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The One & Only 'Testical Festival'

Forget Glastonbury having a fallow year and come to The Testical Festival.... back by popular demand on Saturday 23rd June 2018 at Taunton Racecourse.

This is the biggest event of the year for 'It's in the Bag' who support men with testicular cancer in the South West of England; people just like Graham who talked exclusively to Tone News:

'When I was diagnosed with Testicular Cancer, I was shocked and lost. It's in the Bag put me in touch with men who had been through the treatment and come out the other side. They also supported my wife through my cancer journey, providing the opportunity for her to talk to other wives, girlfriends and mothers who were in the same boat.

It's in the Bag helped me rebuild myself after my treatment. I had lost confidence, gained weight, and it felt like I forgot who I was before cancer. Through the support of It's in the Bag, I have been slowly finding myself again. The It's in the Banter events made me feel like a "normal" man, doing normal things with people who can appreciate how you are feeling. I have made some good friends with guys who share a common thing – we survived cancer.'

It's in the Bag have three simple aims: 1) Support: Being diagnosed with testicular cancer and going through treatment is a huge challenge – physically, mentally and

emotionally. They provide a range of activities and initiatives to help men through this tough time. 2) Awareness: They teach men the importance of checking their balls regularly and taking any issues straight to their GP. Spreading this knowledge promotes earlier diagnosis, which often means simpler, more effective treatment and better chances of a cure. 3) Survival: With UK cure rates for testicular cancer running above 98%, they focus on survival – helping guys tackle the emotional and practical impact of cancer, both during treatment and into their lives after.

Testicular cancer is the most common cancer of 15 to 49-year-old men (but it also affects younger and older men). Although most cancers get more common as we get older, testicular cancer is



Graham

different. It's most likely to happen when you're young or middle aged. So why not come and support the (one and only) Testical Festival.



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If you are reading this for the first time and wondering who we are and what we do, allow me to explain. Tone News launched in January 2018 and our aim is to deliver 'Feel Good' community news & information for the County Town.

Each month, we have 15,000 copies of the newspaper delivered and you can now download it from our website: tonenews.co.uk

Your feedback is always appreciated so please feel free to get in touch, our details are below.

I hope you enjoy this month's gatherings and thank you for reading!



Darren Daley
Editor

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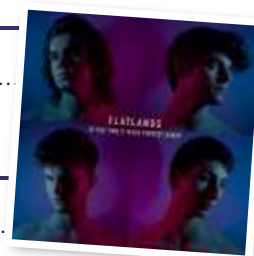


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NEWS

Bid for the Bins Opens

Somerset Waste Partnership's plans to revamp waste and recycling services from 2020 have taken a big step forward with the publication of official notice that the kerbside collection contract is open to bidders.

Publication of a notice in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) is the next major milestone in this process.

The new contract will be based on delivery of the much anticipated "Recycle More" service, with new vehicles working from refreshed depots collecting a much wider range of recycling every week, including more plastic packaging, small electrical items and food and drink cartons.

Because Somerset's councils work in partnership, this is one of the largest collection contracts in the UK, so is

expected to attract a lot of interest in the industry, giving SWP the opportunity to make sure local residents get the best contractor to serve their long-term needs.

Cllr Derek Yeomans, Chair of the Somerset Waste Board, has told Tone News: "While this is certainly about taking a quantum leap forward in our recycling rates, it's equally about finding a partner to share SWP's wider vision for the future.

"They will not see their job as simply collecting waste and recycling but will share our ambition to create an exemplar service, demonstrating an absolute commitment to environmental quality while delivering excellent value for money."



Shared vision: Somerset wants value for money and environmental commitment

Good Citizens Rewarded



Photos show the Mayor of Taunton Deane, Cllr Hazel Prior-Sankey, with - All the award winners.

The unsung heroes of Taunton Deane were celebrated at a recent Citizenship Awards ceremony hosted by the Council in conjunction with local Rotary Clubs. The event honoured individuals and voluntary groups nominated for making a difference to people living in our community.

