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# Welcome

In tough economic times many towns have chosen to bunker down and hope better news might be round the corner.

In Chesterfield we are investing our way out of the recession by taking on apprentices, renovating the market hall and building a new Queen's Park Sports Centre. We are also supporting the Waterside development. They will leave us in a good position to push on when better economic times return.

I've been a politician long enough to know that everything a council does is not going to be welcomed with open arms by everyone - in a democracy it is only right and proper that everyone has their say.

But when I talk to business owners I get a clear message - that Chesterfield is a town going places. Here are a few of their comments:

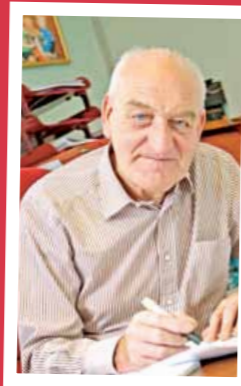
"Chesterfield has a thriving community of reliable local trades people and their contribution to the local economy should not be underestimated." **Paula Yeates, Chesterfield 1st Mags**

"Chesterfield's restaurant culture is steadily growing, with an increasing range of places to eat as well as some excellent local breweries and bars. They play a critical role in the local economy." **Vittorio Risorto, Calabria**

"We truly believe that Chesterfield is a great town. Chesterfield is in our blood and we are passionate about helping to make the town the first choice for investment in Derbyshire." **Stephen Gordon, Banner Jones Solicitors**

These comments, and my group's commitment, show me Chesterfield has a bright future and a lot to be proud of.

Councillor John Burrows  
Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council



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# Views heard on sports centre design

Residents have given their views on what the new **Queen's Park Sports Centre** should look like during a public consultation.

The new leisure centre will be built on the Queen's Park Annexe.

And in an earlier public consultation we asked residents what features they would like to see in the new centre. The top five facilities requested were:

- 25 metre swimming pool
- Multi-purpose sports hall
- Gym/fitness centre
- Children's water fun features
- Learner pool.

The existing tennis courts, bowling green on the Annexe and the multi-use games area in Queen's Park will remain. The current football pitch could be relocated on the Annexe site.

We are also seeking funding to provide other facilities, such as a compact athletics area and trim trail.

Chesterfield College students will have use of some facilities. Demand is lower in the daytime meaning both students and the public can be accommodated. Other users will still be able to book facilities, subject to demand.

A planning application for the new centre will be made in the autumn.

Find out more at [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/qpsc](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/qpsc)



Early designs showing how the new Queen's Park Sports Centre could look

## Allowance details published

Details of the allowances received by **Chesterfield borough councillors** during 2012-13 have been published.

All councillors receive a basic allowance to support work they do to represent constituents in their wards. Those who hold extra responsibilities, such as executive members, get an additional sum to reflect their greater workloads.

Councillor allowances have not risen since April 2009.

Full details of allowances received by councillors can be found at [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/allowances](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/allowances)



# It's a dog's life



**They may be man's best friend but dog related incidents cause some of the highest levels of calls to our customer service helpline.**

Nothing quite annoys the public more than dog fouling and out-of-control pooches and it is the job of dog warden Michelle Hill to help respond to these incidents.

Michelle said: "On an average day we deal with two or three dog related incidents but it can be higher in the summer months when people are more likely to be out and about.

"We have powers to issue penalty

notices for dog fouling or out-of-control dogs but our main role is to offer help and advice.

"We go into schools and talk to children about these issues because, hopefully, if we can get people to understand at an early age the problems that are caused we can make a real difference.

"The majority of people are really happy to talk to us. We do not stamp our feet, we talk to them about what they can and cannot do."

Another role for the dog wardens is to collect any stray dogs. Where



*A dog that is micro-chipped should have a coloured strip attached to the collar*

dogs are micro-chipped, they are returned to their owners. Any unclaimed dogs are taken to the Canis kennels in Old Whittington to be re-housed with new owners.

The dog wardens carry out early morning and evening patrols to spot dog related incidents but also rely heavily on information from the public about problems. For example, if residents report someone letting their dog foul a park or pavement the dog wardens can investigate it and see if it requires enforcement action.

To try and reduce problems the council introduced a pilot scheme at Eastwood Park in August which requires owners to keep their dogs on a lead in the northern part of the park including the access road, car parks, gardens, courts and bowling green.

Dogs are also not allowed in the children's play area. If a dog warden asks someone to put a lead on their dog they must but otherwise dogs can be taken off their lead in the rest of the park.

Anyone failing to follow the rules faces a £50 fixed penalty notice. Persistent offenders can be taken to court and receive a fine of up to £1,000.

The pilot scheme was introduced in response to public feedback and if it proves a success similar measures could follow in other parks in the borough.

Information about the new rules was promoted at the Take the Lead roadshow in Eastwood Park, along with details of a new national scheme to get owners to put yellow ribbons on dogs that might be wary or aggressive if approached.

The ribbon warns other members of the public so they don't risk being bitten and tells other dog owners to keep their animal away to avoid a dog-on-dog attack.

Although acting as a dog warden is part of Michelle's job she is officially called an enforcement officer and has wider responsibilities which include litter enforcement and dealing with abandoned vehicles and fly tipping.



