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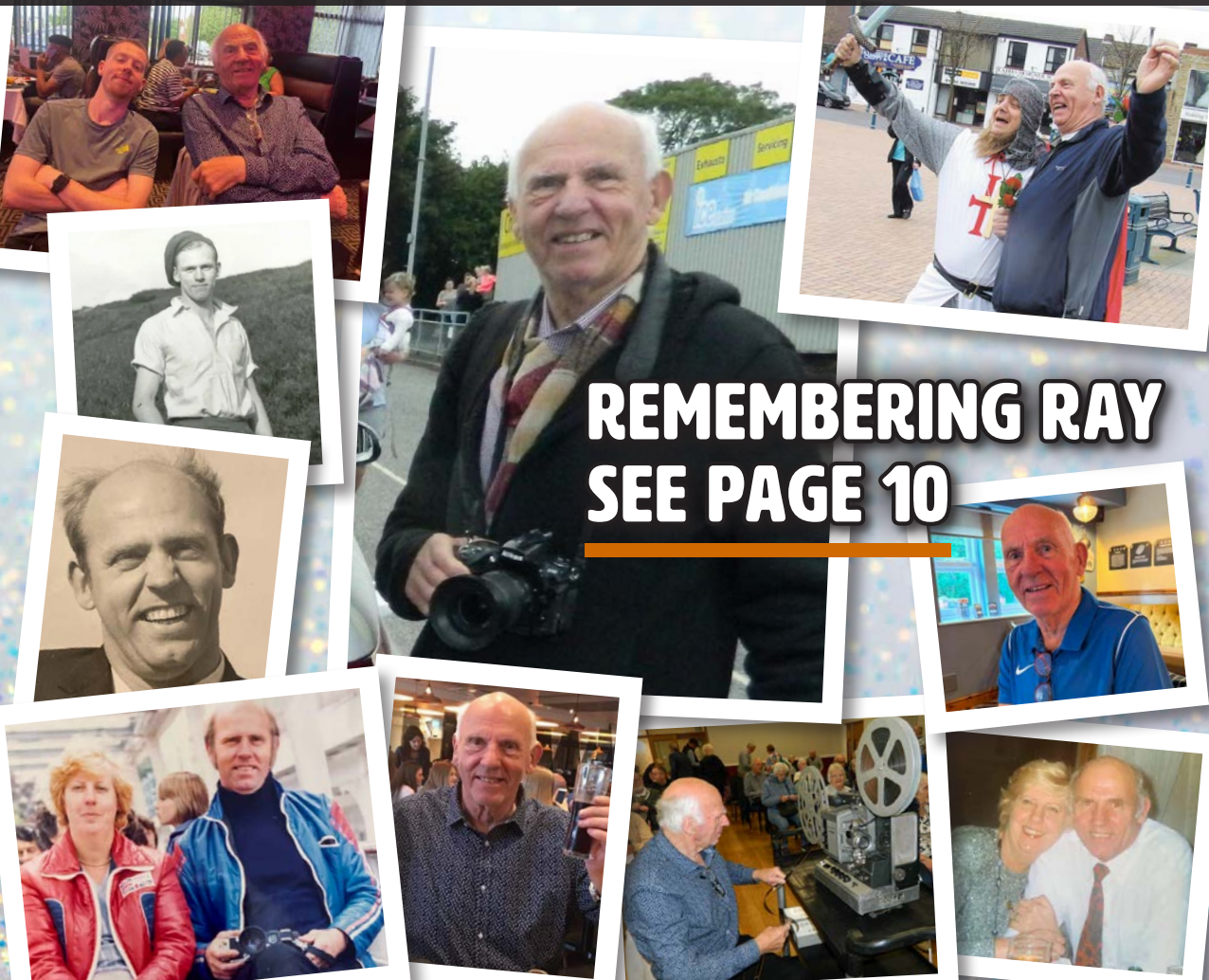


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DUKINFIELD FUN DAY

There was a Party In The Park taking place in Dukinfield Park on Saturday July 18th.

With stalls, refreshments and entertainment supported from across the community that featured Dukinfield Tigers and SK dance.

The event was supported by Tameside MBC, Astley Fitness Village, Stalybridge & Dukinfield Rotary Club and Jigsaw Homes.



SUE CONTINUES CLIVE'S LEGACY

>>> Sue and Clive Green worked hard over the years to establish a support group for those with Pulmonary Fibrosis. We lost Clive early last year, but Sue has continued to be a strong ambassador for the group and even received community recognition from the BBC. We caught up with Sue at one of the group meetings and asked her what is Pulmonary Fibrosis?

"Pulmonary fibrosis, it's scarring of the lungs, so the lungs become very stiff, making it very difficult to breathe. It means then that the oxygen doesn't get around your body like it should do, so then that causes problems as well. It's a very dreadful disease, it really is.

My husband had it, I lost him last year and it's very difficult, very isolating as well, because you don't think about not being able to breathe. You don't think about breathing basically, until you can't, and then that's when life really does change for you. Clive went to Wythenshawe Hospital, the absolutely amazing Dr. Nazia Chowdhury there, and she told him about the Wythenshawe support group. So, he went along to that where a lady there from Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis was asking for people to set up support groups. He came home after quite a

hectic trek from Wythenshawe, which is not the easiest place to get to, and he asked me what I thought about it and said, yeah, if that's what you want to do, let's do it. So, in 2018, in April, we set up TPFSG as we are known and now have meetings here at the 4c centre in Ashton where we met once a month. It's face to face meetings, but we also do a monthly zoom meeting as well for people who can't come face to face because they're quite vulnerable. People that are immunosuppressed don't always feel comfortable being in a room with other people. We do always have to say to people, if you're not feeling 100% for whatever reason, don't come."

If you want to know more about the Tameside Pulmonary Fibrosis Group, you can call 075338 2620, they are on Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn. Their website is www.tpfsgsorry.co.uk.



TAMESIDE'S AWARD WINNING GARAGE

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ARCHERY CLUB SCORES WITH EVENT



Stalybridge Archery Club's 'Have a Go' event on Sunday June 28th was a huge success.

The club was founded in 1958, and over the intervening years has produced many fine archers. Amongst its members it has had county champions, national record holders and

even Olympic competitors. The event in June attracted a wide variety of families and those interested in the sport.

For more information you can email beginners@stalybridgearcheryclub.co.uk or visit the website www.stalybridgearcheryclub.uk or find them on Facebook.