Everyone who received a nomination was invited to attend and collect a certificate and the winners were:

Clement Pryer: of Haines Park, Taunton, who has devoted years to voluntary work with local charities and organisations. He took on the temporary role of cleaning the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Bishops Hull, many years ago and is still doing this weekly.

The Friends of Wellington Park: The Park was originally donated by the Fox family to the people of Wellington. The Friends were established in 2001 to support the Park, promote its use and preserve its historical heritage for the benefit of the whole community.

Mike Newberry: Who has served as a Street Pastor since 2008, leading late-night patrols on Saturdays. Since 2015 he has led the day time teams in Halcon patrolling and attending meetings to make a positive difference to the lives of individuals and the community.

Vera Cottey-Williams: Is now 80 years old and has lived in West Hatch all her life. She has devoted herself to helping those who are elderly or in need of help whether taking people to appointments or visiting the housebound - taking flowers and making home-made meals and cakes for them.

Conquest Centre Volunteers: Aims to benefit the health and well-being of the disabled community by providing them with the opportunity to take part in horse related activities, with their mission being to create an inclusive equine environment that will allow people to achieve their personal goals.



Taunton's Dragon Boat Race

Headway Somerset 2018 Dragon Boat Race is being launched by Micheal Eavis! Dragon boat racing is a fun filled, adrenaline pumping, water sports activity. Our Crew is made up of 17 people who sit in pairs and paddle to compete in multiple timed races over distances of around 250m. Some are volunteers and others are people who currently experience brain injury issues. The one thing all the teams have in common is their passion to raise money for services in Somerset.


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Blindfolded Wine Tasting Event for Somerset Sight

Taunton based charity Somerset Sight ran their first wine tasting evening for over 40 people at Majestic Wines in Taunton last month. Over £400 was raised for their services and activities.

Guests had a chance to try wine from various regions and take part in blindfolded challenges, experiencing what it may be like to be visually impaired.

The charity also launched their brick appeal to raise money to improve the charity's premises on Staplegrove Road.

Holly Sutton, Fundraising and Development Officer told Tone News:

'It was a fantastic evening, we are absolutely thrilled that so many new people came. Fundraising is vitally important to us. All money raised goes directly to helping visually impaired people and their families in Somerset.'

The team at Somerset Sight are planning more events including an evening of Music and Magic in August. If you are interested in attending future events, or contributing to the brick appeal, please contact Holly on 01823 366147 or email her on holly.sutton@somersetsight.org.uk.





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Taunton Racecourse Set to Sparkle

Excitement is mounting ahead of The Glitter Run which will see hundreds of people run, jog or walk around Taunton Racecourse while being sprayed with a fine covering of washable glitter.

Taking inspiration from a trend which started in Los Angeles, the event will be raising funds to help St. Margaret's Hospice continue caring for people across Somerset with life-limiting illnesses.

Sonia Bateman, the charity's events coordinator, has told Tone News: "The buzz on social media since we started talking to our supporters about the Glitter Run has been amazing.

"It looks set to be our most popular fundraising event to date. We always knew it was going to be a huge amount of fun, but even we have been surprised by the response."

The Glitter Run, kindly sponsored by West Country Windows and Gibbins Richards, is taking place at Taunton Racecourse on Saturday, June 16. Hundreds of participants have already signed up to get misted with non-toxic, biodegradable glitter as they run, walk, skip or dance their way round a sparkling 5k course.

The event is suitable for adults and children aged five and over. Tickets cost £12 for children and £18 for adults.

The booking fee pays for the cost of the event, so participants are also encouraged to raise sponsorship or make a donation. One



easy way to do this is by creating a Fundraiser on Facebook. Simply visit the St. Margaret's Somerset Hospice Facebook page to find out more.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/glitter-run> or call 0845 345 9671.

Caught in the Act!

We are on the look out for readers of Tone News 'Caught in the Act'! If you spot someone having a good read of Taunton's FREE community newspaper, you can WhatsApp a photo to us on this number: 07387 984258... See anybody you recognise?



Readers letter...