She said: "While I am out dealing with reported dog incidents I might spot other incidents which need to be dealt with. There is never one day the same as the other, which is what I like about the job."

*Michelle is seen above talking to dog owners at the Take the Lead roadshow.*



**To report a problem with dog fouling, stray dogs or dog attacks visit [www.chesterfield.gov.uk](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk) and click on 'report it' or ring 01246 345345.**

**To find out more about the yellow ribbon scheme visit [www.yellowdoguk.co.uk](http://www.yellowdoguk.co.uk)**



# Introducing Wendy



Wendy has been out and about in the market chatting to stall holders and explaining her role as community development worker. She is seen above with Dave Radford and Liz Woodcroft from the Volunteer Centre.

## If you are out and about in Chesterfield borough, you may well bump into Wendy Blunt.

Wendy was recently appointed as the council's community development worker and will be out in the community working with different community groups.

Taking up the post in the summer, she is excited about the work she is carrying out.

Wendy explains: "I aim to meet as many people in the communities

within the Chesterfield borough as possible.

"I will be working with them to see how the council and partner agencies can work with communities to help deliver local improvements and activities."

Wendy will also be the council's key link for community assemblies.

Community assemblies are an opportunity for residents to work with us and partner agencies to help shape the future of their

neighbourhoods. Anyone who lives or works in the borough is encouraged to get involved.

You can choose the level of involvement that works for you. You may wish to like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter so you can find out more about the assemblies activities and events and take part in online discussions or surveys.

We will also be holding public meetings and workshops in each assembly area.

There are four community assemblies in the borough:

- **South Assembly** (covering Chesterfield Town Centre, Brampton, Boythorpe, St. Augustines, Grangewood, Hasland, Hady and Spital)
- **West Assembly** (Walton, Somersall, Brookside, Ashgate, Loundsley Green, Linacre, Holme Hall, Newbold Village and Brockwell)
- **North Assembly** (Stonegravels, Peveril, Pevensey, Dunston, Upper Newbold, Whittington Moor, Old Whittington, New Whittington, The Brushers and Sheepbridge)
- **East Assembly** (Tapton, Brimington, Brimington Common, Inkersall, Duckmanton, Poolsbrook, Middlecroft, Hollingwood, Barrow Hill, Hartington, Staveley, Lowgates, Mastin Moor and Woodthorpe).

Wendy says: "The new community assemblies are exciting because they will give residents a real say on the priorities in their own areas – we will take those priorities and work with them to develop an action plan to decide where council resources are used in the area.

"The meetings will be workshop based with plenty of opportunities for discussion, allowing everyone to take part."

The next community assembly meetings will be held as follows:

<b>Chesterfield South</b>	<b>Tuesday 19 November</b>	<b>Town Hall, Rose Hill</b>
<b>Chesterfield West</b>	<b>Thursday 21 November</b>	<b>Town Hall, Rose Hill</b>
<b>Chesterfield North</b>	<b>Wednesday 27 November</b>	<b>St. Hugh's R.C. Church, Littlemoor, Newbold</b>
<b>Chesterfield East</b>	<b>Thursday 28 November</b>	<b>Inkersall Methodist Church, 1 Summerskill Green.</b>

**All meetings will start at 6.30pm and finish around 8pm. There will be a councillors' surgery after each meeting.**

During 2013-14 funding for community projects will be available through the community assemblies.

Each assembly will have a budget of £3,000 for minor grants to community groups – with a maximum of £500 for each grant.

For 2014-15 a larger grant fund will be launched to help fund larger projects.

**Please check our website for terms and conditions: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/assemblies](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/assemblies)**

Wendy will also be keeping our website up to date with details of funding available from outside the council.

Funding sources will be added as they become available, so continue to check the website for more details.

**To find out the latest news from the community assemblies on Twitter follow @CBCAssemblies or like the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/chesterfieldassemblies](http://www.facebook.com/chesterfieldassemblies).**

**If you would like to become involved in the community assemblies or if you are involved in a community group and you are looking at applying for funding, Wendy would like to hear from you.**

**You can call her at the Town Hall on 01246 345344 or e-mail: [wendy.blunt@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:wendy.blunt@chesterfield.gov.uk)**



# Doors set to open on new market hall



She said: "I'm really looking forward to moving back into the market hall. I saw photographs of the work being carried out and got to go in early to look around and choose the fittings for the new pitch."

## They say the best things in life come to those who wait.

And for Lisa Prisk (*shown above*) and the other market hall traders that is certainly true as they prepare to start trading from Chesterfield Market Hall again after the completion of our extensive £4 million redevelopment.

As we went to press, all was on track for the iconic building to reopen on 28 October offering a better shopping experience for the thousands of customers who regularly use the market hall each year.

Lisa has run the Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe in the market hall for the last four-and-a-half years.

Lisa, along with other traders, has been working from a temporary market hall in New Square while the 12-month building work took place.

She said: "I'm looking forward to having some more space; the last few months have been a struggle – I've been missing my stockroom and it's sometimes been difficult to get stock in.

"I've got a bigger unit in the new market hall rather than just a counter. This will mean people will be able to come in and walk around, and will allow me to have bigger displays – hopefully, this will mean it will be busier in the run-up to Christmas."

