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Happy 10th Birthday to Street Pastors

This spring sees Taunton Street Pastors celebrating ten years of listening, caring and offering practical help on the streets of the county town. Of the 127 volunteers from local churches who have turned out in all weathers into the early hours of the morning, 11 of the first recruits are still serving, and one of those is over 80!

Street Pastors describe themselves as 'Christians with their sleeves rolled up' and engage in a friendly way with people of all ages, offering a listening ear, a bottle of water and, most famously, free flip flops to those who have discarded their party shoes. Nearly 30,000 hours of service has seen over 17,000 bottles and cans removed from the streets to avoid injury; 5,000 drinks served to rehydrate or warm revellers and more than 4,000 flip flops given away.

More significantly, team members have calmed aggressive situations, comforted very distressed people and sign-posted rough sleepers and others with mental health problems to support services and places of safety. Contrary to popular suppositions, whilst the teams don't preach, questions of faith are often raised by the late night party-goers and Street Pastors regularly respond to requests for prayer.

The development of day-time teams in the North Taunton and Halcon areas three years ago has helped local churches engage more practically with residents and the blue-uniformed teams are now a regular sight at litter pick and other community activities. Team members have responded at times of crisis, organising the vigil



The original Street Pastor team

and dedication events after the M5 crash, offering a 'safe space café' for flood victims in 2014 and provided welfare support at Somerset Rocks concerts and Taunton Flower Show.

The Taunton Street Pastor team was honoured in 2014 with The Queen's Award for volunteering, described as 'the MBE for voluntary groups'. The pastors

are quick to dismiss labels such as 'brave' or 'courageous', claiming that they are simply following the example set by Jesus who washed feet, commended care for the marginalised and offered unconditional love to all who he encountered.

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A lot of weather has happened since the last issue of Tone News, but how was it for you? Even our delivery team at Dor2Dor were snowed in for a few days!

I decided to run into work on one of the days and in keeping with my change of 'editors photo' each month I thought I would stop en route and do a selfie (below)!

If you are a new reader of Tone News, I hope you enjoy it and if you want to get in touch, our contact details are at the bottom of the page.



Darren Daley
Editor

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NEWS

Ambitious plans to repair Wellington Monument

The long-awaited repairs to Wellington Monument are scheduled to start in a little over a year, the National Trust has announced.

The detailed design work for repairs to the 175 feet high obelisk is being done this year and the Trust expects to go out to tender for companies who will carry out the repairs by the end of the year. Work would then start on site in early summer 2019 and continue for most of 2020.

However, the Trust expects to only be able to repair the most badly damaged areas of the monument, because so far it has only been able to raise half of the nearly £4m needed to do a full repair.

Rebecca Pow, MP for Taunton Deane and a keen supporter of the Wellington Monument has told Tone News:

"It is exciting to know that work is due to start although there is still a long way to go and more money to be raised to reach the target"

Work to build Wellington Monument, to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, was started in 1817 but it took until 1853 for it to be completed because of a shortage of funds. The lack of money led to shortcuts being taken which have made the top third of the monument more vulnerable to damage – and in more urgent need of repair.

At 175 feet (53m) high, it is the tallest monument of its kind in the UK – and the second tallest in Europe. There are 232 steps inside which previously allowed visitors to climb the monument and see out through a viewing window.



Wellington Monument © National Trust Fran Stothard

King's College Silent Disco fundraiser

Each House at King's College organises and runs an annual charity event, which over the years have raised 1,000s of pounds for local and national charities.

Meynell House held their Charity Silent Disco on Saturday 24th February, to support Multiple Sclerosis UK and Macmillan Cancer Support; both causes which have an association with some of the girls in Meynell.

To publicise the event to the school, the L6th girls who organised the event, spoke eloquently and passionately about the charities they were supporting in a school assembly which helped the evening become a huge success.

