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NEWS

... 4 More Years; So The Chant Went Up by Chris Caton-Greasley

Just before the election there was an interesting letter from a Mr David Walker in the Daily Mail. The letter was entitled Paper Tigers and included a paragraph.

“But any idea that the local press these days acts as a check on councils and the police must be based on TV detective series like Morse, Frost and Midsomer Murders, in which every local newspaper has a crusading editor or reporter determined to root out scandals.”

It continues

“Due to cutbacks, reporters long ceased to attend council meetings, so our elected members are no longer subject to scrutiny. All we read now are bland reports and back-slapping information issued by the council’s press office. The paper relies on the police to inform it of any local incidents, and it’s not uncommon for even major ones to fail to appear in print”

SHMD News is a paper published by volunteers whose wage is wholly dependent on the sales of adverts exceeding the cost of publication. Cutbacks do not affect us attending council meetings or reporting on them.

Tuesday night saw the first meeting of the new council with an agenda that included the mayor making. Congratulations to the incoming Mayor Cllr Philip Fitzpatrick and Deputy Mayor and Consort Cllr Janet Cooper and her partner Mr Dennis Fitzpatrick.

It was disappointing to see the “public” gallery consisted of only three people, although the number of empty chairs were, I assume, for the invited guests of the Mayor Making which followed. The meeting started with an opening by Retiring Mayor Ricci which included recognition of the Tameside citizens recognised in this New Year’s Honours list.

In addition to the MBE awarded to Chief Executive, the MBE was awarded to Sandra Marston from Denton for services to the community in Tameside and to Anthony Chaba, also of Denton, for services to Minority Ethnic Communities in Manchester. Mr Peter Fish of Hollingworth was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the elderly in Hollingworth, Hyde and Glossop and Mr Alan Humphries, a retired Police Officer from Stalybridge, was awarded the Queen’s Police Medal to recognise his distinguished service in neighbourhoods across the region.

Cllr Kieran Quinn was invited to give an opening address which was based on the message “Hard work pays” and broadly consisted of a summary of how 52% of the electorate agreed seeing through the propaganda by opposition candidates and believe that Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council works hard on their behalf.

From our efforts in voting at the last election we, the people of Tameside, were rewarded with 17 TMBC Labour councillors and 2 Conservative councillors to represent us over the next four years.

166,895 people had registered to vote out of this 56,987 people choose to vote. There are two ways to look at these results.

The first option, not mentioned in Cllr Quinn’s speech is that roughly 34% of those registered to vote took the time to vote.

Labour took the largest percentage of those who voted with a result of roughly 50% of the people who could vote.

When looking at only the last part of the data it looks quite impressive, our council was elected by roughly 50% of the residents of Tameside.

The second option is to express the disappointment that only 34% of those who could, did actually vote and roughly 17% of those who did vote elected Tameside Labour; meaning our council, the seat of power in Tameside and our tenth of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, was elected by less than 20% of our residents.

To arrive at the conclusion that 52% of the people of the Nine towns of Tameside believe the council works hard on their behalf is naive at best and disillusioned at the worst. Any good politician can juggle figures to match their intention but no-one can deny that 28622 out of 166895 is not 52%.



The conclusion of the speech itemised a number of ways which indicate how TMBC Labour see that the leisure review, the bin swap scheme, the re-opening of the old Ashton Baths, the new council offices, the Ashton hub of excellence, general education standards are all successful solutions solving problems.

I wonder if 52% of the residents would agree with their conclusions.

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Stalybridge Fundraising Slimmers

by Andrew Brumpton

They are used to losing hundreds of pounds but now big-hearted slimmers in Stalybridge & Dukinfield have turned their attention to raising them. Members of the Stalybridge & Dukinfield Slimming World group collected 105 bags of clothes they've successfully slimmed out of to raise money for Cancer Research UK as part of the national fundraising campaign, the 'Big Slimming World Clothes Throw'. Abi, Mandy & Maria who run the Stalybridge Labour Club groups along with Wendy from Dukinfield, encouraged members, their friends and families in Stalybridge to collect the clothes, shoes and accessories they no longer need to generate stock for the Stalybridge Cancer Research UK shop. Maria says, "This year's Big Slimming World Clothes Throw event has been a fantastic success and I was overwhelmed by the amount of bags my members managed to collect for Cancer Research UK – they really are amazing! It was a fantastic atmosphere in group and it was so rewarding to raise such a phenomenal amount of stock for such an incredible cause. It's not just members of the group who have cleared out their wardrobes – we've had great support from the whole community. I'm still buzzing from all the donations we've had! Anyone who'd like to lose weight and join Slimming World is welcome at the Stalybridge group, which meets Tuesdays 5 & 7 & Wednesdays 9.30 & 12 with Abi, Thursdays 5.30 & 7.30 with Mandy and Saturday's 8 & 10am with Maria at Stalybridge Labour Club. To find out more visit www.slimmingworld.com or call Maria on 07711540115.



