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Mayor visits Tameside Meals SEVA group

➤➤ The Tameside Meals SEVA Group. has been operating since August 2021 and has volunteers helping every week on Tuesdays when they make about 175-200+ meals for the most vulnerable in Tameside.

Kala Mandviwala from Tameside Meals SEVA Group welcomed The Civic Mayor of Tameside, Cllr Helen Bowden, to Hyde Town Hall to show the work of volunteers and the difference these meals make in the Tameside community. If anyone would like to help, please contact them through Action Together or email kala1962@hotmail.co.uk.

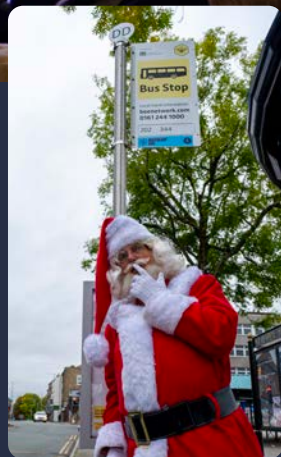
You can also find them on social media Facecook: @Tameside Meals Seva Group and Instagram: @tmsevagroup.



HYDE'S FESTIVE FUN

>> This Christmas Hyde is set to host a variety of festive events in the town centre and beyond.

There is a chance to meet Santa on the Lower Ground Floor of Hyde Market Hall on Saturday November 21st, 28th and December 5th. Don't forget Hyde Market Hall is the perfect destination for festive food, gifts, cards, clothing, flowers, hair styling and of course to grab a drink or snack. A special Christmas Artisan Market is also taking place on Sunday November 22nd organised by the award-winning market operator Independent Street bringing a fantastic day of artisan shopping, live music and family fun to the heart of Hyde. This will also include the chance to meet Santa and Sven the Reindeer too! December 5th will see Hyde Together CIC present this year's Christmas Lights event with stalls, entertainment and the traditional countdown. The popular Gingerbread trail returns to Gee Cross on Sunday December 20th, 11am-3pm, which also includes a Santa's Grotto at the Gee Cross Community Centre.



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NORTHERN LIGHTS LANTERN PARADE KICK-STARTS THE FESTIVITIES IN TAMESIDE

The spectacular Northern Lights Lantern Parade returns to kick off the festive season in Tameside, with a magical celebration of community and creativity in the heart of Ashton.

This year the Lantern Parade will take place in Ashton Town Centre, on Saturday 14th November, setting off at 5pm and wrapping up with a festive light switch on at around 6.30pm.

Tameside Council is working with local producers Global Grooves, Cabasa, and No Eyed Theatre, to deliver the annual lantern parade for residents and visitors.

This year's parade theme is The Hare and the Moon, and will be a joyful, magical procession rooted in Tameside's landscape, wildlife, and imagination.

The parade brings together residents, schools, community groups and volunteers, offering people of all ages

the chance to be part of the celebrations.

Lantern-making workshops will give residents the opportunity to create their own handmade lanterns, which can then either line the parade route or be carried by participants as they join local performers, dancers, and artists in the parade. Information on the workshops can be found on the InTameside website.

Everyone is invited to join the celebrations, whether by taking part in the parade, cheering from the sidelines or enjoying the festive atmosphere with family and friends.

The evening filled with fun for everyone marks the start of the festive season across the borough. Details of celebrations in the other towns to follow.



Tameside Council's Executive Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture, Cllr Leanne Feeley, said: "We are thrilled to be bringing back the Northern Lights Lantern Parade to set off the Christmas celebrations in Tameside. It is always a fantastic evening of lights, culture, community, and festivities, and we are expecting this year to be just as incredible for residents and visitors. Make sure you save the date, spread the word and come and join us as we mark the beginning of the celebrations."

SCARECROW FUN

At the end of September, St James's Church in Ashton hosted a special scarecrow event with a selection of dedicated displays for visitors to enjoy.

The Annual Scarecrow festival took place on Friday 25th September, Saturday 26th September and Sunday 27th September.



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Tameside Autumn Jobs Fair connects record-breaking number of residents with new opportunities

Hundreds of Tameside residents were able to access job vacancies, training opportunities and career support at this year's Autumn Jobs Fair.

A record-breaking 1,170 residents attended the free drop-in event at Dukinfield Town Hall and took the opportunity to meet employers face-to-face, making it the biggest and most successful one to date.

More than 40 employers and 20 training and support providers came

together to showcase opportunities and offer careers advice, helping residents explore new job prospects and pathways into work.

Tameside Council holds jobs fairs twice a year, with the next one planned for Spring 2027.

For more information and employment support in the meantime, visit <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/employmentandtraining/tameside-employment-and-skills/workwell>.



TAKEN IN TAMESIDE

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We'd love to hear from you!



Flowers in Stamford Park - Sam Shaw



Pigeon on Stalybridge lamp post - Howard Murphy

Holy Trinity church in Stalybridge
Sam Shaw



Corporal Harvey
Holmes Way
Howard Murphy

ASHTON'S FINAL SUPER SATURDAY

➤➤ The last of Ashton's special Saturday events, which started in the Summer, has come to an end on October 17th.

Fletcher Square was host to the 'Super Spooky' event bringing a day of Halloween-themed entertainment to Ashton town centre. Visitors enjoyed live shows, ghost and fairy tales, walkabout characters and spooky craft activities, with plenty of family-friendly fun on offer. Attendees were also encouraged to come dressed in their favourite Halloween costumes.



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COMMUNITY FAIR RETURN

>> Tameside Markets presented their second Community Fair event on October 3rd with more being planned for 2027.

The event included appearances from Prime Active Communities, The Anthony Seddon Fund, Tameside Little Gems, The Grafton Centre and Sitsiam Martial Arts. Also providing music was Jack Doyle and a selection of characters from Hyde Fundraisers included a character from Avatar and The Mandalorian plus the Tameside Spiderman joined in the fun!



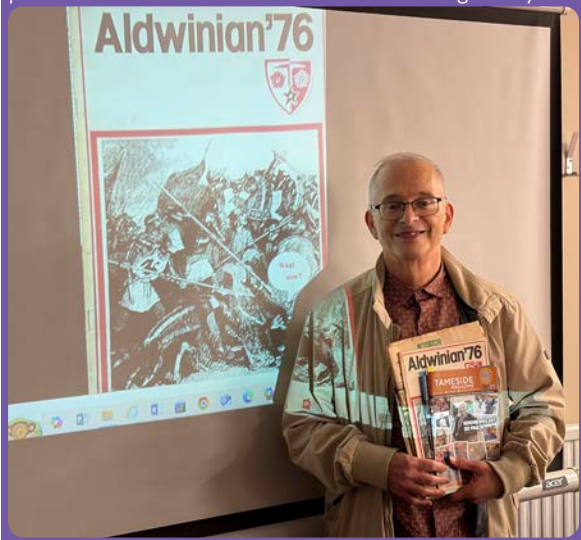
Mike shares his memories

On September 24th Mike Wallbank was guest speaker of Denton Local History Society which hosted an event at the Victoria Park Community Centre.

