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Water Orton Supper Club

By Mike Sadler

We are now looking forward to re-starting the Supper Club Sept 25th 2021 at The Link, New Road, Water Orton

We, Barbara and Myself took on Supper Club 5yrs ago. When the committee decided to close due to a lack of support (Down to 35 members). This is when we both got told you could both run it... So yes rather than let it close we had a go. It was held in the Old School here in Water Orton. But we when that closed we searched to find a new venue and were able to hire the Link here in the village which became a great central venue for all our members. We do have Members in Coleshill and Castle Bromwich too. Our membership built up to nearly 100 members before Covid-19 came along. And we are now looking forward to Welcoming them back **plus new members are always welcome.**

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Cafe on the Hill



A Coleshill couple have been serving up meals and treats to the local community over the past 18 months – after being served up support with their online presence.

Tina and Dale Glastonbury run the Café on the Hill in the town after starting the business at the beginning of 2019.

Just a year after launching, Covid hit and, for a fortnight and like many other businesses across the region, they went into a state of shock. But once they started to come to terms with the crisis, they started to look at opportunities to keep the café serving customers during lockdown and for any support available.

They'd already built up an online following on social media and, through that, started delivering to customers in the town including everything from Sunday lunches through to afternoon teas for special occasions.

Tina also found about digital support available and that was a key breakthrough in helping Café on the Hill reach more people.

The workshops were delivered by Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce and Stories Marketing, on behalf of Warwickshire County Council through the Warwickshire Towns Network Programme. The workshops shared insights into how businesses can use social media and other digital tools to grow an online community.

Tina said: "We'd just started to get the business where we wanted it to be after a year and then the pandemic hit. For a fortnight, we just didn't know what we were going to do. We were in shock.

"We both love Coleshill and it was our dream to open a business here and to move here. We had our first date in the town 30 years ago – just over the road from the café – and then went on to get married.

"So, we couldn't stand by and let the business go under, we knew we had to try everything we could to survive and look for all the support we could get.

"I attended three online group sessions with Stories Marketing to help improve my digital skills and then had a one-to-one session and it was really useful.

"I started to understand a bit more of theory behind posting and using things like hashtags. I suddenly went from a couple of hundred views

of a post to getting thousands.

"We were very well known in the local community, but more and more people got to know about us and it definitely helped us survive the crisis."

Some of the innovations will continue, despite restrictions being lifted. The Café on the Hill delivered 40 Sunday lunches to customers on a recent weekend and has even ventured into event catering.

Such is the success, they've taken on their first member of staff.

Keely Hancox, from the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce, said: "Tina and Dale have so much personality and they've found a way to make that shine through online.

"They've shown a real fighting spirit to come through the crisis by diversifying and that, coupled with Tina's enhanced digital skills, has seen Café on the Hill become even more popular despite having to close their doors for so much of the past year and a half.

"It's great to see that those skills and those changes are not going to be cast aside now that restrictions are lifted. On the contrary, they are using everything they've learnt over the past 18 months to not only keep going but to get the business growing again."

Warwickshire County Councillor Kam Kaur said: "The pandemic really made an instant difference to how businesses would have to operate and the County Council, along with our partners, offered an extensive range of support. What was key to our thinking was not only in solving the problem to help businesses stay operational but also to enable them to grow and develop beyond the immediate crisis, in the changing market place that the pandemic brought.

"The Café on the Hill is an exemplar of this. We have supported them to broaden their skills base, reach new customers and engage with local residents. I am delighted to see how well they have adapted and grown. This is precisely the kind of outcome that we were looking for and long may their growth and success continue."

More courses will start this September which are available to Retail, Hospitality and Tourism businesses. For more information, go to <https://www.cw-chamber.co.uk/business-support/digital-retailer-workshops/>

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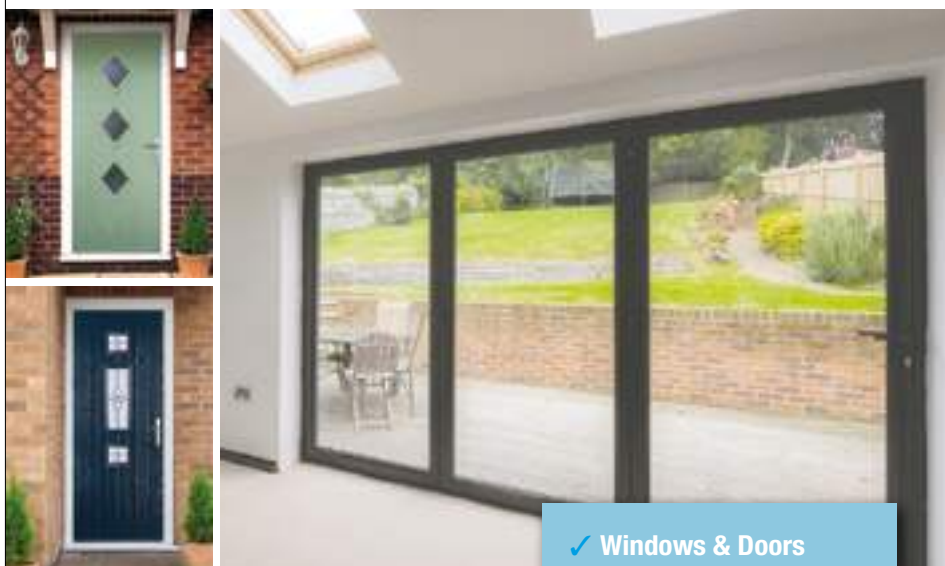
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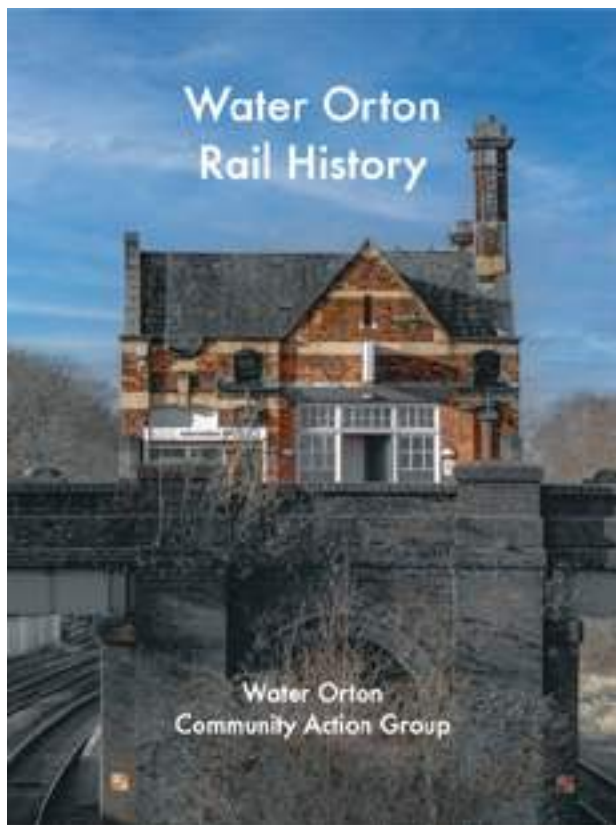
A great time was had by all at the Water Orton Covid Volunteers Thank You Afternoon Tea on Saturday 21st August.

Fantastic live musical accompaniment was provided by local residents Ed Franklin, Neil Bevan and Ed Hunt, who in their own offer thanks, serenaded the volunteers with their virtuoso skills and provided perfect accompaniment to what was a delightful traditional afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones, and cake!

Well done and thank you again to all of our Covid volunteers who really have gone the extra mile in the generosity of time and simple care and friendship for their neighbours. They are shining examples of a community at its very best.



The Book Now Arriving at Platform 1 is



Great news! Water Orton Community Action Group's new book on the history of our local railway network and the part the railways played in the growth of Water Orton community from the opening of the first railway station in 1842, when the village was a collection of six farms and a handful of cottages, through to the arrival of HS2.

If you are interested in local history, with a bit of a different twist, then this is the book for you!

All of the work to research, write and publish the book has been undertaken by Water Orton Community Action Group volunteers. The book is part of our wider campaign to secure the future of our Water Orton train station, and hopefully get the station building restored or improved from its current sorry run-down state.

The book has been produced following a successful bid for grant funding from West Midlands Rail. Part of our commitment in receiving the funding is to host two presentations on our research findings.

The first of these presentations will be held at Water Orton Cricket Club from 6pm on Wednesday 30th September. It will be a free event and the bar will be

open, so please come along for an evening with a bit of a difference. Printed copies of the book will be on sale at the event.

Our second presentation will be at a future Coleshill Civic Society meeting at the Old Market Hall, Church Hill, at a date to be arranged. We'll let you know when it is organised.

We have decided to have one hundred high quality copies of the book printed and these will retail at £10, which, like us, you will be surprised to know will only cover the cost of printing!

If you can't make either of our presentations but would like a copy of the book then you can either download a kindle edition off Amazon at £3.95p, or if you let one of the Action Group Members know we'll get you a fabulous printed copy or two if you're getting the Christmas shopping done early!!! The Water Orton Community Action Group members are: Patrick Fleming, Judith Cleaver, Neil and Marion Bevan, Beverly McAlister, Stella Hunt, Judy Macdonald, and Dave Reilly.



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Pride in the GCSE and BTEC results of the amazing Year 11 students at The Coleshill School

Today our Year 11 students have received their GCSE and BTEC results. This year group have faced unprecedented challenges over much of the last two years. Our students have had to cope with three national lockdowns, learning how to learn online, adapting to the changing requirements of exam boards and the disruption of self-isolation, with many students having a number of weeks out of school.