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BROTHER & FOREVER MANCHESTER IN TAMESIDE

by Dave Tate

I have been looking at some of the great work Brother UK do in the community. A long standing fixture in Tameside and they never forget about the area and the residents that surround them. I spoke to Sam Johnson of Brother about the money they have been investing across a broad range of community projects and causes through the Forever Manchester fund. He said. "The Brother/ Forever Manchester fund was set up in summer 2015 and consists of a 25k pot provided by Brother to help support and encourage community groups and charities to work together in Tameside.

We distribute our fund 3 times a year where groups can apply for up to £2,000 to help support a project or ongoing work in their area. At present Brother has specific criteria that we would first and foremost like to support that being Elderly education and enterprise. The fund has been a great success, seeing up to 25k worth of applications for one panel sitting. Unfortunately at present we are unable to support all applications as we have a limit on funding but the great thing about encouraging these applications is that if they are not successful with Brother, Forever Manchester will then go on to work with them and signpost them to other corporate funding available in the borough.

We have supported a variety of community groups and projects to date, everything from funding a Christmas lunch to a senior community group who work with the elderly to find seclusion and encourage friend groups to many of the local town teams who are working tirelessly to promote enterprise with their community and help bring footfall back into the local businesses that we all live and work around etc. Once applications are accepted we then offer the opportunity to colleagues at Brother to work and support these groups moving forward via our volunteering programme so not only do they have the funding required to start up but support and advice from Brother staff who very much enjoy helping on these projects.

I also spoke to Rachel Hirst of Forever Manchester and she added, "Forever Manchester is delighted to work with Brother UK to support local grassroots community activity across Tameside. Brother UK are a progressive company, deeply rooted in their local community, and our partnership has enabled both them and us to reach and support the many diverse community groups and projects which so often struggle to secure funding for their great work." We have many worthy community groups and causes in Tameside who should be encouraged to apply for funding through these and similar schemes. You never know what's available until you start to have a look around. If you are part of a community foundation or charity in Tameside and you fit into the criteria of Enterprise, Employment or The Elderly you may get funding through the Brother / Forever Manchester project.

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The Stalybridge Original Whit Friday Brass Band Contest

by Chris Caton-Greasley

Once a year moorland villages and towns are visited by multiple coaches of Brass Bands from near and far competing in the Whit Friday band contest. According to research done by Alec Greenhalgh for his book "Hail Smiling Morn" published in 1992 the first true Whit Friday brass band contest had originated in Uppermill and Stalybridge in 1884.* Historically the competition has been part of the local calendar since Whit Friday 6 June 1870**. In 1884 two unconnected events in Uppermill and Stalybridge (or, according to Wikipedia, Mossley). Whichever town it was inadvertently launching an internationally renowned and unique brass band occasion -



the Annual Whit Friday Band Contests.

The Whit Friday contests are now firmly placed in the brass band calendar and attract thousands of people, whether musicians or spectators, to listen to brass band music at a variety of venues in Saddleworth and Tameside. The bands' discipline, stamina and organisational skills are tested to the limit. Each of the contests on the Whit Friday circuit is organised by a dedicated committee who organise their own contest prizes.

The bands move between the venues by coach, an example of which can be seen in the film "Brassed Off."

This is also a good example of how the Whit Friday Band contest, which started in Stalybridge (or Mossley) and Uppermill has seeded over a dozen other contests being added to what is now a world famous event. Ewan McGregor may have called it going to Saddleworth in the film "Brassed Off" but it all began in Stalybridge (or Mossley).



SHMD News reporters attended events in Carrbrook, Heyrod, Celtic and Stalybridge Labour club this year, the later of which re opened for the occasion. All events were as well organised as expected with commendments to all the bands who played on, even though the weather turned quite damp. Rumour has it that if the first band play outside, then all bands will play outside. Likewise if the first plays inside, all do.

The following letter was received from one of our readers regarding the Band Contest today.

It's disappointing that over the last 147yrs the original Stalybridge contest has been relegated to one of lesser contests while other towns and villages have

embraced it as an important part of their year.

This year's turnout was down due to a host of reasons one of the main ones being uncertainty over the contest having a bar in the weeks running up to it, but let's be honest it's not been as busy as it should be for years.

With the 150th anniversary only three years away now the town needs to embrace this part of OUR heritage and re-brand it as it what it is.

The Stalybridge original Whit Friday brass band contest..

I know this is going to face opposition but in order for that to happen and for it to not only continue for decades to come but to grow we need to move it into the heart of the town again. We have the perfect place to hold it in front on Weatherspoon's with the pedestrianized stretch of Grosvenor street ideal for the bands to march down with Armentieres square being perfect for the coaches to drop off and pick up the bands.

Over its 147yr history our contest has been held all over the town, time is right to move it again to the centre of the town for convenience, fiscal and acoustical reasons.

Regards

Neil

What do you think? Would it be more appropriate to hold the band contest on neutral political ground? Would it be better for the coaches to be able to drop off and pick up on a more convenient road away from the bands playing?