Our nostalgia writer Mike presented an illustrated talk

about his 50-year career in journalism and how it all began as a junior 'cub' reporter on the Denton Reporter.

He shared his memories of 1976 and looked back at the local news from that never-to-be-forgotten year.



Centre welcomes High Sheriff

Last month The Grafton Centre in Hyde welcomed Mark Llewellyn, the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester.

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and Wellbeing Community organisation that offers a range of activities and hot meals to our members. Find out more by visiting their facebook page!



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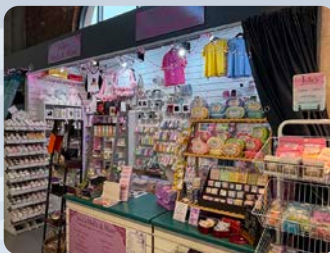
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>>> With Christmas rapidly approaching, the wide variety of traders at Ashton Market Hall are offering fantastic quality and value when it comes to your food, gifts and housewares this year. Supporting market traders is vital this time of year for these small independent businesses and your custom is much more appreciated than the big supermarkets.

There's a great range of gift ideas from **Julie's Melts & More** at stall 61 located at the rear of the Market Hall alongside the Market Gallery. The stall is packed with burners, soap filled sponges, wax melts, candles, salt sizzlers, bath bombs plus personalised gift options too!"

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Mandy Yuan is based inside Ashton Market Hall at the **My Medicine** stall, and she has been working in Chinese medicine for almost 30 years.

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Market Hall with budget to designer frames available. They have hundreds of frames to choose from and all types of lenses too coupled with a friendly and helpful service. If you know your prescription, why not pop in and see how much you can save – the focus is very much on customer service and satisfaction.

Looking for a tasty spit roast chicken? **Cordwell's Deli** has the reputation of some of the finest roast chickens and cooked meats in Ashton. With a mouth-watering selection of gammon, ham shank, ribs, chicken, turkey, beef and much more it's worth checking out – get there early to get your roast

sorted! You can now order ready for Christmas too.

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 award winning café has also introduced a range of homemade Cheesecakes in a variety of flavours – a perfect treat when you stop for a drink!

Don't forget that all your favourite Ashton Market traders continue to be open during the period of works taking place on Ashton Market Ground. Some outside traders have now been relocated inside the Market Hall whilst others will be based in Fletcher Square.

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Bringing down the cost of the weekly shop for all



With bills continually rising, many people are left wondering how they're going to afford the food they need for themselves and their family. Many now find themselves having to choose between heating and eating. This is a choice no-one should have to make. Desperate to give families access to affordable food, a new Community Grocery opened its doors in Hattersley on Monday 28th September 2026.

Providing affordable food for members as well as access to support courses too, the Community Grocery will be open to everyone and part of a network of over 35 stores right across the UK. Step inside and you'll find the same range of products you'd expect to see in your local supermarkets, including fresh fruit and vegetables, tinned goods, bakery items, frozen food, sanitary products and household items.

Signing up at the grocery is easy and open to anyone. The store gives members, who would otherwise find it hard to put food on the table, somewhere where they can do a food shop for as little as £5 choosing the items they'd like for their family and the size of shop they'd like to do. The impact Community Groceries have on lives is huge, with members who use stores saying, "As soon as I found the Community Grocery, it was like a weight lifted off my shoulders", "Great quality at low cost open to all, just what the area needs" and "A really good place to go if cash is tight. Spent £13 and probably got over £30 worth of food."

Hattersley Community Grocery is being run in partnership by The Message Trust



and St Barnabus Church, with support from Tameside Council and funding from the UK Government. It is hoped that the store will be the first of a number to open across Tameside.

Andy Hawthorne OBE, Global Chief Executive and Founder of The Message Trust said: "Escalating prices are having a massive impact on everyone's lives, but for many it's made life so difficult that they are having to choose between heating or eating. We can't stand by and do nothing, so the Community Grocery is here to help and that's why we're opening a new store in Hattersley. Bridging the gap between food banks and supermarkets, we're here to make it easier for our members to put food on the table by reducing the cost of the weekly shop, whilst also providing them with support and courses too. We can't wait to welcome local residents to Hattersley Community Grocery."

Reverend Sam Durdant-Hollamby, Vicar at St Barnabas, Hattersley said: "As a church we are so excited about the Community Grocery opening. We're always looking for ways to serve our neighbours and the Community

Grocery gives us a tangible way to do this. It will help feed families, signpost people to join in with groups at every age and stage of life."

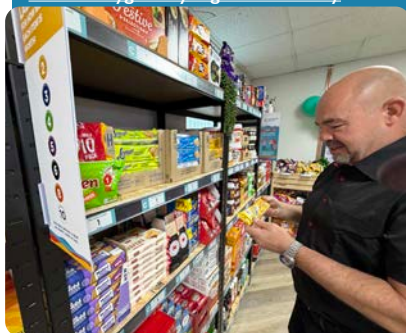
Tameside Council Executive Member for Finance and Resources Cllr Hugh Roderick said: "I'm pleased to be working with our partners and the community to open this Community Grocery in Hattersley, with more stores to follow across Tameside. Community Groceries offer practical support and choice that genuinely strengthens households across Tameside."

"I know how the cost of living can be a daily challenge for many – I volunteer in a local food bank and see for myself the difference practical community support can make for those in crisis. Community Groceries enhance and broaden the offer by providing a sustainable, longer-term solution. They give residents access to affordable food, reduce financial pressure on households and help people maintain their independence. By working together, food banks and Community Groceries ensure that support is available when people need it most, while helping them move towards greater security and wellbeing."

Membership costs just £1 per year and members are able to visit the store multiple times a week, choosing their own shopping for their families.

Hattersley Community Grocery will be found at St Barnabas Church Hattersley, Hattersley Rd East, Hyde, SK14 3EQ and will be open 9:30am – 4:30pm Monday - Friday each week.

To find out more about Hattersley Community Grocery head to communitygrocery.org.uk/hattersley



MARKET NEWS



>> November 14th sees the launch of Christmas in Tameside with the lantern parade taking place in Ashton with our new Market Square featured.

As part of the launch event we shall have a special festive market selling food and gift items along with a Santa's Grotto. The Real Deal Record Fair is back at Ashton Market Hall this month and don't miss November 22nd when we have a special Christmas Market in the Hyde Civic Square with stalls and a chance to meet festive characters! On November 29th it's the last Mossley Farmers Market event for 2026 with a visit from Santa and music from Roger DeGenero!

