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BRIDGE FEST RETURNS

On Saturday September 5th Stalybridge Town Team will be presenting their fifth Bridge Fest festival, building on the success of the last four years, each one bigger and better than the last.

Several venues across Stalybridge will be hosting the musical and artistic performances at the event which has been organised by volunteers from Stalybridge Town Team. The group wish to thank all those sponsors supporting this year's event which include:

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The support shown so far has been incredible, and everyone involved with Bridge Fest is grateful for their commitment to helping deliver another fantastic community event.



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS



From September 11th until the 20th Tameside once again has a series of events for 2026 Heritage Open Days.

Open Days.

These include various venues offering access across the borough including The Fairfield Moravian Settlement in Droylsden, Ashton Old Baths, St James Church Ashton, St Lawrence Church Denton and Hyde Town Hall. A full itinerary of times and venues is available if you search online at - <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>.

Here are some of the heritage talks taking place at the Tameside Local Studies and Archive Centre, Cotton St East, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7BY Booking: archives@tameside.gov.uk or 0161 342 4242

• Wednesday 9th September 2.00 pm

Join us for a talk by Mossley Heritage Centre exploring the wide range of work the Centre does to preserve and share Mossley's rich local history. From caring for archives to exhibitions, events and community projects.

• Tuesday 15th September 2.00pm

Join John Kidger for a talk exploring his family's history and their connection to the industrial landscape of Park Bridge. John will explore the

experiences of those who lived and worked in this once-thriving industrial community.

• Wednesday 23rd September 2.00pm

Heritage Quiz: Join us for a friendly afternoon of history-themed quiz questions in celebration of Heritage Month. Enjoy good company, free refreshments, and the chance to learn something new in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Everyone is welcome!

• Tuesday 29th September 2.00pm

Discover the powerful stories of people from Manchester who were aboard the Titanic on its ill-fated maiden voyage. This fascinating talk explores their lives, journeys and connection to the city, bringing local voices to one of history's most famous events.

• Wednesday 30th September 2.00pm

Join us for a talk by North West Labour History on Liam Mellows, born at the Hartshead Military Barracks, Ashton-under-Lyne on 25 May 1892. Between 1916 and 1922 Mellows played a significant part in the Irish War of Independence. He lost his life in the Irish Civil War.

With thanks to Christine Clough and Tameside Local History Forum

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YANKS SATURDAY PARTY

Although originally planned by Monopoly Events as a weekend event, the Yanks Party in Ashton made its debut on August 1st taking place on Market Avenue and Sir Geoff Hurst Square which were transformed into a vibrant 1940s American-themed street party. The event included stalls, some military vehicles, dancers, live music and even Winston Churchill making an address for attendees!



Pawsome Show

>> Ashton's 4C Community Centre held their Dog Show on Saturday August 15th.

As well as featuring a host of stalls the event had some great fun categories in the show which featured Crimewatchers Security and their dog Storm as guest judges.

The event raised a fantastic £294.50 for the centre.



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HYDE'S COMMUNITY FAIR

On July 25th Tameside Markets presented Hyde Community fair which showcased live music, stalls, dance, martial arts and Hyde Fundraisers!

Stalls included Tameside Rotary, The Grafton Centre, Tameside Pulmonary Fibrosis Group, Anthony Seddon Fund, Scouts, Mottram Show and Northern Brickworks. Musician Jack Doyle provided some great rock tunes, and we had an impressive martial arts display from Sitsiam Camp. Fancy

footwork was on show from the students of Blaze Streetdance who provided a dazzling display on the Civic Square. Characters from Hyde Fundraisers included Darth Vader, Kylo Ren, Jango Fett, R2D2, a Dalek, Death Eater and Judge Dredd. There was even a presentation of vouchers by the fundraisers to support Barty's Foodbank in Stalybridge.





We're incredibly proud to share that LM Stone Creative have been awarded **Stonemasonry Specialist of the Year 2025 / 2026** by Prestige Awards. This award is not just a milestone, but a beautiful reminder that dedication and love for the craft really do shine through and we couldn't be prouder of what LM Stone Creative stands for



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For founder **Chris Greenbank**, stone isn't just a trade, it's a lifelong passion. This year marks **22 years** of working with raw, timeless materials, transforming them into bespoke stone surfaces. Chris's journey has taken him across the globe, including three years in the United States serving as a digital templater and project manager, alongside years of traveling the UK doing specialist installations and remedial work for premier fabricators.

As the world emerged from lockdown in 2022, Chris channeled that global expertise into founding LM Stone Creative, a true family business named with love: the **'L'** and **'M'** represent the first initials of his son and daughter.

Over the years, the business has proudly backed local talent sponsoring football clubs like **Stockport Town**, placing boards at Stockport County, supporting local racing drivers, and sponsoring Manchester Basketball's Kaiyem Cleary. Chris's commitment to giving back reached international headlines in 2022 when he raised funds for mental health charities by completing the Manchester Half Marathon and three 10k races, all while carrying his two-year-old daughter on his back.

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HYDE MELA

Despite the damp conditions Hyde Mela took place on Sunday July 26th as planned – even though Mossley Farmers' Market was forced to cancel due to wind and rain.

The Hyde event was well supported with stalls, live music and rides for children. Hyde Mela is a celebration of community spirit, culture, and family entertainment, bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds.



