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Message from the Council Leader



Welcome to the summer edition in which we look back on that tremendous, historic day when Her Majesty The Queen opened the Mersey Gateway Bridge, and look forward to all that it brings to our borough.

After decades of campaigning and waiting for the new crossing, it was with immense pride that we welcomed Her Majesty and The Duchess of Sussex to Halton to officially open the bridge, which The Queen hailed as a "magnificent feat of engineering". I hope you enjoy seeing a few of the photos from that very special occasion.

Elsewhere, in the centre pages we have the full contact details of all your local Halton councillors, which I hope you will find useful.

This year is 100 years since the end of the First World War and there are projects and events taking place to mark the centenary – we have details of some of the latest local ones.

We've had some great weather so far this year and if it continues, it's important to keep you and your family protected, so please check out our sun safety health advice. And as well as shows and activities for all the family during the holidays, the what's on guide looks ahead to the autumn too.

I would like to wish all our readers a very enjoyable summer.

Cllr Rob Polhill Council Leader

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Majestic bridge fit for a

It was truly an historic day when Her Majesty The Queen and Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Sussex, on their first engagement together, visited Halton on June 14 to officially open the Mersey Gateway Bridge.

Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness arrived in the borough by Royal Train to be greeted at Runcorn Station by local children, dignitaries and members of the public who had turned out to welcome the special guests.

The Royal pair then travelled across the Mersey Gateway to the grounds of the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre, where the official opening event took place in full view of the iconic bridge. They arrived to cheering and flag-waving from hundreds of excited local primary schoolchildren.

It was the second time Her Majesty has visited Spike Island – she officially opened the island in 1977 after it was transformed from a derelict industrial site to the beauty spot it is today.

Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness appeared delighted by a performance - "Bringing Communities Together: Bridges of Halton" - by 80 local school children, directed by the locally based, Andrew Curphey Theatre Company. The moving piece told the story of the many river crossings that have connected Runcorn and Widnes through the ages.

Leader of Halton Borough Council, Cllr Rob Polhill, gave a short speech before inviting Her Majesty to unveil a plaque. Talking about the day, he said, "It was such a proud moment to see Her Majesty officially open the Mersey Gateway Bridge and a real celebration of what can be achieved with hard work and determination. To be able to share the day so many of our young people for whom the bridge will bring new opportunities and greater prosperity over the years and decades to come, made it extra special.



"I'd like to thank every single person who got us to this point, on what has been a long, and sometimes challenging, journey. What an unforgettable day for Halton!"

This plaque will be replicated and incorporated in two community benches which will be erected at Spike Island and Wigg Island.

More than 300 guests attended the event, many of whom helped to make the bridge a reality. A selection of guests from the development and construction of the new bridge were on hand to greet Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness along



Queen and a Duchess



Four local schoolchildren had the honour of presenting posies to Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness on the day - Jack Johnson, 10, and Savannah Cafferty, 11, whose birthdays fell on the day the new bridge opened to traffic, and Abigail Grimes, five, and Alarni Wain, eight, who celebrated theirs on the day of the Royal visit.

with staff, volunteers and beneficiaries of the community engagement and environmental aspects of the project.

Volunteer Keith Bold said: "It was a great honour to have been presented to The Queen and The Duchess of Sussex and to have been chosen to represent the Merseylink volunteers at such a prestigious event. Our representation was a fitting tribute to all the hard work and dedication given by the volunteers during the construction of the bridge.

"The Queen was interested to hear that not only do we staff the visitor centre, but we also give up our time to give presentations about the construction of the Mersey Gateway Bridge in primary schools and to community groups. In all a very memorable and enjoyable day."



A video which captures the event can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-Kze4gepFs&t=6s



Before & After...

Widnes Growing Together, the charity set up by Halton Councillor Andrea Wall two years ago with the aim of turning unused spaces into community growing and allotment space, is flourishing.

Cllr Wall says: "I am delighted that people have got involved with this project. It has been hard work to get to this stage and a steep learning curve in parts.

"I believe that community urban green space and the opportunity for people to be able to grow their own is vitally important. I am very grateful to all the people that have assisted and the generosity that Widnes people have shown in things like donating plants.

"The first WGT site is nearing completion and has already won two awards, coming first in a regional Tesco Bags of Help funding award, following a public vote, and winning a Royal Horticultural Society award for community green space."

Cllr Wall continues: "I am proud of us winning those awards - however, I am most proud of the diverse mix of people using the site. We have individuals who otherwise would not have use of a garden, along with the Girl Guides, the Men's Shed project, the Brooker Centre and the Widnes Wonders WI.

"Gardening and access to green space is proven to be good for our health and wellbeing and group site gardening is a great way for people to interact with others and perhaps make new friends. Of course, they also get to eat their own delicious own-grown produce."

There are plans for further Widnes Growing Together allotment and community growing spaces, with the Hanley Close site being the prototype and the first growing spot of its kind in Widnes.

If you would like more information contact Cllr Andrea Wall by calling 07795390979, e-mailing andrea.wall@halton.gov.uk or through Facebook www.facebook.com/CllrAndreaWall/



Community growing scheme thriving

Stepping up to help children with cerebral palsy

Kind-hearted Widnes Market traders have named their nominated charities for the coming year.

We hope you will support all they do to raise money for **Stick 'n' Step** www.sticknstep.org and **Guide Dogs for the Blind** www.guidedogs.org.uk Money will be raised through various activities including the ever-popular **Christmas Grotto**.

Patrick Higgins, one of the Market traders, recently visited Stick 'n' Step in their premises in York Street, Runcorn, to see the work they do. This was one of

the visits which helped make the decision to support this well-loved local charity. Stick 'n' Step provides free of charge conductive education sessions to local children with cerebral palsy, allowing them to gain the skills they need to live independent lives. Cerebral palsy is a condition that affects muscle control and movement. Conductive education sessions incorporate play and music into structured routines to develop

functional skills, improve the children's mobility and independence and boost self-confidence. Every child works towards their own set of personalised goals which are all designed to translate into movements, techniques and strategies that will help in real life. From moving around independently, to improving self-feeding; and learning to use the toilet on their own to tying shoelaces, everything in the sessions is designed to reduce each child's dependency on other people, and to give them the best chances of living a full and independent life. The Runcorn centre which opened last year is a large, bright space with specialist equipment, a sensory room, fully accessible children's toilets, a bathroom, parents' room, kitchen and office. Patrick Higgins says: "Widnes Market is at the heart of the local community and is very important to residents, while Stick 'n' Step's work transforms the lives of local children and their families, so it seemed to me to be an ideal choice for the market's Charity of the Year. I am so pleased that Stick 'n' Step was selected." To find out how to access support from Stick 'n' Step or how you could help this charity please visit www.sticknstep.org or call the Runcorn centre on **01928 573777**.



Left: Patrick Higgins visiting Stick 'n' Step's centre in Runcorn.

Football legend & Runcorn war hero is honoured

Halton Borough Council is marking the history of Runcorn FC by naming a new road into Millbank Linnets Stadium development after one of the club's legends, Jack Search.

The stadium in Murdishaw opened its doors to a new era in the club's history in 2010. Since then improvements to the facilities and a new club house have been added as part of a wider development of the site. Supermarket Aldi is set to open there alongside a family pub and retail units.

This development, coupled with Runcorn's successful 2017/18 campaign, which saw them promoted into the EVO-STIK League Division One West as champions, proves that the future is bright for the Trust-run club which only reformed in 2006.

Jack Search was a towering and imposing centre forward for Runcorn FC in the 1930's and a prolific goal scorer. He reputedly turned down a chance to play professionally for Arsenal during his time at Runcorn preferring instead to remain as an amateur with the town club.

In 1939 he took part in a now legendary game in the club's history where Runcorn, in front of a 10,000 strong crowd, took on the cup holders Preston North End in the FA cup. In the Preston team that day was Bill Shankly.

Unfortunately the Second World War interrupted Jack's playing career at the height of his powers

sending him off to serve as a Lieutenant in North Africa, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was later awarded the George Cross for his conspicuous gallantry in Italy, one of the highest awards in the military field.

After the war he returned to Runcorn and resumed his role for the club.

Playing as an amateur Jack earned his wage as a salesman for the Liverpool United Gas Company, according to the Runcorn Linnets official web site biography.

However, once his playing career was over Jack became one of five Directors of Everton Football Club during Howards Kendall's first and most productive managerial spell at the club.

During this time Jack oversaw both league and cup successes. His longtime friendship with Bill Shankly continued throughout their lives.

Halton Borough Council's Executive Board Member for Sport, Cllr Phil Harris, said: "We thought we needed to mark this legend of the local game. The development is set to be opened later this year and hopefully Jack can bring the Linnets further success in the future."



National Lottery support for Halton's gallant heroes

Halton Heritage Partnership has received a National Lottery grant for a project to mark the First World War centenary.

'Halton's Gallant Heroes', a project covering Widnes, Runcorn, Daresbury and Moore, has received £9,900 through the Heritage Lottery Fund's First World War: Then and Now programme.

Those who died during WWI are commemorated on the borough's cenotaphs and our VC recipients have been recognised, but the many other gallantry awards for those who survived WWI have not.

The project will help to build awareness among the general community and within local schools of heroism and, crucially, the life stories of those who survived the war and what their life was like post-war.

It will enable local people in Halton to come together to preserve memories. Volunteers will collect photographs, newspaper clippings, documents, letters and photos of keepsakes, as well as family tales passed down to help them build a clear picture of what life was really like.

The information gathered will be digitally recorded and uploaded to Halton's Virtual Museum website www.haltonheritage.co.uk where everyone can access and contribute information. The archive will allow the public to discuss, contribute, share and research information about the Home Front.

The project will initially deliver up to 20 short biographies of WWI heroes who survived the War and who are no longer with us to be able to tell their own compelling stories so those of us in the 21st century do not forget their bravery. Chairman of Halton Heritage Partnership, Frank Lawless, said: "We're delighted that we've received this support thanks to National Lottery players, especially those in Halton. It will enable local heritage to be recorded for future generations, especially those who gained gallantry awards, survived and led a life post-war."

Halton Heritage Partnership is a voluntary/public group of societies and organisations who promote heritage in the borough and bring it to life.

