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MRI appeal on the Home Run



Love Musgrove, the Official Charity of Musgrove Park Hospital, is on the home run to raising £1 million for a third MRI scanner.

Within 8 months £900,000 has been donated and they are working hard to raise the final £100,000. Most people will require an MRI Scanner at some point their life or know someone who will.

With the current two MRI scanners working at full capacity seven days a week it is vital that the charity fundraise for a third.

The new scanner will reduce waiting times and allow more rapid diagnosis and treatment of a variety of physical issues, including heart conditions, breast and prostate cancer.

The support from the local community has been incredible but Love Musgrove still needs your help to reach their target.

There are several ways to donate:

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Welcome to issue number 7 of Tone News and at the time of writing this, it is 2 days before the World Cup Semi Final between England & Croatia so I won't comment on the result, just in case I am wrong! What I will do though is congratulate my co-presenter on the Tone FM Breakfast Show, Terry Beale on his wedding at the end of last month so I thought it would be nice to take a wedding day selfie with him - yes, he was dressed as a pirate for the ceremony!

I hope you continue to enjoy reading the newspaper and if you have any thoughts, then I would love to hear from you. Contact details below.



Darren Daley
Editor

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NEWS

MAN vs FAT comes to Taunton

MAN vs FAT Football is coming to Taunton and will launch with a registration session on Sunday 5th August.

MAN v FAT Football has been running successfully in Somerset since 2016 with local men losing 3.5 tonnes in weight taking part in what is essentially a weight loss programme for overweight and obese men based around a 6 a-side football league where every player has an opportunity to influence the overall score regardless of their footballing ability.

The league coach, Roger Smith has told Tone News: "Every time a player stands on the scales and loses weight he scores half a goal for his team, with an extra goal scored when he loses weight for 3 weeks and 3 goals scored when he loses 5% and 10% of his starting body weight respectively. All the guys really support and encourage each other to do well for themselves and for the team and it's great to see so many men take a genuine interest in the health and well-being of those around them. The camaraderie within our programme is a major part of why this programme works for men in a way that other programmes may not."

The Taunton league will take place at 1610 Castle Sports Centre on Sunday mornings between 10am and 12pm so is ideal for all those old Sunday league players who may want to rekindle their playing days but feel too old or too unfit but MAN v FAT Football is designed to help any man with a BMI over 27.5 that is looking to lose weight and live a lighter, fitter and healthier life.

To register just head to www.manvfatfootball.org/taunton and click on the "Join this league" link or email roger@manvfat.com for more details.

MAN v FAT FOOTBALL



Let off some steam in Norton this August!

The WSRA Steam & Vintage Rally heads back to Norton Fitzwarren again on the 4-5 Aug. Online tickets now available at steamrally.org.uk There is so much to see this year including: steam traction engines, steam road rollers, agricultural tractors, fairground and street organs, vintage cars, motorcycles and scooters, fire engines, buses, military vehicles and so much more! There is free parking and plenty of family fun, open from 10am to 5pm



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Taunton Together 2018

On the 15th September 2018, from 11 am until 3 pm what are you doing? Why not pay a trip to the Albemarle Centre in Taunton and celebrate Somerset's culture and diversity at the Taunton Together 2018 Event! As part of Somerset Diverse Communities, the event is bringing together international and multicultural communities – to share, celebrate and experience something new.

Taunton Together 2018 offers activities and information for all the family: Avtar Indian Dance Somerset; Ray of Sunshine for a Child; Taunton Polish Association; Philippine International Neighbourhood Association Somerset; British Bangladeshi Association Somerset; Syrian Committee Taunton; Taunton Malayali Association; Welsh Community; Thai Community; and much more.

Somerset Diverse Communities community engagement worker Iwona Byrd from Diversity Group who worked on the first Taunton Together event in 2017 and has told Tone News: "It has been a long time since Somerset has had something like this and we needed to organise an opportunity for communities to get to know each other. It doesn't matter what religion you have or which country you come from, if you work together you can achieve something. Last year we achieved a successful first event and we hope this year will be bigger and better!"



Taunton Funeral Director Welcomes Next Generation

Simon Helliard-Moore of Crescent Funeral Services in Taunton is proud to introduce their newest member of the team, James Chorley, as a Trainee Funeral Assistant.

James recently completed his GCSE Exams at Heathfield School and on July 9th started in a Full-Time training position with the Funeral Directors and is following in the footsteps of his late Father, Adam who was a much-loved Funeral Director in Taunton.

