Redditch matters

Summer 2017

A great read for Redditch residents

Celebrating 30 years of Shopmobility

Happy Birthday

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A message from the Leader

Redditch Matters brings together the news from the council – from decisions which affect our residents to the events which everyone can enjoy. And it's when I look at this publication that I realise how much as a borough we come together. One of the proud moments of the year for me is the Fly the Flag For Armed Forces Day – as you can see pictured – and to see people of all ages and walks of life honouring the hard work of our armed forces and their families is a real sight to behold particularly in these current turbulent times.

Of course we have the Morton Stanley Festival to look forward and our bandstand programme has already begun. I am also delighted to have visited the new North Worcestershire Engineering Centre of Excellence. Run by specialist training provider Midland Group Training Services (MGTS) the £1.5m facility provides a dedicated facility to ensure that young people within the area can be trained with the engineering skills that local companies require.

Redditch was really put on the map when it hosted the Tour Series cycling event. It was a great for residents and visitors to see what the town has to offer, especially a thriving evening economy.

So do read on and I hope to see you some of our many summer events and sporting activities in the next few weeks.

Councillor Bill Hartnett, Leader of Redditch Borough Council

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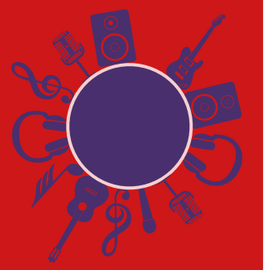

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Did you know that last year 63%* of all adults in the UK reported social networking to be a big part of their everyday lives?

…and 75% of adults used the internet 'on the go' using a mobile phone, smartphone, portable computer or handheld device.*

Do you fall into this category?

Yes? Us too! So make sure to like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter!

Keep up to date with news and important information from the council, covering everything from fun Couch to 5K sessions and family events to more important 'need to know' stuff like election updates, weather warnings and council tax notifications.

It's all there at the push of a button so make sure you are in the best place to see it!

**Statistics taken from 'Internet access – households and individuals: 2016' by Office for National Statistics.*

Like us on Facebook: @RedditchBC

Or follow us on Twitter: @RedditchMatters

Our website www.redditchbc.gov.uk has also been created to be responsive, so it's mobile and tablet friendly! Look up, pay for and report things to us while you're on the go!

Septic tanks & cesspools

New cheaper standard empty for 2017, from your experienced council team

PLUS a brand new extra tanker and extra driver

Want to discuss your needs?
Ask us for a site visit at your convenience

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Need to get rid of a sofa, bed, fridge or other large load? Don't struggle - book a local, flexible bulky waste collection.

- Prices from just £8.20!
- Quotes for larger loads, unusual items & removal from property

FROM £8.20 2017

01527 881188

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At your local community centre for hire!

- Batchley, Oakenshaw, Windmill, and Winyates Green centres
- Weekend availability
- Use includes tables, chairs, & kitchen
- Perfect for hosting bouncy castle, disco, soft play events

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A Chain-ge of Mayor...

The Mayor's chain passed from Cllr Joe Baker (Greenlands) to Cllr Jenny Wheeler (Greenlands) in May this year.

For her charities for this year Cllr Wheeler chose youth homelessness charity St Basils and mental health and wellbeing charity YoungMinds.

Cllr Wheeler said: *"It's an honour and a privilege to become mayor. During my year in office I intend to shine the spotlight on a serious issue that we know affects so many people here in Redditch, that of mental health and wellbeing, and particularly for young people."*

Cllr Wheeler will be supported by her husband and former Mayor Steve Wheeler as Consort and will also be assisted by Redditch and Bromsgrove Sea Cadets. Cllr Nina Wood-Ford was elected to Deputy Mayor.

During his time as Mayor, Cllr Baker raised £5,100 which he split equally between his chosen charities; the Charlotte and Craig Saving Hearts Foundation, Redditch Mental Health Action Group (MHAG), and the Samaritans.

