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ASHTON'S NOT SO SCARY HALLOWEEN

➤➤ This year October 31st takes place on a Saturday and Ashton town centre will be marking the day with a very special event between 11am and 2pm.

Tameside Markets will be bringing characters from Mossley's No Eyed Theatre to the town centre for a spooky visit. Watch out for a visit from the The Captain strutting around the Market and don't accept any apples from the kindly Witch that will be on the prowl. If you do approach them seize your chance to get your token for a free facemask that you can collect inside the Market Hall! There will also be some Pumpkin carving demonstrations taking place to give you some creative ideas!

In addition the Pumpkin Man will be wandering around Ladysmith Shopping Centre giving away tokens for a Free pumpkin you can collect from the pumpkin carver at Ashton Market Hall – but act quickly, they will be on a first come – first served basis, with some released each hour of the event!

Ashton's Not So Scary Halloween event is organised by Tameside Markets in partnership with Ladysmith Shopping Centre and Ashton Town Team.



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REMEMBERING THE 'HITMAN'



On Sunday September 14th 2025 Hyde lost one of its champions in more ways than one because Ricky Hatton MBE was a champion

for the town not just in the ring. He never turned his back on where he came from which endeared him to locals and many in the boxing fraternity.

He was so proud of the town that he persuaded legendary American boxer Muhammad Ali, to come to open Ricky's Hatton Health and Fitness in Hyde back in August 2009. His achievements in the ring made him a star across the world that included winning world titles in two weight classes. His stunning 2005 victory over Kostya Tszyu in Manchester made him the light welterweight champion. His 15-year career cemented his reputation as a tough opponent and reinforced his 'Hitman' reputation. But more than anything Ricky was The People's Champion, he was Hyde's champion with an approachable aura and always ready to spend time with local people. During Christmas 2024 he was delighted to lend support to Tameside Council's Shop Local campaign recognising the importance of small local businesses in the area.

Ricky meant a lot to so many people and Hyde will always remember Ricky 'The Hitman' Hatton. His memory was celebrated this year with Evening 4 Ricky at the AO Arena where countless sports stars, musicians and celebrities paid tribute.

As we reach this sad anniversary we should also recognise the charity established in his memory – The Ricky Hatton Foundation. The Foundation carries that spirit forward — supporting those facing their own fights with mental health challenges and ensuring that no one ever has to face those battles alone. Discover more by visiting:

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MOSSLEY MARKET WELCOMES HIGH SHERIFF

The August Mossley Farmers Market had a visit from Mark Llewellyn dl, the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester welcomed by Tameside Market's event manager Ryan Fitzpatrick.

This month's market will take place on Sunday September 27th.



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Finding Rainbows Summer Event

On Sunday August 23rd bereavement charity Finding Rainbows hosted a Summer Fair at Cheetham Park in Stalybridge.

The event was well supported by stalls and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jacqueline Owen, paid a visit to meet with volunteers and support the

event. Also in attendance was Cllr Steven Barton chatting to stall holders and the event organisers.

Finding Rainbows provides support across all areas of child loss to find out more visit - <https://findingrainbows.org/>



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Army of Shadows descends on Ashton

>> The end of August had Ashton once again utilised for filming of a new Channel 4 drama – **Army of Shadows**. Filming has been taking place in Manchester, Liverpool, London and Paris on this powerful and provocative new drama series.

Leading the cast are BAFTA-winning Paddy Considine (House of The Dragon, Mobland), America Ferrera (Barbie, The Lost Bus), Alex Hassell (Rivals, Wasteman) and Kit Harington (Industry, Game of Thrones). Lisa Gunning (Black Doves, The Power) will direct all six episodes.

The location filming featured premises on Stamford Street redressed as Asian businesses with electric bike stands also added as props.

Images by Howard Murphy



Frozen in Playce

Mossley Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society is preparing to bring **Frozen the Musical** to the George Lawton Hall from November 23rd to the 28th. **Frozen The Musical** brings your favourite characters back to the stage with even more songs and stories for you to fall in love with all over again.

Lantern Parade!

Tameside's Christmas Celebrations are set to get underway from Saturday November 14th. This year's lantern event will be taking place in Ashton town centre with the plan to have part of the Market Square open for the event.

Park up in Stalybridge

Plans for a new 171 space multi-storey car park in Stalybridge have taken a major step forward. Following a successful tender exercise, Tameside Council intends to appoint Galliford Try PLC as contractor for the new multi-storey car park.

Seek Hyde for Event

Saturday October 3rd will see the second of the Hyde Community Fair events taking place around the civic square. The first event in July featured Tameside Rotary, Tameside Pulmonary Fibrosis Group and Hyde Fundraisers.

£2k for Rusty Car Show

On August 16th the Peter 'Rusty' Kennedy Memorial Car Show took place at Dixon Academy and raised more than £2,000 for Willow Wood Hospice. Peter passed away in 2020, and the annual show was established to raise funds for Willow Wood Hospice.