Further information contact haltonheritage@gmail.com



Explore **YOUR** heritage through the Halton Heritage Partnership website
www.haltonheritage.co.uk

Remembering the Great War...

It is 100 years since the end of the First World War and to commemorate this, there will be an event to remember those who did their bit.

As well as the men who gave their lives in the 'Great War', the day will honour the men and women back home who filled the roles of the men on active service.

Halton Council, in conjunction with the Widnes Branch of the Royal British Legion, the Widnes Royal Artillery and Widnes schools will be holding an event in Victoria Park on Saturday 8 September.

There will be a parade which will include Navy, Army and Royal Air Force plus Widnes schoolchildren and youth organisations. The children will carry placards in memory of the fallen, which will be laid at the Cenotaph.

The event will be attended by Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, Halton's Mayor and Mayoress, Halton MP Derek Twigg, and Council Leader, Cllr Rob Polhill.

The parade will form up at 10.30am and walk to the Cenotaph for a short service and the children will lay their placards and wreaths.

After the parade there will be a fun day in the park with various stalls and amusements.

Any organisation wishing to attend/ have a stall on the day, please contact Mike McNicholas on **07762 169650**, e-mail m.mcnicolas1@ntlworld.com





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Be Sun Safe this Summer

Everyone's been enjoying the sunny spring weather and hopefully, it's set to continue into summer. But whether you are holidaying here at home in the UK or abroad, be sun safe and follow our top tips for protecting your skin from the sun.

1. Use shade and stay out of the sun between 11am and 3pm
2. Know the shadow rule – if your shadow is shorter than you are tall, the sun can burn you.
3. Cover up
4. Drink plenty of water
5. Protect your shoulders and neck – remember to use sun cream on your head if you have thin or no hair

6. Wear good quality sunglasses that have a CE mark and British Standard, a UV 400 label or offer 100% UV protection.

7. Wear a hat - the wider the brim, the better the protection

8. Use sun cream - at least factor 15 with at least four-star UVA. Be sure to use plenty. For adults that's at least 2 teaspoons of sun cream to cover your head, arms and neck. For your whole body - use at least 6 teaspoons. Don't forget your shoulders, nose, ears, cheeks and tops of feet.

9. Sun cream will wash off when swimming - even waterproof ones.

10. Remember - you can burn in the UK. Take extra care and use sunscreen at home as well as abroad, even on cloudy days.

How a minor injury lead to a skin cancer diagnosis



Ian was diagnosed with malignant melanoma six years ago. What seemed like a minor bump to his hand at work developed into something more serious. As a plasterer for Halton Housing, Ian was used to getting knocks to his hands, so didn't think anything of it at first. However, it wouldn't heal so growing concerned, Ian went to see his GP. Tests showed that the injury to his nail was actually malignant melanoma – skin cancer.

Ian was devastated and feared the worst. His thumb was amputated and lymph nodes from under his arm were removed. Thankfully, Ian's treatment was successful and he has been clear for 6 years. But his message is clear – if you have any unexplained marks, injuries or moles anywhere on your body, be safe and get checked.

"I was worried about taking time off and losing money at work. But in the end life is more important than bricks and mortar.

"If you notice any lumps, bumps, moles or freckles that look different or unusual, don't think that you're a hard case or that it will never happen to you. Don't worry about the time off work, get yourself checked because skin cancer does happen and can kill you. Getting checked can save your life!"





'Catch' our new app for parents in Halton!

The early years of your child's life can be some of the most rewarding, but also the most challenging, especially when it comes to your child's health.

Where can you find reliable information about common illnesses, immunisations, milestones, etc.?

CATCH is a free new app for parents and carers in Halton with children aged 0 to 5 years and pulls information from reliable sources including the NHS straight to your phone or tablet.

As well as information about common health problems and treatments, you can also receive alerts reminding you when immunisations are due as well as seasonal advice, such as how to protect your child

and family from flu. You can also access information about symptoms, self-care and treatment which can help you to decide if you really need to see a doctor. As your child grows, the information you receive from Catch is tailored to match your and your child's needs.

Find out more at

www.catchapp.co.uk

The app is available now to download from the App Store or Google Play and once installed on your phone or tablet, you simply enter the first part of your postcode (e.g. WA7) and some basic details about your children (their date of birth, first name, gender) to have instant access to a wealth of information.



Do you know the symptoms of Sepsis?

Sepsis is a potentially life-threatening condition, but it can be easily treated if caught early enough. Symptoms of sepsis will present differently between adults and children.

Sepsis could occur as the result of any infection and there is no one sign for sepsis. It can initially look like flu, gastroenteritis or a chest infection. For adults, get medical help urgently if you develop any of the following:

- Slurred speech or confusion
- Extreme shivering or muscle pain
- Passing no urine (in a day)
- Severe breathlessness
- It feels like you're going to die
- Skin mottled or discoloured.

If your child is unwell with either a fever or very low temperature (or has had a fever in the last 24 hours), and has any of these symptoms, go to A&E immediately or call 999:

- Is breathing very fast
- Has a 'fit' or convulsion
- Looks mottled, bluish, or pale
- Has a rash that does not fade when you press it
- Is very lethargic or difficult to wake
- Feels abnormally cold to touch.

For more information visit nhs.uk/sepsis or sepsistrust.org

STAR WARS: TRAIN LIKE A JEDI

change4life

Are your kids ready to Train like a Jedi this Summer?

Calling all friends of the Resistance! The new Change4Life campaign - Train Like A Jedi - is here to help kids get active and inspire a new generation of Resistance recruits.

Taking inspiration from everyone's favourite Star Wars™ characters Rey and Luke, it's time to get your kids active as they learn to master the ways of the Jedi with a fun play along video. The video features British Taekwondo athlete and double Olympic gold medallist Jade Jones, who alongside a special appearance from BB-8, leads kids through a series of Jedi inspired moves, which will prepare them to be ready for when the Resistance might need them!

Combined together, the 12 moves become one special Jedi training routine that helps children learn and master six key skills - technique, strength, stamina, speed, agility and mastery.

Have fun, work hard and Train Like A Jedi. May the Force be with you!

Search Change4Life online to access the Train Like A Jedi video.



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- Ability to see a Doctor
- Specialist staff to treat children
- Free on-site parking

If you have one of the following minor injuries or minor ailments, you could be treated at the Urgent Care Centres:

- Minor Cuts or Wounds
- Sore Throat
- Bites or Stings
- Rashes and Allergic Reactions
- Prescribed Medication (subject to assessment)
- Minor Burns or Scalds
- Coughs and Colds
- Muscle or Joint Injuries (e.g. sprains and strains)
- Earache
- Eye Injuries and Infections
- Emergency Contraception



Open here...

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Resource Centre**
Caldwell Road
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0151 495 5000

GP Extra

Urgent Care Centre

NHS 111

NHS

Become a foster carer with your local authority

The Halton Fostering Team host information sessions across the borough to meet people in Halton who are interested in becoming a foster carer.

These sessions give people the opportunity to gather and take away information about training, allowances and the application process. Key members of the Fostering Team and foster carers will be there to answer any questions and collect key information from attendees interested in taking their next steps in the fostering process.

Come along to the next information session near you. Free parking is available close to all of the venues, and the dates and full information can be found on foster4halton.co.uk or by calling the fostering recruitment hub on 0800 195 3175.

Halton Fostering information sessions:

- **TUESDAY 7 AUGUST**
COSTA COFFEE, RUNCORN SHOPPING CITY, WA7 2GX | 11AM
- **THURSDAY 16 AUGUST**
CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE, WA7 2ST | 10AM
- **THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**
COSTA COFFEE, WIDNES SHOPPING PARK, WA8 7NT | 11AM
- **TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER**
HALTON STADIUM, WA8 7DZ | 6PM
- **TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER**
COSTA COFFEE, RUNCORN SHOPPING CITY, WA7 2GX | 11AM
- **THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER**
CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE, WA7 2ST | 6PM
- **THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER**
COSTA COFFEE, WIDNES SHOPPING PARK, WA8 7NT | 11AM
- **TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER**
HALTON STADIUM, WA8 7DZ | 10AM
- **TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER**
COSTA COFFEE, RUNCORN SHOPPING CITY, WA7 2GX | 11AM
- **THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER**
CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE, WA7 2ST | 10AM



Local Government Boundary Commission Review

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking local people for their help to draw up a new pattern of council wards for Halton Borough Council.

The consultation is the first part of an electoral review which will re-draw ward boundaries across the borough. The Commission has also announced that Halton Borough Council should have 54 councillors in future - two fewer than the current arrangements.

In drawing up new boundaries, the Commission aims to deliver electoral equality for voters in council elections so that each councillor represents roughly the same number of voters. The review also aims to ensure that the new council wards reflect, as far as possible, the interests and identities of communities across Halton.