The equipment was hired from Somerset Silent Disco and the girls created 3 different play lists:

1) House Music 2) Current Chart Hits 3) Throwbacks, which allowed everyone to have a great choice of music to listen and dance to all night. They also decided to supply drinks



Third form girls enjoying the Silent Disco fun

and sweets to everyone who came along to their Festival themed Disco.

Nearly 200 King's pupils came along during

the evening and a sum of £700 will soon be sent to each of the charities being supported.

SASP team up with MacMillan

Somerset Activity Sports Partnership (SASP) have been telling Tone News about their new partnership with Macmillan.

The aim of the project is to raise awareness of suitable activities for people who are undergoing cancer treatment or who have completed their treatment within Somerset.

March is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and one of the cancer charities initiatives is 'March for Men' which encourages people to walk from one sporting venue to another.

The project was launched earlier this month with a walk along the tow path from Somerset County Cricket Ground to Taunton Rugby Club. On arrival, those who took part were given tickets to watch the match and enjoy the afternoon.

Although the project relates to all cancers, one in eight white men and one in four black men will be affected by Prostate Cancer which now takes more lives than breast cancer.

If you would like more information, contact Jen Slade at SASP by calling 01823 653990



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The Great Exmoor Ride is Coming

The Great Exmoor Ride is a new city-to-coast challenge bike ride from the team behind the hugely-popular Great Weston Ride and, following on from a successful test event in 2017, it is set to return on Sunday 2nd September 2018.

The Ride starts in Taunton and ends in a tranquil spot on the West Somerset coast at Blue Anchor near Minehead, and along the way it offers a stunning 66-mile (105km) route through quiet Somerset country lanes and across the eastern part of Exmoor National Park.

The test event confirmed that participants can look forward to a great personal challenge courtesy of a spectacular route that will test the legs and, despite somewhat inclement weather conditions in 2017, the GER was given a resounding 'thumbs up' by those who took part.

The event is registered with British Cycling, and participants benefit from a whole host of event support services, including clear route signage, medical cover, and mobile mechanical support throughout the route.

There will also be a medal, a BBQ and an event bar waiting for riders at the finish and, by all accounts, anyone who takes on the challenge will certainly have earned their rewards!

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Why enter? We'll never win!

By Pam Knight

If this thought runs through your mind when you think of entering the Taunton Deane Business Awards – squash it now!

Every business has its own set of strengths to celebrate and, funnily enough, many businesses have told us that they never realised just how many they had until they sat down and listed them, whilst writing their award application.

We all get so bogged down with the day to day running of the business; fretting about work, too little, too much. We rarely sit down and take an outside-in look at our companies. We asked Paul Smith from Word Gets Around, a previous entrant, what he got out of the process:

“Going through the process of entering the awards help you realise what you have achieved, helps you focus on your vision for the future. Anyone who enters awards like this will find they really focus on their core strengths and values, areas you can improve. You get the opportunity to take a helicopter view. I really enjoyed the process and got a lot out of it.”

This year we have 10 categories, and you can enter up to two, which doubles your chances! We have companies from every business type entering, from large manufacturers to one-man bands, start-ups to businesses that have been established in Taunton Deane for over a hundred years,



all celebrating their business success. Our applicants tell us that even if they don't win, the process has helped their business to the next level. In our eyes every applicant is a winner, celebrating their success and

showing real confidence in their business. As we say every year – you got to be in it to win it!

#InItToWinIt #TDBA18

Tourism industry celebrates South West's Protected Landscapes

The Quantock Hills AONB are feeling very honoured to have been recognised at the South West Tourism Excellence Awards last month alongside the region's twenty Protected Landscapes for their collective “Outstanding Contribution” to Tourism.

More than 450 people from the tourism sector in the South West attended the gala evening, held at the Riviera International Centre in Torquay. Victoria Graham of BBC Spotlight hosted the event.

The South West's Protected Landscapes consists of 13 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs), two National Parks, The South West Coast Paths, the Jurassic Coast a World Heritage Site, the Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site and the UNESCO Global Geopark and Biosphere Reserve. None of these charges an entry fee, yet they remain one of the primary reasons why visitors choose the region as a destination, contributing significantly to the visitor economy.