... and a General Election

Redditch Parliamentary results were:

Rachel Maclean, Conservative - 23652 (Elected)
Rebecca Blake, Labour - 16289
Neal Stote, National Health Action Party - 2239
Paul Swansborough, UK Independence Party - 1371
Susan Juned, Liberal Democrat - 1173
Kevin White, Green Party - 380
Sally Woodhall, Independent – 99

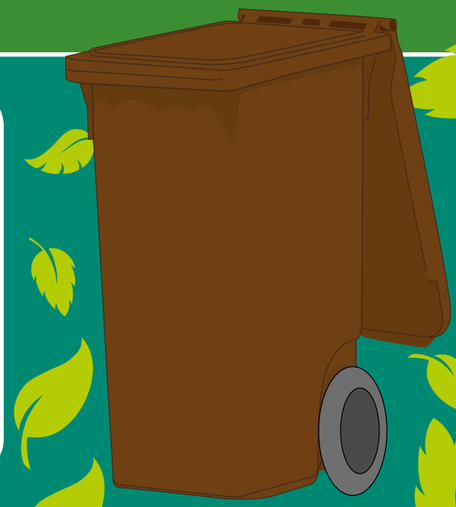
The turnout for the election was 70.33%. Of the 45,303 ballot papers issued, 95 were rejected. 43 of these were due to the voter voting for more than one candidate and 52 of these were due to the ballot papers being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty.

The count at the Abbey Stadium.

The announcement.

Redditch press waiting for the result. There were 8 members of the media at Redditch.

Garden waste consultation



Thank you to everyone who took part in our garden waste consultation earlier in the year.

The aim was to see whether Redditch residents would be interested in us providing this service and trialling it in the borough.

We've had a great response from our residents and are currently in the process of analysing the results. Once we've got them we'll be feeding this back to councillors to decide how we progress before letting residents know the outcome.

There's a lot going on in the background currently so keep an eye out for updates in the future! Thanks again for taking part; your views are very important to us.

Award for helping to cut home energy bills

A regional energy efficiency awards scheme has made Redditch Borough Council 'council of the year' and highly commended its work to help people improve their home heating and insulation.

The borough council was also a runner-up in the 'vulnerable customer support campaigner' category at the West Midlands Regional Energy Efficiency & Healthy Homes Awards in Birmingham in May, helping it to earn the council of the year award together with Bromsgrove District Council as the councils share parts of the service.

Kath Manning, Climate Change and Energy Support Officer at Redditch Borough Council, said:

"We're delighted to be recognised for helping homeowners reduce their energy bills, tackle fuel poverty and reduce carbon emissions.

"The Redditch Energy Efficiency Fund is designed to help people to put better, cheaper heating systems in their homes and can also help with loft and cavity insulation. Homeowners with a household income under the Worcestershire average of £37,000 may be eligible for £500 towards the cost of replacing an old boiler, and those on low incomes may be eligible for much more. To check if you qualify for this or other types of support, contact Act on Energy on 0800 988 2881."

The organisers of the West Midlands Regional Energy Efficiency & Healthy Homes Awards run the scheme to publicly recognise the work of the energy efficiency sector to reduce energy bills and encourage best practice in line with national policy.

actonenergy

WEST MIDLANDS
WINNER
ENERGY EFFICIENCY & HEALTHY HOMES
REGIONAL AWARDS 2017
COUNCIL/LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE YEAR

(L-R) Kath Manning and Rachel Jones, deputy Chief Executive of Act on Energy which works in partnership with the councils, collected the awards.

What's on at the Palace Theatre?

Children and Family

MISTER MAKER AND THE SHAPES LIVE!
Sat 8 Jul, Main Theatre Auditorium
CBeebies' Mister Maker is back by popular demand in his smash hit live theatre tour!

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ - ***Sat 22 Jul, Main Theatre Auditorium***
Come and join the talented pupils of ARTS as they present a fun filled adaptation of this beloved classic.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC - ***Sat 21 Oct, Main Theatre Auditorium***
Big Bear is inviting you to the best picnic in town!

Musicals

MAD ABOUT THE MUSICALS - Fri 15 Sep, Main Theatre Auditorium
Starring Jai McDowell winner of 'Britain's Got Talent' and Michael Courtney taking you on a whistle stop tour from the heart of London's theatre land to the glitz of Broadway.

9 TO 5 - Wed 4 Oct - Sat 7 Oct, Main Theatre Auditorium
Hi there! Ever wanted to kill your boss?? Yep a doo dah I'm sure y'all have at some stage. Alcester Musical Theatre Company are putting on this feel good, foot tappin' humdinger of a show "Nine to Five", based on the film and with music by Dolly Parton.

THE LADY BOYS OF BANGKOK - Thurs 2 Nov, Main Theatre Auditorium
It just couldn't be more fabulous! It's the show everyone talks about. Hotter...sexier...funnier than ever – the country's number one touring cabaret show – The Lady Boys of Bangkok return to the UK with a lavish new production - WHO RUNS THE WORLD!