It is therefore with immense pride, that we today celebrate the achievements of these young people. They have truly got the grades that they deserve, having completed a series of assessments in the summer term as well as keeping up with their ongoing assessments for the duration of their courses, despite all the challenges. The results that our students receive today are more than a grade or number; they represent an incredible effort against all the odds. It has taken resilience, determination and the adaptability for our students to achieve their potential.

Ian Smith-Childs, Headteacher said "We are so proud of all of the students today, who have overcome adversity to achieve some fabulous results. These students really deserve to celebrate and enjoy their summer break now

before they move onto the next phase of their education. We look forward to welcoming back record numbers of students to our Sixth Form and also wish those who are moving on the best of luck. For all of our students The Coleshill School's doors will always be open as this is their school."

Scott Jordan, Assistant Headteacher said, "It was wonderful to see the smiles on so many faces today as students opened their results. I told the students at the Leaver's Assembly that their attitude, commitment and diligence would reflect in all that they do including their results. This day will live long in the students' memories and is the start of the next step on life's journey. I wish all of our students the very best for their next step."

We want to pay tribute to the whole school community; thank you to all the teachers and support staff for their work in shaping these amazing young people through their time at The Coleshill School; thank you to the governors for their support and thank you to parents and carers for working with us to support our students to achieve their very best.



2021 A Level and Level 3 BTEC results from The Coleshill School

Year 13 students from The Coleshill School can today be incredibly proud of their achievements as they collect their A Level, Level 3 BTEC and Cambridge Technical qualifications. These students have had to show an unprecedented level of determination, resilience and perseverance, after being impacted by the pandemic over much of their Sixth Form study. Our students have had to cope with lockdowns, online learning and the disruption caused by self-isolation.

Teacher Assessed Grades have been awarded this year, in place of full examinations. These grades have been arrived at through a rigorous assessment process, culminating in a series of assessments in the summer term. Our students have achieved their grades through hard work and dedication and have shown true Coleshill 'spirit'.

Ian Smith-Childs, Headteacher, said "This year group have achieved a very positive set of results across all qualifications and are now well placed for their next steps. We are delighted that so many students have achieved their potential in what has been a very challenging two years for them, through which they have developed

new skills that will set them apart. The hard work of our students has enabled them to go onto their chosen destinations, with the majority of students attending their first choice universities or colleges, with 40% of these

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Casino Night for Prostate cancer



On Saturday 2nd October 2021 Water Orton Tennis Club and water Orton Cricket Club are joining together in a fundraising Casino night for Prostate Cancer UK which will be held at the Cricket Club

Both Clubs based in Water Orton are set to take on a challenge to raise money for leading men's health charity, Prostate Cancer UK, and awareness of the disease that kills one man every 45 minutes in the UK.

Paul messenger and Pete Coles are aiming to raise as much money as they can by organizing a fun night with casino tables run by professional Croupiers for what they hope will be a well-supported evening at water Orton Cricket Club on Saturday 2nd October 2021. Tickets are £10 each and are available from Pete Coles at the Cricket Club or Paul Messenger at the Tennis Club. Tickets are also available behind the bar at the Cricket club or at the Tennis Club each week night between 6pm and 8pm

Paul Messenger said: "I decided to organise the event for Prostate Cancer UK because I didn't realise just how many Men this awful disease affects in the UK, and if I can help just one person, then it will be worthwhile."

Pete Coles said "We are delighted that we organised the event to help support Prostate Cancer UK and raise much needed awareness of the disease."

Nicola Tallett, Director of Fundraising & Supporter Engagement at Prostate Cancer UK, said: "Prostate cancer is now the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the UK and the Covid-19 pandemic has made living with a diagnosis only harder. Thankfully, the support of Paul Messenger and Pete Coles and so many other wonderfully generous people, has allowed us to continue funding research into better tests and treatments, to stop prostate cancer being a killer."

"Hard times show what people stand for. When the future is uncertain and the choices are tough, we stand for men with prostate cancer. We thank Water Orton Cricket Club and Water Orton Tennis Club for going that extra mile."

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Peggy Childs remembered



Peggy Childs' memorial service will be held at Coleshill Church, 12.30 pm on Tuesday 31 August with a reception at the social club afterwards.

Peggy loved Coleshill and was very proud of its history. She was the last living link to the Coleshill elephant story, and became part of it when she was guest of honour at the

unveiling of the elephant artwork opposite the town hall.

Peggy was born in Ladywood in June.1927, but moved to Doris Road when she was one. She lived there ever since.

She began her working career at J P Millers outfitters and tailors on the High Street, where she eventually became chief buyer.

Peggy's business career began when she opened the Workbox haberdashery shop in a small room at the back of what is now Penny Johnson Florist, then moved across the road to 109 High Street, now Glitzy Bits. She retired in 1987.

Peggy continued to be very active a member of Ladies Probus, Soroptomists, Save the Children, Coleshill Civic Society as well as a Trustee for the Simon Digby Trust.

Anyone who knew her and wishes to celebrate her life and love of Coleshill is welcome to attend.



Craig Tracey MP North Warwickshire & Bedworth

Craig Tracey's August Update

This is now my second column this summer in the Coleshill Post and since my last one, there has certainly been a lot to update on.

Unfortunately, the biggest news over these past couple of weeks has been the tragic situation in Afghanistan. I know of many brave men and women from my constituency who have served in tours across the country and I have been in touch with some of the families of those who have served. As somebody who is married to a veteran, I know first-hand the sheer amount of strength and bravery it takes to protect civilian lives, so the dedication of every single individual who has served anywhere in the world never fails to amaze me. They really are the best of us.

I am also acutely aware of the pain, frustration, anger and disappointment so many ex-servicemen and women and their families have experienced during this latest tragedy, with the US's extremely ill-judged, to say the least, departure from Afghanistan. I therefore wanted to take this chance to make absolutely clear that the incredible sacrifices so many made, such as Coleshill's own James Munday, were not done so in vain and their legacy will never be forgotten. We need to remember that with the UK intervention back in 2001, we were able to make real, life changing differences to so many innocent Afghans caught up in the terrible situation - drug farms were smashed, terror cells broken down including the killing of Osama bin Laden and we helped ensuring girls and women were given a decent education amongst a number of other things. We must never forget this and had we not intervened, things would have turned out very differently. As a veteran himself, the Defence Secretary, Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP, summed the situation up very well, along with the UK Government's response in a recent Sunday Telegraph article which I shared over on my Facebook page and I would urge everybody to read if they can.

I returned to Parliament last week to listen to many emotive, harrowing and highly-moving speeches from colleagues when it was recalled to debate the situation, and will simply say that we are very lucky indeed to have the perspective of so many Members of Parliament who have served in the region. It is absolutely right that we protect the rights of Afghans fleeing such terrible fates and along with all MPs, I will continue to monitor the ongoing situation extremely closely.

Briefly, on the subject of COVID restrictions, some new and rather welcome measures were able to come into force due last week due to 75% of all adults in the UK now being double jabbed, which is just fantastic news. The latest change to self-isolation rules saw the requirement drop for double jabbed people having to self-isolate when coming into close contact with a positive Covid-19 case, so long as they themselves test negative. It is also very welcome that under-18s will also be exempt from this requirement as it will minimise disruption as much as possible for lots of young people, particularly as they head back to classrooms again after the holidays.

Finally, I wanted to say a huge congratulations on a fantastic set of exam results this month. This has certainly been an unprecedented year and I know how hard our young people worked to secure the grades they needed for their futures, so this success was greatly deserved. A massive well done to all who sat their exams this year and also to the teachers who have had to work through extremely challenging circumstances to deliver this outstanding set of results.

Please continue to stay safe and well. As ever, should any of my constituents have concerns or questions, about the above news items or any issue, please do not hesitate to get in touch - craig.tracey.mp@parliament.uk

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The Academy's focus is very much on providing its students with the best possible preparation for the future. Park Hall Academy is extremely proud of its students, who deserve to be congratulated on achieving the best ever GCSE and sixth form examination results in August 2018. Park Hall students are making more progress than ever before.

The recent OFSTED Inspection judged Park Hall Academy to be a "Good" school. It has recently been recognised for its excellent results in 2017 and 2018, based on data from the Department of Education.

Mr Burgess, Arden Multi Academy Trust Executive Head Teacher and Dr Close Park Hall Headteacher said that, "Park Hall Academy is part of the Arden Multi Academy Trust and we are working closely to ensure that the education of its young people goes from strength to strength.

"We strive to create a positive ethos at Park Hall Academy, which focuses on raising everyone's self-esteem through reward and recognition.

"We believe that the more successful our students and staff feel, the more successful they will be."

The students, staff and Park Hall community are all absolutely delighted with the students' performance in all exams. They continue to make significantly higher than national progress.

Communication is key to a successful transition from a pupil's previous school. At Park Hall Academy, we aim to ensure that our students and their parents/carers feel at home even before their first day. This is achieved through our Induction Evenings, Personalised Parental Meetings, Open Evenings and Open Mornings, personalised tours, sessions for our feeder schools, Year 6 sports days, workshops and information evenings. Finally, Park Hall offers its new students a two day induction program during the first week in July. Throughout this process, the

school continually stresses that communication is the key to a productive partnership between home and the Academy. Happiness is essential for our young people to thrive and reach their potential, and so we continually stress that communication is the key to a productive partnership between home and the academy, in order to ensure that all feel happy and safe when in school. At Park Hall Academy we pride ourselves on developing happy and successful individuals!