Funding arrives

Twenty-four community projects across Tameside are set to benefit from the final round of the Pride in Place Impact Fund. Approved schemes feature improvements to Mossley Community Centre, Denton West End Community Library, St George's Community Centre in Denton, the Grafton Centre in Hyde and Rycroft Hall in Audenshaw.

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Character Curry is back!



Plans are hotting up for Hyde Fundraisers with the announcement of their third Character Curry fundraiser in association with Denise Ward and the award winning Indian Plaza in Audenshaw.

The response has been amazing to previous events with local businesses and families booking places for the event which features various characters visiting tables for photo opportunities, live music and a delicious curry. The events have raised funds for BBC Children In Need, The Ricky Hatton Foundation, Tameside Young Carers, Reuben's Retreat, Willow Wood Hospice and KidsCan.

Steve Haines from Hyde Fundraisers said: "We are hoping people will be joining us for a third helping of the Character Curry which will have a special visit from Mark Lewellyn dl, The High Sheriff Of Greater Manchester. Characters this time around will include Groggu, Captain Jack Sparrow, Batman and a few other surprises! There's also live music courtesy of Jack Doyle and also a great prize raffle too!"

The restaurant has already started a raffle towards the charities with a framed signed print of Erling Haaland from Manchester City, ask about tickets when you visit.

The evening starts at 6pm and will see ticket holders enjoy delicious poppadoms, chutneys and a tasty curry to support some really good causes. Not only that, but you will also have a unique character dining experience too. It's a great evening for all the family to enjoy and tickets are likely to get snapped up quickly.

Don't miss your chance to purchase early bird discounted tickets which are £22 Adults and children under 10 years for £8 each - book now by calling 0161 371 7474 - early bird ticket offer available until December 5th.



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* * * MOSSLEY PLAY DAY * * *

On Sunday August 30th The Big Play Day was staged at Egmont Street playing fields in Mossley.

The event, organised by Mossley Town Council, featured groups, artists and local organisations. Those involved included Global Grooves - Manchester, Cabasa Carnival Arts, Dirt Factory - Indoor Bike Park, Circus Sensible, Micklehurst Cricket Club, friendsofegmontstreet, St John's Brass Band, and Mossley Community Centre.



LOCAL SPEEDWAY RIDERS GO GLOBAL



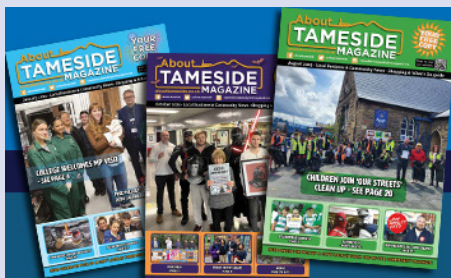
Tameside speedway racer Charles Wright took to the track to represent team Great Britain in the sport's recent prestigious World Cup Final in Poland.

As part of the five-man national squad Charles was the team's second highest scorer as they finished fourth in the event. In front of a huge partisan Polish crowd at the country's national Narodowy Stadium in Warsaw, it was a respectable world cup debut for Charles.

He has also been recently signed by Polish club Stal Gorzow in the PGE Polish Extraleague as they battle to stay in the top league over there.

Meanwhile former Grand Prix rider, Denton's Carl Stonehewer completed his 'Skinflint Rally' challenge by driving from Tameside to Nice in the south of France in a car which had to cost no more than £500. Along with pals Nick Sharples and current rider Dan Gilkes the trio finished in fourth place out of 28 teams taking part – a great achievement. They had to undertake various challenges along the way and as we went to print had raised over £12,000 for the Speedway Riders Benevolent fund to help injured riders.

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Decisions named a Nation's Favourite Business

➤➤ Ashton-under-Lyne independent Decisions Clothing has been named on the 2026 Nation's Favourite Businesses list – the campaign formerly known as SmallBiz100 – and is the only Tameside business to make the cut.

The annual list celebrates 100 of the country's most brilliant independent businesses, selected from thousands of nominations and championed in national press throughout the campaign.

For anyone who hasn't been in yet, Decisions is an independent women's fashion boutique on Fletcher Street, run by Val Unwin, who opened the shop in 1999. Val handpicks every piece herself, stocking labels including Frank Lyman, Orientique, Robell, Peruzzi and Monari. Customers travel from across Cheshire, Yorkshire and

beyond for Val's decades of fashion expertise.

Val says: "It's an honour for Decisions to be part of the Nation's Favourite Businesses. Quite the year for it too – the shop turns 27 this year and I'll be turning 70 myself! I can't wait to see the other businesses on the list – it's a chance to champion the fantastic independents and market traders in Ashton alongside businesses right across the country. Don't hit the keyboard... hit your local High Street!"

Shopping independent means quality that lasts, pieces you won't see on everyone else and a real person behind the counter who'll remember your name. Now's the time to pop in for autumn knitwear and stylish big coats.



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SHOW LENDS A PAW TO CRIMEWATCHERS



The second of this year's Crimewatchers Fun Dog Show took place on Sunday September 13th at Droylsden Catholic Club.

