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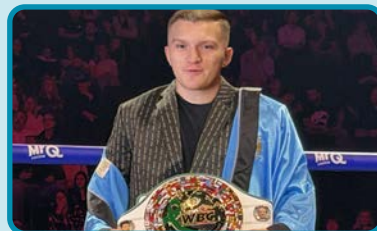
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Presented by Ashton Town Team, this event is funded through UK Government Pride In Place.



Hats off to Hyde club

Laurel & Hardy fans celebrated 20 years of fun, fundraising and philanthropy in May 2026 as Sailors Beware marked their special anniversary.

They received their official 'Sons of the Desert' Charter on 18th May 2006 and have since raised an amazing £12,694.58 and donated to many national and local charities. The good causes they

have supported include Willow Wood Hospice, Cancer Research, Macmillan Nurses, Christies, National Autistic Society, Francis House, Anthony Seddon Fund, Forget Me Not Buddies, Prostate Cancer, Mentell, Together Centre, We Shall Overcome, RBLI, Andy's Man Club, Salvation Army, Our Kids Eyes, and to families in Tameside requiring special health needs support.



For anyone who fancies a night of medicinal mirth, Sailors Beware meet on the last Thursday of the month at the Cheshire Ring in Hyde (opposite Aldi).

Stuart Green



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Mossley Markets Magic in May

On Sunday May 31st the award winning Mossley Farmers' Market featured classic cars, comedy and Morris dancers!

With the usual mix of food and gift stalls the event had a comedy flavour with an appearance of Laurel & Hardy causing mischief. Classic cars were on show from Tame Valley Vintage & Classic Car Club. This month's event takes place on Sunday July 26th.



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ON YER BIKES

On Sunday June 7th motorcycle fans descended on the Buckton Castle in Carrbrook Stalybridge for the bike show organised by British Motorcycle Preservation Society BMPS. (Manchester). The event is the third show to take place to commemorate Hughie McKiver a local racer from the area and had a great array of bikes on show.

Images by Howard Murphy



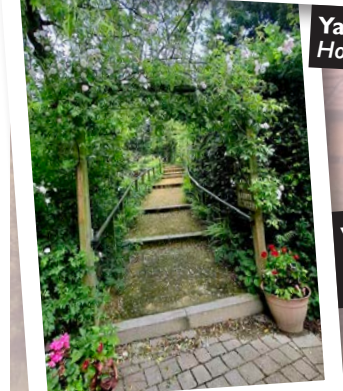
Stamford Park in bloom – Sam Shaw



View of Manchester from Matley farm – Howard Murphy



Yanks film celebration
Howard Murphy



Willow Wood gardens
Sam Shaw

Town Team gets new look

At the AGM in June Ashton Town Team has had a major shake up as it plans to push the town centres independent businesses with numerous activities in the coming months.



Firstly the changes at the top include a new Chair, Valerie Unwin who many know from Decisions and her amusing social media posts. The Deputy Chair will be Bill Fairfoull whose experience and community work will provide a good backing to the work of the voluntary group. A new face on the executive team is that of Chris Eaton from Bromleys Solicitors who takes on the Secretary and Carol Parker remains as Treasurer. There were also changes to the constitution to focus on new membership and flexibility to invite attendees rather than fixed positions for local officials. Over the coming months the Town Team are planning a promotional booklet to celebrate the town centre's independent businesses, along with events in August, September and December. This year's Independent Business Awards were sponsored through funding received by the UK Governments Pride In Place with online voting set to conclude on July 4th. Val said: "I'm delighted to take the role as Chair of Town Team and my focus, as it always has been, will be to build even more on the group's work to raise awareness of our small local, independent businesses."







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Ashton set to come alive with new artisan market and Super Saturday events



Ashton town centre is set for a summer boost with a packed programme of free monthly family-friendly events and the launch of a brand-new artisan market.

Firstly, Tameside Council has teamed up with award-winning Independent Street to bring a new monthly artisan market to the town, launching on Sunday 19 July (11am–4pm) and running on the third Sunday of each month.

The market will feature around 70 independent traders, offering everything from street food and baked goods to handmade crafts, alongside live music, and children's activities. Running from 11am until 4pm, the first event will also feature live music by northern musician Olly Flavell, a free arts workshop for children by artist Mila and free face painting for little ones.

Alongside this, the popular Super Saturday's events will return, starting with the 'Welcome to Ashton' event where Fletcher Square will be filled with live theatre, balloon modelling, face painting, music, and street artists for a free family funday between 11am–3pm.

It will be followed by Join the Circus themed event on Saturday 15 August, offering colourful entertainment including stilt walkers, jugglers, and interactive circus workshops. This follows the successful Spring Family Festival earlier this year, where Ashton's Spring Preview and a Super Saturday taster event drew strong crowds and offered a popular first glimpse of how the town's revitalised events programme.

The Artisan market and Super Saturday events in July will take place as the finishing touches are being added to the Market Square's transformation. Further Super Saturday events will also take place in September, October and November, bringing live music, seasonal activities, and

themed family fun to the town centre.

Cllr Leanne Feeley, Executive Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture, said: "It's fantastic to see more free events for families to enjoy culture and creativity together in Ashton. From live performances to hands-on activities, the Super Saturday's events help bring art and culture into the heart of our communities in a way that is accessible, engaging and fun for all ages."