Monday Club marvels at Mossley SOUP

Mossley Monday Club for disabled adults delivered the winning presentation at the latest Mossley SOUP event.

On Thursday 18th June, Mossley SOUP volunteers hosted their latest community crowdfunding event at Emmaus Mossley. More than 140 diners were in attendance, donating £5 each in return for soup, entertainment, presentations and a vote.

For the 22nd Mossley SOUP event, diners heard four four-minute presentations from local groups and projects, each followed by four questions from the audience.

The projects presented were Crafty Kidz Mossley, Hilary Harry and Friends Wildlife Rescue, Mossley Monday Club and St John's Beginner Band. After the presentations, diners cast their votes, a fundraising raffle was drawn and then the winning project was announced.

Mossley Monday Club, a weekly social club for disabled adults hosted at Mossley AFC, secured the most votes and received £1,850 raised on the night. Michelle Phillips, Mossley Monday Club volunteer and project presenter, said: "I would like to thank everyone for their support at Mossley SOUP. We cannot thank everyone enough.

"To present there was a little nerve wracking, but the Mossley SOUP volunteers were very supportive and the audience were all so friendly and kind.

"Winning at this event really means a lot to the Monday Club as it will give our members a chance to learn a new skill and be part of a community. Alongside this we can now guarantee a pantomime event at



Christmas, providing a fully inclusive evening of entertainment."

The funds raised and secured for Mossley Monday Club came from donations on the door, a raffle, £333 donated by Mossley Town Council, £200 from Emmaus Mossley and £100 from Anthony Barton Independent Family Funeral Service. The three runners-up also received £100 each towards their projects from Emmaus Mossley's Solidarity Committee.

Mossley SOUP is appealing for projects with a Mossley connection for their next event, taking place on Thursday 22 October 2026. To find out more and submit a short application to present, head to <http://bit.ly/MossleySOUP>.

Bridge Fest!

This year's Bridge Fest musical event will be taking place on Saturday 5th September. The event, organised by Stalybridge Town Team, will feature a range of musical performances across the town centre.

Festival Hall for all

Tameside Council have said that Denton's Festival Hall will still have a use for the community after expressions of interest were invited for prospective sale. The council's intentions are the ground floor of the building would still be available as community space and were asking interested parties to outline plans for this.

No Moor Fires

Following the recent moorland fires, warnings have been issued again about using disposal BBQs, leaving glass, discarded cigarettes and starting fires on the dry grassland. It all comes after it was speculated fireworks played a part in the fires around Dove Stones.

Bank for the Bank

At the recent Hyde Community Fair £120 was donated to Barty's Food Bank by Hyde Fundraisers which will be used to purchase fresh items for the foodbank when needed.

Tameside with Pride

Organised by Tameside Council, the Pride of Tameside Business awards will take place on Friday 9th October at Dukinfield Town Hall. The event will bring together businesses, partners, and local organisations to celebrate the success and hard work of companies across the borough.

Fundraising Hope

The Anthony Seddon Fund "An Evening of Hope", is taking place on Friday 16th October 2026 at the Village Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne. This inspiring charity event will unite local businesses, professionals, and community members for a memorable evening dedicated to raising vital funds and awareness for mental health and wellbeing support across Tameside and beyond.

Hattersley Investment

Laura Nicholas has been announced as Chair of the new Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board in Hattersley. The programme will bring £20 million of government investment into Hattersley over the next decade with funding available for spending from April next year.

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Strength in simplicity

>> I have the privilege of meeting an endless stream of people through my work, and over time I have come to know many of them deeply. A few weeks ago, I sat with a couple who have been my patients for almost 20 years. They are both now in their early eighties and have always been the picture of good health. They have walked daily for most of their adult lives, eaten with great discipline in both the quality and quantity of their food, and taken care of every aspect of their physical and mental wellbeing.

On this occasion, however, I noticed that the husband appeared physically weaker than when I had seen him the previous year. As we spoke further, he told me that he had recently been diagnosed with a terminal illness. My heart skipped a beat when he shared the news, and I could not help but feel a profound sadness seeing someone I had known and admired decline so quickly.

What surprised me most, however, was the complete calm and equanimity with which he was facing his diagnosis. We spoke for some time that day, and he told me he had lived a wonderful life and had intentionally chosen to make it as simple and fulfilling as possible. He had very few strained

relationships, little in the way of regret, and found peace in knowing that he had always taken care of himself and the needs of his family.

I learned something important that day: perhaps simplicity is the key. It may appear ordinary or even boring from the outside, but it may also hold the answers to a deeply fulfilling life.

Rahil Saggarr



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The Yanks are coming to Ashton

For those of a certain age you may remember Stalybridge and other areas around Manchester being transformed for the filming of Yanks, the 1979 film starring Richard Gere.

The team that puts together Yanks events and Monopoly events have joined forces to stage a special event over the weekend of 1st & 2nd August 2026.

Yanks is a 1979 film directed by John Schlesinger that explores the relationships between American soldiers stationed in Northern England and local British women during World War II. It was filmed on location in various locations like Stalybridge, Oldham, and Stockport.

Plans are still being finalised but previously organisers had hoped to have Military and Classic Car Displays - Tea Dance - Military and Vintage Stalls - Indoor Craft Fair - Yanks Film in Cinema - Big Swing Dance - Military and Classic Car Parade (Sunday Morning) and Live Entertainers.

Yanks organiser Paul Dogtags Higginson said: *"We are delighted to have gained the support and backing of Monopoly Events who we believe can take the event to another level."*

Monopoly Events CEO Andy Kleek said: *"We are delighted to be involved with this event, it's so important to remember and celebrate our rich history and bring our community together in the process."*

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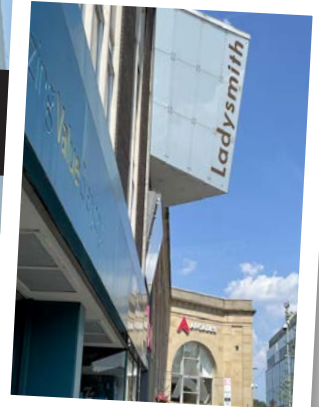


It's bumper to bumper on Ashton Canal – Sam Shaw



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ASHTON'S AWARD WINNING BUSINESSES

➤➤ This year's Ashton Independent Retail Awards have attracted a mix of new and established businesses where shoppers voted for their favourites. This year a new category was added to reflect Bar or Club to recognise the important contribution these businesses make.