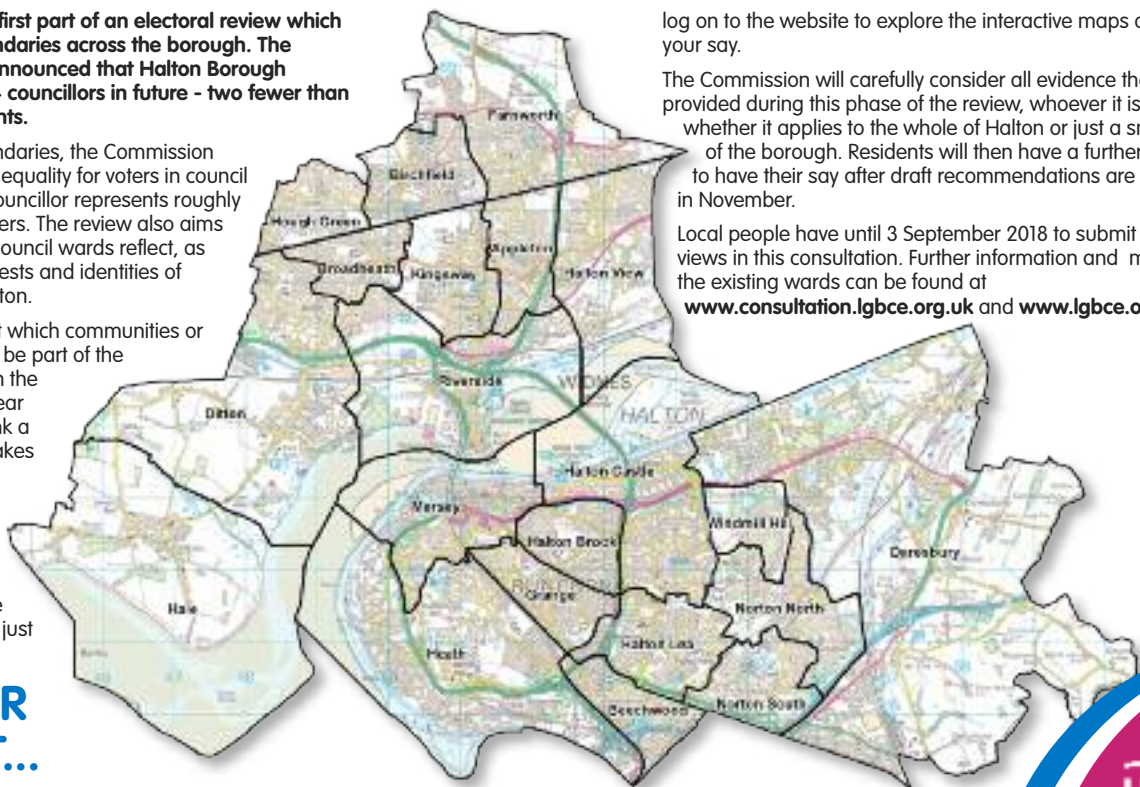
If you have a view about which communities or neighbourhoods should be part of the same council ward, then the Commission wants to hear from you. And if you think a road, river or railway makes for a strong boundary between communities in your part of Halton, then this consultation is for you.

If you're interested in the way the borough is run, just

log on to the website to explore the interactive maps and have your say.

The Commission will carefully consider all evidence that is provided during this phase of the review, whoever it is from and whether it applies to the whole of Halton or just a small part of the borough. Residents will then have a further chance to have their say after draft recommendations are published in November.

Local people have until 3 September 2018 to submit their views in this consultation. Further information and maps of the existing wards can be found at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk and www.lgbce.org.uk



HAVE YOUR SAY - VISIT...

www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk / www.lgbce.org.uk



Halton resident?

If you registered before the bridge opened, it's almost time to renew your merseyflow plan.

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STEP 1	Scan/take photos of your council tax bill, driving licence and V5C
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STEP 4	Upload your council tax bill, driving licence and V5C
STEP 5	We'll email your confirmation – That's it!

Please keep your current merseyflow sticker on your car windscreen – **you don't need a new one.**



Other ways to renew are available:

 Merseyflow's Walk-in Centre, Howard Court, Manor Park, Runcorn WA7 1SJ

 info@merseyflow.co.uk

 01928 878 878



If you registered after the bridge opened, you don't need to do anything yet

Make sure you don't miss out on discounted bridge crossings

We hope you have been enjoying quicker, easier and more reliable journeys across the Mersey Gateway Bridge.

This October will mark a year since the Mersey Gateway Bridge opened to traffic.

If you registered for the Local User Discount Scheme prior to the bridge opening on 14 October 2017, it's now time to renew to make sure you can enjoy these benefits for another 12 months.

If you registered after the bridge opened you don't have to do anything now.

It's easy to renew and there are a few ways to do it, but renewing at www.merseyflow.co.uk is the quickest.

If you qualify for discounted trips, here's what you need to do to renew online:

1. Scan or take photographs of your three identification documents - your driving licence, a 2018/2019 council tax bill and your V5C vehicle registration document
2. Go online at merseyflow.co.uk and login to your account. It's straightforward, but if you have forgotten your password there's an easy way to reset. Just click 'forgot password' and follow the instructions on screen.

3. Once you're logged in you need to click the 'Renew my Plan' link, which is next to the red triangle at the top of your account screen.
4. You'll then need to pay your £10 annual renewal fee.
5. Next, you need to upload copies or photos of your three identification documents - your driving licence, a 2018/2019 council tax bill and your V5C vehicle registration document. We need all three in order to renew your account.
6. We'll email your confirmation - that's it! Once approved you will be able to enjoy another 12 months of journeys at no further cost.

If you registered before the bridge opened, your current plan will expire on 13 October 2018. Your new 12-month plan will apply from 14 October 2018.

You don't need a new sticker so please keep your current merseyflow sticker in your car windscreen.

Please remember your discount only applies to Class 2 vehicles and personal crossings made on the Mersey Gateway Bridge, and that business trips need to be declared and paid for.

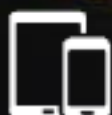
You can also renew in person at the merseyflow walk-in centre, at Manor Park, Runcorn, or by speaking to one of our team on 01928 878878.

If you're renewing at the walk-in centre you will need to bring your identification documents with you, if you renew over the phone you will need to send the documents in to us to check.

The merseyflow call centre is open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 6pm Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays.

The walk-in centre is open from 9am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 6pm Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays.

If you are a Halton resident who is not eligible for the Local User Discount you may qualify for help through the Local User Discount Support Scheme.



For more information, please visit:
www.merseyflow.co.uk/halton-resident





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Your views wanted on dog control orders

Halton Borough Council is consulting on proposals to create a new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to help increase its powers to promote responsible dog ownership.

Local authorities have the power to create a PSPO where activities are taking place that can have a detrimental effect on the local community's quality of life.

Dog fouling and other forms of anti-social behaviour associated with irresponsible dog ownership are significant issues for many local people in Halton.

The Council recognises that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible, pick up after their dogs and keep them under proper control. However, there is a minority of people who do not.

As well as seeking views on its proposals to continue with some existing powers and increase the number of locations where current control measures will apply, the Council is consulting on proposals to introduce a number of new powers. The controls that are being proposed as part of the new PSPO include;

- Dogs being excluded from defined areas of the borough
- Dogs being required to be kept on a lead in defined areas of the borough
- Dog walkers being required to carry bags to clean up after their dog has fouled
- A restriction on the number of dogs that an individual can walk at any one time.

Breach of a PSPO is a criminal offence and individuals who do so face being issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100. While the new PSPO would provide enhanced enforcement powers, the primary aim is to deter irresponsible behaviour by dog owners and reduce the need for enforcement measures.

The Council is inviting you to share your views on these proposals by completing a survey online at www.halton.gov.uk/dogcontrol or paper copies are available at Direct Link shops.

The consultation ends on 28 September. The outcome will be considered by the Executive Board in the Autumn.



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Children's Centres

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Wednesday 5th September at
10.30am - 5.30pm

Kingsway Learning Centre, Widnes

Thursday 6th September at
10.30am - 5.30pm

0151 511 7788

adult.learning@halton.gov.uk

Check us out on Facebook

www.halton.gov.uk

Call in to see us at:
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Runcorn WA7 2JE

Kingsway Learning
Centre, Widnes
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Growing places

The growing season comes to a grand finale at the Widnes & District Horticultural Society's Annual Show on Sunday September 2.

The show takes place at the Frank Myler Pavilion, Liverpool Road, starting at 2pm. Entries are welcome from everyone and are free in every category, which includes flowers, fruit and vegetables, arts, crafts and home baking. There will also be plants for sale.

The Society is seeking closer partnership this year with local schools which may like someone to visit them to give a talk. Alternatively, schools might welcome some free advice on their own garden projects. They are keen for the society to grow and flourish, so the door is always open to new members. The current annual fee is £7.

Chair Angela Ball says: "A warm and friendly welcome is given to new members. There are a number of events throughout the year including excursions and social/supper events which include prize raffles and quizzes." For further information, visit Facebook or e-mail either widneshorticultural@yahoo.com or anne.billington1@btinternet.com



Clare joins team Catalyst



Clare meets the Friends of Catalyst. Left to right: Chris Lewis, Ian Campbell, Andy Bunce, Clare Bedford, Bob Roach, Fred Kaye and John Blewett.

The Friends of Catalyst group were awarded Big Lottery Awards for All funding earlier this year to bring in a part-time Volunteer Coordinator to work alongside staff at Catalyst Science Discovery Centre in Widnes.

Halton Borough Council's Community Development Team helped the Friends group with their bid, and continues to support them and Catalyst in general. After a competitive recruitment programme they appointed Clare Bedford to the role. Some people may know Clare from her work with Widnes Foodbank, and the group is delighted to have such an experienced person in the position. Her task will now be to co-ordinate the volunteering at Catalyst as well as recruiting new volunteers. Catalyst already has many hard working volunteers and Clare is looking forward to meeting them and helping to create new opportunities for people who might like to get involved. She will be based in Catalyst for two days per week and if you have any spare time and would like to discuss volunteering opportunities please feel free to contact her on clare@catalyst.org.uk or call the main number, **0151 420 1121** and ask to be put through to her.

Have you got time to help older people in Halton?

Would you like to offer some of your free time, or know someone who might? Halton Borough Council needs you! And it could lead to a full time paid role.

Sure Start to Later Life is currently looking for new volunteers to support older vulnerable people by befriending them, chatting, supporting them to go out or help them with IT. All training is provided by Halton Borough Council and a full induction programme takes place. Spaces are available as some volunteers moved on into employment, both within the Council and externally, others can only volunteer at certain times because of study, work or health issues.

The Council's Executive Board Member for Health and Wellbeing, Cllr Marie Wright, said: "No matter how little time you have there is always someone who would benefit from a chat over a cuppa." So please call **01928 569498**, or drop into the office at Grangeway Community Centre in Runcorn for further information or email suzanne.toner@halton.gov.uk





Police Community Bases to open across Halton

Community buildings across Halton are set to be declared police community bases to allow PCSOs to spend more time in the heart of the communities they serve.

Housed in existing buildings, the bases will provide a facility for PCSOs to hold regular surgeries or have confidential discussions with victims, witnesses and other members of the public.

In some areas, PCSOs will be able to begin and end their daily shift at their community base to increase the amount of time they have to meet local residents and deal with local issues.

Runcorn Library, the Catalyst Museum and Halton Brook Children's Centre are among the venues identified as suitable community venues for PCSOs to work from in Halton.