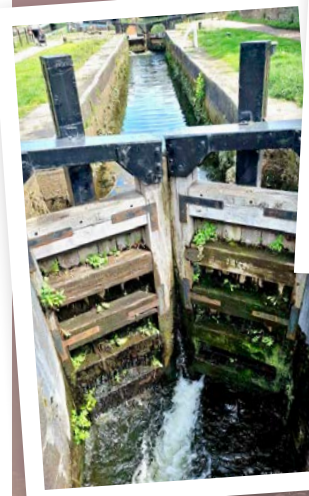
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Heroes assemble in Ashton in 2017
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NEW FILM WELCOMES BAFTA WINNER TO TAMESIDE

On August 2nd film crews descended onto The Premier Lounge in Audenshaw for the latest project by filmmaker Peter Hirst who is directing, starring and producing in this latest project from Fortitude productions. We asked what brought him back to Audenshaw.

It's the mindset and the mentality. I've shot all over the uk, Birmingham, London, you know, all the usual places. I've not been anywhere where the people are friendlier, the places are more accommodating. Gary at Premier Lounge, we use him in every production because of how open he is, because of the locals. Everyone's just so helpful, willing, friendly, and I just absolutely love that vibe that we've got around here.

So what is this new project you're doing at the minute?

So, this is a horror film called Thirteenth Hour. It is a psychological horror thriller where a gambler Luke. myself, loses a deal and makes a deal with the devil to kind of pay his funds back, which he does by accident and doesn't realize he's actually done it until spooky happenings start happening around the house.

What's the anticipated release date for this?

I'm looking towards the end of this year, so November, hopefully December before Christmas.



You make very varied cast choices as well, because I know in your last project, is it Paul Chuckle you had last time?

Yeah, we had Paul Chuckle, Pete Bennett, Big Joe Egan, George Newton, we had a decent cast in there, to be honest with you.

And in the 13th hour, what have you got for that one?

We've got Adam Deacon, a BAFTA winning actor, coming to join us today. I know his mindset and his attitude, and it will absolutely match the character I've lined him up for in this kind of vicious, violent, kind of angry mindset that just goes from being charming to just snapping and attacking me.

If there's anyone in Tameside that want to get involved or wants to support what you're doing what would be the best option to get in touch?

Join me on Socials under Pete Hirst actor. Reach out to me at Fortitude Production on Instagram. I'm a big fan of letting everyone have a go. I've got all the big casting companies and agents, but I absolutely love involving real people. And there are people here today who've never been on screen before and it's them having an opportunity to do something where they wouldn't normally get that opportunity. Natural talent doesn't need

an agent, you know, and I want those people to strive and be part of my company.

BAFTA Winner Adam Deacon was also excited to be joining the project.

I'm always happy when I'm on set and so whenever there's work, I'm there and this sounded good. Haven't done horror for a while and it was, you know, it's based in Manchester as well and I find that a lot of the stuff I do is always in London and you're surrounded by London. It's not that it's a bad thing, but it's kind of nice to, to get out your area and meet different people with different accents. I think horrors lately have really stepped up, and less about the CGI now and more about the kind of, I would say how they done it in the 80s. The eeriness of a film rather than just seeing ghost made out of CGI, if that makes sense.

What would your advice be to young actors who are starting out in the business?

Keep on, you know, be persistent. Acting is such a up and down profession and I think if you're a young actor coming into this, I think you need to know that it's going to be full of rejection. It's going to be full of getting so close to getting a part, but you don't actually get it. You've got to be able to have the focus and the determination to be able to overcome that and still carry on grinding. Also, I'll say, write your own work now. Pick up a camera yourself. You know, we live in this day and age where everyone's got a camera phone, we've got YouTube, there's ways of doing things. If you've got an idea, get it made, you'll be surprised what can kind of pop off by just doing it yourself.

David Beresford is the writer and creator of Thirteenth Hour which is due to be released at the end of 2026.

With thanks to Pete, Adam and the Premier Lounge.



Raise a glass at the Tameside Beer Festival and help support local dementia charities

Excitement is brewing for the return of the Tameside Beer Festival to Stalybridge in September. Now in its 14th year, this major charity event and popular fixture on the Tameside calendar is returning to its 'home' at the Stalybridge Civic Hall on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th September 2026.

The event will be raising funds primarily for four local dementia charities and services: St George's Dementia Café Stalybridge, Forget-me-Not-Buddies Tameside, Music-in-Mind Stalybridge and Willow Wood Hospice Dementia Support Service.

Doors will open at 12 noon and close at 10 pm each evening with last orders at 10.30pm. The entry fee of £5 (payable on the door) will provide festival goers with access to over 30 beers, lagers, cider and wine alongside hot food, snacks and live entertainment and music. Drinks tokens will be available for purchase for those visitors wishing to buy alcohol.

An eclectic mix of live music and entertainment will be available throughout the two days including on the Friday: Tameside Community Voices; comedy, songs, dance and magic provided by

Manchester based Stan & Ollie tribute act; music provided by the talented vocalist Jack Doyle; and finishing off the evening in the rocking good hands of Pattison Fogg. Saturday's line up begins with the return of St John's Brass Band, Mossley, who were such a big hit with afternoon audiences last year. Also appearing, following her acclaimed performance at the Llangollen International 2.

Musical Eisteddfod is soprano Elizabeth Phillips and Saturday evening's festival will be ending the 'strangers' way with the highly anticipated return of the rock band, Company of Strangers. The full entertainment line-up is available on the festival website www.tamesidebeerfestival.co.uk

The Beer Festival is organised by Tameside Rotary and Tameside Rotarian, Peter who is co-ordinating the event, said: "We're delighted that this year's charity Beer Festival is returning to Stalybridge and Rotarians (all volunteers) are working hard behind the scenes to make the event 'pitcher' perfect for visitors. We are very grateful to our sponsors, advertisers, supporters and volunteers without whom we would be unable to put on an event of this size. We hope



that people will come along, sample the beers, lagers and ciders on offer, enjoy the entertainment and raise a glass to help make this year's event a huge success".