The winners, announced on July 20th, for 2026 were -

Fashion/Footwear – Decisions Clothing

Fresh Food – Briggs Butchers

Cafe/Take away – Mama Julies

Jewellers – Cathedral Jewellers

Hair & Beauty – Liquorice Salon

Specialist Retail – Rewind Collectables

Floral, Cards & Gifts – Its. 2 Say

Market Trader – Alf's Keys

Bar or Club – The Nico Ditch

New Business – Adroit Creations

Deputy Chair for Ashton Town Team, Bill Fairfoull said: "Thank you to all who took time to vote in this year's awards. We had some amazing finalists, and it was so tough to select the winners."

Chair of the Town Team, Val Unwin, who didn't get directly involved in this year's awards was surprised to win herself. "It was a huge surprise to win this year against popular businesses like Seraphina and New Shu. I know many have been entertained by my antics on



social media which I also use to raise awareness of our fabulous independent businesses in the town."

Ashton Independent Retail Awards was organised by Ashton Town Team and supported by the UK Government Pride in Place funding.



PRIDE IN ASHTON

➤➤ In 2025, The Nico Ditch organised their own unofficial Ashton-under-Lyne pride with Tameside Queer Meet, a community organisation who meet regularly and run events in our bar.

This year, with the support of Tameside Markets, Ashton Town the event took place July 17th-19th organised by The Nico Ditch, Instigate Arts CIC and Tameside Queer Meet - The venue, the arts and the community.

The Saturday included a PRIDE MARCH from St Michael's Church to The Nico Ditch facing the market hall, where there were speeches and representation from different groups along with other activities.

The organisers would like to thank everyone for their support with this year's event.





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REMEMBERING RAY

>>> In June Tameside felt that little bit less bright when one of its sparkling lights known across all areas of the community sadly disappeared.

For over 30 years Ray Liddy was a familiar face around Tameside representing The Reporter at various events. His engaging way encouraged people into fun poses and often got the photographs nobody else could. He was a master of group photos and marshalling everyone together which is always a challenge. Always a regular at big events with his camera and taking video to record the moments for posterity - a true professional. His photography skills were praised last year by Ashton Photographic Society (of which he was a member and Honorary President two years ago) at a presentation.

Ray had celebrated his 88th birthday in May but showed no signs of stopping, still taking photographs and planning talks about Belle Vue which he did so well. From MP's to local scouts, he was able to engage with anyone and it

was always a pleasure to see him and recall happy times working together. A devastating loss indeed to his family and the many friends to whom I pass on my sincere condolences.

Kevin Taylor - Editor - About Tameside

"I grew up around cameras. Dad introduced me to an old black and white tube video camera when I was very young. I remember videoing the street lights and seeing it stay on the screen. I was always helping Dad, either at his stock car film shows or at weddings, carrying the photographic or video equipment. He took me to many of his jobs, to Belle Vue zoo or circus or Stock cars/speedway or to Manchester United, where he was the spot the ball photographer. He never really liked football and he made me a Manchester United fan. He also went to Manchester City at Main road for spot the ball, he never took me there just Manchester United.

I have had an exciting and eventful life with my Dad and I will be forever grateful for all the opportunities both my Mum and Dad gave me."

Simon Liddy

"I worked with Ray for almost 8 years at the Tameside Reporter, and right from the start he was the easiest person to get along with. He would generously lend me vintage camera gear to try out, and bring in interesting and daft stories from his photography exploits on a daily basis that would liven up my day! Ray will be missed and very fondly remembered by his old Reporter colleagues."

Warren Brooks - About Tameside



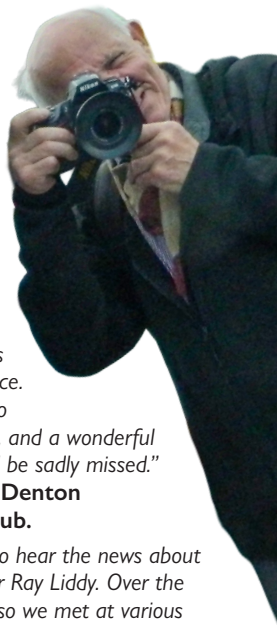
"Where do you start with Ray Liddy, dedicated, knowledgeable and such a good photographer. The stories from Belle Vue and many more! Tameside has lost a very special person, a friend and colleague to many of us! Reunited with his adored wife Eunice. A devoted Dad to Carol and Simon, and a wonderful Grandad. He will be sadly missed."

Denise Ward, Denton Community Hub.

"I was very sad to hear the news about the photographer Ray Liddy. Over the last 25 years or so we met at various events where we were both taking photos. I recall our numerous chats about cameras, lenses and also our love of Belle Vue Speedway and Stock Cars. He will be sadly missed by many."

Howard Murphy

With thanks to Simon Liddy & Warren Brooks for additional photographs.



Get ready for Mottram Show

➤➤ **Mottram Show returns on Sunday 16th August 2026, bringing together thousands of visitors for a packed day celebrating agriculture, rural life and the local community.**

Organised by the volunteer-run, not-for-profit Mottram & District Agricultural Society, Mottram Show has been bringing people together since 1904. The show relies on the support of volunteers, exhibitors, traders, sponsors and visitors, with all profits reinvested back into the Society and future shows.

Following the success of the Spring Show, which welcomed around 3,000 visitors and matched last year's Mottram Show attendance, organisers are looking forward to another fantastic event this August.

Visitors can expect a full day of entertainment and activities, including cattle, sheep and horse competitions, a family fun dog show, poultry displays, handicrafts, arts and cookery competitions for adults and children, sheep shearing and baling demonstrations, vintage tractors, stationary engines and military vehicles, horticultural displays, birds of prey,

trade and charity stalls, fairground rides, live music, a food court and licensed bar. Further attractions and demonstrations will be announced ahead of the event.

We're pleased to be working with two new partners this year. Tameside Neurodiversity Hub will be running a dedicated Calm Zone on the showground, providing a more relaxed space where visitors can take a break from the activity and access support and guidance if needed.

Concord Mobility will also be joining us to provide on-site mobility scooter and wheelchair hire, helping more visitors enjoy everything the show has to offer. The show will also include a sheltered infant feeding area, baby changing facilities, accessible toilets and disabled parking.