When we announced plans to refurbish the market hall we

committed to offer existing traders the first opportunity to get stalls in the new building, subject to them being able to offer sufficient quality.

All existing traders were given support in putting together business plans through the 'Incubation Street' campaign run by Destination Chesterfield, the partnership which provides marketing to attract investment into the borough.

Happily, the business cases submitted by the existing traders showed impressive levels of thought, detail and creativity and so all the existing traders were offered places in the new market hall.

Sharon Cowley-Booker (*shown at the top of page 9*) and April Taylor run the Scentiment perfume stall.

Sharon said: "It's very important to be back in for Christmas, to pick up trade because this is always the busiest time of the year."

She is pleased that the new market hall will offer them a fresh start.

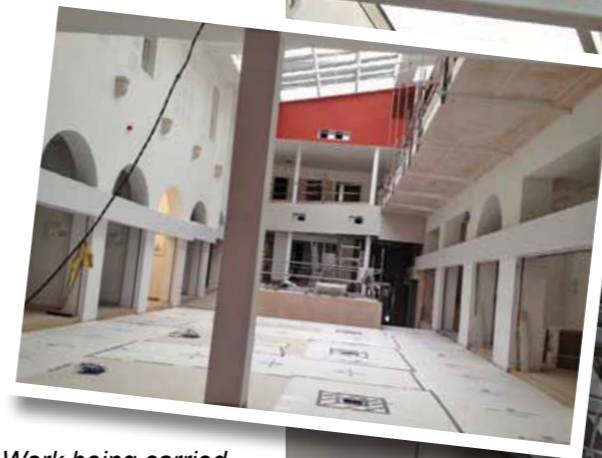
Sharon said: "It's like starting a new business, we've been waiting for this rather than spend money on refurbishing our stall and so it's nice to have the opportunity to decorate and set it out from scratch."

Lisa, Sharon and their fellow traders will be joined by six new stalls – offering new opportunities to shop. There will also be a new café on the ground floor, operated by local start-up business, Market



Plaza Café, managed by mother and daughter team, Lynne and Shannon Benison.

The café is run by the same team who run SLIC Training, and they will be offering apprenticeships for local people wanting to work in catering.



Work being carried out during construction

The new café will be open from 8am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

The £4 million market hall project has been paid for by £2.1 million of grants from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Lottery, with the remaining cost being met by Chesterfield Borough Council.

Redevelopment work has been overseen by the council's strategic property advisors, Kier, with G F Tomlinson as main contractor.

Project management has been carried out by Mace with Taylor Young as architects and Ramboll as engineers.



## Customer centre on the move

**Our Staveley area office is moving to a new home early next month.**

The existing office in High Street is to close with services moving into the nearby Healthy Living Centre.

A payment machine will be installed in the leisure centre enabling people to make housing and council tax payments between:

- 8.30am and 4.30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 10am and 4.30pm on Wednesdays
- 8.30am and 4pm on Fridays.

Residents can also make payments by direct debit or at any local Pay Point or Post Office in the borough.

The information board giving details of available housing properties will be moved to the café area of the Healthy Living Centre.

Housing interviews will take place either in Chesterfield Town Hall, the Stonegravels office or the resident's home.

Details of the exact day of the move will be publicised through posters, leaflets and the local media once they have been finalised.



# Helping you into sport

**We have teamed up with the Community Sport Trust to offer more sporting opportunities to our residents.**

Leo Shippam recently joined the council as community sports activator. He is working with partners to enable more people to take part in sport and build a network of high quality sports volunteers, coaches and leaders.

Although Leo is a qualified triathlon coach and has set up his own running club he is very keen to support people no matter what their level of fitness.

Leo said: "There are many benefits of physical activity and all are long lasting and promote better health and well-being.

"There has been a great response to the work already done in Chesterfield by community associations and sports clubs across the borough and I aim to spread this success across all areas of Chesterfield."

Leo is keen to hear from anyone looking to set up new sporting activities in their communities. To find out more about the support available, visit [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/sports](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/sports), ring Leo on 07584 905 991 or e-mail [leo.shippam@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:leo.shippam@chesterfield.gov.uk)

## Innovation success

**Demand for office space at Chesterfield Borough Council's innovation centres is at an all-time high.**

More than 500 people are now working in Chesterfield for businesses that have been supported by Tapton Park and Dunston Innovation Centres – demand has been so high that Dunston Innovation Centre is currently fully occupied.

The innovation centres were built by Chesterfield Borough Council to provide modern, high-specification workspaces with in-house support services, including administration and specialist innovation advice, to attract new businesses to the area.

All leases have flexible terms allowing business owners to adapt to the needs of the business. Visit [www.innovationchesterfield.co.uk](http://www.innovationchesterfield.co.uk) for more details.



## A blaze of colour

**Judges Barbara Matchett and Steve Land visited Wain Avenue, Chesterfield during their search for the best kept garden in the annual Chesterfield in Bloom contest.**

The annual competition, run by the council, also forms our entry into the regional East Midlands in Bloom competition. This year, we received 120 entries across 14 categories which included best front and back gardens, best school and best pub/restaurant. The main sponsor is Ringwood Hall Hotel.