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MOSSLEY HOSTS FILMING



Mossley has welcomed Ember Production Ltd, an independent UK film production company built on collaboration, commitment, and long-term storytelling.

Their team is made up of filmmakers, artists, and technicians who believe that powerful films are created through trust, shared purpose, and persistence, not just budgets. Many of them have already invested months of voluntary work into this project because we believe in its potential and its message.

The Eight Saga: N.E.S.T Project is an ambitious independent sci-fi feature set in a fractured near-future world. At its heart, it's a story about control, survival, and the human cost of systems that promise safety while quietly taking freedom away. The film is designed to stand on its own, while also forming the foundation of a larger connected saga.

There's still a chance to get involved if you are in Mossley by emailing johnnywilsonno1@gmail.com for details.

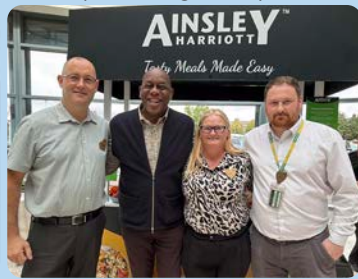


TV CHEF VISITS DENTON

TV chef Ainsley Harriott visited Morrisons Denton last month as part of a five-day supermarket tour on Thursday August 20th.



The tour formed part of Ainsley Foods' 'Where's Ainsley?' campaign, giving shoppers the chance to meet one of the UK's best-loved TV chefs, pick up quick and easy recipe inspiration and enjoy a few unexpected surprises along the way.



Live street art, music and family fun at Super Saturday Paint Jam event

Saturday August 15th was host to a free family-friendly day to join the region's top graffiti artists in creating large-scale artwork for the hoardings in Ashton Town Centre.

Taking place by the town hall hoardings, activities centred in the space outside Ashton Library. The event featured live painting, DJs, breakdancing, skateboarding demonstrations and a giant community doodle wall, offering plenty of opportunities for children and families to get creative and join in the fun.

Delivered by Art Battle Manchester in collaboration with Tameside Council's Cultural Services, and street artist Jay Sharples, the day celebrated creativity, community and the exciting use of street art as an outdoor art gallery for everyone to enjoy.



Fun at Oxford Park



Despite the weather threatening to spoil the fun, one of the few days this summer that has happened, all went to plan for the Oxford Park Community Fun Day on Sunday July 26th.

Children could enjoy free ice creams and snacks, get character photographs with Hyde Fundraisers, take the seat of a police car and much more. The Civic Mayor, Cllr Helen Bowden, joined the fun too and congratulated the organisers!



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Korma'n Soon!

Hyde Fundraisers have confirmed that their third 'Character Curry' event will once again take place at The Indian Plaza in 2027. The date is set to be revealed in October together with some of the charities the event will be supporting.

Stocky Road Upgrades

Tameside Council have a public consultation on plans to improve the A560 which will gather feedback on ideas for a series of "Streets for All" improvements between Hattersley Roundabout and Green Lane, Gee Cross. Share their views by visiting www.tameside.gov.uk/A560 before September 18th.

Put a Denton your plans

Denton Carnival will be taking place on Sunday September 13th with the carnival parade leaving Haughton Green at 11am and activities in Victoria Park from 10am.

Yanks will invade again

Following the success of the Yanks event in Ashton on July 1st Monopoly Events have revealed the event will return once again in 2027 alongside another themed wartime event in May.

Talking News Recognised

Volunteers from Tameside Talking News were invited to the Mayor's Parlour in recognition of their invaluable contribution to producing the audio newspaper for residents. Tameside Talking News is a recorded newspaper, sharing current local news and events recorded onto USB's which are posted to listeners.

Fundraising Storm

Crimewatchers Security will be announcing another dog show in September to raise funds for the organisation. The group celebrated 5 years last year in patrolling streets to discourage criminal behaviour and provide some reassurance to residents with their dog Storm.

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Seaside fun returned to Stalybridge

The much-loved pop-up beach was back at Victoria Market Hall for five days of free family fun in August.

Each day, visitors enjoyed a colouring table and a Museum Box Touch Tour from Portland Basin Museum, alongside face painting from 11.30am to 2.30pm. There was also a dedicated quiet and sensory play session from 10am to 11am for families who would prefer a calmer environment.

A variety of special activities took place throughout the week, including circus skills workshops with Circus Sensible and seaside-themed walkabout characters from 2 Boards and a Passion. Visitors met Jeremiah and Josephine, a delightfully eccentric pair of Victorian seaside strollers posing for holiday snaps bringing the elegance and whimsy of a traditional seaside holiday to life.



Charles chases championship glory

After his awesome performance in last month's British Final at Belle Vue, our local speedway racer is set to chase more silverware this month.

Charles Wright must be confident of getting another podium position as he lines up for the Championship League Riders Final at Sheffield on September 12th over the Pennines at Sheffield's pacy Owlerton Stadium.

His runners up spot in the recent Cab Direct British Final will be a welcome boost as Charles chases his second championship title following on from his victory in the same event at Redcar in 2023.

The event sees the top rider of each team in the Championship League with the best point scoring average represent their club at this highly renowned event on the speedway calendar.