At 16, James joins a team of Funeral Directors who begun their careers in the Funeral profession at the same age, straight from school.

Simon told Tone News "Both myself and Jason started at the same age as James and all know it is not an easy world to become part of when you are so young. I recognised the passion that James has, it is the same passion I had at his age for the profession and providing the best of care to a bereaved family. We should all be encouraging the younger generation to consider entering the profession as they are the future of Funeral Directing – for me personally it has given a lifetime of knowledge and understanding."

As well as inspiring and helping the new generation of Funeral Directors, Crescent Funeral Services are still coming down to earth after a fantastic night at the Taunton Deane Business Awards, where they made Finalists in the categories for Customer Excellence and Marketing.

It is unusual for Funeral Directors to be so present in the community but, Simon and the team were commended by the Judges for their unique and sensitive use of Social Media and Radio and for providing wonderful customer support.

One Judge unknowing came up with a pun during their speech, by saying that "Crescent Funeral Services are thinking

outside of the Box", words that raised more than a few smiles.

The Crescent Team were also commended for their campaign to combat Funeral Poverty by being very open and transparent about their services, whilst offering them at a very fair price.

Crescent Funeral Services work tirelessly to ensure they are paving the way to a more open Funeral experience for the bereaved people of Taunton and surrounding areas and are proud to be providing friendly and honest services to the community from an independent Funeral Directors that truly cares.

Contact: Simon and his team at Crescent Funeral Services on 01823 530100. www.crescentfunerals.co.uk



James Chorley



Taunton Babies become Super Heroes

Babies from across Taunton dressed as their super alter egos last month to help 'Save the Sun' and raise money in their special Superhero themed classes.

With the help of the super babies and their generous grownups, Baby Sensory Taunton raised £235, through a raffle, to add to the national Sensathon total which will be announced later in the summer. National Sensathon 2018 Total SO FAR! - £227,856 (as of 21/6/18)

This current total could run a Tommy's Research Centre for 6 months, enabling 12,000 couples to seek the help they need to have a baby.

Every 2 years Baby sensory and its sister program's Toddler Sense branches around the UK, team up together with the charity Tommy's for the Sensathon, raising vital funds for the charities research into miscarriage, premature labour and still birth.

1 in 4 pregnancies in the UK result in a loss and although often not openly talked about it is a subject that affects many families including those now attending the classes.

The original multi-sensory development program designed from birth – 13 months was designed to stimulate, educate and provide precious memories during the all- important first year of life. For more details about classes in Taunton, call Andrea Routledge on 07771977509.



Tommy's – www.tommys.org

Taunton Care home honours Carers

Care home provider Barchester Healthcare has paid special tribute to all of their carers throughout National Carers Week, to thank them for their dedication to the residents and patients they care for.

The Manor care home in Bishops Hull, held a day of celebrations and gifts to thank care staff at the home who make a real difference to the lives of those in their care.

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. Carers have a vital job in the care of residents throughout the home, and form very special bonds with the people they look after. They are the day-to-day face of our home, working directly with residents and families to ensure

the very best quality care and support is given."

General Manager of the home Sarah Jennings told Tone News: "I am very proud of the carers within The Manor. Our carers work hard to provide high quality, personalised care to the people living in our homes, often go above and beyond the call of duty and have a huge impact on people's lives. They also offer friendship and comfort to residents and their relatives during what can be a very emotional time. We appreciate the work they do all year round".

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The Manor care home staff

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Children's Festival at Taunton Racecourse

The 2018 Somerset Children's Festival takes place on Wednesday 8th August 2018 at the Taunton Racecourse and actively welcomes all children and their families to enjoy a day of magic & sparkle through play and the activities provided to ensure that every child can experience one day of amazement and fun.

The day is one of creating new friendships, of acceptance of each other and bringing families together to share the fun of the day. The festival actively promotes a safe environment for children & young people of all ages and strives to achieve a day of learning and creative development alongside the many activities and stalls, so there is plenty to see and do throughout the day.

The festival is a champion of reading and storytelling and this year, we welcome storytelling sessions to actively promote our love of books and the amazing stories that unfold with every page. A truly magical day of entertainment and creative arts and so much more.



Beth Webb

Local author, Beth Webb, has become the first Children's Festival's Patron. Beth is one of Somerset's true inspirational children's book writers and her books allow every child to enjoy the journey of the unknown through her creative writing. Beth's books are extremely popular amongst young people; from Stardancer to The Dragons of Kilve, these books unlock the excitement of a story and the magic that they can share with each reader.