Park Hall Academy has maintained its position as a very special place of learning throughout the current academic year, as parents of prospective students will be able to discover during a series of events in September. For it is then that the Academy will be opening its doors for parents to find out how it offers students a life-changing educational opportunity.

Principal Milestones

- In 2021 Park Hall Academy students achieved results in line with previous years.
- In 2021, 81% of our university applicants secured places at their first-choice universities, with 13 students accepted at Russell Group Universities.
- Performing arts productions of Cinderella, performances at Abbey Road Studios, Peter Pan, theatre trips
- Charlee Bridges is the chairperson of the Castle Bromwich Youth Parish Council, with all other members attending Park Hall Academy.

Key Dates

Parents of prospective students are all welcome at any of the following events;

Open Evening: Monday, September 13, 6pm to 8pm.

Open Morning: Monday, September 21 & Tuesday, September 22, both 9.30am.

Park Hall Academy students have been involved in a wide range of exciting activities. Students this year have had the opportunities to;

- Attend the You in Mind Conference, Solihull
- Have a conference with a Lord
- Visit Google HQ in London
- Attend University Open Sessions
- Residential visit to Paris
- Be involved with Warwick Arts Centre in Beowulf
- Be part of the Castle Bromwich Youth Parish Council

You will be able to find out more on the Academy website at www.parkhallschool.org.uk.



At a Glance: Park Hall Academy

Executive Head Teacher: Mr Damian Burgess.

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A few of us attended the Castle Bromwich Parish Council meeting on 28 July @ Arden Hall to raise our concerns and ask what is being done to tackle the problem. The feedback was that it was not their jurisdiction & that it's down to the Council (Highways dept) & the Police.

The Parish Council did offer to write another letter to the Council to raise the issue on our behalf but their feedback was for those of us who are concerned to also raise it individually. It definitely seems to be a case of 'he who shouts the loudest' will be listened to and so the more of us who raise this as an issue, the better - it really would be great if we could get some traction on this ourselves too. In the meantime, Jacqui Ward (a WOR resident & member of the Parish Council) is championing this for us and has already spoken to Sgt Pugh (Solihull Police) about the issue. In addition, she has contacted Ken Hawkins (Cabinet Member of Highways) and he is now in touch with Martin McCarthy (Solihull Conservative Councillor) and she has also engaged the Birmingham Mail.

So, if this is something that concerns you and you've got 5 minutes to spare, can you please drop an email to the following folks raising your concerns/suggestions for improvements:

1. Solihull Council via connectcc@solihull.gov.uk
2. Councillor Martin McCarthy @ martin.mccarthy@solihull.gov.uk
3. Castle Bromwich Parish Council @ counciloffice@castlebromwichpc.gov.uk

It would also be really useful if you could please copy Jacqui in to keep her in the loop on any emails you send in to help her help us jac.s.ward48@gmail.com

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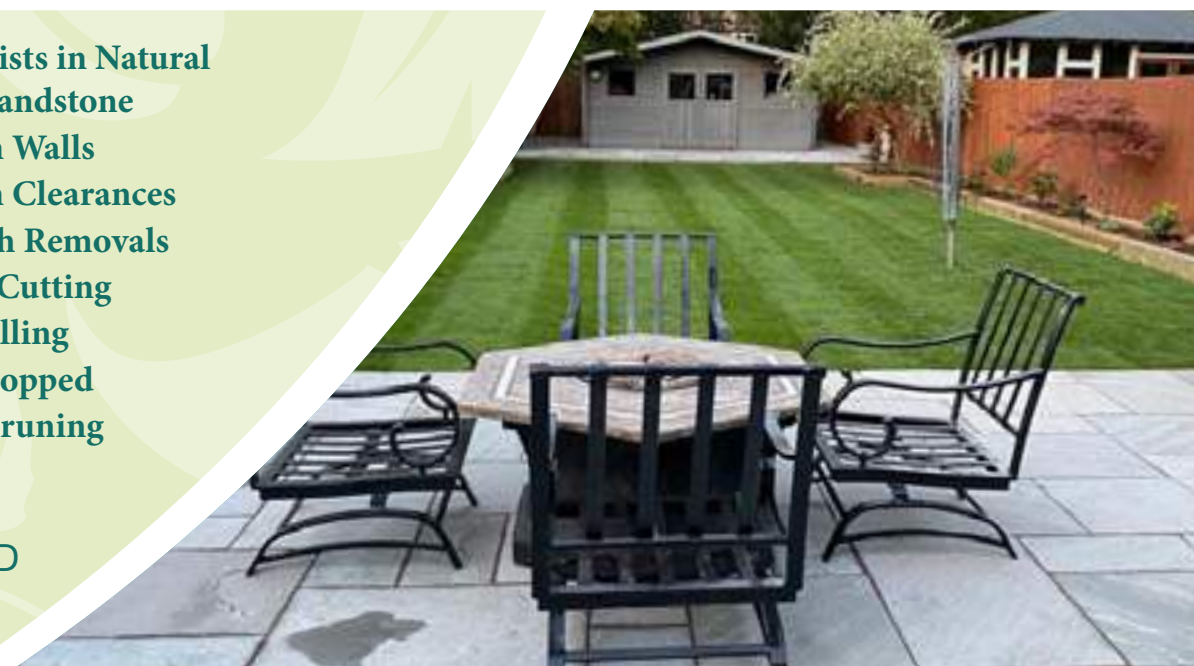
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Welcome Back, Coleshill!

Coleshill has been awarded some Welcome Back Fund money, designed to get people back in our lovely town. The Borough and Town Council, Community Hub and Love Coleshill are working on some summer and autumn events, which are completely free for all the family. Over the summer, we will be smartening up the town and will be holding some Saturday and Wednesday special days for you and the whole family. All the events are free and run from 10.30 am to 3 pm on both days.



STAY A WHILE SATURDAYS

Markets with FREE ALL-DAY PARKING at Chantry House, High Street Park up for as long as you want, hassle and payment free! Then, you will find a market on in the Town Hall, as well as the Old Market Hall collection and library which are also open in the mornings, plus the High Street shops to browse and plenty of cafés, pubs and restaurants, for those pit stops along the way! These are the 2021 dates:

11 September	30 October
18 September	20 November
2 October	4 December
16 October	11 December

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Clr Caroline Symonds – Mayor of Coleshill



In May I was really proud to take over as Mayor of Coleshill. It has been a quieter than normal start to a Mayoral year due to the Covid-19 restrictions, but as things open up I am hoping that I have many opportunities to meet residents and celebrate and promote Coleshill far and wide.

The focus of this Mayoral year for me, is promoting Coleshill both locally and across Warwickshire. Celebrating volunteers and working to support local groups to re-start post Covid-19.

If you have an event or would like to get in touch please email me at Mayor@Coleshilltowncouncil.gov.uk

You may have seen some new activities in the high street over recent weeks, 're-opening the High Street' is a Borough Council initiative that has awarded grants to support the challenges of re-opening. Come in to Coleshill and have a look at; 'Wander Round Wednesday' and 'Stay a While Saturday' and support our local businesses and organisations that have struggled during the pandemic.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Cllr Susan Hammond for her work and time as a Town Councillor, she will be missed by those she has worked with and residents she has supported.

As this created an opening, I am pleased to welcome Cllr Derek Axe to the Town Council, who has successfully been co-opted from a selection of fantastic candidates, whom we also hope to engage in community activity very soon.

I would also like to thank Coleshill in Bloom for inviting me to get involved with some planting in Coleshill. I really enjoyed it and am hoping that we can work together to make Chamberlain Walk as beautiful over the next few weeks.



MAYOR'S AWARD

THANK YOU from the Mayor, is a new initiative for my Mayoral Year.

As the New Mayor, for my term of office, in each of the next 12 months, I would like us as a community to recognise and thank those individuals for a wide variety of acts that may often be overlooked but make a real difference to Coleshill.

I have always known that the people in Coleshill were incredible but over the last 18 months this has really been shown and there are many un-sung heroes in our community.

The individuals can be nominated by any resident, please get in touch with me at: Mayor@Coleshilltowncouncil.gov.uk

MAYOR'S AWARD for Services to the Community, Thank You from the Mayor

June 2021

Steven Graham and Dave McDermott

Thank You for your continued services in keeping Coleshill clean and tidy. Your continued litter picking hasn't gone un-noticed and is much appreciated by all.

July 2021

Jackie Treadwell

Thank You for being the most extraordinary volunteer, supporting everyone and anything that needs help, you are such a ray of sunshine.

John and Betty Plumb

Thank You for providing such a wonderful place for all to enjoy, supporting the health and wellbeing of residents during the pandemic and beyond.

Mayor's Charity

For my Mayor Charity, I wanted to support an organisation or group that was hyper local that could grow and support residents.

Dementia has had a profound effect on many families lives, including my own, so I am really keen to support the Coleshill.

'Forget me Not - Memory Café'

The memory café was established before the pandemic and is now re-starting. It is organised and led by Diane Davies and a team of incredible local volunteers.

Its aims are to support those with dementia and their carers, providing friendship, entertainment, activities and a light lunch. All are welcome so warmly by the volunteers. When I have spoken to families that use the memory café they explain what a support network it provides, some respite and a place where people understand what you are going through.

The Memory Café is providing an invaluable support to local residents. Therefore, I would like to focus my fundraising to support them being able to provide activities, purchase equipment and have a day out as a group.