The Award recognises the ever-present volunteers and key staff that manage the assets of some of the region's most beautiful countryside under the constant pressures of having to retain funding in order to give visitors the best possible experience.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has reported that parts of the country's natural capital, including Protected Landscapes such as those in the South West, contributed £16bn to the economy in 2015, with an estimated contribution of £761bn forecast over the next 100 years.



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Discover more about Apprenticeships at Somerset Cricket Club in Taunton. Visitors will be able to meet employers with live Apprenticeship vacancies, including Mulberry Design, Somerset Care, L&F Training Academy and Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

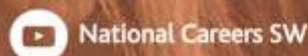
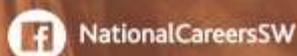
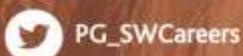
The event is free to attend and a fantastic opportunity to find out all you need to know about Apprenticeships, including how to apply and prepare for an interview. Current apprentices will be on hand to share their experiences of Apprenticeships.

Trained advisers from the National Careers Service will help visitors with all aspects of the application process and help them to discover more about how an Apprenticeship can benefit them.



There is no need to register prior to attending, but if you would like more information please call: 01823 429680

Visit our Facebook page to find out more:
<https://www.facebook.com/NationalCareersSW/>



Baby Sensory classes are now running in Wellington and Taunton!

These award-winning baby development classes are held weekly Wellington and Taunton.

If you are looking for an exciting activity which will be fun for you and will help with your baby's sensory development call Andrea, who will arrange for you and your baby to visit one of her classes run by either herself or one of her class leaders. Alternatively, you can book your space using the online booking and payment system.

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Peace of Mind for expectant Taunton Mums

All expectant mums want to have peace of mind that they are carrying a healthy baby. With so many things to worry about during pregnancy, the option of testing for abnormalities can alleviate fears about the well-being of an unborn child.

So, it is great news for prospective parents that a new generation of non-invasive pre-natal testing is now available at Musgrove Hospital's private clinic – Parkside. Parkside have collaborated with Synlab, one of Europe's largest and highly respected diagnostic service leaders to offer the pioneering NeoBona testing.

Sarah Hicks of Musgrove has told Tone News that "Synlab is a pioneer of new advances that make it possible to offer this non-invasive pre-natal test giving accurate results in one week. We are pleased to be able to offer this simple blood test as it detects chromosomal abnormalities in the future baby

using the most advanced technology and with no risk to the baby. In simple terms this means an overall detection rate higher than 99% for Downs, Edward's and Patau's syndromes. It also offers over 99% accuracy in gender testing"

Currently only available via the private clinic, Sarah explained how easy it is for expectant Mums to make an appointment for their test, simply calling Parkside 01823 344141



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Work-Wise Chair Retires

Brian Howe has stepped down as Chair of Work-Wise due to poor health and is succeeded by The Reverend Dr Susan Durber. Work-Wise is a registered charity set up as a joint initiative by the Taunton United Reformed Church and the Temple Methodist Church which helps people in Taunton back to work.

Since opening in April 2014, Work-Wise has helped over 310 individuals and its footfall has been over 3,500 visits. Work-Wise provides up to 12 laptops and free WIFI in a safe and friendly atmosphere. Job club members are offered as much, or as little, advice, mentoring or help as they require. They also provide free tea/coffee and toast.

Brian said: "Work-Wise is making a difference and it needs to continue doing so. We have had a number of

notable successes with people finding work, and we try to offer everyone support. I really do wish Work-Wise well for the future, not just for Taunton town jobseekers but for the wider Taunton Deane community as a whole."

For further information, please contact Rick Szur at Work-Wise on 01823 325030 or 07845 979444



Taunton Thespians 90th Anniversary Variety Show



The Taunton Thespians celebrated their 90th Birthday, on 17th February, inviting all their friends to a unique kind of party - a Variety Show which showcased the many talents of Taunton's local amateur dramatic groups.