For more information about the Somerset Children's Festival visit <https://www.facebook.com/SomersetChildrensFestival2018/>



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Fancy Tea with the Mayor?

The Mayor of Taunton Deane, Councillor Catherine Herbert has held her first charity tea party at Mr Miles Tearoom on Wednesday 4 July.

The Mayor and her guests, including the Mayor of Ilminster, the Chairman of Somerset County Council and representatives from 40 Commando enjoyed a wonderful array of treats. If you would like to

join the Mayor at a future tea party please contact Mr Miles Tearoom on 01823 322288 to book your place. All proceeds will go to the Mayor's Charities - St Margaret's Hospice, S.U.R.E. (Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment) and the Taunton Sea Cadets and Royal Marine Cadets.



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Conquest Open Day

A tremendous time was had by all at the Conquest Centre Family Fun & Open day on Saturday 23rd June. The day was a huge success and consisted of fun for children and their families with such attractions as a fun dog show, bouncy castles, games, stalls and much more.

Staff and volunteers, friends and family generously provided their time and worked tremendously hard prior to the event. Within the first 3 hours a footfall of 620 visitors was reached and a fantastic £1900 raised.

Rhoda Groody – Conquest Centre Community Fundraiser told Tone News “Our aim for the day was not only to raise vital funds for Conquest but to unveil our services to the wider community. As a centre and local charity, we find many people are still unsure of how we can help. Fundamentally we provide horse related activities for people with disabilities and additional needs. However, we deliver these activities in an inclusive environment which welcomes our whole community, embraces the family and engages with nature. We also have many other independent services on site. For those who couldn't make the Open Day or would like to know more – please look at our website. www.conquestcentre.org.uk”

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application process. If you, or someone you know would be willing to give a little time to lead in this way, that would be very much appreciated. To find out more or to offer your services, please contact Mrs Sue Weightman (Foodbank Coordinator) on Tel 07761 624216 or email sue@taunton.foodbank.org.uk. Thank you so much for your continued prayers for and support of Taunton Foodbank.

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Taunton Businesses to benefit from £2.5m Skills Training Pot

Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Taunton are being urged to take advantage of a £2.5m skills training pot for their workforce, as a result of a contract extension.

The training is available as part of a programme named Heart of the South West Apprenticeship Service which Serco's Employment, Skills & Enterprise business manages across Devon and Somerset - working in partnership with the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

Since the programme launched in September 2016, 1,067 learners from 372 businesses across the region have taken advantage of the free training available, which is co-funded by the European Social Fund and the Education and Skills Funding Agency*. Serco has just been awarded a contract extension to continue delivering the programme until March 2019.

For more details, businesses can contact Serco on hotswapprenticeships@serco.com or 01752 968026 for more details and to find out if they are eligible for funded training and business support.



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The Taunton Deane Business Awards...

By Pam Knight from White Knight Marketing

The glad rags donned, the fizz popped and the finalist for the Taunton Deane Business Awards happily mingling: This is the scene on Thursday 28th June at the 3rd Annual Business Awards Ceremony held at Somerset County Cricket Club.

The room was bustling and the excitement growing as we called the attendees down to begin their 3 course meal.

Darren Daley, Tone FM and Tone New's own director was our splendid compere for the night and with the lights flashing and twinkling all over the room the awards ceremony opened.

Encouraging words were heard from Taunton's MP Rebecca Pow, followed by an inspirational speech by John Abbott, Principal of Richard Huish College.

One by one the award judges highlighted what they valued from the finalists, culminating with the winner of each award being announced. Excited cheers and enthusiastic clapping was accompanied by such memorable tunes as 'I am a cider drinker' and 'What's that coming over the hill' – The Taunton Deane Business Awards format is nothing if not unique and fun!

And so another year of celebrating business success in the Deane is over, businesses large and small have showcased just how amazing this area is and are now using this opportunity to continue their journey. Just one thing left for me to share with you.... DRUM ROLL

This year's winners:

Best Start Up – **Taunton Cider Company**

Best Marketing Campaign – **Granny Gothards**

Community Engagement 2018 – **Headway Somerset**

Best Growth Business – **John Packer**

Creative Industries Award – **FUSE Performance**

Customer Excellence Award 2018 - **Little Monsters Baby and Children's Nearly New Sales!**

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runs on the 3rd Saturday of every month. There are a variety of local craft stalls. Refreshments are provided by different charities each month, to help them raise funds. This year, the proceeds of the market and monthly raffles are being split between Reminiscence Learning and Scotty's Little Soldiers.
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Scarecrows head for Norton