In total, Runcorn and Widnes will have 17 police community bases, with 122

being rolled-out across the whole of Cheshire to bring policing closer to communities.

Each of the 17 communities identified across Halton will also have its own dedicated PCSO that local residents will be able to easily recognise and work with on issues of concern to them.

Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, David Keane, said: "I am proud that we've been able to introduce a police base and PCSO for every community across Cheshire to help re-establish community policing across the county.

"When I was elected I promised the Cheshire residents 'more feet on the beat' and this model is helping us put

community officers back where they belong.

"Under the previous model, some PCSOs were travelling miles each day to the community they were based in, wasting valuable time that they could be spending in their communities.

"The new bases will help increase police interaction with individual communities, providing a named, recognisable officer and an easily accessible police base for local residents in shared community buildings at no extra cost to the taxpayer."

The new bases are currently being rolled-out and are all set to be in operation by the end of July 2018.

Police Community Bases in Runcorn

- Grangeway Youth and Community Centre
- Halton Brook Children's Centre
- Heath Business Park
- Halton Direct Link
- Sandymoor School
- Castlefields Community Centre
- Runcorn Library
- Brookvale Community Centre
- Murdishaw Community Centre

Police Community Bases in Widnes

- Brennan Lodge
- Victoria Road Library
- Catalyst Museum
- Halton Housing Trust, Naughton Fields
- Upton Community Centre
- Hale Village Hall
- The Bridewell
- Halton Housing Trust, Waterfront Point

To find out more about what is going on in your local policing area or who your local PCSO is, please visit www.cheshire.police.uk/local-policing/runcorn or www.cheshire.police.uk/local-policing/widnes

www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk



David Keane
Police & Crime
Commissioner
for Cheshire

School wages war on plastic

A Halton primary school is taking steps to look after their world and drastically reduce consumption of single-use plastic.

Lunt's Heath Primary School Council realised plastic pollution is damaging our oceans and hurting the environment, as it is not naturally bio-degradable material.

Staff at the Widnes school are now empowering the children to act on their beliefs and spread the word. The pupils' Single Use of Plastic campaign was based on the evidence from Gary and Sam Benchehib who paddled through pollution along the Citarum River, one of the world's most polluted rivers, on a kayak made from plastic waste.

They created a film from their expedition and got the attention of the Ministry of the Environment of Indonesia. A short time after their film was shared on social media the Government announced a two year plan to clean up the river.

After sharing the video with the School Council, pupils decided on a self-driven project to inform and educate the schoolchildren and local community of the damage disposable plastic is causing.

The project was recently launched in the school by Halton Borough Council's Mayor and Mayoress, Cllrs John and Marjorie Bradshaw.

Head Andrew Williams said: "During a meeting to launch a pledge to change the way in which people think about using single-use plastic at school, the School Council has shared their passion to schools across Halton, inviting them to join in with this pledge.

"Children have also joined up with another local primary school, Farnworth C of E, to encourage them to act with us on this important issue."

Halton Borough Council's Executive Board Member for Children, Young People and Families, Cllr Tom McInerney, said: "It's great that young people care so much about the environment. Let's hope others follow their lead."

Lunt's Heath pupils pledged to take action together by:

- Informing and educating our school and local community of the damage disposable plastic is causing, encouraging our family and friends to make lifestyle changes that reduce their consumption of single use plastic.



- Auditing the use of single-use plastic in school, reducing its consumption by 50% in Year 1 with a view to removing it entirely by the end of Year 2.
- Undertaking a full audit of the school's plastic consumption with a view to making sustainable replacements where possible.
- Promising to share plastic pollution solutions with our community.

Park playground gets a **FUN FACELIFT**

The children's play area at Phoenix Park, Runcorn, is getting an upgrade this summer.

Halton Council's revamp of the 12-year-old playground will include more accessible equipment for children of all ages and abilities.

New kit includes a multi-activity play unit with ramped access, swings with a variety of seats, a flush-floor roundabout, a see-saw with extra-

supportive seats, a ground-level trampoline and a sensory interactive play train.

Funding for the £111,000 project will come from a variety of sources, including WREN's FCC Community Action Fund which provides grants to community projects using money generated from the landfill community funds of FCC Environment Ltd.

Halton Borough Council is providing funds via the local Area Forum and from Open Space Services' capital playground improvement budget.

Additional funds have been provided by Windmill Hill Big Local and Tesco, through its 'Bags of Help' scheme.

The Council's Executive Board Member for the Physical Environment, Cllr Ron Hignett, said: "This will improve the facilities in what is one of the area's most popular parks. I am sure everyone will welcome the work we are doing there."



The original playground

MURDER AT Cadberry -MANOR-

Prepare yourself for an evening of murder most delicious this October at The Brindley Theatre. Soup Productions are rehearsing for their upcoming production 'Murder at Cadberry Manor' – a black comedy murder mystery.

Halton-based Soup invite you to Cadberry Manor, home of rich eccentric Sir Toby Le Rone, on a rather special evening. The only problem is the night will take a huge twist as he ends up dead by a mystery assailant. Join Inspector Harry Bo as she quizzes and interrogates the suspects such as Dr Wilbur Wispa Wisbur, Maid Malteaser, Louis 'The Fruit' Pastille and many more.

Directed by Danny Shaw and written by Mike Bell and Michael Pirks, Soup Productions are proud to present this mystery that not even Poirot could be bothered to work out!

The play is on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 October at 7.30pm, Saturday matinee 2.30pm.

Tickets £12 from The Brindley on 0151 907 8360 or www.thebrindley.org.uk

Soup opened its doors in June 2017 and has undergone a huge transformation in its debut year. From performing successful shows, to increasing in member numbers and venturing into other mediums such as filming mini movies, Soup has gone from strength to strength and lives by its promise to support, encourage and showcase new and original talent.

For more information about the show and all Soup-related projects visit www.facebook.com/soupproductionsuk



PRESENTS...

MURDER AT Cadberry -MANOR-

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WRITTEN BY MIKE BELL WITH MICHAEL PIRKS



The Brindley Arts Centre - Friday 26th & Saturday 27th October
7.30pm Start / Saturday Matinee 2pm

Tickets £12 each: 0151 907 8360 or order online www.thebrindley.org.uk



HaltonOPEN wants to hear your voice...

Halton Older People's Empowerment Network (OPEN) is looking for new members.

Supported by Halton Borough Council, the network was established in 2001 and has become the collective voice of people aged 50 plus who live and work in the borough.

The group communicates, consults and campaigns so they can influence and encourage the development of services which can help to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of all older people in Halton.

The main areas the network focuses on are: Environment, finance/benefits, health and wellbeing, housing, loneliness, public transport, quality of life, safety in the home.

If you wish to have your say on any of the above services or there are other issues which you wish to raise, please become a member for free and enjoy the benefits of having your say, attending events and receiving the newsletter.

To become a member, please ring Clare Lightfoot on 01928 575400 (Tuesday to Thursday) or e-mail clarelightfoot@aukmm.org.uk

Have you heard a good book lately?

Did you know that Halton Libraries have a great selection of talking books that are ready to download for your holidays or leisure time for free!

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A Good Friday at Runcorn Fire Station

Runcorn firefighters held an Easter themed coffee and cake morning at the Heath Road fire station on Good Friday to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research and The Fire Fighters Charity. There were plenty of cakes and refreshments as well as an Easter Egg Hunt, the opportunity to look around the station and to sit in the fire engines.

Road and kitchen safety advice was given out and people were invited to share any concerns they may have regarding fire safety. Hundreds of people turned up to the event and over £1000 was raised for the two charities.

A raffle was also drawn with prizes generously donated by Daresbury Hotel, Domino's Pizza, Active Nation Gym, Cineworld Runcorn, The Brindley Theatre, Pizza Hut and Chillax with Lesley. The lucky winners were Catriona, Alysha & Noah, Emma, Ann, Michelle, Shaz, Pam, Chris and Iris.

Special thanks also to everyone who helped arrange and manage the event and to Evenwood Farm Pub and ASDA for their generous donations.



Safety Central: has your school visited yet?

Hundreds of children and young people across Halton have been immersed in a make-believe world full of hazard, danger and risk in a bid to make them safer and learn important lifeskills.

Safety Central is a purpose-built indoor village using special effects and storytelling to simulate real-life risk in a completely safe environment. Among the topics explored are fire safety and accidents at home, in a life-sized three-bedroom family home, and road safety taught in an impressive indoor street-scene. Twenty-first century issues such as bullying, cybersafety, healthy eating, crime and mental well-being are also covered.

Located on the M56/M6 interchange at Lymm the centre is free to schools and groups in Halton, as well as Warrington, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester.

Centre Manager Mark Shone said: "Our aim is to make learning about safety fun, relevant and effective so visitors make real changes and reduce their chance of having an accident or coming to harm. I'd encourage any teacher, governor or parent to take a look at our website and contact us if they want to visit."

For further information go to safetycentral.org.uk or follow Safety Central on Twitter @safetycentralCH



Water Safety

Every year firefighters are called to incidents where people, particularly young people, get into difficulty after taking an impromptu dip in open water. This has on a number of occasions led to tragedy and the loss of a life.

Our advice is only ever to swim outdoors as part of organised swimming clubs. Please follow our advice to stay safe this summer:

Remember:

- ONLY swim as part of an organised group.
- NEVER go swimming alone.
- SURFACE may feel warm, below can be icy cold.
- NEVER drink alcohol before swimming.
- WATER looks calm, there can be strong undercurrents.
- KNOW your limits – the cold can kill.
- DON'T ignore the safety signs – it could cost you your life.
- NEVER interfere with lifesaving equipment.