Send us your thoughts by letter or by email, replies will be published in the paper next month.

* With thanks to Mr R. Sykes for a perfectly timed comment containing this information on our Facebook page Stalybridge Town.

** Local legend and unverified citation on Wikipedia.



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The Colcloughs Relunched

Local resident Mike Hopwood has informed us of a relaunch of a radio soap akin to The Archers, but with a more down to earth theme and situation, that is coming to RNIB Connect Radio (formerly Insight Radio). The first episode was aired on the 16th May and will continue daily for the next four months. It may be located on Freeview Channel 730 or may be found online via the RNIB website (<http://www.rnibconnectradio.org.uk/>) further details can also be found on The Colcloughs website (<http://www.thecolcloughs.co.uk/>). A soap opera first heard in Stoke on Trent is now available to the UK and beyond on Freeview and online. The Colcloughs, which follows the ups and downs of a family from The Potteries, has been picked up by RNIB Connect Radio – a charity-run station for people living with sight loss. Written by a team led by Coronation Street writer Tony Perrin, the serial was originally made 25 years ago for broadcast on BBC Radio Stoke. It was expressly designed to promote healthy living after the so-called ‘sick city’ report revealed that the Six Towns had one of the poorest health profiles in the country.

Its creator and producer, Mike Hopwood, says :

“Our mission was to make a compelling kitchen-sink drama, with warmth and wit, to develop an interest in health matters. This involved weaving ‘cautionary’ tales through gritty storylines designed not to hector or lecture but essentially to entertain and inform, nudging listeners to re-examine their own health and well-being. Having heard it all again recently, I am confident it remains as relevant and entertaining today as it was in 1991. It’s a real shame it was only ever heard once – on one local station. “When the drama launched, we only had the capacity to produce one midweek episode, with a repeat at weekend. But now the serial is ‘on-the-shelf’ it can be rerun daily, like another well-known soap, so our audience can more easily make a date with it.”



Theatre Royal Fundraiser

The frontage of this magnificent building onto Corporation Street is well known in Hyde as a Landmark building, ornamented in red brick and terracotta. The building finally closed as a cinema in 1992. Despite prolonged disuse, the auditorium remains undivided, retaining much of its theatrical atmosphere. Demolition consent was given in 1999 and plans for a redevelopment scheme approved. However the building was spot-listed in April 2000, preventing its demolition. A Building Preservation Trust (Theatre Royal Onward) was set up in 2001, with a view to acquiring the building, but it was offered for auction in 2005 and acquired by a private investment company in 2006. However, its future remains unclear. The building was placed on the market for sale or let in September 2012 and it was auctioned on 11 December 2013, however this did not complete.

The Theatre Royal Onward Trust continues to campaign for the building’s restoration. Ken Salmon, of the Trust, and coordinator of Funtazia Musical Theatre Group in Hyde is organizing a fund raising event at The Newton Ward Club, Ashton Road, Hyde, SK14 4BH where all would be welcome to

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Rose Queen Elected

St George's Church, Mossley, have selected Stephanie Berry as their Church Rose Queen Elect for 2016-2017. Stephanie, who is 12 years old and attends The Bluecoat School, Oldham, follows in the family tradition as her Mum, older sister, Auntie and cousin have all been Rose Queens at St George's.

Stephanie will be no stranger to the responsibilities of her position when she is crowned in June as she has already been in the Rose Queen retinue three times before. Stephanie's hobbies and interests include Guides, being a Rainbow's helper, animals and watching St Helen's Rugby League. She is also a lifetime supporter of Mossley AFC.

Stephanie was officially adopted at a service on Whit Sunday, 15th May and her crowning ceremony was undertaken on Saturday May 21st at 2:30pm. Stephanie's retinue include her younger sister, Christina and friends Keira Ellis, Lois Broadbent and Dylan Dearden.



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DUKINFIELD



WHEN WERE YOUR GOOD OLD DAYS IN AND AROUND DUKINFIELD?

by Dave Tate

I've been feeling nostalgic today. It's been a nice day and have been into Dukinfield and had a wander round the park and popped in the shop on Concord Way for a drink. Found myself having memories from when I was around 11 or 12 feeling excited running up to Dukinfield Library to swap the games I'd borrowed for my Commodore 64 computer or my Amiga.



I remember Concord Way being a busy little place. Always people standing around chatting, popping in and out of the shops. Not sure I remember much of the shops? I remember the hardware shop and a general store that I believe is called Sorbies. Does anyone remember the old library or perhaps the train station?

How many other things has Dukinfield lost over the years? In the next edition we will be looking at some of the items that

have vanished from the park including the cannons from 1902 shown above. The fountain and a number of statues have also disappeared from the park.

What memories do you have of the communities and shops around Dukinfield? People talk often about the good old days. What were your good old days? What do you miss? What, if anything, would you bring back? Where do you think your town and community will go in the future? What will our children's memories be in 20, 30, 40 years time?