Performers came from across the county; Taunton was well represented, and welcomed groups from Halse, Hatch Beauchamp, Trull Bradford-on-Tone, Roadwater, Chard, and Street.

As the Compere noted, this was, for some of the groups, their first opportunity to 'strut and fret their hour

upon the (larger) stage' of the Brewhouse, or at least enjoy their 'Lady Gaga' moment.

The Variety Show was an excellent idea and played to a packed house. One hopes that the Thespians will celebrate their Birthday every year, and give local groups, further opportunities to shine in the limelight of the Brewhouse Stage.

By Mary Hayward

Caught in the Act!

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The children enjoy an array of topics throughout the year, having fun whilst always learning and presenting their joint effort in a final display. Examples of topics are Colours, Books, Environment, Action heroes, Television and book characters, Creatures, Parts of the body and Festivals. The recent Stick Man topic was a great hit and thoroughly enjoyed by all! In turn, Parents are encouraged to discuss the interests of their child to help develop activities within pre-school and the home environment.



2017 saw one of our biggest projects in the extension and improvement of our outside garden area. The additional space has provided a much larger area for the children to explore the outside world and let off some steam. We have a cosy shelter area providing protection from the weather, come rain or shine, which also doubles up as a quiet area to enjoy outside story time. The various play equipment provides great fun for the more energetic children, allowing them to climb, step and swing until their hearts are content! There are also planting beds for the children to grow flowers and vegetables. New outdoor storage has provided easy access to our array of outdoor learning tools. We really are thrilled and very proud of the outcome and most importantly, the children love it.



Pupils	Mixed
Gender	2.5 - School Age
Age Range	26
No. of Pupils on Roll	Early Years
Phase	Sarah Trott
Pre-School Leader	

A Day in the Life



08.45 – 09.45	Children take part in some adult directed and focused activities, along with free play.
09.45 – 10.00	Circle time registration.
10.00 – 10.20	Snack time (healthy snacks provided by pre-school).
10.20 – 11.45	Children take part in more adult directed and focused activities.
11.45 – 12.00	Songs/Story time.
12.00 – 12.30	Lunch Time (healthy lunch provided by you).
12.30 – 14.30	Continuing with the interests of the individual children through various activities.
14.30 – 15.00	Story and singing time

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Breakfast, the new Cocktail hour?

There has been lots of talk recently about British Gin & now more recently the new craze for Gin Marmalade. Well it's old news here at Bumblee's Preserves, where I've made Gin & Tonic Marmalade since 2012; who knew I was such a trend setter. Thrilled to say it returned from the National Marmalade Awards earlier this month with a Silver award.

Boozy Breakfast – surely not before noon! Alcohol in preserves isn't new though, it's been a tradition for years to enjoy Whiskey Marmalade at the breakfast table. So it was only natural to progress onto other tipples in preserves.

Along with my tipsy marmalades, Limoncello & Espresso (with local Brazier coffee & Conker Cold Brew Coffee Liquor) & even Mojito too. There are of course plenty of spirited jams too;



Blackcurrant & Sloe Gin, Raspberry & Prosecco, and I wouldn't be a Somerset Gal without using Cider, Somerset Apple & Cider Jam.

So whatever your tittle may be, you can enjoy it on your slice of toast in the morning & well before noon.

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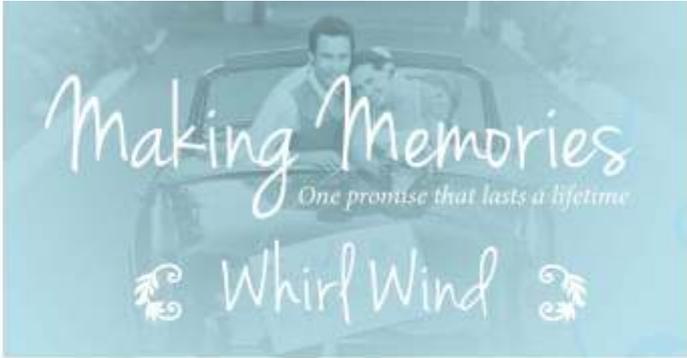