Cllr Stephen Homer, Executive Member for Towns, Transport and Connectivity added: "The new artisan market is a fantastic way to showcase Ashton and bring it to life, it has always been a proud market town, and working with Independent Street allows us to celebrate that heritage while creating something fresh and exciting for residents and visitors. Market events like this support local traders, boost footfall, and help make the town centre a more vibrant place to be."

Lisa Cowley, owner of Independent Street, said: "We are so excited to bring our award-winning markets to Ashton town centre. Events like this are a terrific way to bring the community together while boosting footfall and connecting visitors with local businesses. There will also be free children's craft activities, face painting, and live music. Ashton has real market history, and we are so excited to bring the markets back on Sunday 19th July. We hope you can make it!"

All events are free to attend, with no booking required.

Find out more at www.intameside.co.uk

Party in the park

Hyde's MELA event is returning to Hyde Park on Sunday July 26th. The event features classic cars, stalls and live music organised by volunteers.

Kids in the Alley!

Tameside Rotary sponsored an event at Hollywood Bowl in Ashton last month with the Kidscan charity to give children and their families a fun afternoon out. The event was co-funded from Rotary's 'KidsOut' fund and Kidscan.

Festival goes ahead

Gee Cross may have lost the fete this year but the community is coming together next month for Gee Cross Festival. The event, at Sam Redfern Green, will have music and dancing on Saturday August 8th and a community family event on Sunday August 9th.

Ladysmith partners up

Ladysmith Shopping Centre in Ashton has chosen its new charity partner for 2025-2026. Prime Active Communities CIC is dedicated to empowering young people through fantastic youth programmes, from targeted engagement to creative drama, music, and filmmaking workshops.

Dogs Trust Fundraisers

At the Party In The Park event in Denton back in May, local group Hyde Fundraisers made a £500 donation to support the work of The Dogs Trust.

Bromleys do a runner

A team from Bromley's Solicitors supported The Christie charity in the Great Manchester 10k Run. Managing partner Paul Westwell, solicitors Joe Diver and Chris Eaton, associate solicitor Hannah Williams, paralegal Oscar Southan and financial controller Sam Harris all took part in the event.

Bridge Fest Boost

The volunteers at Stalybridge Town Team have received a funding boost towards this year's Bridge Fest event taking place in September. At their recent cash awards Tameside Rotary made a presentation of £250 towards the community event.

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WORLD CUP HERO IN ASHTON

➤➤ On June 6th Street Life, organised by Andy Kleek and Monopoly Events, took place on Market Avenue with a range of activities happening.

The highlight for this year was a visit from Sir Geoff Hurst, the world cup hero from 1966 who unveiled a mural celebrating his incredible hat trick and met fans for a talk and autographs at Clarence Arcade.

Blaze Streetdance Academy also popped up with an incredible dance show too!

There were live music performances and a DJ plus street entertainment and costume characters alongside traders with food and drink vendors to add to activities taking place.

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SCHOOL SUPPORTS CHARITY IN MEMORY OF HAARIS

Back in March West Hill School pupil Haaris Ansari passed away two weeks after he was diagnosed with Leukaemia.

The loss devastated his family, friends and all those at school along with Dukinfield Tigers Under 14 team that he played for. Students and staff at West Hill school have come together to raise funds in his memory for the Teenage Cancer Trust with the latest event a Fun Run organised on June 16th.

So far they have raised £2,234 for the charity with events and you can support the fundraising via a Just Giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/page/whsfunrun?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



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FAMILY FUN AT THE FARM

➤➤ Crowds flocked to this year's Open Farm Sunday on June 7th which was a fabulous opportunity to connect farmers and the public to discover the crucial work farmers do producing food, nurturing nature, and protecting the environment for future generations.

The team at Oak Farm in Matley welcomed visitors to see animals, farm equipment and learn more about the farm processes. Farmer Stephen Sherratt was happy to explain the incredible work which goes into the farm and how byproducts are reused for cattle feed and recycled in other ways. The event also displayed equipment, demonstrated sheepdog work and sheep shearing plus an opportunity to see cows, sheep and other animals up close. The farm has a range of products on sale including fresh raw milk, ice cream, butter and a range of flavoured milkshakes.

Images by Howard Murphy & KT



Guide Dogs meet K-9

Last month charity Guide Dogs welcomed a special visitor courtesy of Hyde Fundraisers, none other than robot pooch K-9 from Dr Who.



The Doctor's metal mutt was presenting a donation of £500 from the group to support the work of the Guide Dogs charity. The charity was nominated by member Peter Brocklehurst who had been working on this version of the robot earlier this year which had previously been owned by group collaborator Mark Dando.



Mark was happy to see him adopted by the group and previously K-9 had featured with the groups Cybermen on BBC Breakfast back in November 2023!



ROARSOME FUN

Next month, on Saturday August 8th, Ashton Town Team are bringing a huge attraction to the town centre with a dinosaur invasion!



The free event has been organised thanks to funding from the UK Governments Pride In Place.

Chair of Ashton Town Team, Val Unwin, said: "The town team volunteers work extremely hard on these events which we hope brings life to the town centre and footfall for our small independent businesses. We know in August families will be looking for great free entertainment and we wanted to have a big attraction – hence our dinosaur show!" In



September there's chance to see the wonderful Natalie Ciuffo sing and meet the infamous Black Knight on Saturday September 20th.



