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# CAR SHOW RETURNS TO DENTON

➤➤ **Tameside Car Collectors return to Denton once again on Sunday 26th April with a fantastic collection of vintage vehicles set to appear.**

The group have organised a classic car show on the civic square for a number of years with a wide variety of vehicles. Tameside Car Collectors club is an association of classic car enthusiasts based in Tameside, Manchester. The club was founded in 2011, when a group of friends decided to come together to share their love of classic cars with people around the country.





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# Stalybridge Street Fest returns for another exciting year

➤➤ The hugely popular community event returns for its fifth year on Friday 10th April, launching a new season of fun filled evenings.

Every year, hundreds of residents head to Armentieres Square, Stalybridge for delicious food, live entertainment, and family friendly fun.

The monthly events guarantee to bring a packed agenda of entertainment including local talent, live music and activities for all ages. There is also a fantastic array of food and drink traders on offer, with cuisines from around the world. Returning on the second Friday of the month, every month April to November, at 5pm-9pm (the November date to be confirmed as it coincides with



Christmas festivities). The Victoria Market Hall will be utilised as an Artisan Market bringing a range of traders offering unique, locally sourced, homemade products and treats. Previous markets have included brownies, soaps, honey and candles. Local businesses thrive as the community comes together each month to enjoy an evening of fun and celebration. The event plays a wonderful role in strengthening town pride and bringing people closer together.



Tameside Council Leader, Cllr Eleanor Wills said: "We're so excited for the return of Stalybridge Street Fest! Year after year, it delivers an amazing community evening of fun and excitement for our residents. Stalybridge has so much to offer, and this event guarantees footfall and attraction to the town. We love to see the involvement of local traders, talent and businesses too!"

Don't miss out on the amazing community event – get the dates in your calendars and tell your family and friends"

For more information see [www.intameside.co.uk/news/stalybridgestreetfest](http://www.intameside.co.uk/news/stalybridgestreetfest)



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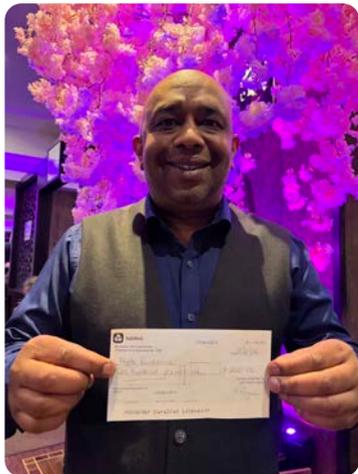


# FUNDRAISING BONUS

After raising £2200 at their Character Curry event last month Hyde Fundraisers have been given another boost to the total.

The Indian Plaza in Audenshaw has now added another £200 to the total. Steve Haines from

Hyde Fundraisers said: "Thank you so much to the incredible team at The Indian Plaza for this additional donation. We are bowled over by their support which enables us to give donations to so



many worthy good causes. Already we are planning to support Beechwood Cancer Care, Tameside Little Gems, The Anthony Seddon Fund and the RSPCA at our Ashton Sci-Fi Day on May 2nd."

## Singers tribute show for Willow Wood

On May 30th singer Colin George will be fundraising for Willow Wood Hospice at the George Lawton Hall, Mossley. This show is a biographical tribute to the legendary singer Nat King Cole. It promises to be a memorable event with Colin having support from The English National Jazz Orchestra, from Uppermill. Colin is a popular local artist who has



supported the hospice on many occasions. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

# TAKEN IN TAMESIDE

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View over Hartshead Pike – Sam Shaw



Ashton Sunset - Sam Shaw

Spring is upon us, near the old Memorial Gardens in Ashton  
David Taylor



Old Chapel in Dukinfield  
Howard Murphy



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# Award-Winning Mossley Farmers' Market is back for a follow-up year

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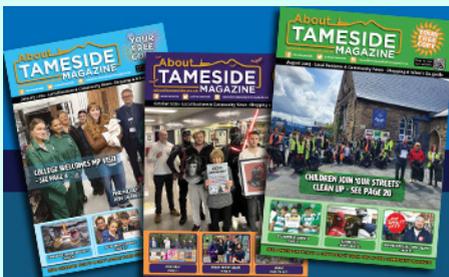
The event, organised by Tameside Council has stalls provided by Little Owl Artisan and independent traders, where attendees can browse a range of locally sourced products and unique treats on the final Sunday of every month in Market St Car Park, from 9am-2pm. The market, which will run up to November, will also feature a range of family-friendly entertainment. Previous events have included buskers, character appearances such as Spiderman and the Joker, classic car shows, and face painting.

Some of the popular products on offer include homemade pies, artisan bread, fresh eggs, specialist sauce, unique drinks, baked goods and locally grown plants. The 2025 market series grew significantly in popularity, increasing from 10 stalls at the first event to 40 stalls by the final one, and won the 'Best Small Speciality Market' at the Great British Market Awards.

Tameside Council's Executive Member for Towns, Transport and Connectivity, Cllr Stephen Homer, said: "I'm really excited to see the return of such an excellent community event. The Mossley Farmers Market does a great job

at fostering community pride and appreciation for the town, while also supporting local traders and businesses. "Last year was such a successful year and it was wonderful for all involved for the market to be recognised in the Great British Market Awards. We're excited to see what this year brings and have every confidence it will continue to be popular – thank you to everyone who supports the event, we look forward to seeing you in April."

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## New sheriff in town

Mark Llewellyn DL has been appointed as the next High Sheriff of Greater Manchester following a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace. He will be formally installed as High Sheriff at Dukinfield Town Hall in early April.

## Community steps in

A new community group has been launched to help care for the Waterloo & Taunton War Memorial after concerns were raised about its condition. The newly formed Friends of Waterloo & Taunton War Memorial Facebook group aims to bring members of the community together to help care for the site and ensure it remains a fitting tribute.

## Hattersley gets a park

Empty land opposite TESCO in Hattersley will be transformed into a giant park for locals to enjoy. The new park includes a multi-use games area (MUGA), footpaths, cycle paths and play equipment has been promised in the vision for this corner of Tameside.

## Food for thought

A Tameside charity, Power of Resilience CIC, a community organisation founded by Julie Mallinson, that is tackling food waste while helping residents facing financial hardship was highlighted as part of Food Waste Action Week. Power of Resilience operates three community food pantries across Tameside - one in Hyde and two in Stalybridge - where people can donate or collect food and essential items free of charge.

## Library for locals

Book lovers in Houghton Green have welcomed the installation of a Little Library on Tommy Todd Village Green, bringing reading back into the heart of the community. Houghton Green Little Library was officially launched on Friday 20th February after residents, community groups and businesses rallied together.

## £14k pieced together

Employees at Jigsaw Homes Group in Tameside raised £14,125 for the charity Andy's Manclub, which was chosen by staff as its Charity of the Year for 2025. The total was generated through a wide range of activities organised by colleagues throughout the year.

