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## FESTIVE CHEER TO ONE & ALL

Where does the time go? It only seems like yesterday when spirit of Christmas was all around us and now its back again.

With the many Christmas Lights Switch on events in the area and the ever popular Santa Dash to look forward to, we can all start to come together to kick start the festivities. It should be fantastic!

We've got loads of news and event reviews to bring you in this issue including highlights of another cracking Party in the Park, the Marsden Jazz Festival

and highlights from another successful Saddleworth Olympics.

As always, we have plenty of FREE to enter competitions with some excellent prizes up for grabs, including a Charles Vermont & Decisions ladies boutique vouchers, a family Panto tickets at the Millgate Theatre and free pizzas at the Rising Sun in Mossley

Until next time everyone, please stay happy and healthy, and don't forget to keep in touch with us on Facebook and Twitter! Our NEW

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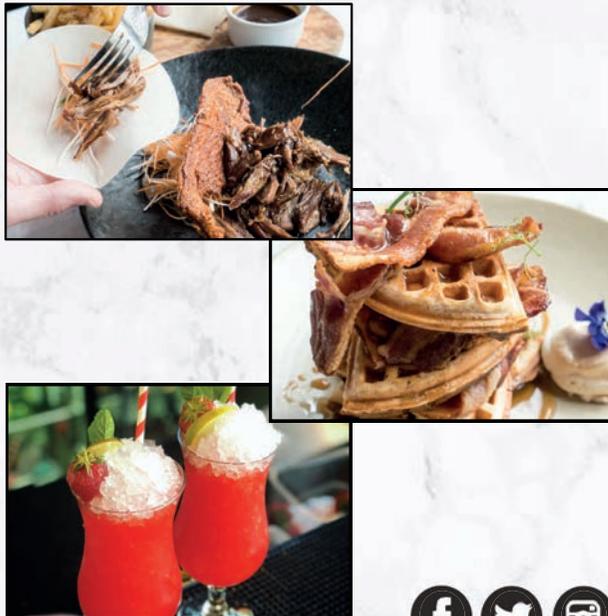
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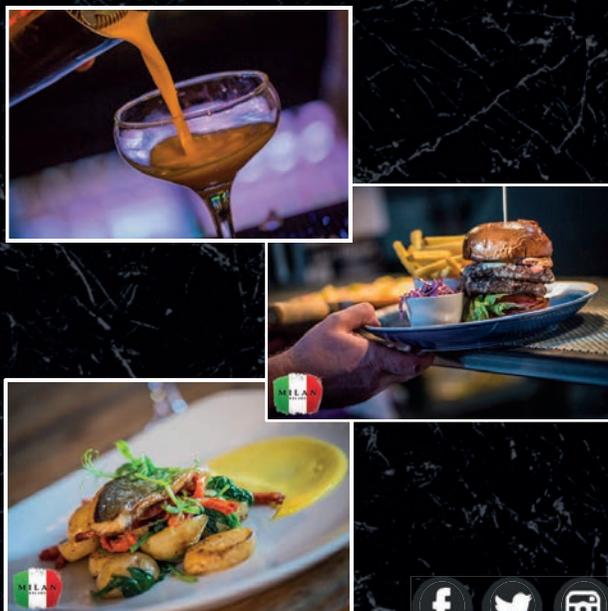
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# Deck the Halls with Bough's of Holly?

Moving property, whether residential or commercial, can be a stressful process. Throwing Christmas into the mix can only exacerbate this further, so it's no wonder that people want to be in and settled before the festivities arrive.

Whether you are a first time buyer, buying commercial premises or taking or granting a commercial lease of premises, these tips from O'Donnell Solicitors' property experts can help to smooth the process.

## 1. Get your paperwork in order early

Paperwork is a vital part of any property transaction so doing the groundwork in advance can really help to speed things along. With a residential purchase, there will be a number of forms you will need to complete and return to your solicitor. The quicker you can turn this around, the sooner your solicitor can move on to the next stage of the process.



When it comes to commercial properties, there are several hurdles to overcome. If selling or granting a Lease of commercial premises get an Energy Performance Certificate organised sooner rather than later, and complete the standard conveyancing protocol forms promptly. The main delay on leasehold properties subject to service charge on a managed estate is the lack of ground rent and service charge information. Get hold of the companies you pay the money to, find out if they have a standard information pack for Buyers and what they charge for their packs and pass this information to your solicitor as soon as you can. In commercial property work a set of Commercial property Standard Enquiries (CPSE) are often requested by the Tenant or Purchasers Solicitors.

## 2. Appoint an expert Property Lawyer

This is essential. Too many conveyancing practices and some law firms profess to be experts in conveyancing matters. However, what you often end up with is an administrative case worker without the depth of knowledge of a trained Property Solicitor or Conveyancing Legal Executive. Only an experienced Solicitor with in-depth knowledge of this type of transaction should be retained. Instructing someone without that level of experience and pedigree could frustrate the process, especially where unexpected issues present themselves. An expert property lawyer will be able to put their experience into action and come up with a speedy solution to the problem, aiding the transaction to completion. Specific to commercial property, transactions involving the sale or purchase of assets and goodwill of a business (TOGC) require specific expertise. Also, if a Pension Fund is involved, it is important to ascertain any specific requirements early such as limitation of liability provisions and to ascertain the authorised signatories of the corporate trustee if dealing with a SIPP.

## 3. Get your finances in order

Whether acquiring residential or commercial property, it is important that you understand the amount you will need to find on completion of the transaction. For residential purchases, there will likely be SDLT, fees for searches, conveyancing fees, removal costs and potentially survey fees. For commercial purchases, there may be apportionments to sort out, payment of rent and VAT, the total of which will not be an insignificant sum. Your Lawyer should be able to provide a detailed breakdown of the total costs at the outset, giving you time to arrange your finances. If you need to access cash tied up in bonds or savings, be sure to leave enough time for this to be released to you. Remember that even with a significant deposit, arranging finance can be a time-consuming process and lenders have strict procedures to follow. If acquiring a commercial property through your Pension Fund, the cash may need to be released from various sources.



## 4. Business Sales and Purchases (TOGC)

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If you are thinking of selling or acquiring Property or a business involving property or taking or granting a lease of premises over the next few months, our expert property lawyers are here to assist you and to provide you with the best chance of getting things moving so you can enjoy the festive period.



Here at O'Donnell Solicitors our multi award winning team are highly experienced and will be on hand to answer any questions you may have throughout the process. Our CQS accreditation and years of experience in property transactional work throughout the Country means you are in safe hands.



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# A Tribute to Ged

By close friend Carl Taylor

On Sunday 2nd September, Saddleworth lost a local legend in Ged Casserley. Many of you might not know Ged, if you don't venture out often to where people make revelry, music or are just having fun. Some of you may have just noticed him, his broad 6ft plus frame, a leather jacket and the unmistakable trade mark Indiana Jones style fedora hat. But many more have been touched by his warmth, his humour, his boyish enthusiasm about everything, his amazing talents and the pleasure he took out of life and shared with everybody around him.

Uppermill Con Club lowered their flag half-mast in respect of a beautiful soul who, not born and bred in Saddleworth, has lived in these villages for over 20 years and is truly regarded as one of those great Saddleworth characters.

He not only leaves behind his wife Terrie but a big hole in this community with many people devastated with his very sudden death.

Many people will take joy out of the fact they were out singing and dancing with him on what would be his last night out on Saturday at Donkeystone brewery's 1st Birthday bash, where a great time was had by all. So who was Ged Casserley and why did anybody who came in contact with him love him so much. By profession Ged's talent was art. His pencil drawings are amazing to the point you will think you are looking at a black and white photograph. He earned his keep as a top rate photo retoucher. Most people in the area will know Ged as a Musician, often seen playing at open mic nights throughout the area, The Cross Keys Barn, regular and one time host at the Railway and recently the Albion Tap. Many of you might have been lucky to be in his presence when he did his close hand magic. He was magic circle quality, and could have been professional. He amazed everybody with his skill, but the winner was always his delivery, his laugh, his smile. His spare bedroom was full of tanks of exotic creatures, which he reared and even provided specimens to Manchester museum, of which he did the graphic back drops for their Vivarium. Everybody who ever met Ged will have their story to tell, each will be different, all will be told with great affection, each will have their favourite song he sang for them, to me he was everything and the greatest friend!

Rest in peace Ged, you will be remembered with every guitar chord played in Saddleworth.

Ged's wife Terrie wanted to finish with this poignant quote...

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 Thursday 20th . . . . . 10am - Late  
 Friday 21st . . . . . 9am - Late  
 Saturday 22nd . . . . . 8.30 - 4pm  
 Sunday 23rd . . . . . CLOSED  
 CHRISTMAS EVE . . . . . 9am - 1pm  
 CHRISTMAS DAY 28th . . . . . CLOSED  
 Saturday 29th . . . . . 8.30 - 4pm  
 Sunday 30th . . . . . CLOSED  
 Monday 31st . . . . . 9am - 2pm

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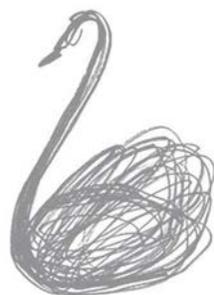
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# The Swan Inn

Dobcross



*Out and About*

## 'Tis the Season!

The Swan Inn, Dobcross is ready to spoil your taste buds this Christmas. Following a successful few months since its relaunch in June, The Swan Inn continues in its quest to become one of the areas finest dining experiences.



Alex, Mark, and Mike would like to invite you to join them for fantastic pub dining coupled with a superb selection of the finest beers, wines, and spirits at the Swan Inn. Since taking over they have assembled a growing winning team which is certainly proving popular with the locals. This landmark pub, which dates back to 1765, also has another secret ingredient in the form of Rosette standard Head Chef James Brereton who has previously worked his culinary magic at the Old Bell for the previous 6 years. The new diverse and wide-ranging menu will soon be

available and is certain to be a hit with the areas diners, as all the exciting dishes are all prepared to order using the finest locally sourced ingredients.



With the Festive season almost upon us, now is the time to make plans to book your Christmas parties with family, friends, and colleagues. James and his team have devised a Festive Menu (1st - 23rd December) which will

certainly get your taste buds singing Hallelujah. With 2 courses available at only £12.95 and 3 courses for just £17.95, The Swan Inn is the perfect place to dine and relax this Christmas.

Following the magic of Christmas what better way to see in 2019 by experiencing our 7-course tasting menu created by James and his team with courses such as Goats



cheese foam, heritage beetroot and hazelnut crumb, as well as Braised ox cheek, parsnip puree, roast baby onion, charred baby leeks, and caramelised garlic. There will also be the opportunity to dance the night away and see in the New Year in style.

A new lunch menu is now available Tuesday to Sunday (12 noon - 3pm), however, in December, this will be available 7 days a week including evening service (5 - 9pm) and Sundays (11am - 7pm).



To reserve a table this season, please contact Alex and the team on 01457 873451 or for more information on up and coming events you can go to their Facebook page: @swaninndobcross or go to www.swaninndobcross.co.uk.

The Swan Inn  
Dobcross



**Christmas Bookings now being taken**

Come along to The Swan this December to celebrate the festive season with our mouth-watering menu created by our Rosette standard chef James Bereton.

**FESTIVE MENU (from 1st - 23rd December)**  
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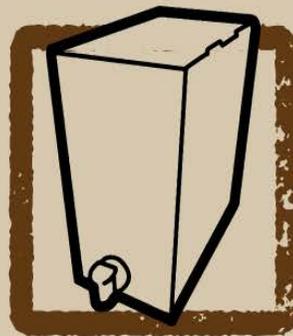
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## *December opening times*

### RESTAURANT

30th Nov - 20th Dec: Normal opening hours

21st - 22nd December: 10am - 8pm

23rd December: 10am - 7pm

Christmas Eve: 12pm - 8pm

Christmas Day: 12pm - 4pm

Boxing Day: 10am - 3pm

27th - 30th December: 10am - 8pm

New Years Eve: 10am - 6pm

New Year's Day: 10am - 6pm

### BAR

30th Nov - 20th Dec: Normal opening hours

21st - 23rd December: 10am - 12am

Christmas Eve: 12pm - 12am

Christmas Day: 12pm - 4pm

Boxing Day: 10am - 12am

27th - 30th December: 10am - 12am

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# THE DIGGLE HOTEL

## Enjoying a fresh lease of life in time for the Festive Season

Saddleworth has many hidden treasures, but one in particular has been getting the taste buds wagging in the heart of Diggle.



The Diggle Hotel has been taken over by a passionate landlord who is aiming to place this historic Inn well and truly back on the culinary map.

Bill McCann has injected a fresh lease of life into the place after many years of success within the industry. He is currently applying his knowledge and enthusiasm into good use, along with the rest of the small team, to make The Diggle Hotel one of the great local destinations of choice. Its open plan and cosy interior, outside garden terrace and large private car park makes it the perfect setting for either an intimate dinner for two or a large private party.



As the Festive weather creeps ever nearer, we arrived at the quaint establishment, which exudes a unique charm and character. We were warmly welcomed by the charming Bill, who kindly showed us to our table situated by the window with lovely views of the



Saddleworth hills. We then began to peruse the mouth-watering menu on offer, created by Bill himself who has worked his culinary magic for many years. Obviously a man of many talents.

Bill has conjured up a new and exciting traditional menu which has something for absolutely everyone, including an impressive Specials Board, and a mouth watering local game pie (available Tuesday to Friday between 4pm - 8pm, Saturday 12 Noon - 8pm and Sundays 12 Noon - 7pm).

After a brief discussion with Bill about his recommendations, we were more than happy to go with the Steak Deal for £15 which looked fantastic.

On arrival, the steak platters were certainly plentiful, so make sure you've got a healthy appetite before embarking on this culinary adventure. The rib-eye steaks were cooked to perfection and were well complimented by home cooked chips, portabello mushrooms and fresh tomatoes. There was even a side plate of additional seasonal vegetables as well baked cauliflower cheese which was unexpected but a tasty side dish.

To finish off the feast, we simply enjoyed one of the fantastic wines on offer, even though a delicious looking desserts menu was offered to us. This was certainly a great culinary adventure to remember, and up there with the very best. Certainly one to try this Festive season.

One thing you can guarantee at The Diggle Hotel is incredible value for money with the Menu of the Day offering two courses for only £15.

Alongside the new menu, a fabulous Sunday Roast option is there for you all to enjoy, including a great Children's menu....and don't forget....Christmas Bookings are now being taken with a Festive Menu running alongside a changing specials board.

For those in need of a place to stay, then there are four ensuite bedrooms available. There is also a Quiz Night every Thursday from 9pm with some great prizes up for grabs.

For all up and coming news and events, including regular live entertainment, please contact Bill and the team on Tel: 01457 872741.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY DINING!**

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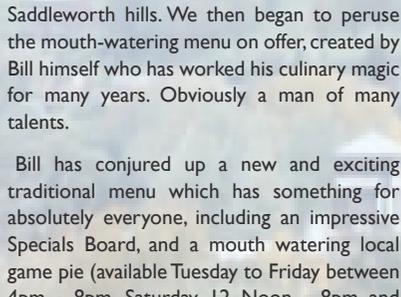
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# The Doctor will see you now!

By Alistair Cochrane

Alexander Smalley, Saddleworth's Very Own Master Distiller. The Creator of the Doctor's Favorite Gin says there's much more to come from the Saddleworth Distillery. In only six months, the Doctor's Favorite has spread to bars and pubs around Saddleworth and its neighbouring areas of Tameside and the Tame Valley.



The brain behind Saddleworth Distillery, Alexander Smalley, says that the Doctor's Favorite gin can go even further:

"Doctor's was made to expand, what I'm looking to do is start it local in order to gauge the reception, and so far, it has been phenomenal. Local businesses have been really supportive as well."

While the expansion of Saddleworth distillery into a nationally sold gin, is the ultimate goal for Smalley, the mindset of local businesses helping each other out will be key to the distillery's success.

This is even true to the extent that Smalley has teamed up with a local pub in order to create a bespoke gin, that represents the area in the best possible



way. GinSun, created by Smalley, for the Rising Sun Free House in Mossley, utilises the flavour of Wimberries that Smalley picks from the Saddleworth moors himself. Smalley says "that the gin suits the ethos of the place really well."

The GinSun also combines the flavour of Anise, which when mixed with elderflower tonic, brings out a wonderfully tropical, fruit flavour to the gin. Smalley says that the mixer for a gin is vital to bringing out the best flavours possible:

"Doctor's Favorite gin has a very light and aromatic flavour. If you used elderflower tonic, then it might overpower it and change the dynamic for the worse because it's not sweet. My Gin should be green, peppery and earthy almost, so you want to embrace that with a light tonic."

Smalley also describes himself as a mad scientist, and claims that he sees the potential for new flavours everywhere: "I get in a mindset when I'm walking down the aisle of a supermarket and see some unique botanicals or fruits and it gets me thinking about how I can use it? I'm seeing the potential for gin everywhere. "It's getting to be an issue because I want to try so much but I have to reign myself in."

It isn't just random experimentation at Saddleworth Distillery though, Smalley has a Masters in chemical biology from the Imperial college in London. The Distiller then went on to explain that while the ideas for flavours are purely creative, there is a huge need for his scientific knowledge when extracting the flavours into his gin: "My scientific background really comes in when I'm scaling it up with flow rates of the vapours, temperatures and concentrations. It's all about consistency, and I went into it with that mindset of knowing every aspect of what I was doing."

So, there will be plenty to look out for in the future from Saddleworth's master gin craftsman. The operation is sure to expand as Smalley says that he is looking for bigger premises in which to create more gins and yet another local export that Saddleworth can be proud of.

To learn more about the Doctor's Favorite and Alex's experimental new gins follow Saddleworth distillery on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to see regular post updates.



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# “This is my last chance” Manchester’s unsigned musicians on breaking through.

by Tom Rogers

WITH the closure of live music venues such as Sound Control, Antwerp Mansion and Roadhouse in recent years, unsigned artists are struggling now more than ever to get discovered.

Today, (October 12th), The Ruby Lounge have announced their impending closure, which causes an issue for new up and coming talent in Manchester, as it means that there are, yet again, less places for them to play.

However, Manchester holds a stellar reputation for bringing out iconic artists, with the likes of The Smiths, Elbow, and The Stone Roses to name a few that hail from the city.

Still holding a number of performance spaces willing to be a platform for those without record labels, Manchester’s unsigned scene has become one of the most respected in the country, as competition has brought out the best in a number of bands.

Cameron Meekums-Spence plays guitar in the Mossley based band Freeda.

He said: ‘We’ve been at it for about a year now, so I suppose there is still time but the thing is with us, we don’t have a manager, we don’t have a record label or anyone like that to take the load off us either were spending most of our time outside of work trying to promote the band, putting a lot of effort in.