AUGUST

SATURDAY 3

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST - OPEN-AIR THEATRE

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS | 7PM
Immersion Theatre invite you to an evening of open-air decadence and hilarity as they proudly present Oscar Wilde's wittiest comedy, The Importance of Being Earnest. Join foppish bachelors Jack and Algernon on their latest Bunburying exploits replete with mistaken identities, ice women, trivial banter and of course, muffins! Prepare your cucumber sandwiches and spend the evening in the glorious walled garden enjoying one of literature's most trivial comedies for serious people... there'll be handbags at dawn!
Tickets available now.
Call 01928 569 895 or www.nortonpriory.org

TUESDAY 7

HALTON FOSTERING INFORMATION SESSION

COSTA COFFEE, RUNCORN SHOPPING CITY, WA7 2GX | 11AM

The Halton Fostering Team host information sessions across the borough to meet people in Halton who are interested in becoming a foster carer. These sessions give people the opportunity to gather and take away information about training, allowances and application process. Key members of The Fostering Team and foster carers will be there to answer any questions, we can also collect key information from attendees interested in taking their next steps in the fostering process. Come along to the next information session near you - free parking is available close to all of the venues, and the dates and full information can be found on foster4halton.co.uk or by calling the fostering recruitment hub on 0800 195 3175.

MONDAY 6 & TUESDAY 7

STINKERBELL AND THE PIRATES

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS 10AM - 4PM

Meet a motley crew of pirates, follow the treasure map and complete the challenges. Stop Stinkerbell from getting in a lather by making her some soap and giving her a bath. Family fun crafts and trails. Normal admission prices apply.

THURSDAY 9

PIRATE DESERT ISLAND SURVIVAL DAY

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS 10AM - 2.30PM

Maroon yourself at Norton Priory for a bloodthirsty day of piratical survival skills including fire lighting and campfire cooking, dens and trails, pirate jewellery making and sword fighting practice. Turn your little land lubbers into swashbuckling buccaneers! £15 per child, includes one free adult. Additional adults £5 per person. Tickets must be bought in advance. Please call 01928 569 895.

MONDAY 13 & TUESDAY 14

THE TIGER WHO CAME TO PLAY

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS 10AM - 4PM

A mystery cat has been spotted prowling the woodland eating us out of house and home. Earn your stripes by helping the tiger back to his home. Family fun with craft activities and trails. Normal admission prices apply.

TUESDAY 14

CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE SUMMER FAYRE

VILLAGE SQUARE, CASTLEFIELDS, RUNCORN, WA7 2ST

Games, tombola, refreshments, craft stalls, face painting and more.

SATURDAY 15

PETER PAN - OPEN-AIR THEATRE

NORTON PRIORY WALLED GARDEN | 5.30PM

Immersion Theatre invite you to soar away to Neverland as they proudly bring their trademark energy to their most magical musical to date, Peter Pan. Filled with catchy music, heaps of audience interaction, a laugh-a-minute script, and the opportunity to meet the characters after the show, this hilarious and exciting musical of the boy who never grew up promises to have every member of the family entertained throughout... You'll be HOOKED!
Tickets available now. Call 01928 569 895 or www.nortonpriory.org

SUNDAY 16

BAT WALK

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS 7.30PM

Join our Ranger, Paul Quigley and expert Tony Parker, for an evening wander through the woodland using bat detectors. They will provide knowledge and insight into the different species to be found at Norton Priory. Before going outdoors those who want more detailed information can join Tony for a talk about bats. Or families can take part in bat related craft activities. Suitable for all ages. Please book by calling 01928 569 895. £3 per person.

THURSDAY 16

HALTON FOSTERING INFORMATION SESSION

CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE, WA7 2ST 10AM

Become a foster carer with your local authority.

SATURDAY 18 & SUNDAY 19

MEDIEVAL WEEKEND

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS 10AM - 5PM

Step back in time to see what life was like 800 years ago. Examine knights' replica weaponry and armour, enjoy demonstrations of period crafts, and watch the excitement as a siege unfolds between the medieval armies. Normal admission prices apply.

MONDAY 20 & TUESDAY 21

CATCH THE GINGERBREAD MAN

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS 10AM - 4PM

Run as fast as you can, and help Grandma to catch the Gingerbread Man on his escape from the kitchen. But watch out for that pesky Fox. Family fun with crafts and trails. Normal admission prices apply.

BH MONDAY 27 & TUESDAY 28

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON SLAYER

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS 10AM - 4PM

Call your knights and princesses to be our new dragon slayer recruits. Sharpen your sword skills, make a shields to protect yourself from the fire breathing adversary and test your new found abilities with a hunt for the Norton Priory dragon. Family fun with crafts and trails. Normal admission prices apply.

MONDAY 30 & TUESDAY 31

FUNNY BONES

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS 10AM - 4PM

Arts and crafts inspired by Norton Priory's skeletal collection. Trails around the woodland and museum. Can you connect your head bone to your neck bone? Engage your brain and assemble a skeleton. All bones supplied! Normal admission prices apply.

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY 1

PINOCCHIO - THE BOY WITHIN

BRINDLEY | 3PM | THEATRE | £10, £9, £35 FAMILY TICKET

Carlo Collodi's classic story tells of the impoverished carpenter who lovingly carves a puppet son, Pinocchio. Puppets and costumes will capture the imagination of audiences of all ages, and the host of memorable songs are guaranteed to have you singing along. (Hire)

SUNDAY 2

ELO AGAIN

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23, £5 OFF A PAIR EARLY BIRD

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of ELO's iconic album Out of the Blue, ELO Again provide the full effect of ELO's orchestrations, making this show the best ELO tribute out there. Paying tribute to the beautifully crafted songs Mr Blue Sky, Livin' Thing, Showdown, Telephone Line plus many more.

MONDAY 3

VML DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS THE 60S ARE BACK!

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £11, £9

Join the award winning Victoria Music as they take you back to the 60s, for one night only. Relive the iconic songs and artists, newsreels of the day and magical moments from a time when everyone was swinging, singing and on their way to Woodstock. An unforgettable night of music and memories. (Hire)



TUESDAY 4

BLAKE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23.50, £47 VIP TICKET

The Brit-Award-winning vocal trio are celebrating 10 years together. Enjoy a spectacular show, which features songs from their brand-new 10th anniversary album and all the band's popular anthems in powerful three-part harmony. VIP tickets include seats, a glass of fizz and have the chance to meet the guys up-close this is at an additional cost of £23.50 available only from the box office on 0151 907 8360.

WEDNESDAY 5

JAMES PHELAN: TRICKSTER

BRINDLEY | 7.30pm | THEATRE | £16, £14

A unique magical prank show that is both jaw-dropping and laugh out loud funny. People are tricked, phones are destroyed, needles are swallowed - no-one is safe.

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THURSDAY 6

LOVE DISTRACTION - A TRIBUTE TO THE HUMAN LEAGUE

BRINDLEY | 8.00PM | THEATRE | £15

The ultimate Human League experience. A guaranteed top class show with all-round authenticity. Be prepared for a journey through the decades with this fabulous band, described as synthpop at its best. Extremely talented and professional musicians make up this unmissable tribute act. Catch them at the Brindley!

FRIDAY 7

AN EVENING OF CLAIRVOYANCE WITH DAVID HOLT

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £18

David Holt is one of the UK's leading spirit mediums. If you have ever wondered what life is like on the other side, or if it is really possible to communicate with those who reside there, this is the man you want to see. A unique and interactive experience.

SATURDAY 8

STIPE

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £13

This is the definitive tribute to one of the biggest bands in rock music. They have performed the songs of R.E.M. to thousands of people worldwide.

SATURDAY 8

THE REAL THING

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23, £21

The UK's number one soul band. Following the sad passing of Eddy Amoo his brother Chris and Dave Smith have decided to continue as a duo backed by The Real Thing band.

TUESDAY 11 - SATURDAY 15

CODYS Productions presents BARNUM

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM, 2.30PM & 7.30PM SAT. ONLY THEATRE | £17, £15

A joyful and moving musical portrait of the 19th century's greatest showbiz legend, P.T. Barnum. This incredible performance combines elements of traditional musical theatre with the spectacle of the circus. (Hire)

SATURDAY 15

JENNY COLQUITT plus support

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £12

After the success of her debut EP the Quiet Kind, Jenny is back to show how her music has matured. Inspired by a wide range of artists including Eva Cassidy, Fleetwood Mac, Ed Sheeran and Joni Mitchell, her new music has a fresher sound, utilizing electric guitar as well as her signature acoustic guitar.

TUESDAY 18 - SATURDAY 22

CENTENARY THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS LITTLE WOMEN

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £13, £12

Centenary Theatre Company is proud to present Scott Davidson's adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's beloved story for the very first time. Audiences will love rediscovering the four very different March sisters as their family endure the bad times as well as celebrating the good. (Hire)

WEDNESDAY 19

THE WILLOWS

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £16, £14

Bringing together some of the most exciting musicians on the UK folk and roots scene. Their debut album Beneath Our Humble Soil was championed by the likes of Mike Harding and Bob Harris.

THURSDAY 20

MYSTERIES OF THE SKIES - THE REAL TRUTH

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £13, £11

A two hour audio visual show presented by Trevor Marriott a retired police detective and author of the bestselling book Myths and Mysteries - The Real Truth. From the book he now discloses evidence, which casts major doubts about the 1969 Apollo Moon landing.

THURSDAY 20

HALTON FOSTERING INFORMATION SESSION

COSTA COFFEE, WIDNES SHOPPING PARK, WA8 7NT 11AM

Become a foster carer with your local authority.

SATURDAY 22

DON'T GO INTO THE CELLAR THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS A PANDEMONIUM OF POE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12, £10

Be chilled by an evening's eerie entertainment with a

selection of Poe's finest fear-filled fiction! Be led by the sinister Dr Trevelyan as he leads you into the deepest recesses of the human psyche. You will encounter such stark terror as may shatter the senses! But will you emerge from the shadows alive?

SUNDAY 23

THE SIMON & GARFUNKEL STORY

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £21.50, £19.50

Direct from its success at London's Lyric Theatre and a sell-out worldwide tour. Using projections, original film footage and a full live band performing all the hits.

TUESDAY 25

HALTON FOSTERING INFORMATION SESSION

HALTON STADIUM, WA8 7DZ | 6PM

Become a foster carer with your local authority.

THURSDAY 27 - SATURDAY 29

ENCORE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS FOOTLOOSE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £16, £14

Based on the 1980s hit film that took the world by storm. This musical sizzles with the same spirit of youth, rebellion and romance. (Hire)



SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER & MONDAY 1 OCTOBER

THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD presented by Tall Stories

BRINDLEY | SUNDAY- 1.30PM & 4.30PM, MONDAY- 10.30AM & 1.30PM | THEATRE | £12

A magical, musical adaptation of the much-loved picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. laughs and scary fun for children aged 3 and up and their grown-ups, in the hugely popular show that's toured Britain and the world! Running time 55 minutes (no interval).