## Great place to play

**Hundreds of young people have enjoyed clambering on colourful new play areas following the re-opening of Eastwood Park after a £1.07 million refurbishment.**

The restoration of the park was completed in June using Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund grants and the play areas, which cater for small children through to teenagers, are proving particularly popular.

A National Play Day event held in the park this summer proved a particular hit with local families, who all enjoyed a day of organised activities from egg and spoon races to tug-of-war.

The event was one of many fun summer activities organised by Chesterfield Borough Council to keep young people active and busy during the school holidays.

Sharon Hardy, who lives in Hasland, was very impressed

when she visited with her five grandchildren.

She said: "The whole park is brilliant and all my grandkids love it. They disappear off to the park for hours because there's something there for all of them.

"When we all go to the park, I think it's really good to see whole families out together.

"We all really enjoyed the activities organised for National Play Day. All of the kids still have the medals they got there."

Sharon's eldest grandson, Nathan, added: "I really like all the sports stuff. It's great and keeps us off the streets because there's somewhere else for us to go."



**Something for everyone...** Sharon Hardy (second left) is a regular visitor to Eastwood Park with her grandchildren (l-r) Brandon, 13, Nathan, 17, Courtney, 15, and (front) KT, nine, and Sophie, seven.



# Warm welcome for housing improvements

## Life is better for hundreds of people in Mastin Moor as work to improve housing in the area comes to an end.

We have been carrying out a major programme of home improvements installing insulation cladding and fitting new guttering, soffits and fascias on homes.

The work has been carried out in two phases. The first phase, which cost £604,000, saw 79 homes completed by March 2012.

A further 119 houses are due to be finished next month as part of a second phase costing £900,000, with the work mainly funded by Chesterfield Borough Council.

And since July around 200 privately owned houses on the estate are also having work to install the insulation cladding carried out for free.

This is being done using funding obtained by Hamiltons, the council's contractors, from the Energy Company Obligation. This is a scheme introduced by energy regulator Ofgem where energy companies pay to help improve the energy efficiency of homes. A smaller grant from the same fund is also contributing to the costs of the work on council houses.

Tracy Pashley - who lives with her husband Damian and children Kirsty, Luke, Callum and Laura - was pleased when the work was carried out on her council house.

A year on since the work was completed the family are now realising the full benefits.

Tracy said: "It is brilliant. It not only looks nice but it is warmer and has got rid of the damp that we were getting inside the rooms.

"When our gas and electricity bills came they were cheaper than before due to the better insulation.

"During the cold weather I found you only had to have your heating on for half an hour and it was warm and it stayed warm."

Because both private and council homes are having the work done Tracy also thinks the work is improving the overall appearance of the whole estate.

**"The whole area looks a lot better than it did."**

She said: "It looks a lot nicer when you come onto the estate and see all the homes looking the same. It is like a proper village estate now."

Most homes on the estate were built using pre-fabricated concrete panels and major damp and condensation problems were being reported by residents in both the council and privately owned homes.

The cladding that has been put on the building prevents the damp getting in and also improves the insulation of the home. This means residents don't need their heating on as much to stay warm but also helps if people have health conditions, like asthma, that were being made worse by the damp and condensation.

William and Gwendoline Hesketh have lived at their council home for 42 years and had it improved in the first phase of the programme.

Gwendoline said: "I feel the cold so it is good that it is warmer than it was before the work took place."

Her husband, William, said: "The cladding makes the house look more attractive. The whole area looks a lot better than it did because they have done all the other houses as well. It brightens up the area."

In the next few years there are plans to carry out similar work on other estates in Chesterfield that have pre-fabricated houses suffering the same problems with damp and condensation.



Warm welcome... Tracy Pashley (right) outside her refurbished home with daughter Kirsty and sons (l to r) Callum and Luke.

William and Gwendoline Hesketh are shown in the inset photograph.





# S Club party for panto goers

It's an S Club party at this year's pantomime at Chesterfield's Pomegranate Theatre.

Starring in this year's pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, is Tina Barrett from S Club 7. Tina plays the lead role of Beauty and says she is "really excited because it's lots of fun."

"I came to visit Chesterfield and thought the Pomegranate Theatre is beautiful, the history of the town is fascinating and the Crooked Spire is amazing."

Tina believes the pantomime will be fun for all the family. She said: "Children and adults should both be able to enjoy the show – there are some S Club gags and S Club songs in there."

Asked whether being reminded of her early days in S Club is tiring, Tina said: "Not at all, I'm so happy people

are listening and people still enjoy them."

Starring alongside Tina is Jon Moses, a runner up in the ITV Superstar programme to find an actor to star in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar. Jon plays the Count of Christi Monto, who has a spell placed on him that turns him into the Beast – only Beauty can save him.

Jon is looking forward to working with Tina. He confessed: "I had a crush on her when I was younger. We've been tweeting each other, it's really exciting."

Also starring in the show are Danny Mills as Madame Fifi and Rik Gaynor as Pierre.

The pantomime runs at the Chesterfield Borough Council run venue from Friday 6 December to Sunday 5 January.

To book tickets, call the box office on 01246 345222 or visit [www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk](http://www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk)



## Markets Festival

Our annual markets festival, sponsored by fwd:motion takes place from Thursday 31 October to Saturday 2 November.