At Ashton Market Hall why not take the opportunity to stock up on your pet jackets and accessories from **Paws & Claws** who also have a great range of food and pet

treats too. To help you look smart, why not drop into **The Press Gang** offering a great service for all your laundry needs. Washing and Drying, Ironing, Dry Cleaning and Alterations. Try a touch of Italian refreshment with a hot drink and cake from the **Florence Italian Café**. At unit 73 **G. E Shaw** features artificial flowers, teddies, ornaments, lights, lampshades and other giftware.

Need to start getting those special Christmas cards and gift wrap? You'll find a fab selection at **Greetings Galore** on the Lower Ground Floor in Hyde Market Hall plus a variety of cards for all occasions so no excuse

not to forget! **The Cottage Deli** are located upstairs. The great staff are ready to serve you with cheeses, deli products, along with fresh cooked meats. One of Hyde's longest established traders is **S. Wilde & Son** for all your fresh fruit and vegetables.

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It was 'Happenin in Hyde'

Street theatre, walkabout performances, face painting and arts and crafts were all part of the exciting programme for Hyde's family fun day on September 26th.

Hyde town centre came alive with entertainment, creativity and family fun as 'Happenin in Hyde' brought a packed programme of free activities and performances to the town.



Young fundraiser Freddie completes Snowdon hike

A young fundraiser from Denton has hiked up the highest mountain in Wales to raise funds for homelessness charity Emmaus Mossley.

On Saturday 19th September, seven-year-old Freddie and his family successfully completed their sponsored walk up Snowdon. Freddie wanted to do a challenge to help people affected by homelessness and has so far raised more than £1,100 for Emmaus Mossley.

Freddie commented: "I really enjoyed doing Snowden, especially all the climbing. It was easy and I want to do another big mountain next year. It makes me sad to see homeless people and I wanted to help in any way I could."

Prior to the walk, Freddie visited Emmaus Mossley, a local charity that helps to empower people to overcome homelessness for good. Whilst resident at Emmaus, each person is supported to build their confidence, self-esteem, skills and work experience to achieve their goals.

Freddie's mum, Kirsty, added: "The weather was awful but we did it and it was all for a great cause. Freddie was amazing – he

was in front helping everyone along and he can't wait to do the next one."

Emmaus Mossley's residential community provides a home and tailored support for up to 26 people at any one time. Funds raised from Freddie's challenge will go towards the charity's plans to improve the community building and facilities.

Ant Hopkinson, Chief Executive Officer at Emmaus Mossley, said: "We're all enormously grateful to Freddie and his family, not only for the money they've raised, but for the kindness and determination behind it."

"If Freddie's story has inspired you to take on a challenge of your own, we'd love to hear from you. Whether it's a walk, run, cycle, bake sale or something completely different, there are lots of ways you can fundraise for Emmaus Mossley and help us continue supporting local people to rebuild their lives after homelessness."

To find out more and support Freddie's fundraiser for Emmaus Mossley, visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/freddie-emmaus-fundraiser-2026>

College hosting open events to help students find future career path

>> Tameside College and Clarendon Sixth Form College is hosting a series of Open Events for school leavers, offering guidance on post-16 education and career pathways.

Last month events were held at all three campus locations for the college showcasing the wide range of courses available.

During the events students and parents have the opportunity to tour the college's campuses and facilities, receive impartial careers advice from teachers and staff, learn about the courses on offer at the college and find more out about the college's future plans for its estate.

The next event will take place on Monday 16th November 5pm-8pm across all three campuses.



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Saturday 28 November



Hattersley

Friday 4 December



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Friday 4 December



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Saturday 5 December



Hyde

Saturday 5 December



For further details of
these events see
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AWARDS RETURN

The Pride of Tameside Business Awards returned to Dukinfield Town Hall on Friday, 9th October 2026, celebrating the success of Tameside businesses over the last year.

Winners in 2026 included:

Young Businessperson of the Year

Matt Whillance from Whitecroft Lighting

Entrepreneur of the Year

Sarah Crossley (Your Wellbeing Company)

Creative Business of the Year

Global Grooves

Social Enterprise/Charity/CIC of the Year

Willow Wood Hospice

Innovation Project of the Year

Environmental Combustion Technologies

Start Up of the Year

Hatters Food & Drinks Hall

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There was also a special Lifetime Achievement award presented by TMBC Chief Executive Emma Alexander to retiring Principal of Tameside College – Jackie Moores.



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A MAGICAL MEAL AT TAMESIDE ONE

>>> With the new tv series of Harry Potter coming to Amazon Prime next month, why not celebrate with a meal at The Restaurant at Tameside One.

On Tuesday November 10th the students have conjured up a magical menu in tribute to everyone's favourite wizard. The Amuse Bouche of the 'Golden Snitch' features deep fried Goats Cheese with honey croquette, Starter 'Hagrid's' Foraged Soup, main course of 'Forbidden Forest Roast' and a delightful dessert of 'The Seekers Sweet Reward'.

There will be a chance to grab a snap with your favourite characters – courtesy of mycardboardcutout.co.uk and diners best beware the marauding death eater on the prowl!

Book your place now for a magical evening by calling: 0161 908 6700 or for more details about the restaurant visit: <https://therestaurant.tameside.ac.uk/>



Blaze dancers represent England and secure top world rankings

>>> Dancers from Blaze Street Dance Academy, based in Ashton-under-Lyne, are celebrating an outstanding achievement after representing England at their first-ever UDO World Championships in Blackpool in August.

Blaze dancers spent four days competing alongside talent from across the globe, with more than 300 teams taking part in the Championships.

The academy's elite junior team, Limitless Juniors, secured an impressive 15th place in the world.

We also had Blaze's youngest duo, Amariah and Phoebe, also finishing 5th in the world and earning a place among the top five in their category.

The World Championship success follows an exciting period of international competition for Blaze. After qualifying, dancers from the academy competed at the European Championships in Belgium last year, before returning to the European Championships in Germany in May this year.

Just like Worlds, dancers must qualify to earn their place at the European

Championships, making each international appearance an achievement in itself.

Sammy-Jo, company owner @ Blaze Street Dance Academy, said:

"To represent England on the world stage at our first UDO World Championships and come home with these results is something we are incredibly proud of."

"Our dancers have put in countless hours of training and extra rehearsals, so seeing that hard work creates opportunities for them to compete internationally has been amazing."

"Over the last two years, our dancers have progressed from the Europeans in Belgium, to achieving a top 10 placing at the Europeans in Germany in May, and then on to their first World Championships in August."

"Every one of those opportunities has been earned through qualification, which makes their journey even more special."

"Limitless Juniors worked incredibly hard to earn their place at Worlds, and finishing 15th in the world was an achievement we will never forget."



