navigate childcare options from birth up to school age, as well as wider support for children up to 18 years old, or up to 25 years old for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). FIS advisers can provide clear guidance on accessing Ofsted-registered childcare, including private day nurseries, pre-schools, playgroups, childminders, nursery classes, out-of-school

clubs, and holiday clubs. This includes understanding childcare funding options such as 30 hours free childcare, 15 hours early learning, and Tax-Free Childcare.

The team help families who are new to childcare or finding it difficult to secure a place that meets their needs – including a brokerage service where they can contact childcare providers on a family's behalf to explore availability. They can help with applying for free school meals or completing online applications for primary and secondary school places.

In addition, there is guidance for those looking at becoming a registered childminder or setting up a childcare business.

Depending on a family's enquiry, the team can also make referrals to other services and provide contact details for additional support.

You can find out when the team are at family hubs at [www.tameside.gov.uk/fis](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/fis). To book an appointment or make an enquiry, call 0161 342 4260 from Monday to Friday between 9am–12.30pm and 1.30pm–5pm. The team can also be emailed at [fis@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:fis@tameside.gov.uk).

Tameside Council Executive Member for Children and Families Cllr Teresa Smith





## ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE

Motoring tips from Guide Bridge MOT & Service

**No oil in your vehicle will certainly affect the performance along with worn brakes and these are two elements of car maintenance that should never be ignored but do you ever consider the condition of your tyres?**

A customer came into our workshop with tyres on his vehicle that in the mechanics words 'Goodness gracious why are you running on slicks!' For those who don't know 'slicks,' are racing tyres that have no tread.

Not only are you putting yourself and other road users in danger on the roads you are also risking the balance on your bank account.

Any driver that is caught with a tyre depth below the legal limit of 1.6mm across three quarters of the tyre is facing a fine of £2500 and three penalty points for each tyre on the vehicle... so in essence you could be banned from driving and face a £10,000 fine and it's the driver behind the wheel NOT the owner or registered keeper of the vehicle that will receive the fine from those boys in blue. In reality it may not just be the fine for the bald tyres you are paying for.

We urge our customers to change their tyres at a safe 3mm tread to preserve

the handling and steering and more importantly the stopping of the car! The increase in the stopping distance of a car with bald tyres is 40% to stop from 50mph in dry conditions which is equivalent to eight car lengths and on wet roads this increases again.

The weather in our part of the country is notoriously wet as we know and when it rains the grooves in a tyre help to channel the water away so that the tyre can keep the contact with the road and helps to prevent aquaplaning, but when the tread is too low the risk increases and could result in anything from difficulty stopping to a complete loss of vehicle control.

Many motorists will continue to wait for the MOT Tester to point out the badly worn tyres at the time of test which we find hard to take in however for those drivers who would like peace of mind we are more than willing to give your 'four corners' a quick look over and make sure you and your family are safe out there on our roads.

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## We're celebrating World Social Work Month

This month we're celebrating our passionate and dedicated social care teams, for being the difference by keeping children at the heart of everything they do and helping adults to live well in the place they call home.

World Social Work month is the perfect opportunity for us to shine a light on how proud we are of Team Tameside, for being the difference they make in people's lives through social care.

Through a series of videos shared on Tameside Council's social media channels, colleagues from across social care have spoken about why they love their roles and the difference they make to residents and families. It's also been fantastic to see teams embracing a wide range of training



Cllr Teresa Smith



Cllr John Taylor

and development opportunities linked to this month, showcasing their commitment to learning, growth and high-quality practice.

Be the difference and join Team Tameside visit [www.tameside.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/jobs) to explore what job opportunities we have on offer.

Executive Member for Children and Families Cllr Teresa Smith and Executive Member for Adult Social Care Cllr John Taylor





# Ted's fun page

## Ted's Jokes

What time do the ducks wake up?

*At the quack of dawn.*

What do you call a criminal at the North Pole?

*A brrrr-gular*

What do you call people who love ceilings?

*Ceiling fans.*

How do fleas travel?

