

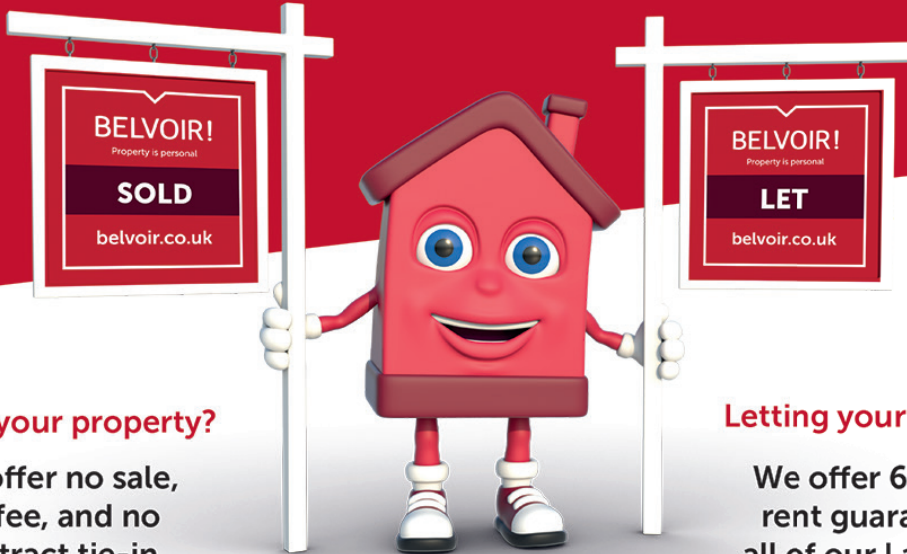
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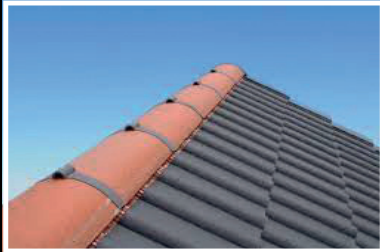


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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the June/July issue of the Wednesfield Magazine.

It's funny how you appreciate things more when they're no longer there. How weird is that?

I'm writing this in mid-May and for the first time this year we have had a few days of sunshine as opposed to the odd few hours. Doesn't it lift your mood!

Like many of you, I've been out in the garden, planting, mowing, weeding, painting etc, with a newfound energy. Mainly because I haven't had the opportunity for such a long time and with a small amount of encouragement from the other half.

Relationships with friends and family are another thing that you don't always properly appreciate until it's too late.

I lost a friend recently. He passed without warning, and it really knocked me sideways. Not just the fact that I'd never see him again, but also the disappointment in myself, that I hadn't seen or spoke to him much, recently.

I can't beat myself up though. It won't change anything. But one thing I can do, is to make sure I don't feel the same in the future about other friends.

On one hand, we all seem to be so much busier these days. However, most of us have the technology to send texts, WhatsApps, Facebook messages and that old fashioned thing known as a phone call.

All it takes is a little bit of effort. It also doesn't mean committing to organising a meet up. "Just checking you're ok as we've not spoke in a while. Or.. How's things?" will do the trick. Give it a go. Get your device of choice out and have a look down your list of contacts. See who you haven't been in touch with and ping a quick message. You might be glad you did.

RIP JB x

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A2B began in 2002 as a small project with 3 staff and registered as a Charity in 2004. In order to meet the growing demand for our services Access to Business secured a large Lottery grant in 2007 that supported the move to its current location in Tempest Street Wolverhampton and the services continued to grow as A2B expanded and currently 18 staff are employed providing services across the Borough of Wolverhampton. A2B also developed its own Social Enterprise, BOS (Back Office Services) provide services for start-ups in our City.



Last year Access to Business was chosen by the West Midlands Combined Authority to be the Wolverhampton Lead for the WM Social Economy growth plans, working with 7 other leads from across the West Midlands. They are also currently working on a large Social Enterprise Boost Fund project supporting Wolverhampton start-up and existing Social Enterprises that also have opportunity to apply for a grant to support their business growth.

More recently A2B won a Multiply programme that is helping adults across Wolverhampton improve their Maths skills.