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# CROMWELL GET MORE MOBILE



After two years of fundraising and a generous contribution from Kentown Wizard Foundation, a brand-new minibus was delivered to Cromwell High School in Dukinfield.

The event was attended by several guests including The Civic Mayor of Tameside, Councillor Shibley Alam, Hyde and Stalybridge MP Jonathan Reynolds and Richard Scott, the Trust and Foundations manager for Variety the children's charity. Suzanne Pass is the Headteacher at Cromwell High School and said: "We've worked really hard with our Team Cromwell who raise funds for lots of things, but the bus will make a massive difference. Having the additional support from variety and Kentown Wizard Foundation has made all the difference. The new bus has wheelchair accessible seats meaning we can potentially get a whole class out together when before

we were restricted for wheelchair users and they had to be split. We couldn't have done this without the help and support from the local community." Richard Scott from variety was delighted to be present for the event and added: "It's fantastic to be here presenting a 17-seater sunshine coach with tail lift and at the moment we have two years of applications outstanding so this a great achievement. It's getting increasingly challenging for fundraising across the country but we've been able to deliver this with the support of the Kentown Wizard Foundation." MP Jonathan Reynolds is no stranger to Cromwell High and was especially keen to support the event. "People may know I have a son with autism, so the special education needs system and provision is something I'm very familiar with. This is an amazing place and what the young people get here and what the teachers provide and expand in recent years is just simply inspiring!"



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# AMAZING EVENT FOR ASHTON

After their amazing appearance at Ashton Oktoberfest last year the Dinnerladies returned to Ashton Market Hall by popular demand.

The comedy duo spread their unique mirth and mayhem to shoppers and traders on March 21st thanks to Ashton Town Team. There was also live music from vocalist Natalie Cuifo who also performed to great acclaim back at the Oktoberfest event last year. In addition shoppers were able to get an update on the latest developments on Market Square with members of the Ashton Neighbourhood Board.

Also popping up to launch this year's Ashton Sci-Fi Day were Hyde Fundraisers joined by The Anthony Seddon Fund who will be organising this year's cosplay competition at Ladysmith Shopping Centre.

The music and comedy have been organised by Ashton Town Team from grant funding received by the UK Government's Pride In Place.

Images by Howard Murphy





## Students plan out of this world dining experience

Themed dining is on the menu at **The Restaurant at Tameside One in Ashton town centre on Thursday May 7th.**

Students from Tameside College are putting together "Revenge Of The Sixth" a special charity event with a unique menu for a Star Wars themed event to tie in with Hyde Fundraisers Sci-Fi Day which takes place the Saturday prior. There will be a specially created galactic menu for the evening plus a couple of special guests which will include a visit from everyone's favourite droid R2D2. So, if you are Jedi or a Sith, rebel or imperial forces fan

then make sure you book your places now!

This fine dining training restaurant provides students with the experience of working both in the kitchen and front of house as part of their course.

Based at the Tameside One location, the restaurant has state of the art kitchen facilities and provides dining experiences of the very highest calibre.

Prior to this event they have a St George's Day theme evening on April 23rd with places going fast!

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# Work begins to transform former Wilko site for students

Contractors have started work to transform a former retail space into a new post-16 learning hub. The former Wilko store, in Ashton-under-Lyne town centre, is being remodelled as part of Tameside College's town centre campus in preparation for its new intake of students this September.

The work follows the signing of a lease between Tameside Council and Tameside College to create additional learning facilities at the college's Tameside One site. The development includes eleven classrooms, additional examination space and ancillary accommodation as an extension to their current base adjacent to the unit.

The project has received capital funding from Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and the Department for Education (DfE) to support the

growing student population at Tameside College. Tameside Council is leasing the former Wilko unit to the college to increase opportunities to live and learn in the borough.

A lease signing between the council and college was held on Friday 24th October 2025 at an event that also showcased the exciting plans for the unit.

Jackie Moores, principal and CEO at Tameside College, said: "We are delighted to have made such rapid progress. The new facility will further extend our modern teaching and learning facility across the rest of the campus. We welcome the support

of GMCA, the DfE and Tameside Council to make this possible and look forward to opening our doors in September."

Tameside Council Executive Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture Cllr Leanne Feeley said: "I'm thrilled to see this project moving forward and that we have now signed the lease to make it happen. Transforming this empty unit into a vibrant learning space will give our young people greater access to high quality education and open up careers for them while breathing new energy into the town centre."

To find out more about courses and facilities at Tameside College, visit [www.tameside.ac.uk](http://www.tameside.ac.uk)



# Do you need extra help?

Many people just need that little bit more support to live independently in their own home, and now a new business has arrived in Tameside and Glossop that can do just that.



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## Stalybridge gears up for Bridge Fest 2026 as planning begins

Planning is now underway for the return of Bridge Fest, with the next festival set to take place on Saturday, 5th September 2026.

Following the continued success of previous events, volunteers from the Stalybridge Town Team have already begun meeting to shape plans for this year's celebration.

Early discussions are focusing on securing performers, confirming venues, coordinating logistics and building on the strong community response seen in recent years.

Bridge Fest has established itself as a key date in Stalybridge's annual events calendar, attracting thousands of residents and visitors into the town centre for a full day of live music, entertainment and community activity.

The festival traditionally features performances across multiple venues, including outdoor spaces such as Armentieres Square, as well as local

hospitality settings.

The event provides a significant boost to the town's cultural offer and supports local businesses, while creating opportunities for musicians, artists and community groups to showcase their work.

Organisers are keen to engage with partner agencies, local organisations and businesses early in the planning process to ensure the 2026 event continues to grow in scale and impact.

Further details regarding programming, partnership opportunities and volunteer involvement will be shared in due course.

For partnership enquiries or expressions of interest, please contact the Stalybridge Town Team on [stt20@outlook.com](mailto:stt20@outlook.com)



## SNOOKER UPDATE

A spectacular Spring Family Festival is coming to Tameside this Easter holiday to give residents and visitors a taste of what's to come in Ashton and Stalybridge town centres.

At the end of the first half of the league season, St Peters led the snooker league by 1 point from Alexander A and Staly Labour. In the whist league, Staly Labour led St Peters by 2 points with Mossley B third.

Throughout the first half of the season, it was very close at the top of both leagues and this pattern repeated itself until the end of the league. In the third quarter of the snooker league, it was the same 2 or 3 teams vying for top place.

And at the end of the quarter, St Peters still led Alexander A by 1 point with Staly Labour were third, one point behind. In the whist league St Peters had now levelled with Staly Labour. Mossley were third now 8 points adrift.

