

# TAUNTON'S ToneNews



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## CAUGHT IN THE ACT!

Find out what Marcus was caught doing

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## PARTY IN THE PARK

3 day music event announced for this summer in Vivary Park

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# Paddles Up for Headway

Brain injury charity, Headway Somerset have revealed the sponsor for this years Dragon Boat Race, which takes place on Sunday 10th June. Taunton based 'Grubs Up' who are based on the Priory Industrial Estate have pledged their support to the charity's flagship fundraising event for this year.

The catering company's Operation's Manager Nick Irvine has told Tone News that "Grubs Up are very proud to sponsor this year's dragon boat race in aid of Headway. The charity does a fantastic job for people who really do need it the most, we are very honoured to be able to help in any way we can."

The Grubs Up team will be on hand through the day to provide their very popular hog roast and of course, you can listen to the days events on Tone FM!

This is the 5th year and due to popular demand, there are even more boats available for teams to take

part in the fun.

The entry fee remains the same this year at £360.00. The fee is used to cover the cost of licences, first aid and other important health and safety training and requirements.

The day kicks off around 9.30am with all teams arriving, setting up their gazebo that will be their base for the day within the team village. They will then complete registration and take part in the Health and safety briefings.

The event is now recognised as one of Taunton's biggest events and offers a great day for both participants and spectators with the ultimate aim to raise as much money for the brain injury charity.

For further information, entry & sponsorship forms please contact Debbie Parsons on 07900 996486 or email Debbie @headwaysomerset.org.uk



Last years race (above) & The Grubs Up Team (right), from left to right are Segonie Dunderdale (Assistant Manager), Nick Irvine (Operations Manager) & Ashley Dunderdale (Assistant Manager).



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# Welcome to



Thank you for the fantastic feedback following our first issue of Tone News and for sending in some of your photos 'caught in the act' reading it! I hope you were suitably romanced on Valentine's Day and we have some more great little community stories to get stuck into again this month so, hopefully, something for everyone in this issue which I hope you continue to enjoy reading it!



Darren Daley  
Editor

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# NEWS

## New Guidelines Published to Support Provision of Homes for People and Wildlife

New guidelines have been published by Somerset Wildlife Trust on how new housing developments can make a positive contribution to nature and to the health and wellbeing of people who live there, particularly here in Taunton which now has Garden Town status.

The Trust, who are based on the Wellington Rd in Taunton have launched 'Homes for people and wildlife - how to build housing in a nature-friendly way' at a time when the Government has recently committed to building a further 300,000 homes a year until 2022.

The Wildlife Trusts believe that the natural environment must be put at the heart of planning in order to give the government a chance of meeting its commitment to be the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than we found it - and to build new homes and communities that people enjoy living in.



Photograph taken by Ben Simmonds

## Vote now for Taunton's Unsung Hero's

Do you know someone who works hard for the community and deserves recognition in Taunton Deane's own 'honours' list? If so, you can nominate them for a Citizenship Award.

In the past nominations have been received for people who have been "good neighbours" in all sorts of ways to various organisations and groups that contribute hugely to the quality of local life.

It's easy to make a nomination for a Citizenship Award which is designed to publicly acknowledge outstanding voluntary service in Taunton Deane. Nominees have to live in the Borough of Taunton Deane, cannot have been recognised in the past for their services and must not earn their nomination from service given through their trade or profession.

Nominations will be accepted for individuals and voluntary groups that make a real difference to the people living in our community.

If you would like a nomination form, they are available to download on the Taunton Deane website.

## Students at Huish Given Self Defence Training



Instructors Scott Minall and Rob Hemans

South West Karate Association has announced a partnership with Richard Huish College to provide students with a six-week block self-defence class at the college.

The course links in with fitness & wellbeing which includes mental health support and includes techniques to build confidence and the ability

to protect themselves in simple ways against personal attack.

The club itself, runs on Thursday evenings at the Commeytrowe Community Centre is now really popular with parents and children training together. You can find more details by visiting: [swkarate.co.uk](http://swkarate.co.uk)

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# A Taster for Taunton in 2018

As the days start to feel longer, we can look forward to the warmer summer days ahead and plan for the fantastic line-up of events.

2018 will be special! A recent announcement from Party in the Park has revealed a 3 day music event will be taking place over the weekend on 14 July in Vivary Park. Fantastic news! The legendary Billy Ocean, Paloma Faith and Kaiser Chiefs along with supporting acts will be performing.