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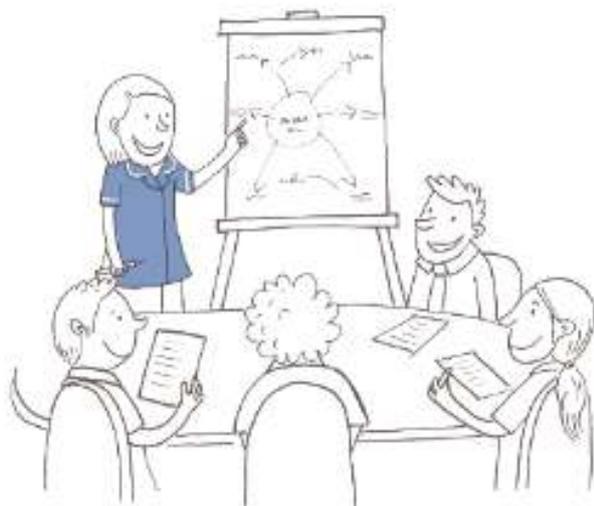


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Money

Toddler Vs. Supermarket

By Bill G. Bennett – Taunton's Money Guru

I took my three year old son to a local supermarket recently, and as you can imagine, I'm hoping that he'll follow his Dad's tendency to get the best deal.

As we crossed off the items on the shopping list, we had a choice of two packets of ham, both priced £1 each. The first, 100 grams, with a picture of his favourite cartoon, Paw Patrol, on the front. He loves Paw Patrol. The second, 200 grams of own-brand ham with no picture.

I explained the prices, and asked him which he'd like us to buy - hoping that I'd set myself up to teach him the obvious lesson. But no, he was way ahead - he told me he'd like the biggest one, because "you get more ham!".

Cue one very proud Dad here, and presumably, one disgruntled marketing department somewhere. You never know, maybe in a future issue, you'll be reading money tips from "Luca Bennett, Taunton's Money Guru"!



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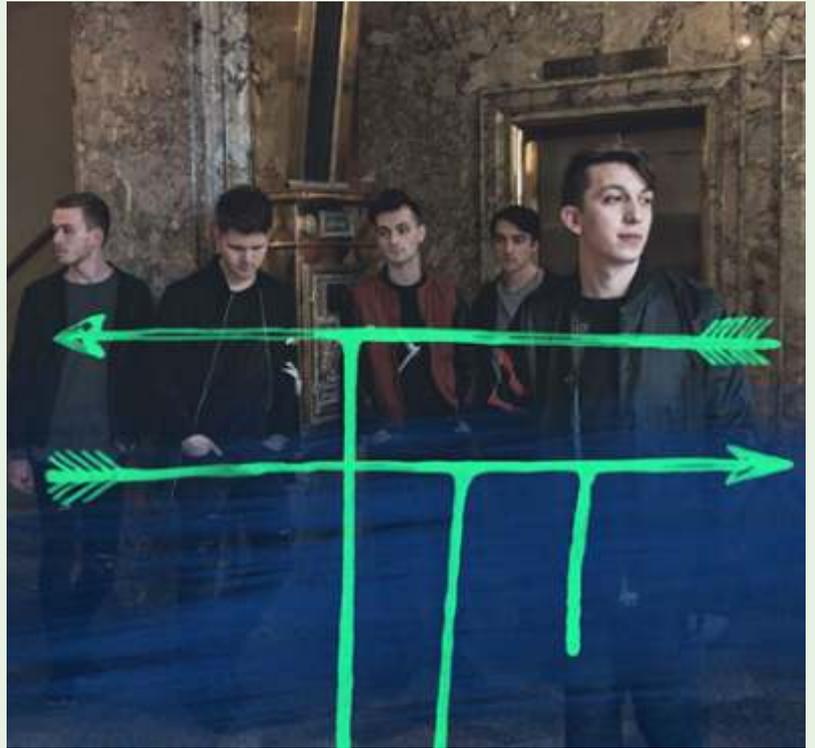
The Monthly Alternative with Giles Cosgrove