In the final quarter the close rivalry continued

and half way through Alexander A and St Peters were now joint top with Staly Labour, tying with Alexander B in third place. In the whist league, Staly Labour were 2 points ahead of St Peters, with 2 games to go. After more close games Alexander A were crowned snooker league champions with St Peters second, one point behind. In the whist league St Peters were

champions with Staly Labour second, both teams finished on same points but St Peters

became champions on countback between both clubs. Congratulations to all trophy winners and these will be presented at Presentation Night, later in the year.

The league is always looking for new teams or players and we start again in October. If anyone or any teams need more details of the league or how to get involved, please go to our website on [www.stalybridgesnookerleague.co.uk](http://www.stalybridgesnookerleague.co.uk) or email press secretary on [ian.stalybridgesnooker@outlook.com](mailto:ian.stalybridgesnooker@outlook.com).

Ian Hopton

# MARKET NEWS



Happy Easter from Tameside Markets. This month we have the return of Stalybridge Streetfest on Friday April 10th and the return of our award winning Mossley Farmers' Market on Sunday April 26th!

Fresh foods have always been a staple in local markets and Tameside Markets are proud to have a variety of high-quality traders in Hyde and Ashton offering fresh produce.

At Hyde Indoor Market **S Wilde & Sons** at units 13 & 14 have been offering fresh fruit and vegetables for over 85 years. **The Cottage Deli** offers cold meats, cheese, bacon, anti-pasta, pies and much more at units 18-22. Next door is **The Cottage Butcher** at unit 26 offering a wide selection of fresh meats including burgers and kebabs. If you enjoy traditional black pudding, tripe, savoury ducks alongside tasty sausages, ribs and

bacon call and see **Let's Talk Tripe** at unit 20.

There is even more variety on offer at Ashton indoor market with **Alf Pearson Family Butcher** at unit 58 selling high quality meats including their own homemade award-winning sausages. If you enjoy a wide variety of fresh fish and seafood, ensure you visit

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# GET READY FOR ASHTON SCI FI DAY

On May 2nd Ashton town centre will once again be home to characters from the world of fantasy, superheroes and science fiction when Hyde Fundraisers return with the annual event.

The group, which has recently marked 40 years raising money for good causes, is working with Tameside Markets, Ladysmith Shopping Centre, Ashton Town Team and Ashton Library for this year's event. Characters appearing this year include R2D2, Chewbacca, The Mandalorian, Predator, Davros and others so keep an eye out on your visit.

For 2026 the events cosplay competition is being organised at Ladysmith Shopping Centre by The Anthony Seddon Fund and is open to all ages taking place from 12.30. Also making their home at the centre for the event will be lovable droid R2D2 along with a display featuring Wookiee Chewbacca to provide some great photo opportunities for visitors. You may also spot some life-sized character cutouts around the centre too during your visit.

Once again Tameside Rotary will be at Ashton Market Hall along with Lego displays from Cameron McWiggan and members of Northern Bricks. To mark 25 years of Ashton's sci fi events there is also a photo display celebrating previous events and the memory of Peter Hawley.

At the library it's a celebration of superheroes with free colouring

activities available,

Ashton Market Hall is also hosting a demonstration by Sitsiam Martial arts taking place to showcase their 'out of this world' skills and there's live music performance from young Jack Doyle.

SP Bowling from Hyde Fundraisers said "Ashton Sci Fi Day is a popular fixture in the Ashton events calendar and our own. This year we also pay tribute to Peter Hawley, former town centre manager, who passed away in February because he instigated these events over 25 years ago with us. His confidence and innovative approach inspired us to partner with him which has now created this amazing legacy. Thank you again to all our supporters and sponsors who make this event happen and enable our donations to some amazing organisations."

Hyde Fundraisers is a voluntary group which have raised money for good causes since 1985 using characters from Dr Who, Star Wars and many other out of this world franchises. Charities to benefit from this year's Sci Fi Day will include Tameside Little Gems, The Anthony Seddon Fund, RSPCA, Beechwood Cancer Care and Door 84.

Ashton Sci Fi Day is organised by Hyde Fundraisers and sponsored by Ladysmith Shopping Centre, Tameside Markets along with Ashton Town Team through their UK Government Pride in Place funding.

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# ASHTON SCI FI DAY 2026

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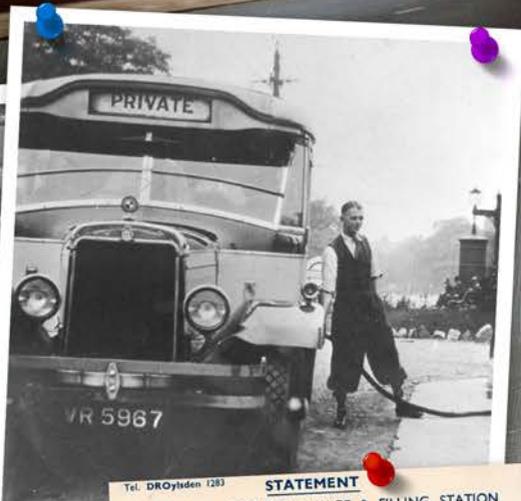
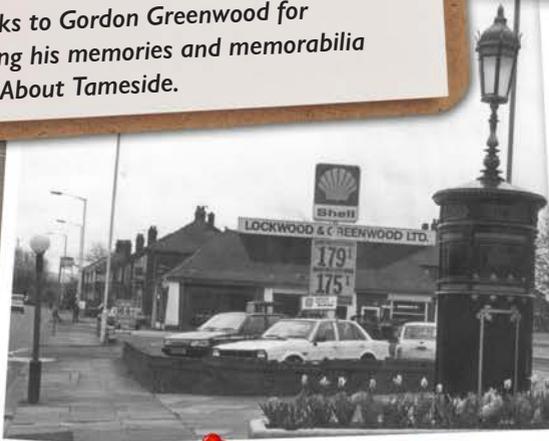


IN TAMESIDE

# Glimpse of the past

This month we have been lucky enough to raid the archives of local garage Lockwood & Greenwood based at The Trough in Audenshaw. The family have had a garage on the site for over 80 years and the origins of the Trough go back to 1879. Officially opened by Major Sharratt of Droylsden, the Trough itself was made in Cornwall with two levels, top for horses and the lower for sheep and dogs!

Thanks to Gordon Greenwood for sharing his memories and memorabilia with About Tameside.



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# STALYBRIDGE CARNIVAL

## supersized volunteer call out

➤➤ Tameside locals are invited to join what is hoped to be the region's largest and most colourful carnival parade ever.

Organisers of Stalybridge Carnival are calling on the town to make this year's golden anniversary procession the biggest and best yet. At least 150 volunteers of all ages are needed to ensure the annual summertime event, which is celebrating 50 years this June, does the town proud.

Local people of all ages can sign up to play their part in the celebration as drummers, dancers, brass and reed players and even as puppeteers. For those who prefer a 'behind the scenes' role, a number of volunteer positions are available as carnival crew.

Most roles require no previous experience, as all training will be provided by parade partners Global Grooves, thanks to support from Historic England, through the Know Your Neighbourhood Fund.