‘When you start off gigging you’re making a loss really aren’t you, for god knows how long, until you hit that break really. When you hit it, then the money starts coming in I guess but we’re still some way to getting to that point.

‘In the past when I’ve been with bands I’ve always loved it but never really known how to go about it. This for me is giving it a proper go.

‘I’m in my early twenties, I’d say this is my last chance. I work as an accounts service specialist, which is a little bit mundane but it gives me my weekends, so I can do the gigs and whatever else comes to us which

I would have been able to do otherwise.’

Alex Walker, presenter of ‘Flip the disk’ on Forge Radio, is a former member of Manchester band Wilson.

He said: ‘It’s a saturated market, for every great band there’s about fifty decent bands that have fallen by the wayside.

‘It’s hard to try and stick out amongst the crowd and to get exposure and get people down to your gigs, especially with the decline in gig venues which is not exactly helping.

‘I think because there are so many great bands from Manchester it can be a blessing and a curse – if you’re a band from Liverpool you’ll be compared to The Beatles, its not like that here, but it is so hard.’

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## Countdown to Christmas in Oldham town centre

Looking for something festive to do with the family this year? Join the Oldham town centre team for their annual Christmas Lights Switch-On show and firework display, meet Santa and his real reindeers as they parade through the town and listen to the traditional sounds of Christmas with their annual brass band festival. This programme of events will keep the whole family entertained over the festive period.

**Santa's Reindeer Parade**  
Saturday 10 November, 1–3.30pm  
(Parade starts at 1pm)



Santa's coming to town... and he's bringing his reindeer with him. The theme of this year's parade is 'The Night Before Christmas' and is based around the much-loved poem by Clement Clarke Moore. A giant winter parade features over 200 participants from local community and arts groups who have been busy for months creating wonderful costumes and parade structures.

There will be music from Dobcross Silver Band, Oldham Scottish Pipe Band and mini-musicians of the future from the Amazing Plastic Street Band. Don't forget to look out for the main man himself and his real reindeer on the day too. The parade starts and ends in Parliament Square, with live entertainment until 3.30pm.

**Oldham Christmas Lights Switch-On**  
Sunday 18 November, 1–6pm, free

Get ready for an 'out-of-this-world' experience as we switch on Oldham's Christmas lights.

The fun starts in Parliament Square when you can meet TV favourites Tiny and Small from The Clangers at intervals throughout the day (1pm, 2pm and 3pm). Then join them at Tommyfield Market from 5pm for the big switch-on show and be amazed by the dazzling space age LED robotic dancers from Cirque Bijou.

Oldham Theatre Workshop will also be making an appearance on the night too with a very special other-worldly performance to mark the end of their 50th anniversary celebrations. A fantastic firework display will then light-up the night sky above the town centre – finishing the evening off with a bang.

**Brass Monkeys**  
Saturday 8 December, 11am–4pm

Enjoy traditional music and funky festive sounds at the annual winter brass band festival.

See the world famous Foden's Band and the acclaimed Fairey Band play alongside Manchester's newest funk brass ensemble Twisted Tubes.

An array of brilliant local brass bands from across Oldham and Saddleworth will also be performing classic festive songs throughout the day.

**Christmas Tree Festival**

**Friday 7 December to Sunday 16 December**  
Oldham Parish Church, Oldham

This tree-mendous annual festival is back with more than 50 individually decorated trees for you to browse and get inspiration from. Don't forget, the café will be open throughout the festival so you can warm up with a cuppa.

**Opening times:**

Friday 7 December, 7pm (opening launch)  
Saturday 8 December, 9.30am–4pm  
Sunday 9 December, 12noon–4pm  
Monday 10 to Friday 14 December, 10am–4pm  
Saturday 16 December, 12noon–3.30pm

**Christmas Fun at Spindles Town Square**  
(Ages 3 to 10)

Every Saturday from Saturday 24 November to Saturday 15 December, 11am–3pm, free

Head over to Spindles Town Square for free Christmas Fun. Over the festive period there will be seasonal characters making special appearances, Christmas crafts, face painting and balloon modelling. You will even be able to create your own Christmas card using green screen images or if you need to relax you can sit back and enjoy festive favourites with The Small Cinema.

www.spindlestownsquare.com  
Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre, George Street, Oldham, OL1 1HD

**Santa's Grotto**  
Saturday 10 November to Monday 24 December

Visit Santa in his Grotto at Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre and let him know what you would like this Christmas.

For a full list of times and dates, visit [www.spindlestownsquare.com](http://www.spindlestownsquare.com)

**Oldham Music Centre**  
**The Music Centre Junior Christmas Festival**  
(All ages)  
Wednesday 5 December, 7pm  
Adults £6, Concessions £3, Family (2+2) £15

Once again the Oldham Music Centre is proud to present a festive concert given by its youngest musicians. The show will feature bands, choirs and orchestras performing well known, as well as new, music for the season.

T: 0161 770 5660  
E: [musicservice@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:musicservice@oldham.gov.uk)  
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### Find your local Christmas Lights Switch-On events

Celebrate the countdown to Christmas with all the family at your local Christmas lights switch-on, with some family favourites and live entertainment for all the family to enjoy. Don't forget to post your pictures on social media using the hashtag #LoveOldham.

**Fairsworth**  
**Friday 23 November, 7pm**

Enjoy family entertainment throughout the night and watch as the special guest turns on the lights.

Fairsworth Pole, Oldham, M35 9PB

**Chadderton**  
**Friday 30 November, 6.30pm**

A Christmas market will take place in the Chadderton Town Hall Ballroom followed by the Christmas Lights switch-on. There will also be entertainment from school choirs and Chadderton band on the night.

Chadderton Town Hall, Middleton Road, Oldham, OL9 6PP

**Shaw and Crompton**  
**Saturday 1 December, 3-6pm**

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Market Street, Shaw, OL2 8NH

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**Saturday 1 December, 2.30-6pm**

**Registration is from 12noon.**

**The Dash starts at 2.30pm**

**Adults £12 and children aged 5-17 £5**

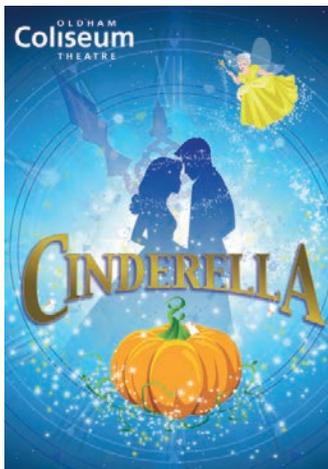
Take part in a 2km or 5km Santa Dash in Uppermill this winter. This fun annual event will be followed by a parade, where you'll get a glimpse of Santa, a grand switch-on with carols in front of the tree and a magical firework display to end the evening.

[www.facebook.com/saddleworthRT](http://www.facebook.com/saddleworthRT)  
 Uppermill Square, Saddleworth

**FOR A FULL LISTING OF THE SADDLEWORTH VILLAGES LIGHT SWITCH-EVENTS THEN PLEASE GO TO PAGE 68.**

### Arts and Theatre

#### Cinderella



**(Ages 3+)**  
**Saturday 10 November 2018 to**  
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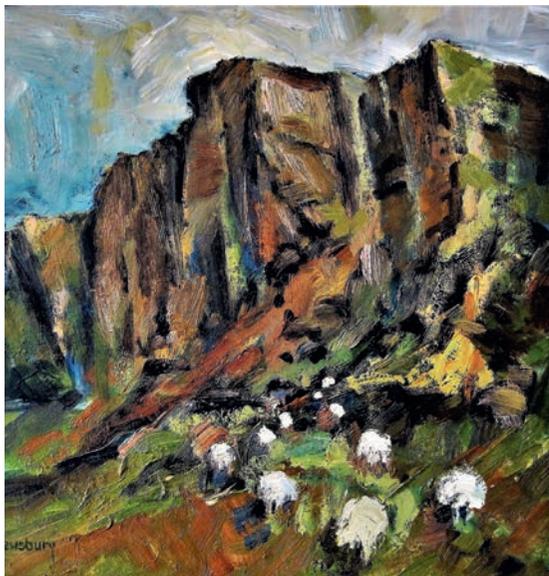
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## Saddleworth Group of Artists Annual Winter Exhibition 2018/19

Running from Saturday 1st December 2018 early January 2019

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The group, founded in 1950 by water colourist Ellis Shaw and friends, is currently comprised of around sixty enthusiastic members. Some are full time professionals but all are seriously committed to their work.

So why not call in and take a look and possibly find that very special and unique Christmas present amongst the art works on display.

Lottery funded refurbishment of the Saddleworth Museum in recent years has transformed the existing museum with improved access, enhanced displays and exhibitions and an engaging learning programme, all ensuring the museum's future for many years to come."

Check out our website - [www.saddleworthartists.co.uk](http://www.saddleworthartists.co.uk)

**Saddleworth Museum, High St, Uppermill, OL36HS Tel. 01457874093 Entry to the museum gallery is free of charge.**



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## READY FOR LAUNCH!

Around Saddleworth & Tameside Magazine excited about their new website

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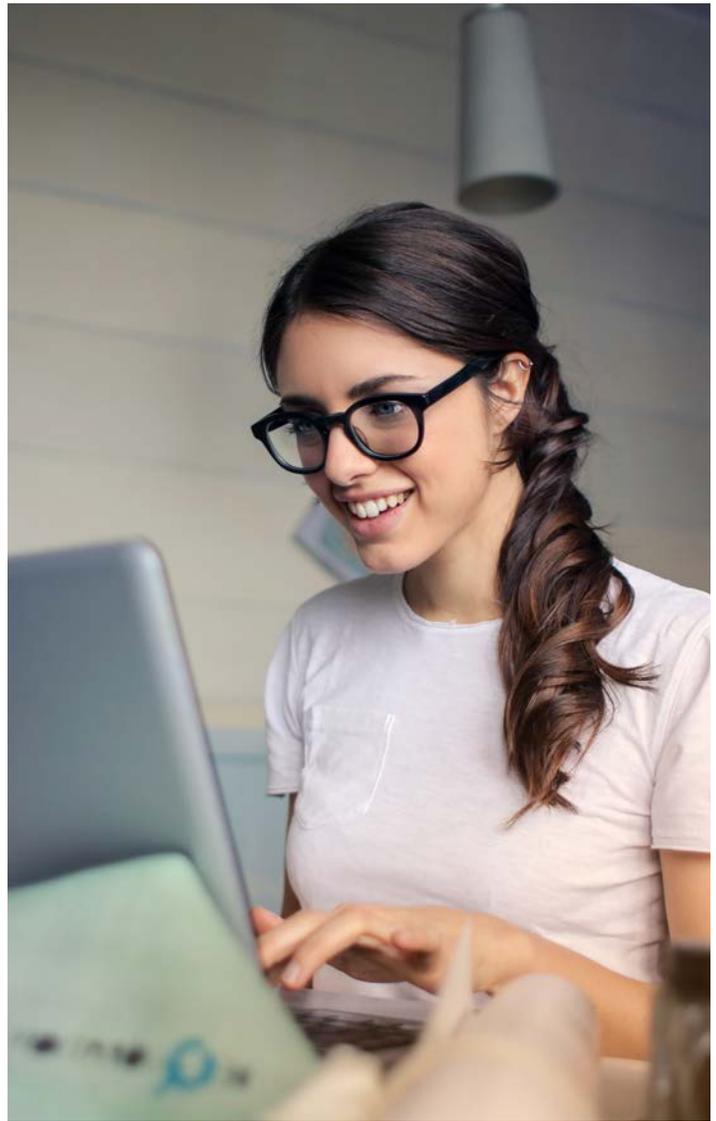
At the heart of the magazine are the news pages, where all the recent local news and events which are showcased to a refined, wealthy readership in the North West, UK and overseas, who seek the best things in life. On average over 30,000 people read the magazine each issue, and since the re-brand last Summer, we are confident the only way is up for a publication strongly infused by this beautiful part of the world.

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## Skatepark success at sixth Mossley SOUP

More than 150 diners helped to make the latest Mossley SOUP community crowdfunding dinner the most successful one yet.

On Thursday 4 October, the sixth Mossley SOUP event, sponsored by Harold Stock & Co Solicitors, took place at Emmaus Mossley. The project that secured the most votes on the night, Mossley Skatepark Development, took home £1,216, raised from donations on the door, raffle and event sponsorship. Louis Robinson, presenter of Mossley Skatepark Development, said: "Sharing our project at Mossley SOUP was nerve-wracking but, with the support of Lawrie and Paul, I was

able to speak from the heart and we got our message across. "Getting the skatepark improved will benefit BMX, scooter and skate riders of all ages for years to come. I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who took part and supported this SOUP event."

Diners donated £5 each in return for soup, live music, presentations from four local projects and a vote for their favourite project. Each of the four project presenters had four minutes to

share their idea, followed by four questions from the audience.

Louis shared Mossley Skatepark Development along with Lawrie Williams and Paul Dowthwaite from Friends of Mossley Park. Other project presenters were Angie Taylor with Mossley Community Centre's Deep Freeze, Sam Clayton sharing Mossley Lumberjack Challenge and Phil Brooke from Slimmin' Without Women.

Along with £100 donated by Harold Stock & Co Solicitors, additional funds were raised through a raffle with prizes donated by Alan & Vivs English Fish & Chips, Cabbage, Dinnerstones, Doodle Pots, Friends of Egmont Street, Mossley Home Improvement, Restor8 Design Solutions, Station Brew Café and The Allotment Café. Four freshly made soups were prepared by local

volunteers Rory Callaghan and Gary Barton with ingredients and bread donated by A Taylor & Son Family Butchers, local vegetable suppliers Diane and Neil, JW Buckley's Bakery and Coop Mossley. In addition to the four project presentations, Mossley SOUP diners enjoyed live music from Jon Mambo and Mark Coupe, and a guest talk from Symon Randall of Mossley Town Team Stewards, winners of the fourth Mossley SOUP.

Project ideas are being sought from individuals, artists, community groups, charities and new business start-ups for the next Mossley SOUP event in February 2019. For more information, to submit a proposal and for details of future Mossley SOUP events, head to <http://bit.ly/MossleySOUP>

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# Party in the Park 13



## Rain stays away for the 13th year for one of Saddleworth's spectacular events!

Favourable Saddleworth weather was the order of the day as 1,200 revellers enjoyed an afternoon and evening of merriment at Delph's annual Party in the Park knees up.

Once again this fabulous event was held at Delph & Dobcross Cricket Club, and this was surely one of the best that the organisers had seen since they started back in 2005.

The line up this year was again first class with the likes of Queen tribute band, Mercury, Malcolm Pitt with the magical sounds of Lionel Ritchie and Danny Lowrie, who is regarded as the best Robbie Williams tribute act in the country, as well as Ska Britannia and top local bands Flatline and Neon.



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# Party in the Park 13



As always, If all that little lot wasn't enough, then the evening was rounded off with a Last Night of the Proms finale with a spectacular firework display and a performance by the vocal talents of top tenor Victor Michael much to everyone's delight.

Mr Phil Beck of the Wake Up Delph Committee said:

"A massive thank you to everyone from Delph and elsewhere who helped put this event together. Without them it simply couldn't happen and a huge thank you must also go to all our sponsors, as well as the groups who booked the Corporate packages and finally the fantastic on going support from the people and families of Delph and surrounding areas who have made this year's party so very special, and in my opinion possibly the best yet. We had a superb line up of local and visiting artists who were all, as always, simply brilliant. How do we follow that? Well on the 21st September 2019 we plan to do just that, so watch this space.



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Party in the Park is organised every year to raise money towards the Delph Village Christmas Lights and other village community projects.

The Delph Christmas lights will officially get switched on Saturday 1st December starting from 4 pm, so if you would like to see them for yourselves (as well as a chance to see Father Christmas himself and a cracking firework display), then make sure you get along for the fun and festivities.

There will be added entertainment from Delph Band and The Oldham Scottish Pipe Band. During the switch on event hot mulled wine, mince pies and a superb BBQ will be available in the village.

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# MARSDEN JAZZ FESTIVAL

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## Loyal supporters help Marsden Jazz Festival go with a swing

The 27th Marsden Jazz Festival is being hailed as one of the best yet after loyal supporters donated over £12,000 to help make sure this year's event could go ahead.

The festival's committee launched an urgent appeal at the start of the summer after failing to find a major business to sponsor this year's festival.

Festival goers donated a total of £12,600 during the six-week appeal, with many choosing to take part in the Adopt a Gig scheme to support the free gigs and events at the festival.

The success of the fundraising appeal meant that over 70 free gigs, children's workshops, and the renowned Saturday street parade could all go ahead during the festival weekend from 12 to 14 October.

This year's parade featured a moving musical sculpture called The Hurlly Burly, street bands Peace Artistes and BLAST Furness, The Incredible Plastic Street Band and The Marsden Mob – starring local children playing handmade musical instruments.

Other highlights included the festival's 2018 commission of the Jonny Mansfield Efttet to recreate five different poems by Marsden-born poet Simon Armitage using music and spoken word. The unique gig took place in Marsden's 19th century Mechanics Hall and is due to be broadcast on BBC Radio 3 later this year.

Renowned improvisers Matthew Bourne and Keith Tippett also made the trip to Marsden for a stunning performance on two grand pianos inside St Bartholomew's Church.

And the winner of 'Live Experience of the Year' at last year's Jazz FM Awards, the Orphy Robinson Septet, brought the festival to a memorable close on the Sunday afternoon.

Artistic Director Barney Stevenson said:

"It was another brilliant year for the festival but we couldn't have managed it without the generous support of festival goers.

"We were really overwhelmed by the response to our fundraising appeal which shows just how much the festival has come to mean to the thousands of people who make the trip to Marsden every year.



"We're proud to have local school and community bands playing alongside internationally acclaimed artists, and hope the festival will go from strength to strength in the years to come."

The festival is already on the lookout for local business to support Marsden Jazz Festival 2019, either by sponsoring one of its headliner gigs for £250 or one of its outdoor or headliner stages from £1,000.

Any business owners interesting in becoming part of the festival are being encouraged to email [office@marsdenjazzfestival.com](mailto:office@marsdenjazzfestival.com) for more details.



## Next Stop.... No 11 Station Road New Marsden eaterie proving a big hit with the areas diners

A quirky new venue has opened its doors just over the hill in the centre of Marsden. Located just a short stroll from the train station, No 11 Station Road is the brainchild of Chef Anthony Byrom and partner Adele Taylor who have transformed a quaint corner Victorian house into a venue of distinction.