We would love to hear your thoughts, see and share any photos or memories you may have of your own good old days, Either drop us an inbox here or email us on SHMD.news@gmail.com Look forward to hearing from you.

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NO PARKING?

by Dave Tate

We have been speaking to residents on the streets that surround Dukinfield Town Hall. They are raising concerns regarding the parking arrangements that are made for council employees and visitors and how they are having a knock on effect causing serious problems with parking outside their houses.

One lady on Chapel Street has expressed that many are even afraid to nip out because they know there's a major chance that their spot will be taken within minutes during business hours and many times outside those hours due to later events and functions. One elderly resident has even recently sold their car because it just caused them stress.

Around the corner on Brunswick Street at the rear of the building they made a request to the council for residents only parking bays. This was provisionally accepted on the condition that each householder paid a sum of £350 per year for the privilege. They have said the the introduction of charges on the Town Hall car park and making it a pay and display along with the influx of temporary staff and public services that are now accommodated there while the demolition of the TMBC offices is underway in Ashton is making things even worse.

I have paid a few visits there myself this week to observe. I have personally witnessed the parade of cars looking for spaces on the residential streets. I watched as people parked on Chapel Street then crossed the road to Dukinfield Town Hall. I have also seen at least three cars that have parked on or around Brunswick Street on more than one occasion this week and remained there for much of the working day despite the councils instalment of a sign advising that no town hall visitors or TMBC employees could park beyond it near its junction with Chapel Street. All while the Town Hall car park lay virtually desolate.

Are you affected by the parking crisis in Dukinfield? Have you spoken to anybody about the issue? Do you have any thoughts on a solution? We would love to hear your thoughts and views.



LOCAL FEATURE

STALYBRIDGE REAL ALE

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STALYBRIDGE



The Stalybridge Real Ale Trail, after our intrepid reporter Ruth talked with the various bar owners, is returning with a Seven Pub line up spread through Stalybridge. The Stalybridge Real Ale Trail begins, as always, at the Station Buffet Bar on Platform 1 of Stalybridge Railway Station which has a selection of Real Ales, Lagers, Beers and Bottles to tempt the various palates. The Buffet Bar was so named in 1860 from the previous refreshment room when it was granted a full license. Local history tells of how Hugh Toney was given seven days hard labour and a fine of 6p for pinching a glass. The Buffet Bar now serves a range of traditional cask ales and features in the Good Beer Guide. Real Ale buffs travel from far and wide to partake of the cask ales. You will also find homemade food served here. A gentle progression

down Market Street brings you to Pub 2 on the Trail, The Q Inn, which can be found in the Guinness Book of Records as the pub with the shortest name in the UK which can be found on the right hand side, set back a little. The Q is a popular music venue with live music playing most weekends and Open Mic Nights. The Q Inn has a good range of drinks including a wide selection of Real Ales. At the rear of the pub away from the traffic is a large beer garden providing a place to relax after a hard days work. The original Q Inn was on the corner of Back Grosvenor & Trinity Streets. The current Q Inn is a Hyde's House. Pub 3 on the Real Ale Trail is the White House, which was originally named Heaps Vaults in 1817. The pubs name was changed after



being procured by Mr Thomas Hyde in 1950 and is still owned by Hyde's Brewery. The White House is situated at the junction between Water Street, Market Street and Shepley Street where the landlady Gill Ord offers a warm welcome with Cask Marque Ales, live music, sports, charity events and a recently expanded beer garden so that people can sit out when the weather is so inclined. Gill also welcomes dog walkers, ramblers, sippers and samplers to the Hyde's Brewery pub which also offers CAMRA members a discount. After sampling the wares at The White House there's a short walk down Water Street or Shepley Street, over the bridge and past Longlands Mill on the Left. Just short of the junction with High Street on the right is the next pub on the Stalybridge Real Ale Trail.



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LOCAL FEATURE

The fourth pub on the Stalybridge Real Ale Trail is The Wharf Tavern. The Wharf is an impressive red brick building which is prominently visible next to the canal. The pub was originally a beerhouse and then became a Bent's Gartside. In 1949 Mr Richard Grainger arrived and was granted a full license in 1960. He purchased the pub in 1981 and was Landlord until his death. The Wharf is now a Free House and is still run by the Grainger family. The Wharf Tavern supplies Cask Ales, good quality food (Terry at the Wharf also has an arrangement with his sister who runs The Battered Friar Fish & Chip shop next door) and function rooms for hire as well as offering a Bed & Breakfast services for those who are intending on indulging a little over the course of the Trail. There is a quiet Beer Garden right next to the canal and The Wharf is popular with canal visitors and walkers. From the Wharf walk back down Caroline Street and turn right before Longlands Mill along Castle Street. At the end of Castle Street turn right onto Melbourne Street and proceed up onto



the pedestrian area. On the left just past the bridge over the canal is Bridge Beers which is the fifth on the Stalybridge Real Ale Trail and offers a good range of cask and bottled beers for sale. While only a recent arrival in Stalybridge, Bridge Beers was opened on February 26th 2016 by MP Jonathan Reynolds and is owned and run by David Bridge. Bridge Beers is a bottle shop and Micro-pub where they strive to provide locally sourced bottles and Cask Ales. The pub is open Tuesday - Thursday 11am - 7pm, Friday - Saturday 12 noon to 10pm and selected Sundays (best to call in for details).