SISTER ACT - Tues 21 Nov - Sat 25 Nov, Main Theatre Auditorium
When disco diva, Deloris Van Cartier, witnesses a murder she is placed in protective custody in the one place she won't be found - a convent! Based on the hit film, Sister Act is the hilarious musical comedy smash that will leave you breathless with delight.

Live Music

DIAMOND THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE - Thurs 6 Jul, Main Theatre Auditorium
Jamie Knight is proving himself to be the UK's best tribute to the fantastic and fabulous Mr Neil Diamond.

FAITH - THE GEORGE MICHAEL LEGACY - Wed 6 Sep, Main Theatre Auditorium
A stunning celebration of one the greatest singer–songwriters of all time.

THE MERSEY BEATLES - Sat 9 Sep, Main Theatre Auditorium
Returning by popular demand with all your favourite Beatles classics in one concert.

SUPREME QUEEN - Sat 16 Sep, Main Theatre Auditorium
An evening of Queen – they will rock you!

GREATEST LOVE OF ALL - WHITNEY HOUSTON SHOW - Thurs 28 Sep, Main Theatre Auditorium
Critically-acclaimed live concert honouring the talent, music and memory of Whitney Houston.

AND FINALLY...PHIL COLLINS - Sat 14 Oct, Main Theatre Auditorium
'And Finally… Phil Collins' are recognised throughout the industry as the market leaders and definitive Phil Collins and Genesis tribute show.

THE DREAMBOYS - Wed 8 Nov, Main Theatre Auditorium
The Dreamboys, the UK's ultimate Magic Mike style show, are back and hotter than ever with a brand new show and UK tour for 2017.

Documentary, interactive and comedy

AN AUDIENCE WITH FRANK BRUNO MBE - Fri 7 Jul, Main Theatre Auditorium
Frank Bruno in an intimate interview discussing his boxing career, his mental Health battles, and his life as the Peoples Champion.

JIMMY TARBUCK - Wed 13 Sep, Main Theatre Auditorium
Top television comedian Jimmy Tarbuck brings his hilarious stand up show to the Palace Theatre.

SHEILAS NEW MENTAL HEALTH SHOW - Sat 16 Sep, Room Upstairs
Following on from her previous successful Mental Health Shows, 'Sheila's M.H.S.' returns to the Palace Theatre with a NEW SHOW.

ED BYRNE - SPOILER ALERT - Thurs 12 Oct, Main Theatre Auditorium
Brand new stand up show from the unrivalled master of observational comedy!

PAUL ZERDIN: ALL MOUTH - Wed 1 Nov, Main Theatre Auditorium
America's Got Talent winner 2015 Ventriloquist Paul Zerdin returns home to the UK fresh from headlining the world-famous Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas, with a sparkling new show featuring his all-star cast of (in)famous puppets.

Palace Youth Theatre presents...

RSC's Beauty and the Beast
Thurs 13 Jul - Sat 15 Jul, Main Theatre Auditorium

A magical re-telling of the story of Beauty and the Beast, first performed in this version by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

In Beauty and the Beast we encounter two worlds: the domestic world of Beauty's family in mid-eighteenth-century France, safe and familiar. And another world, first stumbled upon by her merchant father: a place of great riches and disturbing nightmares, dominated by the fearsome and tragic Beast.

Uniting the two is Beauty's humility and sense of duty, which slowly matures into transforming love...

Tickets cost £12.00* £10.00* (discounted) or £35.00* (family)
****inclusive of booking fee £1 per ticket up to a maximum of £4***
Age: Suitable for all

Disney's ALADDIN JR. (Summer School)
Sat 12 Aug, 2.30pm & 7.30pm, Main Theatre Auditorium

After two weeks of intensive rehearsals, the PYT Summer School students will be performing Disney's Aladdin Jr for audiences at the Palace Theatre.

Based on the iconic animated film, with an Academy Award-winning score by Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, Aladdin JR. has all of your favourite characters including Iago, Jafar, the Genie, Jasmine and of course the heroic Aladdin!

Aladdin lives on the streets of Agrabah, a City of Enchantment where every beggar has a story and every camel has a tale! When he meets Jasmine, a beautiful and plucky princess in disguise, Aladdin is determined to win her heart.

This is a musical adventure filled with magic, mayhem and the power of love.