Based in Mossley at The Vale arts centre, carnival arts organisation Global Grooves bring a world class pedigree to the event. Previous projects include a carnival parade for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant in London, Bluedot Festival and Kendal Calling, as well as international projects in Barcelona, The Gambia and Croatia.

Training and creative sessions for volunteers, led by professional carnival artists, begin in the middle of March at Stalybridge Civic Hall. There will be free opportunities to learn new skills, meet new people and take part in a "once in a generation celebration".



Through monthly band and dance sessions, puppet training weekends and dedicated crew workshops, Global Grooves said that volunteers will help shape and deliver a brand new "volunteer-powered" parading piece, marking 50 years of carnival heritage.

Organisers added that volunteers who "catch the carnival spirit" will have opportunities to stay involved beyond the June parade, getting involved with other events throughout the year.

Global Grooves are also inviting school, youth and community groups to come forward and get involved en masse. Support and guidance can be given on upgrading costumes and integrating giant puppets and handmade flags into existing parade pieces.

Ian Cochrane, Stalybridge Festival Committee, said: "Stalybridge Carnival has always belonged to the people of this town. For 50 years it has brought us together in celebration and community spirit.

"We want this anniversary year to be the best ever. Bigger, better and filled with local people stepping forward to take part. Volunteering is how this carnival has survived and thrived, and we would love to see new faces joining us to carry it into the next 50 years."



Global Grooves said: "For five decades, Stalybridge Carnival has been powered by volunteers. From costume makers to parade marshals, musicians to organisers, it has always been a community effort.

"This year, volunteering is not just part of the event. It is central to it. Carnival is about collective creativity. It is about ordinary people doing extraordinary things together in public space.

"We are proud to work with Stalybridge to mark this milestone year and to open up meaningful volunteering opportunities that combine heritage, creativity and community.

"You do not need experience. You just need the willingness to show up, learn and be part of something joyful."

The anniversary parade will take place on Sunday 28 June 2026, with rehearsals and training sessions running from March until a full rehearsal on Saturday 27 June 2026.

**To find out more about volunteering opportunities, training dates and how to get involved, visit <https://www.globalgrooves.org/learn/stalybridge-carnival-50/> or contact [hello@globalgrooves.org](mailto:hello@globalgrooves.org).**



## Flower Festival Returns

The much-anticipated Flower Festival returns to Willow Wood Hospice in 2026 for its 10th edition, taking place on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May.

Guided by a wonderfully dedicated committee, this cherished annual event is set to bloom more beautifully than ever.

This year's festival will be inspired by the enchanting world of Beatrix Potter, where beloved tales spring to life in petals and posies.

Visitors can wander through delightful floral displays inspired by Peter Rabbit, Jemima Puddle-Duck, Mrs Tiggy-Winkle and friends, each arrangement lovingly crafted by talented individuals and community groups.

Expect plenty of hare-raising creativity, utterly quacking designs, and hedgehog-worthy masterpieces nestled among the blooms.

As you meander through the stunning exhibits, you can soak up the tranquility of the Hospice's picturesque gardens – the perfect setting for a springtime celebration where every flower tells a story and compassion continues to blossom.

Many of the showcased displays will be available to



purchase, giving you the opportunity to take home a little piece of the magic, while helping vital funds grow for patients in our care.

### Opening times:

- Saturday 9th May: 10am - 4pm
- Sunday 10th May: 11am - 4pm

Entry is £3.50, with all proceeds supporting Willow Wood Hospice. Admission is free for children aged 12 and under.

Light refreshments will be available – perfect for enjoying a cup of tea and a sweet treat as you let the afternoon drift by.

Please note that parking at Willow Wood Hospice is restricted to patients, families, Blue Badge holders and our workforce. Willow Wood Close is a residents' permit parking area. Alternative parking is available nearby at the Darnton Road Pay & Display car park (postcode OL6 6RL).

To take part in the event or for more information about the Flower Festival, please contact Eileen Smith on 07799 172 313.

Come along and watch kindness, community and creativity blossom at this very special tenth celebration.

## Easter treats in Gee Cross

On Easter Sunday, April 5th, between 11am and 2pm Gee Cross Community Centre will be the venue for an 'eggstra' special event.

Hunt down the clues and solve the hidden word. Once the clue is solved, return and you will receive a FREE Easter egg from a special visitor!

There will also be free Easter Eggs whilst stocks last so take the family along and enjoy a fun filled event, including:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Teddy Bear Tombola - 3 goes for £1



- Tombola - 3 goes for £1
- Guess the Big Bear's Name - £2 a go
- Children's Hamper - £1 a ticket

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# PICTURES FROM THE PAST – CELEBRATING PETER HAWLEY'S SUCCESSES

For this month's Pictures from the past in About Tameside, we would like to focus on some of the innovative, fun and great events brought to Ashton by the former Town Centre Manager, Peter Hawley.



In the early 2000's the first Ashton Town Centre pancake race took place. A call went out for teams from local businesses, stores and groups to enter teams into the race, which took place on the market ground. It was frantic and flipping good fun! This event took place over several years and winning teams included those from both the Ladysmith and Arcades shopping centres, creating great local rivalry.

Another long standing and favourite event was the annual town centre classic car show. This was organised by Peter along with the Tame Valley Vintage and Classic Car Club with prizes on offer for the best sports car, the best 1960's vehicle and the Mayor of Tameside's Choice.

Who can forget an event that is still relevant today – the Ashton Sci-Fi event. Peter worked alongside Hyde Fundraisers to launch this hugely popular event. Still going strong 25 years later, we have seen Stormtroopers, Daleks, Darth Vader



and Darth Maul walk around the town centre. This year's event is on Saturday May 2nd with more characters, displays and giveaways.

During Peter's tenure there were so many events which he had been involved in organising. The Black Knight Pageant was renewed, with a knight and a horse being sourced to lead the parade through the town centre. The Ashton Shopmobility Scheme was another one of his successes. With support from Boots, Tameside Markets and Arcades the scheme ran for several years based in the market hall. Don't forget the Tameside Canals Festival, the Barbershop Singers' events with the Manchester Rainy City Male Choir and Stockport Liberty Belles. Also, the



Northern Soul music event which was staged in the Atomic night club on Gas Street which saw soul fans from all over the northwest descend into Ashton Peter had a passion for Ashton Town Centre providing some great events which even today bring back great memories.

**Words and photos  
Howard Murphy**



# PETER HAWLEY – A FRIEND AND A MENTOR



»» The recent news of the passing of the former Ashton Town Centre Manager was both a shock and upsetting.

Peter was my boss in the office who helped nurture me, his help and advice in my early days of moving into an office environment from manual work was invaluable and something I carry on today.

He recruited me to the town centre office in early 2001 as his office assistant. Also, as a keen photographer I had a great opportunity to improve my skills in this field – encouraged by Peter all the way. Our work included

creating and promoting events to bring more shoppers and visitors to Ashton.