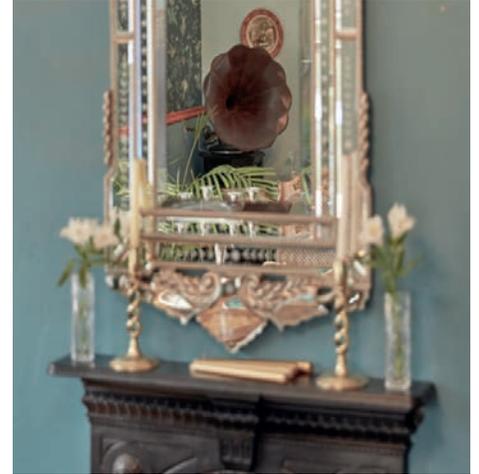


The couple took on the historic property in April and have spent just six months getting stuck into completely renovating the property. From painting and decorating to helping with the rebuilding walls, there has been no space untouched, although the couple were determined to keep the Victorian charm of the place alive.

Downstairs, customers can choose their food in the delicatessen to take away or eat at the large communal table. Customers can also be seated in the cosy dining

area in the next room. The Carriage Room awaits you upstairs, offering a snug area where visitors can read, work or just relax as they enjoy a coffee and cake with friends or colleagues. There is also a private dining room available for hire for events and parties, as well as business meetings and gatherings.

After a successful opening during the Marsden Jazz Festival weekend, the enterprising couple now plan to put No 11 Station Road well and truly on the culinary map. The menu will remain flexible with experienced chef Anthony creating a series of dishes and tapas with many different influences including British, French and further afield. Christmas bookings are now being taken with many events planned over the coming months. Daily menus can be found on their Instagram page, so people will know what to expect when they arrive.



No 11 Station Road is a refreshing addition to the local restaurant scene, so for further information or to book, then please call Adele or Anthony today on Tel: 01484 443976.

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## Paranormal Night at The Standedge Tunnel Visitors Centre.

Well what can I say it was an amazingly different kind of an evening for me and at the outset I really didn't know what to expect.

There were four people in our party, one very sceptical, two totally convinced that we would be talking to dead people and me, somewhere in the middle. We took our places at a table near the front, sat with our drinks in a convivial atmosphere and chatted about what we were anticipating... The Soul Reapers arrived, which sounds scary, in reality though they were a genuinely lovely group of people, with a down-to-earth approach to their interest. They introduced themselves and told us their plans for our evening; they also imparted that this was their first event and they were a little bit nervous.

As the event began the spectators were divided into two groups. One group visiting the cafe first, the other staying in the visitors centre. We sat quietly and intrigued as the team leaders went through their previous experiences and the nature of the various monitoring equipment they had brought

with them; it looked like very expensive and professional kit. After a while we swapped locations and then moved back to the main meeting point for a chat and refreshments.

The food was greatly welcomed after a couple of hours of ghost busting. I also must add that the Standedge visitor Centre was a cracking location, the staff were friendly and helpful, drinks reasonably priced and the environment charming.

The evening finished with a 'get your hands on our ghost busting kit' and have a go yourself. Breaking into much smaller groups we were allowed to spend the last hour of the evening wandering and testing where ever we liked, which I thought was very generous of the Soul Reapers, who continued to facilitate throughout.

Well, did we find any lost souls, find out for yourself by booking into the next event! I would thoroughly recommend it!



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# The Doctor will see you now!

By Alistair Cochrane

Alexander Smalley, Saddleworth's Very Own Master Distiller. The Creator of the Doctor's Favorite Gin says there's much more to come from the Saddleworth Distillery. In only six months, the Doctor's Favorite has spread to bars and pubs around Saddleworth and its neighbouring areas of Tameside and the Tame Valley.



The brain behind Saddleworth Distillery, Alexander Smalley, says that the Doctor's Favorite gin can go even further:

"Doctor's was made to expand, what I'm looking to do is start it local in order to gauge the reception, and so far, it has been phenomenal. Local businesses have been really supportive as well."

While the expansion of Saddleworth distillery into a nationally sold gin, is the ultimate goal for Smalley, the mindset of local businesses helping each other out will be key to the distillery's success.

This is even true to the extent that Smalley has teamed up with a local pub in order to create a bespoke gin, that represents the area in the best possible



way. GinSun, created by Smalley, for the Rising Sun Free House in Mossley, utilises the flavour of Wimberries that Smalley picks from the Saddleworth moors himself. Smalley says "that the gin suits the ethos of the place really well."

The GinSun also combines the flavour of Anise, which when mixed with elderflower tonic, brings out a wonderfully tropical, fruit flavour to the gin. Smalley says that the mixer for a gin is vital to bringing out the best flavours possible:

"Doctor's Favorite gin has a very light and aromatic flavour. If you used elderflower tonic, then it might overpower it and change the dynamic for the worse because it's not sweet. My Gin should be green, peppery and earthy almost, so you want to embrace that with a light tonic."

Smalley also describes himself as a mad scientist, and claims that he sees the potential for new flavours everywhere: "I get in a mindset when I'm walking down the aisle of a supermarket and see some unique botanicals or fruits and it gets me thinking about how I can use it? I'm seeing the potential for gin everywhere. It's getting to be an issue because I want to try so much but I have to reign myself in."

It isn't just random experimentation at Saddleworth Distillery though, Smalley has a Masters in chemical biology from the Imperial college in London. The Distiller then went on to explain that while the ideas for flavours are purely creative, there is a huge need for his scientific knowledge when extracting the flavours into his gin: "My scientific background really comes in when I'm scaling it up with flow rates of the vapours, temperatures and concentrations. It's all about consistency, and I went into it with that mindset of knowing every aspect of what I was doing."

So, there will be plenty to look out for in the future from Saddleworth's master gin craftsman. The operation is sure to expand as Smalley says that he is looking for bigger premises in which to create more gins and yet another local export that Saddleworth can be proud of.

To learn more about the Doctor's Favorite and Alex's experimental new gins follow Saddleworth distillery on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to see regular post updates.



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# SADDLEWORTH COMES OUT IN FORCE TO SUPPORT MACMILLAN

Saddleworth turned green as the world's biggest coffee mornings were hosted across the community in aid of Macmillan cancer.

Once again the kind hearted folk of our local communities both hosted and supported various Macmillan Coffee Mornings at different venues at the start of October.

These included an annual get together which was started way back in 2005 at Wrigley Mill in Diggle. Organised by Paula Hardy and Linda Heywood, as well as Paula's Mum Margaret Hardy and sister Karen Schofield, their event rely totally on volunteers who help the coffee morning run smoothly each year.

After a great turn out this year, they managed to raise an amazing £1,370 which over the years has meant that the group has totalled their fundraising to £18,934 which is a fantastic effort.

Another well supported coffee morning event took place at Jo Ferns Salon in Lydgate. Organised by Rachael Whitehead, the salon was full of cakes all baked by the staff. There was a raffle with prizes donated by the like of Face & Body of Grotton, as well as a hamper put together by all the girls who work at the salon to make it a successful day for everyone involved.

In total the day raised £500 which was equally split between Macmillan and Nicola Gerard and her fiancé Rick who are due to get married this December. Nicola is the beautician who works out of Jo Ferns and Rick is a local fireman who was involved in tackling the recent moorland blazes. Sadly, Rick has been diagnosed with cancer. No doubt their wedding day will be a beautiful occasion.

Well done to everyone involved in the Macmillan coffee morning.



Back row: Stuart Schofield, Linda Heywood, Paula Hardy, Karen Schofield & Rose Tipton. is the fundraising manager for Oldham, Rochdale, Stockport & Tameside. Front row: Margaret Hardy & Holly Spence



Milly Heyes from Jo Ferns.

## Who are the British Association of Clinical Dental (BACDT)?

By Christian Wibbly

In this article, I would like to give some background on my professional association. It is called the British Association of Clinical Dental Technology (BACDT). It is the leading professional association that looks to sustain and advance the ethical practice of Clinical Dental Technicians (Denturists).

It was established in 2009, and it soon became the leading voice for CDTs in the UK. All members are checked to ensure they meet General Dental Council Regulations and the BACDT charter.

BACDT members are passionate about the profession of Clinical Dental Technology as well as being keen to develop their skills and

knowledge in order to constantly improve their service to patients.

Full BACDT members have to be qualified and registered with the General Dental Council (GDC) who are the regulatory body for the UK dental profession. All members regularly update their knowledge on regulatory issues and trends within dentistry.

Earlier this year, my Denture practice (CW Dentures) became the proud recipient of the BACDT's top award, Member of the Year 2018. This award is voted for by our very own patients, who gave feedback to the BACDT about their treatment experience. Having such positive and encouraging feedback from my patients further cements the reasons why I am proud to be associated with the British Association of Clinical Dental Technicians.

If you have any questions about the BACDT or for any queries about Denture treatment, then please call CW Dentures on 01457 829241. Alternatively, email us [admin@cwdentures.co.uk](mailto:admin@cwdentures.co.uk).



Member of the Year Winner



In 2017, Chris was asked to speak at the International Dental Show in Cologne and at the largest UK Dental Technology Show in the UK on the subject of 'Creating Natural Aesthetics in Denture Treatment'. He has gained a reputation for producing life-like and highly functional prostheses for his patients and he now works with a number of Dental Surgeons in providing Implant supported/retained dentures. Chris now has a keen interest in providing denture stabilisation treatment for those patients who are new to dentures or who have had long term problems with denture retention and comfort.

Chris Wibberley qualified at Manchester Metropolitan University in 2009 as a Dental Technician, where he developed a keen interest in creating natural looking and functional prostheses. In 2011, he was part of the first cohort of Dental Technicians to be accepted at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) and graduated in December 2013 as one of the youngest Clinical Dental Technicians in the UK.

Chris' passion for providing high quality denture treatment led him to providing a domiciliary service for care homes in Huddersfield for an NHS practice based in Holmfirth. He provided this service in conjunction with treating patients at a private dental practice based in Saddleworth, Oldham.

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## The Christie Allsorts Update



By Christine Harrop

The latter part of the Summer was a quiet one for events but we have been putting our heads together to plan for the last event of the year and for the forthcoming year.

The strongly requested Psychic night planned for September was postponed until early in 2019 giving everyone who had previously been on holiday the chance to come along and join in this great evening.

With only a couple of months left in 2018, we are looking forward to try and reach our target of providing enough money to purchase 7 Specialist Chemo Pumps. At the moment we have guaranteed 4 and we are hoping that by this Christmas we will have reached our target for the remaining three.

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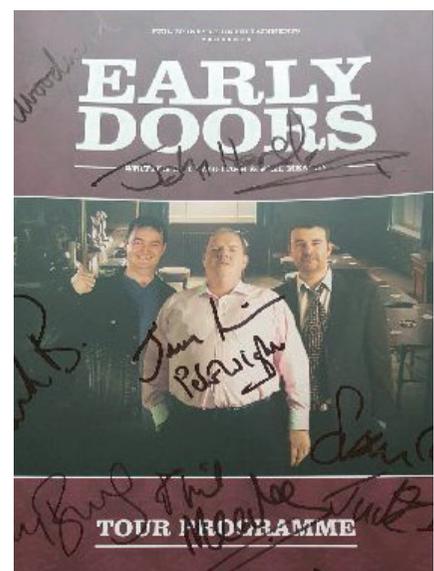
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There will be a fabulous raffle, as well as the opportunity to bid for An Early Doors Tour Programme signed by all the cast including Saddleworths very own – John Henshaw!

So please help the team to reach their target and join us on the 9th November for what promises to be an incredible night!

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'Since opening in Meltham in 2017 we have continuously invested in new technology as it has become available. It's incredible how technology has developed and the 3D OCT scanner is the biggest single investment in ophthalmic equipment that we have made - around £30,000.

'OCT equipment has historically only been available in hospitals, so the convenience of having the state-of-the-art technology in Meltham itself will be hugely beneficial for local people.'

## Changing lives and saving sight

Dispensing Optician Sheryl Doe added: 'We held an in-store launch,

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# Mercury Rising

Bohemian Rhapsody Review

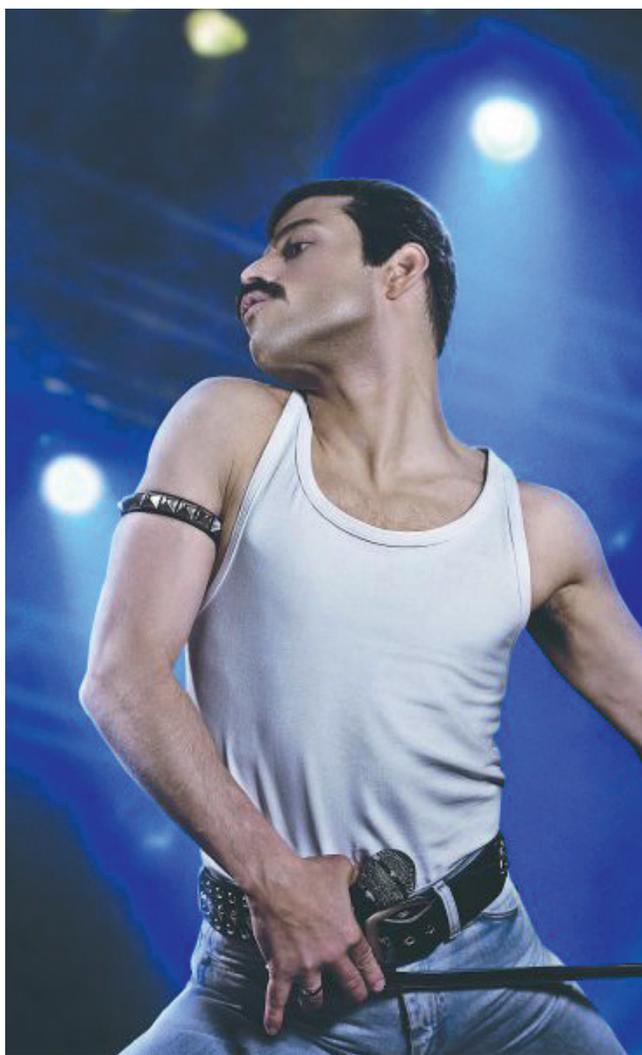
By Mike Kemble

There aren't many films which catch the imagination of the viewing public but one recent release is causing quite a stir with both music fans and film enthusiasts alike. Mike Kemble takes a look at the much anticipated Queen film, *Bohemian Rhapsody*....

Anyone familiar with Rami Malek, who is probably best known as Elliot Alderson from the Netflix series *Mr. Robot*, will be familiar with the intensity of his acting capabilities. His magnificent cheek-bone structure and athletic physique give him another-worldly type of look and with a little bit of facial hair and costume design, you can see why he's perfect to play Freddie Mercury in the up-and-coming film biopic *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Out in UK cinemas from Wednesday 24 October, it charts the rise and life of the extraordinary lead singer of Queen, who became one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet.

As all hugely influential and inspirational figures seem to face, Mercury's life was full of light tinged with darker moments as he struggled with the pressure of fame and fortune and the egotistical sense of one's self. His pursuit of singular stardom didn't go as planned and the film goes on to chart his personal journey culminating in his return to centre-stage with Queen again and their meteoric performance that literally rocked the world around the time of Live Aid, back in 1985.

Controversially, the film has seen early criticism prior to its release in that it doesn't portray Mercury's sexuality and chooses to play lip service to his AIDS diagnosis and subsequent death. Malek has staunchly defended the film against such claims and has a point when these sentiments were based on a one-minute trailer released earlier in the year. Hardly a complete view of things overall. It remains to be seen how successful the film will be and only time will tell, but nobody can deny this rhapsodic story's worth telling.



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# Congratulations Kirsty and Robert

**O**n Friday 8th December 2017, Robert Fullerty married the love of his life Miss Kirsty Jane Travis at the stunning and panoramic setting of The Saddleworth Hotel located high in the Castleshaw Valley. The beautiful service was officiated by Darren Bradshaw of Oldham Council, which was followed by a lavish reception within the hotel grounds.

The festive wedding party included Kirsty's parents Julie and Gary Travis, as well as Robert's parents Marie and Rob Fullerty. The honour of best man fell to Anthony Fullerty, Jake Fullerty and Rob Fullerty, who all did a great job. The role of usher was undertaken by Harry Travis, whilst the bride's chief bridesmaid was Kirsty's beautiful daughter Harper Lillie who was simply magnificent throughout the day.

The Bride wore a stunning Mori Lee

gown by Madeline Gardner purchased at Blush Bridal Boutique in Uppermill. Fit for a fairy tale, the beautiful nude bridal ball gown featured a diamanté and crystal beaded embroidered bodice and full tulle skirt over a sequinned net.

Mirroring her mother's elegant look, Harper's dress was a deeper champagne colour and included a silk bodice with feathered sleeves and diamanté finish, complete with a full tulle skirt and fabulous lace



embellished train.

In addition, the gentlemen wore stylish Larusmiani stone coloured Italian cotton suits from Next. They were classic single breasted suits and styled with a two button fastening and a natural lapel roll. They were certainly a handsome bunch to say the least as the look was finished off with Hugo Boss loafers.

The couple's wonderful wedding cake was created by Charlotte Whittle from End of the Rainbow Cakes and it was a certain show stopper! It was a classic three tier cake, finished with champagne drip and edible gold leafing. In addition from the Liverpool Cheese company, there was a five tier Cheese cake; consisting of creamy Lancashire, ballyoak, burts blue, Cornish yarn with wild garlic, couer Neufchâtel and Capricorn goats cheese. Delicious!

During the service, the couple exchanged beautiful rings, Diamonds sourced by The Saddleworth Hotel and bespoke designed by Anthony John Baker and handcrafted by their personal jeweller. The whole day was captured perfectly by Joanne Jacobs Photography and the flowers were expertly created by the bride herself who owns Harper Floral Artistry. This included a breath taking cascading

bouquet showcasing nude Sahara roses, king protea, wax flower, luscious flowing fern, burgundy calla Lily's and anemone with textured safari foliage. There was also a smaller version for Harper.

The Wedding Car which was a Rolls Royce phantom drop-head coupe was once again supplied by The Saddleworth Hotel.

Other special mentions must go to Miss Magic for providing close magic entertainment for guests. The hotel who organised a fabulous firework display in the hotel grounds whilst listening to Take That's "Rule the World" as the couple celebrated their first night as newlyweds. The Saddleworth Hotel owners, Anthony and Sandi, as well as Daniella and Scott were magnificent throughout, and the couple thank them for making their dream wedding a reality.

Following their big day, the couple honeymooned in North Lake Lodges in Aspatria.