Tickets cost £12.00* £10.00* (discounted) or £35.00* (family)
****inclusive of booking fee £1 per ticket up to a maximum of £4.***
Age: Suitable for all

Box Office: 01527 65203 www.redditchpalacetheatre.co.uk

Open Day at the Abbey Stadium

Springs @ ABBEY STADIUM

Open Day Programme

Time	Class	Location
08.00-08.30	GRIT Cardio	HIT Studio
08.30-09.00	GRIT Strength	HIT Studio
08.45-09.15	SPRINT	Cycling Studio
09.30-10.15	RPM	Cycling Studio
09.30-10.00	GRIT Plyo	HIT Studio
09.15-10.15	Body Attack	Sports Hall
10.15-11.15	Body Combat	Sports Hall
11.30-12.30	Body Pump	HIT Studio
11.30-12.30	Body Balance	Holistic Studio
13.00	Lunch	

Refreshments available all day and lunch from 13.00

Saturday 8th July 2017 8am-6pm

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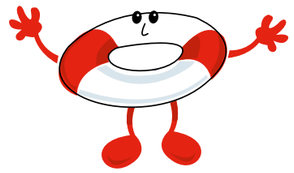
Safe swimming

Stay SAFE this Summer

SPOT
Check for hazards such as tides or currents
Consider what could be hidden under the water
Be careful of unsafe banks, stay well back from the edge

ADVICE
Always read the signs
Only swim where there is a lifeguard
Wear buoyancy aids and life jackets



FRIEND
Swim with your friends and family
Friends can get help
Never swim alone

EMERGENCY
Find the nearest phone and call 999 or 112
Shout loudly to attract attention
Never enter the water to save someone

www.rlss.org.uk

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VOLUNTEER

Gain experience, boost your CV, meet new people and have FUN!

We have volunteer opportunities on our programmes and events to suit everybody.

For more information, or to register interest contact Sports Development on 01527 64252 or sd@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

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Scarecrow Day 2017

Sunday 27th August
11am - 4.30pm

A Great Family Day Out!

Admission: £2 Adults, £1 Children

Includes entry to the Pirates!
Fact & Fiction exhibition

Scarecrow making • Children's activities • Craft stalls

Live band Vintage Class • Music workshop • Pony rides & more...

Wed 23rd & Thurs 24th August

Scarecrow Making Days, 11am - 3pm

Bring some old clothes and make a scarecrow to enter into our Scarecrow Day competition.

Cost: £3 per scarecrow

WIN Kingfisher shopping vouchers

1st prize - £75
2nd prize - £50
3rd prize - £25

Forge Mill Needle Museum, Needle Mill Lane,
Riverside, Redditch, B98 8HY
Tel: 01527 62509 www.forgemill.org.uk

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12pm - 4pm, Church Green

Children's activities & bouncy castle at all events

July 15th - Redditch Music Festival

Enjoy a range of fantastic entertainment from local bands & musicians along with stalls & activities.

August 12th - Holiday Fun Activities

A fun day of FREE children's activities. Punch & Judy shows, circus & music workshops & more!

September 16th - Bandstand Community Festival

All the fun of the fair. Music, performance, stalls & activities, plus children's fancy dress competition.

Outdoor performances subject to change/cancellation due to adverse weather conditions. All details correct at time of publication; events programme may be subject to change.

For more info please call the Events Team 01527 534030 or email events@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk
www.redditchbc.gov.uk/events

At the Bandstand

redditch town centre PARTNERSHIP
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Forge Mill Pirate Summer

Sat 8 July 2017: 8.45pm

Bat Walk

Come and find out more about bats with Worcestershire Bat Group and look for these amazing creatures in their natural environment using bat detectors. Booking in advance is essential. Please contact the museum to reserve your place(s).

ADULTS £5.00, CHILDREN £2.00

Sat 15 and Sun 16 July 2017: 11.00am to 4.00pm

National Archaeology Weekend: A Celebration Of Bordesley Abbey

Two days of fun archaeology themed activities for all the family!

- Medieval Knight's encampment
- Medieval story telling
- Tours of Bordesley Abbey
- Stone information and activity with Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust

ADULTS £2.00, CHILDREN FREE
Includes entry into the museum

25 July and 8, 15, 22 and 29 August 2017:

Condensed Histories: Pirates

Set sail with Greg Chapman in his swashbuckling Pirates show! Tales from Blackbeard to Captain Kidd, a world of 'Treasure Islands' and lost treasure, of sword fights and scoundrels - all wrapped up with Greg's usual display of knife, axe and fire juggling, escapology, comedy and more. Read more on the Condensed Histories website.