Hello from your local Slimming World groups

The school holidays are in full swing, and lots of us will be enjoying days out and about. We hear of many dreams here at Slimming World, members have many reasons that bring them through our doors. Often a photo, an experience, health, an upcoming event. It's so special to start them on their journey and be able to support them all the way to target. I wanted to share with you a lovely story of a lady that came to us after an experience at a local theme park, her dream, and her determination to make a change. I've also added a lovely family friendly recipe for you to try. Amy's favourite chicken fajitas, a healthy meal that can be created so quickly after a day out.

Wishing you a happy and healthy month ahead... Toni x (07971 686 698)

Meet Amy pictured alongside her Slimming World consultant husband Michael, this is the story she shared with me –



Amy says "I've suffered with my weight since my early teens, and because of being overweight this also came with lack of self-esteem and confidence issues which meant I avoided countless amounts of social events. While friends enjoyed days out, my weight always held me back. There were so many things it impacted on; I couldn't wear the clothes I wanted, shopping for clothes was never a pleasure and anything that involved activity was just a nightmare and felt like such hard work as all the extra weight meant I got tired so quickly. The more I avoided invitations, the more I took comfort in food, with this cycle continuing into my adult life.

One day I decided after much hesitation to go along on a trip to a theme park, and wow! I just I loved it. Walking around and seeing everyone having such a good time was wonderful and I longed to go on the roller coasters rides, they looked so exciting but of course I made excuses. I was so scared that I wouldn't fit on the rides! I just couldn't risk the shame and humiliation of being told I was too big, imagining how it would feel if the

bar or belt wouldn't close and I wasn't allowed to ride. So I pretended that big rides just weren't for me and put on a smile as I watched others enjoy them. It made me realise that my lifestyle was causing me to miss out on so much.

After marrying Michael he always gave me confidence as he loved me for me, whatever my weight, and although we were happy, I shared with him my dream of spending a day at a theme park and being able to enjoy all of those rides. I knew that if that was ever going to happen I had to take control and address my weight issues, and I decided now was the time. Michael was always so supportive and he encouraged me to join Slimming World to get the knowledge and support to make it happen. That first day I was so nervous! Who knew that day would be so life changing for us both!

From the moment I heard about the food optimising plan, how I could eat unlimited free foods which included meat, fish, potatoes, pasta, rice as well as fruit and veg and that I could eat my favourite meals like Bolognese, roast dinners and curries I just knew that this was different to anything I'd ever tried...and I felt like I'd tried and failed at most!

Within weeks Michael joined me at group, to understand the plan and support me more at home. He could see how happy I was as the pounds dropped off. With his help we changed the way we shopped, cooked and ate, something that the support in group really helped with. We cook together now, and Michael is an absolute whizz in the kitchen rustling up so many healthy meals with help from all the recipes the slimming World website gives members access too, including my favourite, Mexican Fajita Chicken. My total weight loss to date is now 7st 11.5 lbs, my health has improved, my confidence has improved and shopping for clothes is now a pleasure. Best of all last month Michael and I lived my dream. We went back to Drayton Manor Theme Park and I rode EVERY ride, the bigger the better, all without having to worry that I wouldn't fit. It was such an emotional day, it was everything I dreamed it would be and I had the best time.

Slimming World really has changed my life, I can't imagine eating any other way now. Not only has it changed my life but it's changed Michael's too, he's a target member after losing 2 stone himself and seeing the difference it's made for us, Michael was determined to help others who needed support. He trained to be a Slimming World Consultant and now runs his own group on Saturday Mornings at The Three Trees Community Centre, Chelmonds Cross, Chelmsley Wood. Michael says "I'm passionate about helping others achieve their dreams. It's so important to reach out and let people know that they don't have to struggle on their own. For Amy and I it really did change our life and now I'm helping others lead happier and healthier lives too. We always look forward to welcoming new members into our groups. One of the reasons I became a consultant was my passion to encourage men to get the support they need to lose weight and improve their health. Things are changing, and we are seeing more men join and they're doing so well! Amy says " I still go to my group every week, and I know I'll achieve my target weight. I also help Michael in his group on Saturday mornings as part of his social team and I just love welcoming members, sharing tips and ideas that I've learnt along the way".

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- 2-3 skinless boneless chicken breasts, cut into chunks
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp cumin

- 2 fresh red chillies, de-seeded and finely chopped
- Juice of 1 lime
- Low-calorie cooking spray

For the salsa:

- ½-1 fresh red chilli, de-seeded and finely chopped
- 15 ripe cherry tomatoes, halved
- Small handful of finely chopped coriander
- Juice of 1 lime

Method

1. Spray a non-stick pan with low calorie cooking spray and place over a medium-high heat. Add the peppers, onions, chillies, lime juice and spices and stir-fry for 4-5 minutes. Add the chicken, then stir-fry over a high heat for 5 mins until the chicken is cooked.
2. Meanwhile, tip the salsa ingredients into a food processor, along with the lime juice and a little seasoning and pulse until finely chopped.
3. Lay out the ingredients on a table and serve.





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Castle Brom - The Baptist Church,
5.30 & 7.00pm Donna 07516 726534

Tile Cross - St Peters Church,
5.30pm Sarah 07930 854410

Tuesday

Kingshurst - Seeds Of Hope, St Barnabas CH,
5.30 & 7.00pm Diane 07432 123206

Kitts Green - Evangelical Church,
5.30pm Lois 07388 105338

Shard End - Aylesford Hall,
9.00 & 10.30am Prima 07921 505769

Wednesday

Castle Brom - Arden Hall,
9.30am Diane 07432 123206

Castle Brom - St Clements Church,
3.00, 4.30 & 6.00pm Nataley 07939 949136

Marston Green - The Parish Hall,
4.00, 5.30 & 7.00pm Jayne 07453 3481844

Water Orton - The Link,
5.30 & 7.00 Angie 07443 565571

Thursday

Castle Vale - St Cuthberts Church,
5.30pm Donna 07516 726534

Chelmsley Wood - Fordbridge Centre,
6.30pm Jacqui 07814 675180

Smiths Wood - SJB Centre,
5.00 & 6.30pm Nataley 07939 949136

Friday

Chelmsley Wood - Fordbridge Centre,
9.30am Jayne 07453 348184

Sheldon - St Giles Church, 8.45am Jacqui 07814 675180

Saturday

Chelmsley Wood - Three Trees Community Centre,
9.00am Michael 07957 510533

Chelmsley Wood - The Junction,
7.00, 8.30 & 10.00am Jayne 07453 348184

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From Left to right: Danny, Hanane, Kray

As we begin a tentative step forward back into normal life, the parish council have continued to work towards providing and improving facilities for the village.

Firstly, the parish council have three new staff who have already made their mark. Danny Burley and Kray Dewsbery started working for the council at the beginning of July as village caretakers. They both coincidentally, moved into the village just at the start of the first lockdown. Having both been busy during that time with their own properties, they then found the opportunity to use their skills and knowledge by applying for the vacancies for village caretaker. The parish council are very pleased to have them on board and they are both proving to be stepping up to the mark on the work required.

Kray has a young family and two dogs and is very keen on sport and fitness. Danny lives with his wife and son and also has a dog. Both men enjoy the outdoors and their enthusiasm is being put to good use with the work they are carrying out in the village.

Hanane Belbeda who also joined in July, is the pavilion cleaner and has been doing a wonderful job of ensuring that all the sanitising and cleaning precautions have been met since lockdown regulations started to ease. Hanane also lives in the village, she has a young son and many of you will no doubt know her husband Paul Bellis.

The parish council have agreed to take on the responsibility and maintenance of the newly landscaped War Memorial site. Planting will be carried out by the Water Orton in Bloom volunteers.

The council have been working through the list of facilities and improvements included in this year's financial budget. This has included refurbishing the brick bush shelters on Birmingham Road and obtaining quotes for replacing the bus shelter by the entrance of the village car park. A new defibrillator and cabinet are being purchased and the council have received approval from North Warwickshire Borough Council for it to be installed outside the Community Centre in George Road. It was believed that this would be an appropriate place to serve both the Maud Road/George Road estate and surrounding areas including Watton Lane, The Grove, Turnpike Drive and Overton Drive. It is hoped the defibrillator will be available by October. The parish council will be discussing with and taking advice from North Warwickshire First Responders, who work alongside NWBC, on the purchase and installation.

The Neighbourhood Plan is continuing to be progressed and it is hoped that the process will be complete by February 2022.

As you are all aware, the pace of the work on Hs2 is accelerating. Notifications of works being carried out in Water Orton are posted on the parish council website. You will also find the link for Hs2 on there. Please use this link if you have any complaints you wish to make or questions you may have for Hs2.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding village issues you can contact the parish clerk. Tel: 07444582592 or email clerkwopc@gmail.com

Satis House Surgery Update - August 2021

By Wendy Rees

Following recent problems with the telephone system monitoring was carried out and unfortunately, due to the age of system it was beyond repair and by the time you read this a new system will have been installed. The Surgery appreciates that the delay involved in resolving the problem was inconvenient for patients, but they worked as quickly as possible to resolve issue.

The new system should give patients a lot more facilities and information with regard to how many are in the queue before them. Initially a message will be delivered

regarding non-urgent contact i.e., obtaining test results or queries. Patients will be asked to call back after 10.30 when the lines are not so busy with 'on the day' appointment booking. Patients will also be directed straight to the POD (Prescription Ordering Direct) on 024 7624 6025 regarding ordering of medication.