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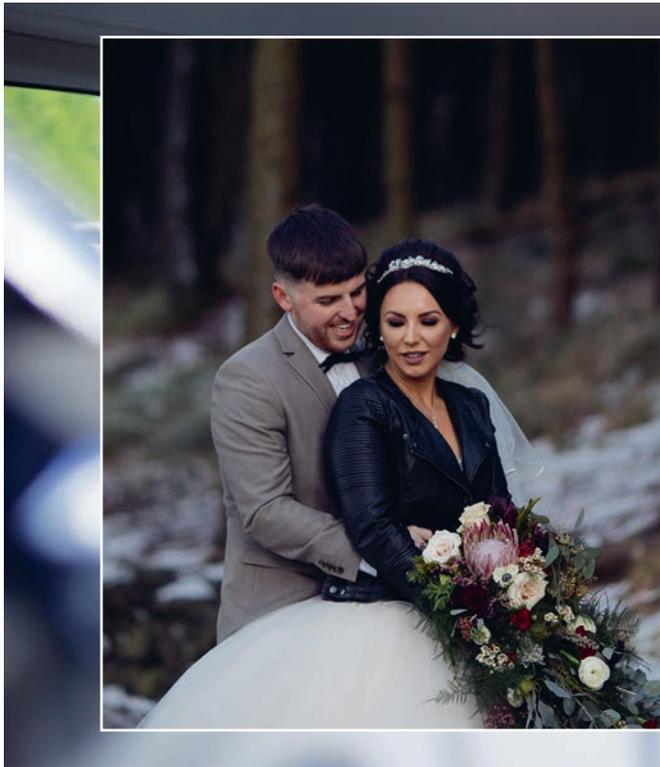


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Julian Deane

St Thomas Moorside Scouts will be aiming to raise £1000 to pay for their travel to next year's Jamboree on Saturday 17TH November. Headline act is Julian Deane who has been wowing audiences across the country and is known for twisting expectations with genius punch lines. His writing has been praised in both The Independent and The Guardian and he has written for both Mock the Week and Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Julian recently made his TV debut on Russell Howard's Hour.



Josh Pugh

Josh Pugh won the 2016 English Comedian of the Year only two years after playing his first gig. Josh's clever, original, and (most importantly) very funny writing and laid back performing style continues to bring in plaudits, from critics and audiences alike. Oldham comedians Jack Evans and Rob Riley round off what should be an excellent evening.



Micky P Kerr

Micky P Kerr fuses together music, spoken word and comedy in a laid-back manner that makes it all look so easy. His Bag For Life song got him through to the finals of this years Britain's Got Talent making advance tickets a wise move for his appearance on Sunday 25th November.



Ray Bradshaw

Ray Bradshaw takes time out from his tour show Deaf Comedy Fam about growing up with deaf parents. Ray's was fluent in British Sign Language before he learnt to talk and he signs the show as he performs it. He will, no doubt, be giving his hand a well earned rest when he opens the Greenfield show. Dan Nightingale comperes incomparably and James Allen is the guest act.

The time between Christmas and New Year can drag on a bit for man, which is probably why December's show always proves so popular. Sunday 30th December sees Mick Ferry comper and Louise Young making her first appearance at Off The Rails alongside two perennial favourites with the Greenfield crowd.

Manchester's Stephen Bailey is a very busy young man indeed! He's presented Big Brother's Bit On The Side, Celebs On The Farm and is agony uncle on Zoe Ball on Saturday/Sunday. His brand of gossipy humour is fun, charming and sassy.



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The Round Table said "We're delighted to gift 50 places on this year's Santa Dash to supporters of Dr Kershaw's Hospice. The whole purpose of Saddleworth Round Table is to raise funds for local good causes with the Santa Dash being a great opportunity for organisations throughout the borough to benefit from the generosity of the community."

Of the Round Tables donation, Dr Kershaw's Community Fundraiser, Lillie Winterbottom said "This is a fantastic gift which will help of our supporters raise money for patient care at Christmas. It will also be a totally Santa cl-awesome way to kick start the seasonal festivities for all the participants and their families. We're so grateful to the gentlemen at Saddleworth Round Table, their continued support of the local people is inspiring".

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## SADDLEWORTH W.I. FESTIVE NEWS UPDATE BY TRICIA LEIGH

Our Annual General Meeting has been moved back a month and will now take place on Wednesday 7th November. This is an integral and mandatory part of the WI calendar to ensure that the WI is fairly and correctly managed.

We are really pleased to announce that the Saddleworth W.I. Christmas Markets will be held this year at a new venue, The Saddleworth Rangers Rugby Club, Shaw Hall Bank Road, Greenfield on the 2nd December. This will be a great day out for all the family, community based and dog friendly, with wheelchair and pram access. Santa will be in his grotto with a present for each child and they will have the opportunity to pet and feed his reindeer.

So kick start your Christmas shopping with a large variety of stalls and visit the food hall in the marquee where you can also treat yourself to a hot chocolate or mulled wine in the seated area or enjoy a Mann's Wharf Hog Roast whilst listening to brass bands to help get you into the Christmas spirit. Hot and cold drinks and food will be available all day. There will also be a chance to win our bespoke hamper full of Tesco's finest festive goodies.

All profits from this event will be donated to our charity for this year, Oldham Mountain Rescue who will also be in attendance on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Wimberry Suite at the Royal George, Greenfield and we would like to say a big thank you to Jason Worthington and his staff for all the help and cooperation we have received from them throughout our first year at the venue. For further information on the planned programme of monthly speakers, all forthcoming events and activities together with details of our meeting venue, then please visit our website [www.saddleworthwi.com](http://www.saddleworthwi.com) or our Facebook page.

Our popular members' sub-groups meet on a monthly basis and are a great way to make new friends of all ages. Information on the W.I. resolutions; our remaining day trips for 2018; our food and drink group; theatre trips; the book club; planned walks and the craft and cake group which meets once a month at the Reclamation Rooms in Uppermill can be found on our website.

New members and guests are always welcome at our monthly meetings. Guests can attend one 'taster' meeting before joining the W.I. We require a donation of £1.00 per member and £3.00 for non-members per meeting towards running costs and refreshments. Our meeting will start at 8.15 pm, however, we would be grateful if members and visitors could please arrive from 7.30 pm onwards to register.

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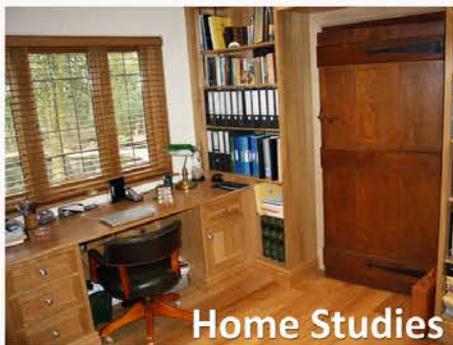


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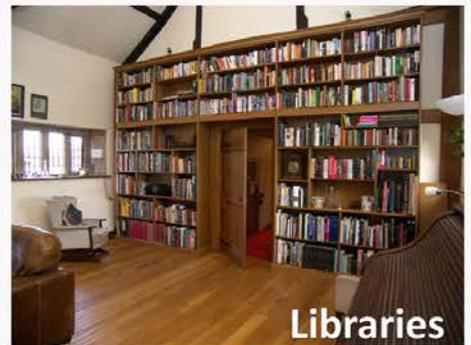
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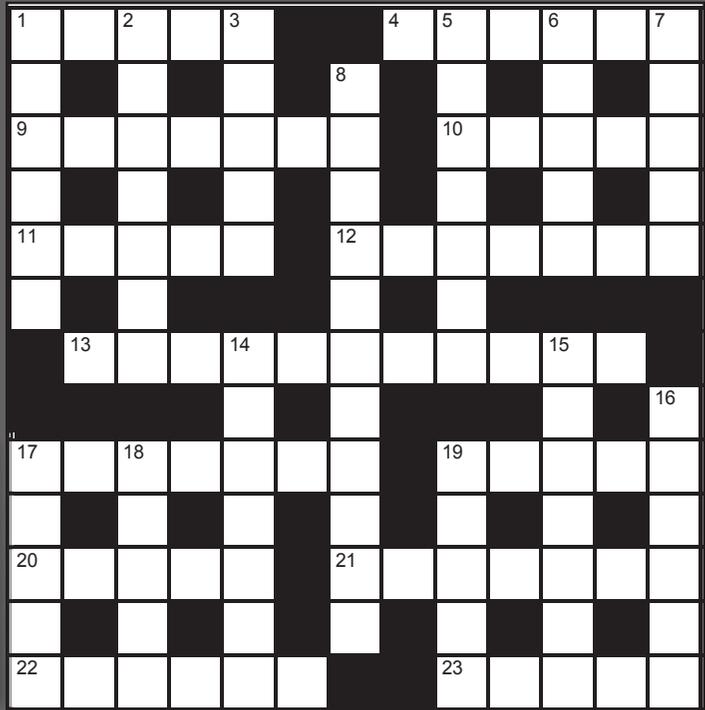


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- 1 Superior of a monastery (5)
- 4 Type of gum (6)
- 9 Waterproof fabric (7)
- 10 Chocolate ingredient (5)
- 11 Yellowish citrus fruit (5)
- 12 Mysterious (7)
- 13 French national holiday (8,3)
- 17 Begin (4,3)
- 19 Brother of Moses (5)
- 20 Precipitous (5)
- 21 Blow up (7)
- 22 Go back (6)
- 23 Intestine (5)

### Down

- 1 Ancient Greek sun god (6)
- 2 Eating disturbance (7)
- 3 Kidnapped (5)
- 5 Adapt for new use (7)
- 6 Cured pig meat (5)
- 7 Insane (5)
- 8 Unentitled (11)
- 14 Cavalry soldier (7)
- 15 Flight personnel (7)
- 16 Imaginary (6)
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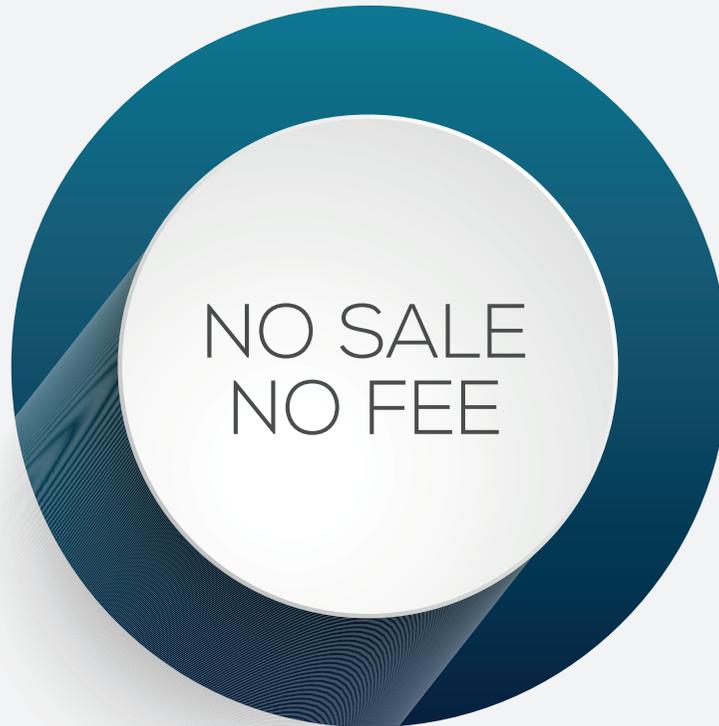
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## EMMAUS MOSSLEY TO HOST VINTAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET EVENT

Homelessness charity, Emmaus Mossley, is inviting supporters to a Vintage Christmas Market at their Secondhand Superstore this November.

The Vintage Christmas Market event, taking place on Saturday 17 November, will launch Emmaus' Christmas display and include a range of festive stalls for all tastes and budgets. Available at the event will be a wide selection of vintage and retro decorations, secret Santa gifts, presents for under a fiver and lots of reusable Christmas trees.

Gary, one of the people who lives and works at Emmaus Mossley, said: "I am really looking forward to the Christmas event and seeing all the happy, smiling faces who visit us at this time of year."

In addition to the Christmas-themed stalls, the Collectables Room will be open and Santa will be visiting Emmaus' Secondhand Superstore

from 2pm. To help get you in the Christmas spirit, Lucie's Café will serve lots of festive food and drinks throughout the day.

Hazel Hodgkinson, Retail Manager at Emmaus Mossley, said: "This year we are keen to promote the idea of 'a pre-loved Christmas' – reusing perfectly good quality items instead of buying new ones. Whether you are looking to decorate your home, find unique presents at a great price or looking for additional dining chairs, Emmaus Mossley has the lot!"

Emmaus Mossley supports 26 formerly homeless people by providing them with a home and work in a community setting. The charity runs a social enterprise in Mossley, selling donated and upcycled furniture, household goods, clothes and vintage wares. All the proceeds from the Vintage Christmas Market will support the people who live and work at Emmaus.

The Vintage Christmas Market will take place on Saturday 17 November from 9am to 4:30pm at Emmaus Mossley, Longlands Mill, Queen Street, Mossley OL5 9AH. Emmaus has limited space for external stall-holders but if you are interested in booking a stall please email [info@emmausmossley.org.uk](mailto:info@emmausmossley.org.uk)

**To find out more or support Emmaus Mossley head to [www.emmaus.org.uk/mossley](http://www.emmaus.org.uk/mossley). If you would like to get involved or donate an item, please call 01457 838608 or visit the store.**



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The annual walk up to the pots and pans memorial marks a century since the end of WW1, and Saddleworth will continue to remember the sacrifices that were made for the freedom that we enjoy today.

By Alistair Cochrane

The Royal British Legion are of course heavily involved in Armistice day. Chair of the Royal Legion's Saddleworth branch, Paddy Diamond, was keen to highlight the importance of remembering those that lost their lives at war: "the Royal British Legion works to ensure that the people of the United Kingdom remember all those who have lost their lives on active service."

Paddy then went on to say that: "Remembrance is a social benefit which promotes social cohesion

and national unity and contributes to the fulfilment of the Armed Forces."

He also emphasised the importance of passing remembrance and it's meaning on to future generations. Unfortunately, only 21 years after the end of the first world war, Europe and the rest of the world were once again plunged into conflict on a scale even greater than the first. Paddy claims that the first world war was thought of by participating nations as the war to end all wars at the time,

but went on to say that: "since then, Britain has been involved in many other wars and fields of Service, creating a continuous supply of Service men and women, and their families, who need our assistance."

Once again this brings to the forefront the necessity and the continued relevance of remembrance and all of the Royal Legion's work.

The service will take place at the Pots and Pans memorial on November 11th from 10:30 am, Paddy says that the Royal Legion is: "marking the centenary of the First World War from 2014 to 2018 with commemorations and projects in the UK and Republic of Ireland with a focus on Remembrance, education and legacy."



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# FROM HEAVEN TO HELL

At The Millgate Theatre Delph (11th November)

Written by Danny Clifford  
& Directed by Sue Jenkins

'From Heaven to Hell' returned this year as a two-act play as part of the Greater Manchester Fringe festival. The play is essentially a World War one romance but also honours the sacrifice made by local Salford heroes at the Battle of the Somme. 'From Heaven to Hell' debuted in 2017 as a One Act play and was nominated for best Drama at the GM Fringe awards. The play returned this year and as a lengthened Two Act play and received five star reviews as well as another nomination for best Adaptation at the GM Fringe awards. The production also raised over £800 for The British Legion and is set to do the same again this year.

The play starts at the outbreak of World War One and the Army desperately needs more troops. Lord Kitchener encourages men to enlist by creating Pals battalions, guaranteeing if you

enlist with your pals you'll serve with your pals. A group of friends working on the ship canal join throw caution to the wind and enlist together. 'From Heaven to Hell' is based on a true story of the 1st Salford Pals and is dedicated to the 24 officers and 650 men from the battalion who fought at the battle of the Somme where more than one million men were wounded or killed. In the first 30 minutes alone, 21 officers and 449 men from the 1st Salford Pals had become casualties.

Danny Clifford, said "I wanted to find my own way to pay tribute to those who showed such courage

and dedication and to bring their story to a new generation. I am so proud that the play will be part of the centenary Remembrance day and it's fantastic to have Sue Jenkins on board again to direct. Sue has been an incredible mentor for me as an actor and she has brought so many wonderful ideas that have really brought the play to life."

The play not only focuses on the horror of the battlefield but also on those who were left at home waiting for news. Despite the subject matter, the play isn't completely dark and leaves plenty of scope for macabre comedic touches.



"Friendship was at the very centre of the Salford Pals and is something I've explored very closely in the play" Danny explains "It's important to capture the essence of the people I'm writing about; their resilience, their humour,

their hopes and fears for the future. I really hope I've done them justice."

Directed by stage and screen actress Sue Jenkins (Brookside, Jackie Corkhill, Coronation St, Gloria Todd) said: "I'm so pleased that From Heaven To Hell has developed into a full length play.

The feedback last year was tremendous and this year, as we head towards the centenary of the end of the First World War; it's even more poignant to bring From Heaven To Hell for a special Anniversary performance on Nov 11th at The Millgate Theatre, Saddleworth."



Writer of the play Danny Clifford said: "I'm excited to bring the play back especially on the centenary year which is such an important year in British history. We produced an excellent one act play last year and I really wanted to build on that. I had a few months away from writing and then eventually came back to the script with fresh eyes. The script has been re written to allow for

new characters and scenes but does follow the same story as the original piece. I am overwhelmed and moved by the way the play was received last year and also the generous donations we received throughout the fundraising process. I'm truly grateful that I could pay tribute to them and bring their story to a new generation."

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# CHRISTMAS... A time for giving (and dropping hints for what you'd like too)

Gift Guide....

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Until now that is...With just a bit of effort the perfect gift for your loved ones can be found on your doorstep. So here we go with just a few ideas from our local businesses....

### Something for the little ones..

Visitors to Lees in recent months will have noticed a stylish new face on the High Street. Children's Boutique is a dedicated clothing boutique specialising in both Spanish and traditional baby and children's wear and accessories.

Opened by Nicola Jagger-Wild, the boutique continues a growing customer base thanks to their wide range of high quality and affordable brands.

The boutique stock a wide range of Spanish, Handmade and Traditional Baby and Children's Wear From 0-12

years. A cosy private fitting area is available and gift vouchers if you can't decide on that ideal Christmas gift for a loved one. With excellent quality brand and great value for money, the Children's Boutique pride themselves on great customer service. Call in there today or contact Nicola via her website and Facebook page for more information and up and coming offers.

### Buying for blokes is always tricky, socks anyone?

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**Treat her to something special...**

Two ladies designerwear boutiques we love to shout about here at the magazine is Charles Vermont and Decisions.



Decisions is a small

independent fashion boutique in Ashton-under-Lyne. The shop opened in 1999 and is owned and run by Val Unwin. Whether it's mother of the bride you're looking for that special



Christmas party dress, casual wear or you simply want to treat yourself, Decisions has a huge selection of sought after fashion labels for you to choose from

including... Joseph Ribkoff, Frank Lyman, Robell, Marble, Olsen, Barbara Liebek, Pomodoro, Foil and Peruzzi are all available at the shop. Please go the advert on Page 40 for more details.