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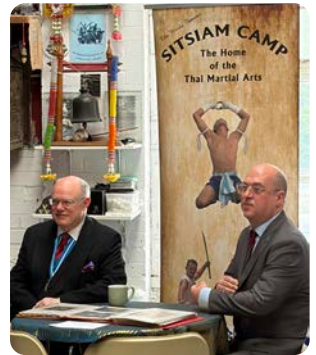
HIGH SHERIFF VISITS SITSIAM CAMP

➤➤ On June 17th The High Sheriff Of Greater Manchester, Mark Llewellyn dl, visited Sitsiam Camp in Stalybridge. They have been in existence since 1983 and in 2002 the Sitsiam Camp became the representative for Buddhai Swan Institute of Thailand. Two Schools in one authentically and traditionally Thai.

At the school they give students the opportunity of training in the Thai Martial Arts just as they would in Thailand but without ever stepping onto an aeroplane! We asked the High Sheriff why he was visiting and he said: "So I saw them doing a demonstration at the Sci Fi Day in Ashton, which was a fantastic day, and I was just really intrigued by what they were up to. We were talking about some of the symbolism of my role as high sheriff and there seemed to be a crossover. So being high sheriff is it's given me fantastic opportunity to go out and ask, to visit places that you wouldn't get to visit if you weren't in this position and to see how many things are going on that you wouldn't know about, that is for the good of the community. So I wanted to come and visit them being

on my doorstep as a Tameside resident, but also because it seems to me intriguing as to what they were up to. I've been able to come out and learn more about the camp, which is absolutely fantastic that these kids are coming all ages and learning about something new, learning about the whole culture and history and heritage behind it as well. I mean, everyone's so disciplined, so respectful and learning skills flow for life, I think, and making friends." Kru Steven Moore and students were delighted to welcome the High Sheriff and he said: "Well, firstly, it was an honour to have a high sheriff in attendance. At the Ashton event he said he'd like to attend the school, to see on a day to day basis what we do with the children in the community Obviously then we've organised his visit, he's attended tonight and it's been a great pleasure and an honour to have him here present in the school. We had students from just turned five years,, literally just turned five, all the way up to 15 years. They all trained in the same class because they all learn from each other."

If you want to discover more about Sitsiam Camp you can find them on Facebook or visit their website at sitsiam-camp.com



MARKET NEWS



➤➤ This month we have **Stalybridge Streetfest** on **Friday July 10th** and our award winning **Mossley Farmers' Market** on **Sunday July 26th**. The **Real Deal Record Fair** is back in **Ashton** on **Saturday July 18th** and our new **Independent Street Market** in **Ashton** is on **Sunday July 19th**.

We also have a special event with the **Hyde Community Fair** on **Saturday July 25th** with free facepainting, music, **Sitsiam Camp** martial arts demonstration, **Blaze Streetdance Academy** and **Hyde Fundraisers** between **11am-3pm**.

Located on the lower ground floor at **Hyde Market Hall** we have **Studio 22** offering ladies hair styling with cuts and hair colouring ready for your special date or event.

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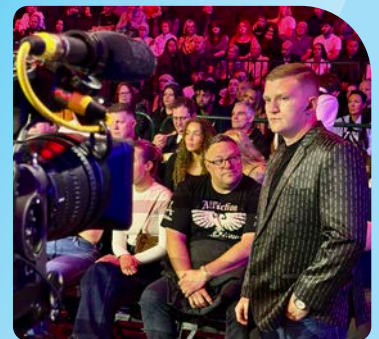
Evening4Ricky was Manchester's biggest party celebrating one of the city's most beloved icons – Ricky 'The Hitman' Hatton!

Taking place at the AO Arena, home of so many of Ricky's fights, the event featured tributes from the world of boxing and beyond with music performances, comedians, sports stars, boxers past and present, all joined together to celebrate Ricky's career.

There was a new poem specially written and performed for this night by 'Manchester's Poet' Tony Walsh, telling the story of Ricky's life. There was live music from The Lottery Winners, Rowetta, Tinie Tempah and Bugzy Malone. Local group Hyde Fundraisers also took along some of their characters to support the evening along with some photo opportunities from Star Cutouts too!

A touching moment at the event was to see Campbell Hatton, Ricky's son, and his daughter Lyla take to the stage for an emotional appearance.

The event was raising funds for the charity set up in the boxer's name – The Ricky Hatton Foundation. To find out more visit www.rickyhattonfoundation.com





TAMESIDE'S WORLD CUP LEGEND

TAMESIDE JOURNALIST AND BROADCASTER MIKE WALLBANK LOOKS BACK TO 1966...

The magnificent mural of our World Cup hero Geoff Hurst captures a magical moment in time watched by millions 'live' on TV, but extra special for many in our area, gathered round their black-and-white sets on that warm and humid Saturday afternoon, July 30 1966.

The sunshine over Denton was as hazy as my memory of that long-ago day is now, but here's what I know for sure. My mum, dad, brother (age four) and seven-year-old me had gone round to my nana and grandad's, where we saw England win the World Cup at Wembley in the final minute of extra time as the BBC commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme hurriedly announced: "Some people are on the pitch! They think it's all over - it is now!" Scoreline: England 4 West Germany 2.