There are some big names from the shale sport in the meeting from teams up and down the country. Though on current form, following on from his eye-catching display at Belle Vue, Charles will no doubt start as one of the favourites for a top three place again.

Words and Photos by Howard Murphy



MARKET NEWS



➤➤ This month will see **Stalybridge Streetfest** on September 11th, our new **Independent Street Artisan Market** in Ashton on Sunday 20th and the **Mossley Farmers Market** on Sunday September 27th.

At Ashton Market Hall have you tried **I Love Sushi World** – and yes the name says it all with fresh sushi made daily at their stall which will be a taste temptation for many. Treat yourself to a hot snack at **Wendy & Mandy's Café** who'll keep you nourished during the shopping adventure inside the market hall. The café won the Celebrate Tameside Food & Drink Café of the Year award twice proving their popularity with customers. **Ben's Haberdashery** has everything you need from buttons and ribbons to fabrics and needles and lots more to satisfy your creative needs. The staff are happy to offer their

expertise to aid you on your next arts and crafts adventure. At Hyde Market Hall those collectors of classic vinyl should visit **Hyde and Seek Records** at the Indoor Market where you can find LP's from 50p and CD's at £1 each to complete your collections. Whether it's a jacket potato or a freshly made sandwich, **Angie's Jackets** offers a range of breakfasts and lunches made to order as well as snacks and drinks, to order call 0161 368 6200. **Taunton Pet Supplies** have an even better range of food and pet accessories for your dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles and small pets. Soon they will be adding raw food too and don't forget they have a great range of pet beds and natural treats too along with pet meds that include Flea & Worming treatments.

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WHAT A SHOW

>>> Mottram Show returned 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.

Visitors had 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. The event was attended by guests that include Jonathan Reynolds MP, High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Mark Llewellyn dl and Deputy Mayor of Tameside Cllr Jacqueline Owen.

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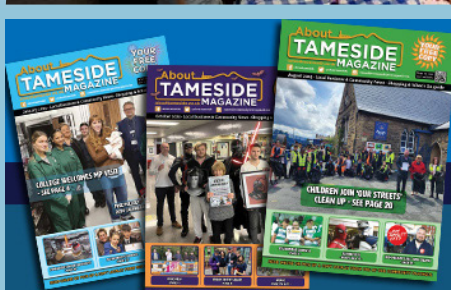




MUSEUM DAY

>>> Tameside celebrated our wonderful and unique Portland Basin museum on Thursday July 30th.

The free family friendly event day was packed full of creative activities, demonstrations, dancers, fun for the little ones, and old street characters! The Civic Mayor of Tameside, Cllr Helen Bowden, also popped along to give her support to the family event congratulating the organisers and staff on a fantastic day.



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INVASION OF THE DINOSAURS

On August 8th Ashton town centre found itself invaded by Jurassic visitors for a special dinosaur day. The free event was organised by Ashton Town Team funded through the UK Governments Pride in Place and also included crafts inside the Market Hall.

The event included fun dinosaur shows along with lots of photo opportunities with the dino babies!





TAMESIDE TIMES WITH MIKE WALLBANK

A nostalgic look back through the local newspaper archives - 40 years ago, 1986...

Torrential rain and strong winds brought on by Hurricane Charley were to blame for the thick, brown sediment many Ashton residents were seeing in their tap water. A North West Water Board spokesman said extreme weather conditions had stirred up the waters of Hartshead Reservoir – but rejected suggestions that the discoloured water was unsafe to drink.

A legendary Denton bike shop would soon be leaving its familiar spot on Hyde Road near Crown Point. Opened in 1911, Northend's Cycles was now in its third generation. With the lease being reviewed, proprietor Malcolm Parkes had been given planning permission to move into former office premises just around the corner in Lime Grove.

After many setbacks and delays, work was finally about to start on a new Sunday school hall at Old Chapel, Dukinfield. Archive items, photographs and literature would be placed behind the foundation stone for future generations to discover.

Things that go 'hoot' in the night fascinated wildlife enthusiasts taking part in the Medlock Valley wardens' 'after dark' ramble through Boodle Woods near Bardsley. More than 140 walkers turned out to look and listen for owls, bats and moths.

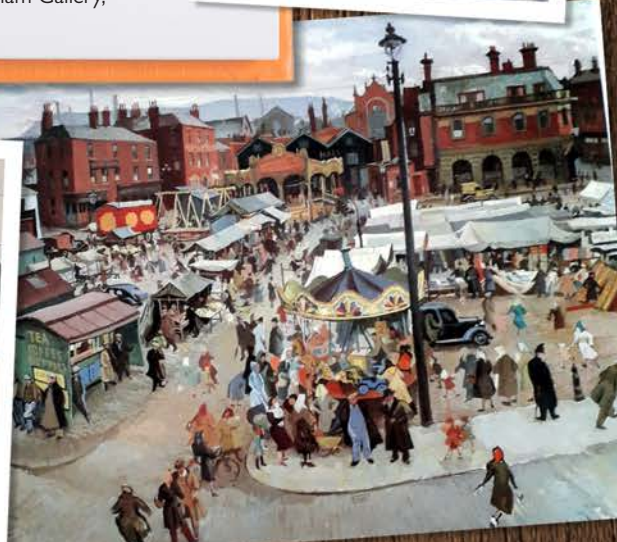
Young patients on ward 10 at Tameside Hospital enjoyed a sweet treat when James Parkes from Denton's Broomstair Working Men's Club turned up with almost 60 kilos of seaside rock. Club members had been asked to bring sticks of rock back from their

holidays which James arranged to deliver to the children's ward.