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you'll be sure to find that unique card for someone special. Celebrations also specialise in helium balloons, wrapping and wedding gifts.

Well that should keep you busy folks... Go forth and shop til you drop. Don't forget the Shop Local event in Uppermill on Saturday 10th November... You'll be sure to pick up a festive bargain or two! See Page 61.

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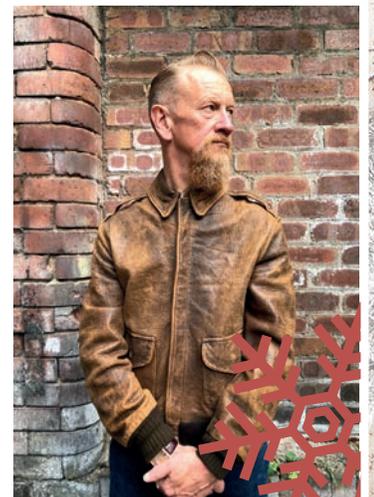
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so pop in to each on your way through the village to see what they have going on.

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# BAH HUMBURGER *By Greg Whitehead*

Everyone loves a good burger, whatever time of year, so here is my take on a classic burger with a festive twist!

## INGREDIENTS

### Buttermilk Turkey Burger

- 1 Turkey Steak
- Tub of Butter Milk
- 100g Self Raising Flour
- 1 tbsp Paprika
- 1/2 tbsp Cayenne Pepper

### Cranberry & Beetroot Chutney

- Small pack of dried Cranberries
- 2 Beetroots grated
- 100 ml Balsamic Vinegar

- 2 tsp Sugar
- Salt & Pepper

### Pig Blanket Burger

- 50 g Sausage Meat
- 1 Slice of Smoked Bacon sliced in half lengthways

### Sproutweed

- 20 sprouts very finely sliced
- Salt

### Butter Fried Stuffing

- 1 Pack of Paxo
- 50 g Butter

### Turkey Gravy

- Bisto Turkey Gravy

### Other Ingredients

- Brioche Bun
- 3 Slices of Brie

## METHOD

### Buttermilk Turkey Burger

Place turkey steak in a bowl and cover with the buttermilk. Cover in clingfilm and chill for at least four hours.

Mix together all the dry ingredients and set aside.

Heat oil in a chip pan (180 degrees). Dip the turkey steak in the flour until well coated and slowly drop into the hot oil and cook for five minutes. If you are not sure if it is cooked, then remove from the pan and make a small cut in the middle of the steak to check.

### Sproutweed

Heat 500 ml of vegetable oil in a deep pan and add the sliced sprouts slowly. Be careful as the oil will begin to spit. Cook for three minutes or until the sprouts darken in colour.

Remove from the pan onto kitchen roll and season with salt.

### Cranberry & Beetroot Chutney

Add all the ingredients to a small pan and bring to the boil. Simmer for 30 minutes and then leave to cool.

### Butter Fried Stuffing

Prepare stuffing as per package instructions. Leave to cool before shaping the stuffing into thin patties and fry with the butter on a medium to high heat until golden brown.

### Pig Blanket Burger

Shape sausage meat into a thin patty. Wrap around the bacon and fry for two minutes on each side. Then simply add to a pre-heated oven (200 degrees for 10 minutes).

### Turkey Gravy

Prepare as per packet instructions, add the juices from the pig blanket burger.

Lightly toast the brioche bun and start to build your Festive burger. Remember to add the brie and the gravy to finish off this incredible seasonal treat...Enjoy!

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Greg





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<p><b>Includes:</b> 1 hour play ½ hour in party area Party bags Min of 10 children</p>	<p><b>Includes:</b> Exclusive use of the play centre (1 ½ hour play, 30 min food and cake) Party bags, Present for party child</p>	<p><b>Includes:</b> 30 min play, 30 min disco, 30 minute food and birthday cake Sweet cone or party bags</p>	<p><b>Includes:</b> 45 minute play and eat, 45 minutes laser tag, Sweet cones, Guests must be 6 or over. Minimum 10 children. Maximum 20</p>
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\*\*\*please note: all bookings are subject to a £50.00 (non-refundable, non transferable) deposit at the time of booking. for private parties a £125 deposit \*\*\*

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# Oldham Theatre Workshop presents Hansel and Gretel live@thelibrary

After the huge success of last year's 'Peter Pan', Oldham Theatre Workshop's Professional Company are back with one of the world's best loved fairy tales. (ages 4+) This Christmas family production will be told through inventive storytelling, original song and music.

The cast includes Sam Winterbottom, Natasha Davidson (PETER PAN - OTW Professional Company, THE SNOW QUEEN - Theresa Heskins), Sophie Ellicott (CLOSETS THE MUSICAL - Eyre & Ely Productions, THE VISITOR'S BOOK -OTW Professional Company, PETER PAN - OTW Professional Company) and Daniel Hartshead (PETER PAN - OTW Professional Company, SNOW QUEEN - Relative Pitch Opera).

OTW Golden Anniversary 2018 sees Oldham Theatre Workshop celebrating its 50th anniversary, and an abundance of exciting events have happened throughout the year. Artistic Director James Atherton and his team wanted to recognise the milestone with a clutch of inspiring initiatives and events. The final two shows that will close the Golden Year are Hansel & Gretel (Professional Company at Oldham Library) and The Glad Game (Youth Theatre at

OTW Studio, The Old Museum). The Glad Game is on 15-22 December and tickets can be bought directly from Oldham Theatre Workshop on the number 0161 772 3240 [1].

SARAH NELSON & JAMES ATHERTON Sarah and James trained together at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, where their first collaboration was featured at the National Student Drama Festival. Since then, they have written numerous shows together. Sarah's recent credits include The Lost Story (M6 Theatre) and Letter To Boddah (Hope Mill Theatre). James' recent credits include Astley's Astounding Adventures and Around The World in Eighty Days (New Vic Theatre). They collaborated on 'Tis Written in the Stars (OTW, Oldham Coliseum), which was nominated for the MTA @MTAwards Youth Panel Award, and this year produced the joyous and moving musical The Visitor's Book (Hope Mill Theatre).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: CLARE O'BRIEN:**

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JAMES ATHERTON: E: james.atherton@oldham.gov.uk

Tel: 07595 300384

Calling all santa's...

## On your marks!! Count down to this years annual santa dash begins

Saddleworth Round Table are delighted to announce that the 4th Santa Dash is to take place on Saturday 1st December. The race starts at 2.30 pm near Uppermill Square and tickets for all willing Santa's can be found via the Facebook page /SaddleworthRT.

There will be two routes available, a 5 km course and also a family (buggy) friendly 2 km course. You are also advised to turn up in plenty of time to enjoy the pre-race warm up from 1.30 pm.

Revolution Radio who support the event will be in attendance with Elliot Eastwick from the station's breakfast show. There'll be a lots of other festive acts on stage to keep all the family entertained throughout the afternoon including a Christmas market open from 12 noon till 6 pm.

Following the huge success of the markets last year the Round Table are looking to expand the number of market stalls in both the square and at

the museum. They will offer an excellent range of delicious food and drink as well as a variety of Christmas and festive gifts. At 4 pm the Santa parade and lights switch on will commence with Father Christmas being drawn by Saddleworth Morris Men down the High Street to the museum. Chairman of the Saddleworth Round Table Richard Foster said: "I'd like to thank all our sponsors, supporters and volunteers who without their commitment and contribution this event would not be possible.

I'd particularly like to thank our main event sponsor Albion Farm shop and firework sponsor Mono Alarms. We are still looking for volunteers to help steward and guide our runners safely around both the 2km and 5km courses. We'll provide refreshments and an invite to the after the special after party. If you're interested please contact us via facebook."





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The award winning four star AA The Old Bell Inn is one such place we're sure you'd love to try this party season. They have a Brasserie and a Restaurant and their local, well known and respected head chef brings an extra touch of creativity to his festive menus.

Christmas Day is fully booked but there are plenty of other dates available for you and your party to

enjoy. Rooms are also available so give the Old Bell team a call today to avoid disappointment. See advert for further details.

Just a short drive away in Hazelhurst, The Junction Inn, which has recently enjoyed an amazing refurbishment at the start of the Summer is continuing to place itself well and truly back on the culinary map, thanks to owner Lauren Erica Edwards highly respected Chef Jean Yves, as well as the rest of the team of course.

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makes it the perfect setting for either an intimate Christmas dinner for two or private party with friends, family and business colleagues.

Jean has conjured up a new and exciting festive menu which has something for absolutely everyone this season, including an impressive Chefs Special Menu which changes weekly. See advert for further details and contact information.

For a long while now, Smokies Park Hotel on Ashton Road in Bardsley have always put on fantastic Christmas events. This year will be no exception thanks to their dedicated team of Santas elves.

Your Christmas party guests can expect the best thanks to various festive packages they have available. Then on New Years Eve they will be hosting a Santas Workshop Ball which

promises to be a lot of fun. See advert for details on Page 22 and Page 64.

Finally if you fancy a good old local knees up, then get your Christmas jumpers on and get on down to The Gate Inn in the heart of Diggle. With a great selection of party drinks available, as well as a delicious festive menu to enjoy, then The Gate Inn could tick all your Christmas going out boxes. For more information or to book (including a room), then please contact the team today. Please see advert for contact details.

There is of course a whole heap of other great places to party and dine with friends and family this Christmas, some of which you'll find throughout this issue. So go out there and have a great, safe Christmas and New Year... and remember to not drink and drive!

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# Magic Beanstalk Spotted in Saddleworth



Saddleworth is about to be taken over by fairy dust and magical beans! A brand new version of Jack and the Beanstalk is set to take to the stage at The Millgate Arts Centre, Delph, from 15th – 31st of December.

For years, the people of Saddleworth have wished for their very own panto to rival Oldham's, and now our Christmas wishes have come true. Panto professionals, Dream Factory Theatre, are making a big investment to bring Christmas to Saddleworth with a home-grown show that is funnier, spanglier and more Christmastastic than anything else around.

Producer Fiona Egan explains "Although we're a new company to Saddleworth, between us we have over a hundred years experience of putting on panto. We've taken all the things that people love about traditional panto and cranked them up to the next level. We've got a brand new script from an award-winning writer, a spectacular set and costumes specially designed for the show, the best actors from up and down the country... oh, and one very big giant."



## SADDLEWORTH LIVE at the MILLGATE

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Tickets from 01457 874644 or online. The Millgate Arts Centre is home to a beautiful theatre with a rich history of creativity. Its excellent facilities include the stage with a 157-seat raked auditorium & a comfortable bar area.

# BEHIND THE SCENES



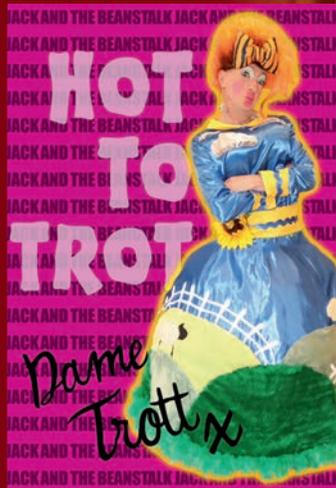
**It takes a lot of work to put on a panto, and the team have been hard at work since January.**

The first job to be done is writing the script. "The first read through was February 1st," says writer Ben Richards. "We have to have the script very early on so we know what costumes need to be made, what set needs to be built and how many actors we need. Of course, there will always be more to add: topical jokes and this year's chart toppers for starters, so the final version of the script gets sent out in the last week of November."



"Costumes, props and set are another giant job," says tech-expert Will Cousins. "Everything for the show gets built in our workshop in Sussex and shipped up in time for opening night. We have been working on the build full-time since July - I don't want to give anything away, suffice to say that we have been buying top notch pyrotechnics and glitter by the kilo."

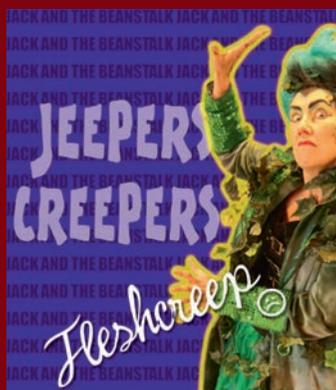
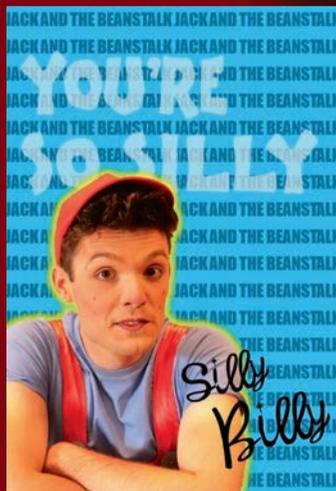
No panto would be complete without a dame, and here in Saddleworth we're lucky to have one of the best. Scott Worsfold, playing



Dame Trot, explains: "The cast line-up is fantastic. We've got a really talented bunch who are coming from TV and the West End stage. I love Saddleworth and am really looking forward to playing The Millgate this year. We have a ball at Christmas - the audience always gets involved, singing and laughing along."

**Jack and the Beanstalk is playing from the 15th of December right up to New Year's Eve.**

**Tickets are selling well with several dates sold out already, so if you want to make sure you get yours in time, visit the Saddleworth Live webpage at: [www.saddleworthlive.com/](http://www.saddleworthlive.com/) panto or call box office on: 01457 874644**



# EXCLUSIVE READERS COMPETITION

For your chance to **WIN** a **FAMILY TICKET** to one of the **JACK IN THE BEANSTALK** dates between **15th December - NEW YEARS EVE** the simply send us your best (Clean) **PANTO JOKE** and we'll pick out the funniest!



The Closing date for the competition will be **FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER**, so please send in your entries to [paul@aroundsaddleworth.co.uk](mailto:paul@aroundsaddleworth.co.uk) along with your contact details by this date for your chance to **WIN** an evening of Festive family fun to remember! *Best of Luck!*

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# Grab your Christmas Jumpers, Winter woollies & Festive Cheer because it's.....

## CHRISTMAS!

With village light switch on events taking place all over Saddleworth... Here is your guide to where and when event is taking place....

**Saddleworth Santa Dash and Winter Wonderland**  
**Saturday 1 December, 2.30-6pm**  
Registration is from 12noon.  
The Dash start at 2.30pm  
Adults £12 and children aged 5-17 £5

Take part in a 2km or 5km Santa Dash in Uppermill this winter. This fun annual event will be followed by a parade, where you'll get a glimpse of Santa, a grand switch-on with carols in front of the tree and a magical firework display to end the evening.

[www.facebook.com/saddleworthRT](http://www.facebook.com/saddleworthRT)  
Uppermill Square,

**Saddleworth Greenfield**  
**Saturday 1 December, 7pm**  
Intersection of bridleway with Chew Valley Road.  
**Saddleworth Museum and Uppermill Square**  
**Saturday 1 December, 3.45pm**  
High Street, Uppermill, Oldham, OL3 6HS

**Lees**  
**Saturday 1 December, 4.30pm**  
Mellor Street Lees, across from Legends Pub at the junction of St. John's Street and High Street.

**Delph**  
**Saturday 1 December, 5.30pm**

Outside the Swan Pub, King Street and Millgate Car Park.

**Friends of Dogford Park Christmas Fair**  
**Sunday 2 December, 10am-3pm, free entry**  
Enjoy a traditional Christmas fair at the start of advent.  
Royton Band Club, Sandy Lane, Royton, OL2 5QP

**Grotton**  
**Sunday 2 December, carols at 6pm followed by switch on at 6.30pm**  
Junction of Oldham Road and Grotton Hollow.

**Diggle**  
**Sunday 2 December, 4.30pm**  
Opposite Warth Mill.  
**Denshaw**  
**Sunday 2 December, 6pm**  
Opposite Oddfellows, Huddersfield Road. Denshaw

**Lydgate**  
**Thursday 6 December, 6.10pm**  
The crossroads of Oldham Road and Platting Road.

**Hollinwood**  
**Thursday 6 December, 6pm**  
Hollins Road outside Oasis Academy, Hollinwood, OL8 4JZ

**Springhead**  
**Friday 7 December, 6pm**  
Junction of Ashbrook Road and Oldham Road.

**Royton**  
**Saturday 8 December, 4.30-6.30pm**  
Join in with lots of the festive fun. Switch on will take place at 5.30pm.  
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**For more information visit [www.visitoldham.com](http://www.visitoldham.com)**

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## AN ALTERNATIVE

# 12 Days of Christmas

with Pearson Financial Adviser Richard Eastwood

It's the season of goodwill to all men and women, even financial advisers and although a pension may not be top of your Christmas wish list here's a tongue in cheek look at what your financial adviser could be giving you this festive season:

**On the first day of Christmas my adviser said to me – Set a Budget.**

Many of us overspend at this time of year and this leads to only one place – financial hangover – and you really don't want that after Christmas! So start creating a budget now.

**On the second day of Christmas, my adviser gave to me – a plan for all the family**

Maximising your allowances by holding assets in single names and utilising individual and independent taxation.

**On the third day of Christmas my adviser said to me – Set a Savings Goal.**

People with written goals tend to achieve them. Once you have decided what you would like to save – talk to your IFA about where and how to save it.

**On the fourth day of Christmas, my adviser gave to me – an ISA that's as good as can be**

Given the new ISA limits and the ability to hold both cash and equity in the same place, tax leakage on any interest on funds held should be avoided, so make the rainy day fund tax-efficient too.

**On the fifth day of Christmas, my adviser gave to me – an allowance passed to spouses tax-free**

Ensure your ISA allowance is maximised each year as income and gains are tax free; the 'transferable allowance on death' means tax benefits can be extended.

**On the sixth day of Christmas, my adviser gave to me – more interest-paying equity**

For non and basic rate tax payers, interest payments received inside an ISA are received gross and suffer no further tax, whereas dividend payments are received after a non-reclaimable tax credit (10%), so ensure assets are held efficiently. If holding both fixed interest and equities, from a pure tax perspective utilise the ISA to hold the interest-paying investment first.

**On the seventh day of Christmas, my adviser gave to me – gains with less anxiety**

For higher (40%) and additional (45%) rate taxpayers, dividends received inside an ISA suffer no further tax. This saving equates to 25% and 36.1% of the net dividend received respectively.

**On the eighth day of Christmas, my adviser gave to me – a saving on my CGT**

Utilise capital gains each year to maximise the annual exempt amount, meaning £1,980 is saved for non and basic rate taxpayers and £3,080 for higher and additional rate tax payers, as the personal allowance for income tax does not reduce capital gains tax liability.

**On the ninth day of Christmas, my adviser gave to me – high earners' tax-efficiency**

For those individuals whose earnings will exceed £100,000, also consider pension contributions to bring income below this threshold and ensure their personal allowance is unaffected. This could provide an effective tax relief rate of 60% on part of the pension contribution.