We're also pleased to welcome Miss Manchester, Clare Hopwood, and Mark Llewellyn DL, the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, who will be attending



Mottram Show this year in support of the event.

Schedules and online entries are now available for cattle, sheep, horse show, handicrafts, arts and cookery competitions. To reserve scooters/wheelchairs, please email info@concordmobility.co.uk

Every ticket purchased helps support the running of the show and is reinvested into future events, helping to ensure this much-loved community tradition can continue for generations to come.

Images by Howard Murphy



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SIZZLING STREET FEST

July's Street Fest was another fun-filled evening of food, music, and entertainment in Armentieres Square.



Since launching in 2021, Street Fest has become a must-visit event, drawing crowds with its unbeatable mix of live music, tasty street food, and a buzzing atmosphere. Not only has it brought the community together, but it's also boosted local businesses and added to the town's incredible sense of pride.



CHARLES CHASES BRITISH CHAMPION MEDAL

The biggest speedway meeting on the domestic calendar takes place later this month at Belle Vue's National Speedway Stadium with local rider Charles Wright due to line up in the 16 rider field.

On Saturday August 15th, British riders will be battling for the coveted title of British Champion. Charles won the silver medal in last year's event and was seeded directly to this year's final. He has recently made a successful return to racing after a shoulder injury at the beginning of the 2026 season which had kept him out of action for several

months. The upcoming event holds good memories for Charles who was crowned British Champion in 2019, achieved third place in 2021 and runner up last year.

Tameside's other local track star, Kyle Howarth, aggravated an old injury racing at Glasgow 48 hours prior to the semi-final qualifying round and was unable to take his place in the qualifying event. Six riders from that round will now take their place in the final to compete for the title, including former Belle Vue favourite Craig Cook.

Words and Photo
Howard Murphy

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TAMESIDE COLLEGE'S 'GREENPOWER' ELECTRIC KIT CAR CHALLENGE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW

The event, which took place over three days, included pupils from nine schools from across the borough this year.

Each team was tasked with building, testing and racing an electric kit car with the help of the college's automotive department.

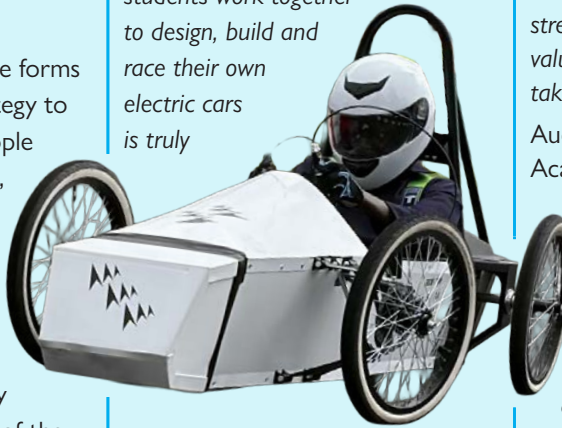
During the race day, which took place at Tameside Cycle Circuit on Thursday 18th June, teams took part in a variety of challenges, including furthest distance travelled, safest driving, teamwork and more.

The Greenpower Challenge forms a part of the college's strategy to introduce more young people in the local area to science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects and give an insight into their potential future careers. With the engineering and technology sectors driving over a fifth of the UK's economy, STEM learning has become a vital part of pupils' education.

Jackie Moores, principal and CEO at Tameside College, said:



"It's fantastic to see how the Greenpower Challenge has developed over the past five years. Watching students work together to design, build and race their own electric cars is truly



inspiring. Events like this not only encourage an interest in STEM subjects but also highlight the exciting career opportunities available in engineering and technology. We're proud to play a

leading role in helping to develop the future workforce of our region and our staff have greatly enjoyed working alongside each school to strengthen partnerships and create valuable opportunities for the pupils taking part."

Audenshaw School, Droylsden Academy, St Thomas Moore RC College, West Hill High School, Fairfield High School, Mossley High School, Hyde High School, Denton Community Academy and Dixons Ashton Academy all took part in the one-of-a-kind event. This is up from just two schools when the project began.

To find out more about STEM courses and apprenticeships at Tameside College, visit the college website or call 0161 908 6600.



MARKET NEWS



➤➤ There's some great events coming to Ashton town centre this month around the Market.

On Saturday August 8th Ashton Town Team present a 'Dinosaur day' which will include some free crafts inside the Market Hall. Super Saturday returns with Circus themed entertainment on August 15th and our new Independent Street market is back on Sunday August 16th.

Stalybridge Streetfest makes its return on Friday 14th August, and the award winning Mossley Farmers Market is back on Sunday August 30th.

Our traders in Ashton's Fletcher Square will be happy to continue serving you until their relocation to the new square this Autumn. **Alfs Shoe Repairs** (repair all kinds of shoes and boots, cut most types of keys and offers a brilliant engraving service.) There is also **Market Grounds Coffee** (different coffees from all over the world with fresh beans which you can choose from) and **Wilsons** (a family run business specialising in a variety of fruit and vegetables).

At Hyde Market Hall you'll find delicious baked goods on offer from the **Homemade Cake Stall** on the first floor. With August traditional BBQ time then see what you can discover from **Let's Talk Tripe** and don't forget your pets by visiting **Taunton pet supplies** on the lower ground floor.

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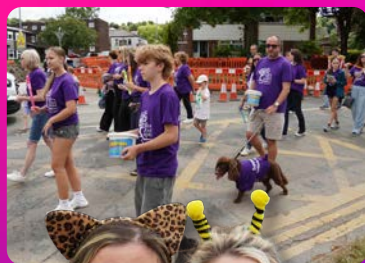
In June Salybridge Carnival celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a bumper Carnival befitting of this occasion.

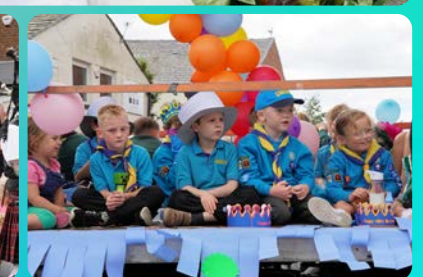
Event Organiser, Ian Cochrane, joined forces with the global carnival arts group - Global Grooves based in Mossley to add some extra magic to the parade.

The Festival Committee also worked with Salybridge Motor Bike Club who themselves are celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2026 and hosted a Motor Bike Show in Cheetham Park on Carnival Day.