Taunton Racecourse will be holding another night of music on 1st September with The Pretenders, Simple Minds and KT Tunstall. This is simply another one you can't afford to miss out on!

You will also be pleased to hear many of your favourite local events return! The 12th May brings Eat Taunton back to the streets celebrating Somerset Day and everything great about our wonderful County town.

The fabulous and renowned Somerfest returns on 16 June across Goodland Gardens, Castle Green, Somerset Square and the High Street. The town will come alive and awash with colour and creativity.

Taunton LIVE also returns on the 21 July to Goodland Gardens which includes the very popular Taunton's Got Talent! Search Talented Taunton on Facebook for further details on how you can audition with a chance of a winning a cash prize!

One of the oldest flower shows in the country, Taunton Flower Show returns to Vivary Park on 3 & 4 August



2018. Known as the Chelsea of the West, it's always popular with residents and visitors alike.

Last year saw, for the first time, Fake Festivals in Taunton set up on the beautiful Longrun Meadow. Ticket sales were record breaking, off the scale and sold out very early! Demand is again sure to be high especially as the organisers are doubling the line-up to SIX pro-level Fake Bands. What a party! The only place to be on 28 July! So make sure you secure your tickets soon.

Don't forget to follow Visit Taunton to stay update with the news! Search Visit Taunton on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. To find out what's going on now, head to; [www.visitsomerset.co.uk/taunton/whats-on](http://www.visitsomerset.co.uk/taunton/whats-on)

By Craig Stone





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It's a question we get asked occasionally, and a good one if you have never considered what winning an award may do for your company profile, morale and reputation.

We asked one of the winners from last year, why they did it and what they got from it?

Emma Warren, Managing Director of Elite Staffing told us this:

"2 years since launch, we decided to re-brand, develop a new website, invest in a new CRM (Customer relationship management) and enter the Taunton Deane Business Awards.

"We wanted to throw caution to the wind and see if we could obtain some recognition for our success. We were absolutely thrilled to win the 'New Start Up' category against some very strong competition and it made the whole team so proud and gave us a new confidence in what we do. Being part of an industry that can come under fire and criticism, winning this award reflects our continual strive for professionalism and integrity in everything we do. We are proud to display our winner's logo and share the accolade with all of our potential clients."

This year Elite Staffing are returning to the awards but as a sponsor; recognising the benefit to their

business and the opportunity to further increase their profile, the company are sponsoring the award for Best Employer.

There are 10 awards to choose from, including three new ones. Details of the awards can be found at [www.tdba.co.uk](http://www.tdba.co.uk) Those wishing to celebrate their business success have until the 30th March to apply online. The prestigious awards ceremony will be held at the Somerset County Cricket Club on the 28th June.

The awards, this year, are organised by Taunton Chamber of Commerce and White Knight Marketing.

*By Pam Knight*



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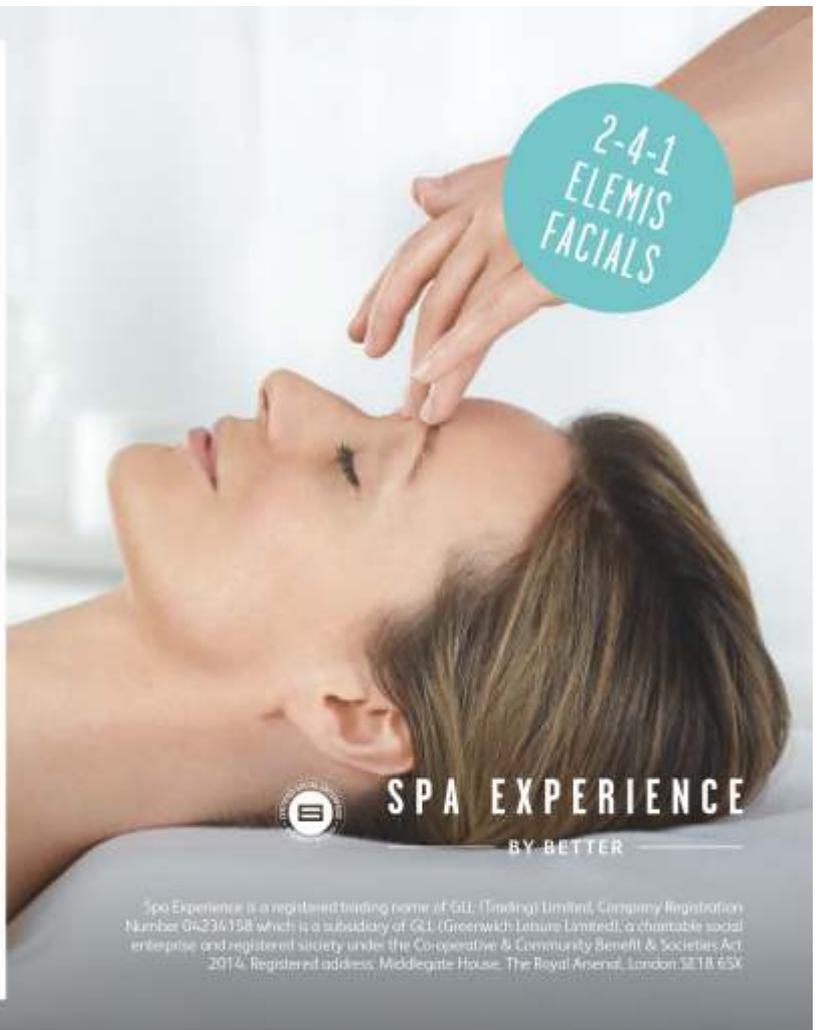
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# A New Team at Taunton Station