The new system has a lot more functionality than the old system and will allow the surgery to monitor the telephone system collating how many incoming calls are being received, how many dropped/missed calls are being experienced and when peak times are. This will help the practice to review and perhaps increase numbers of staff to answer incoming calls at busy times. You can also email the surgery on swg-tr.satis.house@nhs.net

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Castle Bromwich
Hall Gardens

September News from Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens

Summer at the Gardens is slowly coming to an end but luckily Autumn is a time of transformative beauty with green turning into gold. To help you with your Summer blues we have a mix of events from finding inner peace and tranquillity to allowing the kids to soak up the last of the holiday break with some pirate fun.



Why are pirates called pirates? Because they AARRGH! Okay so you've heard this one before, but we'd love to hear you tell us your jokes and get up to other pirate mischief with the whole family. On Sunday 19th September we're celebrating International Talk Like a Pirate Day and we have loads in store, from shanty singers to pirate training, walking the plank to pirate-themed craft, there's so much fun to choose from so dress-up if you wish, talk in your best pirate accent and join us at the gardens, and the best part of it all? The event is completely free and all the fun is included in the cost of normal garden entry.



Claire Robinson aka Yogi Claire will be joining us on Sunday 5th September, her events have been very successful here at the Gardens so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment-it's no wonder as there no other setting quite like ours for peace and tranquillity.

Birmingham Heritage week is approaching and we are participating on the 11th and 12th September where we will be celebrating our impressive refurbished 18th century music room. Extracts from Albert Morle's diary, who was a Gardener here between 1923-1929, have been put together with a collection of historic photographs and will form part a display in which we would love for you to visit and learn from. This would be a chance for you to learn not only about the Gardens history but also Birmingham's!

We would like to remind you that our Courtyard café continues to be open and arguably as the air turns a little colder, the food and drinks become a little tastier... The courtyard is completely free to visit and the food we have available to purchase includes: Hot and tasty Rourke's pies,

buttery croissants, delicious pain au chocolat's, our Cream Teas in a Box (including a scrumptious scone, delectably sweet jam, Cornish clotted cream, and hot drink) and of course we have refreshing beverages available to purchase separately that will warm you up on breezy Autumn afternoons: tea and coffee.

So whether you fancy some tasty treats, cracking some pirate jokes, taking a step into history, relaxing yoga or just a simple visit exploring the gardens or walking your dog, we welcome you and look forward to your visit.



Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens - Gardener's Tips for September

August to September in the Gardens is a remarkably busy time (as always) for our Gardeners. If you visit, look out for them collecting seeds from our perennials and annuals, they will be cleaning the seed to store in a cool dry place ready for sowing at a later date.

The ponds will also be netted ready for the Autumn. Leaves in the ponds leads to a build-up of sludge in the bottom over time. In the vegetable garden they remove any old potatoes that remain in the ground- it is the last chance to do so before the risk of blight sets in.

A general clean-up of all the vegetables will happen by removing any old crops and getting on top of any weeds that are resident. In this transformative time from Summer to Autumn you may spot the first signs of rich, Autumnal colours entering the Gardens. The Beech tree leaves will start to turn first a rich golden colour and then the liquid amber tree turns a lovely shade of crimson.



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Proposed deregistration of village green at:

Land Adjacent to the Dog Inn, Marsh Lane, Water Orton, B46 1NW (VILLAGE GREEN REGISTRATION NUMBER 62)

Star Pubs & Bars Limited has applied to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under section 16 of the Commons Act 2006 for land forming part of the abovementioned registered village green (the "release land") to cease to be so registered. The Planning Inspectorate will decide the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The purpose of this application is to enable the development of family homes on the release land, currently an area of disused land prone to fly tipping and anti-social behaviour.

It is proposed that land (the "replacement land") be registered as a village green in place of the release land.

The release land is described in the First Schedule to this notice and the replacement land is described in the Second Schedule.

A copy of the application form and accompanying documents may be obtained by writing to:

Libertas Land & Development

4 Nursery Grove, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY11 5BG

Alternatively please email victoria.chell@libertasconsultants.co.uk or telephone 07812 022250.

The application form and documents will be available until 1st October 2021.

Any representations should, where possible, be sent by email ON or BEFORE that date to commonlandcasework@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Representations sent to The Planning Inspectorate cannot be treated as confidential. They will be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties. To find out more about how the Planning Inspectorate uses and manages personal data, please go to the privacy notice.

FIRST SCHEDULE (The release land)

Approximately 2,144 square metres of land situated to the east of, and adjoining the eastern boundary of, The Dog Inn car park, Marsh Lane, Water Orton, B46 1NW

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Platinum Sept Update

Hello, we're back with the second part of our article about wallpapering. Having based the first article on the preparation we can now talk about the actual wallpapering process and provide some tips to help you achieve a more professional finish.

The first thing to do is to make sure you're set up with the right tools. It's worth spending a bit extra on a very good pair of papering scissors and trimming knife. Regarding trimming knives, we recommend using one with snap off blades so the blade can easily be refreshed as soon as it loses its sharpness. Depending on the paper this can be as often as every couple of cuts. If the blade isn't sharp then it will start snagging on the paper. Please be careful when using your knife and make sure none of the snapped off blades are left lying around. Another important tool is some kind of a straight edge to use as a guide when trimming rather than trying to trim free hand against the ceiling or skirting. Using a straight edge will leave a much neater finish.

Now there's the importance of reading the instructions. Even if you've hung plenty of wallpaper in the past, different papers and manufacturers can recommend different approaches and techniques that if not followed will at best result in a slightly lower quality finish or at worst result in the whole job having to be redone due to a more serious problem. Pay special attention to the recommended soak time. When you apply paste to the paper it expands, the soak time is the amount of time it takes for the paper to stop expanding, this varies for different papers. If you don't let it soak for long enough then it will continue to expand on the wall resulting in bubbles and overlapping seams. (As mentioned in our last article, if it is paste the wall there will be no soak time so you don't need to worry about this)

The next thing to consider is placement of the wallpaper. It's worth spending some time prior to starting working out where you want the seams to fall to avoid having to cut patterns off in awkward places or finding yourself with a very thin strip left to complete a wall or to go round a corner. Also important in the planning stage is working out the placement of the pattern. If the paper features a strong vertical pattern then we always try to centralise that according to dominant features in a room. So if there's a chimney breast or fireplace we will usually line the pattern up in the centre of it. If there is a strong horizontal pattern then we always try to place the paper so that the ceiling line doesn't run through that pattern so that we're not cutting the paper off half way through a flower head or other dominant feature.

Once you've worked out where the first drop is going you need to mark a vertical line on the wall using either a spirit level, plumb bob line or a laser level. Don't be tempted to start at a corner on the basis that it looks vertical. Corners of walls in houses are rarely perfectly vertical. Likewise ceiling lines are never perfectly horizontal. If the first drop isn't exactly vertical then neither will the rest of them be.

Next some tips regarding working with different types of pattern. If the paper has an off-set match and you come to measure up the next drop and there's a lot of waste paper to be cut off at the top then it's worth opening other rolls to see if they have less wastage for the next drop.

If you're working with a detailed pattern then there are some circumstances that can lead to the pattern being slightly off. This can be caused by poor quality paper or by paper that has soaked for too long. It can also sometimes be caused by the way the paper is manufactured. This can be the case with Farrow and Ball paper due to the traditional manufacturing process. Their technical department will actually advise you that the pattern may run out for this reason. If you are having problems getting the pattern to match for the whole length of the drop then the best thing to do is to make sure it matches at eye level and allow it to run out towards the floor and/or ceiling.

If the paper is a dark colour it can be trickier to hide the seams due to the light edge of the paper showing slightly or the seam opening up slightly. When working with very dark paper there are 2 things you could do to prevent these issues being a problem. The first thing to do is while the paper is still rolled up, colour the ends of the rolls in with a pencil crayon the same colour as the paper. Some paper manufacturers actually advise this on their labels. The second thing is to get some paint that's the same or a similar shade to the paper and paint vertical stripes on the wall where the seams will be. That way if any seams do open up slightly they won't be noticeable.


Hopefully these tips will help you achieve a better finish when wallpapering but probably the most important thing to remember is to be patient and not rush it.



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Julie English Interiors

Home renovations have been booming over the lockdown period, whether it be a Bathroom or Kitchen Julie English Interiors has had it covered.

After being in the Bathroom Industry for over 15 years, she independently opened her unique showroom in March 2019 displaying Bathrooms and Kitchens. The showroom displays high end branded products which will stand the test of time along with cutting edge design and quality, she has gained access to exclusive products and ranges from suppliers, elevating her designs and service above her competitors.

Julie has a passion for attention to detail making sure your Bathroom or Kitchen works “every family has different requirements on how their room needs to function, it’s my job to make sure my clients have everything they want, ensuring the design works practically and visually”.

Julie works on a personal one to one basis with every customer, from the start of the project to the very end, discussing every single product that goes into the new room and ensuring the customer is happy with their choice. If a customer needs inspiration Julie can help by creating mood-boards and concepts to help visualise the overall look of the room, even just walking around the showroom will inspire you.

“Some clients will know exactly what they want and others will have no idea, it’s part of the process to guide clients and educate them on products so they have confidence that it is right for them. My favourite part of the process is creating mood-boards and 3D visuals, this really helps the client understand what the room will look like, this in when they get excited about their project”.

Julie has been nominated for Best New Kitchen Retailer Of The Year in the BKU Awards and has just learnt she is a finalist in the category, “ I decided to expand into kitchens when I opened my showroom and it has been a great success, I never would of thought I would be nominated, nevermind reach the final, I’m quiet overwhelmed by it. I love designing kitchens, the response from my clients when they are completed is really rewarding, the kitchen is the heart of the home it needs to be a special space where the whole family can come together”.