The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Mark Llewellyn dl, led the parade with the Civic Mayor of Tameside, Cllr Helen Bowden, which included floats, dancers and carnival queens. Brass band music and the sound of Scottish bagpipes making the event the biggest for many years.

Congratulations to the organisers on a brilliant event and to all those volunteers and participants for making it happen.





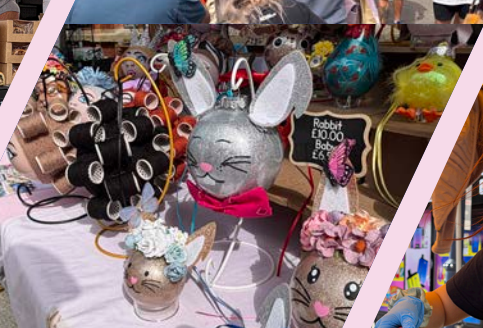
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Ashton's New Independent Market

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

The market features 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 featured live music by northern musician Olly Flavell, a free arts workshop for children by artist Mila and free face painting for little ones. The next market will take place on Sunday 16th August.



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Business was booming for our local ice cream makers Meschia's in Hyde, Levaggi's, Denton and Fairclough's, Stalybridge. Sales of soft drinks also saw a huge surge - good news for Denton's Corona 'pop' works and AA (Andrew and Atkinson) of Hyde. It was a similar story at George Wood and Sons Ltd, also of Hyde, where the North Cheshire Herald reported that 'workers had to cope with extra shifts plus weekend working'. 1976 was also the year of the very first Stalybridge Carnival. Ashton had a Festival Fortnight and the old ABC Cinema



As an eager young reporter, I was actively encouraged to seek out quirky, offbeat human interest stories. A garden shed painted in the same style as St Lawrence's, Denton's historic black-and-white church provided my first-ever scoop!



Mr Nolan and his daughter Jane outside the shed. (76.10.230)

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, Denton's oldest building, has been the source of inspiration for an unusual tool shed on Colliery Fields Allotments.

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DERELICT houses in Derby Street, Denton, are proving to be a constant source of trouble for residents.

In at least one house, a
country full of rubbish is
there is rubbish



One of the activities in the Christ Church play scheme — rounders.

CHRIST CHURCH, Denton, organised a holiday club last week, mainly for children living in the parish, of junior school age.

Activities included ball games such as rounders, a daily sing-song and a story from the Bible, which the rector hoped would provide inspiration for further activity.

of-school activity, Mr Tutton told the Reporter it gave him an opportunity to get to know the children better, particularly those who attended Sunday school. It also gave the children something to do in the last week of the school holidays, when the height of boredom had been reached.

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no effects yet**

DESPITE several protests to Tameside Council during the last year, tenants of Devaney Walk, on the Yew Tree Farm estate, are still waiting for the flats to be re-sited.

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TAMESIDE COMES ALIVE FOR ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATIONS

➤➤ Hundreds gathered in Victoria Park as Armed Forces Day returned in style to Denton, bringing the community together to celebrate service personnel past, present and future.

The popular annual event took place on Saturday 27th June, and welcomed residents of all ages for an afternoon of celebration and recognition.

Visitors enjoyed a wide range of entertainment, including live music and dance performances. There were also plenty of free activities for children and adults, such as inflatable axe throwing, face painting, arts and crafts, and more, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy.

A variety of support services and community organisations were also present, providing valuable information and advice to veterans and members of the Armed Forces community about the help and support available to them across the borough.

Councillor Hugh Roderick, Tameside Council Executive Member (Finance and Resources) and Armed Forces Champion, said: "Once again, Armed Forces Day delivered an incredible community event, giving us the opportunity to recognise and thank our Armed Forces. It was fantastic to see such an amazing turnout, with residents enjoying everything on offer. The atmosphere was wonderful, and as always, our teams did a brilliant job organising activities and entertainment for all generations."

Veterans were reminded they can stay informed about events and support by registering with TASC at <https://tamesidearmedservices.org.uk>

The event once again demonstrated Tameside's strong commitment to supporting and celebrating its Armed Forces community, with a well-attended and memorable day for all involved.

Images by KT/Massimino Malacrino







MANCHESTER UNITED LEGEND VISITS TAMESIDE

Audenshaw's Premier Suite and Lounge hosted a special event in July organised by Premier memorabilia.

Celebrating the career of the most decorated Man United and Premier League player, Ryan Giggs. The voice of Manchester United Alan Keegan hosted the packed event which featured opportunities for photographs and chance to purchase some special signed memorabilia.

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Massimino Malacrino



Sven gets new home

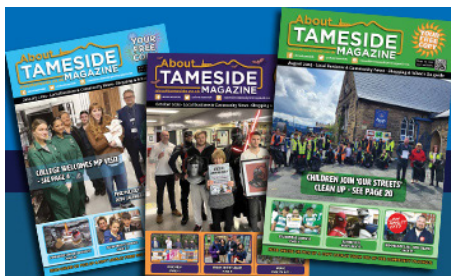
Chris Anderson from No Eyed Theatre reached out to Hyde Fundraisers recently when he upgraded the Sven mascot which is being used for a stage production. Rather than see the old Sven disposed of he contacted the fundraisers in case it was something they could use.

The two-person costume has made several appearances over the years but had come to the end of its useful life with No Eyed Theatre. So, Hyde Fundraisers were delighted to take the old Sven which they intend to refurbish, including new legs and animated eyes by Cheryl Revell and Pete Brocklehurst. In addition, the group will also be adding an animated Olaf figure too. To cover the cost of refurbishments the group will be offering the characters to appear at Christmas events later this year.



SP Bowling said: "Huge thanks to Chris and No Eyed Theatre for thinking of us. Sven is certainly a beloved character from Frozen and together with Olaf we know they will be a big hit for Christmas and our fundraising events."

Chris has made an incredible number of characters and costumes for stagershows, parades and special events across the UK. Based at his workshop in Mossley he has crafted a Dragon for Shrek, huge Krampus character and a giant spaceman amongst other things.