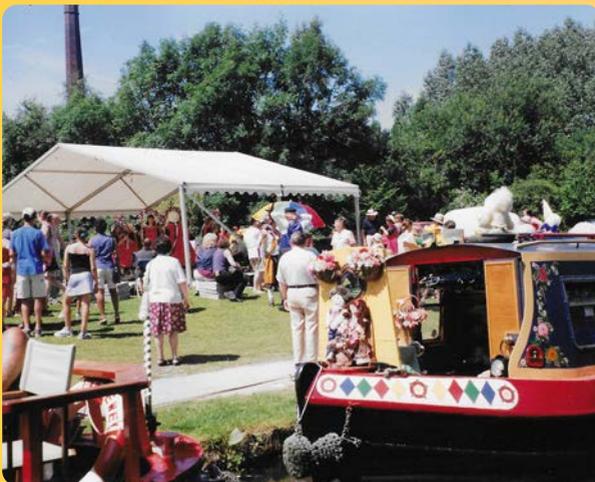
Peter was a person who came up with ideas, very good and innovative ones, over the years that I worked with him the Sci-Fi weekend events began. He also helped resurrect the Black Knight Pageant, created the town centre pancake race, the classic car shows and was involved with the Canals Festival at Portland Basin to name a few.

He carried himself with style and was the ultimate professional when dealing with everyone from the radio and press to investors

to members of the public. Peter's skills and hard work were acknowledged when he won the North West Regional Award from the Association of Town Centre Managers in 2007.

If I had the chance to pass on a message to Peter, it would be: *Thank you so much for all the memories.*

**Howard Murphy**



# Quiz Challenge

1. In which James Bond film does 007 drive a red AMC Hornet car?
2. What is celebrated on April 23rd?
3. In The Chronicles Of Narnia series what is the title of the second book by CS Lewis?
4. In what year did the Cadbury Creme Egg first appear?
5. Hampshire Down and Racka are breeds of what farmyard animal?
6. Fontina cheese originates from which country?
7. If you ordered Agneau in a French restaurant, what would you expect to be served?
8. On which UK Motorway would you find the following service areas, Cullompton, Frankly and Strensham?
9. A Cholecystectomy is the removal of which human organ?
10. Who played Jessica Fletcher in the TV series "Murder She Wrote"?
11. The sweet red liquor, Creme de Cassis is made from which fruit?
12. The Electric Mayhem is a musical group in which television programme recently revived on Disney+?
13. What is the voting date of this year's local council elections?
14. Sons Of The Desert is the name of the fan club for which classic comedy heroes?
15. What type of pasta translates from the Italian as "Little Tongues"?
16. In Star Wars what was the name of the Ice planet in The Empire Strikes Back?
17. Which Beatles album reached number 1 in October 2019 on the 50th anniversary of its original release?
18. Which author is responsible for the Paddington series of books?
19. In which northern English town was Rugby League formed?
20. What year featured the first films commercially released on Blu-ray format?
21. What is the maximum score that can be achieved in a game of ten-pin bowling?
22. Using DNA whose body did researchers confirm was buried under a car park in Leicester?
23. Which three vegetables are traditionally used to make a Vichyssoise soup?
24. In which year did Sir Winstone Churchill die?
25. What is the name of the coffee shop that features in the TV series "Friends"?
26. From which London station would you catch the train to Hogwarts?
27. Although often referred to as "Bunnies", what name are baby rabbits known by?
28. From which country does the Easter lily originate?
29. In what year did Peter Davison take over as Dr Who number 5?
30. Blu-ray is the abbreviated term of what?
31. Which author wrote the Peter Rabbit books?
32. In which part of the human body is the enzyme Pepsin produced?
33. Destiny In The Desert is an event raising funds this month for which charity?
34. What is the term for a male rabbit?
35. Who presents the ITV quiz Show "Tipping Point"?
36. What is the capital and largest city on the Isle of Man?
37. What fruit would you generally find in a Black Forest Gateau?
38. In what month of year does Stalybridge host its Bridge Fest music event?
39. Chief Bogo, Nick Wilde and Benjamin Clawhauser are characters in which Disney film?
40. Which explorer sailed around the world in the "Golden Hind"?

*Stuck for an answer? Check page 30*

# BLOOMING GOOD FUN

Ashton got a whole lot brighter this spring with the arrival of the Tulips of Ashton Trail launching on Saturday 14th March.

The trail features nine 6ft tulip sculptures, each one painted by talented local artists and created with help from community groups across Tameside and will run until Sunday 7th June.

The idea is inspired by Ashton's history with Tulip trading and the long tradition of Tulip Sunday at Stamford Park, bringing a colourful celebration of local creativity into the town centre. Eight artists, including Caroline Coates, Helen Dodsworth, Lizzie Rigby, Gordon Banks,

Simon Mound, Jojo Hayfron, Toubie Jack and Anne Louise Kershaw, have each created a unique design inspired by Ashton and Tameside. Some of the pieces were created through workshops with local community groups, college students, museum visitors, family hubs and more, making sure that lots of different voices and ideas are part of the finished trail.

The big launch event took place on Saturday 14th March Ashton Town

Centre with bright costumes, giant butterflies on stilts and dancers.

More information, trail maps and activity sheets will be available at [www.intameside.co.uk/tuliptrail](http://www.intameside.co.uk/tuliptrail)



# SPEEDWAY SEASON SPRINGS INTO ACTION

The 2026 speedway season has just started and the many local fans in Tameside – including season ticket holders at Belle Vue – have lots to look forward to.

There are three very big meetings on the calendar for 2026, the two FIM World Championship Grand Prix's at Belle Vue on the 5th and 6th of June. With the date for the annual British Final also confirmed as a Saturday August 15th with a 7pm start at the National Speedway Stadium which will certainly draw in the fans.

Our two popular local riders Charles Wright and Kyle Howarth will spend the coming months racing up and down the country at the British League tracks as well as venturing into Europe to race. Fan's favourite and Tameside lad Kyle enters his second season with premiership club the Leicester Lions. His all-action bustling style thrills the fans wherever he rides. He will line up



CHARLES WRIGHT



KYLE HOWARTH

for the Lions when they visit Belle Vue on Easter Bank Holiday Monday with a 12 noon start in the knockout cup tournament. The return leg will take place at Leicester later that evening.

Charles Wright, the Grand Prix wildcard at Belle Vue last season,

spearheads the Redcar Agilia Bears in the northeast. The stylish Dukinfield-based British number two captains the Bears. He will also be racing in Poland's 2nd division the Landshut Devils.