New Message

To sales@tonenews.co.uk

Subject Thrilled!

Hi,
Just wanted to say how thrilled I was to get a copy through my door today! (TA1 5NH)

I listen to Tone FM daily and was disappointed not to have received any issues despite being in TA1.

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Regards
Pauline Gamlin

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International debut for Taunton Target Shooter

Congratulations to Stuart Wright from Galmington who has made his first overseas representation for Great Britain at a target shooting competition. Stu, 39 who is a director at Tone FM and runs the website & social media platforms at the radio station, attended the World Shooting Para Sports Grand Prix event which ran from 11th – 14th April in Szczecin, Poland.

Stuart who sustained a high level spinal cord injury was left paralysed and in a wheelchair after a bicycle accident in April 2010 shot in two events, the standing equivalent (R4) and the Prone equivalent (R5) both at 10 metres with an air rifle. The shooters all shoot 60 qualification shots with a maximum score available of 10.9 per shot and the top eight are put through to the final for elimination rounds. Stuart finished 4th after 60 shots and finished in 8th place in the final for the R4 event and finished in 12th for the R5 event.

Talking exclusively first to Tone News & Tone FM, Stuart told us: "I'm so happy to have been selected to shoot in Poland and represent Great Britain, it's an honour. It's taken a lot of time and hard work to compete at a high level. I would like to thank people for helping me get there including supportive friends and family,

REMAP, My personal trainer from CLASS, The Doris Dibden Trust, SportsAid, Southern Spinal Injuries Trust (SSIT), Deanna my coach and those at Disability Shooting Great Britain (DSGBI can't wait till the next competition and am excited to get back to training but I wish there was better access at the local facilities to train at"

Originally talent spotted for shooting in 2012 at a Paralympic sports fest event Stuart has regular training and coaching at DSGB based in Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury. The next competition will be DSGB Nationals in June and the ultimate dream is Tokyo Paralympics in 2020. For more information about the charity please visit www.ssit.org.uk



Shooters on the firing point in Poland.



Stuart Wright

Image courtesy of SSIT

Festival of Nature launches at Fyne Court

The first Somerset Festival of Nature has been launched, helping to celebrate the diverse and rich wildlife and landscapes of Somerset. The month-long festival has been offering activities, walks and talks from nature conservation and environmental partners from all corners of the county, who have joined forces especially for the festival.

The festival launched on 5th May at the National Trust's Fyne Court, a hidden gem in the heart of Quantock Hills. Fyne Court is located between Taunton and Bridgwater and is home to many birds, butterflies and wildflowers so is the perfect place to escape and enjoy being closer to nature.

The National Trust are working with partners from Somerset Wildlife Trust, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, RSPB, Quantock, Mendip and Blackdown AONB's, Exmoor National Park Authority, Somerset Rural Life Museum and Cannington College who will organise events to show how to protect and enjoy Somerset's diverse environment.

The tea room is open all day for refreshments and the event is suitable for families and groups of all ages. Whether you're curious to learn more or an experienced naturalist, Somerset Festival of Nature is the perfect place to start your journey.



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Rich Prewer, Property Services Manager, told Tone News: "This is a fantastic achievement in our first year as members of the organisation. The certificate recognises that our service is truly people oriented and is a great example of construction at its most considerate."

The accolade comes after Taunton Deane Borough Council won the Social

Housing Compliance award from the Association of Gas Safety Managers' at their annual national conference.

The council was one of the first in the country to install Gas Tag's ground-breaking technology in its 4,500 properties which helps to save lives by stopping rogue gas fitters from working on appliances in people's homes.

Cllr Terry Beale, Executive Councillor for Housing Services, and Tone FM Breakfast Show presenter said: "The Certificate is yet another fantastic achievement for our Property Services team who are hard-working, respectful and professional. They deserve our sincere thanks and congratulations."



Taunton Deane Property Services with their certificate of Performance Beyond Compliance.