Julie’s interior design style runs through the showroom and she transfers that designer element into every room she creates if it’s a kitchen or bathroom, paired with supplying good quality products that will not let her customers down, this is what she prides herself on.

To be inspired take a visit to the showroom which is based at 205 Tyburn Road, B24 8NB or call 0121 4484290 to make an appointment.

Coleshill Book Club

Girl Zero by AA Dhand

A member of Coleshill Library has recently recommended a 'new' author they have discovered over this lockdown period. The author's name is AA Dhand, and he is based in Bradford. For lovers of crime fiction, the books also relate to events that most of us would have heard of in the past/present news and media.

The baseline of the stories is murder, and the star is Inspector Harry Virdee. Interfaced with cultural, religious and family interactions, the author openly narrates some of the explosive relationships between the Asian (Indian) communities, and breaks down some of the views held by the general public. It was refreshing to read the reality of life within the city with first, second, and third generation of individuals from the Asian population. You can borrow these from Coleshill Library, please ask the staff for help.



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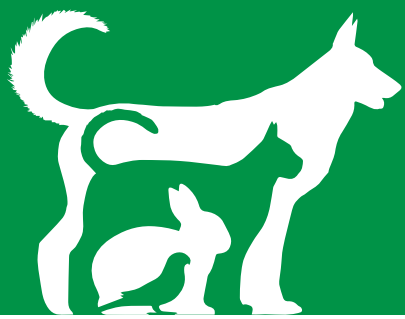
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Here are the cats we currently have in at the rescue who are ready for adoption, please feel free to contact us to show you are interested in offering them a forever home.

Jemima and Tiggy



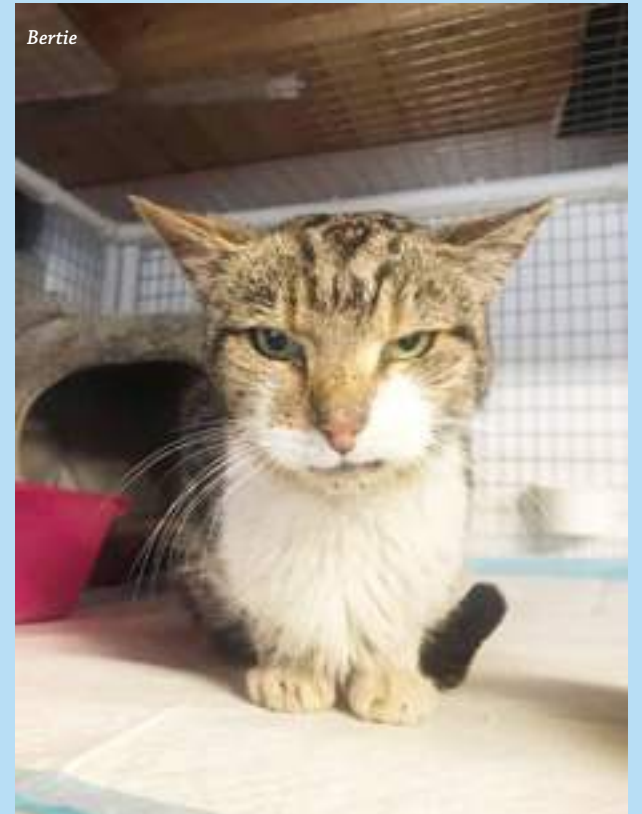
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Crash

Breed: **Staffordshire Bull Terrier (cross)**

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Gender: **Male (N)**

Centre: **Birmingham Centre**

Age: **5 years 3 months**

Child Suitability: **No**

Live With Dogs: **No**

Status: **Available**

Crash is looking for a home where owners are in most of the day as he suffers with separation anxiety and will become destructive if left alone for long periods of time.

He has on going skin issues that will need to be monitored with the correct food and treats this is something to consider as he will require treatment if he has a flare up.

Crash will sit on command and walks reasonably well on a harness but will require further obedience training. Crash is looking for an experienced bull breed home as he becomes easily excitable and needs to be managed correctly.

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We asked Kathy Tedstone, our local specialist equity release advisor based in Coleshill, about the types of Equity release plans available and the reasons why customers take out equity release

'So Kathy - What are the top reasons why customers take out equity release?'

In my time as an equity release advisor for over 20 years the reasons for taking out an equity release product has not changed too much over time and the main reasons are typically:-

- Mortgage repayment
- Home Improvements
- Supplementing income
- Early inheritance – including house deposit for children
- Clearing unsecured debt
- Moving to a new home or more expensive property
- New Car
- Holidays etc.....

'So Kathy if a client wishes to receive advice is it free and what type of plans are there out in the market?'

Yes the initial advice should always be free by advisors and the types of plans available are:-

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WOODMAN CORNER

By John Hoyle

Regular customers of the butchers shop opposite the Red Lion will have heard Bill Spencer (who has now retired) speak of Woodman Corner. Before these shops on the corner were built in about 1970 the area from the shops shown and then round corner onto Parkfield Road were buildings which had been built, probably in the early 1800's



Before the development Parkfield Road was known as Back Lane. The Primary School was the Back Lane School and the house next door was the Headmasters House. You can see why it was called Back Lane! Just before the row of houses was a Wesleyan Chapel



Around the corner Parkfield Road went past some houses up to the end of High Street and the start of Coventry Road. The large building on the left at the top of the row was the Woodman Inn. When this was the inn it stood proudly on the corner and the church can be seen in the distance.

After the inn closed a General store opened on the end of the row of buildings. The long building shown is Dr Wall's Barn which along with the old buildings on the corner were demolished and the new shops and the houses on Parkfield Road built.




The pile of bricks shows all that is left of the old barn and illustrates the large area involved.



The photos of the 'new' shops illustrate the changes of use over the years. The only constants are the butchers, laundry, uppercrust and the Chinese takeaway. Dillons closed and has not thrived since. The bookies closed, threshers closed. The other two are now hairdressers but were variously been ladies and children's fashions and toys.

The comments above are from my recollections. I am sure that there are many Coleshillians who have memories better than I and I would be most grateful to hear them. Please send to the editor, Coleshill Post or write them and post to Coleshill Civic Society at the Old Market Hall. Colin Lewis at House and Home or myself, John Hoyle would be very pleased to receive copies of anything relating to OLD COLESHILL



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Pirate's Pantry

Recipe of the month

Welsh Cakes

Having just returned from Wales it feels only right to bring a little Welsh magic home with me. Just like many local favourites there are a plethora of different versions of this recipe. Mine has lemon zest to lift the flavours slightly and, as an option, nutmeg. Quite why you would ruin a recipe with nutmeg is beyond me but, so many people seem to like it.

Don't over work the dough once it is formed as, just like with scones, the more you work it the more dense the finished product will become.

This recipe makes enough Welsh Cakes that, should you be tempted to butter one fresh from the oven, no-one would notice.

Ingredients:

- 360g plain flour
- 200g caster sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 225g diced unsalted butter
- 150g currants
- Zest of ½ lemon
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 90 ml Milk

Optional:

- ½ a teaspoon of nutmeg

Method:

In a medium-sized mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and, if you like it, the nutmeg.

Rub the butter into the dry mix between fingers and thumbs until the mixture

resembles breadcrumbs. This can take a little while but the end result is well worth the effort.

Add the currants and lemon zest and gently stir well into the mix ensuring an even distribution.

Add the milk to the beaten eggs then mix into the dry ingredients until everything comes together as a sticky dough.

Turn the dough out onto a well-floured dry surface and halve it. Shape each half into a thick, 4" to 5" disc. Get ready to work one of these disks leaving the other to one side on the work surface.

Throughout the rolling process, every time you turn the dough, ensure you flour underneath to ensure it doesn't stick.

Roll the dough into a circle about 1/4" thick. Cut the dough using a 3 inch round cutter. Reform the offcuts, roll to 1/4" thick cutting until you've used all the dough.

Repeat with the other disk of dough.

Heat an dry frying pan over low-medium heat and place the cakes so they do not touch. Fry for 2 ½ minutes each side until browned and cooked all the way through.

Let the cakes cool on a rack.

Once cooled, dust the cakes with caster sugar.

Serve warm and buttered. A word of warning though, one will never be enough.

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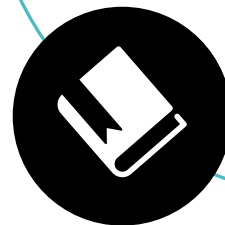
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Recently, we created a video for **Secure Trust Bank's** Real Estate Finance team and it's turned out great! Visit the link below to take a look: youtu.be/pmmi-yq_roc

TIME TO GET CREATIVE WITH COPYWRITING

It's all well and good if your website has lots of content but if it's awfully written, there's not much point. Consider hiring a copywriter as they'll be able to use their expertise to help bring your brand to life.

You want to capture the essence of your company to entice people and make them want to know more. The words you choose can be the thing that makes people read the post instead of scrolling past.

LET CUSTOMERS DO THE SPEAKING FOR YOU WITH TESTIMONIALS

The use of customer reviews is a great way to keep your story alive. Part of your story might be that your services are exceptional or that you've won awards. But, people don't like to just believe. Testimonials give more confidence to your potential customers.

Our advice? Find one platform you love and stick with it. We use Google Reviews so we ask our clients to leave their feedback on there so it's all in one place. We're now building a great profile and it's helped with our reputation, which in turn, has given us new clients. You can have the same success.