"None of this would be possible without the commitment of our dancers, teachers, and families, who have supported them every step of the way."

"One of our biggest aims at Blaze has always been to give local children the opportunity to discover street dance and see where it can take them."

"A child can walk through our doors having never danced before and go on to build confidence, make friendships, perform, compete and even have the opportunity to represent England at European and World Championship level."

"We hope our dancers' achievements inspire more children across to give street dance a try. From a first dance class to an international stage, you never know where that journey could lead."

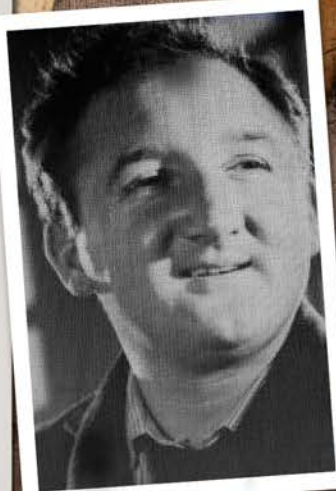
TAMESIDE TIMES WITH MIKE WALLBANK

A nostalgic look back through the local Reporter archives - 63 years ago, 1963

Beatlemania had taken the country by storm in the second half of 1963. On a never-to-be-forgotten November night, the Reporter was there to witness the hysteria which erupted as hundreds of screaming teenagers descended on the ABC Ardwick (now the O2 Apollo) to see The Beatles live on stage. For days afterwards, the Reporter offices were besieged by devoted fans who had cut out the coupon in that week's edition to claim their free copy of the newspaper's exclusive souvenir photo of the Fab Four with a cuddly giant panda.

- The assassination of US President John F Kennedy on 22nd November 1963 sent shockwaves around the world. Flags flew at half mast, prayers were said in churches and events locally and nationally began with a minute's silence. Stallholders and customers at the Guide Bridge (4th Audenshaw) Scouts' Christmas fair were among those pausing for a quiet moment of reflection.
- Ashton's mayor Alderman Tom Shaw opened the new bus station on Warrington Street. Meanwhile Ashton Council was trying to reach agreement with Manchester Corporation to phase out trolley buses.
- Manchester City's legendary goalkeeper Bert Trautmann had been tasked with toppling 150 piles of pennies in pubs across the region - a 'big push' for charity which brought him to The Butchers Arms, Stalybridge.

- Long distance swimmer Derek Turner from Droylsden astounded the experts by swimming the English Channel at his first attempt. Backed by generous donations from fellow members of Stalybridge Swimming Club, Derek was honoured to receive a commemorative silver salver from Stalybridge Council - plus a lifetime free pass for the town's swimming baths.
- 'Ashton born and bred' film actor Ronald Fraser revealed his next role would be as a monk in Crooks In Cloisters, a new comedy starring Barbara Windsor, Bernard Cribbins and Steptoe and Son star Wilfred Brambell.
- Norman Williams, the headmaster of Egerton Park Secondary School, Denton, was a guest on Granada TV's Scene At 6.30 to discuss the teaching of the international language Esperanto which he had pioneered over the past decade.
- November 1963 would also be remembered for the start of a new BBC series of 'adventures in space and time' which would become essential Saturday tea-time viewing for the next 26 years and successfully rebooted in the 2000s. The original Doctor Who starred William Hartnell as the white-haired grandfather Time Lord who had magically mobilised an old police box as his Tardis and would soon be battling The Daleks...



Denton band top the charts!

>>> Tameside band The Cathodes were on top of the world after hitting the coveted No.1 spot on the weekly Heritage Chart, compiled from online voting in over 100 countries back in September.

To reach the top, their '80s-inspired synth pop anthem Man In A Suitcase scored more votes than famous names Chaka Khan, The Proclaimers, The Waterboys and Echo and The Bunnymen.

Radio legend Mike Read launched the Heritage Chart six years ago as a platform for popular artists of the past who are still releasing new music - and up-and-coming bands with a distinctly 'retro' sound.

The Cathodes - Dave Forward (lead vocals, guitar, keyboards), Paul Cargill (bass, backing vocals), Jules Whettam (keyboards) and Dan Hadley (drums) - describe their influences as mainly '80s with "a small dash of '60s". They have been together since just before the first COVID lockdown



in 2020 but all have extensive past experience of recording and playing live. Following the success of Man In A Suitcase, their fame is spreading far and wide. The song has received plenty of airplay on several radio stations including Heritage Chart Radio, Boom Radio, Radio Caroline and locally on the Sunday afternoon Show That Time Forgot on Tameside Radio, hosted by our very own Mike Wallbank. Fans had a chance to see the band playing live at The Spinning Top, Stockport early in October.

Stalybridge Snooker League Sportsmanship Award

>>> Every year our league awards a trophy for sportsmanship and the definition of sportsmanship is behaving with fairness, respect and graciousness while playing sport or competing in a competition. Our winner is chosen by all the captains, and our winner this year is Jay Hardman, who only joined the league for 22/23 season.

Jay started playing snooker when his parents bought him a 6 x 3 snooker table for Christmas, while he was still at school. When he was 10 he went to Cornwall on holiday and he won his first trophy there, reaching the final of their snooker competition and winning it. He played regularly at the Pyramid in Dukinfield when still at school and did not play in a club competition until 2020. He played the competition at the Waterloo Club and won that. He did not join our league until season 22/23 with Denton

Conservative Club and helped his team win the snooker league, and in 23/24 he played for

Hyde B, and helped them win The Berry Cup and finish second in the Snooker League. The following year the team moved to Alexander Club, and changed from Hyde B to Alexander, and again his team won the Berry Cup, finished second in the Snooker league and added the George Fletcher trophy as well.

In season 25/26 Alexander club had two teams and Jay became captain of the B team, and led them to second in the Berry Cup in his first season, and is captain for current season 26/27. As well as helping his team to win trophies he has also been runner up in the 6 Reds and individual billiards competitions and of course won this award.

He is well respected in the league and an active member of the league committee and truly deserves this Award. If you want to find out more about our league and what we do you can find details on our website <https://www.stalybridgesnooker.co.uk>.

Ian Hopton
Chairman and Press Secretary

Ashtonne of events

Ashton Town Team are still awaiting news from Phil Brown, Chair of Ashton Neighbourhood Board to fund their Ashton town centre campaigns in 2027. The suggested campaign features Granny Turismo, Sci-Fi Day, Animated wild animals along with Christmas characters.

Pop in for a chaat

Delhi Chaat n Café in Hyde has won Best Indian Restaurant Manchester award at the British Curry & Catering awards beating several other popular Manchester restaurants in the category.

Made lots of dough!