New Boss for the Red Cross

It's all change at the British Red Cross in Somerset as the existing President, Philip Rowe, retires from the role after five years of dedicated service. Mr Rowe handed the mantle over to Chris Davies during a celebration event at Staplegrove Village Hall on Thursday 19th April.

Philip Rowe has volunteered with the Red Cross in Somerset for over 50 years. During his time with the charity, Philip – an ex-Naval officer and paramedic – has provided countless hours of first aid and ambulance support.

He has responded to emergencies across the county, overseen the running of local Red Cross centres and contributed to fundraising efforts. Philip was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours in 2012 in recognition of his voluntary work. Following his retirement, Philip will remain involved with the Red Cross as he becomes a Patron of the charity.



Chris Davies

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The 100 Year Stitch



Ann Mumford at work on her embroidery.

Members of local Women's Institutes have been very busy with their needles to create an embroidered history of Taunton.

Together with friends they have produced five large colourful panels depicting important chapters in the story of the county town.

The panels were presented to the Museum of Somerset at an event hosted by the Somerset County Federation of Women's Institutes at the end of April.

Completed earlier this

year, the panels were displayed for members to view at the Somerset Federation's Centenary Year Lunch in February and will now hang in the Castle House, part of the Museum of Somerset.

The cost of the work has been met by sponsorship together with donations from Mr Mike Foden, Viridor Waste Management, Taunton Deane Cultural Programming and generous private contributions including from WI members.

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School Focus The Castle School



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These rankings are based on a combination of top exam results over many years, a curriculum that many independent schools envy with four languages on offer including Mandarin Chinese, and a top class enrichment programme. Students are taught by some of the best sports coaches in Somerset and the school has the most vibrant and dynamic Arts Faculty in Somerset – and it's all free! In addition are the huge array of study trips and enrichment that include the Drama visit to New York, foreign exchanges to Germany, France and Spain, a study trip to China, skiing in France and Germany, the European Concert Tour and a wealth of trips, competitions, workshops and study visits in the UK.



The Castle School is the lead school for the Affinity Teaching School Alliance, which has rapidly built a reputation for excellence in delivering highest quality training and development for teachers. This means that teachers at The Castle School and its associate schools are working together to make sure that their children in this part of Taunton have a seamless transition from primary to secondary and that teachers across the schools are the very best.



Pupils

Gender:	Mixed
Age Range:	11 - 16
No. of pupils on Roll:	1188
Head Teacher:	Sarah Watson

We are equally proud of the varied and vibrant extra-curricular life of our school.

In February our students performed an incredibly professional version of the musical Grease. The hard-work and dedication of the staff and students culminated in a truly breath-taking performance. One parent said '*...I was completely blown away by the band and musicianship. What incredible quality of sound your students achieved, they were so slick and played to an amazing standard.*'



Our students compete successfully in events ranging from county sports championships to cookery, digital forensics, poetry, creative writing and languages competitions. We also celebrate students' individual successes outside of school, such as Harvey Merrifield who is preparing to compete in the premier division of Kayak Slalom, Grace Piper who is ranked as the number one seed for the 18U Girls' National Tennis tournament and Number 14 in the UK and Ella Weeks who recently qualified for the National Championships in Horse Riding.

The Castle School has gone from success to success but it never loses sight of what is really important: that every child at The Castle School achieves the very best possible exam results, that they have a strong moral ethos and sense of self-esteem and they feel successful and thrive in their future lives.



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SWT Reports New Record on the Reserves

Somerset Wildlife Trust are pleased to say that following its annual spring Bittern count, 11 booming Bittern males were recorded on their Westhay Moor, Westhay Heath and Catcott Nature Reserves - the highest number since surveying on these sites began.

This brought the total for the Avalon Marshes to 50 Bittern and 55 for the county. This serves as further evidence that the meticulous land and water level management that has taken place over the years pays huge dividends for these very special birds – as well as the other wetland bird and wildlife species that call these places home.