FREE

Sat 29 and Sun 20 July 2017: 11am to 4pm

Pirates' Weekend

Lots of swashbuckling activities to celebrate our special Pirates! Fact & Fiction exhibition.

- Meet the River Rogues, Pirate Crew
- Treasure Hunt
- Pirate entertainment
- Bouncy Castle

ADULTS £4.00, CHILDREN £1.00
Includes entry into the museum

1, 9, August 2017: 9.30am, 11am, 1.30pm, 3pm

Summer Children's Workshops Shipwrecks And Treasure: Mad Science Workshops

Ahoy there! Fun experiments with the Mad Science team. Water fun, colour changing metals, treasure pennies, shipwrecked boats and more!
Each workshop runs for approximately one hour.

CHILDREN £5.00

7, 9, 14, 21 and 28 August 2017: 9.30am, 11.30am, 2pm

Pirate Lego Workshops

Come and enjoy Pirate fun with the 'Create, Build, Learn' team. Each workshop runs for approximately ninety minutes. Booking in advance is essential. Please contact the museum to reserve your place(s).

CHILDREN £5.00

Thu 24 August 2017: 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

The Yo Ho Ho Fun Pirate And Puppet Show

Have fun with Captain Cutlass and his crew aboard the 'Happy Harry' as they search for the Mermaid's Pearl. A thirty minute show that will thrill and entertain all young pirates!

MUSEUM ENTRY APPLIES

Please see www.forgemill.org.uk for more information or visit our Facebook page

Forge Mill Needle Museum & Bordesley Abbey Visitor Centre
Needle Mill Lane, Riverside,
Redditch, Worcs, B98 8HY

Tel: 01527 62509
www.forgemill.org.uk

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Kids Summer 2017

Sports Camps @Abbey Stadium

Birmingham Road,
Redditch, B97 6EJ

Athletics Camp

7th - 11th August
9am - 3pm
Ages 8 - 15yrs
All abilities welcome
FREE T-shirt
£75 for 5 days

Badminton Camp

1st - 3rd August
9am - 3pm
Ages 8 - 15yrs
All abilities welcome
£45 for 3 days

Dance Camp

22nd - 24th August
9am - 3pm
Ages 8 - 15yrs
All abilities welcome
£45 for 3 days

Book online at www.redditchbc.gov.uk/active-kids
For more information please contact the Sports Development Team:
sd@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk 01527 64252

Sports Camp @Kingsley Sports Centre

Woodrow Drive, Redditch, B98 7UH

Netball Camp

15th - 17th August
9am - 3pm
Ages 8 - 15yrs
All abilities welcome
£45 for 3 days

Book online at www.redditchbc.gov.uk/active-kids
For more information please contact the Sports Development Team:
sd@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk 01527 64252

Trampolining Courses @ Abbey Stadium

Birmingham Rd, Redditch, B97 6EJ

Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm
7th - 11th August &
14th -18th August
£80 per course

Contact Redditch Trampolining Club to book on 01527 529196

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Active Redditch Kids Summer 2017

Activities in Arrow Valley Country Park

Rounders
Hockey

Dodgeball
Multi-skills

Junior
Olympics

Cricket
Dance
Tennis

During the summer holidays there will be a variety of sports activities led by professional coaches taking place in Arrow Valley Country Park.

Meet @ the Visitor Centre every Thursday from the 27th July to 31st August

Sessions run 10am - 12pm

£2 per child, parents go free (£1 each additional sibling)

Check the website
www.redditchbc.gov.uk/active-kids
for updates.

Junior Summer Golf Camps 2017 *@ Pitcheroak Golf Club*

Plymouth Road, Redditch, B97 4PB

Every Wednesday from 9.30am to 3.30pm throughout the Summer Holidays.

Hot lunch is included in the daily camp fee of £17.50pp

Contact Chris Stanley to enquire further
chrisstanleygolfacademy@hotmail.com

Learn 2 Swim

Ages 4+

Learn 2 swim courses are aimed at improving beginners swimming ability.