Fans in Denton were especially proud of 'local lad' Geoff Hurst who found the net three times, the 24-year-old striker writing his name in the record books as the first player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup Final.

Born in Ashton's Lake Hospital in December 1941, Geoff lived with his parents in Ruby Street, Denton for the first few years of his life and attended St Lawrence's School. They moved south when his dad - a part-time footballer - went to find a job in Chelmsford and play for local side Chelmsford City.

Young Geoff followed in his footsteps, ultimately becoming a top flight player at West Ham but maintained strong

family ties with Denton.

Speaking to the Denton Reporter in July 1966, his uncle Jack Senior, of Sunningdale Road, Haughton Green, insisted: "Even though he was born at Lake Hospital in Ashton, Geoff is still a Denton boy." Ashtonians would continue to claim him as one of their own, quick to point out his birthplace in all the official record books was Ashton-under-Lyne.

Jack and his wife Frances had bought Geoff his first pair of football boots - and were delighted when he offered them tickets for the World Cup Final. Sadly, they were unable to go because Jack had business commitments. They watched the match on TV on the Saturday afternoon and afterwards invited friends and neighbours round for a champagne celebration. One of them, Wilf Rothwell used to play football with Geoff's dad Charlie for the Russell Scott School old boys team. Charlie later turned pro with Oldham Athletic and Bristol Rovers.

Geoff's grandparents Mr and Mrs James Hurst of Cemetery Road made it down to Wembley and were enjoying a few days away following the final.

Fast forward 60 years, as a fellow 'Dentonian born in Ashton', I hope the mural will be cherished by future generations as a forever reminder of that wonderful day

Portland Basin Museum is also marking the anniversary with an exhibition of World Cup and '60s memorabilia.



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PARTY IN THE PARK



On the weekend of May 23rd to the 25th Victoria Park in Denton played host to three days of family fun. Organised by Denise Ward and the Denton Community Hub the sun smiled over the Bank Holiday with stalls and entertainment.

Headline attractions included a visit from Hyde Fundraisers, some incredible martial arts displays by Sitsiam Camp, musician Tom Stevenson and Tameside's Spider-man.

Plus, the Kids Adventure Kingdom featuring great inflatable fun, character fun plus the competition Denton's Got Talent on the Monday and Stars in Their Eyes favourite Vince Hughes.

Images Massimino Malacrino / KT





Huge crowds at the Whit Friday Contests in Tameside

➤➤ Tameside welcomed thousands of residents and visitors on Friday 29th May as the borough came alive for the much-loved Whit Friday Brass Band Contests.

Across 11 contest venues, crowds joined to enjoy an evening of fantastic live music, community spirit, and friendly competition. This year's event saw 52 bands perform across Tameside, bringing with them around 1,500 players and support staff.

The event was supported by Tameside Council, and over 140 volunteers who collectively contributed around 1,000 hours on the day.

Foden's Band delivered an outstanding performance throughout the night, securing first place at an impressive six contests and earning the title of overall winners for 2026. They have held the title since 2011, winning every contest during that time.

Tameside Council's Executive Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture, Cllr Leanne Feeley, said: "Whit Friday is one of the most cherished events in our cultural calendar, and this year's celebrations truly showcased the best of Tameside. Not many towns can say they host something as unique and historic as Whit Friday, and it's a privilege to keep that tradition thriving!

"The atmosphere was incredible, and it wouldn't have been possible without our dedicated volunteers, organisers and partners."

Images by Howard Murphy – Gordon Greenwood - KT





Tameside Rotary distribute monies to local community groups

On 9 June 2026, Tameside Rotary held a presentation evening, attended by over eighty people, to celebrate local groups and charities whose applications to Tameside Rotary's 'Small Grants, Big Difference' initiative had been successful.

The cash awards were given to twenty-two local community groups from across the Borough supporting a range of projects including the provision of sports activities for children; toddler groups; environmental projects; young people and health and wellbeing support groups. The donations given were primarily the result of the well supported Tameside Rotary Santa Float collection in December 2025.

The evening began with a short ceremony celebrating the passing of the Club Presidency from Immediate Past President Manhar Taylor (facilitating the handover on behalf of outgoing President Mike Glover who was sadly unable to attend) to incoming President Mrs Amanda Reed-Raja (Senior Assistant Solicitor, Kirkham Legal) under the watchful eye of Mr Edwin Partridge, Rotary District 1285 Governor. Amanda's first job as Club President was to then preside over the cash awards evening. On receiving their cash award, recipients were given the opportunity to say a few words about their group's community impact and how the cash award will help with an ongoing or future project.

Also in attendance was the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Mr Mark Llewellyn DL, who gave a funny interesting speech about his role and shared his heartfelt thanks to the groups present for the amazing work they do in Tameside.

President Amanda expressed her delight and gratitude at seeing so

many local groups present at the event, saying: "These celebratory evenings showcase the impact of Tameside Rotary's fundraising efforts and highlight the vital work of Tameside community groups.

We work hard to put on fundraising events throughout the year and being able to distribute the monies raised to so many diverse good causes is very rewarding and heart-warming. I sincerely hope Tameside residents who donated to our Santa collection will be pleased to see how many different local community activities, our club has been able to support through their generosity. We know the need is great amongst the Tameside community and we will continue to actively fundraise to help others during these challenging times".