The sixth pub on the Stalybridge Real Ale Trail is the Society Rooms, a Wetherspoons pub which sits prominently at the junction between Melbourne Street and Grosvenor Street. The building which houses The Society Rooms used to be the Co-operative Society and The Society Rooms has become a popular meeting place for the community

as it is open from breakfast in the early morning until late and night. As well as standard draft and bottles drinks and spirits The Society Rooms offer Cask Ales which are changed on a weekly basis. This Wetherspoons pub provides the seasonal range of reasonably priced meals in its soon to be expanded premises. The final Pub on the Ale Trail can be found by walking along Grosvenor Street and turning on to Acres Lane, head on past Tesco and just up the hill on the right. On the right side just past a car show room is the final destination which is The Old Hunters Tavern between Gerard Street and Baker Street. The Old Hunters was built in 1837 as a Beerhouse and gained its full license in 1962. It once won "Best Toilets: North West". is a quieter Pub with Cask Ales, live sport and home made meals at lunchtime and is a holder of the Cask Marque



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Buffet Bar	The Q Inn	The White House	The Wharf Tavern
Bridge Beers	Society Rooms	Old Hunters Tavern	Pub Stamp/ Sign from each Venue. Certificate available from 17 Melbourne St

FOOD & DRINK

With this column we will be producing a dish with seasonal vegetables and appropriate locally available foods.

Broccoli and Salmon Bake

by Andrew Brumpton

Ingredients

1 red onion, chopped
1 tsp olive oil
25g/1oz butter
25g/1oz plain flour
150ml/5fl oz milk
50g/2oz parmesan, grated
150g/6oz salmon steak
150g/6oz broccoli, cut into florets and steamed
2 carrots, cut into batons and steamed
6 cherry tomatoes

Method

Preheat the oven to 220C/425F/Gas 7.

Gently fry the onions in the oil in a saucepan and cook until soft. Stir in the butter and the flour. Mix thoroughly, cooking on a low heat for one minute.

Pour in the milk, gradually, until everything is combined. Cook for two minutes.

Add half the cheese to the sauce and reserve the other half.

Meanwhile, pan-fry the salmon steak for one minute on each side.

Lay the salmon steak in a small oven-proof dish.

Add the broccoli, carrots and cherry tomatoes to the dish.

Pour over the sauce and top with the rest of the cheese. Bake in the oven for ten minutes or until bubbling and golden.



Broccoli

Broccoli is an edible green plant in the cabbage family whose large flowering head is eaten as a vegetable. The word broccoli comes from the Italian plural of broccolo, which means “the flowering crest of a cabbage”, and is the diminutive form of brocco, meaning “small nail” or “sprout”.

Broccoli is often boiled or steamed but may be eaten raw. Broccoli is classified in the Italica cultivar group of the species Brassica oleracea. Broccoli has large flower heads, usually green in color, arranged in a tree-like structure branching out from a thick, edible stalk. The mass of flower heads is surrounded by leaves. Broccoli resembles cauliflower, which is a different cultivar group of the same species. Broccoli is a result of careful breeding of cultivated leafy cole crops in the northern Mediterranean starting in about the 6th century BC. Since the time of the Roman Empire, broccoli has been considered a valuable food among

Italians. Broccoli was brought to England from Antwerp in the mid-18th century by Peter Scheemakers.



New Mid Week Specials

by Sir Dinealot

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All of the dishes were really tasty with a special mention for the Battered Cod , Spare ribs ,Chicken goujons , Black pudding wrapped in Bacon & Stuffed mushrooms. At around £4 per dish of quality tasty food along with a good selection of Beers & wine this will be a Favourite midweek treat. It really is a great place to Eat & meet & it's in STALYBRIDGE so deserves LOCAL support.”

Food & Drink

S.H.M.D News and its affiliates are seeking indications of interest as we are potentially striving to organise a Food & Drink Festival with stalls selling food & drink, home made and otherwise, a cake & pie making & baking competition (with the cakes being donated to local food banks and charities), provision for local Foodbanks and charities to have stalls, local bars and cafes to display their ranges, a childrens competition for ‘Best Decorated Cake’ and other mini-events based around the main one. If anyone would like to assist, offer services, would like a stall etc we'd love to hear from you as soon as possible so that we could put this event into motion. This event may be indoors or out depending upon what we can organise but the more people interested the better. As always we can be contacted on;

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HOMES & GARDENS

Dandelion Salve

by Andrew Brumpton

Dandelion Salve has been used for many years as a treatment for treating dry and chapped skin. While commercially available lotions and skin creams do replenish the moisture in rough skin they often don't provide a lasting solution. Luckily, with the help of a well known weed you can make your very own skin nourishing dandelion salve. It is easy to make, low cost and leaves hands feeling soft and nourished for hours. Dandelion salve and infused oil is useful also for helping to soothe my muscles. To make Dandelion Salve firstly you need to make an infused oil, this is not as complicated as it initially sounds and, in fact, can be done easily in anyone's kitchen.