Denise Ward and volunteers from Denton's Victoria Park Community Centre have raised £210 for Tameside's MacMillan Unit from their bakery sale of sausage rolls, cheese and onion pies, meat and potato pies and an assortment of cakes both baked and donated.

The big move!

This month market traders are planning to relocate from their temporary Fletcher Square location to the new units beneath the new market canopy on the redeveloped Market Square. It's expected the square will host the stage and presentations for this year's debut switch on event in Tameside.

Market on your calendar

This month's final Mossley Farmers' Market of 2026 will see entertainment from Roger Degenero and a visit from Father Christmas on Sunday November 29th, it is hoped the award-winning market will be returning in Spring 2027.

Concorde to fly again

Droylsden's Concorde Suite is having major changes and will be partially demolished after sitting empty for 11 years. The scheme will demolish the upper parts of the building and is to prepare for the planned redevelopment into a space for housing, retail and leisure.

Metro plans ahead

Works on the old Metro Cinema have been announced and would include two new entrances, with new doors, canopies, disability access ramps and signage to be installed on the outside of the 1920s building. The Ashton building was purchased by Monopoly Properties back in 2023.

Send your bulletins to:
tamesidecommunitynews@gmail.com

REMEMBRANCE IN TAMESIDE

>>> We have confirmed details of the Remembrance Services taking place across Tameside during Remembrance weekend (Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November), as well as services to be held on Wednesday 11 November. These important events give people the chance to come together, pay their respects and remember those who gave their lives in service. Residents are invited to attend, take a moment to reflect, and join their communities in honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Saturday 7 November 2026

Audenshaw, Ryecroft Hall - Short service and wreath laying ceremony at 10.30am at the memorial stone in the grounds of Ryecroft Hall.

Audenshaw, Memorial Gardens - Short Service and wreath laying ceremony at 12 noon at the memorial stone in Audenshaw Memorial Garden, Audenshaw Road, opposite the Stamford Road junction.

Droylsden, Littlemoss - Service of remembrance in the memorial garden, Lumb Lane, at 2.30pm.

Sunday 8 November 2026

Ashton-under-Lyne, Central - Parade assembles on Market Street (on the pedestrianised area at the side of the market hall) at 9am and proceeds to Ashton Parish Church for a remembrance service at 9.45am. Afterwards the parade will reassemble on Stamford Street and proceeds to Ashton War Memorial via the BT roundabout and Mossley Road for a wreath laying ceremony at 10.45am.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Cockbrook - Service in St Gabriel's Church, Audley Street, at 9.30am followed by a wreath laying ceremony at 11am at the Stamford Square war memorial.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Hurst - Service in St John's Church at 9.30am followed by a procession via Kings Road to the war memorial in Hurst Cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony and planting of personal poppies at 11am.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Park Bridge - Service of remembrance at the war

memorial in the grounds of Park Bridge Institute at 10.45am.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Waterloo - Parade assembles at Cannon Burrows Primary School, Oldham Road, at 2.15pm and proceeds to the Oldham Road war memorial for a service of remembrance at 2.30pm.

Audenshaw, Cemetery - Service of remembrance and wreath laying at the war memorial in Audenshaw Cemetery at 3pm, led by the Rev Amy-Elizabeth Sheridan. There will be no parade, but St John's (Mossley) band will accompany the hymns.

Denton, Central - Parade assembles at 10am outside Denton West End Working Men's Club, Grosvenor Street, and leaves at 10.20am proceeding via Grosvenor Street, Seymour Street, Manchester Road and Market Street to the remembrance garden where a wreath will be laid. Parade continues to Denton Town Hall. At 10.45am, the parade will proceed along Albert Street, Stockport Road and Gould Street to the war memorial in Victoria Park for a service of remembrance at 10.55am.

Denton, Haughton Green - A service of remembrance will be held in St Mary's Church, starting at 10.30am, followed by a short wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial on the south side of the church.

Denton West - Wreath laying ceremony to be held at the memorial in Thornley Park at 1.30pm.





Droylsden, Central - Parade assembles on Church Street and departs at 10am proceeding via Market Street, Greenside Lane, Manor Road, and Cemetery Road to Droylsden War Memorial for a remembrance service and wreath laying ceremony at 10:45am.

Dukinfield, Central - Service of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony at 3pm at the Chapel Hill war memorial, followed by a procession down Chapel Street to Dukinfield Town Hall where refreshments will be served.

Hyde, Central - Parade assembles on Greenfield Street at 2pm for departure

at 2:10pm proceeding in a loop via Market Street, Union Street, Travis Street, Reynold Street and Market Street to arrive back at the town hall for a remembrance service at 2:30pm. This will be followed by a

wreath laying ceremony at approximately 2:45pm.

Hyde, Newton - Rosemount Methodist Church. Parade leaves Rosemount Methodist Church, Bennett Street, at 9:45am and proceeds to the war memorial outside the George and Dragon, Bennett Street, for a short service of remembrance and wreath laying ceremony at 10am.

Hyde, Newton - St Mary's Church. Service held in St Mary's Church, Bower Street off Talbot Road at 10am. The parade will then travel to the Little Soldier at the junction of Cartwright Street and Victoria Street where a wreath laying

ceremony will be held at 11:45am.

Hyde, Werneth - Procession will assemble at Lower Higham Visitor Centre, Higham Lane, leaving for the Werneth Low war memorial at 11:45am. A short

service of remembrance and wreath laying ceremony will be held at 12pm.

Longdendale, Broadbottom - Parade assembles at Broadbottom Community Centre, Lower Market Street, at 10:30am and proceeds to the war memorial via Market Street and Mottram Road. An act of remembrance will be held at the war memorial at 10:45am.

Longdendale, Hollingworth - Remembrance service at Hollingworth Methodist Church, Water Lane, Hollingworth, SK14 8HT at 10am. Followed by a walk along the pavement to the war memorial, Mottram Moor, for a wreath laying ceremony at 10:50am and rededication.

Longdendale, Mottram - A service of remembrance will be held in Mottram Parish Church at 10:30am.

Mossley, Central - Service of remembrance and wreath laying ceremony to start at 10:45am at the war memorial in Mossley Park. Afterwards there will be a procession via Stamford Road and Stamford Street to the George Lawton Hall where light refreshments will be available.

Stalybridge, Central - Parade will assemble in Armentieres Square at 10:15am and will proceed at 10:30am via Trinity Street, Grosvenor Street, Melbourne Street, Market Street, King Street, Waterloo Road and Trinity Street to Stalybridge War Memorial for a remembrance service and wreath laying ceremony at 10:55am. At the conclusion, the parade will return to Armentieres Square via Trinity Street. At the conclusion of the parade for all those taking part, light refreshments will be available at Stalybridge, Victoria Market Hall.