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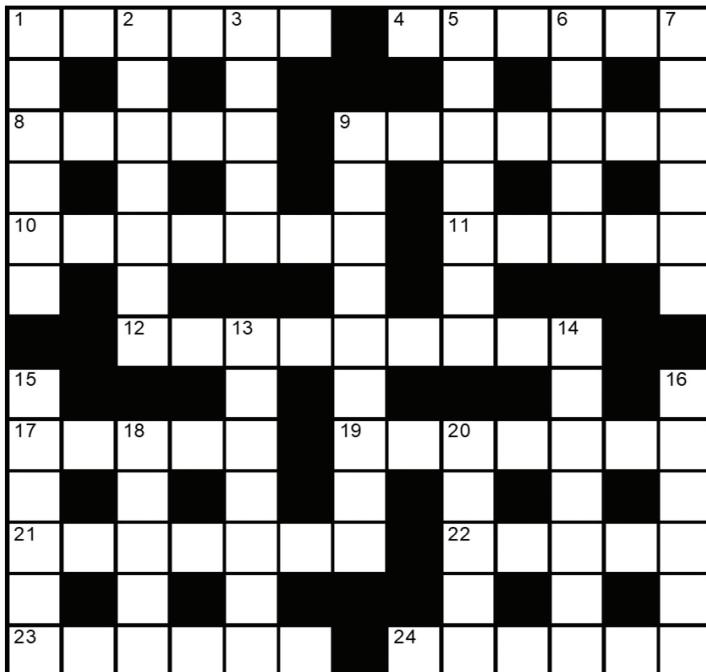
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Crossword

Please see answers on page 47



Across

- 1 Small round stone (6)
- 4 Pristine (6)
- 8 Large black bird (5)
- 9 Zeal (7)
- 10 Type of large military ship (7)
- 11 Rectify, revise (5)
- 12 Scarlet food dye (9)
- 17 Yellow/brown (5)
- 19 Gleaned (7)
- 21 Sparkle, shine (7)
- 22 Barbecue (5)
- 23 Cantankerous (6)
- 24 Burns supper dish (6)

Down

- 1 Robbery at sea (6)
- 2 Temporary, makeshift camp (7)
- 3 Estate, territory (5)
- 5 Recite, recount (7)
- 6 Tally, total (5)
- 7 Make fun of, insult (6)
- 9 Outlawed, prohibited (9)
- 13 The fastest big cat (7)
- 14 Deficient, incomplete (7)
- 15 Purchased (6)
- 16 Grown-ups (6)
- 18 Lift (5)
- 20 Belief, principle (5)



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CP Friends Group Launched

A good friend of the magazine, Richie Tanner, from Ashmore Park has started a new group for people, like himself, who have Cerebral Palsy.

It's probably best if we let Richie take it from here.....

My name is Richie. I am 21 years old. I have Cerebral Palsy & I use a wheelchair full time.

I'd like to tell you about my friendship group "CP Friends".

The reason behind this group is that as an adult it can be isolating living with a condition that is so tiring it's hard to keep up with peers of a similar age.

When I was a child, there were so many activities on offer.....soft play, sensory groups etc but now I'm an adult I'd like to meet and chat with other adults similar to myself.

I'm hoping to make a difference, to encourage friendship and have a great time along the way!

There will be regular get togethers at The Hub Ashmore Park where there will be tea, cake & friendship provided in a safe, accessible place.

The launch was very successful on April 12th, with some wonderful comments made on social media page or by message the following day;



"A wonderful group created and so important to those who went"

"Well done, Richie!! Super proud of you and your forever growing confidence"

"An amazing time with wonderful people."

"Well done Richie and everyone who makes this important and vital community event happen"
"So happy with the group it was so good!"

"Thank you for today it was lovely. Thank you, Richie, for setting it up"

I'm so happy it went well, and I have lots of ideas for the future too.

One day I would like to plan trips out for CP Friends....places like the bowling alley, for food maybe and even on an adventure such an accessible barge trip/picnic or steam train journey!

The next get togethers are on 7th June, 5th & 19th July, 2nd, 16th & 30th August at
Thank you for reading about CP friends!

Jo Tanner on behalf of Richie



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With summer just round the corner and people taking trips out, weekends away and summer holidays, the heron family of birds might just start to pop up into view.

Back in the 60s when I was a child, and in the 70s in my teens, the only members of the heron family that could be seen were the Grey Heron and, if you were exceptionally lucky, the summer visitor, the Bittern.