Tameside Rotary would like to thank all the representatives from the local community groups and charities who attended, alongside the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester Mr Mark Llewellyn DL, and Rotary District Governor Edwin Partridge. Grateful thanks are also due to the management and staff of the Ashton Masonic Hall for the use of their fabulous conservatory and for their excellent catering and care on the evening and to Rumour Entertainment and Events for sponsoring the use of their PA system.

Tameside Rotarians are now working on plans for the 2026 Tameside Beer Festival on 18 and 19 September at Stalybridge Civic Hall. Tameside businesses and local groups who may wish to get involved are invited to email beerfestival@tamesiderotary.onmicrosoft.com for more information.



Names of the organisations who received awards are:

- Tameside Vikings Basketball Club
- SENDsational Soccer
- Millbrook Primary & Secondary School
- Tameside Pulmonary Support Group
- St George's Dementia Kitchen
- Mossley Blind Group
- Inspiring Animal Welfare
- Happy Tots – Church of Nazarene
- Hurst Nook Tots
- Stalybridge Town Team
- Fairfield Moravian Allotment Society
- Vitality Gardens
- Hattersley Community Big Garden Project
- Tameside Meals SEVA Group
- Cedar Park Pantry (Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group)
- St George's Kitchen
- Wings of Hope
- Power of Resilience
- Tameside Medical Education Trust
- St Gabriels Community Group
- Tameside Armed Services Community
- The Carpenters Arms

Quiz Challenge

1. What is the name of the sugar that is found in milk?
2. Dr. Sinobu Ishihara(1879-1963) of Japan, devised a test in relation to ophthalmology. What do we call this test?
3. Roly, Penny, Freckles and patch are characters in what Disney film?
4. Which shopping centre was recently acquired by Tameside Council?
5. In Greek mythology, who were the twin brothers of Helen of Troy?
6. What does a yellow flag on a ship signify?
7. In which country was the entertainment company "Cirque du Soleil" founded?
8. What was the name of the first ever industrial produced plastic?
9. Agassi and Herdwick are breeds of what farmyard animal?
10. James Bond usually gets his gadgets from Q Branch, what is meant by the letter Q?
11. What sport is played by the Cardiff Devils?
12. Who was the first boxer to receive a Knighthood?
13. In which US State would you find The Grand Canyon?
14. What brand uses the slogan - "What's the Worst That Could Happen?"
15. Who managed Manchester United from 1986 to 2013?
16. On which Mediterranean island was Napoleon Bonaparte exiled to in 1814?
17. Which month of the year does the Tameside Rotary Beer Festival usually take place?
18. In what year did the Tameside Advertiser free newspaper make its appearance ?
19. Sailors Beware is the Hyde branch of the Laurel and Hardy fanclub, by what name is the club called around the world?
20. In the children's nursery rhyme, why did Jack and Jill go up the hill?
21. In the measurement of horses, how many inches are in a hand?
22. In which English county would you find Jodrell Bank?
23. In the game of chess, which piece can only move diagonally?
24. What is a pencil lead made from?
25. What vegetable has a variety called Royal Chantenay?
26. Home to famous brands such as Gucci, Prada and Armani, where is Italy's fashion centre?
27. In which country was the environmental organisation Greenpeace founded in 1971?
28. Which was the first of the British banks to offer personal loans when restrictions were lifted in 1958?
29. What make of cars was Lady Penelopes FAB1 in Thunderbirds?
30. Who "Never Had a Dream Come True" in the charts in 2000?
31. What is the national symbol of Poland?
32. Which record provided Sweet with their only UK number one in 1973?
33. Who provided the voice for the original Mr Men children's series?
34. Which Carry On film featured the characters Professor Anna Vooshka, Ernie Bragg and Major Leep?
35. Which country in 1988 became the first to issue polymer banknotes?
36. Which politician caused havoc in the egg market in 1988 when she stated that most were infected with Salmonella?
37. What type of wheat is generally used to make pasta?
38. Globophobia is a fear of what?
39. Percy Shaw (1890-1976) of Halifax, invented what, in relation to road safety?
40. If you were a Turophile of what foodstuff would you be a lover?



July is one of those times of year when the heat is turned up, the bees are in full force, flowers are blooming, and Hayfever is in the news. On the gardening front things are looking very rosy indeed but hidden behind every great garden there is still work to be done.

Weeding is high on the list, the more you get rid of the better, watering can become a nightly job and if you have not already then, a water butt would be a great addition ready for the drought warnings. Sadly, drought can drastically reduce onion yields, so water them all and weed regularly to reduce competition for moisture. Mulch with mowings (as long as you haven't been using weed killer) always immediately after it has rained to lock in that moisture.

Turning to the greenhouse, whether it be glass or plastic, do remember on hot days to open the vents or unzip the door, you don't want to bake your tomatoes, but do spray your plants twice weekly with 1 tsp of washing up liquid in a pint of water to kill whitefly. Feeding is important, but follow the instructions, over feeding will kill them off. Slugs and snails are still causing us problems, now you could

go out in the middle of the night and collect them up or pellets are used sparingly will help.

Potato time, it's that month that when new potatoes are ready for pulling and you will be earthing up your main crop with a hoe, whether it is in the tub or in the ground, watch for blight - small dark patches on the leaves or tubers, if spotted pull out and straight to the green bin.