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Quiz Challenge

1. What colour cap does a Water Polo goalkeeper wear?
2. Which James Bond film features the characters Tracy di Vincenzo, Irma Bunt and Sir Hilary Bray?
3. Part of the daisy and aster family known as Asteraceae, what is the common name of the *Helianthus annuus*?
4. Which tv series features the characters Otto Hightower, Larys Strong and Ser Criston Cole?
5. Who was Tameside Civic Mayor when the Covid Pandemic hit which, as a result, meant an additional year in office?
6. Ga Noi and Serama are breeds of what farmyard animal?
7. If you suffered from Mysophobia, of what would you have a fear of?
8. Which FOUR instruments generally make up a woodwind quartet?
9. What sport is played at both Lord's and The Oval?
10. Lexus is the luxury brand of which Japanese car manufacturer?
11. In which area of London is the sit-com "Only Fools and Horses" set?
12. What is the capital city of Ireland?
13. At Tameside Council what role is held by Emma Alexander?
14. What does the abbreviation NFL stand for in USA sports?
15. In mythology who shot the arrow that hit Achilles in the heel?
16. What is the name for a full point in a Judo match?
17. Which food has a name that derives from the Arabic for finger?
18. What animal appears on the badge of Coventry City Football Club?
19. Which Gerry Anderson tv series featured the characters Dr Helena Russell, Alan Carter, Paul Morrow and Kano?
20. What is the maximum score possible in a standard game of Ten Pin Bowling?
21. What would a LITHOLOGIST study?
22. In the Braille reading system for the blind, how many dot positions make up each character?
23. What is the collective noun used for a group of Rhinos?
24. What size paper is half an A4 sheet?
25. In Britain we call it a tram, what is known as in the USA?
26. What kind of animal is a 'Flemish Giant'?
27. Grand Mal' and 'Petit Mal' are forms of which medical disorder?
28. On television Caroline Fielding, Audrey Forbes-Hamilton and Jean Price were played by which actress?
29. Gorgonzola cheese originates from which country?
30. Which musical instrument did Karen Carpenter play?
31. What bird can swim but not fly?
32. What is produced in a "ginnyery"?
33. What is the second sign of the zodiac alphabetically?
34. What is the name of the Greek sweet made with filo pastry, chopped nuts and honey?
35. Which was the first of the "Carry On " films to be made in colour?
36. Which country lies on the Northern shores of the Straits of Hormuz?
37. Which game consists of 54 identical wooden blocks?
38. What part of the body is affected by conjunctivitis?
39. Which Toy Story character has been voiced by Don Rickles and Jeff Bergman?
40. Which element has the symbol P and is present in human teeth and bones?



Time to consider the look and smell of the garden, all that hard work to

create the perfect place to be, but to stay this good takes work, even containers which had slow-release fertiliser added to the compost at planting time will start to run out of steam, so begin feeding once a week with a tomato food to make them last.

During the dry weather we are hoping for in August, raise the blades on your lawnmower to allow the grass to grow a little bit longer. This will keep it greener and help retain moisture. Don't panic if your grass does turn brown as it will soon green up again when the rain eventually returns.

It's harvest time, why not catch veg while it's at its peak and harvest it regularly rather than leaving it to go woody or bitter-tasting. Don't be worried if you have more of something than you want to eat or store, as it's just as useful to recycle it by adding it to the compost heap, just don't put weeds in there! You can still sow your veg, such as: spring cabbages, beetroot, lettuce, oriental greens, spring onions and salad leaves. Now if you don't need to create new strawberry plants using runners, it's a good idea to cut back plants after they finish fruiting, or they'll spread very quickly. Do any straw mulch and take out

any weeds, then new strawberry leaves will soon appear, so don't worry if your plants look a bit bare after you prune them.

August is a relatively low-maintenance month for flowers, but regular watering isn't the only task that will keep your garden in top shape. Keep deadheading flowers as they fade; not only will the plants look better, but if they're allowed to produce and shed their seeds, they're more likely to stop producing new blooms. Iris and other early-blooming perennials can still be divided this month and even into September. Choose a cool day or time of day and give them a tall drink of water in their new locations. Now Dahlias are probably getting leggy right about if so, support them with stakes.

Now we always like to look at what flowers you can plant in the month, and we have come up with these, Summer Margaritas (*chrysanthemum maximum*). They have daisy-like flowers which will bloom from July to September and can get to a height 2-3 ft. Or how about Crinum (*powellii*) with its elegant pink or white trumpet-like flowers, best grown in a sunny and sheltered position and not really suited for cold gardens. Beware they get to a height of 3ft.



Feeding your pets can be something of a minefield with the range of tinned, dry, fresh and frozen options available. An area increasing in popularity is raw feeding and many outlets now have pre-packed raw food for your pet.

Raw feeding is of course nothing new and there is an active prey drive with many animals as we see with cats in their pursuit of birds and mice and dogs with rabbits and other creatures.

Do you remember traditional butchers making fresh bones available for dogs or bits of offal for your pet?

Perhaps one of the reasons raw diets are growing is because of the increase of additives or the quality of commercial pet foods made by the huge pet brands. This in turn may have influenced some of the issues now faced by many pet owners where allergies or intolerance have developed from these processes which have been employed. Those who feed raw, report cleaner teeth and fresh breath, better weight control, improved digestion, a shinier, healthier skin and coat, reduction of allergy symptoms along with harder, smaller, less smelly stools. We must also remember a raw diet was all dogs and cats had before the growth of domesticated animals.

Dry kibble does have some advantages over canned foods—including distinct benefits for your dog's oral health. Chewing kibble



helps to keep your dog's teeth healthy by reducing plaque and tartar build up. That's why kibble eaters tend to have better breath than those who chew down exclusively on canned food.

What about wet food benefits? Sometimes pets find canned foods more appetising, but they can also help with hydration and weight management. Cats are less likely to develop diabetes when eating canned food. Also, the extra water helps with older cats in renal failure. Adding medication to your pet can be difficult but feeding canned food can make that task easier.

Different solutions work for different pet owners so it's finding something that works for you. Nobody knows your pet more than you so use that experience to guide your choices and see what works and if you notice particular benefits. If you have concerns talk to your vet or speak with the specialist retailers in pet shops or those who offer a range of raw foods.

Cookery Corner

Prawn Provoncale

Ingredients

- Serves 4 -

- Bunch of Spring Onions
- Fresh or frozen Prawns
- Bunch fresh Coriander
- 1 fresh red Chilli
- 2 cloves of Garlic
- Salt
- Tinned tomatoes
- Black Pepper
- Teaspoon of olive oil



Instructions

1. Soften the Spring Onions and chopped Garlic in the Olive oil.
2. When soft add the chopped Chilli, salt, black pepper and half of the Coriander chopped.
3. After 1 minute, add the tinned chopped tomatoes and simmer for 5-10 minutes until cooked.
4. Add the Prawns, heat thoroughly just before serving.
5. Garnish with the rest of the Coriander and serve with boiled rice and Garlic bread.