**On the tenth day of Christmas, my adviser said to me – less to pay in IHT**

Save IHT by gifting money using tax efficient allowances (e.g. the annual £3,000 per year exempt amount) and maximise children's and grandchildren's JSA allowances.

**On the eleventh day of Christmas, my adviser said to me – know the risks**

Remember Mr Micawber's famous, and oft-quoted, recipe for happiness: "Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen [pounds] nineteen [shillings] and six [pence], result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery."

**On the twelfth day of Christmas adviser love said to me – keep it simple.**

In other words – understand what you own and why, so you can make informed decisions going forward. You would be amazed how many clients forget about company pension pots, it's reported that up to £15 billion of unclaimed financial assets in the UK lie in old bank accounts, pensions, life assurance and investments. A nice present to yourself in 2019.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!**

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## BNI

So far 2018 has been an amazing year for the networking businesses in the Greater Manchester region.

In fact, some BNI chapters and individual members have been recognised nationally for their contributions to the local business economy. One of these include local business man and entrepreneur Luke Sugden who has set up the new Stalybridge BNI Master business chapter which he hosts at Stalybridge Celtic football ground every Friday.

BNI Masters is still smashing it in the business world and has hit the £1 million mark for business passed in the room in less than 6 months and has grown from 24 to 37 local business investing in the system of referral marketing.

For more information on how to join, then you can call Luke and see what all the fuss is about.

When we asked what it meant for him to set the Stalybridge chapter, Luke told us "I have grown up in the local area from

been a young school boy to becoming a business owner who now employs local people to carry services for others local people."

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"This 33 year old globe organisation in the last 12 months has generated over £512 million for the members of the UK and Ireland with billions more globally."

**If you would like an invite to one of the local BNI events then simply call Luke Sugden on 07883076157.**

**Hit 2019 running and become part of a winning team by joining BNI today!**



## BRASS BANDS WITH SADDLEWORTH CONNECTIONS SELL OUT CONCERTS IN SPAIN

At the end of October, two 'Last Night of the Proms' concerts performed by J.B Brass, which includes many players with Saddleworth connections were sell out nights on the Costa Blanca in Spain.

Apart from five regular members, other players of J.B Brass include ex players from Dobross and Boarshurst bands. There was also a guest appearance by Mr David Pogson from Diggle Band, who was over on holiday at the time.

The band, which brought the house down on both nights were conducted by the great Mr. Derek Broadbent. Derek has conducted many all star brass bands in his time, including sell out concerts at the Uppermill Civic Hall. He has also been the professional conductor at Dobcross in his Career. Derek also shot to fame with the Brighthouse and Rastrick with the Floral Dance back in the 1970's.



The J.B Band is run by the expat community on the Orihuela Costa coastline, along with Ian and Sandra Gibson, one time licensees of the Navigation Inn Dobcross, as well as

Pauline Wilde who once ran the Clarence hotel in Greenfield with husband Steve.

"It is run in the style of a British Brass

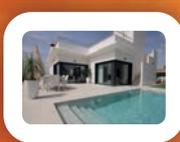
Band." Says Ian "Nights like these two concerts are fantastic and we loved having Derek over here to conduct us and make the overall experience for everyone even better. If any bands people are ever in this area and fancy playing, then just get in contact with us. We'd love to hear from you."

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**John Byrne** Legal Accounts Manager & Treasurer of National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD)

## “DIFFICULT ROADS OFTEN LEAD TO BEAUTIFUL DESTINATIONS”

The above quote is often used by bikers to celebrate getting out on the open road and paints a wonderful image, but even the bikers in our team at Harold Stock & Co appreciate that the road is not often the problem; it’s the other road users that can make the destination less attractive.

Whilst bikers are not generally known to complain about the odd knock and the occasional bruise or graze, unfortunately, the shocking figures for last year show that more than 450 bikers ended up in our local hospitals. The NHS statistics have 75 going to Salford Royal Hospital (where they have a specialist head injury unit), 76 to hospitals under the Pennine Acute Hospital NHS Trust banner, 74 to central Manchester, 68 to south Manchester, 53 to Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh, 39 to hospitals in Bolton, 39 to Stockport and 25 to Tameside and Glossop Trust.

Whilst the figures have dropped a bit in the wake of the “Think Bike” campaigns, this may be because more motor cyclists are taking advanced riding tests to protect themselves from others who might not see them on the road, or might not appreciate that braking on a motorbike does not happen quite as it does in a car.

On top of the 319 bikers killed, there are over 5,500 seriously injured and over 13,000 who suffer minor injuries. We feel that something must be done about these figures. Whilst in the 40 years that Harold Stock & Co have been helping local people with all aspects of the law, our serious injury team appreciates that bikers are fed up with car drivers suggesting that they “came from nowhere” and were “riding like a bat out of hell”. In the many claims that we have dealt with, some of which have been rejected by other less specialist teams, the patterns repeat themselves and there are suggestions that bikers should stick to the side of the road, should have braked more quickly (without the inevitable stoppie or lowside) or should not be filtering (which is legal). Despite the fact that you have dipped headlights, a loud can and a helmet brighter than Rossi’s, to make sure you are as visible as possible.

We are used to working out speeds of impact, preparing site line diagrams, organising reconstructions and gathering the evidence necessary to prove that a collision has been caused

by the fault of another, rather than by the biker whose journey has taken him or her to hospital, rather than to the beautiful destination that was anticipated when they started their rideout.

Unfortunately, our local papers are full of motor cyclists being left with life changing injuries when collisions have occurred, even on the less rural roads. We can’t prevent accidents happening but, in many cases, the term accident is misleading. If there is an element of fault on the part of the other driver, this is something we will investigate and discuss with you.

We have recently represented a biker who was unfortunate enough to suffer a leg amputation whilst riding to work on our local roads. As is often the case, he was driving along the main road and the car driver came out of a side road. Responsibility was initially disputed but, with engineering evidence and detailed witness statements, a large payment on account was obtained to get our client the adapted accommodation that he needed, the prosthetic assistance and the psychological help that allowed him to maintain contact with his family and his young children and to get back to a different, but as fulfilling a life, as before the crash. His final settlement was a substantial seven figure sum that, with appropriate financial advice, should secure his future. Whether he or other family

members won the argument about spending part of the settlement on a new bike, and adapted prosthetics to allow him to ride again is still unclear!

If you or a family member has been unfortunate enough to have seen the darker side of motorbike riding, whether you have Solicitors or not, there is nothing lost by giving us a call for a chat.

**John Byrne**  
Legal Accounts Manager & Treasurer of National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD)  
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Seftons held an open day at their new Branch on October 17, reaching out to local Businesses in order to establish themselves as a part of the Saddleworth community.

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## No fault divorce

Divorce reform has been in the news this year. Jenny Arnold, an associate in the family department at JMW Solicitors LLP, looks at the law and considers what the future might hold.



Jenny  
Arnold

Family solicitor,  
explores some of  
the potential  
problems and  
possible solutions

At the moment, you can get a “no-fault” divorce after two years’ separation if both parties agree to divorce or five years if they do not. However, the problem identified with this is that it leaves people unable to bring their marriage to a legal end without waiting a relatively long time. Given that divorces take between 4 and 6 months to process, this period is lengthened even further.

The practical problem with the separation options is that you cannot finalise a financial settlement and make it legally binding until your marriage is actually brought to an end, at decree absolute. A lot can change in two years plus, more so five. Many couples therefore find themselves relying on adultery or unreasonable behaviour so that they can move on with their lives sooner rather than later.

### FAULT AND FINANCES

When considering financial issues, the court does not look at whether it was anyone’s fault the relationship broke down. This only comes into the process where there has been extreme behaviour such as a very severe assault or reckless financial misconduct.

### FAULT AND FAMILY

There are many things we lawyers can do to minimise conflict, including focusing on the future, being constructive, and thinking carefully about our use of language. I can’t pretend that lawyers can just wish conflict away, but we can play our part.

However, it really can undermine these efforts when we have to introduce blame in the form of a fault-based divorce petition in order to avoid keeping our clients in legal limbo.

### WHAT NEXT?

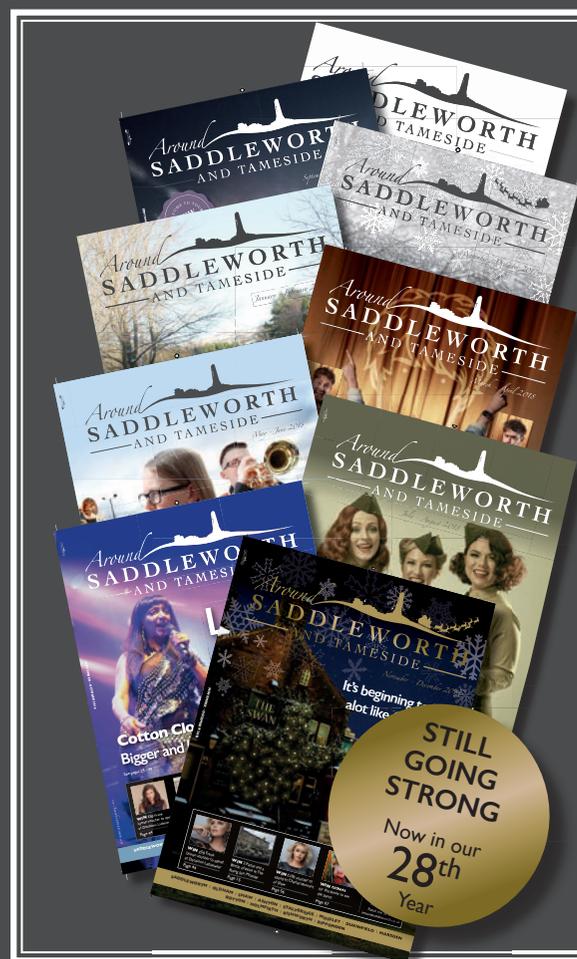
In May, the Supreme Court considered the Owens appeal. Mrs Owens wanted to divorce Mr

Owens on the basis of his “behaviour”. Very unusually, he disputed the facts in her divorce petition. Although the lower court agreed the marriage had in reality broken down, it couldn’t grant a divorce because Mr Owens’ “behaviour” did not reach a certain standard. This case won’t be decided until the autumn but whether or not Mrs Owens succeeds, the case has shone the spotlight on our divorce laws. The justice minister, David Gauke MP, is on record saying he finds himself “increasingly persuaded... that what we have at the moment creates more antagonism than we really need”. Reform is in the air but it could yet be years away.

**For an informal chat about this or any other family law question, call me on 0345 402 0001.**

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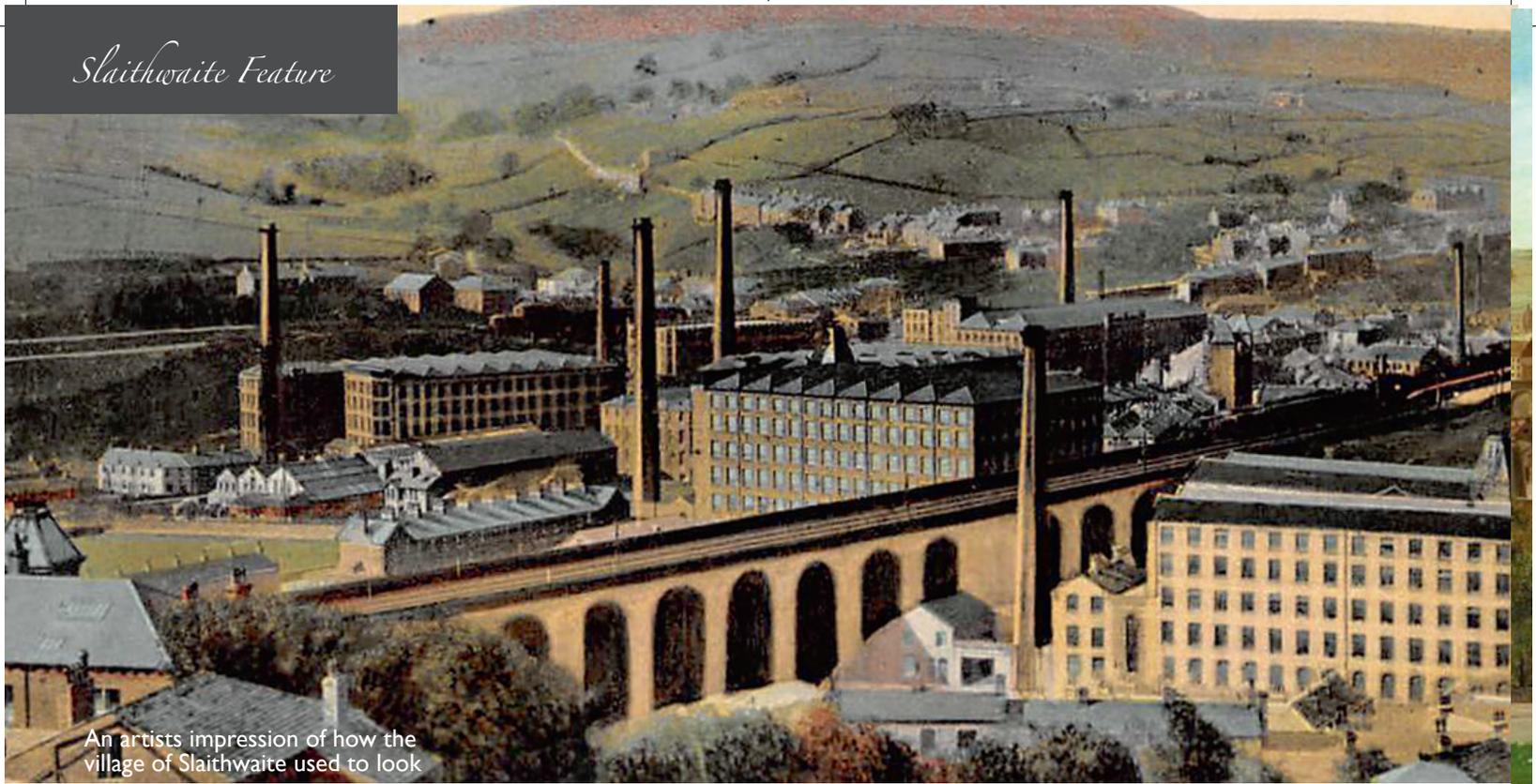
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**is December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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An artists impression of how the village of Slaithwaite used to look

## Slaithwaite

Reflections of yesterday.

By Mark Sheppard

**“Twit-Twoo”  
it’s “Slawit” to you!**

Slaithwaite, known locally as Slawit, is a village within the Colne Valley region, lying across the River Colne and the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

The village was part of the Earl of Dartmouth estates, a chapelry, in the parishes of Huddersfield and Almondbury union of

Huddersfield, Upper division of the wapentake of Agbrigg and included the township of ‘Lingarths’ (Lingards).

In the early 19th century a local spring was discovered to contain sulphurous properties and minerals, similar to those found in Harrogate. Sometime after 1820, a bathing facility was built, along with gardens and pleasure ground, with some visitor cottages. A free school was founded in 1721 and

rebuilt twice: first in 1744, and again in 1842.

In the 1848 edition of ‘A Topographical Dictionary of England’, Samuel Lewis (the editor) wrote:- “the lands are in meadow and pasture, with a small portion of arable; the scenery is bold and romantic. In the quarries of the district are found vegetable fossils, especially firs and other mountain trees. The village is beautifully seated in the valley of the River Colne; the inhabitants are chiefly employed in the woollen manufacture, in the spinning of cotton and silk, and in

silk-weaving”

Slaithwaite Hall, thought to date from the mid-15th century, is located on a nearby hillside. It is one of a number of cruck-framed buildings clustered in this area of West Yorkshire. After many years divided into cottages, the building has been extensively restored and is now a single dwelling.

Legend has it that local smugglers caught by the excise men tried to explain their nocturnal activities as ‘raking the moon from the canal’ and definitely not as ‘fishing out smuggled brandy.





**David Hirst of The Antiques Warehouse in the heart of Slaithwaite**

A "Moonraker" is now the official nickname for a native of the village. Similar stories and nicknames exist for the neighbouring villages of Golcar ("Lillies"), Marsden ("Cuckoos")

and Linthwaite ("Leadboilers").

An apocryphal story associated with Slaithwaite is that in the 19th century, when tenants came to the village to pay their annual rent, The 5th Earl of Dartmouth would

provide 'rent dinners' and that the shoulder of mutton was the most favoured with the tables of hot roast beef, mutton and tongue (cooked together in the set pot) being available there at that time.

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In 1771 a notice appeared in the Leeds Intelligencer newspaper saying that the Manor of Slaithwaite and Lingards belonging to the Earl of Dartmouth, and that the game in the district had been much destroyed.

In the spring of 1795, a man from a Slaithwaite pub was later kicked to death by a soldier, for refusing to join the Wakefield regiment, the soldier was subsequently hanged.

In 1810, Joseph Sykes kept the Old Bank, George Dodson the Shoulder of Mutton, Samuel Wood the Quiet Woman, John Bottomley the Pole, later The Sun, and Joseph Holroyd the Dyers Arms at Lingards. In 1834 the Dartmouth Arms was kept by John Bamforth, the Globe by Humphrey Wood, the Harp by John Schofield, and the Star by Joseph Parkin.

The half-yearly rent audit of the

Earl of Dartmouth was held at the Dartmouth Arms Inn, still kept by John Bamforth in early June 1856. The Earl was lord of the manor of Slaithwaite and visited the town in November 1860. In February 1865, a drunken man going home from a beer shop at Slaithwaite fell down and was frozen to death.

The four large mills of the Slaithwaite Spinning Company formed in 1877, which when fully staffed employed 1000 workpeople, were sold by auction on Tuesday 17th May 1938 for £12,760

At half past five on Thursday afternoon 6th December 1883, a fire broke out at Waterside Mill, Slaithwaite which belonged to the Earl of Dartmouth and occupied by John & Thomas Garside, woollen manufactures and cloth spinners, which resulted in the old mill being burnt down within an hour. In September 1901, the Sun Inn closed.