Lavender, scent of a million bars of soap, tins of polish and air fresheners. But why go for the fake when you can have the real thing, those scented purple flowers will be in full bloom and there are so many different types that you can enjoy the relaxing smell of the season all around your garden, bringing a calming glow to your lazy summer days. The ones to consider are Regal Splendour a New Zealand variety is a very showy lavender with lime green foliage or the Fat Head, this purply/violet dwarf lavender is a real favourite with gardeners and don't forget about Little Lady, one of the best for a low compact hedge. Butterfly and bee favourite, something we all want to attract to our gardens and it really is very sweetly scented.



Our cats are part of the family and are very much creatures of habit so if they become ill or have another problem you might notice is a change of routine. These signs can be difficult to interpret, even if we do notice them despite our busy lives.

Arthritis

Young, healthy cats are brilliant at climbing and jumping. As they get older, many cats will develop some arthritis in their back and leg joints. This is a gradual change and you may only see subtle changes in your cat's mobility. Treatment can be very successful so do talk to your vet. Never be tempted to try human painkillers - they are poisonous to cats.

Drinking a lot

If your cat starts to drink a lot more than normal you should take it seriously. A healthy cat will only drink very little, even if they are fed on dry food. It can be a symptom of kidney problems or diabetes. You will need a simple blood test at your vets to check it out.

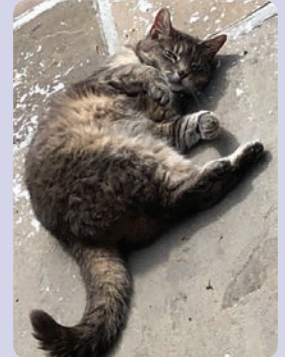
Urinary problems

Cats suffer a lot with waterworks problems. This happens to cats of all ages and if you notice any of the following symptoms, do not delay, make an appointment with your vet:

- Trying to pass urine but only a small amount comes out
- Going in and out of the litter tray, squatting frequently
- Passing small spots of blood
- Licking frequently under the tail.
- Feline lower urinary tract disease is a painful condition in cats and needs urgent treatment. It can be particularly serious and life threatening in male cats, so don't delay - phone your vet.

Bites and fights

Cat fights are an inevitable consequence of owning a cat that is allowed to roam outside. Cat bites are painful and will



result in your cat behaving differently. They will often be very grumpy, not want to be touched and run off to hide somewhere. A bite will often develop into an abscess over a few days. It is usually the face, paws, back and tail base that get bitten. This may give your cat a temperature and he is likely to go off his food. Bites can be serious and can require antibiotic treatment in the short term, but usually heal without a problem.

Itchy skin

Fleas! 90% of scabby, itchy skin problems in cats are caused by fleas. Flea problems are very common.

Lossing weight

This is a particular problem as cats get older. As a general rule, after the age of 10, cats can start to suffer from diseases which are characterised by weight loss. If your cat is thin but still very active and eating a lot, it is possible that they may be suffering from an overactive thyroid gland. Alternatively, if the weight loss is accompanied by an increased thirst but decreased appetite, it may be a kidney problem. A simple blood test can be done to check this out.



Ofsted recognises further progress and positivity in Tameside's Children's Services

In May 2026, we welcomed Ofsted inspectors back to Tameside for another visit to monitor our improvement of children's services.

After reading their latest monitoring letter (published in June 2026), I feel a genuine sense of pride in how far we've come together. Ofsted has recognised the significant progress being made, and it is reassuring to see the hard work taking place right across Team Tameside acknowledged.

The letter highlights clear and sustained progress in strengthening leadership, stabilising the workforce, and improving the quality of support for children and young people. Importantly, inspectors noted that a "steady pace of progress is helping to embed sustainable change", something we have all been working hard to achieve.

At the same time, we are not complacent. We recognise there is more to do and remain fully committed to addressing the areas for further development identified by Ofsted.



Cllr Teresa Smith

What stands out most is the feedback about our colleagues. Inspectors recognised the care and commitment across our workforce, noting that "social workers speak with fondness and pride about their children, and most know them well." This reflects the culture we are building, one where relationships matter and children are at the heart of everything we do.

We will continue to build on this momentum, strengthening our workforce, improving practice, and focusing relentlessly on better outcomes for children and young people. I want the very best for our communities, and delivering consistently high-quality services for our families will always remain our absolute priority.

Executive Member for Children and Families
Cllr Teresa Smith



Cookery Corner

Cheese & Potato Bake

Ingredients

- Serves 4 -

- 8 medium sized potatoes, cleaned and diced
- 1 medium sized onion, peeled and diced
- 1 dash of milk (as desired)
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 175g of grated mature Cheddar cheese
- 2 slices of tomato for garnish

Instructions

Boil the diced onions and potatoes together. once potatoes are soft, drain and mash together with the butter and milk and slowly add 2/3 of the cheese (set aside the other 1/3).

When everything has combined together, spoon the mixture into a baking dish, and cover with the remaining cheese, add the tomato slices attractively in the centre.

Bake at 180 C / Gas 4 in the centre of the oven until the cheese has totally melted and is starting to turn a nice golden brown.

Try serving with salad or chips with pickled red cabbage.