Mark Blake, the Somerset Wildlife Trust's Senior Reserves Manager, told Tone News: "It seems unimaginable now that there was only a total of 11 males across the whole of the UK when the population of this elusive bird's population reached its low point in 1997. It is fantastic that the numbers of these heron like birds continue to remain strong and is testament to the incredible amount of work that has invested by us and others in the Avalon Marshes partnership (who also report excellent numbers on their reserves) over the years to ensure that the feeding and nesting



Photograph by Tim Stenton

habitats that support them are kept in perfect health and remain resilient. Somerset really is the stronghold for this amazing bird."

How do they do it? To record these birds and have an understanding of how their population are faring, a large number of volunteers are paired up at 5am to survey at different points across the Avalon Marshes reserves to listen out for the distinctive 'boom'. Each time a boom is heard, the location is plotted on a map of the area which is split into grid square. All the information from each pair is collected and correlated to identify how many individuals are present based on the location of booms heard.

40 Years of Boys and Girls at Queens

A day of celebrations took place at Queen's College at the end of April to mark 40 years of co-education at the independent school. The gathering included ten of the first girl students - including the very first, Catherine Hubbard – while eight of those present were from the first main cohort, joining in the 1977-78 school year.

The guests were welcomed in the Queen's Hall by Head Teacher, Dr Lorraine Earps, who said she felt a kinship with those

present having been appointed as the first female Head in the school's history. Dr Earps told Tone News: "Queen's was unusual among independent boy's schools that had turned co-educational as it now had a 50-50 split of boys and girls across all age groups whereas many still had many more boys than girls. We want to produce strong women and good men I believe we are very successful in doing this at Queen's."




Alison Ellis (nee Tooley), Alison Gardner (nee Softley), Dawn Dawson (nee Moore), Dr Lorraine Earps, Head Teacher, Susie De Carteret (nee Barry), Catherine Hubbard, Charlotte Edwards (nee Bully), Alexandra Stearn, Christine Skacklady (nee Coles), Lin Turner (nee Wheadon), Sarah Selway (nee Leigh-Firbank).



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Spotlight On:

Flatlands are graduates of the Noughties School of Indie Rock with First Class Masters Degrees. With a sound harking back to the not-so-long-ago days of The Libertines and The Strokes, The Kooks and The Wombats, the Oxford Quartet make everything sound so easy, releasing what is possibly the best Independent EP this year so far with their second 4 track release "At the Time It Made Perfect Sense". Tom Keogh, Nat Jones, Jamie Corish and Rob MacLennan have managed the difficult challenge of combining two similar but distinct genres and coming away without losing integrity, those being Pop Punk and Indie Rock. Their masterpiece Friday Night, first released as a single early this year, before appearing as the third track on "At the Time...", it's the perfect encapsulation of their intrinsically British sound. Within the two-and-a-half-minute length the band switch it up from a fast pulsing opener à la the Arctic Monkeys, to a mellow Verve like chorus with no effort at all. The lyrics and aesthetic of the accompanying video meanwhile, perfectly capture a summer Friday night for most teenagers across the UK; a free house, cheap cans, loud music, hazy memories and waking up drunk, all just to pass the time. Flatlands are not limited to 2-minute Punk Powerhouses however, an extended breakdown on EP opener Philly proving their worth as musicians, with the guitar solo conjuring images of Noel Gallagher at Knebworth. Bringing that classic British Indie sound back into modern music, tipped for success from the likes of BBC Introducing and gigging across the country, the only way is up for Flatlands.



Album Cover by Tom Keogh and Mimi Cattermole

Find Them: Like them on Facebook, follow them on Instagram and stream their new EP "At the Time It Made Perfect Sense" on Spotify now!

Sounds like: It's 2008, The Inbetweeners just started on Channel 4 and everyone's Moving To New York with The Wombats.

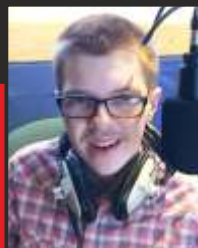
GAMING with Stuart Coward

Games Beyond Entertainment

BAFTA may be best known for its work in TV and film but did you know it had an award ceremony for video games as well. Games have never really got to same level of prestige in terms of their impact compared to other media. So I going to talk about two of the big winners from this year's awards that show games can truly be more than entertainment.