OCTOBER

TUESDAY 2

ROLLING BACK THE YEARS

BRINDLEY | 2PM & 7PM | THEATRE | £14, £12, £10 GROUPS 20 PLUS

A roller coaster ride of music, dance and laughter through the 1950's, 60's, 70's and more. One of the biggest shows of its kind in the UK. Starring West End and International vocalists supported by the stunning Timeless Showgirls. Beautifully costumed and choreographed for each decade.

WEDNESDAY 3

ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW & THE HI-RIDERS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23

Andy Fairweather Low came to prominence as the lead singer in Amen Corner with hits such as Bend Me Shape Me, Hello Suzy and (If Paradise is) Half As Nice. He went on to work with Eric Clapton, George Harrison, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, The Who and many more. This tour features the Hi Riders Special Soul Review with an extended brass section and Hammond organ throughout the show.

THURSDAY 4

BILLY & WALLY'S GOLDEN OLDIES SHOW

BRINDLEY | 7PM | THEATRE | £21

How about the sound of The Drifters, The Four Tops, Lionel Ritchie, The Bee Gees and Neil Diamond all packed into one fabulous show mixed with some great comedy, in the shape of Stan Boardman's lad Paul Boardman whose making a big name for himself? That's what's on offer when Radio personalities Billy and Wally turn the clock back to that wonderful golden era of pop music in this superb show.



FRIDAY 5

DEFINITELY MIGHTBE - OASIS TRIBUTE

HALTON STADIUM, WIDNES | 7PM £10 ADVANCE £12 DOOR

Now the longest established Oasis tribute in the world. Together for 18yrs and with over 2,000 shows under their belt, it's easy to see why they are the most successful and admired Oasis show out there.

FRIDAY 5

THE COUNTRY SUPERSTARS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20

This truly unique show is hosted by Sarah Jayne who has been performing as Dolly Parton for over 25 years

FRIDAY 5

THE MEN WHO MARCHED AWAY

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £15

Created to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the Great War by acclaimed musicians Chris Green and Sophie Matthews. Featuring a mixture of soldiers' songs, music hall numbers war poems set to new music and original compositions.



TUESDAY 9

SWAN LAKE - PRESENTED BY THE RUSSIAN NATIONAL BALLET

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22.50, £20

Presented by the Russian National Ballet After the packed-out performances of Nutcracker last year, Russian National Ballet is back with the most famous Ballet of all time. Swan Lake is one of Tchaikovsky best works.

WEDNESDAY 10

MARTIN CARTHY & JOHN KIRKPATRICK

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20, £18

These two are national treasures and leading interpreters of English folk traditions.

THURSDAY 11

BUDDY HOLLY & THE CRICKETERS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £21, £19.50

This breathtaking show stars some of the finest actor-musicians, whose combined West End credits include Buddy, Lennon, Forbidden Planet and Jailhouse Rock.

FRIDAY 12

THE TINA TURNER EXPERIENCE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20, £18

This fully live energetic show charts the life and career of one of the world's iconic performers. Full of hits. The concert style show features a seven-piece band and fabulous professional dancers with electrifying dance routines.

FRIDAY 12 & SATURDAY 13

THE HAUNTING AT GREENACRE COTTAGE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12
A young couple Mark and Stacey head off to a remote cottage in Wales for a well-deserved break with their young baby. The tension builds for the couple as the horror unfolds within the cottage - something does not want them there! (Hire)

SATURDAY 13

PUPPETRY OF THE PENIS - 'GREATEST BITS' TOUR

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22.50, £19 GROUPS 10 PLUS
Australia's greatest theatrical export, is celebrating their 20th Anniversary with the hilarious 'Greatest Bits' Tour. Come and see the Eiffel Tower, the Loch Ness Monster, the Pelican and of course, the iconic Hamburger, alongside a host of new installations. This is a non-sexual show and does contain full frontal male nudity.

SUNDAY 14

BEYOND THE BARRICADE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24, £22
The UK's longest running musical theatre concert tour, delivering the best of Broadway and the West End with past principal performers from Les Miserables.

MONDAY 15

MADAME BUTTERFLY - PUCCINI PRESENTED BY HERITAGE OPERA

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24, £22, £10 UNDER 16's
The heartbreaking story of Cio Cio San, the Nagasaki geisha, and her unwavering belief that the husband she adores, will one day return. Containing some of the most beautiful of Puccini's music, including the famous aria Un Bel Di ('One Fine Day'), and the moving Humming Chorus.

TUESDAY 16

HALTON FOSTERING INFORMATION SESSION

COSTA COFFEE, RUNCORN SHOPPING CITY, WA7 2GX 11AM
Become a foster carer with your local authority.



WEDNESDAY 17

AN EVENING WITH PETER WATERMAN - THE HIT MAKER

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20
The original hitman - Peter Waterman OBE live in conversation. Waterman is set to reveal never before heard stories behind some of the greatest songs of the artists of the 80s and 90s, plus love of railways.

WEDNESDAY 17

ANDREW LAWRENCE - CLEAN

BRINDLEY | 8PM | STUDIO | £15, £13
The star of Live at The Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Roadshow and UK comedy's foremost controversialist takes a break from all the outrage to present an all new hour of good, clean fun. No politics, no religion, no smut, no swearing, just big laughs.

THURSDAY 18

ROCK FOR HEROES

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £19, £17
Are you ready to ROCK! Immerse yourself in the incredible new live music experience, in celebration of an incredible cause Help for Heroes, this isn't a tribute act this is simply paying tribute to the legends in music.

THURSDAY 18 & FRIDAY 19

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES presented by VML Drama Group

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £11
Back by popular demand, VML Drama Group bring The Vagina Monologues back to the Brindley Theatre. Warning: This is adult, funny and at times harrowing. (Hire)

FRIDAY 19

PATSY CLINE & FRIENDS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £18.50, £17.50
The velvet country voice of Patsy Cline caught the imagination of Sue Lowry who has been a lifelong fan of Patsy Cline and country music.

TUESDAY 23 & WEDNESDAY 24

THE RETURN OF NEVERLAND - A NEW MUSICAL

BRINDLEY | 2PM & 7PM | THEATRE | £15.50, £13.50, £11.50 CHILD, £49 FAMILY
Join the magical adventure this autumn! Inspired by J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan.

WEDNESDAY 24

THE DEVIL'S BRIDE BY RUMPUS THEATRE COMPANY

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £14, £12
A fiendish new play, based on the chilling story by classic Victorian Gothic horror author Sheridan Le Fanu. Aspiring 17th Century painter Godfried Schalken seeks an apprenticeship with famous artist Gerard Douw, and falls in love with Douw's niece, Rose. The perfect Gothic Horror treat as evenings draw in.

THURSDAY 25

SUGGS - A LIFE IN THE REALM OF MADNESS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £30
After his smash hit, sell out tour, My Life Story, Suggs is treading the boards again. If the first show was about how on Earth he got there, this show is about the surprises that awaited him when he did.

THURSDAY 25

HALTON FOSTERING INFORMATION SESSION

CASTLEFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE, WA7 2ST | 6PM
Become a foster carer with your local authority.

FRIDAY 26 & SATURDAY 27

MURDER AT CADBERRY MANOR presented by Soup Productions

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 7.30PM SATURDAY | STUDIO | £12
Welcome to Cadberry Manor, home of rich eccentric Sir Toby Le Rone, on a rather special evening. Only problem is, the night will take a huge twist as he ends up dead by a mystery assailant.

FRIDAY 26 & SATURDAY 27

ROY CHUBBY BROWN

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23
Roy Chubby Brown is back and he's as naughty as ever. His choice of language and his politically incorrect jokes are all delivered with a cheeky grin and perfect comedy timing. Chubby Brown is a master of his craft and guarantees a regular supply of new jokes every time you see him. So if you're not easily offended and want a good old fashioned laugh, book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

SUNDAY 28

MILKSHAKE ! LIVE

BRINDLEY | 12PM & 3.30PM | THEATRE | £15, £13.50 CHILD, £53 FAMILY TICKET
This all singing, all dancing, musical masterpiece, will take audiences on a journey through the world's favourite fairy tales, singing songs and sharing stories that audience members, young and old, will know and love.

SUNDAY 28

BULB POTTING AND NATURALISING WORKSHOP

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS 10AM - 1PM
Learn how to successfully pot and force bulbs for decoration. Discover and practice planting techniques for naturalising plants outdoors. Take the fruits of your labours home to see how they bloom. All materials provided. Call 01928 569 895 for tickets or buy online. £15 per person.

TUESDAY 30

FOSTER & ALLEN

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24
Foster & Allen are bringing their 40th Anniversary Tour to the Brindley Theatre this autumn.

WEDNESDAY 31

ABBAMANIA!

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22.50
Europe's leading tribute to ABBA is a sensational two hour live show featuring timeless hits.

NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 1

MONEY FOR NOTHING - A TRIBUTE TO DIRE STRAITS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £18
A tribute to one of the world's premier rock bands. Fronting the band is guitarist and Mark Knopfler sound-alike Aled Williams. Behind him the top-class and experienced musicians that make this band a worthy tribute.

THURSDAY 1

TOM ELLIOT

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO
Tom Elliott, is a new and dynamic comedian and magician who has attracted increasing attention. With an approach to comedy which is suitable for the whole family.

FRIDAY 2

JUAN MARTIN - FLAMNECO GUITAR MASTER

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £16, £14
The supreme artist of the flamenco guitar, guitarist/composer Juan Martin plays and introduces his compositions within the forms of the great tradition. His exquisite style is enhanced through minimal amplification to capture his very pure sound.

FRIDAY 2

BOOTLEG BLONDIE

BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £15
Bootleg Blondie is the official Debbie Harry and Blondie tribute band, the only Blondie tribute to play the legendary CBGB's in New York and to have the honour to be mentioned on Blondie's and to have the honour to be mentioned on Blondie's album Pollinator.

FRIDAY 3

INTO THE SHADOWS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £18
A recreation of the unique sound of The Shadows.