Words and Photos  
Howard Murphy



## Children at the heart of Tameside

### Resource bases celebrated as families see real progress for children with SEND

Tameside's resource bases are strengthening, with schools across the borough seeing real, noticeable improvements for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Over the past year, the council has invested in creating more high-quality SEND places within local schools. This includes £1.5 million to open 133 new places for 2024-25, with a further £5.3 million planned to expand provision again ready for September 2026. This means more children can get the specialist support they need, closer to home, in schools that already know their communities well.

Schools are reporting that the difference this investment is making is already clear. Families say that the support in resource bases feels far more personalised, and communication between home and school has strengthened. Staff in these settings put relationships first, take time to understand each child's needs, and work closely with parents.

Greenfield Academy in Hyde is just one example of this positive change. Their newly opened SEND Unit has had great feedback from parents, with several noticing

improvements in their child's confidence and progress within the first week.

Parents spoke about how approachable the staff are, how quickly children settle, and how the school creates calm, sensory-friendly spaces that help pupils feel safe and ready to learn. Teachers across the school use visuals, communication tools, and assistive technology to help children express themselves and access learning in a way that works for them.

Other schools, like St James Church of England Primary School, have also seen real growth in what their resource bases can offer. With a focus on communication support, personalised planning, and full inclusion in everyday school life, staff at St James have been working hard to make sure every lesson is accessible. Their recent work with speech and language specialists and increased enrichment opportunities have helped children thrive both academically and socially.

Across Tameside, resource bases are not just providing specialist support - they're creating environments where children feel understood, valued, and able to make progress at their own pace.

# Cookery Corner

## Hot Cross Cookies

### Ingredients

*Bored of buns? Try these cute cookies instead - sure to become a family favourite*

- 200g softened butter, plus extra for the trays
- 100g light muscovado sugar
- 1 egg
- 250g plain flour
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 100g sultanas
- 200g white chocolate chips



### Instructions

- Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Lightly butter a few baking trays. In a large bowl, beat together the butter, sugar and egg until smooth. Sift in the flour, cinnamon and baking powder, and then combine to make a dough. Add the sultanas and 100g of the white chocolate, and mix to combine.
- Roll lumps of dough into balls the size of golf balls.
- Flatten these onto the trays, leaving enough space between each for them to expand. Bake for 10 mins until golden (you may have to do this in batches).
- Remove the cookies from the trays and cool on wire racks.
- Melt the remaining white chocolate in the microwave on Low in 20-second bursts. Using a small piping bag or a teaspoon, carefully drizzle a cross on top of each cookie. Leave to set before eating. These cookies can be stored in a cookie jar for up to 3 days.



# Pets

As one of the most popular choices for pets you need to understand that owning a dog is a big responsibility. Apart from feeding and health you are also governed by law for a number of things as a dog owner.

**Animal Welfare** - One aspect of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 is that owners must provide their animals with a suitable environment, a suitable diet; the ability to exhibit normal behaviour patterns, protection from pain suffering, injury and disease and the animals needs to be housed with, or apart from, other animals.

**Identification** - The law (Control of Dogs Order 1992) states that your dog must wear a collar and a tag when in public. The tag must have your name and address on; Your telephone number can be helpful too. Microchip From 2015 in Wales and 2016 in England the law makes compulsory for owners to have their dogs microchipped (if they are over 8 weeks of age). A collar and tag are essential in case he/she goes missing. Should your dog go missing your local authority should be your first point of contact. They have the responsibility for strays and may charge you a fee to reclaim your dog. If a dog is not claimed within 7 days the local authority has the right to re-home or euthanize the dog.

**Transport** - The UK Highway Code states that dogs must be suitably restrained when in a vehicle so that they cannot distract you while you are driving or injure you, or themselves, if you stop quickly. Never leave your dogs alone in a car on a warm day. Dogs pant to keep cool. In hot stuffy cars they are unable to cool themselves down leaving a window open or a sunshield on your windscreen won't keep

your dog cool enough. Leaving your dog in a hot car may be considered an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

**Cleaning Up** - In England and Wales laws can require you to clean up after your dog. Failure to do so can result in a fine. Don't be caught out, make sure your pockets are well stocked with poo bags whenever you and your dog are out and about and ensure you dispose of the bag properly.

**Livestock worrying** - Dogs must never worry livestock the owner or whoever is responsible for the dog at the time will be committing an offence if the dog chases, attacks or causes suffering to livestock. A police officer may seize a dog suspected to be worrying livestock and if convicted of an offence under this Act then a person may be liable to a maximum fine of £1,000.

**Dangerously out of control** - It is a criminal offence (Dangerous Dog Act 1991) to allow your dog to be 'dangerously out of control' either in a public place or on private property e.g. your home. A 'dangerously out of control' dog can be defined as a dog that has injured someone or a dog that a person has grounds to reasonably believe that it may injure somebody. Something as simple as your dog chasing, barking at or jumping up at a person or child could result in an investigation, so ensure your dog is under control at all times. If your dog injures somebody, it may be seized and if convicted you could face a lengthy prison sentence and/or a fine.



April is one of the busiest gardening months of the year. Days are longer and will be warmer we all hope if the snow and frost stay away, making gardening work much more enjoyable.

One job that should not be undertaken this month, however, is the planting of summer bedding outdoors. It is too early for this and should be delayed until there is no more chance of frost. The end of May is about the right time. There are plenty of other jobs to do just now to keep you warm and active. For one thing the nutrition left in the soil from last autumn has been washed away by winter rains. Plants need food to thrive, so to keep your plants healthy it is essential to provide food. There are many options but a general application of a Growmore or Pelleted Poultry Manure will do the job for most of the garden. We have just experienced a very mild winter in Tameside. Slugs and snails will have enjoyed this as well and will now be starting to benefit from the new growth on your plants. Don't assume that because you don't see them that they are not there. They are, they are just very clever at hiding during the day and will then come out at night

to feast. There are many ways to control slugs, from pellets to barriers, whichever you prefer it is wise to start implementing now.

Now it has been predicted that this year will see a massive increase in the number of households growing their own fruit and vegetables. There are many reasons for this but at the end of the day it is cheaper and the items you grow taste better, so go on have a go!

And assuming that prevention is better than cure, this is a good time to spray your roses against pests and diseases such as black-spot, mildew and rust which have been very severe in recent years, helped by all the wet weather we have enjoyed. Pieris is our most popular shrub which is not usually purchased for the flowers, which are very attractive and shaped like Lily of the Valley and may be pink or white. They are popular because of the colour of the new foliage which is bright red, a stunning evergreen shrub which is very easy to grow. There are many varieties available but the most popular remains "Forest Flame".



# Ted's fun page

## Ted's Jokes

How excited was the gardener about spring?  
*So excited he wet his plants.*

Why did the gardener bury all her money?  
*To make her soil rich.*

Where did the school kittens go for their field trip?  
*To the mewseum*

What type of music are balloons scared of?  
*Pop music!*

## Spring Facts

Before the 14th century, spring was called Lent in Old English. It was the time of the year when plants started springing from the ground. After a century, the season was referred to as springtime and later on shortened to "spring."