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WE'VE MOVED OFFICE!

After 10 years at our old office at the lovely Coleshill Manor we have moved to Coppice, the home of the Fig & Olive.

We need more space, allowing for us to grow as a business and we wanted to be a part of the amazing community. So far, we love it and it's even better when we now have a place on-site for our Friday drinks!

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Police News



All your latest news and information from the Warwickshire Police Local Policing Team for North Warwickshire South (Coleshill) and West (Water Orton/Curdworth)

Tackling Illegal Off-Road Motorcyclists

We can all appreciate the difficulties farmers face in growing a successful crop yield. Adverse weather conditions, crop disease to name but a few.

If that wasn't enough, Off Road vehicles being driven through crops can scrap that whole yield through damage costing farmers and land owners thousands of pounds.

Our message is simple:

If people choose to trespass onto farmers' fields or land belonging to others without their permission then they may be committing Criminal Damage which may lead to arrest and charge....not to mention having bikes or vehicles seized.

Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team saw planned activity as part of across North Warwickshire assisted by the Police Off Road Team targeted areas frequented by Off Road Bikers. Officers visited Kingsbury, Wood End, Hurley and Cliff, as well as Corley, Arley and Daw Mill amongst other areas

We will continue to target illegal off-roaders County and we will robustly deal with any Off Roaders we find.



Follow us on Facebook, search for:

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Team or scan the QR code here.



Community Engagement

Officers from your Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team were at Stonebridge Allotments, Coleshill handing out crime prevention advice and property marking following a recent increase in incidents at the location.



It was nice to get out and about and engage with the community. We have further events planned for the coming months and these will be advertised through our social media channels.

If you would like us to visit you at your allotment, business, village hall or village then get in touch with your local team.

Email us at:

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Or

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Community Policing as it Should be

It's not all dealing with crime as an officer in the Safer Neighbourhood Teams....

Whilst on the way to a meeting PC Ramsay and PC Bird from Coleshill Police Office were driving through Curdworth village and saw a group of local residents assisting an elderly female who had taken a fall. An ambulance had been called but we couldn't just leave her there, even though the wonderful local community were looking after her.

Jean is 92 years young and had been waiting for an ambulance for an hour or so and due to the fact that paramedics are run off their feet we decided to take Jean to hospital ourselves. Once at the hospital we waited with her, bought her a sandwich and a drink and eventually left her in the capable hands of hospital staff.



We didn't want to leave it there so a few days later we went to visit Jean at her home address. She had been kept in for a couple of days and then allowed to return home. Jean was full of life and I hope I have her energy and zest for life when I'm 92!! We even popped her to the local Post Office so that she could pick up a few bits (in our own time before the complaints come in!!).

Thank you to the local community for looking after Jean until we got there and it's good to see the village looking after each other.

It's not all about dealing with crime as a community police officer and it was lovely to meet and chat with Jean!

Unlicensed Music Event

Whilst acting upon intelligence that there was going to be an unauthorised music event being held within our policing area we patrolled the usual hotspots one evening....



The Safer Neighbourhood Team from Coleshill came across this vehicle parked across a gateway in the Coleshill area, causing an obstruction and showing no valid tax.

It was obvious that the vehicle was purposely blocking access to the location as a padlock on the gate had been removed and replaced with another by unknown persons.

An unlicensed music event was discovered once the vehicle had been removed and access had been gained. A joint effort by your Safer Neighbourhood Team, local patrol officers, the Roads Policing Unit, Dog Section and the helicopter, quickly and swiftly brought the event, attended by up to around 100 people, to an end.

Work conducted by your local SNT has identified a potential organiser. This person has been positively identified and can now expect a fine of anything up to £10,000.

The vehicle was also seized.

Take Care on the Roads

The changeable weather that we are experiencing brings with it different challenges when you are driving on the roads through North Warwickshire....

The change from lovely sunny weather to quick downpours of rain can make our roads hazardous and extra care is needed. This mixed with a lapse in concentration can lead to accidents like these attended by Patrol Officers working from Coleshill Police Office.



Thankfully everyone walked away from these relatively unharmed but it could've been so much worse. Just remember that it's better to get to where you are going a couple of minutes later than not at all!

#RoadSafety #Stay Safe

Sowing the Seeds of Love



By Indira Mahun

The benefits of incorporating fresh fruit and vegetables into our diets are huge. Granted the supermarkets will satisfy this need and the cost of buying fresh produce is not going to break the bank, but do we know what we are buying?

Beautifully presented and packaged, these foods are not free from chemicals and harmful pesticides. In fact, The Mirror reports that 'experts discovered 66% of over 2,000 samples of fruit and veg analysed had traces of multiple chemicals'. Pesticides have been used, and still are, in agriculture to kill insects and weeds. The Five-A-Day campaign promotes healthy eating by encouraging and advising us to eat more fruit and veg. However, an article into the harmful effects of pesticides by Green Science – musings of a young conservationist states that;

Pesticides are stored in your colon, where they slowly but surely poison the body. You may not realize this, but when you are eating a non-organic apple, you are also eating over 30 different pesticides that have been sprayed on the apple. Even if you wash a piece of fruit, such as an apple, there are still many pesticides lingering on it, and they could have seeped into the fruit or vegetable.

We don't even think about how dangerous these pesticides could be over the long term. Shops don't put up signs and there are no labels on the specific items warning us to be cautious and making us aware of the harm that could be caused. Buying organic fresh foods is probably the best way to go if you are going to continue to shop for these items in supermarkets. Failing that, then please do wash the fruit and vegetables, even organic ones, to remove pesticides and bacteria. According to the CSE (Centre for Science and Environment) this is the correct procedure doing this:

- First wash with 2% of salt water to remove most of the contact pesticide residues that normally appear on the surface of the vegetables and fruits.
- About 75-80% of pesticide residues are removed by cold water washing and some may require 2 to 3 washings.
- The green leafy vegetables must be washed thoroughly. The pesticide residues from green leafy vegetables can be removed by normal processing such as washing, blanching, and cooking.

We all reach for a piece of fruit and bite into it without thinking about washing it first. It's not something we have been educated or informed about, but it is a small price to pay for making sure we are helping ourselves and our families to eat that little bit more healthily.

You know, some of us might still fret or worry about what we are buying. So why not have a go at growing your own? Of course, it is not possible to grow everything but there are many fruits and vegetables which are very easy to cultivate in a plot of your own. Just imagine popping out and coming back with armfuls of freshly grown organic foods? For me, there's something about planting those

tiny seeds and watching the little green shoots appear out of the darkness of the compost that is so satisfying and rewarding.

The biggest obstacle is probably going to be lack of space. Not everyone is lucky enough to have a back garden with an area specifically dedicated to fruit and vegetables. Don't let this stop you though! Of course, the best option would be to acquire an allotment. This is not as arduous a task as you might think. In fact, the only thing needed to get you going is the initial want. Having made up your mind that an allotment is just what you could do with, the next step is to find out where your local allotments are based. Go along, have a look around, and speak to the person in charge. Prices are affordable at around £93 per annum and £48 if you're over 65 but may vary from council to council. However, all are reasonable. Alternatively, you can visit the Birmingham City Council website for more information <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/allotments>. Most allotments will have equipment available for hire such as rotavators and strimmers as well as a selection of products that are safe to use. You can pick up slug pellets, weed killer and compost as and when you need it.

So now you have an allotment! Just think of all the good it can do for you in the future. Apart from plenty of fresh, delicious, and picked-on-the-spot fruits and vegetables, there are other benefits too.

- It's a great way to get plenty of exercise. From the clearing process to planting all your seeds, it's the perfect way to keep fit.
- Your allotment and the food you produce will reduce your carbon footprint so it's good for the environment.
- Children love getting involved too and what a fantastic way to teach them about growing plants from seed. Get them planting, weeding, and watering and help them to learn more about nature.
- Allotments offer a chance to build relationships. No doubt you will make many new friends with your neighbouring allotment owners. Most are very friendly and happy to offer tips and advice while it's also great to swap produce too.
- Of course, we cannot forget the joy of bringing home fresh fruits and vegetables. They taste so much better when you have picked them yourself.

I hope this will encourage you to go out and do some planting of your own. Crops, don't forget, can also be grown in containers on balconies, on the patio or a small space in your garden. There are many ways to enjoy the delights of home-grown produce. So, what are you waiting for? Sow those seeds of love and watch them grow!





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Local Sports

Intense Pressure reaching 697th sporting feat



Pic credit David Hastings (Warwickshire)

Paddy Doyle was up against the elements when he completed a 24 km low technical mountain bike course record carrying 30lb back pack, the former Para and RAF Reservist soldier had to deal with narrow overgrown footpaths and steep inclines at Austy Woods Preston Bagot Stratford upon Avon, finishing in a time of 1 hr. 31 min. 33 sec.

"The heat was increasing at the 12 km stage and on a few occasions I fell off the bike which you harden too, I was happy to get to the finish line, coming 27 seconds within the cut off time, that was close, getting to my 697th career fitness endurance challenge was a relief, I am now looking forward to the 698th feat."

If all goes to plan Doyle has three more tough strength speed stamina competitive events to achieve 700th physical fitness titles under 8 different sporting categories."

Casino Night



On Saturday 2nd October 2021, Water Orton Cricket Club and Water Orton Tennis Club are joining together in a Fundraising Night in aid of prostate cancer. Every pound raised will go towards fighting this awful disease which now effects one in four men.

We have organised a Casino Night at the cricket pavilion with all proceeds going to this worthy cause. We have booked casino tables run by professional croupiers for what we hope will be a well-supported evening.