The Bittern, although rarely seen, can be heard at this time of the year 'booming' as males establish territory and attract mates in vast reedbeds. It's an incredible sound and worth listening to on the internet. Bittern numbers are expanding and they are a real success story of conservation.

Today however, there are four other heron/egrets regularly breeding in the UK and all of them are largely white. They are the Little Egret, Great White Egret, Cattle Egret and Spoonbill and even though Little Egrets have bred here since 1996 I still get a buzz out of seeing them.

Little Egrets are by far the most numerous and widely distributed. Although I've not yet seen them on 'the cut' in Wednesfield, I did have one fly across the A41 in front of me following the River Cole in Tyseley, Birmingham on the 8th May this year! Little Egrets are much smaller than a Grey Heron, pure white and have black legs with distinctive yellow feet and long head plumes. They are now a common



site on pretty much any large body of water and in fields and ditches.

The Great White Egret really is a magnificent bird. Although it's not quite as big as a Grey Heron, the first time you see one you can't help but think they are! Their size alone makes them readily distinguishable from Little Egrets, but their large yellow bill and elegant, slow movements are also recognisable features. Not as widespread as the Little Egret the Great White Egret is well established in the Midlands, particularly the East Midlands, but they are no longer an unusual site in our part of the world.



The other two birds I mentioned above, the Cattle Egret and the Spoonbill have a much more southerly range in the UK but are spreading northwards and are regularly seen on the West Midlands' bodies of water. Cattle Egrets are small, compact egrets and as their name suggests, are often seen close to livestock. Unlike Little Egrets, they have fairly short yellow/orange bills and yellow legs, and in the breeding season their white plumage develops orange patches.



And finally Spoonbills. Spoonbills to me are really exotic birds, but the only place I've ever seen them is in the UK! They are large and unmistakable and have a real wow factor when you see them for the first time. Creamy white rather than white, but will long spoon shaped black bills and a yellow tip (pinkish bills in juveniles) and yellowy collars they really are a wonderful thing to see.

Well, that's it for this issue, so don't forget to look up, look down, look all around and keep enjoying our wildlife.

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Before delving into the cosmos, Brian Cox found fame in the early 1990s as the keyboard player for the British pop band D:REAM – best known for their hit *Things Can Only Get Better*.

Cox says: “Being in D:REAM was more than just making music; it was about conveying profound messages and evoking deep emotions in our audience, similar to what I strive to achieve in science communication. It’s about connecting, engaging, and inspiring people, bridging the gap between art and science.”

The 56-year-old’s research at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN has contributed significantly to our understanding of fundamental particles and forces.

“Working at CERN felt like being an integral part of history in the making. Each discovery, each breakthrough, propelled us further into the depths of understanding, bringing us incrementally closer to unravelling the intricate and profound mysteries that constitute the very fabric of the universe.”

Cox’s knack for making complex scientific ideas accessible and intriguing propelled him to household name status. His collaboration with comedian Robin Ince on BBC Radio 4’s podcast *The Infinite Monkey Cage* exemplifies this skill.

Cox emphasises, “Science isn’t just for scientists. Our aim with *Monkey Cage* is to make it as clear and entertaining as possible, a fundamental part of our culture.”

His impact extends beyond radio, with several successful BBC television programs, including *Wonders of the Solar System* and *Wonders of the Universe*. These series have brought astrophysics into the living rooms of millions, igniting curiosity and wonder about the cosmos.

Reflecting on the impact of these programs, Oldham-born Cox says: “Those shows are more than just educational; they’re a celebration of human curiosity and our relentless pursuit of understanding.”



At the end of 2023 at the Sydney Opera House, he embarked on a new venture: *Horizons: A 21st Century Space Odyssey*, which was followed by a UK and European tour starting in January, blending science, music and visuals to create an immersive experience and encapsulating Cox’s unique ability to merge his passions for science and entertainment.

He says: “Horizons isn’t just a lecture; it’s a journey through the wonders of the universe, designed to inspire and amaze. My journey might seem unusual, but at their core, they’re both about exploration and expression. Whether it’s through a song or a lecture, the goal is to evoke wonder and understanding.”