In the Northern Hemisphere, spring usually occurs during the months of March, April, May or from the Vernal Equinox (March 20) to the Summer Solstice (June 21). The opposite is true for the Southern Hemisphere.

In Roman mythology, Flora was the goddess of fertility and spring while Hindus celebrate the vernal equinox with Holi, commonly known as the Festival of Colours.

Ancient Egyptians built the Great Sphinx facing the rising sun during the spring equinox.



During spring, the sun rises earlier in the morning and sets later in the afternoon. The rest of the months can also be windy. In warmer climates, late spring can bring hurricanes and tornadoes.

The first day of spring is also called the vernal equinox where there is supposed to be 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of night.

Common spring flowers are lilacs, daffodils, irises, tulips, lilies, and dandelions.



A number of holidays are celebrated during spring including, Easter, April Fool's Day, Earth Day, Groundhog Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Cinco de Mayo, and Arbor Day. In Christianity, spring is marked by Easter, which signifies the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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**Have you ever come across a puddle on your driveway, knowing that it's come from your car and its had you worried about what it can be?**

Firstly, though let's see if we can solve the puzzle and help you identify your leaky fluid by its properties like colour, texture and smell.

**BRAKE FLUID** - If the fluid is a brownish looking liquid that looks like cooking oil – **DO NOT DRIVE YOUR CAR!**

This could be a sign that your brake fluid is leaking and could cause you to have a collision if your brakes fail. The brake fluid is a hydraulic substance and is there to provide pressure to your brakes to enable you to stop when your foot pedal is pressed.

**COOLANT** - If it's a bright yellow, green or pink colour puddle that's slimy then it's a coolant leak. The problem with a leak in your coolant system is that you may eventually experience engine problems if it's not fixed right away. The coolant helps keep your car from overheating; having low levels of coolant can make your car overheat quickly and if left unchecked could see you stranded at the side of the road with the bonnet up when your car has overheated. Anti-freeze leaking on the car is one of the most common leaks and although it's not a serious leak to have you should have it fixed sooner rather than later. The vehicle could freeze up in winter.

**FUEL/PETROL** - This is the easiest one to spot as you will smell it! A petrol leak can't damage your car but it will cost you money as it's going in at the top and then leaking out... Some drivers can drive around for months without knowing that they have a fuel leak as it may not be identified until MOT or service time. The leak

could be from the back of the car at the tank or if it's near the front it could be coming from the fuel pump.

**OIL LEAK** - This leak you will spot, its black and may start off as a small drip but can quickly manifest itself into something serious. Oil is almost always sticky and thick unless it's been recently serviced when it may be a lighter colour. You need to check your engine oil levels on a regular basis, this is easily done by removing the dip stick... For the ladies out there reading this article that don't know how to check their oil – call Adam on 0161 339 5354 and arrange to have one of our Women at the Wheel courses. An oil leak that is left unchecked can seriously damage your car and it could even blow up your engine...

An oil leak could be coming from a number of different places for example, it could be a worn or badly fitted gasket or oil filter. This is something that the mechanics in the garage would be checking for when your car is serviced. I've talked many times about the importance of having a regular car service. The lady driver towed in today by the RAC had failed to service her 5-year-old car and is now facing a bill for over £1000 as the engine gave way... Servicing starts from as little as £64.95 and this with the free RAC MOT/Check and repair plan could save you money in the long run.

**PLAIN WATER** - This could be coming from your air conditioning and is nothing to worry about – we do have an air conditioning service available if it does concern you.

**There are a number of other possibilities that the leak could be, so our advice is not to ignore the puddle on the driveway – call us to check it out and put your mind at rest - Call Guide Bridge MOT & Service on 0161 339 5354.**

## Free activities for all at Spring Family Festival

**Get ready for a spectacular Spring Family Festival this Easter holiday with free activities and performances to give residents and visitors a taste of what's to come in Ashton and Stalybridge town centres.**

Ashton Market Square will soon open its doors following a £10.8M transformation programme, funded by UK Government Levelling Up money, while the newly refurbished Stalybridge Victoria Market Hall is poised to build on its already blossoming programme of events and activities. To give a taste of what these new spaces will look like and be used for, Tameside Council is holding a fabulous four-day family festival from 8 to 11 April 2026.

The Spring Family Festival will begin on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 April with a two day Ashton Spring Preview in Ashton Market Square, which will include free vintage fairground rides, carnival, theatre, dance and music performances, free face painting, balloon modelling and arts and crafts, and street food stalls. Parts of the market square are still undergoing work, however a central part of the square in front of Ashton Library will be open for the event

On day three, Friday 10 April, the Spring Family Festival will move to Stalybridge for the first Street Fest of the year. This ever popular event is back again for 2026 on the second Friday of every month with an array of delicious food and drink stalls and family entertainment. There will also be an artisan market in Stalybridge Victoria Market Hall to tie in with Street Fest to further enhance the offer for visitors and this will continue at every Street Fest this year.

Day four of the Spring Family Festival will be back in Ashton Market Square for a Super Saturday taster event on 11 April. This foodie family event will give a food and drink themed preview of the Super Saturday events planned for Ashton once the market square is fully back open in the summer. The taster will include Street food and drink stalls with free entertainment to appeal to visitors, families and shoppers alike.

**There's free parking for up to two hours in all Tameside Council run car parks before 6pm Monday to Saturday, making it even easier for people to enjoy a free outing at the events. For more information see [www.intameside.co.uk/springfamilyfestival](http://www.intameside.co.uk/springfamilyfestival)**





## Young creatives bag funds at Mossley SOUP

➤➤ **The first Mossley SOUP event of 2026 provided a cash boost of £1,952 to a team of young creatives, thanks to community support.**

On Thursday 19th February, Mossley SOUP volunteers hosted their latest event at Emmaus Mossley, sponsored by Premier Kia. More than 170 diners were in attendance, each donating £5 in return for soup, entertainment, presentations from four local projects and a vote.

For the 21st Mossley SOUP event, local musician Jon welcomed diners as they took their seats and enjoyed freshly made soup. Three presentations followed, with each presenter having four minutes to share their project or idea, followed by four questions from the audience.

The projects presented were Between Earth and Voice, Notorious Print Workshops and Threads Weave Stories. A project from St John's Band was also due to be presented but unfortunately the presenter was unable to attend due

to a family emergency.

After the presentations, diners cast their votes, a fundraising raffle was drawn and then the winning project was announced. Between Earth and Voice, a multi-disciplinary, youth-led organisation, secured the most votes and received £1,952 raised on the night.