*They itch hike.*

How do bees get to school?

*They take the school buzz.*

## Fruity Facts

Here are a few fun facts about fruit

Many of us will have known that a tomato is a fruit, (it's true!) but pumpkins are too!

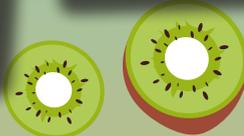


An average sized pomegranate can contain anywhere between 200 to 1400 seeds.

Pear trees can grow up to a whopping 60 feet tall and can be over 300 years old.

Oranges are a subtropical, not tropical fruit and so the colour of an orange depends on where it grows. In subtropical regions, the temperature isn't cold enough for the skin to turn orange. This means the orange could stay green or yellow, even when it's ripe!

Kiwis pack the biggest nutritional punch of any fruit in your produce aisle - hence often being put in the super-food camp. They have twice the vitamin C of an orange, and they're another high-potassium, low-salt alternative to bananas. They're packed with other vitamins, minerals, and heart-healthy nutrients, too.



There are over 1,000 different kinds of apples and none of them are native to America. Actually, they're said to have originated from Kazakhstan.



Berries, by definition, have their seeds on the inside, whilst you can see just by looking at a strawberry that they hold their seeds on the outside. However, the seeds in a banana are so tiny we don't really notice they are there, but they are - putting them firmly in the 'berry' family.



You can grow a pineapple by twisting the crown off a store-bought pineapple, allowing it to air dry for a few days, and then planting it.

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Find 6 changes in the photo at the bottom if you can!



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# 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.



Several years ago, Tameside Council used to hold a local Food and Drink Awards event.

This was open to all kinds of Tameside-based food outlets, takeaways and restaurants. The purpose was to recognise and celebrate the borough's many types and varieties of eateries and give exposure and encouragement for the large variety of food and drink businesses and individuals from the food sector.

In this free to enter competition, members of the public and food outlets were able to nominate their restaurant/café and then a shortlist was created for each category. Those shortlisted then found themselves visited by mystery diners from which the winner was chosen.

Everything from Restaurant of the

Year, Café of the Year, Best use of regional produce and Best Takeaway Food Outlet were among the categories to be entered.

Each time at the end of judging, there was a lavish awards evening which was well supported and usually held at Dukinfield Town Hall where the shortlisted and category winners were announced and trophies and certificates handed out.

The event recognised excellence in each field for the food and drinks industry. The winners and nominees



gained good publicity and attracted more repeat and new customers.

It was also a great way to help local food businesses and free to enter too! Although a couple of well-remembered entrants have since changed hands like The Indian Ocean Restaurant and Truffles Café, people will still look back on them with fond memories.

*Images and text by Howard Murphy*

## QUIZ CHALLENGE ANSWERS

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Octopus                       | 14. Herbert Lom            | 28. Casin Royale                   |
| 2. Shrek                         | 15. A half                 | 29. Bird                           |
| 3. Organic Light Emitting Diodes | 16. Alphonse               | 30. Wensleydale                    |
| 4. Beef                          | 17. Travelling             | 31. Live and Let Die               |
| 5. Cats                          | 18. Sheep                  | 32. Pancreas                       |
| 6. Mary Poppins                  | 19. Broadbottom            | 33. 26                             |
| 7. Daniel Defoe                  | 20. Flute                  | 34. Madonna                        |
| 8. Earth                         | 21. Annual Percentage Rate | 35. (London) Gatwick               |
| 9. Crocus                        | 22. Hair and its diseases  | 36. West Yorkshire – Calder Valley |
| 10. Tomato                       | 23. Brian                  | 37. 1979                           |
| 11. Henry V11                    | 24. Vitamin C              | 38. Victor Meldrew                 |
| 12. William Golding              | 25. The Salvation Army     | 39. Prunes                         |
| 13. River Danube                 | 26. Ten                    | 40. You'll Never Walk Alone        |
|                                  | 27. Perjury                |                                    |

### MARCH 2ND

#### 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.

### MARCH 4TH

#### Time Out

The Dream Centre Church, King St, Droylsden – From 10am-12noon  
Every 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](mailto: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.