10 day course, weekdays from Monday 24th July until Friday 4th August

Sessions run from 9am and 9.30am

Non-Reddicard £68.35 | Reddicard £45.80 | Concessionary Reddicard £34.20 for course

Contact the Abbey Stadium
01527 60206

Springs @ ABBEY STADIUM

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Pedal Power

Our specialist trike bikes are available everyday during Abbey Stadium opening hours, £3 per person.

Abbey Inclusive Activities

Our friendly adult (16+) disability activity sessions run every Wednesday 11am - 12pm at the Abbey Stadium. First session free then only £3 thereafter.

There's No Limits Disability Activity Club

Our disability sports sessions run every Saturday 10am - 11.30am at the Abbey Stadium for children aged 5 - 15. First session free then only £3 thereafter.

Please click here for more information or email sd@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

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Exercise programmes

Get Back Into Cycling

Confidence building sessions starting Thursday 6th July. 4 x 1hr sessions on Thursdays, 6.30pm from Stitch Meadow, Arrow Valley Lake. Bikes not provided. £12 for course. Please click here for more.

Seated Strength & Balance

Gentle exercises to help improve your mobility on Wednesdays, 2.15pm at Batchley Community Centre. Sessions last 1 hour and cost £3.25 each. Please click here for more.

Zumba For All

Lower-intensity classes perfect for active older adults. Each session lasts 1 hour. For venues/prices please click here. NEW CLASS - the Space Winyates 12pm Fridays.

You can also contact Hayley Gwilliam on 01527 881404 or email hayley.gwilliam@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

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19 & 20TH AUGUST

SAT 1 - 11PM & SUN 1 - 7PM

FREE ENTRY

JERAMIAH FERRARI
ARCADIA ROOTS
BIG WOLF BAND
PIG-MAN & THE RUBBER BAND
THE EMMA JONSON QUARTET
THE ZOE GREEN BAND

PLUS HOURS OF FANTASTIC MUSIC FROM SUPPORTING BANDS
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Fireworks Saturday @ 9pm

NEW - ACOUSTIC TENT

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New play area for Willow Trees

Talk Tubes, toddler swings, a Cockerel Rock n Roll Springy and a Fantasy Fun Run Fitness Trail are just some of the exciting equipment at a new play area in Redditch.

As part of a collaborative partnership Redditch Borough Council has part funded and supported the Big Local team at Church Hill to build the a new play area at the Willow Tree Community Centre.

The partnership will see the Big Local team managing and maintaining the facility with help and guidance from our officers to ensure it meets the needs of the community.

Parks Officer Jackie Boreham said: *"I am delighted that, by working together, we have delivered such a fun place for our young residents to enjoy."*

The project cost £53,908.

Wendy Johnson, Chair of Church Hill Big Local Partnership said: "*We are absolutely delighted with the play park as are our younger residents.*

"It was one of our first projects and has taken time and patience to come to fruition, but it was well worth it.
"Our thanks go to Redditch Borough Council staff and Wicksteed for helping to make this project such a success."

Skate park closing for facelift

A revamped skate park in Astwood Bank, is set to open in time for the Summer Holidays.

The facility and immediate areas around it, was closed on July 3, for three weeks – but that's so an even better facility could be put in place!

The base will be created out of reinforced power floated concrete, to give a smoother ride, and changes include the replacement of the metal ramps which will mean reduced noise.

It will be more sustainable and provide a larger 'wheeled sport' space and the design has no 'hidden options' which means there will be less opportunity for arson to happen here.

Parks Officer Jackie Boreham, said:
"This design has been drawn up following consultation with a local school and a lengthy consultation process.

"We hope the skate park will be open in time for the time Summer holidays and will be even better than ever!"

Easter club hailed a success

A new initiative which ran during the Easter Holidays has been hailed a great success.

The Active Kitchen club, which ran for three days before Easter, was held at Ispley RSA Academy in Matchborough.

The children in the group received breakfast and a hot lunch every day whilst taking part in Easter themed crafts, fun activities and sports. They even went on an educational visit to All Things Wild in Evesham.

This initial scheme was run as a pilot by Redditch Borough Council's Sports Development Team, in partnership with Acts of Kindness, REACH and West Mercia Police, with a view to expanding it to other areas across Redditch using funding from Sport England for similar projects over the summer.

Feedback from the project has been really positive and the children really enjoyed themselves, made new friends and were guaranteed two good meals each day.

For more information, to volunteer at a future group or to enquire about the referral system, please contact Sports Development on 01527 534008 or email sd@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Active Kitchen

Three-oh and still on the go!