On Thursday, James Lewis and Anita Manning will be hosting a Chesterfield version of Bargain Hunt, sponsored by Banner Jones Solicitors, who will be submitting a team to go head-to-head with the mayor's team.

There will also be a 1940s themed flea market.



It's children's day on Friday as children can have a go at being market traders to sell used toys, books and clothes. There is also free cupcake decorating - sponsored by the Co-op - and an art competition.



Saturday is a food-themed day with the 'Just a Taste' market and 'best Chesterfield Cake' competition - sponsored by Jacksons the Bakers and judged by the mayor, Councillor Paul Stone.



The CAMRA beer festival sponsored by GF Tomlinson - also takes place in the Market Hall.

## Christmas Lights event

Chesterfield's Christmas Lights event takes place in New Square on Sunday 24 November from 10am to 6pm with the switch-on taking place at 4.45pm. Our event will feature appearances from the cast of Beauty and the Beast, Chesterfield's mayor and mayoress and other well-known faces.

The Christmas market runs from 1pm to 5pm on the day.

For more information on the events, contact Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre on (01246) 345777/8 or email: [tourism@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@chesterfield.gov.uk)



## Fireworks display

Chesterfield Borough Council's annual fireworks display takes place at Stand Road Recreation Ground on Tuesday 5 November.

With a roadshow, our popular event will feature a funfair with a choice of different catering vans and sweet stalls.

A free bus service will run from the town centre to and from the event.

Gates open at 6pm. The fireworks display takes place during the event, which finishes around 9pm.



# Scores on the doors



**When it comes to food hygiene, Alan Mears knows what he's talking about.**

Alan has run Peacock's Coffee Lounge in Chesterfield town centre for the last nine years.

The café on Low Pavement has the maximum five star food hygiene rating, meaning that customers can be confident that all the food has been prepared

and served in conditions that meet the highest hygiene standards.

The ratings range from no stars (urgent improvement necessary) to five stars (very good) and is coordinated by the Food Standards Agency based on reports from local councils' environmental health teams.

Alan says it's the small things that count to get a good rating:

"The simplest things really make a difference, we are constantly wiping tables and work surfaces. Whenever you pick up dirty dishes, utensils or cleaning cloths, always wash your hands afterwards.

"Most of it is common sense."

The staff regularly get comments from customers about how clean the premises are. Alan explains:

"We bought the coffee machine when we opened but it looks like new because it is cleaned thoroughly and serviced regularly."

All of Alan's staff have a basic session on food hygiene, two of them currently have hygiene certificates and two more will have them in the near future.

He says: "It is good practice and it helps to constantly repeat the message that hygiene is the most important thing."

Making sure that premises serving food in the borough are up to scratch is Louise Kirk, one of the council's environmental health officers.

Louise (pictured left doing an inspection) and her colleagues turn up unannounced to do regular spot checks of food outlets.

She will typically check how food is stored and ensure all the correct documentation, such as food hygiene certificates and cleaning rotas, are kept up-to-date. Louise also looks at fridges, cupboards and walls to check for cleanliness and ensures that both cooked and uncooked foods are stored at the correct temperatures.

She works closely with local businesses and will provide a draft report within a couple of days, allowing the business to make any minor changes or improvements before a formal rating is given.

Louise explains: "It's important to work with local businesses; no business wants to lose a five star rating – it is like the premiership rating, which proves they have the

very highest standards and gives customers confidence."

As Chesterfield was named the most coach-friendly town in the country earlier this year, Alan has noticed an increase in the number of coach parties coming to eat in

Peacocks and believes that the top rating makes a difference. He said: "It's a great marketing tool. I have the rating on the window and on the counter so people can see at a quick glance without having to spend ages checking where is clean and safe to eat."

**Alan's customers agree. Ann Hubball comes into the café every day. She explains: "I have porridge every morning for my breakfast and the coffee is the best in town.**

**"It's very clean, I've never seen any dirt or grime anywhere, the staff are very pleasant and there's nowhere else to beat it in Chesterfield."**

**Most businesses serving food will display their food hygiene rating on their premises. You can also check online: <http://ratings.food.gov.uk> where you can also download the food hygiene app.**



**Food hygiene is just as important at home. To see handy tips and test your own food handling skills visit the Food Standards Agency website: [www.food.gov.uk/kitchen-check](http://www.food.gov.uk/kitchen-check)**



## Tell us your favourite trader

A competition is underway to find Chesterfield's favourite market trader - with five £50 vouchers up for grabs for those who submit nominations.

We organise the market trader competition each year to highlight the high quality outdoor and indoor market stalls that the town has to offer.

The award aims to find traders who deliver outstanding customer service, are a master at friendly banter and go the extra mile for their customers.

Everyone who nominates a trader is in with a chance to win one of five £50 vouchers to spend on Chesterfield's outdoor market or indoor market hall.

Entry forms are available at the visitor information centre. You can also vote for your favourite online at [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/markets](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/markets)

The closing date for entries is 26 October. Terms and conditions for the competition can be seen on the website.

General markets are held in Chesterfield on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, the flea market on Thursdays and a farmers' market on the second Thursday of each month. The market hall is open Monday to Saturday each week.

## Playground fun

Young children are enjoying a new adventure play area in a Whittington Moor park thanks to a community group.