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John and Ann Scarle, an elderly couple in a second marriage, each had one daughter from their first marriages. In October 2016 they were both found dead at their home in Leigh on Sea having died from hypothermia several days earlier. In cases where two people die together, or in circumstances where it is not possible to determine the orders of death, section 184 of The Law of Property Act 1925 states that, for estate administration purposes, the elder (in this case John) is deemed to die first, and the younger (in this case Ann) to die second. This meant that the entire estate (approximately £300,000) passed from John to Ann, and then on to Ann's next of kin being her daughter from her first marriage. John's daughter received nothing.

However, John's daughter fought back arguing that forensic evidence based on the rates of decomposition of the two bodies showed that it

was Ann (whose body was considerably more decomposed) who had actually died first, and John second. This would mean that the entire estate would pass the other way round, from Ann to John, and then on to John's next of kin (herself) so she should inherit everything and Ann's daughter nothing.

Ann's daughter then counter argued that the bodies were found in two different rooms where the heat and humidity levels were not consistent. This would explain the differing rates of decomposition, so it still wasn't possible to determine the orders of death. As such statutory law should still apply meaning she should inherit everything and John's daughter nothing.

The case rumbled on until 2019 when the court finally held that the scientific evidence was inconclusive, and that therefore statutory law would have to apply. As a result Ann's daughter did inherit everything, and John's daughter inherited nothing (and having lost the case also had to pick up the court costs which had accumulated to over £150,000!)

A fascinating case which illustrates how easy it is for children to lose an inheritance, and their newly acquired step siblings to inherit everything, when a parent has entered into a second marriage.

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Danny Robinson (aka Cannon): 1944 – 2024

Obituary

Tributes have been paid to a much-loved musician who's band once headlined the Royal Albert Hall. Danny Robinson, who was known as Danny Cannon as frontman for The Ramrods, has died aged 80, after a short illness.

Danny and his band members Ken Hooper, Alan Lacey, Len Beddow and Pete Walton, formed the Ramrods after becoming super fans of Buddy Holly while at school together.

They were all pupils of Etheridge SM School in Bilston, and each decided which instrument they wanted to play before splashing money on their chosen instruments.



When the band first joined up, Danny is said to have instantly wanted to be the lead singer, and to prove it bought his first microphone in 1959. Family friend Ian Beddow, 53, son of the band's lead guitarist, said the successful musician always had a joke up his sleeve and never lost his smile. He said: "Danny was the joker, I never saw him miserable and he always had jokes loaded up before he went on stage, he never missed a beat and had the most impeccable memory.

"He could remember things that nobody else could, dates, times, people, places, everything. My best memory is that he always had a smile on his face."

Danny and his band had humble beginnings in the local Bilston music scene, playing small events and birthday parties. But soon their skills grew, and just



a few years after starting they were winning local music competitions including the Big Beat on Snow Hill.

Real success came when they were offered a short spot at Bilston Town Hall,

which at the time played 'Swing music' and never had any 'Rock and Roll'. The town hall gave them a chance to play during the break, but their performances became so popular they were given their own weekly slot.

Ian, said: "The legend goes that if they were on stage at 7.30pm, and you were not in the queue by 6pm, you would not be getting in.

"They went on the bill at the Royal Albert Hall because ToCH - a charity set up after the war for ex servicemen who they raised money for - was part of an event playing there. "The Ramrods topped the bill and the venue was full.

He leaves behind his beloved wife Mary, son Paul and daughter Beverly.

As well as playing a small part in the first series of Peaky Blinders, Danny was also used by the series producers for his advice about local history. In an interview just before the launch of the series in 2013, he told how he taught Cillian Murphy how to speak with a correct Midland accent. He also appeared in a TV drama – Dancing on the Edge.

Bev told the magazine, "My dad was a big Wolves fan, but also attended Bilston Town FC home and away matches. He was a proper Bilstonian!

"There's a YouTube channel all about Danny Cannon and the Ramrods. Dad retired from teaching and decided to apply to work at the Black Country Living Museum. He worked there up until his 80th Birthday. Mom and Dad also celebrated 60 years of marriage in March of this year.





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Wednesfield in Bloom

The constant wet weather this spring has meant we are a little behind where we usually are at this time of year. Looking for a break in the weather so we can make a start with tidying the flower beds has been our main preoccupation. Our policy of planting perennials wherever we can is paying dividends, and we no longer have the worry of replanting hundreds of annuals every year which saves on time and money.