Happy Birthday

Last month Redditch Borough Council's Shopmobility service celebrated a fantastic milestone birthday with a pop up party for users and visitors.

To celebrate reaching the age of 30 and providing mobility equipment to people who have difficulty getting around for just as long, a special two-day event was held in an empty unit in the Kingfisher Centre.

Cupcakes, a raffle and tombola, a teddy competition and of course cups of tea were available to passers by as part of the celebration in the space opposite Muffin Break.

Redditch Borough Councillor Greg Chance, whose portfolio covers Shopmobility, said: *"Shopmobility is a lifeline for some of our residents – and visitors – as it means they can get out of the house and safely get around.*

"It is a mini community too as, over the last 30 years, we have built up a list of loyal customers.

"This party was a great chance for them to get together, catch up and of course to celebrate three decades of Shopmobility."

Be cool not cruel to pets this Summer

Worcestershire's Dog warden is insisting that dog-owners are 'cool not cruel' to their pets during the hot weather.

Pip Singleton, who works for Worcestershire Regulatory Services, fears that like every year, people will still leave their dogs in cars which can lead to a horrific and painful death.

She said: *"It's like putting your dog in an oven and turning the temperature up – the suffering is horrendous for them yet despite all the messages being put out social media, we are still getting calls about it!."*

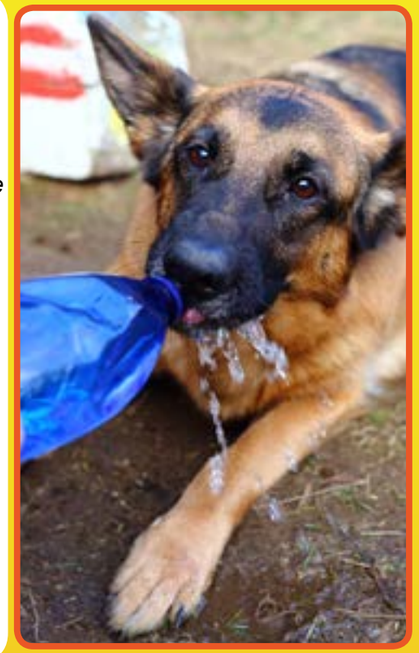
Other top tips for animal care in the hot weather includes:

- **Make sure there is shade for your pets if you leave them outside**
- **Keep topping up their water and make sure it is easily accessible**
- **Don't over-fuss and pet them as they are may be too hot to handle**
- **Encourage dogs to walk on the grass, not hot tarmac. Their paws aren't heatproof!**

Pip added: *"Pets have no voice so owners need to be responsible.*

"If you are hot – then odds on they are too. And you wouldn't sit in a car in these temperatures, even with the windows open, for more than ten minutes – so why should they?

"Be cool not cruel and have a happy dog – not a hot dog."



Have a safe summer sizzle

As the summer holidays continue residents are being urged to stay safe when it comes to making a sizzle on the barbecue.

Worcestershire Regulatory Services Food Safety experts have some top tips for budding chefs to ensure a Summer Sizzle doesn't turn into a turbulent tum!

Cases of food poisoning almost double during the summer, and research shows that the undercooking of raw meat and the contamination of bacteria onto the food we eat are among the main reasons.

So here's how you can confidently tuck into bangers and burgers:-
Top tips from the Food Standards Agency [FSA] include:

- Pre-cook the meat or poultry in the oven first and then finish it off on the barbecue for flavour.
- Charred doesn't mean cooked make sure that burgers, sausages, chicken and all meats are properly cooked by cutting into the meat and checking that it is steaming hot all the way through, that none of it is pink and that any juices run clear.
- Disposable barbecues take longer always check that your meat is cooked right through.
- Avoid cross-contamination by storing raw meat separately before cooking, use different utensils, plates and chopping boards for raw and cooked food.
- Don't wash raw chicken or other meat, it just splashes germs.

Find out more about the FSA's top tips at: food.gov.uk/lovebbq

No smoke without fire

It's that time of the year when windows are open, washing is out, and garden bonfires are being lit. There are no laws against having a bonfire, but there are laws for the nuisance they can cause, so here is a quick guide to domestic bonfires.

Burning household waste

You can't burn household waste as it's illegal for you to get rid of your waste in a way that will cause pollution or harm people's health. Your wheeled bins for recycling and waste are the simplest way to get rid of household waste, and you can also use your local recycling centres for free or pay a registered waste carrier like a skip hire company to take away it for you.