Firstly remove the flower heads from the stalks, this is all that you will need. I usually pick enough to fill a jar which will take around 16 oz oil. Lay them on a drying rack (the ones used for cooling cakes with a little kitchen towel over them are perfect and leave them for 1-2 days as Dandelion flowers contain a high proportion of water and you don't want sludge in your oil. Once they've dried out a little pack them into a sealable sterile jar and cover them completely with oil (a food quality oil is best and you can alter the oil you use according to your skins requirements, some people need a heavier oil and others a lighter one). Once the jar is sealed place it in a saucepan and fill the saucepan about a third full with water. Put the pan on the stove over a medium heat and keep an eye on it. Once the water has heated up (but isn't boiling) remove from the heat and set aside. When it's cool enough to handle place it out of sunlight in a cupboard. After 2-4 days the infusing oil can be brought out of the cupboard and the oil sieved/ strained into a jug (I use a metal sieve). Press the flowers down



enough to squeeze all of the oil out of them. Put the old flowers on the compost and your infused oil is ready to use. You will require some other ingredients to make the salve but these are easily obtained from most shops.

Ingredients

16 oz of Infused Dandelion Oil

2 oz Coconut Oil

2 oz of Beeswax/ Shea Butter/ Cocoa Butter

OPTIONAL: 10-15 drops of essential oil (whatever scent you prefer)

Place the beeswax and coconut oil in a glass jar or jug. Sit a saucepan on the stove with several inches of water in it. Sit the glass jar down in the pan and heat on low/medium. Once the wax/ butter and coconut oil are melted, carefully stir in the infused dandelion oil. Add in essential oil if you prefer and stir well. The dandelion oil does have a scent of honey but some prefer the aromas of essential oils. Carefully remove the glass jar from the pan. Allow the salve to cool. This Dandelion Salve has a firm consistency, since there is coconut oil in it, as soon as you scoop some into your hands it softens and melts. This creates an easily spread salve that not only nourishes dry, cracked and chapped skin but also provides a degree of pain relief for sore and overextended muscles. The Infused Oil can also be utilised as a massage oil if desired for its analgesic effect.



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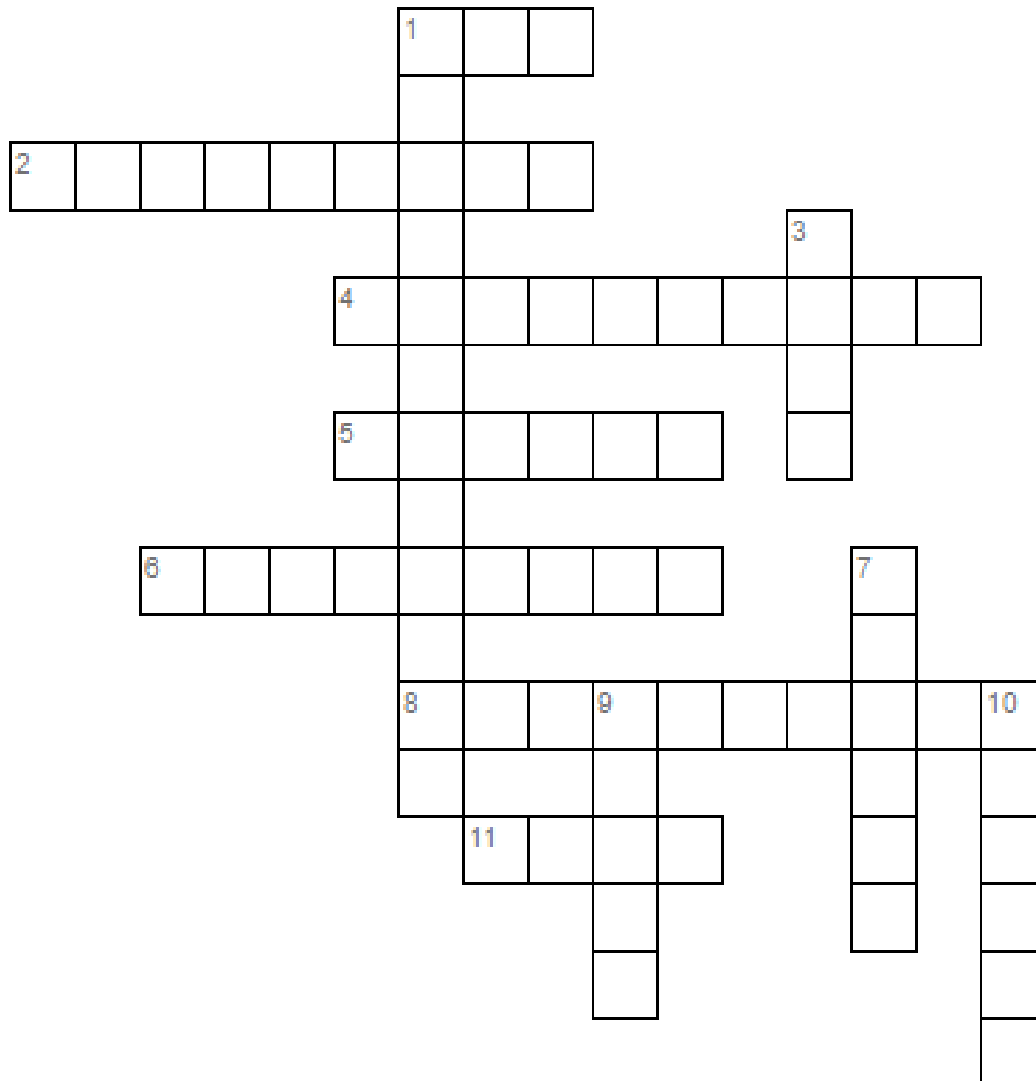
BREAK TIME