We are not giving cash prizes as that would defeat our fundraising objectives. Instead, we will be giving prizes donated by local businesses supporting the event.



Please come and be part of this special evening with tickets available from Pete Coles at the cricket club or Paul Messenger at the tennis club. Tickets are also available behind the cricket club bar or just pop into the tennis club and see Paul who is there each week night from 6.00pm until 8.00pm.

The Casino Night starts at 8.00pm with doors open at 7.30pm admission is by ticket only and they cost £10-00 each. Please come and join in for what will be a very special evening.

Paul Messenger, Tennis Club Secretary 07538 601246.

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You will be surprised at our extensive offerings and our affordable membership pricing. So please do take a look for yourself. We look forward to hearing from you.

Water Orton Cricket Club Sunday League match reports



By **Andrew Walker**,
WOCC Sunday Team Manager

8th August... Another Sunday and another league cricket match. Top of the league Water Orton Cricket Club (WOCC) were away at Warwick CC.

WOCC won the toss and batted making an impressive 269-5 off 35 overs, such was their dominance in the batting they declared bagging the oppositions 5 overs from there allowed 40...

Humza ...32

Alex Worley ...74

Jack C ...10

Safian Mir ...61

Shaluka ..50

Jonathan Podgey Lee ..8*

Warwick went into bat and started steadily but eventually their wickets began to tumble...

Zac Prince ...0-15 (4)

Sabeeh ...0-38 (7)

Podge ... 1-19 (6)

Shaluka ..4-30 (8)

Safian Mir ...1-28 (8)

Henry Walker ..1-8 (5)

Alex Worley ... 2-12 (5)

Brilliant display from every single player including Ali Ahmed and Capt Naqeeb Majid ... Warwick CC were bowled out for 172 all out off 42 overs



Henry Walker bring his spin session taking a valuable wicket caught by Alex Worley



John 'Podge' Lee preparing to slog the pending full toss for 4



Safian Mir making an important 61 runs



Alex Worley making an incredible 74 runs

Great display from the WOCC next up is the exciting top of the table clash against Walmley CC away ... Up the WOCC

Water Orton Ladies Softball Cricket Team



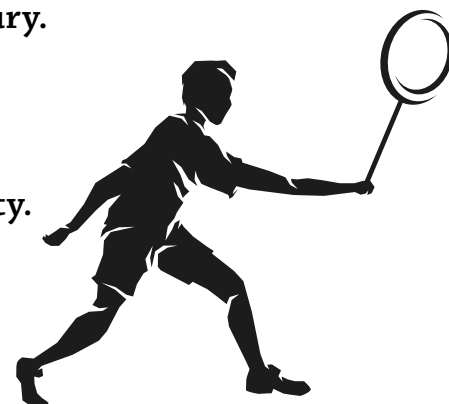
Water Orton ladies in their new shirts sponsored by A7 Sports, coaching is on Thursday nights at Water Orton Cricket Club starting at 6.30pm, come along and give it a try, we also play in softball cricket festivals both social and competitive on some Sundays throughout the summer and we be hosting our own on September 12th start time 11am come along and support the ladies club & Bar open.

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Coleshill Town F.C.

Coleshill Town FC match results

Northern Premier League Midland Division

Saturday 21st August

FA Cup Preliminary Round

Highgate United 1-4 Coleshill Town

Scorers: Taylor Carter-Byrne, Kai Tonge, Liam Molesworth, James Harrison.

Monday 16th August

Coleshill Town 2-1 Cambridge City

Scorers: Kai Tonge penalty, Joe Phillips.

Saturday 14th August

Wisbech 0 v 4 Coleshill Town

Scorers: Joe Phillips, Liam Molesworth, Kai Tonge, Paul Hathaway.

Coleshill started the season in the new Northern Premier League Midland Division with a bang and the best opening day result since 2013! The NPL Midland was supposed to result in less travelling and over the course of the season it almost certainly will, but the journey to Wisbech seemed as long as any in the Southern League, stuck on the motorway due to an accident didn't help either and the players had no time to relax as there was just enough time to get changed and get warmed up.

Coleshill beat Wisbech last season in an FA Trophy game, the only time the sides had met, and the Coleman got off to a great start as debutant Joe Phillips scored with a scissor kick from just inside the box with just three minutes on the clock. The home side couldn't cope with the pace that the Coleshill side have all over the pitch. Kai Tonge, who set up Phillips for his goal, again left the defence in his wake into the box but home keeper Congreve pushed the shot out for a corner. Wisbech tried to hit back and from a corner keeper Paul Hathaway had to punch the cross out from under the bar and a second corner was cleared by centre back Niall Rowe. The home side came close to levelling on the half hour mark when a cross from the right was headed goalward by Draper but Hathaway's dive palmed the ball away and the subsequent clearance sent Liam Molesworth on a run at goal and with the keeper in no-man's land, Molesworth casually lobbed the stopper, the ball landing in the empty net for 2-0. Josh Willis got in on the act as Coleshill dominated with a shot that Congreve saved and then just before the break Kai Tonge once again burst into the box but this time he beat two men then side footed the ball past the diving Congreve into the far corner of the net. 3-0 at half time and job done!

Coleshill started the second half brightly and had a couple of chances to increase their lead, Gio Dainty not far away with a shot, a free kick from Joe Phillips and a cross along the six yard box from Liam Molesworth but Wisbech came more into the game without really testing the Town defence to much. Josh Willis tested the home keeper but he saved at a stretch, Josh Mansell saw a cracking effort go just over the bar, Kai Tonge had a one on one but this time Congreve came out on top, but Coleshill increased their lead on 65minutes from an unlikely source! Town were awarded a free kick around 10 yards inside their own half. Keeper Paul Hathaway came out of his goal to take the kick and noticed the opposition keeper off his line. So he took a punt and his effort sailed over Congreve and landed in the net. For me that's a first, a goal from a free kick from 65 yards by a goalkeeper! Wisbech hit the post as the sought a consolation goal but the game kind of petered out as both sides introduced their substitutes.

Welcome to The Northern Premier League Coleshill Town!

The first result of the League season took us to top of the League. It was the best opening day score since 2013 when we also won 4-0. The last time we did better than that on the first day of a new season was 1947 when we beat Curdworth 9-0.

Northern Premier League - Midlands Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Halesowen Town	2	2	0	0	7	2	+5	6
2 Coleshill Town	2	2	0	0	6	1	+5	6
3 Sporting Khalsa	2	2	0	0	7	5	+2	6
4 Chasetown	2	1	1	0	5	2	+3	4
5 Daventry Town	2	1	1	0	6	4	+2	4
6 Sutton Coldfield Town	2	1	1	0	5	3	+2	4

Pitching in Northern Premier League Midland Division



Season 2021/2022 Fixture List

All Fixtures are League and 3pm kick off unless stated.

Mon 30 Aug Sutton Coldfield Town - Kick Off time to be confirmed	Sat 1 Jan Sutton Coldfield Town
Sat 4 Sept F.A. Cup	Sat 8 Jan Carlton Town
Mon 6 Sept Ilkeston Town - 7.45pm kick off	Sat 15 Jan Chasetown
Sat 11 Sept Histon	Sat 22 Jan Corby Town
Tue 14 Sept Belper Town - 7.45pm kick off	Sat 29 Jan Loughborough Dynamo
Sat 18 Sept Yaxley	Sat 5 Feb Soham Town Rangers
Sat 25 Sept Chasetown	Mon 7 Feb Halesowen Town - 7.45 kick off
Sat 2 Oct Carlton Town	Sat 12 Feb F.A. Trophy
Sat 9 Oct Kempston Rovers or Newcastle Town - F.A. Trophy	Sat 19 Feb Belper Town
Sat 16 Oct Corby Town	Sat 26 Feb Yaxley
Sat 23 Oct Loughborough Dynamo	Sat 12 Mar Histon
Sat 30 Oct F.A. Trophy	Sat 19 Mar Ilkeston Town
Sat 6 Nov Soham Town Rangers	Sat 26 Mar Daventry Town
Sat 13 Nov Halesowen Town	Sat 2 Apr Spalding Town
Sat 20 Nov Spalding United	Sat 9 Apr Sporting Khalsa
Sat 27 Nov Daventry Town	Sat 16 Apr Stamford
Sat 4 Dec Shepshed Dynamo	Mon 18 Apr Bedworth United
Sat 11 Dec Cambridge City	Sat 23 Apr Shepshed Dynamo
Sat 18 Dec Wisbech Town	
Mon 27 Dec Bedworth United	



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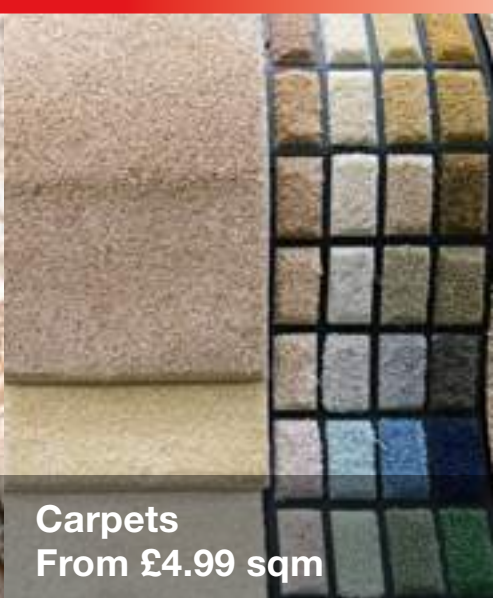
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