The railing planters are an exception and the ones in the village and at Ashmore Park will be going out at the end of May when all chance of frost has gone as these will contain tender bedding plants.

The shops at the Woodend island have been fundraising, and have raised enough money to have the railing planters made up with hardy type plants, which will be able to stay in situ all year round, and will be looked after by the shops in the vicinity so well done to all those concerned.

Through the support of Nisa we have been able to install planters at Ashmore Park Hub. They are being used already by a group called Day Opportunities and a variety of vegetables will be ready to harvest soon.

On the 29th May we will be holding our annual plant give away on Wednesfield market come along and say hello and see what we have to offer, it's difficult to predict what we will have a glut of at this stage, but I know I have a greenhouse full of tomatoes. There will also be an activity for the children concerning bees so something for everyone.

Judging day this year will be on Friday the 5th July and we will have a stall on the market celebrating 60 years of Britain in Bloom. We have again booked Brass in Bloom to play in the amphitheatre on Sunday 7th July from 1.30pm-4 pm (in St Thomas church if raining). The number of people who say "I

didn't know anything about this", well you do now, put the date in your diary, it's completely free and we even give away tea and coffee, just bring yourselves and a cushion to sit on.



The WIB Crafters have also been working hard, we sold our hand made goods at the Christmas lights switch on to boost funds and had a wreath making workshop in St Thomas's Centre with all materials provided. The spaces sold out quickly and we hope to hold the event again this December. We made hundreds of small flowers for Wightwick Manor's spring blossom art installation, and currently we are knitting hearts, which are being donated to The Swan Suite at New Cross Hospital, and to go into chemo care bags which are given out to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

If you would like to join our happy band of yarn bombers, we meet at St Thomas Centre every other Tuesday 7pm-9pm, cost £2. Our forthcoming meetings are 11th June and 25th June or come and see us at our stall at the canal festival on 10th August.



The only thing that limits what we do at WIB is the number of volunteers we have. Please if you have any spare time consider joining us, it reduces stress increases feelings of wellbeing and is cheaper than the gym. Contact us via facebook or give Julie a ring on **07904 573443**.

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Wednesfield Academy

Year 6 Welcome

We have enjoyed welcoming some of our feeder primaries into the Wednesfield Academy for our curriculum transition support sessions. This is to support our new pupils with their transition to secondary. We have recently had primary pupils into the school to participate in sports, science and English lessons.

Examinations

Pupils are continuing to attend additional revision sessions, breakfast club and study hall to prepare for GCSE and A-Level examinations which have now started. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils and pupils in the local area luck for their exams. We are sure all the hard work and extra revision sessions will pay off.

School Mascot

We already have 4 mascots at Wednesfield representing each of the houses in school. In recent weeks, we have asked pupils to design a school mascot which represents all of our values 'respect, resilience and pride'. Pupils have submitted some excellent ideas which have been well-researched and we have selected a winning design. Our new school mascot is Maggie the Owl. Look out for Maggie on our social media and at our community events along with our other mascots.



Duke of Edinburgh practice

As part of our Personal Development offer, pupils have been registered to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh award. On Thursday 9th May 2024 your child will take part in a Duke of Edinburgh award training day at Sutton Park, Birmingham. The



training day was to support and equip our pupils in the development of skills which will prepare them for their assessed overnight expedition in June 2024.

Rewards

Rewards is something we are passionate about and we have been working on a new structure for our rewards and our house competitions. Pupils are working hard to collect house points to earn the house cup. There are also individual rewards for house points such as golden tickets for the end of year draw, pizza parties and trips bowling, to Ninja Warrior and Drayton Manor.




Wednesfield Friends

Wednesfield friends is essentially our parent, teacher association. We are always looking for more members who can offer a small amount of time to contribute towards our school events. We are currently working hard to plan our annual summer fair on Saturday 13th July. There will be a range of stalls with items to purchase and the fair is open to the whole community. If you are interested in having a stall at the summer fair, please email into the academy via postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.



Next up...

We have lots of exciting things happening within Wednesfield Academy and outside of it. We are working hard to develop our website ensuring that it is supportive for parents and pupils. In addition to this and for information on school and community events, please see our social media sites for updates:

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Sian Computers, a local IT business from Bushbury, have scooped a national title, at an awards ceremony in London.