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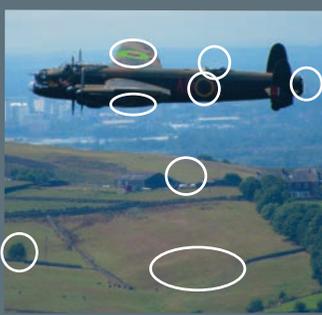
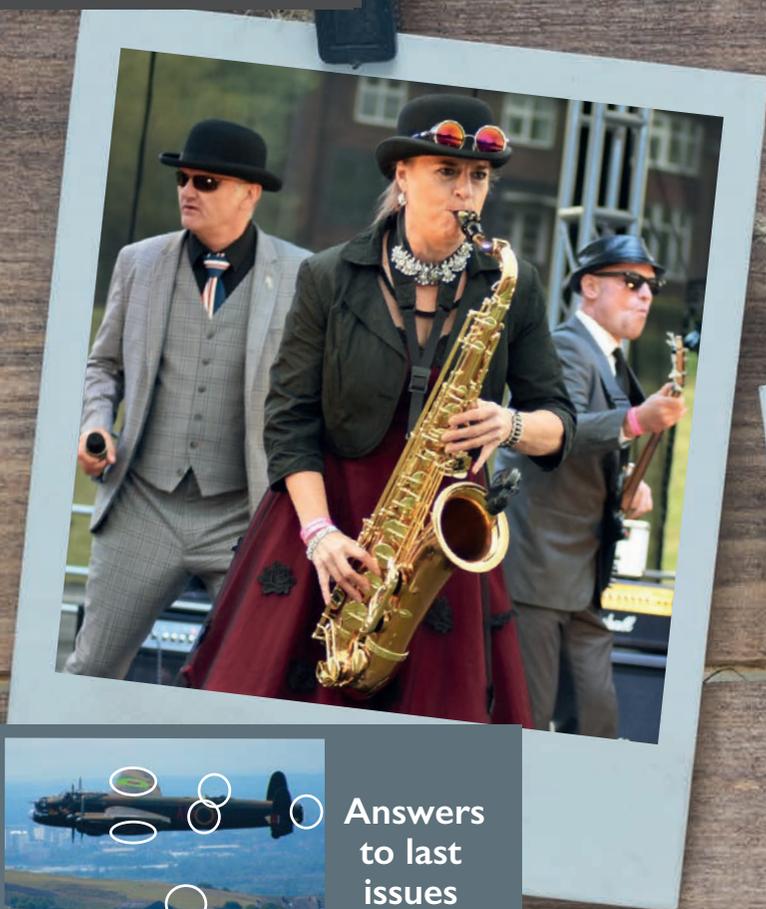
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Answers to last issues  
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## THE SAMANTHA JONES TRUST UPDATE



TSJT, Saddleworth based children's leukaemia charity, receive regular requests for help from children and their families from across the North west for treats, wishes and equipment to make life with leukaemia easier. Here's a taster of what the team have been up to...

**TSJT SUNDAY INDOOR MARKETS**  
The 2018 Markets are going from strength to strength and enabling us to fund raise to provide vital funds to help TSJT to fulfil requests for help and support to local children with Leukaemia.

The TSJT Markets feature ALL NEW products and continue to evolve and feature a variety of new stalls each month, including regulars selling cosmetics and body products, clothes, accessories, crafts, toy and book stalls along with more food produce and home ware on offer. There is also a pop up nail and brow bar!

TSJT raises funds on the day by running its café for hot breakfast and lunches as well as a fabulous themed cake stall and tombola stall which is enabling the Trust to continue its important work. TSJT have received positive feedback from stall holders and members of the public who have loyally

supported the market since its inception.

For its continued success, TSJT needs the support of local people to come and enjoy the markets and help to raise funds.

**DATES FOR 2018 INDOOR MARKETS**  
Sunday 18th November  
Sunday 9th December

All 10am to 3pm, free entry and free parking. The market will also continue in 2019 with dates to be released in January.

TSJT have been the chosen charity of the year for The Woman of Oldham and the team attended the annual fundraising lunch on 26th September.

Natalie Daniels from the charity said "It is a privilege and an honour to secure the support of The Woman of Oldham and help us to continue the local work we do with children and families affected by Leukaemia."

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# Colour me in...



Set in tranquil spot, you can find these little wooden bugs amongst the real ones.

*Have you seen this scene on your walks*

**Answers to last issues Where am I? Milestone by the Navigation Pub, Uppermill**

## Happy Autumn Everyone!

Here's some exciting and wonderful news... We co-organized "Moove And Groove Festival " with Danielle Carroll who runs D.C. Fitness. Held at The Oddies in Royton, it showcased Dancing, Line dancing , Laughter Yoga, Singing and Signing, Funky Fitness Session, Mindfulness and Emotional Freedom Techniques, as well as Mixed Martial Arts. Awards were given at the finale to our members who have gained their Dance Leadership Certification in the Dance by Example course.

Spurred on by the success of the last two months we continued to go within our community as we have done in the past, taking the things we learn to residential care homes with the emphasis on fitness and mindfulness. This time we visited Holland Close in Delph delivering our Well-being sessions including Fun Dance routines, Sing and sign and some meditation methods.

We are being asked more and more by other organizations including Oldham College to deliver presentations to promote the good stuff we do at Funky, spreading the word about our Holistic approach to self-improvement and independent living. Also delivering presentations at

Social Care groups and the People's Museum Manchester.

We are looking forward to the Santa Dash! And hope to involve members and their families as we thoroughly enjoyed it last year. Santa suits are a must.

We are looking forward to delivering dance by example sessions in local schools and residential homes. Dragon Arts (who deliver amazing sessions) want to work with local groups like us and residential homes delivering sessions focusing on improving emotional, mental and physical wellbeing. For further details contact Richard Kirkham on 07729476952.

Following our amazing success at the



George Lawton Hall we had a visit from the Mayor of Mossley Irene Raddings and Mayoress Christine Lyness who joined us for a healthy lunch and participated in our fitness, signing and meditation session. We have even been booked for their Christmas event on Friday 14th December 2018.

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# FRUITY FAVOURITES FOR THE FESTIVE FRIVOLITIES!

By Tim Naylor  
(Saddleworth Wine Vault)

Merry Christmas everybody! I hope your preparations are well under way. And don't forget the wine! We've chosen a 'Fantastic Four' to make your celebrations go with a bang, fizz or maybe just a slurp.

At this time of year, we often get asked what is the most popular wine at Christmas. Well, 'Do I have to eat my Brussels Sprouts?' was a particular favourite of mine when I was younger.

Mind you, as somebody who was indeed, mildly dyslexic as a child, it always seemed to be getting me into a bit of trouble. I mean, it was hardly my fault that all my letters to Father Christmas began with....'Dear Satan'

And then there was the time I got into terrible trouble for doing my Christmas shopping too early. I didn't really see the harm in it, until the nice policeman explained that 'early' doesn't mean before the shop opens.

Anyway, it's Christmas. And as a new female Doctor Who appears on our screens we think it's important that we do our bit to keep up with the current zeitgeist of female empowerment. So, with some help

from the 'Alaska Department of Fish and Game', we can exclusively reveal the following breaking news story.

During the summer both male and female reindeer grow antlers. Male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. However female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, all Santa's reindeer, as depicted with antlers, must be female! That might explain why Rudolph was never allowed to join in any of their games.

But I digress - on to the wines....

## Ruinart Blanc de Blancs - Champagne £50

Top notch Champagne from the well renowned Ruinart house. Made purely from Grand Cru Chardonnay, this is a fantastic way to start your Christmas feast.

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## Avancia Godello - Spain, 2016 £18.95



Beautiful white wine from Galicia in north west Spain. Made from 100% Godello grapes from 40 yr old vines grown in a chalky, mineral soil. Tropical fruit aromas predominate on the nose - pineapple, pear, mango and grapefruit - with a touch of vanilla and nutmeg from the seven months oak ageing.

Plump and unctuous on the palate, this is a sumptuous delight of mouth



watering tropical fruit flavours, with a lovely balance of gentle acidity, well integrated oak and a long, satisfying, mineral finish. A fantastic alternative to a white Burgundy for your festive feast!

## Whispering Angel Rose - France, 2017 £16.95

One of the jewels in the Cotes de Provences crown - this is an elegant blend of Cinsault, Syrah and Grenache, from Caves d'Esclans. The grapes are grown in the La Motte region of Provence, with the hot summer temperatures tempered by cooling sea breezes to provide optimum growing conditions. In the glass the wine is a gorgeous coral pink colour, with a very



expressive nose of red fruits, in particular cherry and raspberry. There's also some stone fruit influence and a hint of garrigue herbiness. On the palate, it is deliciously rounded and smooth, with tart raspberries toned down by silky cherry notes. A long, rounded finish seals the deal. Roses aren't just for summer! Give it a go.

## Long Barn Pinot Noir - California, 2016 £12.95

And here is the answer to the



question at the top of the page! Pinot Noir combines beautifully with the traditional Christmas Turkey, and this is an absolute cracker from California. Produced by Fior di Sole in Napa Valley, this is a silkily seductive Pinot with oodles of flavour. Plenty of typical cherry and raspberry on the nose with an earthy undertone and a hint of spice. Medium bodied on the palate, with notes of bramble fruit and cherries and a subtle sweet spice character. Raspberries and strawberries provide fresh acidity and give background support to the symphony of soft tannins. A silky mouthfeel and lingering fresh fruit flavours make this wine one to savour and enjoy.

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# ROAST CHICKEN AND HAM HOCK PIE

## A Classic Winter Warmer

By Anthony Byrom of No 11, Station Road in Marsden

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1 kg skinless/boneless chicken thigh meat  
1 small ham hock  
1 pack of puff pastry  
2 onions  
1 carrot roughly chopped  
2 cloves of garlic  
3 sprigs of thyme  
4 sage leaves  
2 bay leaves  
10 black pepper corns  
400ml of chicken stock  
300g chestnut mushrooms  
200ml double cream  
200g butter  
200g plain flour  
1 star anise  
3 whole cloves

### Method

1) Firstly you want to wash the ham hock under a cold running tap to wash away some of the excess brine and then leave for 2 hours in cold water changing the water every 30 minutes this will reduce some of salt content in the hock but different meats will vary.

2) After the 2 hour period place the ham into a large casserole dish or pan cover with fresh cold water. Add the star anise, cloves, 1 onion and the carrot and 1 bay leaf and the pepper corns I wouldn't add any salt to the ham at this stage of cooking.

3) Cover with a tight fitting lid and place into a pre heated oven at 160 degrees and cook until the bone falls freely when given a gently tug this can take anything from 2 to 3 hours depending again on the size of the hock. Once the meat is cooked and

cooled slightly remove any fat, skin and bones and break the soft pink meat into large chunks. This can be done the day before to save time and don't throw away the stock as it can be used to make a great soup

4) Next step is to dice the remaining onion and crush the garlic start to soften them in a large frying pan before adding the chicken thigh meat which can be seasoned with a crunch of sea salt and a twist or two of black pepper

5) Now strip the delicate leaves from the thyme and add to the chicken along with the remaining bay leaf and turn up the heat

Start adding the chicken stock slowly 100ml at a time so as to allow it to reduce and intensify

6) Once all the stock is reduced then add the cream and bring to a gentle boil. Mix together the butter and flour to make a soft paste and then add this to the hot chicken cream the sauce will be thick and silky in texture by now so place to one side to cool

7) Quarter cut the mushrooms and fry gently in a separate pan before seasoning and adding to the chicken and then finally add the pre cooked ham hock till you visually decide that there is an equal balance of chicken to ham.

8) Transfer the mix into a suitable pie dish with relatively deep sides and chop the sage leaves over the filling before covering with a lid of puff pastry. Wash with a beaten egg yolk and bake in a pre heated oven 180 degrees for about 35 to 40 minutes till the crust is golden

9) Make sure the filling is piping hot before serving I would recommend a large dollop of creamy mashed potatoes and some curly kale.

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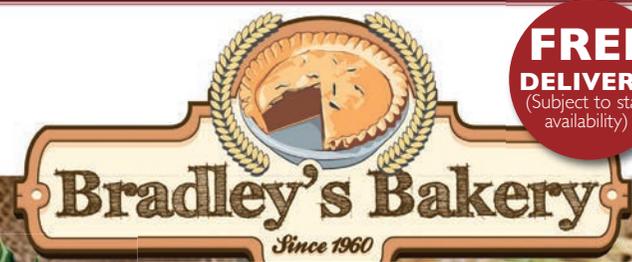
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Now as he hangs up his utensils for the last time, he is delighted to be handing over the keys to his cooking kingdom to his daughter Helen and her partner Kristi Fuller.

John said: "I am really pleased that Helen and Kristi are taking over. I was over the moon when they

told me what they had decided.

"Helen was a partner in the business for about nine years so she knows our ethos and what's important to the company.

"But she's also learned a lot doing her own thing for the last three years, by successfully running The Foxhole in Meltham with Kristi."

However, with a heavy heart, Helen and Kristi realised they couldn't run both businesses to their maximum potential due to the work load, so decided to sadly close The Fox Hole to solely concentrate on Mann's Wharf.

Helen said "Dad had been trying to sell Mann's Wharf for a while but hadn't had the right offer. I thought we could do it so decided



John Stevenson handing over Mann's Wharf to daughter Helen (left) and her partner Kristi after a successful 21 years.

to give it a go. We tried to run both for a month or so but we knew it was just too much when we were getting up at 3am to bake pies!"

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# HAVE A CHIM CHIMINEY CHRISTMAS

By Mike Kemble

The countdown is officially on. Christmas is almost upon us and we can start to think about who will be around the table come the twenty-fifth. Planning the days activities is part of the fun and this year why not partake in a family film-day sing-along. It's all the rage didn't you know? Cinematic musicals have been thrust into the lime-light once again through the unbelievable success of *The Greatest Showman*, starring Hugh Jackman and Zac Efron.

However, be prepared for an avalanche of light-hearted laughter and tears as a boom in similar musical extravaganzas takes place in 2019. You'll no longer be able to delight in the peaceful joy of film-going concentration centred on the screen in front of you. Oh no, instead you will be ushered into being an active participant as the audience erupts at every given opportunity to sing to their hearts content. It really isn't for everyone and special screenings are now in place, though this hasn't stopped the die-hards from belting out their favourite numbers.

Timing is everything and the biggest musical experience is around the corner as *Mary Poppins Returns* hits the big screens over the festive period, giving the whole family the opportunity to take a trip out to the multiplex and join-in all the fun. It's not a cheap day out by any means but the experience of singing and dancing in a packed-out theatre with like-minded

people can do wonders for the soul. Better still, why not bring the fun to your own home this year and instead of that boring board game you get out once a year, find yourself a copy of *The Greatest Showman*, print-out the lyrics to each song and enjoy with all the family. It'll liven-up the days proceedings and have you connecting with family and friends like you wouldn't believe. Give it a go! Get your Christmas jumpers on and have a sing-a-ling-a-ling Christmas to remember.

Films to watch over the coming months...

**Prospect (2nd November):** Set in the distant future, this sci-fi drama pits a young girl and her father in a fight for survival when they travel to a remote alien moon to source some hidden gems, only to find that others are looking to do the same and will stop at nothing to gain the riches available to them all.

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**Grindelwald (16th November):** The second installment from J.K. Rowling post Harry Potter, sees Newt Scamander enlisted again to thwart the evil deeds of the powerful Dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald in what looks to be a riveting action-adventure for all the family.

**Creed II (21st November):** Sylvester Stallone is back as Rocky Balboa in this boxing melodrama, which sees a fall from grace for the young boxer Adonis Creed, before their true loyalty and friendship propel them to reach for the top again.

**Mary Queen of Scots (7th December):** Saoirse Ronan (*Mary*) and Margot Robbie (*Elizabeth*) star in this bewitching tale of friendship and betrayal as the

competing Queens fight for sovereignty over the people of Scotland and England, changing the course of history forever.

**Mary Poppins Returns (19th December):**

More than 54 years have passed since the original *Mary Poppins* and some of the previous crew are back along with an assortment of new and colourful characters, with the delightful Emily Blunt taking the reins as the enigmatic nanny *Mary Poppins*. A sing-along shoo-in for the Christmas number one spot surely.

Have a lovely family Christmas everybody and I'll see you next time for all the 2019 new releases!

Mike

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## NORTHERN CARNIVAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE TO BE BUILT IN TAMESIDE

BY SARA TEIGER

A Mossley carnival arts organisation has risen like a phoenix from the ashes after a catastrophic mill fire destroyed 15 years' worth of work.

Global Grooves [1] lost hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of giant puppets and handprinted costumes when their storage warehouse at Ray Mill in Stalybridge burned to the ground in March.

But now the charity is back and stronger than ever as it announces plans to turn its current home - The Vale [2] - into a £1 million carnival arts hub.

The project will create Tameside's first high quality and accessible arts centre, providing exceptional facilities for local and international artists, audiences, young people and communities from Greater Manchester and beyond.

Arts Council England has contributed £490,000 to project through Small Capital Grant funding. Phase one is due to open to the public in spring 2020.

A centre of excellence for carnival in the north, Global Grooves' new facility will be only the second building dedicated to the development of carnival arts in England. The UK Centre For Carnival Arts opened in Luton in 2009.

CEO Leon Patel said: "Global Grooves has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a world class arts facility in Tameside - the first in the borough - consolidating all our activities in one place, catalysing a borough-wide engagement with arts and carnival, and building a locally-rooted, internationally connected, resilient and sustainable arts organisation".

"We will create accessible new spaces in which audiences and participants will mix with most dynamic artists and ideas from around the globe, to learn, imagine, create, grow, and share breath-taking carnival arts here on the edge of the Pennine hills."

Alison Clark, director north, Arts Council England said: "This award will give a new home to carnival arts in the north west and is great news for carnival which makes such a huge contribution to festivals and public celebrations. Centres like this are also so important to artists and communities and we are pleased to be able to support it."

Sarah Maxfield, area director north, Arts Council England, said: "The Arts Council's Small Capital Grants help to ensure that organisations have the



right buildings and equipment so that they can continue reaching new and broader audiences, to ensure that everyone is able to access arts and culture. I am proud to see that in this round of funding we have been able to give £3.6 million to support 11 organisations from across the north to achieve their ambitions to improve how they deliver arts and culture to our communities."

Arts and learning centre The Vale, on Micklehurst Road, was launched on a shoestring as a social enterprise in September 2015. Five partner organisations including Global Grooves put in £35,000 of their own money in order to open Vale Mill up to the public.

Popular as the centre has been, offering a year round programme of live music, film showings, theatre, workshops and family activities, access is compromised as entry is via a steep external staircase and some spaces are rudimentary and not completely weather proofed. The new centre will be fully accessible and finished to a high standard.

Since 2003, Global Grooves has inspired people all over the globe to take part in carnival-style events, working in the Gambia, Brazil, New Zealand, Singapore, and Trinidad & Tobago. It was founded by friends Holly Prest, Eraldo Marques, and Leon Patel. Leon and Holly met at a community music project in Mossley when they were 13-years-old. Now a National Portfolio Organisation, Global Grooves performs regularly to audiences of over 45,000 and have worked with thousands of participants around the world.



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# SADDLEWORTH VILLAGE OLYMPICS

## 2018 REVIEW

The Saddleworth Village Olympics got off to a rather wet start on Saturday 8th September. A brief moment of respite in the weather allowed the traditional balloons to be released after the games were formally opened by guest of honour Richard Foster on behalf of the Saddleworth Round Table who sponsored this years competitor medals (see pictured).