The family event featured lots of fun classes to get involved in, with rosettes for all winners, raffle prizes, and food there was plenty going on throughout the day. There was even a visit from the organisation's mascot, Storm, along with owner Andrew.

All proceeds were in aid of Crimewatchers, helping them continue the work they do across our communities.

Images by Howard Murphy



New independent beer festival FOAM brings some of the UK's leading breweries to Stalybridge

>> A new independent beer festival is coming to Stalybridge this November, bringing ten breweries and more than 40 beer taps to Stalybridge Civic Hall.

FOAM Beer Festival will take place on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November 2026, with three sessions taking place across the weekend.

The festival will welcome breweries from across the UK including Cloudwater, Verdant, Pomona Island, Sureshot, Black Iris, Braybrooke, Tartarus, Weekend Project, Silent Brew Co. and Simple Things Fermentations.

Unlike a traditional beer festival, there will be no tokens or additional charges for beer once inside. A £52 ticket includes entry to the chosen four-hour session, all beer during the session and a festival tasting glass for guests to take home.

FOAM is being independently organised by local resident Alex North, who hopes the festival can become a regular fixture in Stalybridge.

Alex said: "I wanted to put on the sort of beer festival I'd want to go to myself. We've got some breweries coming to Stalybridge that I genuinely love, and the idea is to keep it really simple: you buy your ticket, get your glass, and then you're free to go around and try whatever you fancy.

"Stalybridge Civic Hall felt like the perfect place to do it. It's right in the middle of town, less than 10 minutes from the train station, and hopefully we can bring plenty of people into Stalybridge for the weekend as well.



"This is the first year for FOAM and it's completely independent, so seeing people already buying tickets and getting excited about it has been brilliant."

Alongside the ten breweries, FOAM will also feature the FOAM Cellar Series, with special bottles including barrel-aged and mixed-fermentation beers opened throughout each session. The identity of each Cellar Series beer will only be revealed 15 minutes before it is poured.

Food throughout the festival will be provided by Sheffield's Northtown Kitchen, serving southern Italian street food, while NØOK Booth will provide a free-to-use attended photo booth with printed photos for festival-goers.

The festival will take place across three four-hour sessions: Friday evening, Saturday daytime and Saturday evening.

Tickets cost £52, with all beer and a festival glass included.

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The Tameside Beer Festival took place at the Stalybridge Civic Hall on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th September 2026.

The event was 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.

Festival goers enjoyed access to over 30 beers, lagers, cider and wine alongside hot food, snacks and live entertainment and music.

An eclectic mix of live music and entertainment featured 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 Roger DeGenero 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.

The Beer Festival is organised by Tameside Rotary



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MUSICAL MAGIC AT BRIDGE FEST

>> What started with a handful of venues has grown into a town-wide celebration as Bridge Fest marked its fifth year in Stalybridge.

The annual event has expanded year on year, with more pubs, bars and community venues joining the line-up and new businesses in the town signing up to take part. Now firmly established in the Stalybridge calendar, Bridge Fest once again brought live music and entertainment spread across the town.

Organised by Stalybridge Town Team Volunteers, the event was created to bring people into the town and, crucially, encourage them to visit and support its different venues.

This year was its biggest yet, with more than a dozen locations involved and a programme stretching from late morning into the evening.

Ray Harrison, Chair for Stalybridge Town Team Volunteers said:

"It is quite incredible to think this is our fifth Bridge Fest because the event has changed and grown so much since that first year.

"More venues have joined us each year and one of the positive things has been seeing new places open in Stalybridge and immediately want to become part of it.

"The whole point of Bridge Fest has always been to get people moving around the town. We want them to go into a venue they might not normally visit, discover somewhere new and support the businesses that are here all year round."

Stalybridge Town Team volunteers who dedicate their time to supporting Stalybridge have also received special recognition from the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester for their contribution to the community.

The Town Team was presented with the award by High Sheriff of Greater Manchester Mark Llewellyn DL during the fifth annual Bridge Fest on Saturday, September 5th.

The presentation came as a surprise to volunteers in the middle of one of their busiest days of the year and recognised the Town Team for its "good and valuable services to the community."

Images by Howard Murphy





CELEBRATING TAMESIDE'S HERITAGE

➤➤ A vintage Ashton bus to fascinating archaeological discoveries, Heritage Open Days showcased Tameside's transport heritage and local history last month.

The events launched with an invitation to residents and visitors to explore Tameside's history through the theme of transport at Portland Basin Museum featuring objects from their collections and archive images.

Local Studies and Archives Centre also offered a month full of celebrating Tameside's incredible history and heritage with events that included a talk by Mossley Heritage Centre, Heritage Quiz and talks organised by the Tameside History Forum who had worked hard on this year's event.





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TAMESIDE TIMES WITH MIKE WALLBANK

A nostalgic look back through the local newspaper archives - 35 years ago, 1991

Retailers in Stalybridge breathed a huge sigh of relief when Victoria Bridge was finally reopened by MP Tom Pendry, along with Cllrs Frank Robinson and Martin Wareing. Rebuilding the bridge meant that one of the main routes through the town centre had been closed off for months, with shops losing most of their usual passing trade. Newsagent Eric McDermott said his turnover had dropped by as much as £300 per week.