Tameside sets out ambitious plan to support children with SEND

Supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families has been a key aspect of our Children's Service's improvement journey in Tameside. I'm enthusiastic about making a difference along with my colleagues at the council, which is why we have launched our ambitious new SEND Reform Plan.

We are collaborating closely with schools, health partners, parents and carers and using their knowledge and experience to focus our priorities. And together we're building a more inclusive and supportive system that helps children earlier, keeps them closer to home and gives schools the tools they need to meet a wider range of needs.

Creating additional places and support within the borough remains a central part of the plan. To make this happen,

the council has been given a further £5 million to increase the number of specialist places in local schools. The plan will bring 630 places in specialist bases in mainstream settings by 2029, as well as increase spaces in support bases within mainstream schools within early years, primary and secondary education. This investment follows the addition of 118 places created in resource bases since September 2025.

The new SEND Reform Plan will also give mainstream schools more access to specialists such as educational psychologists, speech and language therapists and occupational therapists, helping them to support children earlier and more effectively.

I am proud of the progress we have already made, and this plan will help us go even further for our children, young people and families.

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





ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE

Motoring tips from Guide Bridge MOT & Service

Do you remember the adverts on the TV drumming it into us that we had to wear a seat belt? With the slogan of 'Clunk Clink' the campaign urged us to belt up every time we got into the car.

It's now second nature and habit but it took many years of campaigning to get the law agreed. I remember my mum being on our case every time in the mid 70's when we got into dad's van making sure the belts were adjusted and fully functional before we even got going. The seat belt law didn't come into force until the eighties when it became illegal to travel without it being fastened.

The law says that those who fail to wear seatbelts will face an on-the-spot fine of £100 however that could rise to £500 if prosecuted via the courts.

If we break an accident down into slow motion, first we have the impact with the other vehicle. In the split second it takes for the car to come to a stop, the passengers are still travelling at the same speed the car was going before the crash. If seat belts aren't being worn you would be hurtling forward until you collide with some part of the vehicle or other passengers which is the second stage of the collision, the third part of the collision is where the internal organs slam against the bones or other organs and it's this collision that causes the most damage! Think of a person's head hitting the dashboard, on the outside it may be a bump or bruise but inside the brain colliding with

the inside of the skull that causes the real damage.

Regulations under the Road Traffic Act 1988 generally oblige all drivers and passengers in the front and rear of motor vehicles to wear seat belts. There are a few exceptions to wearing a seat belt, if your vehicle is a classic car and it doesn't have seat belts fitted you are not allowed to carry any children under the age of 3 and they are only allowed to sit in the back seats. There is also exemption for anyone holding a valid certificate signed by a medical practitioner stating that it is inadvisable on medical grounds for him or her to wear a seat belt. You must wear a seat belt if you're pregnant or disabled, unless your doctor says you don't have to for medical reasons.

As an MOT testing station, I have to mention seatbelts from a testing point of view. Before presenting your car for an annual MOT test examine your seat belts for any tears or serious fraying and deterioration. Check that they engage firmly and disengage easily but only when pressing the seat belt release buttons. Check the operation of inertia belts by pulling them suddenly; they should lock and allow no further movement until pressure is released. Check that the mountings are secure.

We're open from 8:30am – 5pm Monday till Friday to conduct MOT tests and are now open on a Saturday from 9am – 1pm. Our reception can be reached on 0161 339 5354 we're in Guide Bridge on South Street, 2mins from Junction 23 on the M60.



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Exciting summer events keeps families entertained

I know how hard it can be for parents and carers to keep children entertained over the school holidays, so we have put together an exciting summer guide which includes lots of free or low-cost activities and events that everyone can get involved in.



Cllr Leanne Feeley

Farmers Market and the new and very popular Ashton Artisan Market.

Our teams do a wonderful job planning such a varied and engaging range of events, and we want as many people as possible to come along and enjoy them. There really is something for everyone, so take a look at what's on offer and spread the word.

You can find our summer events guide at www.intameside.co.uk/news/summer-guide or pick up a copy in your local library.

Highlights include Theatre in the Park, Outdoor Arts, library activities, and family fun days. We are also seeing the return of our very popular Pop-up Beach in Victoria Market Hall, Stalybridge, from 18-22 August, which includes a huge sandpit, a children's disco, crafts and lots of family fun. This is alongside our regular monthly events including Stalybridge Street Fest, Super Saturday family events in Ashton, Mossley

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

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Ted's fun page

Dinosaur Fun Facts

At present over 700 different species of dinosaurs have been identified and named. However palaeontologists believe that there are many more new and different dinosaur species still to be discovered.

Stegosaurus had a brain the size of a walnut – only 3 centimetres long and weighing 75 grams.

The fastest dinosaurs were the ostrich mimic ornithomimids, such as Dromiceiomimus, which could probably run at speeds of up to 60 kilometres per hour.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find 9 differences?



It is believed that dinosaur extinction was part of a mass extinction brought about by two massive destructive events. The first of these was the collision with the Earth of a meteorite landing in what is now the Yucatan Peninsula, of Mexico. This was followed by an enormous volcanic eruption which split what is now India in half.

One of the most intelligent dinosaurs was Troodon. It was a hunting dinosaur, about 2 metres long, and had a brain size similar to that of a mammal or bird of today, stereoscopic vision, and grasping hands.

So far 108 species of dinosaurs have been discovered in Britain. Britain was an important area during much of the Mesozoic Era acting as a 'land bridge' between North America and Eurasia. It became a hotspot for dinosaur evolution and migration.

The tallest dinosaurs were the Brachiosaurid group of sauropods. Their front legs were longer than the rear legs giving them a giraffe-like stance. This combined with their extremely long necks, which were held vertically, meant they could browse off the tallest trees.

Ted's Jokes

What kind of dinosaur loves to sleep?

A stega-snore-us

What do you call a dinosaur who's scared of everything?

A nervous Rex.

What do you call a group of singing dinosaurs?

A tyranno-chorus.

Why did the dinosaur have her driver's license taken away?