Spotlight On:

Derrival are the indie band that you've been waiting for. Based in Vancouver, Canada, Adam Mah, Glen Jackson, Dan Kozlowski, Deven Azevedo, and Shane Stephenson have been honing their craft since way back in 2009, but only now have they released their self-titled debut album. It was worth the wait! Combining their love of the Scott Pilgrim series, 80's alt music and classic indie bands, the group have created a sound that is truly unique and thoroughly accessible without once selling out. Released by indie label Antifragile Music, the concepts of fame and the true meaning of artistry are all tackled on an album that has an earworm in every track, surprise appearances from Canadian actress Sarah Jeffery and at times an air of the melancholy that ensures the band maintain an edge. The sound itself, a mix of electric guitars, 80's synthesisers, and thick drums, combined with a pastel pencil drawn aesthetic, come together to create catchy melodies and sing along choruses, all whilst holding onto the art of being in a band. That is how Derrival see what they do; art. What makes them great is that this is art with a conscience, but a conscience that we can all understand.

Find Them: Stream the self-titled debut album "Derrival" (A combination of Depart and Arrive) on Spotify now. Friends of The Sunday Alternative, waking up at 8AM Canadian time to listen, they promise they'll be playing a UK show soon!

Sounds like: Foals travelling at 88 in a DeLorean to watch Genesis in concert.



Derrival

GAMING with Stuart Coward

Cake and games at the Hexagon Board Game Café



Board Game Café.

So how does it work, well you go in choose a game or bring your own (as long as it is appropriate) and then you pay for every hour you play. The staff are very friendly and if you need rules explained they are happy to help. Its £1.50 per hour, students are £1 and under 13's and retired people go free of charge.

If you want an evening out then you're in luck as you can book a table for up to 4 hours. Of course you might get a bit hungry during a long session so there is plenty of food, cakes, snacks and so on to choose from. If you find you really like it there is a membership scheme. Its £20 a month for adults and £15 for students and retired gamers. It gets you unlimited gaming time, 10% off all food and drink (excluding alcohol) and 10% off the total bill.

So whether you want to play Bridge, Dungeons and Dragons, or Ticket to Ride I am sure you find something that suits you. You can find them at 18 Lower Middle Street, their number is 07802 469808 and they are open from 11:00am to 10:00pm between Tuesday and Sunday.

To many, when you hear the words board games it conjures up memories of playing Cluedo or one of the millions of versions of Monopoly. There's even going to be a cheaters edition for those, who as Captain Barbossa would say "see rules as more like guide lines".

Over recent years many new board games have been released on everything from surviving a zombie apocalypse to building an interstellar empire. So Taunton has joined this new age of social gaming with the Hexagon

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- **Stevie & The Masquerades**
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Club Captain Tom Abell, Vitality Blast Captain Lewis Gregory and Marcus Trescothick were on hand to reveal the 2018 designs at the special reception for official Club Partners, local dignitaries and competition winners.

Somerset County Cricket Club Head of Commercial, Sarah Trunks has told Tone News: "This year's Vitality Blast shirt is something really different. We wanted the shirt to replicate exactly what the Vitality

Blast is all about; action, excitement and vibrancy. We have had a great deal of positive feedback from our partners and the supporters who were here for the exclusive launch night. Importantly the players really like it and as always they had a big say in the final design. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our new Official Kit Partner Shrey and Peloton Design for all their help in taking this shirt from the sketch pad and making it a reality."

The special launch event was held in association with all of the main Partners and also in attendance on the night were the Mayor of Taunton, Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey and 10 competition winners who will each receive a 2018 shirt.

Following the event Tom Abell told Tone News: "Once again the players are all really pleased with the shirts. They are all very different but they all look great and are comfortable to wear. Hopefully they will be really popular with the Members and supporters because it's always great to see a lot of replica shirts in the crowd when you walk out on to the field."

The three shirts are available to order from Somerset County Sports.

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