Manchester had taken delivery of its first Metrolink tram. Costing £1 million each, the light rail vehicles were built in Italy. The Queen would officially open the first phase of Metrolink in July 1992 but Tamesiders would have to wait until 2013 to see trams running from Ashton through Audenshaw and Droylsden to Manchester.

Revised proposals for Ashton's multi-million pound Arcades shopping centre and bus station were given the green light. Developers MAB said they hoped work would start by the end of the year. The centre would be on two levels with second floor and roof level parking for 600 cars.

Council planners refused permission for a new rectory at St Anne's Church, Denton. They said a modern house would spoil the historic setting of the Grade II* listed Victorian church and suggested the site could be protected from future development by making it a conservation area.

Fresh from a £60,000 facelift, Hyde Post Office was set to become one of a new breed of 'post shops' selling greetings cards and stationery.

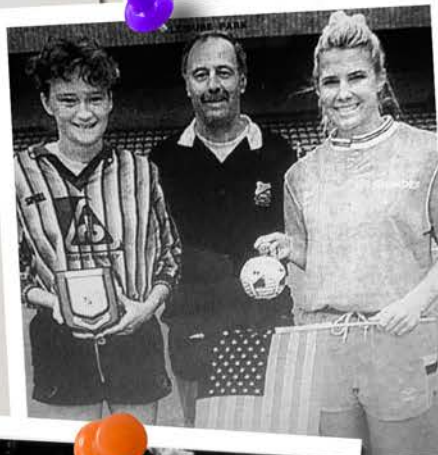
Conservationists and historians feared it might be too late to save the dilapidated Staley Hall. English Heritage had visited the site to report on possible options to renovate but found the hall in such a poor state that rebuilding was likely to be the best way forward.

Tameside's population had grown by 1,200 in three years, including more children aged three and under and residents over 80. The 1991 survey revealed there were just over 218,000 living in the borough,

A weekend of autumn sunshine smiled on Micklehurst Gardens and Allotments Society's annual show, where renowned horticultural expert Tony Gentil judged the gladiolus class.

Tameside Ladies soccer team faced their first trans-Atlantic challenge when they played Texas-based Austin Thunder at Hyde United's Ewen Fields. Pictured: captains Louise Harding and Christy Dillinger, with referee Brian Wild.

Running for Belle Vue Racers, 12-year-old Zoe Meredith, a year nine pupil at Denton's Two Trees High School picked up a trophy as the first girl over the line after completing five laps of a 1.1 mile circuit in 54 mins.



MARKET NEWS



>>> We have some great events lined up at Tameside Markets this month. Join us for the popular Streetfest in Stalybridge on October 9th together with the Artisan market inside the Victoria Market Hall!

The new Independent Street Market will be taking place on Sunday October 17th. Every month our Mossley Farmers Market gets better and better with this months on October 25th having a Halloween flavour! On the subject of Halloween join us in Ashton on Friday October 30th for a special themed independent street market for your spooky treats, from 11am to 6pm. On Halloween day itself in Hyde and Ashton, there will be some not so scary fun, with fun characters to meet!

There's some great pieces of jewellery on offer at Joe & Sons Jewellers! Located on



the upper sales floor of Hyde Market Hall, you'll find, watches, clocks, bracelets, rings and necklaces at great prices as well as an expert repair service with a personal friendly service from Joe and Elvis! The Lower ground floor has Buddies café which has daily deals including tea or coffee with a bacon or sausage barm for £4.20! There's also a special afternoon deal between 2-3pm with coffee & cake or Tea & Tart for £3.20! Also located on the lower ground floor we have Studio 22 offering ladies hair styling with cuts and hair colouring ready for your special date or event. There's special offers on Cheeky Tuesdays which includes 10% off

any colouring service bundles.

With Halloween approaching don't forget to pick up your sweets for Trick Or Treats from Suzy's Sweet Memories. Nat's Bombay Kitchen offers Indian, Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Vegan Options and Halal menu items and is consistently highly rated on trip advisor. At the rear of Ashton Market Hall why not explore what's on offer from Julie's Wax Melts for some great gift inspiration. Ashton Market Deli, perhaps still remembered as Redmans by some of you, has a variety of food items available including cooked meats, pies and much more.

If you are looking to start your own business perhaps Tameside Markets can turn your dream into a reality. You can start your business with a stall at one of our markets in Hyde or Ashton. If you need further information, please contact: markets@tameside.gov.uk

Mossley Farmers MARKET

OCTOBER 25
9am until 2pm

Last Sunday of the Month
Market Street carpark, Mossley, OL5 0HE



www.littleowl-artisan.co.uk

CARNIVAL CAPERS

»» Denton carnival took place on Sunday September 13th with the parade making its way from Houghton Green at 11am.