### MARCH 9TH - 14TH

#### What I Did At School Today

Guide Bridge Theatre, Audenshaw Road, M34 5HJ  
Lloyd George junior and infants' school has not fared well in a recent inspection. The scheming head is only concerned with sucking up to anyone who'll enhance his CV, and the all female staff are either too lazy, too disgruntled or too naive to care. Suddenly a handsome new supply teacher comes on board and everyone falls over to win his attention. Shocked to find his long lost love from uni there, can he rekindle the flame? What can possibly happen in a school staffroom other than meetings, marking and making coffee? Contains mild swearing and innuendo. Not suitable for young children.

### MARCH 20TH - 21st

#### Home is Where the Heart Hurts

Hyde Festival Theatre, Corporation Street, Hyde, SK14 1AB  
Presented by Sparks Dramatic Society. Not suitable for children. This will be held in the first floor of the theatre and is only accessible by stairs through Door C. Home Is Where the Heart Hurts is a new moving, honest play that explores love, friendship, loyalty, and the complicated idea of "home." Through the lives of Ben, Alice, Jay, John and those around them, the story shines a light on the bonds that hold us together — and the wounds that can quietly shape us.

### MARCH 21st

#### Ashton Event

Ashton Market Hall, Bow St, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6BZ  
This month sees the return of the Artisan Market alongside the Real Deal Record Fair. In addition, Ashton Town Team present the return of the popular Dinnerladies spreading comedy and mischief. There is also live music too from Natalie Cuifo.

### MARCH 26TH

#### Denton Luncheon Club

Victoria Park Centre, Denton from 12noon  
Denton East Councillors and volunteers provide an affordable 3 course lunch offering a chance to socialise and stay warm.

#### 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.

### MARCH 29TH

#### Tameside Rocks

Newton Ward Social Club, 175 Ashton Road, Hyde  
The event will raise money for Parkinsons UK and Real Rock Community radio. Artists supporting the event include Sabbotage, a Black Sabbath tribute band, Rare Breed and Rhythm House. Tickets are £22 and available at [www.seetickets.com/.../newton-ward-social.../3519590](http://www.seetickets.com/.../newton-ward-social.../3519590)

## FILM OF THE MONTH

### THE BRIDE

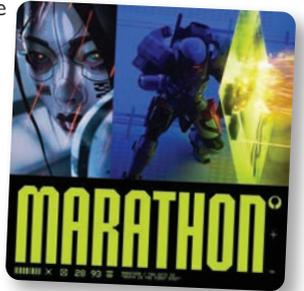
A lonely Frankenstein (Bale) travels to 1930s Chicago to ask groundbreaking scientist Dr. Euphronious (five-time Oscar nominee Annette Bening) to create a companion for him. The two revive a murdered young woman and The Bride (Buckley) is born. What ensues is beyond what either of them imagined: Murder! Possession! A wild and radical cultural movement! And outlaw lovers in a wild and combustible romance!



## GAMING - With Bobby Kent

### MARATHON - MARCH 5

Bungie's first new game since being acquired by Sony is sure to be a big one, with this high-budget extraction shooter promising intense action and sharp gunplay built on the foundations of the developer's past experiences with Destiny. Deploy, collect all the loot you can carry and fight for your life to escape safely against other players and the hazardous planet of Tau Ceti IV.



## EVENT

### ASHTON MARKET CELEBRATES - MARCH 21ST

After their amazing appearance at Ashton Oktoberfest last year the Dinnerladies are back by popular demand, Good-time girls dinner ladies Freda and Rita will be back to serve up a large dollop of foodie fun from their gorgeous gingham-clad serving trolley. There will also be live music from vocalist Natalie Cuifo plus also taking place is the popular Real Deal Record Fair. The music and comedy has been organised by Ashton Town Team from grant funding received by the UK Governments Pride In Place.



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