Joseph Archie Horrocks, one of the presenters from Between Earth and Voice, said: *"As a team, we had the best evening at Mossley SOUP. Everyone was so welcoming and as well as the funding itself, we met so many amazing people and gained valuable presenting experience."*

*"Winning this funding will enable us to run a completely free intensive workshop for young people from Mossley, which is something close to all of our hearts, empowering young people to be creative and see the arts as a viable career."*

The funds raised and secured for Between Earth and Voice came from donations on the door, a raffle, a £333 donation from Mossley Town Council

and £200 from Premier Kia. The two runners-up also received £100 each towards their projects from event sponsor Premier Kia.

Four freshly made soups were prepared by local volunteers Danny, Neil and Rasheeda. Soup ingredients were donated by A Taylor & Son Family Butchers, FareShare and Tesco Greenfield, and cakes were donated by event attendees.

Raffle prizes were kindly donated by Anthony Barton Independent Family Funeral Service, Explore Make Create, Hatch Bakery, Mossley AFC, Mossley Community Centre, Phillip Anthony Photography, Royal Exchange Theatre, The Gillery, The Old Cobblers, The Vale and The Veg Lord.

***Mossley SOUP is appealing for projects with a Mossley connection for their next event, taking place on Thursday 18th June 2026. To find out more and submit a short application to present, head to <http://bit.ly/MossleySOUP>.***

## QUIZ CHALLENGE ANSWERS

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|--|---|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. He steals it from a showroom in The Man with the Golden Gun | : | 14. Laurel & Hardy             | : | 29. 1981   |
| 2. St George's Day   | : | 15. Linguini                   | : | 30. Blue-violet laser used to read and write data on the discs |
| 3. Prince Caspian  | : | 16. Hoth                       | : | 31. Beatrix Potter   |
| 4. 1971  | : | 17. Abbey Road                 | : | 32. Stomach  |
| 5. Sheep   | : | 18. Michael Bond               | : | 33. The Ricky Hatton Foundation                                |
| 6. Italy   | : | 19. Huddersfield               | : | 34. Buck   |
| 7. Lamb  | : | 20. 2006                       | : | 35. Ben Shepherd   |
| 8. M5  | : | 21. 300                        | : | 36. Douglas  |
| 9. Gall Bladder  | : | 22. King Richard III           | : | 37. Cherry   |
| 10. Angela Lansbury  | : | 23. Potatoes, Onions and Leeks | : | 38. September  |
| 11. Blackcurrants  | : | 24. 1965                       | : | 39. Zootopia   |
| 12. The Muppet Show  | : | 25. Central Perk               | : | 40. Sir Francis Drake  |
| 13. May 7th  | : | 26. Kings Cross                | : |  |
|  | : | 27. Kittens                    | : |  |
|  | : | 28. Japan                      | : |  |

APRIL 1

### Time Out

The Dream Centre Church, King St, Droylsden – 10am-12pm  
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.

APRIL 3RD- 4TH

### Egnapped

Hyde Festival Theatre, Corporation Street, Hyde, SK14 1AB  
Join Princess Primrose and her friends as they set off on an excellent adventure to prepare for Easter in Eggtopia. With the evil Fiona the Fox lurking in her den after stealing all the eggs, Primrose and her friends need to head on an adventure of a lifetime to retrieve them and save easter! It's a cracking tale full of fun, friendship and a little bit of bunny magic – perfect for young children and their families.

APRIL 10TH

### Stalybridge Street Fest

Armentieres Square, Stalybridge  
The popular food event returns to Stalybridge with all types of food and entertainment from 4pm. There's also an Artisan food market inside the Civic Hall.

APRIL 22ND-25TH

### Spamalot

Hyde Festival Theatre, Corporation Street, Hyde, SK14 1AB  
*Spamalot the Musical* is a laugh-out-loud, high-energy comedy presented by Hyde Musical Society, bringing the legendary humour of Monty Python to the stage. Based on the cult classic film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, this Tony Award-winning musical follows King Arthur and his gloriously daft knights as they embark on an absurd quest for the Holy Grail — complete with killer rabbits, flying cows, and plenty of ridiculousness. Packed with unforgettable songs, outrageous characters, and non-stop comedy, *Spamalot* is the perfect night out for theatre lovers, comedy fans, and anyone who enjoys pure entertainment. Book your tickets now for a show that's bold, brilliant, and completely bonkers — you'll be laughing from start to finish.

APRIL 24TH

### Mossley Farmers' Market

Market Street car park, Mossley, OL5 0HE From 10am  
The new Mossley Farmers' Market features lots of artisan market traders and fresh foods.

APRIL 27TH – MAY 2ND

### Entertaining Angels

Guide Bridge Theatre, Audenshaw Road, M34 5HJ  
As a clergy wife Grace has spent a lifetime on best behaviour. Now, following the death of her husband Bardolph, she is enjoying the new-found freedom of being able to do and say exactly as she pleases. But the return of her eccentric missionary sister, Ruth, together with some disturbing revelations forces Grace to confront the truth of her marriage.

APRIL 30TH

### Sailors Beware

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

### 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.

## FILM OF THE MONTH

### THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE

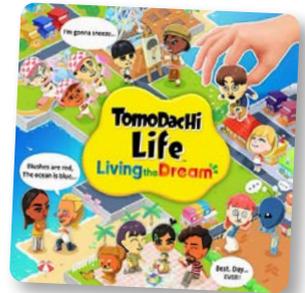
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie is an animated film based on the world of Super Mario Bros., and follows The Super Mario Bros. Movie, which was released in 2023 and earned more than \$1.3 billion worldwide. Both the 2023 film and The Super Mario Galaxy Movie are produced by Chris Meledandri of Illumination and Shigeru Miyamoto of Nintendo. The film will be co-financed by Universal Pictures and Nintendo and will be released worldwide by Universal Pictures. The Super Mario Galaxy Movie is directed by returning filmmakers Aaron Horvath and Michael Jelenic, from a screenplay by returning screenwriter Matthew Fogel, with Brian Tyler returning to compose the score.



## GAMING - With Bobby Kent

### TOMODACHI LIFE: LIVING THE DREAM - APRIL 16

Things are about to get weird, as the bizarre life simulation game Tomodachi Life finally gets its hugely anticipated sequel on the Nintendo Switch 2. With an entire island to call your own, create characters with Miis, give them personalities and goals and watch the charming yet utterly crazy they interact. It's your Tomodachi Life to live, and it's bigger than ever before.



## EVENT

### EASTER IN WERNETH – APRIL 5TH

On Easter Sunday, April 5th, between 11am and 2pm Gee Cross Community Centre will be the venue for an 'eggstra' special event. Hunt down the clues and solve the hidden word. Once the clues are solved, return with your answer and you will receive a FREE Easter egg from a special visitor!

There will also be free Easter Eggs whilst stocks last so take the family along and enjoy a fun filled event, including Easter Egg Hunt, Teddy Bear Tombola - 3 goes for £1, Tombola - 3 goes for £1, Guess the Big Bear's Name - £2 a go, Children's Hamper - £1 a ticket. Fun for children of all ages, everyone welcome!



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