Rail responders on duty

A new partnership between the British Transport Police, GWR and volunteers drawn from Taunton's local churches has been launched to provide additional support to passengers at Taunton Station.

'Rail Responders' will patrol the railway station and the surrounding area seeking to offer a caring, listening and reassuring presence. Their approach is to reach out to people in moments of crisis, to offer compassion and understanding.

The new team is an initiative of Taunton Team Chaplaincy which has a good record

of community engagement and support for over eight years.

Its volunteer chaplains currently serve in Care Homes, Retail premises, Offices and Public spaces. Fourteen local volunteers have received training and during the spring of 2018 they will start to patrol the station and surrounding environment.

Similar schemes elsewhere in the UK have brought the added bonus of a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour on and near stations they visit.

# Taunton Hairdresser's Dog Poo Incident!

This is a great little story which will make you chuckle!

Taunton hairdresser, Bianca Hardman who works at Taunton Barbers on the High St, currently has her house up for sale and found herself dealing with more than just a viewing at the beginning of the month.

A potential buyer came to view the property with her dog, who promptly decided to have a poo on the living room carpet, not just once, but THREE times!

To add insult to injury, the woman visiting didn't make an offer... she did give her a nice big box of chocolates to say sorry though.



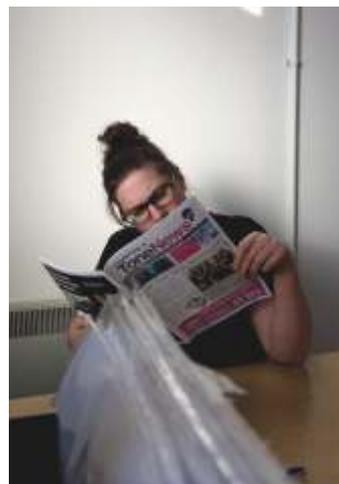
Bianca Hardman at Taunton Barbers

# Caught in the Act!

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Marcus Trescothick 'Caught in the Act' reading a copy of Tone News



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# IVF fundraiser from Taunton shares her story

by Paula McShane

So, you finally meet the man you want to spend the rest of your life with! Your buzzing with all of the happiness that those first few years bring, your in a complete bubble of love and finally after loads of preparation you get married!!!!

Next on the list is to start a family... ummm that's where it all went a bit wobbly for my partner & I. Everyone seemed to be getting pregnant around me, I honestly believed it would be easy, I knew my husband would need a vasectomy reversal, I was so excited when we were told it had been a success.

10 weeks after Ges's vasectomy reversal I was admitted to Musgrove with severe adnominal pain and was diagnosed with endometriosis which lead to our fertility issues. I was beyond angry, that I had this condition. We were told we would not be eligible for fertility treatment on the NHS, as Ges has children from a previous marriage, so we sold our home to fund our treatment'. This was the start of our 9 year fertility journey.

We had 6 rounds of fertility treatment and now have 2 children Liam and Ella. Infertility is heart wrenching, it is emotionally



and physically draining, we spent £33,000.00 over the years on fertility treatment; it put a huge financial strain on top of everything else. Everyone should be able to access fertility treatment.

I have since been raising money to help fund fertility treatment, setting up the Charity Mum's of Somerset, holding a whole host of events over the last few

years. This year, we are planning more Pamper evenings and even a Ball, my aim is to be able to fund someone's treatment within the next few years.