The Friends of Stand Road Park has installed the adventure play area, near the park pavilion, using a £47,000 Biffa Award grant and £4,700 from Chesterfield Borough Council.

Children from the nursery class at Highfield Hall Primary School and all of the classes at Gilbert Heathcote Nursery and Infants School were consulted on what equipment they wanted to see in the park.

The Friends of Stand Road Park has previously installed a multi-use games area, skateboard park for teenagers and a community café in the park pavilion.



## No change

**The political make-up of Chesterfield Borough Council remains the same after the results of two by-elections.**

Helen Bagley and Linda Clarke held the St Helen's and St Leonard's wards for Labour during the May by-elections.

The seats were up for election after the resignations of councillors Angela Reynolds and Nick Stringer respectively.

The results mean the overall make-up of the council stays at 34 Labour councillors, 12 Liberal Democrats and two independents.

## Busy bees create wildlife areas

Six grass areas in the Chesterfield borough are being turned into wildflower havens.

Areas of Carsington Road, Milldale Close, Winnats Close, Barnes Road, Woodmere Drive and Newland Dale are being managed to allow wildflowers to grow which will provide a habitat for bees and other insects.

Chesterfield Borough Council is doing the work in partnership with the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to help tackle the national decline in bee numbers.



Bumblebees pollinate commercial crops, such as tomatoes, peas and apples, and help increase yields of self-fertile crops, such as oilseed rape.

Teresa Hughes, wildlife sites officer for the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, said: "Over time by linking the countryside to our allotments and gardens with wildlife corridors the council will help encourage more of these important insects into the heart of Chesterfield."

It will be several years before the full benefits of the scheme are seen.

Information boards explaining the benefits of the work are being installed at the six sites.



# Back to work for Stephen



**For 20 years Stephen Smith has been unable to stay in regular work due to a degenerative back problem.**

Stephen sometimes suffers so badly from the condition that he is unable to leave his home for a week. At other times he is able to work. The unpredictability of his condition has made it hard to hold down a permanent job.

But thanks to the Work For Yourself programme, which we part fund, he has now set up his own antiques, collectables and crafts business in New Whittington called Jaxste with his partner Jackie Dawson.

Stephen said: "I am on morphine and more tablets than you can shake a stick at because of the pain I get in the nerves of my

back. It has been very difficult to manage and is very debilitating.

"Antiques have always been something of a hobby for me and when I was talking to my employment advisor at the Job Centre I told her I wanted to turn it into my full-time job.

"She put me in touch with the Work for Yourself advisor -

Nicky Tomlinson Murphy and she has been brilliant. She has taken me through everything step-by-step with help, advice and encouragement and really gave me the confidence to take the first steps in setting up my own business.

"My partner Jackie has also been behind me and she decided to help me set up the antiques shop. I am very lucky to have her involved because she is able to work in the shop at those times when my illness means I cannot get down here."

Stephen and Jackie started the business, which is based in Stone Lane, in May. They get their stock through a range of methods including house clearances, being contacted by potential sellers, buying online, and also from visiting antiques fairs and car boot sales.

And Stephen is hoping he can one day replicate in real life the fictional experience of Del Boy in *Only Fools and Horses* and find a rare and important piece of antiques history.

He said: "I love the history that comes with antiques. There is



always the potential for that Del Boy or Indiana Jones moment where you find that elusive piece that is rare and worth a lot of money.

"I have got some Roman coins from 150BC and to hold something with that history in your hand really fascinates me. But at the other end of the spectrum I also love pieces from the Sixties and Seventies because that was an era of colour and vibrancy.

"My passion is fine glass and paperweights in particular. It can be a minefield finding them and

I have made a few mistakes on the way but that is all part of the learning curve."

The couple are hoping that their new venture will prove a real success as the business continues to develop.

Jackie said: "We are hoping that the type of things we sell will be appealing to people in the run-up to Christmas as they can be something very different from what you see in the High Street stores."

More information:  
[www.jaxste-collectables.com](http://www.jaxste-collectables.com)

**The Work for Yourself programme is funded by Chesterfield Borough Council, Bolsover District Council and the European Regional Development Fund Programme.**

**It assists people with long term health conditions or disabilities who live in Chesterfield borough or Bolsover district, to start their own businesses through providing professional and intensive one-to-one business support.**

**The programme is run by Disability Dynamics and also helps would-be entrepreneurs to apply for funding for their business ideas.**

**Further information on the programme is available from [www.businessability.co.uk/chesterfieldprogramme.htm](http://www.businessability.co.uk/chesterfieldprogramme.htm) or by ringing 0845 459 2547 or 07446 366391.**



# Your Chesterfield What's on

## Chesterfield events

Tuesday 29 October and Saturday 2 November  
**Chesterfield Ghost Walk**  
Take a 1½ hour trip into Chesterfield's twilight zone if you dare, 6.30pm from Rykneld Square, Chesterfield Tel: 01246 345777/8 booking essential.