Frist we have mystery/adventure 'What Remains of Edith Finch'. In it you play as Edith Finch, the last living member of the Finch family. You return to your old family home to find out what really happed to rest of the family. The game tells a rich and emotional story that easily rival anything from the silver screen. It does it in many different ways whether it is attending a fantasy coronation or turning into an animal. It's not just wondering around a decay old house.

We also have 'Hellblade Senua's Sacrifice' that may just look like a fantasy romp but is so much more. It is one of the best portrayals of what's it's like to have a mental health condition. With constant voices in the game trying to put you down. This is just one way it shows the impact of this type of condition. What makes this game even more



special is Melina Juergens who played Senua's wasn't an actress, she was a video editor and won the BAFTA best performer award.

So all this just goes to show that despite games having humble beginnings back in the arcades they can be so much more than just fun.



Acts to Watch Out For in this Month:

- **Stevie & The Masquerades**
Second EP coming imminently, don't miss it! Synthpop at its finest.
- **Last One Home**
Last issue's Spotlight On band have been filming the music video for their latest single, check it out!
- **CHVRCHES**
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- **Johnny Marr**
The Smiths guitarist has a new solo album this month.

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50 Years on from the Great Trull Flood by Anne Leamon

The great flood of Trull occurred on 10th July 1968. According to villager's accounts, the flood began at about 5 pm with thunder and lightening and torrential rain. Approximately 5" of rain fell on parts of Somerset in 24 hours and water rushed off the Blackdown Hills into surrounding water courses. At Trull the overhanging trees and branches impeded the flow for a while but then the river flooded into a field at Amberd, Trull and the cut hay was washed into the nearby Sherford Stream, causing the water to back up behind the stone walled bridge in the village, flooding the surrounding houses, privies and pub. At the height of the flood water had risen to the Winchester Arms pub windowsills and reached the steps of the Church some 50 metres away and flooded houses along the road.

The sides of the bridge eventually gave under the strength of the water and the resulting wave of water washed down the stream to the Mill Lane Bridge where a tractor and trailer was ferrying people from the caravan park to safety and the force of the water swept all into the river. A sewer pipe caught the tractor and the people clung on to overhanging branches until they were successfully rescued.

With the sides of the bridge demolished the flood quickly receded and by 10pm the roads were clear but of course the clean up operation in the houses then began.

The Exhibition covers the events of the Flood together with documents, maps and pictures of the history of Trull through 800 years and a film show at 2.30pm of Trull and the surrounding villages showing images from the late 1800s.



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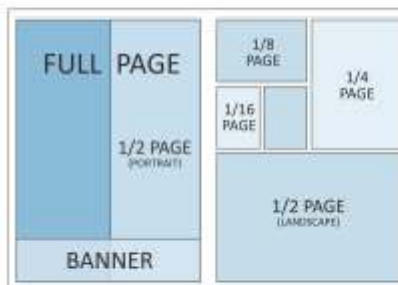
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SCCC and SCB want to recognise and reward schools who, amongst other things:

- use cricket within their curriculum
- run lunchtime or after school clubs
- use cricket in their class rooms
- run competitions within school

Each month the winning school is picked by a panel at the SCB and that school receives:

- a coaching session in the Centre of Cricketing Excellence
- a behind the scenes tour of the Cooper Associates County Ground
- a Q&A session with a member of Somerset County Cricket Club's squad

The winning schools so far have been:

- Curry Mallet Church of England VC Primary School
- Huish Episcopi Primary School
- West Chinnock VA Primary School

Club Captain Tom Abell and opening batsman Eddie Byrom have been on hand to deliver the Q&A sessions for the winning schools so far.



Huish Episcopi with Eddie Byrom

Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Mandy Ramwell of Huish Episcopi Primary School, said: "What a great experience for the children! They thoroughly enjoyed the coaching session, asked numerous questions and were interested to find out what goes on behind the scenes. It was fantastic to see all the children so enthusiastic!"

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