Many organisations were involved in the parade including Tameside Car Collectors, Rossendale Drum Majorettes, Hyde Fundraisers, Denton Christchurch rainbows and the Church Lads and Girls Brigade.

Victoria Park hosted stalls and entertainment into the afternoon, and the organisers wish to thank all those who participated, the volunteers and public support.







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.



Ashton town centre is currently enjoying its very own new Artisan Market on the third Sunday of each month.

In July this year, Independent Street Artisan Markets held their very first market in the town centre and it was very well received. These occasions are becoming very popular and are well established nowadays up and down the country.

Visitors like to browse the wide range of goods on offer with everything from arts and crafts, deliciously different street foods, cakes, coffees and tempting treats.

Back in 2015, Tameside Markets held its first Ashton Food Festival, it was a forerunner to today's now established artisan events.



Local food producers, makers and bakers were invited to showcase their food and edible creations on the market ground.

Still going strong today, and as popular as ever, Nat's Bombay Kitchen served up some traditional Indian home style cooking including tasty samosas, chickpeas and curry samples. Alongside Nat was a specialist chef who provided some Mediterranean grills to take away.

Asian Fusion offered oriental noodles and rice along with dim sum, chow mein and black bean dishes. Other traders who were also very busy were the cake and muffin stalls. The precision of their craft really stood out – take a look at the 'Frozen Cake' which was on offer.



Even the market's own official mascot, Maggie the Magpie made an appearance entertaining the visitors to the festival.

Words and pictures Howard Murphy





Quiz Challenge



1. Which are the THREE longest bones in the human body?
2. Who was the Roman goddess of Childbirth?
3. In Christopher Nolan's film The Odyssey, who plays the character Antinous, a suitor of Penelope?
4. What replaced Elton John's double A side (Something About the way you look Tonight / Candle in the Wind) from the number 1 spot on October 19th, 1997?
5. How would the Japanese usually use NORI in the kitchen?
6. On average how long does it take blood to circulate around the human body?
7. What title is given to the wife of an Earl?
8. Which signs of the zodiac are the FIRE signs?
9. How is the Greek island of KERKIRA better known to holiday makers?
10. Britain's first telephone exchange was located in which city?
11. George, Julian, Anne, Dick and Timmy the dog are known as Enid Blyton's what?
12. Enya was uk number 1 in the charts with Orinoco Flow in what year?
13. What is the one place in the UK that the king cannot visit?
14. What North American Indian tribe did Geronimo belong?
15. What is the total of the numbers on a clock face added together?
16. Which planet does Superman come from?
17. Who was the ROMAN God of the sea?
18. How many faces are there on a cube?
19. Which animal represents a zoo on an Ordnance Survey map?
20. Which sweets were originally known in the UK as Opal Fruits?
21. How many edges does a UK Twenty Pence coin have?
22. The Beautiful South – A Little Time' was Number 1 in October of what year?
23. How many players make up a Hurling team?
24. Of what is NIDOLOGY the study?
25. How many strings are there on a Ukulele?
26. Where on a fish would you find its Dorsal Fin?
27. What type of foodstuff is Bel Paese?
28. What is the name of the lion featured in the Chronicles of Narnia by C S Lewis?
29. In TV's "Little Britain" who pushes Andy Pipkin in his wheelchair?
30. What is a young horse called?
31. In which war did the Charge of the Light Brigade take place?
32. What is the largest internal organ in the human body?
33. How many films did Roger Moore appear as James Bond?
34. Carly Rae Jepsen had 4 weeks at Number 1 with Call Me Maybe in what year?
35. Alberta and Manitoba are provinces of which country?
36. Which Tameside business was recently announced as one of the 100 Nation's Favourite Businesses?
37. On British roads, what shape is a 'Give Way' sign?
38. Peter Kay plays the character Brian Potter in which comedy series?
39. Ernesto de la Cruz, Dante, Hector and Miguel Rivera are characters in which Disney animation?
40. Which board game would you find Professor Plum and Mrs Peacock?



Stuck for an answer? Check page 30



Leaves will now begin to fall so they should be collected to make

compost and there are wonderful bargains to be had in end-of-season or discontinued line gardening gear at supermarkets and cut-price stores, take advantage and start collecting ready for next year but always check the date code of any reduced seeds.

Next we need to clean and disinfect the greenhouse, be it plastic or glass, clean the outside of the roof in particular with a long, soft brush, to maximise the winter light levels inside. We need to ensure that the heat from the sun really does help your over-winter plants. Remember that herbs need to come into the greenhouse in the winter months to avoid the frost if you want to save re-buying come spring.

Now before the weather forms the soil into mud turn the soil with the spade or rotivator if you have a bigger space, forking it is just as good (forking the lawn helps with drainage), once done, cover it for when you are ready to begin again. This is the time to start preparing new borders to be planted next

year so dig them over to a few spades' depths, taking out weed roots and adding coarse, old compost or fallen leaves. If making a bed from lawn, lay the turf upside-down in the bottom of the bed, but only if it doesn't contain perennial weeds.