Burning garden waste

Composting is a great way to get rid of garden waste, fertilise your soil, and save money on shop-bought compost. If you are going to burn some plant materials, they produce far more smoke when they are fresh and wet than when they have been dried out for a while beforehand.

Causing danger to traffic by smoke

You could be fined if you light a fire and you allow the smoke to drift across the road and become a danger to traffic.

Complaining about a bonfire

Normally a bonfire is a private matter that is up to you to discuss with your neighbour.
If a bonfire affects you frequently it could be a nuisance, and the council can issue a notice requiring a person to stop causing a nuisance or face a fine. However this can only happen at the end of a process where the source of the problem has been shown to be frequent and harmful enough to be considered a nuisance in law. This is the only way the council can intervene.

In an emergency call 999.

Business waste and pollution laws are stronger, enforced differently, and carry more severe penalties. Report major incidents to the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60.

NEW Lifeline

NEW Lifeline is a telecare service available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to any vulnerable person living within the Redditch and Bromsgrove districts as well as surrounding areas. It allows residents such as the elderly, disabled or those with serious health problems to continue living independently whilst providing security and peace of mind to themselves and their friends and family.

Footprint GPS Tracker in its charging dock

Keep On Track

Our NEW Lifeline service now provides peace of mind to vulnerable residents when they go out and about, as well as when they are at home.

The Footprint GPS Tracker is a pendant which allows you to call for help wherever you are, whether it's going for a walk or visiting friends.

It has two-way voice communication and in an emergency it can even tell our Monitoring Centre your exact location.

A full roaming SIM is included and, if required, a fall detection feature can be activated.

The pendant is also suitable for children, those living with dementia and lone workers.

Tracker Trial a Success

Long-serving NEW Lifeline customer Tara has used the service for over 15 years with the home package alarm service.

Tara is a very active lady and it was becoming clear that her most vulnerable time was when she was away from the home. NEW Lifeline researched available products to support Tara and other clients to continue to be independent away from their immediate environment.

Tara was instrumental in trialling the GPS Tracker with the support of the NEW Lifeline Team and her mother.

With Tara's input the GPS Tracker has now been rolled out as part of the NEW Lifeline Service available to all residents within Redditch and Bromsgrove districts.

Tara wearing a Footprint GPS Tracker

Tara said: *"Having the Tracker with me whilst I am out makes me feel safe, lets me live independently and continue with all my daily activities."*

Tara likes to go into town, to the cinema, swimming and attend her local gym and is able to continue to do this with confidence.

Tara catches the bus into town on her own and the GPS Tracker makes her feel safe as she can press the emergency button at any time if she should feel threatened.

New Lifeline unit & wrist alarm

No landline available?

You can now have all the comfort of Lifeline in your home without the need for phone lines, sockets or extensions.

The new Lifeline units use GSM technology, similar to mobile phones, so you can put them wherever you want as long as there is a power supply.

Want to know more?
Telephone 01527 534060 or e-mail lifeline@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

You can complete an application online here or search 'lifeline' on www.redditchbc.gov.uk for more

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News roundup

Winyates and Matchborough developments

You probably saw our planning team out and about last summer starting work on these two exciting projects to rejuvenate the centres. Don't panic – it hasn't gone away! Lots of work is taking place behind the scenes with architects and it won't be too long until we're ready to share some of our ideas. Keep an eye out for a consultation coming your way later on this year!

Redditch Crematorium Takes Silver

The hard work of the team at Redditch Crematorium has been recognised as the facility has jumped from bronze to silver ranking in an annual assessment.

Each year an assessment is carried out by the Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management (ICCM) which provides policy and best practice guidance to cremation authorities.

This year the Council has been recognised as Silver standard, with respect to the Charter for the Bereaved, moving from bronze in the assessment in just 12 months.

REDDITCH STREET THEATRE 2017

11am - 3pm

Plus stalls & activities

Tuesday 25th July - Town Centre
Church Green, B97 4DY

BELL AND BULLOCK - CABIN FEVER

THE MARIE CELESTIAL

Wednesday 2nd August -
Winyates Shopping Centre, B98 ONR

THE BUBBLE WIZARD

JASON MAVERICK - SOLO SHOW

For more info please contact the Arts and Events Team on 01527 534030 or visit www.redditchbc.gov.uk/things-to-do

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