Thursday 31 October  
**Stone Age Life**  
Discover what life was like in pre-historic times. 10am to 4pm at Chesterfield Museum Tel: 01246 345727

Thursday 31 October to Saturday 2 November  
**Chesterfield Market Festival**  
events include Forties Market, Chesterfield Bargain Hunt, Beer Festival and lots more Tel: 01246 345777/8

Friday 1 and Saturday 2 November  
**Beer Festival**  
11am to 4pm and 6.30pm to 11pm at Chesterfield Market Hall  
Tel: 01246 345777/8  
Chesterfield CAMRA real ales, cider and country wines

Sunday 24 November  
**Chesterfield Christmas Market and Lights switch-on**  
noon to 6pm  
Switch-on at 4.45pm in New Square  
Tel: 01246 345777/8

Saturday 14 to Tuesday 24 December  
**Christmas at the Revolution House**  
See the house decorated for a 17th Century Christmas  
Tel: 01246 345727

Wednesday 18 to Tuesday 31 December  
**The Night Before Christmas**  
Children's show (ages 3 to 8)

at Chesterfield Market Hall (shows also at Hasland Village Hall and the Speedwell Rooms in Staveley)  
Tel: 01246 345777/8

Tuesday 31 December  
**New Year's Eve Party Night**  
8pm at Winding Wheel, Chesterfield  
Tel: 01246 345222

This events list has been compiled from local sources. It is believed to be correct but no responsibility can be accepted by Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre for any errors or inaccuracies.

## Chesterfield Venues



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Thursday 17 October at 7.30pm  
**Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers**  
Performed in a variety of costumes the Mugenkyo show is a varied taiko drumming concert. With highly choreographed, synchronised movement and dance.

Friday 18 October at 7.30pm  
**The Drifters in Concert**  
Including songs such as 'Under The Boardwalk'.

Saturday 19 October at 8pm  
**Show of Hands**  
The Hand in Hand Tour Celebrating a 21 year musical partnership, singer songwriter Steve Knightley and multi

instrumentalist Phil Beer are joined by musical chameleon Miranda Sykes on double bass.

Tuesday 22 October at 7.30pm  
**Gamechangers: Arcangelo Corelli**  
Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment (OAE)  
Marking the 300th anniversary of one of the Baroque era's most important composers, Arcangelo Corelli.  
In partnership with Orchestras Live and Chesterfield Borough Council.

Wednesday 30 October At 7.30pm  
**Talk: Jack the Ripper - A 21st Century Investigation**  
New evidence presented by Trevor Marriot.

Saturday 2 November 2013 at 7.30pm  
**Wishbone Ash - Ashcon**  
Twin guitar rock legends Wishbone Ash return for their final and biggest show of the year. The annual Wishbone Ash Fan Convention will take place at 2pm.

Sunday 3 November 6.15pm doors for 7pm start  
**Sunday Night Fever Charity Concert**  
Another fantastic show from the Chesterfield Charity Committee with three of Britain's top tribute acts. All profits to Ashgate Hospice and Air Ambulance.

Wednesday 6 November at 7.30pm  
**Talk: My garden and other animals**  
An evening with Mike Dilger, the wildlife reporter on BBC1's The One Show and notable author and naturalist. Talk about garden birds.

Friday 8 November at 7.30pm  
**Joe Longthorne**  
Joe's impressions have an uncanny ability for accuracy

and his impressive voice will take you on a kaleidoscope journey of music and fun.

Saturday 9 November at 7.30pm  
**Music from Stage and Screen**  
Chesterfield Philharmonic Choir joins forces with the Derby Concert Band for an evening of music that celebrates the best of stage and screen.



Sunday 10 November at 7.30pm  
**Paul Foot: Words**  
Paul Foot's recent shows and tours have garnered a string of 5 star reviews and successive Barry Nominations at the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Wednesday 13 November at 7.30pm  
**The Plant Hunters**  
Illustrated talk by Patrick Hardy

Thursday 14 November at 7.30pm  
**Colin Fry and Derek Acorah: Living Spirits**  
Psychic mediums



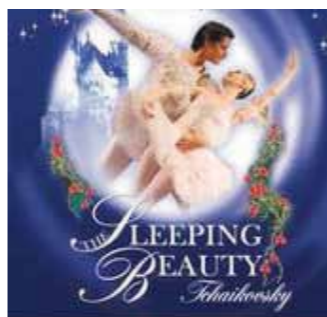
Saturday 16 November at 8pm  
**Milton Jones: On the Road**  
"He's fast, absurd, and very funny" *Radio Times*



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Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 October at 7.30pm  
Saturday matinee at 3pm For ages 14+  
**Cissie and Ada: An Hysterical Rectomy**  
Hilarious new play by Graham Warrener about Cissie and Ada, the immortal comic characters created by the late, great Les Dawson aided by Roy Barraclough.



Monday 21 October at 7.30pm  
**Sleeping Beauty - Moscow Ballet La Classique**  
Tchaikovsky's sumptuous music fills the air and wondrous characters come to life before your very eyes.

Tuesday 22 October 2pm and 7.30pm  
**Twelve Miles from Nowhere**  
Stunning new play about life on the edge, set against a gritty rural backdrop.



Wednesday 23 October at 3pm and 7.30pm  
**Rat Pack - Vegas Spectacular Show**  
The purveyors of cool swing into town with the greatest music of the 20th Century, with a live orchestra and Vegas show girls.