Wednesday 11 November 2026

Dukinfield - National act of remembrance to be held outside Dukinfield Town Hall. The ceremony will include a two-minute silence at 11am

Hyde, Godley - Service of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony to be held at the war memorial on Godley Hill Road at 10:50am

Stalybridge, Millbrook - Service of remembrance to be held at St James's Church, Millbrook at 10:50am

Images by Howard Murphy



Quiz Challenge

1. Which piece of gardening equipment was invented by James Ransome in 1902?
2. Which ship was heavily involved in rescuing survivors from the ship wrecked Titanic?
3. In computing for what does the acronym JPEG stand?
4. What are the five largest islands in the Caribbean?
5. In which town did Superman grow up in before moving to Metropolis?
6. What colour is the cross on the flag of Greece?
7. What is the second book of the Lord of the Rings trilogy?
8. What does the acronym BAFTA stand for?
9. On which Shakespeare play was the musical "Kiss Me Kate" based?
10. Which blood group is known as the universal donor?
11. From which musical does the song "I Feel Pretty" come?
12. Which town in Tameside is the musical Frozen being staged this month?
13. The Iliac arteries supply blood to which part of the human body?
14. Which of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles wore a purple mask?
15. The word AVATAR originates from which religion?
16. Which single provided Madonna with her first UK number one?
17. In "Toy Story 2", what is the name of Jessie's horse?
18. What sign of the zodiac is represented by a pair of scales?
19. In the books by Agatha Christie, what is Miss Marples' first name?
20. Newton & Ridley were a brewery featured in which tv soap opera?
21. Who is the presenter of the TV quiz show "Pointless"?
22. What name is given to an angle of more than 180 degrees?
23. "Tipping The Linney" is a statue in which Tameside town?
24. Which car manufacturer produces models known in the UK as ZAFIRA and INSIGNIA?
25. What does a MYCOLOGIST study?
26. In what year did M&S relocate from Ashton town centre to the store alongside Sainsbury's?
27. In which Japanese martial art are bamboo swords used?
28. Who wrote the novel "Gulliver's Travels"?
29. Who sang about a "Rock DJ" in the 2000 single charts?
30. According to folk lore which Swiss hero shot an apple off his son's head?
31. In a game of snooker how many points are earned by potting the green ball?
32. Which organisation has the motto, "Blood and Fire"?
33. In which musical would you hear the song "Wouldn't it be Lovely"?
34. The 'Solana' is a hotel featured in which sitcom?
35. Which football team shares its name with a black and white mint?
36. When milk is coagulated to form cheese curd what is the name of the liquid that is released?
37. Which song from the 1964 movie "Mary Poppins", won the Oscar for Best Original Song?
38. Who replaced Margaret Thatcher as Britain's Prime Minister in November 1990?
39. Presented by Noel; Edmonds in what year was children's show Swap Shop first televised on a Saturday?
40. What make of car did James Bond drive in the film The Spy Who Loved Me?

Stuck for an answer? Check page 30

Cookery Corner

Bread & Butter Pudding with apple, cinnamon & raisin

Ingredients

- 400ml milk
- 400ml single cream
- 100g caster sugar
- 6 eggs
- 1tsp vanilla extract
- 1tbsp ground cinnamon
- 16 slices of white bread, cut into triangles
- 200g cooking apples, quartered, cored and sliced
- 100g golden raisins



Instructions

Preheat the oven to 160°C (gas mark 3). Set a saucepan over a medium heat, add the milk, cream and sugar and mix well together. Cook until the sugar has dissolved, then set aside to cool.

Whisk the eggs in a large bowl and stir in the vanilla extract and cinnamon. Whisk in the milk mixture.

Overlap the bread pieces and apple slices in an ovenproof dish and pour over the egg mixture. Use your hands to push the bread gently into the egg mixture so that it is completely immersed. Scatter the raisins over the top of the pudding. Bake in the oven for 45 minutes.

Bread and butter pudding is just what we want on chilly nights – the perfect traditional comfort food and an excellent reason to get baking.



Tameside's first Community Grocery is supporting hundreds of local families

Supporting children and families is at the heart of why we opened Tameside's first Community Grocery, and the response from local residents has been incredibly encouraging. In its first week alone, 331 households signed up to the new grocery at St Barnabas Church in Hattersley, supporting 960 local people. Among those members are 121 families whose children receive benefit-related free school meals, demonstrating the important difference this service is already making to households facing financial pressures.

Working alongside The Message Trust and St Barnabas Church, we opened the Community Grocery in September to give families access to affordable food, toiletries and household essentials in a welcoming, supermarket-style setting. By helping residents save money on everyday shopping, we can support families to stretch their budgets further and reduce some of the pressures that many continue to face through the cost of living. The grocery also provides access



to additional support and advice, helping individuals and families build resilience and feel more connected to their community.

Seeing more than 570 shopping visits during the first week shows there is a real need for this kind of support and this is just the start. Through funding from the Government's Crisis Resilience Fund, we are working with our partners to bring Community Groceries to other parts of the borough, ensuring more Tameside children and families can access practical support close to home. Everyone is welcome to become a member and find out how the Community Grocery could help their household.

To find out more about Hattersley Community Grocery visit:
www.communitygrocery.org.uk/hattersley
or just drop by!



Town Team celebrate Small Business Saturday

➤➤ On December 5th, Small Business Saturday takes place across the celebrating the much-loved 5.7 million small businesses and encourages the nation to show their support, particularly by spending and shopping small.

Ashton Town Team will be hosting a special event in the town centre between 11am-2pm to encourage shoppers to come along and support their favourite independent businesses. The event will include character appearances from The Grinch along with Reindeer Sven with Santa plus live music from Jack Doyle playing festive favourites. There will also be stalls from The Anthony Seddon Fund, Tameside Rotary and the Town Team Tombola too. The Town Team have also worked with the talented Ellie Drinkwater, creator of the viral Decisions videos, on a campaign promoting Ashton's small businesses.

The event is funded through the UK Government's Pride In Place programme through Ashton Town Board.



ASHTON TOWN CENTRE SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY® 5TH DECEMBER

LIVE MUSIC
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STALLS

11AM - 2PM

COME AND ENJOY THIS
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November is a great time of year, honestly, a host of amazing changes in colour as the trees begin their winter sleep, though the downside is all the sweeping up too. Though if you remove fallen leaves from lawns and borders and put them in a separate compost bin or even a black bin liner, they make good leaf mould.

Again, you could plant tulip bulbs, just select bulbs with different flowering times to prolong the flowering season and make a great display. To start with flowering in late March and early April are Kaufmanniana, Fosteriana and Greigii, now to carry this on for flowers in April to early May try Swan hybrids and Parrot Tulips and then for late May there are Rembrandt and multi flowering types, which would mean a wealth of colour through the spring and into the first rays of summer. On the tidying up side you need to cut back any herbaceous perennials except Penstemon which should be left so the stems protect the crown of the plant and it is also still a good time to lift and divide perennials that look overcrowded too.