Despite the (at times persistent) rain, organisers managed to get the athletics event started; readers may recall it had to be cancelled last year due to inclement weather. The junior event was won by Greenfield and the senior honours went to Uppermill. These events were separated by the very first tug-o-war event. The brand new trophies were presented by Bev Hilton (brolly in hand) to Delph & Denshaw ("D&D") in 10/11 age group and Uppermill and LGFG who shared the 8/9 yr old award. The trophies have been named in honour of her late husband, Ben, who sadly passed away last year. Before the trophies were presented, co-chairman Adrian Green announced that; "[Ben's] enthusiasm and encouragement was a major driving force in ensuring that the

games have continued for as long as they have".

Poor weather was an unfortunate factor throughout the three weeks of competition and Adrian noted that he cannot remember a games quite as wet. This year hockey was introduced for the first time with assistance from Oldham hockey club, who provided umpires and equipment on the day. The event was well attended and feedback from parents and competitors was extremely positive. The first winners of this award were Lydgate, Grasscroft, Friezland and Grotton ("LGFG") in the 10/11 age group and Diggle in the 12/13 age group.

The overall winners award has this year been split between the juniors (7-11) and seniors (12-16) with D&D winning the Junior cup and Greenfield the Senior cup.

The Frank Sykes Fair Play trophy; which is the only trophy that reflects the behaviour, spirit and attitude demonstrated by the village as a



whole; was this year shared by Dobcross and LGFG. The winners (voted for by the umpires, organisers and volunteers of each event) do not know they have won until the night of their presentation evening. Co-Chairman Jon Mayor presented the trophy to the surprised LGFG team, and Scott Longley and Adrian Green (pictured) presented the trophy to the equally surprised Dobcross team the following evening.



incredible and the organisers have expressed their thanks to everyone who took the time to complete it. The results will now be analysed with an aim to making the games even better in coming years.

When asked to sum up how he felt this years event had gone, Adrian Green noted "I won't lie the wet weather hurt us. It's not nice for organisers, spectators or competitors to hang around in the cold and wet weather but I was truly humbled and amazed by the manner in which they all rallied round the games. The children seemed to love it, the community spirit shone through and the games were once again well supported. We cannot guarantee the weather but it seems that this event remains in the heart of a great many people in Saddleworth and that makes all the hard work that the organising committee put in to continue this event all the more worthwhile. We will be back to do it all again next year but hopefully the rain won't be!

**"if you wish to get involved next year in whatever capacity please contact the organisers via [svogames@gmail.com](mailto:svogames@gmail.com). they are particularly interested in hearing from local businesses / business people who may like to sponsor the event next year.**

"Spirit of the games" plates are also presented to one boy and one girl from each village who in the opinion of the coaches and team organisers most demonstrated the Olympics motto: "Playing by the rules, winning with pride, losing with grace and making friends along

the way, in the hope that, through sport, we will help strengthen our community spirit." Pictured receiving their awards are Emily Hohmann & Ptolemy Gladwin from Dobcross.

The organising committee carried out a survey during this years event(s) which asked for feedback about how the games can develop in future. There were over 230 responses which was

## RECYCLE BINS COME TO BOWER FOLD

Stalybridge Celtic Foundation are pleased to take delivery of two clothes recycling bins at Bower Fold, supporting one of our six adopted charities for the 2018/19 season, Reuben's Retreat (Charity Number: 1150436).

The bins are easily accessible at the ground, one situated in between the Main Entrance and the Middle Gate, with the other right outside the Turnstiles near the Social Club.

They welcome donations of any unwanted children's or adult clothes and shoes, all shapes and sizes, so if you are coming up to the Match, going to the

gym or just passing, you can drop them off anytime of the day and night.

Mike Smith, Community Development Officer, "We are delighted to help and assist Reuben's Retreat with this request and hope that our supporters and the general public, can donate any clothing they no longer require. We



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also look forward to welcoming staff and volunteers from Reuben's Retreat to Bower Fold on Saturday

3rd November 2018 for their designated Charity Day at Stalybridge Celtic FC where they have lots of activities planned!

**For more information contact Reuben's Retreat**  
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# OLDHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

By Heather Howe

So here we are... Winter again! After a wonderful summer season ODRC are not giving in to the elements just yet!

We have just begun our Winter dressage series, kindly sponsored by Naylors. The Winter series is a stand alone competition allowing riders to gain more experience in more difficult tests ahead of summer 2019. The riders will all put forwards their scores into a league table, and at the end of the series the winners will collect some amazing prizes donated by our sponsors.



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Over the next few months we will be hosting some clinics in dressage, showing, Working Hunter and show jumping. We are also hosting another fundraising Pony Party, to raise funds for the Freizland user Group. Oldham & District Riding club are a member of the Freizland user group;



together we aim to raise funds to maintain the arena site for public usage, including for dog walkers.

The highlight of our year so far was sending a host of local riders to compete at Stars championships. This competition was only eligible to our points champions, meaning that our riders were competing against top riding club champions at the Stars championships. The event was held at the prestigious Aintree racetrack & international event centre. All of our riders had a fabulous time, and we even came home with some very impressive prizes.

Notable mentions must go to Saskia Eccles, who braved a 3 am start to get her horse to the event for her 7.30 am class, Livs prior who came 4th in the junior equitation out of 40 UK champions, Fran Taylor who expertly presented her Dales pony Rosie (who is part of the UK's endangered breed list), Emma Stewart who has nursed her horse back to exemplary health from a very complicated injury just 18 months ago, and finally Amber Hulley whose horse was noted by a top UK judge and was awarded a much sought after rising star award.

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3D Dynamos News  
by Steve Laithwaite,  
Neil Beevor and  
Tom McDermott

## Young Dynamos Take First Footballing Steps

3D Dynamos entered three under-7 teams into the East Manchester Junior Football League for 2018 / 2019 season. The matches, played at Curzon Ashton on a Sunday morning, allow the young players to continue the fine work they've done over the last 18 months at our club Soccer School with Mark Aston, only this time in a more 'competitive' environment. While the ethos of the club at this level is very much about enjoyment, the boys have adapted particularly well to the new format of match based games against different teams.

### Under 7 Yellows – Barry McManus

McManus's team are developing well in the league games and have progressed



in the cup competition, and have managed to overcome varying challenges each week by playing some exciting football and scoring plenty of goals in the process. Barry was the first of the new coaching team to complete his FA Level One badge.

### Under 7 Blues - Jamie Edmondson and Jonny Fielding

Placed in a very strong league the management duo worked tirelessly with the lads on some of the basics of the game at training. The team have

not only recently picked up on their performances, but have also seen one of their players invited to attend the Manchester City Academy at the Etihad complex.

### Under 7 Reds - Paul White and Tom McDermott

The Reds have enjoyed a mixed start to the season and the youngsters flew out of the blocks in September. After some really good performances, the East Manchester League rewarded them with promotion to a more competitive division with teams of the Reds standard; effectively a double promotion. A disappointment in the cup and some stiffer tests haven't deterred the side and they remain hopeful of rediscovering their early season form in the coming months.

### Open Age Dynamos Reversing the Decline

At a time when more people are consuming and obsessing over professional football through the Premier League than ever before, the numbers of adults participating in grassroots football continues to decline at a significant rate year on year. At a time when there has never been more money flowing through the professional game, adult grassroots football is facing a crisis. The problem is multi-layered and has many causes, but is starting to coalesce into a perfect storm – and not just because of the appalling weather that leads to numerous postponements.

The Football Association, the game's governing body has recognised this decline and created a funding scheme to aid the retention of adult male teams within grassroots football clubs. The fund has been created to boost football's traditional format following a recent decrease in the number of adult male FA-affiliated grassroots league teams. Retain the Game, which is funded by The FA and delivered by the Football Foundation, is making

grants available to existing grassroots football clubs to enable them to continue offering valued playing opportunities in organised football.

3D Dynamos Football Club have secured this grant funding for the 2018 / 2019 season which will serve a useful purpose in the running costs of adult football. The Club's sole aim was to maintain the current status quo of two adult teams, but this has been surpassed by the creation of an additional team for the current season due to the increasing number of players attending training and registering to play for the club. All three teams play in the Huddersfield and District Football League, the First team currently in Division 3, the Reserves in Division 3 Reserves and the A team in Division 4. In excess of 50 players are playing adult grassroots football within their community club.

### Joining 3D Dynamos

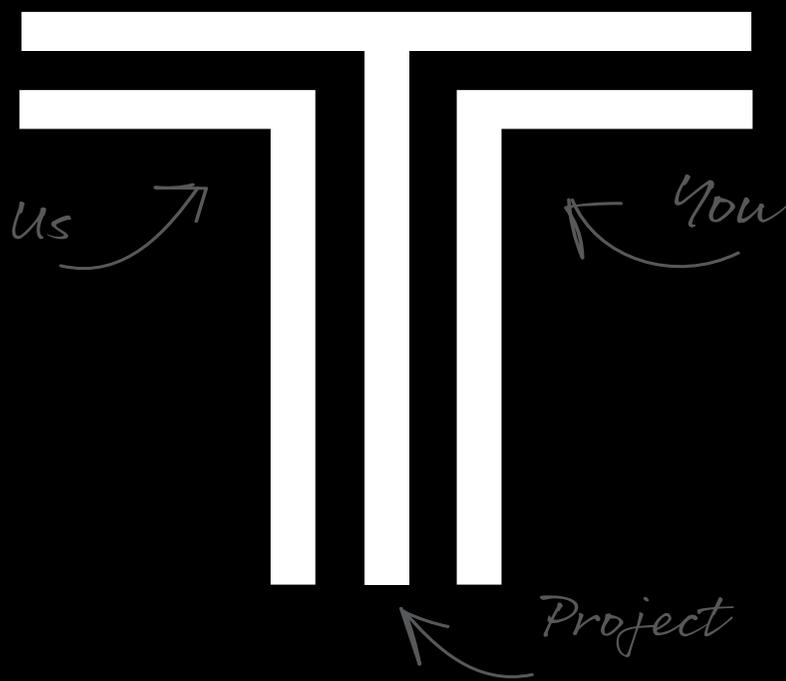
For more than a quarter of a century, 3D Dynamos have grown to the point where we now have 18 successfully run teams, ranging from the Soccer School (age 4-6), through to Open Age, and Veterans (Over 35's). Each of our teams is run by FA qualified coaches and our mission is to continue to provide our local community with a facility for the promotion of football for all age groups, with a particular emphasis on developing skills and enjoyment in youth football.

We are always on the lookout for new additions and warmly welcome new players of all ages from the Saddleworth and surrounding areas. If you're interested in joining one of our teams, or would like to volunteer and help out with coaching and/or running the club - please email Lesley Milne our club secretary: [lesley.milne123@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.milne123@btinternet.com), or call our Chairman Carl Hirst on 07773 036593.

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# END OF A GREAT INNINGS FOR LOCAL CRICKETING LEGEND

FORMER Lancashire cricketer Geoff Clayton has died at the age of 80.



Mossley born Geoff passed away in September at the Holland Close sheltered housing facility in Delph. His funeral took place at St Thomas Church, Delph on Monday, October 15 at noon, followed by a committal at Hollinwood Crematorium which was officiated by Malcolm Lorimer LCC Chaplin.

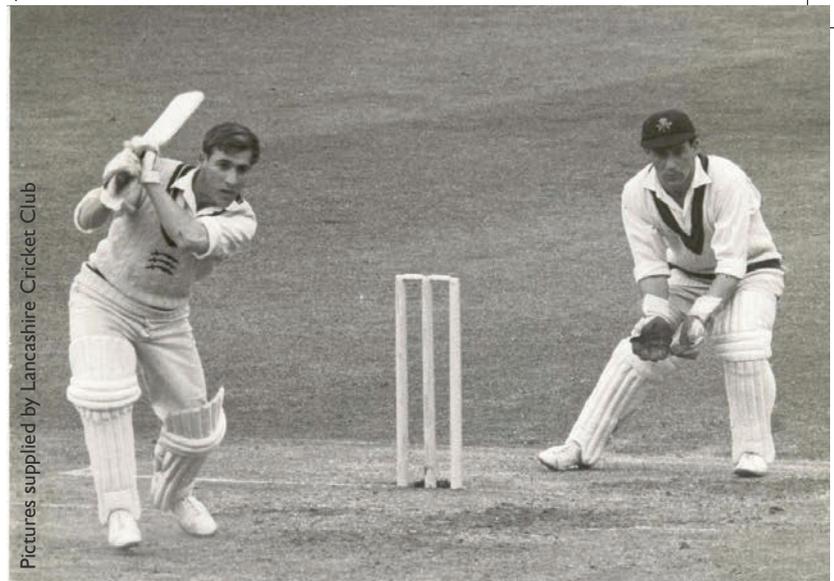
Geoff's career began at Micklehurst Cricket Club, who have sent condolences to his surviving family. He was one of four brothers: Frank, John (also known as Jack), and Derek. Geoff made his first-class debut in 1957 playing for the Combined Services against Worcestershire, making his first appearance for the Red Rose

county in 1959.

A right-handed batsman and excellent wicket keeper, he was awarded his county cap in 1960. He wasn't retained by the Old Trafford club after the 1964 campaign and joined Somerset with whom he was also awarded a county cap in 1965.

In just his fourth match he compiled a maiden century as night watchman against Middlesex. His innings of 106 was the highest score of his decade long first-class career. The following season Geoff claimed 84 victims to become the leading wicket keeper in the English game.

He also appeared in the 1967 Gillette



Cup final at Lords against a Kent side featuring cricket legend, Colin Cowdrey, future England skipper Mike Denness and other internationals, Alan Knott, Brian Luckhurst and Derek Underwood.

Kent won by 32 runs with Geoff making just eight before being dismissed by Underwood. A few weeks later he played his final game for Somerset and didn't appear in the first-class arena again having scored 6154 runs in 274 matches.

Among the tributes paid was a tweet from Lancashire CCC saying: "Very sad to hear the passing of former Lancashire wicket keeper Geoff Clayton earlier in the week. Our thoughts are with his friends and family."

News of Geoff's death has led to further tributes from friends and acquaintances throughout Mossley and Saddleworth.

An old friend from his Mossley days said: "He was certainly a character. Geoff was a no nonsense fella and a lot of people, including me, are going to miss him."



Pictured: The Delph & Dobcross junior squad with all the trophies they've won during the 2018 season.

## DELPH & DOBCROSS CC JUNIORS

EXCITING END TO AN INCREDIBLE SEASON

The junior cricket teams at Delph & Dobcross CC have enjoyed an outstanding 2018 season. The club run three teams at junior level under 11s, under 13s and under 15s, all of whom play in the Huddersfield Junior Cricket League.

Under 11s were worthy winners of their league, winning 11 and only losing 1 of the 12 league games played.

Similarly the under 13s were winners of their league, again winning 11 and losing only 1 of 12 league games. Their league position was only decided on the last game of the season when they managed to win away at previously undefeated Almondbury Wesleyans.

The Under 15s were runners up in a

very competitive league, winning 9 and losing 3 of their league games.

As well as games within the Huddersfield Junior League the club also had several players who represented Oldham at District cricket with a good level of success, the Oldham Under 11 District team retaining the Lancashire District Cup in a tense final.

THE JUNIORS ARE ALWAYS ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR NEW PLAYERS AND ANY CHILD IS WELCOME REGARDLESS OF ABILITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET INVOLVED NEXT SEASON, YOU CAN CONTACT MARK LEVER TEL: 07976820168

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# DUMP THE DIETS & KEEP IT SIMPLE!

By Andy Yates

## What is a calorie?

Before we go into how many calories your body needs, most people don't actually know what a calorie is. A calorie is a unit that is used to measure energy. The calorie you see on a food package is actually a kilocalorie, or 1,000 calories. A calorie (Kcal) is the amount of energy needed to raise temperature of 1 kilogram of water 1 degree Celsius.

## How many calories does your body need?

Now that you know what a calorie is how many calories does your body need. The NHS as a guide say Men need 2500 Kcal to maintain a healthy body weight and Women need 2000 Kcal. However, these values are just a starting point the amount of calories needed daily can vary depending on age, size, specific training goals and daily levels of activity.

## What is a caloric deficit?

A caloric deficit is when the number of calories you consume is less than the amount of calories required for bodyweight maintenance therefore if I

was to drop my calorie intake to 2,700 calories and kept my activity levels the same I would lose weight. If you are trying to lose weight you need to be in a caloric deficit which suits your own body and lifestyle. When trying to lose weight it's so important to weight train to sustain your muscle mass and also fill your calories with plenty of protein to help repair muscles.

## What is a calorie surplus?

A calorie surplus is the opposite to a deficit where by you eat more calories than you burn. When your body is at a calorie surplus you either use the extra calories to build muscle or they store as fat.

To build muscle you need to be combining your calorie surplus with a weight training routine to overload the muscles then the body will direct the extra calories to build muscle. If you don't provide the body with enough calories you will not gain weight or get stronger. A greater calorie surplus generally leads to faster weight gain however if you eat too much you will build muscle but

then also gain fat.

My opinion is if your trying to lose body fat then train hard, keep active and be in a small calorie deficit and then you will lose weight and keep your muscle mass therefore your body fat percentage will reduce steadily. If you are trying to build muscle be in a small calorie surplus and slowly gain muscle whilst not putting on the excess body fat.



**My DAILY ROUTINE** when weight training to build muscle (small calorie surplus)...

**6:00am** protein shake with water – I struggle eating early and need some calories in my body to kick start the day (250 calories)

**9:30am** porridge with skimmed milk and blueberries and glass of water and a large coffee and scrambled egg and salmon (850 calories). I like having a big breakfast as this gives me plenty of energy to train myself and clients through the day.

**12:30pm** small jacket potato tuna and cheese and salad pint of water and coffee (600 calories) I chose this meal because its high in protein and carbs

to help fuel my body and give me the energy I need to train.

**2:00pm** weight training and high intensity cv.

**3:00pm** granola, small banana and natural yoghurt with an orange juice (500 calories) this is a good post workout snack as its high in protein and carbohydrates and a fair number of calories to refuel my body after a heavy workout.

**6:00pm** lasagne and salad and green tea (750 calories) I chose this as I enjoy the food and it keeps within my calories for the day.

**8:00pm** rice pudding (350 calories) I enjoy rice pudding and it's my treat for the day.

Total amount of calories = 3,300

Don't overthink nutrition as it's pretty straight forward. A lot of people try to over complicate diet. You need to enjoy life so eat the foods which you enjoy having and if you fancy a beer, have a beer ,but try and keep to your own calorie control. If you eat too many calories and you're not active enough, then you'll gain fat. If you eat less calories and are active, then you'll lose weight. It's not rocket science so choose what you want to do and do it...**and Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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