Ted's fun page

Ted's Jokes

What do frogs like to drink on a hot summer day?

Croak-o-cola

Which runs faster, hot or cold water?

Hot, because you can catch cold.

What does the sun drink out of?

Sunglasses.

Why do Toadstools grow so close together?

They don't need Mushroom.

How do hair stylists speed up their job?

They take short cuts!

What can you put in a barrel to make it lighter?

Holes.

Why would Snow White make a great judge?

She was the fairest in the land.

TV Times

Today we all take for granted our television set which entertains us constantly with films, drama, educational, sport and entertainment. But how did it all begin for television?

The first demonstration of the instantaneous transmission of images was by Georges Rignoux and A. Fournier in Paris in 1909. By the 1920s, when amplification made television practical, Scottish inventor John Logie Baird employed the Nipkow disk in his prototype video systems. He created his prototype in a little village called Santa Cruz on the island of Trinidad where he was recovering from an illness.

Digital television transition started in the late 2000s. All the governments across the world set the deadline for analog shutdown by the 2010s. Initially the adoption rate was low. But soon, more and more households were converting to digital televisions.

Technology has also influenced the look of televisions with the sturdy old box style sets packed with the cathode ray tube and bunches of valves which made them quite heavy. It's only been in the last 25 years or so that viewers started to switch to more compact flat screen televisions that are capable of ultra high definition, realistic colour and the use of LEDs. These days smart televisions are capable of so much more and are still the main entertainment hub in peoples homes!

In Britain the EMI engineering team led by Isaac Shoenberg applied in 1932 for a patent for a new device they dubbed "the Emitron", which formed the heart of the cameras they designed for the BBC. On November 2, 1936, a 405-line broadcasting service employing the Emitron began at studios in Alexandra Palace, and transmitted from a specially built mast atop one of the Victorian building's towers. This was the world's first regular high-definition television service. Obviously television was black and white with colour broadcasting in Europe not standardized on the PAL format until the 1960s.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

This month we feature the hardworking volunteers from Reuben's Retreat. Can you find 10 differences?





ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE

Motoring tips from Guide Bridge MOT & Service

This month Guide Bridge MOT & Service has some top tips on how to drive economically and make your MPG go further – check them out below!

Condense your time on the road

Did you know that when you drive a car that has been parked for a few hours the engine is cold and it uses more fuel to power the engine for the first five miles or so? By combining your errands into one daily trip you can save your pennies and your mileage – meaning your miles will last longer between trips to the pump.

Stick to the speed limit

This one should be a given for responsible driving but stick to the speed limits! What Car? research shows that a vehicle going at 80mph uses up to 25% more fuel than one going at 70mph.

Spend a minute on maintenance

One of the best ways to improve your fuel efficiency is to keep your car well maintained and serviced regularly. By ensuring your car is running optimally you can utilise your fuel and go further for your pounds, even if it's just pumping up your tyres to the correct pressure

Air-con? Air-gone!

Car heaters don't, in general, use up much fuel as they recycle the heat from the engine. Air conditioning, however, does. It's definitely

the case if you have an older vehicle but it's much less noticeable with modern cars. Remember that using your air-con regularly is a good thing, as it keeps the seals in good condition. But what about opening windows instead? When it comes to keeping them down it may affect fuel consumption at more than 40mph, but air conditioning marginally increases fuel use at all speeds.

Take a weight off

Just like your body, your car needs more fuel to move around more weight, which means you shouldn't cart items around in your boot unless you absolutely need to. You can also reduce weight by filling up with less fuel, more often.

Read the road and use gravity

Use gravity to your advantage and build up momentum by pushing on downhill to power through inclines. This may sound confusing, but a good way to do this is to read the road as if you were on a pushbike and accelerate accordingly. While doing this, be sure to look far ahead while driving and keep moving where possible by anticipating obstacles.

To keep your vehicle in great condition contact Guide Bridge MOT & Service on 0161 339 5354. They will be able

to quote you on no nonsense, trouble-free and transparent servicing along with general repairs.

Local news and events from Tameside Council Here for you



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Investing in better roads and pavements for Tameside

Keeping our roads, pavements and street lighting safe and reliable is one of my key priorities, because they are used by residents every single day. That's why I'm really pleased that we have agreed a £45 million investment over the next five years to improve and protect Tameside's highway network.

This investment is about taking a smarter, longer-term approach. For too long, councils across the country have had to focus on reactive repairs like potholes. In Tameside alone, pothole repairs have risen by over 15% since 2021. While those repairs are essential, they are not always the best use of limited resources.

By investing more in planned maintenance, we can deal with issues earlier, reduce the need for emergency fixes, and make our money go further. Modelling even shows that this approach could help us avoid around £130 million in future repair costs over the next decade.

The funding will support improvements right across

our network, including roads and pavements, bridges and retaining walls, drainage systems such as gullies and culverts, and our street lighting. This is vital when you consider the scale of what we manage, with over 700 kilometres of roads, more than 1,500 kilometres of footways, nearly 49,000 gullies and over 25,600 streetlights.

It is not just about maintaining what we have. By improving the overall condition of our network, we are also supporting safer walking, cycling and public transport, helping people get around more easily and sustainably.

We will use detailed condition data alongside local knowledge to plan works carefully and coordinate them where possible, so we can minimise disruption for residents and communities.