Thursday 24 October at 7.30pm  
**The Royal Flush**  
Written/directed by Nick Lane. Rich Seam Theatre Company presents a revealing, touching and hilarious account of the man who became Britain's number one at getting rid of number two!

Friday 25 October at 7.30pm  
**Vagina Monologues**  
Eve Ensler's hilarious Broadway and West End smash hit is back. "Laugh out loud funny" *The Independent*



Saturday 26 October at 7.30pm  
**Sing-a-long-a-Rocky Horror Picture Show (12)**  
Fancy dress is not obligatory but highly recommended.

Monday 28 to Tuesday 29 October at 6.30pm  
**Let us Entertain You**  
Watch the students from the Jowett School of Dance perform.

Wednesday 30 to Thursday 31 October at 7pm  
**Dance Bites**  
By Peak Performance Theatre School  
This is a 'must-see' for all dance lovers.

Friday 1 November 11am and 2pm  
**Aladdin**  
Presented by Indigo Moon Theatre.  
Large scale contemporary shadow puppet theatre.

Saturday 2 November at 3pm and 7.30pm  
**Film: The Great Gatsby (12A)**  
Romantic drama following the life and times of millionaire Jay Gatsby.

Sunday 3 November at 7.30pm  
**The Lovesong of Alfred J Hitchcock**  
David Rudkin's poetic new play takes a unique look at the way filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock developed the ideas of his most famous films.

Monday 4 November at 7.30pm  
**Opera Appetizers**  
Young Opera Venture presents six young singers and a pianist with highlights from four favourite operas.

Tuesday 5 November at 7.30pm  
**Film: Hyde Park on Hudson (12A)**  
Historical comedy drama based on Daisy Suckley's private journals and diaries about her love affair with President Roosevelt.



Friday 6 December to Sunday 5 January  
**Chesterfield Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'**  
A host of colourful characters will entertain you in true panto style. S Club 7's Tina Barrett and ITV's Superstar Jon Moses take the lead roles in this magical story. Only the true love of our heroine can deliver a happy ending.

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# Handy guide to keep

## Contact details for the services you need

This guide explains who provides the services you pay your Council Tax for and how to contact them if you have a question or problem.

**Chesterfield Borough Council receives 10 per cent of the Council Tax you pay.**

### Contact us about:

Abandoned vehicles  
Anti social behaviour  
Benefits advice  
Bin collections or damaged bins  
Building control  
Bulk collections  
Business rates  
Business support  
Caravan sites and illegal encampments  
Car parks (*except privately run ones*)  
Cemeteries  
Commercial waste  
Conservation areas  
Council Tax  
Crematorium  
Dog fouling  
Dog wardens  
Economic development  
Energy advice  
Environmental health  
Fly tipping  
Graffiti  
Homelessness  
Housing benefits  
Leisure centres (Queen's Park Sports Centre and Staveley Healthy Living Centre)  
Licensing  
Litter problems  
Markets (*indoor and outdoor*)  
Museum  
Noise pollution  
Parks and open spaces  
Pest control  
Planning applications and planning enforcement  
Pollution control (*air, noise, odour, smoke*)  
Private housing advice

Recycling  
Street cleaning  
Stray animals  
Theatres (Winding Wheel and Pomegranate Theatre)  
Visitor information centre  
Welfare benefits

### Council house issues:

Adaptations  
Choice based lettings (On the Move)  
Community involvement  
Decent homes  
Estate management  
Housing solutions team  
Rent payments and arrears  
Repairs/improvements  
Right to buy  
Sheltered housing

### Contact us by:

Visiting [www.chesterfield.gov.uk](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk)  
Ringling 01246 345345  
Texting 07960 910264

**Derbyshire County Council receives 74 per cent of the Council Tax you pay.**

### Contact them about:

Adoption and fostering  
Adult care (*including support in the home*)  
Adult community education  
Blue badge scheme  
Bus shelters  
Care homes  
Care for people with disabilities  
Children's centres  
Children and family services  
Faulty street lighting  
Gritting of roads  
Lampposts  
Library books and services  
Pavements

Potholes  
Public transport (*although services are run by private companies*)  
Records office  
Recycling and waste collection centres  
Registry services (*birth, marriages, deaths*)  
Roads - condition  
Roads - safety and changes to road layout  
Schools  
Tapton Lock Visitor Centre  
Trading standards  
Trusted Trader Scheme  
Youth centres

### Contact them by:

Visiting [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)  
Ringling 01629 533190  
Texting 86555

**Derbyshire Police receives 11 per cent of the Council Tax you pay**

Contact them about all crime issues:

Visit [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)  
Ring 101 for all non emergencies  
(24 hours a day)  
Ring 999 for emergencies only

**Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service receives 5 per cent of the Council Tax you pay**

Contact them about all fire and fire safety related issues:

Visit: [www.derbys-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk)  
Ring 01332 771221 for all non-emergency calls  
Ring 999 for emergencies only

**For residents of Brimington and Staveley only:**

**Brimington Parish Council**

Contact them by visiting:  
[www.brimingtonpc.co.uk](http://www.brimingtonpc.co.uk)  
Ring 01773 833805

**Staveley Town Council**

Contact them by visiting:  
[www.staveleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.staveleytowncouncil.gov.uk)  
Ring 01246 473132