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# Taunton's 35th Marathon

Taunton's 35th Marathon & Half Marathon takes to the streets on Sunday 8th April.

Around 1200 runners are expected to take part in the annual road races that began back in 1983. The runs are an established part of Taunton's Calendar and are organized by Taunton Carnival Committee.

The races have always been based at Bridgwater & Taunton College and the route takes runners along Wellington Road, Tangier Way, Bridge Street and out along Staplegrove Road through Norton Fitzwarren to Oake.

It then turns left across country to Bradford-on-Tone and then, in a major change introduced last year, through Hele and Upcott into Bishops Hull village. It's then down over Netherclay and out into Silk Mills Road and back to the College via Heron Drive.

The events are sponsored by Ashford Solicitors and Nuffield Health along with a number of other local businesses. The nominated charity for this year is St Margaret's Hospice who will receive a part of every entry fee.

Entries are open until 26 March. To enter online or download a form go to [www.tauntonmarathon.co.uk](http://www.tauntonmarathon.co.uk) or pick up a form from Wellsprings Sports Centre, Blackbrook Pavilion, Tony Pryce Sports or the Taunton Visitor Centre.



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## Holy Trinity Pupils Film Debut

Pupils from Holy Trinity Primary School, Taunton have starred in a heart-warming video about childhood and fostering, in a bid to raise awareness and help find more foster carers for vulnerable children in Somerset.

The children share some of the happiest times in their own childhood in the video. They also reflect on who a child might turn to if their own families are unable to care for them.

Cllr Frances Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Children

and Families at Somerset County Council has sent a message to Tone News saying "We would like to thank the children of Holy Trinity Primary School for their help in encouraging people to come forward and foster. We need a minimum of 40 new foster carers this year for children of all ages"

If you are interested in fostering, you can find out more by calling the team on 0800 587 9900.



Pupils from Holy Trinity Primary School

# School Focus West Monkton C.E Primary School

This month we visited our newest primary school, West Monkton Primary School, situated on the old A38 road in Bathpool. The school has a long history in our community and has consistently been rated Good by Ofsted. I had a chat with Zoe Farnham, the school's business manager, to find out more.

<b>Pupils</b>	
Gender	Mixed
Age Range	2-11
No. of Pupils on Roll	333
Phase	Primary
Religious Character	Church of England
Head Teacher	Mr Ian Robinson

## About the New School

We know how lucky we are at West Monkton with our fantastic new school and nursery. It provides an environment that is calm, creative and fit for a twenty first Century world. However, after more than a year in our new building, when we look back, it is the people and events that make West Monkton special. We are lucky, alongside a fantastic bunch of experienced teaching, nursery and support staff; we have appointed some super new teachers this year and other key members of the team. We all share in the ambition that everyone has the courage and confidence to fly.



So far this term has seen a spectral appearance of a 16th Century civil war soldier marking the beginnings of our 'Take One Picture' project. We started this thanks to the coins found in 2014 when a man was digging up a tree in his parent's back garden locally in Nerrols Farm. From a tropical trip to the Eden Project, creating a beach on the school field and singing Christmas carols at Hestercombe House, we have shared many experiences from which we have all learnt so much.

As the days begin to get longer again we look forward to our Lower Key Stage Two Spring Production of the Wizard of Oz and then into the summer term with a range of sporting events and towards the end of the academic year the Summer Production of Shakespeare Rocks performed by our Upper Key Stage Two pupils.

## A Family Learning Success Story...

At West Monkton we have a very successful Family Learning programme that encourages families to be involved with their children's learning. We believe knowledge is power and our parents and carers are eager to learn more about the curriculum we teach and learn how they can support this in school. Children are always proud to share their learning with parents especially through creative activities and workshops. As well as learning new skills, family learning also focussing on creating positive attitudes to learning for life.



## Little Herons Nursery – Happy 1 Year Anniversary

Our Nursery opened in January 2017 and provides a fantastic free flow provision in a bright open planned space. This September saw the first cohort of children join the school as reception class pupils and the transition from both a social and academic perspective has been one of great success. Our Early Year's team work across school and nursery to ensure that this continues to excel, and to provide the children with the passion for learning that is so important to instil from an early age. The Nursery operates all year round between 7.30am – 6.00pm and is open to all children between the ages of 2-4 years. For prices and more information please contact the Nursery Reception on 01823 412582 or email [littleherons@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:littleherons@educ.somerset.gov.uk)



## Ground Force – We Need You!

One of our challenges this Spring/Summer is to improve our outdoor area. We have a fantastic PTA that have provided funds for external shelters, benches and garden materials, and we have been successful in securing grants and donations from Western Power, West Monkton Parish Council and The Woodland Trust. We know need the assistance of many hands to run our vision into reality.