This is a significant step towards a more resilient, efficient and better maintained highway network for the future, and I am proud to support it.

Councillor Laura Boyle, Executive Member for Environmental Services and Neighbourhoods

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.



Twenty years ago, in July 2006 the annual Tameside Canals Festival was held at the picturesque setting of Portland Basin.

The festival was a mainstay for many years and being held in the summer always drew large crowds to the event, even though sometimes the rain fell! Narrowboats came from far and wide and would all moor up in and around the basin for the duration of the weekend.

It was a hugely popular gathering for boat enthusiasts and there was also live entertainment including Morris dancing and clog dancers. Asian dance routines and belly dancing were also showcased over the years. Several craft tents, food outlets and charity stalls sold their wares and there were always lovely displays of traditional 'Canalware'. These items such as coal



skuttles and buckets and watering cans were on show and some for sale too. They were ornately painted by very skilled artists in bright dazzling colours using very fine brushes. They were, and still are, extremely decorative and continue to be available to purchase from narrowboats up and down the country.

The first festival was held in 1975 and was superbly run by many volunteers along the way. In one of our pictures, you can see the Willow Wood Hospice raffle prize of a Suzuki car which was



taken to lots of community events in Tameside where people could purchase a ticket with the chance of winning the brand-new motor car.

Words and text by Howard Murphy.

QUIZ CHALLENGE ANSWERS

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| 1. Lactose | 15. Alex Ferguson | 29. Rolls Royce |
| 2. Test for Colour Blindness | 16. Elba | 30. S Club 7 |
| 3. 101 Dalmations | 17. September | 31. The White Eagle |
| 4. Ladysmith Shopping Centre | 18. 1979 | 32. Blockbuster |
| 5. Castor & Pollux | 19. Sons Of The Desert | 33. Arthur Lowe |
| 6. Disease on board | 20. To fetch a pail of water | 34. Carry On Behind |
| 7. Canada | 21. Four | 35. Australia |
| 8. Bakelite | 22. Cheshire | 36. Edwina Currie |
| 9. Sheep | 23. Bishop | 37. Durum |
| 10. Quartermaster | 24. Graphite | 38. Balloons |
| 11. Ice Hockey | 25. Carrot | 39. Reflective Road Studs (CAT'S EYES) |
| 12. Henry Cooper | 26. Milan | 40. Cheese |
| 13. Arizona | 27. Canada | |
| 14. Dr Pepper | 28. Midland Bank | |

JULY 1ST

Time Out

King Street, Droylsden – From 10am-12noon

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

Droylsden Leathercraft

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

JULY 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.

JULY 17TH - 19TH

Ashton Pride

Ashton Town Centre

Ashton gets its first dedicated Pride event organised by The Nico Ditch in the town centre. Various events are planned – contact the venue for more details - 52 Old St, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6LB.

JULY 18TH

Real Deal Record Fair

Ashton Market hall, Bow St from 10am

Looking for vintage vinyl, cassettes and records to complete your collection? Get along to the fair and see what they have and they also buy vinyl too!

JULY 19TH

Independent Street

Ashton town centre, from 10am

Launch event for a new market in Ashton town centre.

JULY 9TH

INTO THE WOODS JR

Hyde Festival Theatre, Corporation Street, Hyde, SK14 1AB

Featuring all of your favourite characters – Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk) and the Witch in this lyrically rich retelling of classic Brothers Grimm fables. The musical centres on a baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse and wind up changed forever.

JULY 26TH

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.

JULY 30TH

Sailors Beware

Cheshire Ring, 72 Manchester Road, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 2BJ

Son's Of The Desert – the Laurel & Hardy fan club - meet the last Thursday of the month from 8pm. 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.

Denise Ward and volunteers provide an affordable 3 course lunch offering a chance to socialise and stay warm.

FILM OF THE MONTH

SPIDER-MAN: BRAND NEW DAY

It's a BRAND NEW DAY for Peter Parker. Fighting crime full-time as Spider-Man in a world that doesn't remember him - and the pressure of seeing his old friends



move on without him - sparks a change in Peter he may not have the power to control. But that transformation might also be the only thing that can stop a shocking new threat to the city and those he loves - a powerful villain no one can even see. The world may have forgotten Peter Parker, but he hasn't forgotten them.

GAMING - With Bobby Kent

ASSASSIN'S CREED BLACK FLAG RESYNCD

The pirate-assassin himself returns, as Edward Kenway swings back into action with a new coat of paint. Ubisoft is fully recreating their 2013 classic Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag with all the benefits of current generation console technology! With hours of new story content, enhanced parkour and completely overhauled next-gen graphics, this is a perfect pick up for fans of the original or first timers.



EVENT

HYDE COMMUNITY FAIR – JULY 25TH

On Saturday July 25th Tameside Markets in association with Clarendon Square and Hyde Fundraisers host a community event in Hyde town



centre. There's a selection of charity and community stalls including Tameside Little Gems so you can learn more of what services are on offer. The civic square will play host to a demonstration by Sitsiam Camp martial arts showcasing their incredible students. Fresh from European competition will be Tameside's Blaze Streetdance Academy entertaining with some amazing dance performances. In addition there will be free face painting, and a few surprise characters too from Hyde Fundraisers at the event which takes place between 11am-3pm.

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