FRIDAY 3

HERE COME THE GIRLS - A MULTI DIVA TRIBUTE SHOW

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £16.50, £14
It's the year of the women! One great show, three tremendous singers, ten amazing tributes! Celebrating some of the finest female artists of all time. Featuring Cher, Madonna, Shania Twain, Annie Lennox, Lady Gaga, Abba, Gloria Estefan, Katy Perry and Sia.

TUESDAY 6

GLENN TILBROOK - THE VOICE & FACE OF SQUEEZE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £19
Glenn Tilbrook and Chris Difford were dubbed 'The New Lennon and McCartney'. 45 years later they continue to tour in Squeeze, together as a duo, or as solo performers. Glenn's solo shows have continued to rise in popularity.

Search online...



You'll find information about a whole host of events and things for young people to do in the borough online at board.halton.me/ which is updated regularly. Remember you can also follow us on Twitter @HaltonBC and Facebook (search for Halton Borough Council).

WEDNESDAY 7

GRAHAM FELLOWS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £13

Graham Fellows has performed as the character John Shuttleworth for over 25 years, delighting audiences with his songs and quirky take on everyday life.

THURSDAY 8

WHITNEY - QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £24, £22

Taking us on a magical rollercoaster ride through three decades of classic hits. This award-winning production features a sensational line-up of musicians and artistes.

FRIDAY 9

FIND ME presented by Minimum Wage Theatre Company

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £10, £8

At the age of twenty, Verity Taylor was charged by the police with damaging a chair by fire in the mental hospital where she was a patient. Using a technique of multiple characterisation, the play seeks to investigate in depth the personality of the young girl - to 'find her.' Incorporating elements of Brecht and Artaud the play speaks to us in an era of rising young female depression. (Hire)

SATURDAY 10

AN EVENING WITH ROB LITTLER & FRIENDS

BRINDLEY | 7PM | STUDIO | £10

Victoria Music Group leader and founder Rob Littler steps into the spotlight for one night only with songs, memories and a few surprise duets. (Hire)

SATURDAY 10

GUNS N' ROSES EXPERIENCE

HALTON STADIUM, WIDNES | 7PM | £12

With a true G'N'R sound and stage show, The Guns N' Roses Experience meticulously recreates every visual detail and every musical note to capture that reckless spirit of the original Guns N' Roses legendary live performances.

SUNDAY 11

CANDLE MAKING FOR CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

NORTON PRIORY MUSEUM & GARDENS | 10AM - 3PM

Discover and practice the basic candle making techniques as used by hobby beekeepers i.e. rolled candles, moulded candles, dipped candles and beeswax tea lights. Find out how beeswax is produced by honeybees, how it is processed to make wax suitable for candles and other uses and how to stay safe when melting beeswax to make candles. You will take home all the candles you make to create that festive glow in your own home, or to give away as unique, personal gifts. Please wear suitable shoes and bring an apron - beeswax is very difficult to remove from fabric! Book online at www.nortonpriory.org or call 01928 569 895. £25 per person

TUESDAY 13 - SATURDAY 17

THE WEDDING SINGER presented by Centenary Theatre Company

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM, 2PM & 7.30PM SAT ONLY | THEATRE | £18, £16

It's 1985. Hair is huge, greed is good and rock-star wannabe Robbie Hart is New Jersey's favourite wedding singer. When his own fiancée dumps him at the altar, a distraught Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. With a musical that promises to get you up dancing, packed with songs capturing all the fun and energy of the smash hit film. (Hire)

WEDNESDAY 14

WHITECHAPEL FREAKS presented by Don't Go into the Cellar Theatre Company

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO

The year is 1888, and London is in terror at the murder spree being committed by Saucy Jack! Why not seek respite from the horrors of Whitechapel by spending the evening inside Tabram's Music Hall? Fairy Fay guarantees a ripping time will be shared by one and all...

THURSDAY 15

THE NEW GRASS CUTTERS

BRINDLEY | 7.30pm | STUDIO | £16

A four piece progressive 'New Grass' band who play arrangements of some of the greatest contemporary and classic songs. They play highly original versions of some of the best-known rock and pop songs from the last 50 years.

THURSDAY 15

HALTON FOSTERING INFORMATION SESSION

COSTA COFFEE, WIDNES SHOPPING PARK, WA8 7NT 11AM

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FRIDAY 16

MORGAN & WEST - TIME TRAVELLING MAGICIANS

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £15, £13

Time-travelling magicians Morgan & West bring a magical extravaganza to you. The 19th century's greatest magic duo present a show brimming over with baffling magic. Suitable for all aged 10 plus.

SUNDAY 18

TANGOMOTION

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20

A breathtaking journey into the heart of Tango Argentino, from virtuoso displays of traditional tango dance in stunning costumes to the exquisite sounds of 1930s and 40s Buenos Aires and the powerful Nuevo Tango music of Astor Piazzolla.

MONDAY 19

PSYCHIC SALLY

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £23.50

World renowned psychic, television and theatre star and the UK's favourite award-winning medium Sally Morgan is back and better than ever with her phenomenal interactive stage show. This show is investigational and for the purpose of entertainment.

TUESDAY 20

ROCK 'N' ROLL PARADISE

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £21

Taking you on a magical mystery tour through an era that changed the music world forever.

WEDNESDAY 21

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS CAROL

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £12, £10

Enjoy an audience with Charles Dickens in the style of the public performances the great Victorian writer gave during the nineteenth century. This one-man stage show is the perfect seasonal treat to whet your appetite for the Yuletide celebrations.

WEDNESDAY 21

CELTIC FIDDLE FESTIVAL

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £17, £15

Called "Three of the finest folk violinists anywhere" by The Washington Post, fiddlers Kevin Burke (Ireland), Christian Lemaître (Brittany, France) and Capercaillie's own Charlie McKerron (Scotland) showcase international and individual styles.

THURSDAY 22

MERRY HELL plus Ian Prowse

BRINDLEY | 8PM | THEATRE | £13

Merry Hell is a folk-rock band with a history, pedigree and a seemingly bright future.

FRIDAY 23

SING-A-LONG-A-DIRTY DANCING

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £15

Get ready for the time of your life with this screening of the iconic movie. Fancy dress not obligatory but highly recommended. Certificate 15 - contains adult content.

This is a film screening and not a live stage show

FRIDAY 23

A PLAY WITHIN A PLAY - MAYBE? Presented by Centre 8 Theatre Company

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | STUDIO | £10, £9

A group of actors gather to create a pilot for a show which they hope will become the next seriously

VENUE	ADDRESS
Catalyst Museum	Mersey Road, Widnes
Hale Park	High Street, Hale, Liverpool
Hough Green Park	Royal Avenue, Widnes
Norton Priory Museum & Gardens	Tudor Road, Manor Park, Runcorn
Phoenix Park	Castlefields Ave East, Runcorn
Pickerings Pasture	Mersey View Road, Widnes
Rock Park	Union Street, Runcorn
Runcorn Hill	Highlands Road, Runcorn
Spike Island	Upper Mersey Road, Widnes
Select Security Stadium Halton	Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes
The Brindley	High Street, Runcorn
Town Park	Stockham Lane, Runcorn
Victoria Park	Fairfield Road, Widnes
Victoria Promenade	West Bank, Widnes
Wigg Island	Astmoor Road, Runcorn

VENUE LOCATIONS

successful BBC Radio 4 series. The situation arises where the audience observe A Play within a Play as reputations unfold, insecurities surface and egos land. (Hire)

SATURDAY 24

HEATWAVE & ODYSSEY - The Definitive Boogie Night!

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £27.50

Return to the glory days of disco, funk and soul with real dance music legends and dancefloor anthems.

SUNDAY 25

AN AUDIENCE WITH STAN BOARDMAN

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £20

From Scottie Road and being bombed out by the Germans during the War, when his brother was actually killed, this unscripted show will be unique and entertaining. Stan will document his struggles and successes.

WEDNESDAY 28

FAITH - THE GEORGE MICHAEL LEGACY

BRINDLEY | 7.30PM | THEATRE | £22.50

A celebration of one of the greatest singer/songwriters of all time. Featuring international George Michael tribute Wayne Dilks and his eight-piece band.

HALTON VILLAGE WI: Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.15pm at Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Main Street, Halton Village, WA7 2AT (opposite Halton British Legion). Find them at www.facebook.com

BRINDLEY CAFE

The Café is located on the first floor with views of the boats and wildlife of the picturesque Bridgewater Canal. Relax in the café which serves delicious fresh homemade food, cakes and speciality coffees with FREE Wi-Fi. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm, Closed Sun. Open one hour before show time and in the interval for most theatre shows. Free parking at The Brindley at all times.



COMING SOON...

Guided walks around Spike Island to hear all about the Mersey Gateway Bridge and what is happening around Spike Island. The walks will be run by Merseylink volunteers and should last no longer than one hour. All areas of the walk are DDA compliant. For more information, email info@merseylink.com or call into the Mersey Gateway visitor centre in the Catalyst Museum to speak to one of the volunteers.



Council Meetings



DATE	TIME	MEETING	VENUE
AUGUST			
06	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Municipal Building

SEPTEMBER			
03	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
04	6.30pm	Corporate PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
10	6.30pm	Children Young People and Families PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
11	6.30pm	Safer PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
18	6.30pm	Health PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
19	6.30pm	Environment PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
20	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building
24	6.30pm	Employment, Learning and Skills and Community PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
26	6.30pm	Business Efficiency Board	Runcorn Town Hall

OCTOBER			
01	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Municipal Building
03	2.00pm	Health and Wellbeing Board	Halton Stadium
03	6.30pm	Regulatory Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
10	4.00pm	Schools Forum	Runcorn Town Hall
17	6.30pm	Council	Runcorn Town Hall
18	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building

NOVEMBER			
05	6.30pm	Development Control Committee	Runcorn Town Hall
06	6.30pm	Corporate Policy & Performance Board	Runcorn Town Hall
12	6.30pm	Children Young People and Families PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
14	6.30pm	Environment PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
15	2.00pm	Executive Board	Municipal Building
19	6.30pm	Employment Learning and Skills and Community PPB	Municipal Building
20	6.30pm	Safer PPB	Runcorn Town Hall
21	6.30pm	Business Efficiency Board	Runcorn Town Hall

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND POLICY PERFORMANCE BOARDS

The Executive Board is the main decision making body of the Council and usually meets every month. The Policy & Performance Boards do not have decision making powers but are responsible for initiating new policy proposals, monitoring and commenting on policy proposals, and reviewing and recommending changes to existing policies. All the above meetings are open to the public and the Policy & Performance Boards include a 30 minute 'Question Time' at the start of each one. To be sure of receiving an answer at the meeting, you are advised to send your question in writing to Committee Services, Halton Borough Council, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF before 4pm of the working day before your chosen meeting. Questions must relate to items on the agenda.