Four Towns Crosswords

Each of the clues refers to something related to one of the four towns.

Across

- 1. Mossley's Twin Town.
- 2. Square of shops in Hyde.
- 4. Iconic landmark building formerly in Hyde.
- 5. Family who built Dukinfield Lodge.
- 6. Supermarket in Dukinfield.
- 8. The nickname of Mossley's FC
- 11. Main street in Dukinfield.



Down

- 1. Narrow canal in Stalybridge.
- 3. Domesticated river.
- 7. Original flower on the shield of Mossley.
- 9. The dance scene from this film was filmed in the Town Hall
- 10. The original bridge over the Tame in the Mill and Market Town.

RIDDLE TIME

My first half works with a castle form bailey, my last half is the sheepish man.

My first is a small rug placed on the ground, or a protective device on a table, my second is a line you find in the ground where energy travels.

The word for speed when mounted equine, with the opposite of noughts on the grid of the game.



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I had a trip down to Staly Vegas Snooker Club to visit Dean Shields this month, an upcoming star in the pool world. While I was there we talked about why he changed from his roots in snooker to compete in pool tournaments, his quick promotion through the ranks and the new Tameside Blackball Singles League he founded 18 months ago and is now going full swing.

So Dean, biggest question first. How does it feel to be a world champion?

“Yeah, it’s really good. I only actually played in my first amateur event in 2013 so it’s all happened pretty fast. I entered the singles at the Golden 8 Ball at the Norbreck Castle in Blackpool. I played some good pool and managed to get into the final. It was a really good experience.”

Is that the point where you chose to stick with pool rather than snooker?

“I suppose it is. Coming from my performance there I went on to play half a season in the Lancashire B team and a full season in the A team. From there I was given a trial for England and was given a place on the England B2 team. It’s all happened quite quickly. With snooker and building ranking points it takes a lot longer to break into the circuit. I remember when I was younger I played Stephen Hendry’s nephew in one of the ranking tournaments. He beat me 4 - 3 in the end. Even from that it has taken him 10 years before he has started to break into the main circuit. Without the financial back up it’s hard to keep it going.”

What’s the England set up like?

“Really good. I played my first tournament in Killarney last October (2015). I put in some good performances and managed to finish the week with the best stats for any B team member from all countries. I was really happy.”

Have you caused a bit of a stir on the International scene then?

“You could say that (*laughing slightly*). I got promoted to the A team, skipping the B1 team completely. It’s given me some excellent opportunities to compete on a world stage. We will be in Killarney again in October for the EBA Worlds and build from there.”

To talk about your World title. What was it like playing under such a spotlight?

“You see I didn’t realise how many people were actually watching. In the room itself there wasn’t that many people sat around. The match had gone late into the Sunday night and people obviously had work in the morning. It wasn’t until I came back and found out that thousands had been watching online. People like yourself who said you watched it with your son and finding out a local bar in Stalybridge had streamed the match live in one of their rooms brought it home to me.”

To come from behind, the way you did, and then to end the match with a black ball shootout was gripping viewing. I’d never seen anything like a penalty shootout in a pool game until then. Was that the most pressure you’ve felt playing pool?

“Yes definitely. I was doing everything I could to stop my hands from sweating and constantly wiping them with a towel. When we went 6 - 4 down I suppose the pressure lifted a little. They had it all to lose while we just had to play our game. Then the black ball shoot out to decide the match, I just had to concentrate solely on the pot. Very relieved when it went in. It also helped having Gareth next to me

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SPORTS NEWS



(Gareth Hibbott was Deans partner in the doubles, he himself going on to win the singles tournament to become the World Champion). He's had a lot more experience at these events and was a steadying influence."