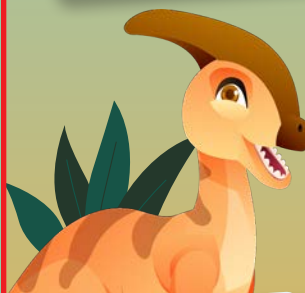
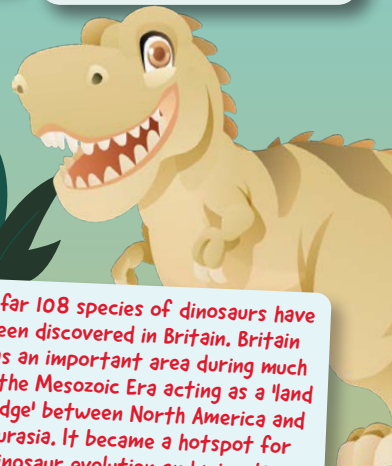
Because they raptor car around a tree.

What did dinosaurs use to drive their cars?

Fossil fuel.

What do you call a dinosaur with a rich vocabulary?

A thesaurus.



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.



Many readers may still remember the Ashton tradition of The Black Knight Pageant.

In days gone by the custom was unique to Ashton-under-Lyne when the parade of the Black Knight - a man called Sir Ralph de Assheton - who according to history was unfortunately famous for his cruelty at the time.

The tradition of the pageant was brought back to life again in the late 1990's primarily through the Tameside Lions Club. Then in the early 2000's the Ashton Town Centre Management Office took over organisation of the event, and it was extremely popular for several more years.

In 2003, a special feature was added to the event. Usually after the parade through the town centre, the crowds, floats, marching groups along with the Black Knight and his horse would disperse. But in this year, 2003, the event continued with a big family fun



day staged on Old Street Car Park at the rear of the market hall.

The Black Knight Ball was run in association with the Revolution Radio Station, an independent local station that served Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside. A stage was erected and there were some great tribute acts covering top stars such as Tom Jones and Britney Spears who sang some of

the most well-known hit songs from the original artists.

The car park was crowded, with food, drink and ice cream on sale as well as face painting and giveaways. An Indian Bangla group also added to the proceedings playing their energetic drumbeats which the audience loved and danced to.

Words and text by Howard Murphy.

QUIZ CHALLENGE ANSWERS

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| 1. Red | 13. Chief Executive | 27. Epilepsy |
| 2. On Her Majesty's Secret Service | 14. National Football League | 28. Penelope Keith |
| 3. Sunflower | 15. Paris | 29. Italy |
| 4. House Of The Dragon | 16. An Ippon | 30. Drums |
| 5. Cllr Janet Cooper | 17. Bananas | 31. Penguin |
| 6. Chicken | 18. Elephant | 32. Cotton |
| 7. Germs, dirt and bacteria | 19. Space 1999 | 33. Aries |
| 8. Bassoon, Clarinet, Flute & Oboe | 20. 300 | 34. Baklava |
| 9. Cricket | 21. Rocks and rock formations | 35. Carry On Cruising |
| 10. Toyota | 22. Six | 36. Iran |
| 11. Peckham | 23. A Crash | 37. Jenga |
| 12. Dublin | 24. A5 | 38. Eyes |
| | 25. A Street-car | 39. Mr Potato Head |
| | 26. A rabbit | 40. Phosphorus |

WHAT'S ON

A BRIEF ROUNDUP OF SOME ACTIVITIES THIS AUGUST

AUGUST 1ST/2ND

Yanks Celebration

Stamford Street & Market Avenue, Ashton – From 10am
Monopoly Events debut the first event in Ashton to celebrate the film Yanks filmed in Tameside in the late 1970's. With displays, music, food, vintage vehicles and much more planned.

AUGUST 5TH

Time Out

King Street, Droylsden – From 10am-12noon
Every Wednesday each month Time Out supports carers, people who feel lonely or isolated, those who may have lost a loved one or perhaps just having a difficult time. To find out more you can call Gwen Barr on 07491 880452 or email timeout@thedreamcentre.co.uk

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.

AUGUST 8TH

Dinosaur Day

Ashton Market, Ashton Town Centre – From 11am-2pm
Ashton Town Team bring the FREE interactive dinosaur show to town providing some great photo opportunities. There's also Dinosaur colouring and mask making inside Ashton Market Hall too.

AUGUST 14TH

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.

AUGUST 15TH

Super Saturday

Ashton town centre, from 11am
Circus themed entertainment in Ashton town centre for the second Super Saturday event.

AUGUST 16TH

Mottram Show

Apple Street, Hyde, SK15 3AT
Visitors can expect a full day of entertainment and activities, including cattle, sheep and horse competitions, a family fun dog show, poultry displays, handicrafts, arts and cookery competitions for adults and children, sheep shearing and baling demonstrations, vintage tractors, stationary engines and military vehicles, horticultural displays, birds of prey, trade and charity stalls, fairground rides, live music, a food court and licensed bar.

Independent Street

Ashton town centre, from 10am
2nd event for a new market in Ashton town centre

AUGUST 27TH

Sailors Beware

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

AUGUST 30TH

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.

FILMS OF THE MONTH

August holidays are here and what kind of entertainment does the cinema have to offer?

Everyone's favourite cops are back with the third instalment of the cult comedy classic from the Broken Lizard

crew in SUPER TROOPERS 3. Jason Statham fans will enjoy MUTINY, after his billionaire industrialist boss is murdered in front of him, Cole Reed is set up to take the fall for the crime, leaving him on the run as he works to uncover an international conspiracy. For event cinema then check out Christopher Nolan's film, THE ODYSSEY, a mythic action epic shot across the world using brand new IMAX® film technology.



GAMING - With Bobby Kent

BEAST OF REINCARNATION - AUGUST 4TH

Whilst you may know Game Freak for their work on the Pokémon franchise, they're expanding beyond their usual territory with a new action role-playing game that's a considerable departure from their creature-catching antics. The story follows Emma and her dog Koo as they try to navigate a post-apocalyptic Japan in the year 4026. The adventure will be combat-heavy, but we're excited to see what Game Freak has cooked up beyond Nintendo.



EVENT

GEE CROSS FESTIVAL - AUGUST 8TH/9TH

We're bringing in some amazing chart toppers as well as great local talent to show us what they can do! With Live music, Dancing, Amazing performances, Family fun, Silent

Disco, Fun Fair, Food, Drinks, Community spirit Join us on 8th & 9th August at Sam Redfern Green, Gee Cross and let's make memories together. Bring your family, bring your friends, and let's celebrate summer in style!

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