Now on to the vegetable patch which should not be overlooked, if the ground is not frozen or waterlogged plant new cane, bush and fruit trees, not forgetting to mulch them too. Do not leave any rotten fruit to lay on the ground around

fruit trees or bushes as they will carry infection on to next year and talking of infections if not already done put grease bands round both the trunk and stakes of fruit trees to prevent female moths climbing the trees and laying their eggs. On to the winter vegetables, you will need to remove any yellowing leaves from Brussel sprouts and stake if they look vulnerable to falling over, then snap the leaves on cauliflowers and bend them over the curd to protect them. Now if you have a vacant patch in the vegetable garden dig it over, weeding and incorporating well-rotted manure as you go, ready for next year's leeks. If you have any other empty patches, best to weed them, then dig over then scatter chicken manure and cover with black plastic. When planting in the next year simply make a hole in the plastic and win a battle against the weeds.

There are sights to see as well, there are some amazing colours on display alongside the Pampas Grass, tall grass with even taller plumes called Cortaderia Selloana. Then we have Honeysuckle with creamy white sweet smelling flowers, Lonicera Fragrantissima. But by far the most striking is Callicarpa, this is a shrub with beautiful bright purple berries, as pictured.

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Tameside Cash Box Credit Union **saves residents over £10 million**

In some good news for Tameside, Cash Box Credit Union has saved residents around £10.8 million in interest payments through its affordable community savings and loan schemes, compared to the current rates charged by doorstep and payday lenders.

Cash Box offers affordable savings and loan products to people who live or work in Tameside and Glossop. As a not-for-profit organisation, it reinvests money back into supporting local people rather than paying dividends to shareholders. From low-interest loans and payroll savings schemes to practical products such as school uniform loans, Bee Network ticket loans and Christmas savings accounts, it helps residents manage their finances in a way that works for them.

At a time when many households continue to feel the pressure of rising costs, access to affordable borrowing and safe, accessible savings options is more important than ever. Every pound saved in interest



Cllr Hugh Roderick

is money that can be spent on family budgets, local businesses and supporting the wider local economy. Cash Box currently has around an extra £1 million available to lend, meaning there is significant scope to help more residents avoid expensive forms of credit and build greater financial resilience. Savings with the credit union are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, just like money held in a bank account.

I would encourage anyone who lives or works in Tameside and wants to find out more about affordable borrowing or saving to visit www.cashbox.org.uk and see how Cash Box could support them.

Tameside Council Executive Member for Finance and Resources Cllr Hugh Roderick

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Ted's fun page

Winter parade Facts

This month Tameside welcomes Christmas with the Winter Parade in Ashton on Saturday November 14th. Here are a few facts about the tradition of parades in Winter.

Famous Winter Parades and Traditions include:

Krampusnacht Parades (Alpine Europe): Held around December 5th–6th, featuring scary, costumed Alpine demon figures walking alongside Saint Nicholas in noisy night parades.

Burning the Clocks (Brighton, UK): A modern winter solstice community parade where locals carry handmade paper and willow lanterns through the streets before burning them on a bonfire.

Montol Festival (Penzance, Cornwall): A midwinter revival featuring "guise-dancing," masked performers, and a symbolic "river of fire" procession.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (New York City, USA): Started in 1924 by immigrant department store employees, introducing its iconic giant character balloons in 1927.

Many winter processions evolved from ancient celebrations—such as Roman Saturnalia or Germanic Yule—designed to bring fire, light, and community spirit into the darkest days of the year.



Winter parades and midwinter festivals combine ancient light traditions, community gatherings, and festive street processions across the globe.

Ted's Jokes

What did Sherlock Holmes do when he dropped his mobile phone?

He cracked the case wide open!

Why don't ants catch flu?

Because they have tiny anti-bodies.

Why can't the music teacher start his car?

His keys are on the piano.

Why are elevator jokes so good?

They work on many levels!

What do boats do when they are sick?

They go to the dock.

Why are the Middle Ages called the Dark Ages?

Because of all the knights.

Why is the calendar afraid?

Because its days are numbered!

In particular, we know that people in parts of Britain thousands of years ago were marking the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, which falls around 21st December. This occasion was very important to the people who built and used Stonehenge, with the sun setting between the two tallest stones that make up the trilithon at the head of the inner horseshoe.

In many cultures and societies, midwinter is a time when festivals of light are held, with feasting and festivities to brighten the darkest days.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find 7 differences between the pictures below ?



Pets

The hardest thing in having a pet is the time when you have to say goodbye due to illness or old age or if there is an accident.



However tough, if you have to make the decision yourself it must be in the best interests for your pet no matter how heartbreaking that may be. Try to focus on the parts you can control. For example, you can ask your vet to come to your home, so that your pet may be more comfortable. You can also think about where your pet's resting place will be, and if they'll be buried or cremated after they've passed on.

Grieving a pet can be similar to mourning the loss of a family member. Some owners experience feelings of deep loneliness and isolation. Please don't worry or feel ashamed, these emotions are perfectly normal. Some people may not understand the intense feelings of sadness you may feel after losing a pet, but please remember there are people out there who understand. Talk to friends and family to share cherished memories you have with your pet.

Losing a pet can be very hard for children. Often, it will be their first experience of death and it can be difficult for them to understand what's happened to their friend.

It's best to be honest. Try not to use phrases like

'put to sleep' – this can be confusing, especially for younger children. They might think their pet is resting and will come back soon. It's also best not to tell them your pet has been 'rehomed' or 'gone to live somewhere else'. Your child might think it's their fault your pet is gone or hope that they come back again.

Younger children may not have much understanding of death but will miss their pet being around. They might ask you where the pet has gone and will be aware when you're upset at the loss.

Older children will have more of an understanding. They might ask you questions like 'will my other pets be lonely?', 'what's happened to him now?' These questions might be hard for you when you're upset but it's important to answer them as openly and honestly as you can.

Don't rush to get a new pet. It might feel like that will help you and your children cope with their loss, but it can also delay the healing process or even trigger other confusing emotions. It's better to wait until the whole family is ready and excited to welcome another four-legged friend.



ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE

Motoring tips from Guide Bridge MOT & Service

As a member of the Trust My Garage scheme we recommend that any motorist who is entering into a garage to have work undertaken that they agree beforehand what is to be done, how much it will cost and have full authorisation before any additional work is undertaken. Your garage has a responsibility to you as their customer when worn or damaged parts are removed from their car in exchange for new ones.

Vehicle owner rights

Every part in your car ultimately belongs to you its owner and you have a legal right to both view and have the old components back, regardless of their condition.