Droylsden St Mary's Scouts celebrated their 70th anniversary and rejoiced in a change of luck. For two years, bad weather had spoiled the 250th Manchester group's annual garden party but this time the sun shone and the crowds flocked in. Visitors included Tameside's Mayor, Cllr Jack Pettit and his wife Margaret, the Mayoress, seen here with Cub Scouts Adam Hewitt and Andrew Helliwell and assistant leader Barbara Channon.

Denton teenager Joanne Wilkinson and her pony Solomon reached the final of the 1986 national dressage championships following a terrific display in Shropshire. The 16-year-old from Dunkirk Close attended Hyde High School and was a member of Tameside Pony Club. Solomon was stabled at the West End Riding Centre, off Windsor Road, Denton.

One of Britain's most popular artists Harry Rutherford was set to be honoured with a permanent memorial opposite his former home in Nelson Street, Hyde. Harry is remembered for his painting 'Northern Saturday', capturing the spirit of a lively, thriving Hyde Market in 1948. It is now part of the Tameside art collection at Astley Cheetham Gallery, Slatybridge.



Quiz Challenge

1. Middle White and Meidam are breeds of what farmyard animal?
2. The "Indian-Pacific" is a railway that operates in which country?
3. The song "Age of Aquarius" originates from which musical?
4. How many events make up a Decathlon?
5. What does the acronym ASBO mean?
6. Which fruit is used to make an "Eve's pudding"?
7. By what name is the study of the structure of living organisms known?
8. Which part of London do the Trotters live in the comedy Only Fools & Horses?
9. Dancing in the Street, Holding Out for a Hero and Tarzan Boy were September hits in what year?
10. Which fictional town is the setting for the "Back to the Future" movies?
11. Which is the highest rank in the British peerage?
12. How many planets in our solar system are larger than the Earth?
13. Star Trek celebrates 60 years this year with Star Trek Day on September 8th – in the original series actress Nichelle Nichols played which character?
14. The Statue of Liberty is primarily made from which metal?
15. What is the name of the French town that Stalybridge is twinned with?
16. As of 2026, what is the UK's best selling chocolate bar?
17. Where in Tameside will this year's Christmas celebrations launch with a lantern parade on November 14th?
18. In what year was Disney's animated comedy Monsters Inc released?
19. Ebenezer Goode, Rhythm is a Dancer and It's My Life were top 10 hits in September of what year?
20. What animal features on the wrappers of Fox's Glacier Mints?
21. From what fruit is Cumberland Sauce traditionally made?
22. What became legal for the first time in the Republic of Ireland in February 1997?
23. Supreme Headquarters Alien Defence Organisation as featured in which Gerry Anderson tv series?
24. A statue of The White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland stands in which North Wales resort?
25. Who were the original Premier Football League sponsors?
26. What was the name of the dog that featured in 1983's "Fraggle Rock" TV show?
27. In which country is the opera "Aida" set?
28. Is the French wine Chablis a red or white variety?
29. Which video game introduced the character Lara Croft?
30. Where in the UK would you find Parkhurst prison?
31. What was George Ezra riding according to his 2018 single?
32. The Bamboo belongs to which family of plants?
33. Cashmere wool originates from which animal?
34. What was the name of the prison in the Ronnie Barker comedy Porridge?
35. The Sugden and Dingle families feature in which TV soap?
36. Which day of the week is named after the Norse God of thunder?
37. The Fillet of Soul bar was featured in which James Bond film?
38. Which flightless bird is the symbol of New Zealand?
39. What type of food can be either BLANKET or HONEYCOMB?
40. The Black Pig pirate ship appears in which children's books and tv series?

FESTIVAL FUN

August 8th and 9th was an unforgettable weekend at the Gee Cross Summer Festival!

Organisers welcomed some amazing chart toppers as well as great local talent to show us what they can do for the musical celebration on the Saturday! Sunday it was the turn of the local community with Hyde Little Theatre, Stars Dance Academy, Hurricanes Cheerleading, Hyde Fundraisers, a fun dog show and coconut shy managed by Tom 'The Syndicate' Cassell amongst the attractions. At the event Hyde Fundraisers presented a donation to the charity Mentell.

Images Melanie Broughton / Cllr Phil Chadwick





Time to get your compost going by buying a compost bin or building a partially enclosed and easily accessible area for a heap. It is essential to replace the goodness in soil and autumn produces quantities of garden waste that will add invaluable organic richness back into your soil next spring.

Remember to add a variety of different materials like spent vegetable plants are ideal, but don't add diseased or pest-ridden material to your compost heap, that includes weeds. On that subject you must keep weeding, most perennial weeds are susceptible to weedkiller this month and systemic weedkillers will carry on working throughout the winter.

Now once tomatoes and other greenhouse crops are over, give the greenhouse a thorough clean to prevent pests from making a home in that lovely warm environment, ready to leap into action next spring, little jobs make life so much easier and let's not forget watering too should September turn into an Indian summer, remember to keep watering thoroughly once or twice a week rather than little and often. Containers and hanging baskets need watering every day.

For recently planted large shrubs or trees, leave a hose trickling around the base for an hour. The same goes for established plants in dry periods. Camellias,

rhododendrons, azaleas and hydrangeas will abort next season's flowers if they get too dry. Ensure trees or shrubs planted in the last couple of years on lawns or in areas of rough grass have a circle of clear earth around them as this must be kept clear or grass will prevent essential moisture getting through. Mulching with bark or compost will help.