Black Country Connected is a programme to loan residents in the Black Country a Geobook Laptop with an option to receive connectivity to enable them to access information such as health, care, social, well-being sites, general information sites, educational/college sites, social media, online shopping and connect with people/organisations via email, video call and apps.

The NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board (ICB) Digital Inequalities Programme, 'Black Country Connected', brings together people from health and care organisations as well as the community and voluntary sector. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the rapid deployment of digital tools across health and care services, but we recognised these tools would only be effective for our population if we provided the necessary training and support.

Our programme provides a Geobook laptop and connectivity for those who don't have internet access at home, as well as a dedicated support service to manage the referral process and distribution. This included delivering training in using a digital device, giving people the confidence and skills necessary to use digital to enable them to access health and care services such as the NHS App, other healthcare apps and online healthcare services.

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Sian Computers, with the ICB's support, were shortlisted for the Health Service Journal Partnership Awards in March this year and were successful in winning Bronze for 'Best Social Value Initiative of the Year' and 'Most Impactful Project Addressing Health Inequalities', as well as winning Silver for 'Best Community Services Partnership with the NHS'. A true reflection of collaborative working at its best!

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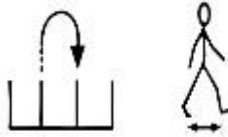
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**Wednesfield
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Tony Answers Museum's Call

Being a bit of a bibliophile, I am running out of shelf space, and so piles are appearing on tables and sideboards much to the annoyance of the boss. Now as any lover of the printed word will tell you, your cherished volumes become a part of what you are, and like pets and departed loved ones, parting becomes something of a trauma.

Making the decision of what ones to donate to the local charity shop, or gingerly hand over to a family member is stressful. That is until I was told that the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley, put out a SOS for older books to enhance their new attraction.

It just so happened that I had squirrelled away some volumes from the 30's and 40's, books that once belonged to family members when they were children.

Now I know what you are going to say, but its family, well correct, but my lot don't want them and their kids certainly don't, and so I came to the conclusion that the BCLM was the best place for them, where they will be read and enjoyed by a bigger and more appreciative audience.

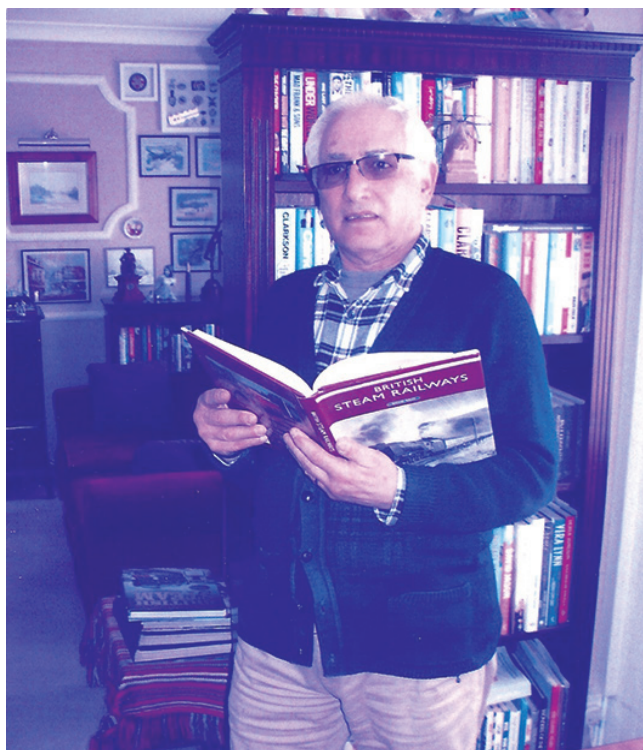
Along with the family stuff, I had an 1889 girls' yearly compendium. This book with its photos and hand drawings depicting the history of the times, and illustrations enhancing the narratives makes fascinating reading.

At the Museum the very helpful staff were hard at it sorting the many hundreds of donated books, and hopefully by September when it opens, the new attraction, with their extensive library will expand the hidden secrets of a time long past, and almost forgotten,



and hopefully open the eyes of the pampered silicon chip generation, to the world of steam powered machinery, gas lighting, cobbled roads and hard graft, and the amazing history of the men and women, who lived in atrocious conditions, and laboured long hard and tirelessly, for little reward, and died young, the very backbone of the Black Country.