So what's next for you then? Are you looking at the professional game?

"Yes that's where I would like to be, on the pro-tour. To get on you have to earn ranking points from amateur tournaments. The IPA World Championship points won't be included for this years tour so looking to build for the next one. It also comes down to money at the end of the day. With my career only really just starting out I need sponsors to ensure that I can cover costs of competition entries, travel and accommodation. To enter them all and cover expenses you're probably talking about me having to raise around £1500 for the year. It's not easy."

The Black Ball Rules league you have set up locally, what's the difference from the regular league rules played in the area now?

"Black Ball Rules were introduced to make the game more attacking. League pool, especially in the pubs, has developed into a very cagey game where people play cautiously and cover pockets a lot. Some people were finding it a little tedious and you find matches were going on a long time. With Black Ball Rules you can pot your own ball and an opponents ball in the same legal shot. As long as you strike your ball first you can pot an opponents ball without penalty if your own ball also goes in on the same shot. You can also pot the black ball in the same shot as your own last ball. So if you had one red left, you pot it then the white cannons onto the black and pots it in the same shot you would win the frame. It's created a more open and exciting game."

Whilst talking to Dean I've been watching the league matches go on over the 4 tables. It's a very social atmosphere. Games started at around 6:30pm and the last scheduled on the board start around 9:30pm. Some who have played earlier games have stayed behind for a drink and to watch and some who have games later are already here. There's a mixed standard of players, male and female and everyone here to enjoy themselves. When you look at the 1st Division games, which include county players, there is some high quality pool being played.

The 48 registered players are split into 6 divisions of 8. Everybody plays the other people in their division once in a 4 frame match. 3 points awarded for

a win and 1 point for a draw. At the end of each 7 week cycle there are two promoted and two relegated from each league. There is a week break at the end of each season and the 7 game competition starts again. There is prize money for the top two places in each division and in the First Division there is also 3rd place prize money.

I asked Dean how it started and how it's building.

"If you look up and down the country now there are more and more regions switching to Blackball Rules, especially in the pub leagues. With the game being more open it removes some of the slower more cautious play from the game. Tameside are actually one of only a few parts of the country that hasn't switched over yet. We literally started this with 48 players which could've been a little ambitious but it has worked really well. We have a lot of interest and now even have a small waiting list of people wanting to take part. I hope it carries on for a long time to come."

I have enjoyed my evening out tonight with Dean and watching the pool go on. When I played league pool myself years ago and the occasional season of darts I sometimes found the atmosphere very intense, especially when everyone is trying to be as quiet as possible as if it were a Crucible final. Here tonight the atmosphere has been competitive but much lighter. People are chatting, smiling and having a laugh at points with the odd ripple of friendly applause. There's the serious games of course, especially as you come to the close season matches but it all just seems a little more sociable.

To find out more about Blackball Rules Pool and the IPA (International Professional Pool Players Association) go to www.ipapool.com

To watch the IPA World Doubles final in its entirety and see that high pressure black ball shootout finish go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=li9ji83V9yY or search for IPA World Doubles Final 2016.

To find out more about the Tameside Blackball Singles League you will find them on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tamesideblackballsinglespool or pop down to Staly Vegas Snooker Club on Grosvenor Street in Stalybridge from around 6:30pm on a Tuesday night and check it out.

If you are a business holder or private investor and would like the opportunity to sponsor Dean in his upcoming seasons drop us an email on SHMD.news@gmail.com or call our office on (0161) 303 9966. A serious local talent needs some support.

by Dave Tate



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Sport

DEAN SHIELDS, WORLD DOUBLES POOL CHAMPION 2016.

This month we meet Dean Shields (right) of Stalybridge. He has had an astonishing journey on the pool circuit since he reached the final of his first ever amateur tournament in October 2013. His climb through the ranks since has been swift. Now looked at as one of the rising stars of the England team and one half of the reigning IPA World Doubles Pool Champions, I spoke to him about the pressure of potting the last black ball in the final against the pressure of playing his mates on the tables of Stalybridge. Turn to the inside back page for more.



STALYBRIDGE CELTIC IN MATCH FIXING ALLEGATIONS

It has been reported in the national press that Stalybridge Celtic are under investigation by the Football Association. They are said to be looking at suspicious betting patterns before their game with Boston on 30th April. Boston had to win the game to seal their playoff place.

A Stalybridge Celtic spokesman has said they are “shocked” at the allegations and “categorically deny” any wrong doing. Boston United have said they will hold their own internal investigation and have had no formal notification of any enquiry from the FA. Both clubs have said they will fully cooperate.

The Daily Mail reported that Celtic fielded three academy players at the expense of regular first team members. One of those first team players, however, was due to sign for a league club and to risk injury in a meaningless game would jeopardise a transfer fee. If you also consider that the academy players in question had over 60 previous first team appearances under their belts, to play them at the end of the season is nothing unusual. We can only wait for official word from the FA and as of press time they have made no comments.

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