With the ideal planting conditions of autumn (warm moist soil), now is the time to plant container grown shrubs, trees, fruit bushes, perennials and bulbs. The key to successful planting is to water in well. Soak the root ball in a bucket until no air bubbles come to the surface, dig the planting hole, fill with water and allow to drain away. Place the plant in the hole, fill with soil, firm gently and water well with a watering can - this will give the plant a huge advantage over one planted with a dry root ball in a dry hole and watered only on the surface.

But what to plant? *Ageratum corymbosum* masses of fluffy flowers over a very long period from June to December, or how about *Justicia rizzinii*, a compact evergreen shrub, with masses of small red and yellow tubular flowers from winter to spring, bringing colour back to remind us of those summer months and planning how we want the garden to look next year.



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

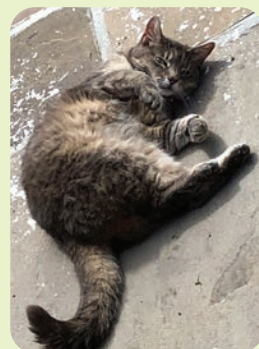
Cats suffer a lot with waterworks problems. This happens to cats of all ages and if you notice any of the following symptoms, do not delay, make an appointment with your vet:

- 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.

Losing 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.

Cookery Corner

Beef Stew & Fluffy Dumplings

September leads into October and the winter months, it's time to think about wholesome warm welcoming meals that are easy to prepare and easy to cook.

Beef is available from our local butchers and there's always a deal on different types, go for beef skirt or shin which should ensure a great result.

Ingredients

- Beef - stewing, shin or skirt, toss in seasoned flour
- Onions - chunky chopped
- Carrots - chunky chopped
- Butternut squash - chunky cubes (optional)
- Fresh sage
- Fresh Thyme
- Beef stock
- Red wine or beer (optional)
- Tomato puree
- Other vegetables, maybe parsnip, celery, swede - chunky chopped

Dumplings

- 50g Suet - vegetable
- 100g Self raising flour
- Dried herbs
- Pinch of salt
- Water



Instructions

Preheat your oven to 150c (gas mark 2) add all your non dumpling ingredients to a casserole dish, ensuring you only add as much stock / wine to just cover your ingredients, bring to a gentle simmer, cover and place in oven for anything from between 2 - 4 hours. A slow cooker is great and simmers all day whilst at work. It is better to cook long and slowly to achieve a good result; this is slow cooking at its best. You know it is ready when the vegetables are beginning to fall and the meat is soft and tender.

To make your dumplings, mix all your dry ingredients in a bowl and then add enough water to make a soft dough, split the dough into small round balls - golf ball sized, this mix makes approx 6 - 8 balls, be gentle with your mixture as over working makes your dumplings tough, pop into your casserole for 20-30 minutes until well risen and fluffy, serve and enjoy.



Royal invitation for Tameside foster carer

We wanted to share an inspiring story about one of our local foster carers, Dave Atkins, who has received royal recognition for his extraordinary commitment to fostering over 36 years, changing the lives of more than 70 local children.

Dave, 79, from Audenshaw, is a single male, who for over 30 years ran his own joinery business whilst fostering full-time.

In appreciation for how he has changed the lives of so many, Dave was invited to the King's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Dave said: "I couldn't believe it had happened to me - it was fantastic.

"I had to think why am I here and really, I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the wonderful young people I've cared for over the years, and what they've managed to achieve."

Dave is coming to the end of his fostering journey, but



he said: "Please do enquire about fostering, there's so many young people there just waiting for an opportunity.

"I know times can be difficult but that happens in any family and you work through it with plenty of support, you're never on your own with any problem so please go for it because these children need you."

Anyone can foster as long as applicants are 21 years or older, have a spare room (unless you're fostering a child under the age of two), and can offer a safe and loving home.

If you've been inspired by Dave, get in touch by calling 0300 303 0321, emailing enquire@fosterforgm.com or visiting www.fosterforgm.com/tameside





Ted's fun page

CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS

This year Stalybridge Carnival celebrated 50 years and this month we have Denton Carnival on Sunday September 13th. Here are a few fun carnival facts!

Many Carnivals, especially in Spain and Portugal, feature spectacular fireworks displays to mark the end of the festivities.



Venice Carnival popularized masks in the 13th century. Disguises allowed different social classes to mingle freely and anonymously.

Ted's Jokes

Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?

Because he was out-standing in his field.

Why do trees detest going to school in the Autumn?

Because they're easily stumped!

Why is a moon rock tastier than an Earth rock?

It's a little meteor.

Why are all of Superman's costumes tight?

They're all size S.

Why did the dieter go to the paint store?

He wanted to get thinner.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find 7 differences?



The Notting Hill Carnival is the largest street festival in Europe, celebrating Caribbean culture and contributing an estimated £93 million to the local economy.



The festival traces its lineage to ancient Egyptian, Greek, and Roman spring and fertility festivals, which often featured role-reversal rituals where masters served servants and social rules were suspended.



The Brazilian Carnival is the largest in the world, attracting over two million daily participants. It centres around massive community "samba schools" that spend months building floats and practicing routines.



Carnival is a global festive season celebrated in over 50 countries, typically taking place before the Christian season of Lent. The word originates from the Latin "carne vale," meaning "farewell to meat," marking a final blowout of feasting and indulgence before the fasting period.



ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE

Motoring tips from Guide Bridge MOT & Service

Are You a Bad Driver? 4 Habits Giving You a Bad Reputation on the Road

Do you experience road rage every time you get behind the wheel? If you've been driving for years, you may be oblivious to your own bad driving habits, but other drivers aren't. Aggressive, distracted, and otherwise dangerous driving habits frustrate fellow motorists and increase your own risk while driving. So, the next time you get behind the wheel, check if you're exhibiting any of these bad driving habits when you're on the road.

Flooring the Acceleration Pedal

Hard accelerations don't just annoy fellow drivers and contribute to traffic jams — they're also bad for your car. Flooring the acceleration pedal increases fuel consumption and puts excessive strain on your engine components, which increases wear and tear. Aggressive driving causes more problems in some vehicles than others, so if you like to drive fast, it's best to buy a car suited to the task. Understanding your car's capabilities lets you tailor your driving style to your vehicle and avoid problems on the road. For example, if you drive an Audi A3 with a DSG gearbox, you need to know that while the handling is top-notch, it doesn't perform as well in stop-and-go traffic, so you'll want to go easy when taking off. A little Vauxhall Corsa, meanwhile, makes a great daily driver but is slow to accelerate and noisy on the highway. To compensate, you'll need to stay out of the fast lane until you get up to speed.

Not Using Your Turn Signals

Flipping on a turn signal is one of the easiest things for drivers to do, yet 25 percent of drivers don't signal when turning and half fail to signal when changing lanes. Without turn signals, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians can't know where your car is headed. As a result, you're more likely to get in a collision with an unsuspecting

driver or pedestrian.

Driving Distracted

Texting and driving, eating and driving, and tending to kids or pets while driving make you a more dangerous driver. If you don't think so, it's because you're not paying enough attention. Distracted drivers can be up to five times more likely to be in a car accident than drivers who give their full attention to the road. In fact, distracted driving is as dangerous as driving under the influence of alcohol. If caught using a mobile phone you can get 6 penalty points and a £200 fine if you use a hand-held phone when driving. You'll also lose your licence if you passed your driving test in the last 2 years. You can get 3 penalty points if you don't have a full view of the road and traffic ahead or proper control of the vehicle.

Not Changing Your Driving with the Weather

Sunny and 70 degrees calls for a different driving style than 30 degrees and sleeting, yet many drivers don't adapt their driving habits to road conditions. If you're not slowing down and increasing stopping distance in bad weather, you're increasing the risk of an accident. Brush up on your bad weather driving tips so you know how to stay safe in the rain, snow, fog, and other types of inclement conditions. If local authorities warn drivers to stay off the road, follow their advice. Unless it's a genuine emergency, getting behind the wheel in a snowstorm or torrential downpour simply isn't worth the risk.

Good driving isn't just about being courteous on the road. Safe driving habits also prevent accidents and protect you and your vehicle from harm. If you want to avoid the expense, injury, and stress associated with a car accident, fixing your bad driving habits must be top of your list.

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Tameside Council Here for you

Local news and events from

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A fantastic line up of traders are set to open their doors in Ashton's newly transformed Market Square. The square, which is in its final stage of works before its official reopening this autumn, has undergone a multi-million pound makeover to turn it into a welcoming community space and visitor destination.

It will include ten permanent trading kiosks while also enabling more flexible use of the market ground for a vibrant blend of traditional and specialist markets and cultural events. This includes our popular new monthly Ashton Artisan Market, Super Saturday events with free family activities and seasonal events such as the Christmas lantern parade.

Traders confirmed for the new vibrant and contemporary kiosks in the square include Oppa Kitchen, Royal Bagel by Danish Bakes, Mamma Julie's, Its.2.say, Market Grounds Coffee, Naanwich, Wilson's Fruit and Veg Ltd, and Alf's Key and Shoe Repairs. The exciting line-up brings together a mix of familiar faces from Ashton Market alongside new independent businesses, offering everything from street food and fresh produce to everyday services.

As well as offering new trading space, the square has been redesigned to be more welcoming and easier to get around, with more seating, enhanced lighting, artwork, greenery, hand-rails, bins, more



Cllr Eleanor Wills

open space and increased capacity for events throughout the year. Our aim is to create a destination where people want to spend time – not just shop – helping to support a busier and more vibrant town centre throughout the day and evening.

The project – which has taken on board feedback from businesses, residents and other stakeholders - and has been funded by Government Levelling Up money and forms part of wider investment in Ashton town centre, including our plans to enhance nearby shopping and leisure areas and strengthen the local economy.

This is an exciting time for Ashton and the enthusiastic take up of the new kiosks by quality, independent traders demonstrates the confidence the business community has in Ashton town centre and the opportunity this transformation brings. The countdown to the square reopening is on and I'm looking forward to the opportunities it will bring to the local community.

**Tameside Council Executive Leader
Cllr Eleanor Wills**

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HOWARD'S PICTURES FROM THE PAST...

Howard Murphy has had a keen interest in photography for many years and has worked

in the Ashton Town Centre Management office and as part of Tameside Markets team. Each issue he will share some gems from his collection.



To some people it may not seem like it, but it is 13 years next month that the Manchester Metrolink Ashton-under-Lyne tram network opened to the public.

The date was October 9th and it was named the East Manchester line extension coming all the way from Piccadilly to the newly built Ashton tram stop.

Nowadays this method of transport is a popular and regular way of travelling to Manchester city centre – the trams run frequently around every 10 to 15 minutes. The day of the launch was a very busy and well attended occasion. There were the new brightly yellow coloured state of the art canopies covering the tram stops, digital



passenger information displays as well as ticket vending machines.