The project will need to be worked in stages starting with the planting of all important hedgerows at the end of February / Beginning of March to provide a natural habitat for wildlife, a much needed forest school provision and wind shelter for the site. If anyone would like to volunteer to join our gardening working party please contact the school 01823 412582 or email [westmonktonprimary@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:westmonktonprimary@educ.somerset.gov.uk) All volunteers will need to be DBS checked which the school will happily arrange.

# Community Notice Board

## Charity Auction for Children's Hospice South West

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## "Use it or lose it!" Dance classes in Taunton

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## Baby & Toddler Group

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Toddler Group  
Cotford Community Centre  
10.00 to 11.30

## Scarecrow Festival

Fundraisers at Norton Fitzwarren  
Village Hall are planning a  
Scarecrow Festival, to be held  
over the August Bank Holiday  
weekend,  
The theme will be famous people  
(real or fictional).

## Family Prize Bingo

At Compass Wellbeing Centre  
A fun night out for the whole family,  
all ages and abilities welcome.  
Eyes down at 7pm on March 2nd

## Jumble Sale

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Staplegrave Village Hall  
Sunday 11th March  
10am - Midday  
Entrance 50p

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## Stand Against Violence 'Oscars' Ball

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# Taunton School goes 'Zero to Landfill'

Taunton School is the first school in Somerset and proud to be championing a "Zero to Landfill" initiative, leading the way on sustainability in schools by minimising its environmental impact.

The School will ensure that all waste collected is processed for recycling, with nothing ending up in landfill.

Approximately six tonnes of dry mixed recycling, which includes plastic, cardboard and paper, is collected for processing each month from Taunton School.

With a ban on glass already in place on school premises, and plans to add food and confidential waste to its waste programme, Taunton School is focused on becoming more sustainable.

Lee Glaser, Taunton School Headmaster has told Tone News "Having taken steps to reduce the amount of waste we produce on site, Zero to Landfill is an ideal solution to minimise our reliance on landfill and continue our ongoing commitment.

We educate children to embrace a global outlook, and doing our bit to safeguard the planet for their future is something we take seriously."



Lee Glaser with pupils and recycling lorry

## A Message of Thanks

Kate Waldon from Staplehay has written to Tone News to share her thanks with everyone who helped her musical extravaganza last year. Kate plays the church organ at various villages and on learning that Beercombe Church could do with maintenance funds she organised a charity event called Italian Favourites and Old Time Music Hall which raised £800.



## TAH Launch Victory House

Local charitable organisation, Taunton Association for the Homeless (TAH), is thrilled to announce the launch of their new Taunton based service, 'Victory House'.

TAH has been working hard to convert their old office building on East Reach into 8 bed accommodation for ex-service personnel who have sadly become homeless.

It is also known that veterans who have become homeless spend much longer 'sleeping rough' compared to other homeless individuals, and quite often carry more complex needs such as PTSD, social isolation and

institutionalisation.

TAH therefore wanted to create a service to better support these individuals, and provide them with the dedicated service that they deserve to move forwards and recover from their trauma.

Referrals to the service are now welcomed and TAH looks forward to working further with the RBL and other organisations, to provide the best support possible for our armed forces community. If you would like further information, please get in touch with Rosie at TAH on [rhather@tahltd.co.uk](mailto:rhather@tahltd.co.uk) or 01823 271326

## Taunton – twinned with Germany since 1949!

The Friends of Königslutter, (FoK) Taunton's German Twinning Group, which has just celebrated its' 25th Anniversary, is desperately seeking information on an earlier twinning arrangement, when German children from Königslutter's neighbours, Hanover and Brunswick came to Taunton, on recuperative holidays in 1949.

The search was instigated when the Königslutter party came to Taunton in 2017. The group included Ursula Ernst. She could remember coming to Taunton as a twelve year. She was very interested to re-visit the address where she stayed, and get back in touch with her former Taunton friend.

Investigations have revealed that at least 33 children from the heavily bombed cities of Hanover and Brunswick, came to Taunton in 1949, 13 in March, via 'International Help for Children', and 20, in September, through 'British Aid for German Workers'. The children were taken in, and well looked after for 6 – 12 weeks by Taunton families. They were described as arriving 'looking pale and pinched', but after a few weeks in the Somerset countryside, returned to Germany with 'rosy cheeks', having gained weight during their stay.