This is echoed by clause 3.6 of The Motor Ombudsman's Motor Industry Code of Practice for Service and Repair, which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) and states: "Replaced parts will be made available for you [the customer] to view and examine until collection of the vehicle unless otherwise agreed."

However, if you remove the parts from the garage, you must ensure that you dispose of them in an environmentally responsible manner which sometimes isn't always easy to do.

During the course of the meeting, we all agreed that not many customers are aware that they can ask for this and it also transpired that a large number of

garages don't offer the option for the customer to view or remove the parts during or after repairs. Here at Guide Bridge MOT we offer it but have to admit we don't have many requests from customers but we have on more than one occasion shown a customer how badly worn the component was and explained the implication of what 'could have happened' if they hadn't made a visit to the garage.

Guided video walk-through repairs

Thanks to significant technological advancements, the ability of garages to deliver a transparent repair process has been made even easier.

To this end, some garages are now using guided video walk-throughs of a vehicle narrated by a mechanic to clearly show any defective parts that need to be replaced or to make customers aware of any significant wear or anything else that could render the car illegal to drive (e.g. low tyre tread).

This subsequently lessens the opportunity for confrontation and disputes, as it keeps customers better informed during the entire repair process and may even mean that the consumer doesn't need to retain parts, thanks to already having video footage of the fault.

For all your motoring needs with a fully approved RAC Approved garage – contact 0161 339 5354.

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-under-Lyne's bus station has undergone several changes over the years including its name, with it now being known as Ashton-under-Lyne Interchange.

The Metrolink tram stop, a popular fixture alongside the current bus station, opened in October 2013 – and fast have those years gone by. The current bus station officially opened in August 2020. A small, pedestrianised area links the bus station and the tram stop.

Before these two stations were established Ashton's 'old' bus station covered a large area with wide spaces for buses arriving and leaving along with island-style covered areas for passengers to get on and disembark the buses.

In 2012, prior to the new work beginning in both places, I took some photos of the bus station at that time, and you can see how busy it was.

The two main bus companies who used the station were Stagecoach and Manchester First Buses and other smaller outfits such as Stott of Oldham and JPT Travel bus company also covering the local routes.

Nowadays, since 2025, you will see mainly the bright yellow buses frequenting the interchange under the banner of the more modern Bee Network of buses which run throughout the Greater Manchester area.

In the background of these photos you can pick out on the Ashton Retail Park, the old Blockbusters video store as well as the Gala Bingo Hall now rebranded as Buzz Bingo. Greggs have replaced Subway and Halfords who are now in what used to be National Tyre Service.

Images and text by Howard Murphy.



QUIZ CHALLENGE ANSWERS

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| 1. Lawn Mower | 13. Pelvis and Legs | 28. Jonathan Swift |
| 2. SS Carpathian | 14. Donatella | 29. Robbie Williams |
| 3. Joint Photographic Experts Group | 15. Hinduism | 30. William Tell |
| 4. Cuba, Hispaniola, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and Trinidad | 16. Into the Groove | 31. 3 |
| 5. Smallville | 17. Bullseye | 32. The Salvation Army |
| 6. White | 18. Libra | 33. My Fair Lady |
| 7. The Two Towers | 19. Jane | 34. Benidorm |
| 8. British Academy of Film and Television Arts | 20. Coronation Street | 35. Everton |
| 9. The Taming of the Shrew | 21. Alexander Armstrong | 36. Whey |
| 10. Group O | 22. Reflex | 37. Chim Chim Cheree |
| 11. West Side Story | 23. Denton | 38. John Major |
| 12. Mossley | 24. Vauxhall | 39. 1976 |
| | 25. Fungi | 40. Lotus Esprit |
| | 26. 2013 | |
| | 27. Kendo | |

WHAT'S ON

A BRIEF ROUNDUP OF SOME ACTIVITIES THIS NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 4TH

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.

NOVEMBER 7TH - 8TH - 11TH

Remembrance Services – Across Tameside

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Services taking place across Tameside during Remembrance weekend, as well as services to be held on Wednesday 11th November. [See pages 22 & 23.](#)

FRIDAY 13TH & 14TH NOVEMBER

FOAM Beer Festival

Stalybridge Civic Hall
One ticket all your beer, from 10 breweries. For more information visit: www.foambeerfestival.com

NOVEMBER 14TH

Christmas Switch On & Lantern Parade

Ashton town centre – from 5pm.
This year the Lantern Parade will take place in Ashton Town Centre, on Saturday 14th November, setting off at 5pm and wrapping up with a festive light switch on at around 6.30pm. This year's parade theme is *The Hare and the Moon*, and will be a joyful, magical procession rooted in Tameside's landscape, wildlife, and imagination. For your local Christmas Switch on events check [About Tameside on Facebook](#).

NOVEMBER 21ST & 28TH

Santa Meet & Greet

Hyde Market Hall – Lower Ground Floor – 11am-2pm
Come and see what's on offer at Hyde Market Hall and meet the man himself – Father Christmas!

NOVEMBER 22ND

Independent Street

Hyde Civic Square, from 10am
Visit this special festive Artisan market in Hyde with music, entertainment along with a visit from Sven the Reindeer and Santa.

NOVEMBER 23RD – 28TH

Frozen The Musical

George Lawton Hall, Mossley
Mossley Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society's production of the Frozen musical featuring all your favourite songs and characters from the Disney film.

NOVEMBER 26TH

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
From 8pm, Son's Of the Desert – the Laurel & Hardy fan club - meet the last Thursday of the month making new friends and sharing the laughter with some of the duo's classic comedies screened.

NOVEMBER 29TH

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

EBENEZER

This November, Johnny Depp is Ebenezer Scrooge. The classic Christmas tale. Told like never before. From Ti West, EBENEZER also stars Rupert

Grint, Andrea Riseborough, Sam Claflin, Daisy Ridley, Arthur Conti, Ellie Bamber, Henry Lloyd-Hughes, Charlie Murphy, with Tramell Tillman and Ian McKellen.



GAMING - With Bobby Kent

GRAND THEFT AUTO VI - NOVEMBER 19TH

The most anticipated release in modern gaming history is finally here. After 13 years of waiting, the latest entry in the Grand Theft Auto franchise is here. It takes players back to the Miami-inspired Vice City, expanding it beyond its previous boundaries with vast areas of wetland, islands and even other towns. The story follows duo protagonists Lucia and Jason, with the player in control of their relationship as they navigate a life of crime, drama and action.



EVENT

MOSSLEY FARMERS MARKET – NOVEMBER 29TH



Tameside Markets will be having the final Mossley Farmers market of 2026 and as ever packed with your favourite stalls to pick up that special gift. With food, drink and crafts there is lots to choose from as you listen to some old-fashioned tunes from Roger DeGernero and watch out from a visit from Santa too!

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