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Hello and welcome to our very first feature!

Introductions are necessary – so, we are a community of mothers in the region, hence the name - Moms in the West Midlands, and we now have more than 20,000 of us over on our Instagram page, where we share the best days out and events across the West Midlands for families.

With the school holidays coming up, we wanted to share with you, our top 3 free and low cost days out for you to enjoy over the summer. So let's get straight to it...

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Oak Tree Children's Farm, Stonnall

Now this last one isn't free, but at just £1 entry per person and children under 2 visiting for free, you really can't go wrong. With chickens, goats, pigs, birds, peacocks and donkeys to see, this is a small but lovely farm. You can even buy a bucket of feed costing just £3 and feed some of the animals on your way round.

They are open on weekends from 10am - 4pm and during school holidays they open from Tuesday through to Sunday with the same timings. They also open one day during the week in term time, this varies from week to week so keep an eye on their Facebook page for updates.

I hope sharing those has given you some inspiration for your next family day out. Remember to follow our Instagram for more affordable days out in the region : **@momsinthewestmidlands** www.instagram.com/momsinthewestmidlands

Kids' Page

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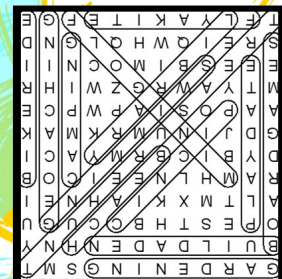


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| Beach | Geocaching |
| Bike ride | Library |
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Moving forward 60 years we celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee.



Special guests Alf and Dorothy Wardle, Sandra Samuels and Les Simmons

On Friday 3rd June 2022 there was a celebration at the community centre and on the amphitheatre. The History Society put on a display of the Queens history from her coronation to her Platinum Jubilee. Ashmore Park, Long Knowle and Wednesfield libraries were all involved with the displays and celebrations. Some of the special guests who attended were Les Simmons, Alf and Dorothy Wardle and the Mayor Sandra Samuels and her Consort Karl.

Working with the City Library Service, the

Society presented a commemorative leaflet which is a reproduction of the original programme of Her Majesty's visit.

April 2nd 1955 saw the opening of the council offices on Regal Fields.

May 14th 1955 the Library in Church Street was officially opened by Jennie Lee. The library closed some 55 years later on Saturday 22nd May 2010.

The new library in Well Lane was officially opened by the Mayor of Wolverhampton councillor Malcolm Gwinnett on the 1st June 2010.

June 6th 1961 Hylda Baker opened Sam Carpenters and Sons limited radio and Television shop at 7 High Street.

1971 The new police station in Alfred Squire Road officially opened on the 8th October 1971 by Richard C Sharples esq. The building contractors were J. F. Wooton of Bloxwich. Wednesfield Methodist Church that stood next to Pickering's shop moved to Wood End in 1983 and Trinity was demolished soon after.

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W Snape and Son of Wednesfield origin went from strength to strength here. It was founded in a small house in New Street around 1865 by Mr James Snape who was born in 1837, the year Queen Victoria was crowned. In 1874 he moved to the old Post Office, High Street, where Mr William Snape was born; then to a shop two doors away, and in 1902 to the double fronted shop opposite Trinity Methodist Church. In 1902 Mr James Snape passed away, Mr W Snape took charge, assisted by his brother Edward.



The double fronted shop that was once Snape's Tailors from 1902, later to be Cash Bakery until the outbreak of World War 2 in 1939.

In 1935 all those shops were earmarked to be demolished, today 89 years on the shops are still standing.

In 1915 they opened a shop in Wolverhampton but the Wednesfield shop was kept on for some years after this, whilst Mr Snape continued to live in Bolton Road. The house was later to be the home of Wednesfield Social Club.

All the Snape family figured largely in local social life; both church and chapel, tennis and cricket clubs. Mr W Snape; being an ardent cricketer in his earlier days, whilst for ten years he was a very active member of Wednesfield Urban District Council. The success of the business was like others of Wednesfield origin. Beginning in a small way, working hard personally for long hours with plenty of pluck and initiative.

Rising pressure of business in Wolverhampton led to Snape's leaving Wednesfield; their going regretted by many but they were still interested in its welfare, especially Mr W Snape, who was very active in spite of his 78 years, he often looked up old friends.