Dry off baskets and pots of tuberous begonias under cover until the stalks fall away. Store the tubers as they are, dry and cleaned of soil, let's not forget that the Dahlia tubers should be lifted and stored along with Gladioli corms that should be lifted and stored for next year. Why not try Loganberries and Raspberries? they should be planted now.

Ready and established plants should have the wood that has borne fruit removed to ground level, as it will be new shoots that bare the fruit. You may still get a crop of radishes and lettuces if you sow now before the weather really breaks and as light levels fall, on window sills, keep houseplants rather drier, to slow down growth during the winter, ready to explode when the heat and light of spring returns.



There are lots of hidden hazards around our homes and gardens that can cause problems for curious paws. Here are a few things to be aware of in Autumn:

- **Conkers and acorns:** These are toxic to dogs. Poisoning cases are rare, but they can also cause stomach problems, vomiting and intestinal blockages if they're eaten.
- **Blue-green algae:** This algae is really toxic and can kill pets quickly if they eat it. The algae blooms from late spring to early autumn and looks like a blue-green scum on the water. Dogs who love a dip are most at risk so if you're worried about the look of the water, don't let your dog go in for a swim or drink it.
- **Antifreeze:** Autumn brings colder weather with it and you might start using antifreeze to defrost your car. This is really toxic to pets but can be very tempting, especially to cats, because it has a sweet taste. Mop up any spills carefully when you top up your car.
- **Fireworks:** If your adult pet is frightened of fireworks, you can help them prepare for bonfire night by gradually getting them used to the strange sounds and loud bangs they'll hear.
- **Be Seen:** As the days become shorter, owners are more likely to walk their dogs in the dark. To remain visible to drivers, cyclists and other people that are out walking, consider getting some reflective or high-visibility clothing for you and your dog.
- **Keep Them Warm:** Rabbits and guinea pigs lose heat



quickly so it's important to keep them nice and warm. Though rabbits can adapt rather well to the cold, they do suffer if their hutch is damp or if there is a draught. During really cold nights, you should move your small furries indoors or at the very least to somewhere well sheltered.

- **Keep an Eye on your Pet's Weight:** Not unlike humans, cats and dogs are less active during the colder months. Cats are less inclined to roam or explore, and dogs' walks are expected to be shorter in the bad weather. With them exercising less, be sure to monitor your pet's food intake. Stick to their recommended food allowance and avoid giving treats or scraps. If your pets are bored indoors, consider playing some enrichment games with them.
- **Problems with fleas and ticks** both increase over the autumn period, with a peak when people start turning on their central heating. Make sure you use flea and tick control and check your pets' coats often. If a tick is found, make sure to use the correct tick removal kit.

Cookery Corner

Pumpkin & Potato Soup

A wonderful pumpkin soup recipe which holds the warming flavours needed to thaw that Autumnal chill.

The blend of pumpkin, potato and vegetable stock creates a thick consistency which holds a fragrant mix of tastes and flavours.

Ingredients

- 1/2 pumpkin (approx. 400g), peeled and cut into small cubes
- 500g Maris Piper potatoes, cut into small cubes
- Sage leaves from one sprig
- 1 red onion, diced
- 1 clove of garlic, crushed
- 1tbsp olive oil
- 200ml vegetable stock
- Salt and pepper



Instructions

Heat the oven to 200c.

Spread the pumpkin onto a baking tray and scatter over the onion, sage and garlic. Drizzle with olive oil, season and roast for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, boil the potatoes in salted water for 8 minutes until soft, then drain and set aside.

Blend the pumpkin mix and potatoes together with some vegetable stock and bring to just below the boil. Simmer for a few minutes and serve with parsley scattered over and some crusty bread.



Tameside's baby showers bring families together ahead of parenthood

It was fantastic to welcome expectant parents and families with young babies to our first family hubs baby shower event at the West family hub in Droylsden on 9 September.

The event brought families and professionals together to celebrate pregnancy, build connections and help parents feel more confident as they prepare for parenthood. Families had the opportunity to speak to a range of local services, such as Dad Matters and Be Well, and find out more about topics including breastfeeding, early bonding, skin-to-skin contact and perinatal mental wellbeing.

It was particularly encouraging to see parents engaging with the support available, with families registering for services and booking onto groups during the event. The feedback that was received was incredibly positive, with one parent saying, "It was great to have everything in one place", while another

said they had received "so much information". One dad summed up the value of bringing this support together by saying, "Knowledge is power, we know we're not on our own."

The baby showers are about more than sharing information. They are a chance for families to meet others going through a similar experience, develop practical skills and discover the support available in their local community. With three more baby showers taking place across Tameside between now and spring, I would encourage expectant parents and families with young babies to come along, meet our friendly teams and find out how our family hubs can support you and your family.

The dates and locations of the baby showers are:

19 November - North Family Hub in Ashton

21 January - East Family Hub in Stalybridge

17 March - South Family Hub in Hyde

To find out more about your local family hub, visit www.tameside.gov.uk/family-hubs
Tameside Council Executive Member for Children and Families Cllr Teresa Smith





Ted's fun page

Ted's Jokes!