The occasion was well covered by local media including local newspapers, magazines and radio. The Metrolink mascot 'Met Man' along with the Ladysmith's Dandy Lion mascot walked around Ashton's two shopping centres as well as the indoor and outdoor markets giving away promotional gifts, timetables and shopping bags



in Metrolink colours – do you still have one of their bags?

The first arriving trams from the city centre were welcomed by a local town crier introducing visitors to Ashton in his loud voice as well as ringing his handbell, dressed in his elaborate red and gold coat and breeches.

Images and text by Howard Murphy.

QUIZ CHALLENGE ANSWERS

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| 1. Pig | 14. Copper | 28. White |
| 2. Australia | 15. Armentieres | 29. Tomb Raider |
| 3. Hair | 16. Cadbury's Dairy Milk | 30. Isle Of Wight |
| 4. Ten | 17. Ashton | 31. Shotgun |
| 5. Anti-Social Behaviour Order | 18. 2001 | 32. Grasses |
| 6. Apple | 19. 1992 | 33. Goats |
| 7. Anatomy | 20. Polar Bear | 34. HMP Slade |
| 8. Peckham | 21. Redcurrant | 35. Emmerdale |
| 9. 1985 | 22. Divorce | 36. Thursday |
| 10. Hill Valley | 23. UFO | 37. Live And Let Die |
| 11. Duke | 24. Llandudno | 38. Kiwi |
| 12. 4 (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune) | 25. Carling | 39. Tripe |
| 13. Lt Uhura | 26. Sprocket | 40. Captain Pugwash |
| | 27. Egypt | |

WHAT'S ON

A BRIEF ROUNDUP OF SOME ACTIVITIES THIS SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2ND

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.

SEPTEMBER 5TH

Hyde Acoustic Circle Fundraiser

The Sportsman, Hyde

Join the Acoustic Circle for an evening fundraiser to support The Christie.

SEPTEMBER 7TH – 12TH

Blithe Spirit

Guide Bridge Theatre, Audenshaw Road, M34 5HJ

"Till death do us part was only the beginning." Prepare for a performance of sparkling wit, supernatural mischief, and ghostly chaos in Noël Coward's classic comedy *Blithe Spirit*. When novelist Charles Condomine invites the eccentric medium Madame Arcati to conduct a séance as research for his new book, he gets far more than he bargained for - the ghost of his first wife, Elvira, returns from the beyond! Much to the dismay of his very-much-alive second wife, Ruth, Elvira isn't planning to leave quietly.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

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.

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Denton Carnival

Denton Town Centre/Victoria Park from 10am

The Carnival parade starts in Haughton Green at 11am and there is a packed day of entertainment in Victoria Park.

SEPTEMBER 19TH

Super Saturday

Ashton town centre, from 11am

Great entertainment in Ashton town centre for the second Super Saturday event.

SEPTEMBER 20TH

Independent Street

Ashton town centre, from 10am

Launch event for a new market in Ashton town centre

SEPTEMBER 24TH

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.

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 making new friends and sharing the laughter with some of the duo's classic comedies screened. From 8pm.

SEPTEMBER 27TH

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

COYOTE VS. ACME

After decades of being blown to bits by bombs, demolished by dynamite, mangled by magnets, battered by boulders, trampled by trains, tricked by tunnels, sprung by springs, steamrolled by steamrollers, maligned by misfires, bedeviled by bungees, rattled by rockets, backstabbed by bat suits, rocked by rocket skates, upended by unicycles, quaked by quake pills, rubberized by rogue bands, and hurled headlong off every cliff in the Southwest, Wile E. Coyote (Genius) finally fights back. Teaming up with billboard accident lawyer Kevin Avery (Will Forte), he takes on slick corporate counsel Buddy Crane (John Cena) and ACME, Inc., the profit-obsessed conglomerate behind every one of the Coyote's chaotic catastrophes.



GAMING - With Bobby Kent

MARVEL'S WOLVERINE - SEPTEMBER 15TH

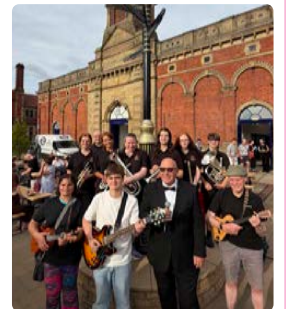
Set in the same universe as Insomniac's Spider-Man series, Marvel's Wolverine brings the legendary X-Men to gaming once again with this PS5 exclusive game. Slash your way through your foes and get to the bottom of the mystery surrounding the disappearance of mutants around the world. You won't be alone either, with your journey taking place alongside fellow X-Men icons like Jean Grey, Mystique and more. This is not one to miss!



EVENT

TAMESIDE BEER FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 18TH/19TH

Tameside Beer Festival is at the Stalybridge Civic Hall on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th September 2026. The event will be raising funds primarily for four local dementia charities and services: St George's Dementia Café Stalybridge, Forget-me-not-Buddies Tameside, Music-in-Mind Stalybridge and Willow Wood Hospice Dementia Support Service. Doors will open at 12 noon and close at 10 pm each evening with last orders at 10.30 pm. The entry fee of £5 (payable on the door) will provide festival goers with access to over 30 beers, lagers, cider and wine alongside hot food, snacks and live entertainment and music. Drinks tokens will be available for purchase for those visitors wishing to buy alcohol.



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October**

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