FoK has details of the Taunton Committees which helped to organise these visits, but there is no information available on the children or the families with which they stayed. Members would dearly like to learn more about this very early Taunton/Germany Twinning arrangement, and would welcome any information that readers may have.

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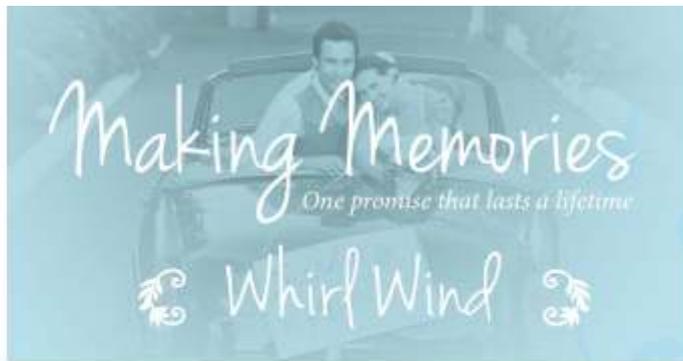
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# Money

## Shop Windows Grind My Gears

By Bill G. Bennett – Taunton's Money Guru

I was walking through town recently. I do a lot of that. As I strolled, I peered into various shop windows, and one caught my eye – for all the wrong reasons.

A large store had some posters up. “Stock Liquidation”, proclaimed the first, while the second declared that “Everything Must Go!”.

Two ladies stood outside. The first pondered that “they must be closing down”, while the second replied “I’ll bet there’s some good bargains in there then” – and in they went.

This was obviously the intended consequence of the posters, but there is something



Bill G. Bennett Taunton's Money Guru and resident extreme haggler – the man that never pays full price.

that I should explain.

To “liquify” something just means to turn it into money – every shop has a “stock liquidation” every day – it just means they’re selling things. And of course “everything must go” – why would any business buy stock, put it on the shelves, and then NOT sell it?

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# The Monthly Alternative with Giles Cosgrove

## Spotlight On:

There is no live experience like the wall of pure auditory energy that hits you when watching October Drift. Born and raised in Taunton the band, Kiran Roy, Chris Holmes, Alex Bispham, and Daniel Young, formed in 2015 and have gone from strength to strength ever since, lauded with praise from the likes of Q Magazine and The Independent, culminating with a set on The John Peel Stage at Glastonbury 2017. Listening to an October Drift EP is unique, with swirling distortion swamped guitars forming a sea through which the vessel of the vocals and drums thunder through. Moody indie lyrics accompany a passive aggression that in the wrong hands would turn people off but instead is the sound of October Drift. They prove originality and rock music are both thriving with a soundscape that is a visceral experience both recorded and live.

**Find Them:** Having filmed a music video for their new single in January, they're poised to release new tracks, follow them on Spotify, Instagram, and Facebook. Previous EP's available on Vinyl at events.

**Sounds like:** Nothing you've ever heard before. A perfect mix of shoegaze, indie and grunge.



October Drift

## GAMING with Stuart Coward

### VR Games

Virtual reality games or VR games for short have really taken off in the last few years. You play by hearing a headset giving you the impression you're in that's games world. So this month I have selected 'Star Trek Bridge Crew' for you to look in to.



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- **Twin Peaks**  
The band not the TV show
- **The Wombats**  
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# Down at the Club



Over 400 mourners gathered in the County Room of the Colin Atkinson Pavilion recently for the funeral of Mike Coggan.

Mike and his wife Mary Elworthy are known to most Somerset supporters for their tireless and outstanding fundraising efforts on behalf of the Taunton Area Committee.

Andy Caddick, Marcus Trescothick, Keith Parsons, Rob Turner, James Hildreth and Peter Trego acted as pallbearers and the flag at the Cooper Associates County Ground flew at half-mast.

The First Team squad also provided a guard of Honour as Mike left the ground for the final time.

Recent visitors to the Cooper Associates County Ground can't help but have noticed the large marquee that has been erected on the pitch in front of the Somerset Stand. What is it for?

Somerset Director of Cricket, Andy Hurry explains.

"Part of the strategy of the club going forward is to make sure that we start the season better than we have done in recent

seasons," he said. "With this in mind, it was decided that we would put up a marquee so that we can get the transition from indoors to outdoors sooner. This will give our batters the chance to face bowlers on grass and give our seam and spin bowlers the chance to bowl on the same surfaces that they will be using in the summer."

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