Why are vampires bad at art?
They are only able to draw blood.

What's a monster's favourite game?
Hide and shriek!

What do birds say on Halloween?
Trick or tweet!

What happens to witches who break school rules?
They get ex-spelled!

Why don't ghosts like rain?
Because it dampens their spirits.

Why is a cemetery a great place to write a story?
Because there are so many plots there.

WHO'S YOUR FAVOURITE DISNEY VILLAIN?



— Captain Hook —
from the film *Peter Pan*
In the film Hook is a far more comical villain and seen as a vain and dastardly coward with a childish temper who is prone to crying out in terror.



— Ursula —
from *The Little Mermaid*
A villainous Cecaelian sea witch, Ursula offers mermaid princess Ariel a temporary opportunity to become human so that she may earn the love of Prince Eric within three days. However, Ursula is determined to sabotage Ariel's chances in order to usurp King Triton's position as ruler of the oceans.



— Evil Queen —
from *Snow White*
Appearing in the first Disney animated feature The Evil Queen is very cold, sadistic, cruel, and extremely vain, owning a magic mirror, and obsessively desiring to remain the "fairest in the land".

— Cruella De Vil —
from *101 Dalmatians*
Cruella is based on the character of the same name from the 1956 children's novel *The Hundred and One Dalmatians* by Dodie Smith. Cruella kidnaps dalmatian puppies of Pongo and Perdita, intending to turn them into fur coats.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE FIND 11 CHANGES





ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE

Motoring tips from Guide Bridge MOT & Service

Driving Into the Future: Preparing for Electric Vehicles in Our Community

The UK is steering firmly towards an electric future. Petrol and diesel cars, the backbone of motoring for over a century, are gradually giving way to electric vehicles (EVs). With the government aiming to end the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035, the transition is no longer a distant possibility — it's already happening.

At Guide Bridge MOT & Service Centre, we know many local drivers are starting to wonder what this shift means for them. Whether you're considering an EV soon or simply want to stay informed, here's what you need to know.

Why the Move to Electric?

The main push comes from environmental targets. Road transport is a major contributor to carbon emissions and air pollution, and EVs offer a cleaner alternative. By switching to electric, drivers can help improve air quality in towns like ours and contribute to a healthier future for everyone.

But it's not just about the planet. EVs also bring new benefits for drivers: lower running costs, fewer servicing needs, and a smooth, enjoyable driving experience.

Benefits for Everyday Drivers

1. Cheaper to Run

Charging an EV can be far more affordable than filling up with petrol or diesel, especially when done overnight at home on off-peak tariffs.

2. Less Maintenance

With no oil changes, exhaust systems, or timing belts to worry about, EVs often require less routine servicing. At Guide Bridge MOT, our team is already trained and equipped to help with EV checks and maintenance.

3. Quieter and Smoother Driving

Electric cars deliver instant acceleration and a calm, near-silent ride — ideal for city traffic and local commutes.

4. Tax and Zone Benefits

EV drivers currently pay no road tax and avoid charges in many clean air zones, making them attractive for city driving.

In the next issue we look at challenges to be aware of. At Guide Bridge MOT & Service Centre, we're here to guide you. From advice on choosing the right EV to carrying out servicing and MOTs, we're committed to helping local drivers through the transition.

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The Borough Strategy 2026-30 brings organisations across Tameside together to tackle deprivation and inequality, improve public health, protect the environment, and deliver targeted and sustainable investment and regeneration. Partnership work, including feedback from residents, has developed the strategy to drive forward innovation, investment, and collaboration to deliver improved outcomes for everyone. It sets the shared vision of Tameside Together: A great place for all and how the core priorities of People, Place and Prosperity will be delivered.

The Tameside Together Partnership will oversee the strategy's implementation. Bringing together key stakeholders and agencies, the partnership will drive delivery and support impactful developments to achieve the strategy's vision.

It was wonderful to see so many organisations come together for the recent launch of the strategy and pledge their commitment



towards making Tameside a better place to live, work, and visit. There was a huge amount of enthusiasm from everyone attending the event at Stalybridge's Victoria Market Hall and some great discussions on turning the ambitions into action. Attendees included health services, education providers, housing providers, the VCFSE sector and businesses.

The event and the strategy are just the start of uniting public services, voluntary and community organisations, businesses and residents to work together to improve outcomes for all. These are exciting times with investment, regeneration and transformed services coming to fruition over the next four years and with growth set to accelerate. I'm looking forward to working with partners and residents to transform Tameside together.

Tameside Council Executive Leader
Cllr Eleanor Wills

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Snooker Presentation Night 2025/26 Season

>>> The annual Presentation Night took place on Saturday 5th September, at the Alexander Club, the home venue of Alexander A, our snooker league champions. We started with our usual Snooker Killer, which was won by Paul Grace.

This was followed by a buffet and raffle and finally by the presentation of the trophies.