Snape's went as a private limited company; the directors were Mr W Snape, Mr Peter Snape, his son and Mr Ted Snape his brother, the latter well remembered as a very droll comedian in local comic operettas years ago.

Norman Wisdom of stage and screen fame when first appearing at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre several years ago, was fitted by Snape's for clothes and in spite of his rise to

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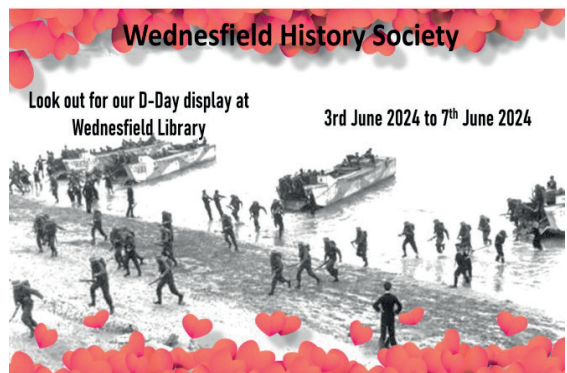
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The winner of the last competition was
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If you have any stories or photo's you want to share, just send them to the above address. Wednesfield History Society are putting on an event in Wednesfield Library. The event is about World War 2, it will take in D Day, Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, V E Day and also the brave men of Wednesfield who lost their lives.

The event is in a room in the Library and runs from Monday 3rd June until Friday 7th June. Library opening times apply.



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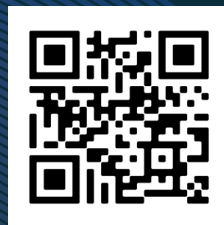
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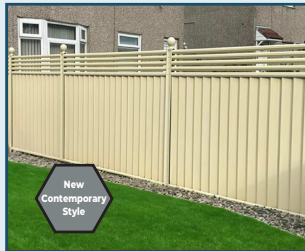
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Tom's Tots Celebrates

This year has been important to Tom's Tots because it is their 10th anniversary.

On the 11th of May they had a special celebration with animals, hook-a-duck and face painting. Co-founder, Sharon Peake said, "It was wonderful to see so many past, present and possible future tots.

There was much laughter, many smiles and lots of memories made".

Tom's Tots meets Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 during term time in St Thomas' Centre opposite St Thomas' Church.



St Thomas' Church Wednesfield

After a three year vacancy (without a Rector) we are pleased to announce that the Bishop of Lichfield will be licensing the Revd Kate Tingle to her new role of Team Rector of Wednesfield, on Sunday 23rd June at 3.00pm at St Thomas's Church, Wednesfield.

More to follow about Kate in the next issue.

Clive Postle
Parish Warden

Adrianus and Janet Celebrate Their Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Adrianus and Janet Visser (nee Poyner) celebrate 60 years of marriage and also of living in Wednesfield, on 6th June this year.

They were married on 6th June 1964 at St Micheal

and All Angels, Tettenhall and very shortly, still in 1964, moved to Wednesfield to live.

Adrianus in the same year began working at Yale and Towne, Waddensbrook Lane Wednesfield and he got his gold watch from there after 27 years' service and continued to work there until the firm closed which was a shock to all as they thought they were there for their working lives.

Janet looked after their only child Linda until at school and worked at Homer House for over 23 years as seamstress. Linda has two daughters Jenny and Natalie, who are married to Lee and Paul, respectively.

Jenny and Lee have Amelia age 6 and Charlie 18 months and Natalie and Paul have three daughters Phoenix 7, Luna 5 and Mia aged 2 years.

They are celebrating Janet and Adrianus being married 60 years by attending a Sunday service where they were married and a Chinese meal afterwards, hopefully with their two bridesmaids Janet's sister Caroline and cousin Debby too who are both being invited and still in touch.



Useful Information & Telephone Numbers

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Long Knowle	01902 552442
Low Hill	01902 552312
Wednesfield	01902 552218

Local Councillors/MP

MP Jane Stevenson	01902 722026
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Wednesfield North

Cllr Mary Bateman.....	01922 403960
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Cllr Rita Potter.....	01902 654599

Wednesfield South

Cllr Greg Brackenridge	07552 211600
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Cllr Jacqui Coogan	07919 626063

Long Knowle

Cllr Steve Evans	01902 861498
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