Norton Fitzwarren will be hosting it's FIRST ever Scarecrow Festival over the August Bank Holiday Weekend, Saturday 25th, and Sunday 26th August. Visitors will be invited to purchase a Trail Map at Norton Fitzwarren Village Hall to guide them around the village spotting and identifying Scarecrow characters. They will be able to vote for their favourite characters and prizes will be awarded for the best Adult & Children's entry. The Village Hall Community Coffee Shop will be open throughout the event Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm, and Sunday 9.00am - 3.00pm, offering a range of homemade cakes and savouries. For further information, please contact: Dave Mullen 01823 276886 e-mail: jackieanddave3@gmail.com

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Depression – to – Ironman. Time to fight back by Gordon Robertson

2008 and hearing you've got depression what do I do, I ignore it. Great this starts 7 long years turning to drink and not caring about my wellbeing. Then through my parents and other professionals they drag me back. 3 years so far and turning a new leaf in the process and opening a new chapter. Ironman and my personal fight to get there. Long hours in the gym and saddle and most importantly belief.

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Taunton 'Divorce Care' starts in September

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Affected by divorce? Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. Don't go through separation or divorce alone.

We are planning to run a DivorceCare course starting on Tuesday 18th September on Monday evenings running for 13 weeks. To find out more or to book a place please email admin@oakwoodchurch.org.uk, places are free.

New class to reduce falls and help you to "Stay Strong, Stay Steady" starts in Taunton

If you are worried that sometimes you feel unsteady on your feet, or perhaps you have a family history of Osteoporosis or Parkinson's, you may be interested in a new group that will be starting in Taunton. The "Stay Strong, Stay Steady" sessions, provided by Age UK Somerset and Somerset County Council, are designed specifically to improve strength, balance and confidence and therefore prevent damaging falls.

A fully qualified instructor will be providing the weekly hour long sessions at the Trident in Galmington and the classes will cost £4 per session. There is a friendly atmosphere are the sessions so they'll provide a great opportunity to make new friends too.

To join the class the first step is to contact Age UK Somerset to refer yourself by completing a simple health questionnaire to check its suitability to your needs. The classes will start once they have received enough so there is still time to be there for the first session.

The sessions are already proving popular in Bridgwater, Wellington, Williton, Yeovil & South Petherton and a new session in Burnham on Sea will also be starting soon.

For more information about the class being held at The Trident Centre, please contact Ageing Well Manager Dianne Ramsay at Age UK Somerset on 01823 345626 or email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk. Alternatively, you can ask your GP or other health professional to refer you.

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Families in Somerset are already benefitting from these offers. If you are a working parent and you have a child that is three years old by 31 August you can apply **now** for up to 30 hours a week funded childcare to use from **September 2018**. If you are successful you will receive an eligibility code to take to your early years provider.

If you already have a 30 hours childcare place you must reconfirm you are still eligible every three months. It is easy to do just check the secure messages in your childcare service account. Go to gov.uk/childcareaccount

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The third element of Somerset County Cricket Club's four-part annual education programme with Selworthy School took place recently. The latest phase of the initiative saw nearly 20 learners take part in a two-hour fun cricket session in the Centre of Excellence at the Cooper Associates County Ground.

Tom Abell, Paul van Meekeren and CEO Andrew Cornish were all on hand to help Somerset Cricket Board Community Coach, Andrew Skidmore deliver the fun cricket session. After the session Andrew Jolley, a teaching assistant at the school, told Tone News: "It went very, very well and the children had an absolute ball! Days like this are very important because it gets the children out of the school and gets them out and about in the community. It's really important that the

children are doing things physically and actively which they have been today with the experts at Somerset County Cricket Club. It was wonderful to see the captain of Somerset and the other players with the children. That kind of thing makes a real difference."

Selworthy School is a co-educational special school for children and young people with learning disabilities aged four to 19. The partnership developed between Somerset County Cricket Club and Selworthy School covers four topics during the course of the year and these are:

- Healthy eating – SCCC players visit the school and help the students to cook a healthy lunch.

- Numeracy – SCCC players visit the school and help to deliver a cricket themed maths session.
- Physical activity – Students visit the Cooper Associates County Ground for a fun training session in the Centre of Excellence.
- Literacy – Students visit the Cooper Associates County Ground and have a tour followed by a press conference with some SCCC players. The students then spend the afternoon in a hospitality suite writing a report of their day.

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