The presentation was conducted by our League President Darran Beswick and our League Secretary, Simon Buckley. The final award was the Sportsmanship trophy which went

to Jay Hardman, captain of Alexander B. This was presented by Ian Hopton, League Treasurer, on behalf of Kevin Welsh, League Chairman.

The league has been very competitive this year with plenty of tight finishers in both snooker and whist. The trophies have been shared amongst all 6 teams with St Peter's having won the most, closely followed by Alexander A and B, and Mossley B.

Our new season starts on the first week in October with our annual challenge matches, league winners versus cup winners, at

both snooker and whist. The league starts in earnest one week later and will run until April next year when our individual and team knockout competitions start. If you want any further

information about our league or want to either play in it either as a player or part of a team, you can contact our press secretary on:

07736678303 or via email on ian.stalybridgesnooker@outlook.com.

The league website address is also www.stalybridgesnooker.co.uk

Ian Hopton

QUIZ CHALLENGE ANSWERS

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| 1. Femur, Tibia and Fibula | 13. The House of Commons | 27. Cheese |
| 2. Juno | 14. Apache | 28. Aslan |
| 3. Robert Pattinson | 15. 78 | 29. Lou (Todd) |
| 4. Spice Up Your Life – Spice Girls | 16. Krypton | 30. Foal |
| 5. To wrap sushi, it is edible seaweed | 17. Neptune | 31. Crimean |
| 6. 23 seconds | 18. Six | 32. The Liver |
| 7. Countess | 19. Elephant | 33. Seven |
| 8. Aries, Leo and Sagittarius | 20. Starburst | 34. 2012 |
| 9. Corfu | 21. seven | 35. Canada |
| 10. Glasgow | 22. 1990 | 36. Decisions Clothing |
| 11. The Famous Five | 23. Fifteen | 37. Triangular |
| 12. 1988 | 24. Bird's Nests | 38. Phoenix Nights |
| | 25. Four | 39. Coco |
| | 26. On its back | 40. Cluedo |

WHAT'S ON

A BRIEF ROUNDUP OF SOME ACTIVITIES THIS OCTOBER



OCTOBER 3RD

Community Fair

Hyde Market/Civic Square, Hyde Town Centre from 11am
Once again Tameside markets bring together local organisations with characters from Hyde Fundraisers.

OCTOBER 7TH

Time Out

King Street, Droylsden – From 10am-12noon
Every Wednesday each month supporting 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.

OCTOBER 9TH

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.

OCTOBER 18TH

Independent Street

Ashton town centre, from 10am
Visit this new market in Ashton town centre.

OCTOBER 19TH – 24TH

These Shining Lives

Guide Bridge Theatre, Audenshaw Road, M34 5HJ
"Based on the true story of the women who traded their lives for a lethal glow." These Shining Lives is both a moving tribute to friendship and an inspiring reminder that ordinary people can spark extraordinary change.

OCTOBER 25TH

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.

OCTOBER 29TH

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

OCTOBER 30TH

Independent Street Halloween Special

Ashton Market 11am-6pm
Get all your Halloween treats and decorations at this special market and beware, there maybe some monstrous visitors from 2pm!

OCTOBER 31ST

Ashton's Not So Scary Halloween

Ashton market/Ladysmith Shopping Centre
Free face masks from the Captain and The Witch with pumpkin carving at Ashton Market Hall. See the Pumpkin Man at Ladysmith Shopping centre and get a free pumpkin voucher whilst stocks last.

Spookfest

Hyde town centre, 11am-1pm
Find the clues to get a prize, first 50 children in Fancy Dress receive a prize! Organised by Hyde Together CIC.



FILM OF THE MONTH

THE UPRISING

Andrew Garfield stars as a legendary leader of a ferocious rebellion against the tyranny of King Richard II. As the war burns across England, he forms an army of the people to face the King's might in a fight for justice and survival.



GAMING - With Bobby Kent

CASTLEVANIA: BELMONT'S CURSE - OCTOBER 15TH

Almost two decades on from his last resurrection, Dracula returns in Castlevania's first new entry in years. Explore a Gothic France as a new descendent of the Belmont family, whipping, slashing and brawling your way through the forces of evil, and finding new paths on the way. It's the long-awaited return from the grandfather of the 'Metroidvania' genre, and this isn't a game to miss.



EVENT

ASHTON'S NOT SO SCARY HALLOWEEN OCTOBER 31ST

Tameside Markets will be bringing characters from Mossley's No Eyed Theatre to the town centre for a spooky visit. Watch out for a visit from the The Captain strutting around the market and don't accept any apples from the



kindly Witch that will be on the prowl. If you do approach them seize your chance to get your token for a free facemask that you can collect inside the Market Hall! There will also be some Pumpkin carving demonstrations taking place to give you some creative ideas! In addition, the Pumpkin Man will be wandering around Ladysmith Shopping Centre giving away tokens for a Free pumpkin you can collect from the pumpkin carver at Ashton Market Hall – but act quickly, they will be on a first come – first served basis with some released each hour of the event!

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**Monday
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October**

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