Community Centres in the borough

Castlefields Community Centre
Village Square, Castlefields,
Runcorn WA7 2ST. Tel: 0151 511 7474

Churchill Hall Community Centre
Cooper Street, Runcorn, Cheshire
WA7 1DN. Tel: Reg Eastup, 01928 589848

Grangeway Community Centre
Grangeway, Runcorn WA7 5HA
Tel: 0151 511 8610

Murdishaw Community Centre
Barnfield Avenue, Runcorn WA7 6EP
Tel: 0151 511 7910

Beechwood Community Centre
Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn
Cheshire WA7 3HB.
Tel: 01928 565014

Brookvale Community Centre
Northwich Road, Brookvale, Runcorn
Cheshire WA7 6PE

Tel: 01928 751699 / 01928 795171
Email: rgates@arena-housing.com

Halton Brook Community Centre
Meadway, Halton Brook, Runcorn
Cheshire WA7 2DY. Tel: 01928 563441

Palacefields Community Centre
The Uplands, Palace Fields, Runcorn
Cheshire WA7 2UA. Tel: 01928 796235

Ditton Community Centre
Dundalk Road, Widnes WA8 8DF
Tel: 0151 511 8210

Upton Community Centre
Hough Green Road, Widnes
Cheshire WA8 4PF. Tel: 0151 511 6161

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

For Council services between 8am and 6pm
Mon-Fri dial 0303 333 4300.

For emergencies outside these hours dial
0333 000 4300.

(Local call rate from any landline or mobile.
Counts as inclusive minutes on mobile packages)

POLICE

Emergencies dial 999. Non-emergencies 101.
Contact your local neighbourhood officers via
e-mail:

Widnes - widnes.npu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Runcorn - runcorn.npu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
To report a crime anonymously call
Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

FIRE

In emergencies dial 999

Runcorn 01928 572811
Widnes 0151 424 3091

AMBULANCE

In emergencies dial 999

Runcorn and Widnes 01244 381733

EMERGENCY SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

(Daytime number is 0151 907 8306 for Adults and
0151 907 8305 for Children) 0345 050 0148

From 5pm Monday - Thursday and 4.30pm
Friday, closing at 9am. 24 hours Saturday,
Sunday and Bank Holidays.

DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE

Support Services 0300 1111247

HOSPITALS

Halton General 01928 714567

Warrington General 01925 635911

Whiston 0151 426 1600

NHS DIRECT

24-hour telephone no: 0845 4647

PHARMACIES

To find your local pharmacy please visit
www.nhs.co.uk/service-search

HALTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

Runcorn Town Hall 01928 593479

HEALTH CENTRES AND CLINICS

Runcorn:

Castlefields 01928 566671

Hallwood 01928 593400

Murdishaw Health Centre 01928 712061

Windmill Hill 01928 842626

Independent Living Centre 01928 582920

Macmillan Nurses 01928 714927

Grove House Practice 01928 566561

Tower House Practice 01928 567404

Weavervale Practice 01928 711911

Brookvale Practice 01928 718182

Widnes:

Bridges Learning Centre 0151 495 5300

Chapelfield 0151 495 5200

Widnes Health Care

Walk In Centre, Widnes Health Care Resource

Centre, Caldwell Road 0151 495 5000

Open 7am - 10pm 7 days a week

Mill Brow 0151 495 5250

Halebank Access Centre 0151 425 4950

Woodview Child

Development Centre 0151 495 5400

Halton Healthy Living Project 0151 495 5450

URGENT CARE CENTRE

Entrance 2

Halton General Hospital

Hospital Way, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 2DA

Telephone: 01928 714567



Councillors' Surgeries



APPLETON WARD

Cllrs E Jones, G Philbin and A Teeling (Labour).
The first Saturday in each month
11.00am - 12 noon
The Cafe, Victoria Park, Widnes

BEECHWOOD WARD

Cllrs Chris Loftus and G Logan (Labour).
The second Tuesday in each month
6.30pm - 7.30pm,
Beechwood Community Centre, Runcorn

BIRCHFIELD WARD

Cllrs M Fry, S Baker and B Woolfall (Labour)
The first Tuesday in each month
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Birchfield Social Club, Birchfield Road, Widnes

BROADHEATH WARD

Cllrs R Gilligan, T McDermott and K Morley (Labour). The first Tuesday in each month
5.00pm - 6.00pm (Except August)
Ashley School, Cawfield Avenue, Widnes

DARESBURY WARD

Cllrs J Bradshaw and Mrs M Bradshaw (Conservative) will be happy to call on residents to discuss their concerns at their request throughout the ward. Please contact them on 01928 561813 or e-mail john.bradshaw@halton.gov.uk and marjorie.bradshaw@halton.gov.uk

DITTON WARD

Cllrs S Osborne, Mrs M Wright, and Joe Roberts (Labour). The first Thursday in each month
6.30pm - 7.30pm (Except May, August and December)
Halebank Youth Club, Baguley Avenue, Widnes
The first Friday in each month
10.30am - 11.30am (Except August and December)
Halton Direct Link (Within Ditton Library) Queens Avenue, Widnes

FARNWORTH WARD

Cllrs A MacManus, Mrs V Hill and Mrs A McInerney (Labour)
The first Tuesday in each month (Except August)
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Birchfield Social Club, Birchfield Road, Widnes

GRANGE WARD

Cllrs J Abbott, M Dennett and Mrs J Lowe (Labour)
The Saturday, following the fourth Friday in each month 10.00am - 12 noon
Runcorn Library,
Granville Street, Runcorn

HALE WARD

Cllr M Wharton (Labour)
The Saturday, following the fourth Friday in each month 9.30am - 10.00am
Hale Youth Centre, High Street, Hale Village

HALTON BROOK WARD

Cllrs S Nelson, Mrs C Plumpton Walsh and John Stockton (Labour)

The Saturday, following the fourth Friday in each month (Except August and December)
10.00am - 12 noon
Runcorn Library, Granville Street, Runcorn.

HALTON CASTLE WARD

Cllrs Mrs E Cargill, C Carlin and H Howard (Labour)
Second Wednesday and the fourth Thursday in each month (except August for both dates).
The fourth Thursday is not held in December)
7.00pm - 8.00pm
Castlefields Community Centre, Runcorn

HALTON LEA WARD

Cllrs Mrs K Loftus, A Lowe and D Thompson (Labour).
The 'Drop by' surgery is on the first Saturday morning of each month from 10am to 11am at Halton Lea Direct Link, Runcorn. Personal appointments at Halton Direct Link can be arranged for other times by contacting Halton Lea ward Councillors.

HALTON VIEW WARD

Cllrs T McInerney, R Polhill and L Whitley (Labour)
The fourth Thursday in each month (Except August and December)
6.30pm - 7.30pm
St. Ambrose Church Hall, Widnes

HEATH WARD

Cllrs Gareth Stockton and C Rowe (Liberal Democrat)
The third Saturday in each month (Except December)
10.00am - 11.30am
Eposito Café, Runcorn Hill Park

Cllr Charlotte Gerrard (Labour)
The Saturday following the fourth Friday in each month (except August and December)
10.00am - 12noon at Runcorn Library, Granville Street, Runcorn.
The fourth Monday in each month (except August and December) 6.30pm - 7.30pm
West Runcorn Youth Centre, Russell Road, Runcorn

HOUGH GREEN WARD

Cllrs P Harris, P Nolan and K Wainwright (Labour) the third Thursday in each month
7.30pm - 8.30pm
Upton Community Centre, Widnes

KINGSWAY WARD

Cllrs Mrs M Horabin and Mrs June Roberts (Labour)
The first Thursday in each month
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Room 15, Library, Kingsway, Widnes

Cllr Mrs A Wall (Labour)

For Kingsway residents convenience I operate an as and when needed surgery appointment system in order to avoid delays for residents. Please contact me on 07795 390979 or email: andrea.wall@halton.gov.uk to arrange a time and place convenient for you. In addition, the third Wednesday of each month 12.00pm-1.00pm
St Paul's Community Centre, Vicarage Road, Widnes

MERSEY WARD

Cllrs R Leck, N Plumpton Walsh And P Sinnott (Labour)
The fourth Saturday in each month (Except August and December)
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Runcorn Library, Granville Street, Runcorn

NORTON NORTH WARD

Cllrs L Cassidy, P Lloyd Jones and G Zygadllo (Labour) Every Thursday - 7.00pm - 7.30pm (Except August)
Murdishaw Community Centre
Barnfield Ave, Runcorn
First Thursday of each month 6.15pm - 7.00pm (Except August)
Brookvale Community Centre, Higher House (Rota basis with Norton South ward members)

NORTON SOUTH WARD

Cllrs D Cargill, R Hignett and Mrs M Lloyd Jones (Labour)
Every Thursday 7.00pm - 7.30pm (except August)
Murdishaw Community Centre, Barnfield Ave, Runcorn
First Thursday of each month, 6.15pm-7.00pm (except August)
Brookvale Community Centre, Higher House (Rota basis with Norton North ward members)

RIVERSIDE WARD

Cllrs S Hill and Mrs P Wallace (Labour)
The first Monday in each month (Except August and December)
11.00am - 12.00 noon - Ditton Community Centre.
5.00pm - 6.00pm - Widnes Library

WINDMILL HILL WARD

Cllr P Hignett (Labour)
The third Thursday in each month in rotation at two venues:
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Windmill Hill Children's Centre
Norton Hill, Windmill Hill, Runcorn (July, September, November)
2.30pm - 3.30pm Priors View, Southwood Avenue, Windmill Hill, Runcorn (June, August, October)

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