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12 year old's swim channel



The 12 Taunton School pupils pictured in front of the statue of Capt. Matthew Webb, the first person to swim the channel. Full story on page 12.



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The nights are closing in a bit now so it is time to start training for the Taunton Half Marathon next year, starting with the Taunton 10k (September 29th 2019). Big thanks to Nikki from Flanciactivewear.co.uk for providing the 'go-faster' shorts! If you would prefer a quiet read, then I hope you enjoy this issue of Tone News :)



Darren Daley
Editor

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The best wrap in town!

Restaurant in Taunton? Who needs one to satisfy your lunchtime munchies when you can tuck into a delicious, freshly made wrap! I consider myself a bit of a foodie and often find myself eating out for lunch, either because I've been too busy, or I am just not organised enough to make a packed lunch. Deep down though, it's probably more likely that I eat out because we are lucky in this town to have so much choice! Tone News and Tone FM are based in the Market House so I am out and about in the town centre quite a lot and what I have noticed, is the growing trend in filled wraps. You've probably seen adverts for these all over the place, in fact, just about everyone seems to be doing them so, I decided to try as many wraps, from as many places across Taunton as I could to find which one I thought is the best. Anyway, I'm pleased to announce that my 'Best Wrap in Town' award goes to 'Spud-Shack' for its 'Somerset Chicken Sizzler'.

Now you want to know why it has won don't you?

- Its big, they use 12 inch wraps which is slightly toasted in their oven.
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- It comes with a dry slaw salad which gives it texture and crunch
- Great customer service
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- It's only £4.00!

I think it's brilliant that a small local independent like the Spud-Shack can take on the big guns and can beat them so convincingly, even though it's not actually a restaurant in Taunton. I caught up with Mark Watts who owns and runs the Spud-Shack to give him the news, and he said: 'I'm totally shocked! I developed the Somerset Sizzler wrap when asked by Somerset County Cricket Club to provide catering for the World cup and 20/20 games. "Like any new product I launch, I tried loads of different recipes and combinations, asking my friends and family to provide me with feedback. Winning an award like this after only a few months is amazing, I'm humbled by the whole experience. I'm working on other wrap fillings which are likely to be rolled out in the coming months".

So there it is, the Best Wrap in Town Award 2019 goes to the Spud-Shack for its Somerset Sizzler. If your haven't tried one yet, Mark and his stall can be found outside Nat West Bank, Tuesdays - Saturdays.



Spud-Shack outside Nat West Bank, and the Somerset Chicken Sizzler (inset)

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NEWS

Live in Somerset 2020 early bird tickets announced



Live in Somerset, promoted by LCC Live have announced the sale of weekend tickets for its 2020 shows, which will take place from Friday 10 to Sunday 12 July at Vivary Park in Taunton. This is new for 2020 and weekend tickets, which will give access to each of the three 'Live in Somerset' evening shows, are limited in number and went on sale earlier this month (September 2019) Weekend tickets are available on a first come, first served basis, priced at £99, offering a considerable saving to event goers. Carlie Davidson of LCC Live, has told Tone News: "The release of weekend tickets is in response to requests from fans of our concert series. We've listened to their feedback, and are delighted to offer a weekend ticket, which gives access to each of the three evening shows. These tickets are limited and available on a first come,

first served basis, and we hope that given the enquiries we've had in the past, that the tickets will fly off the shelf." The early bird tickets went on sale on Friday 6th September at 10am from Ticketline (0844 888 9991), and are limited. Weekend tickets will be taken off sale before the first artist announcement for 'Live in Somerset' is made. The concert series has attracted some of the biggest names in music to Vivary Park in recent years including: Will Young, Scouting for Girls, Kaiser Chiefs, Tom Jones, Jools Holland, Bananarama and Status Quo. Weekend tickets are available on a first come, first served basis, priced at £99, offering a considerable saving to event goers. For more information about Live in Somerset, visit: www.facebook.com/LiveInSomerset

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So what are you waiting for? We can't wait to meet you! Join us on Sunday 29th September at the Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre, School Road, Taunton, TA2 8PD from 10.00 until 17.00

Local school kids chosen for NASA space station



Taunton born and bred Nick Bull is leading a project that will allow school pupils to ask questions to an astronaut live on board the International Space station! It's taking place just over the border at Bampton School in Devon where his children attend. Nick who's also the Editor of BBC Somerset based in Taunton has told Tone News:

"This has brought three things together that are all close to my heart – my children, radio and space! I can't wait to see the look on the children's faces when the astronaut's voice begins to crackle through the static".

A volunteer group called ARISS (Amateur Radio International Space Station) control the contact on the day, lead by Ciaran Morgan (MOXTD) who is a former Wellington School pupil. The contact is currently scheduled for the week commencing Monday 7th October.

Around fifteen children will have the opportunity to ask their questions as the ISS zooms overhead at five miles per second using special amateur radio equipment. Bampton School is the only state school in the country to have been awarded the opportunity this year. You can watch the event when it happens by visiting live.ariss.org and Tone News will keep you updated with the exact date/time once it's confirmed by NASA.



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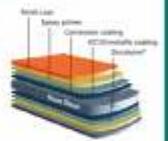
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Musgrove embraces mobile technology

Taunton's Musgrove Park Hospital is introducing new technology on its wards, which include iPads for doctors and nurses to update patient information on the go.

The hospital was named a Global Digital Exemplar for the NHS in 2016, and received £10 million in Government funding to enable it to make rapid progress in transforming its use of digital technology. The three-year programme of work, which involves building software with clinicians and rigorous testing and safety checks, is coming to an end and patients will soon start to see changes in the hospital.

Another five wards are now using iPads to update patient information on their ward electronic whiteboards, transfer patients to other areas of the hospital, and discharge patients. By replacing the physical whiteboard with electronic information, staff can quickly see which patients need an assessment and can prioritise those who are otherwise fit to go home. There are now 10 out of 25 wards using the software. In the coming months, the process of prescribing medicines will also be digitised.

Using portable 'computers-on-wheels' or laptops, medicines will be prescribed, administered and reviewed using an electronic drug chart instead of paper notes at the end of patients' beds. Another new advancement coming to the hospital is an app for patients referred for weight management treatment. The hospital has been making strides behind the scenes as well, making outpatient departments digital to start recording patient information electronically so that all their information is in one place and can be accessed quickly when needed. Mr Tom Edwards, consultant surgeon and chief clinical information officer at Musgrove Park Hospital, has told Tone News: "Fast access to information about patients is absolutely



crucial for our doctors, nurses, and other clinical staff. Safe and effective digital systems are vital. "Safety alerts will be immensely useful, but it is important to remember that, whatever technology we use, it will still be our highly trained and expert staff who are making decisions about diagnosis, treatment and patient care."

Compass disability launch new day care service



Taunton based Compass Disability who provide services for adults with learning disabilities have a new base in the heart of Taunton with the creation of Compass Everyday. The closure of the Six Acres facility in Taunton at the end of March 2019 meant families were faced with finding other options to meet the needs of their loved ones. Richard Pitman, CEO has told Tone News:

"Following the success of our weekly social evenings, for those with learning disabilities and/or autism, it was a natural next step to fill the gap Six Acres left by offering daytime opportunities for those whose needs not met by other providers. However, it was vital to us to deliver a service shaped around the needs and aspirations of our service users so after consulting with families, Compass Everyday was created." The service was pleased to receive

a positive first audit from Somerset County Council where those attending have been experiencing lots of activities in the community including: library visits, shopping, train rides, and taking in the amazing countryside we have locally. Weekly themes are adapted to suit each customers' ability and preferences including art/craft, sensory, food/cookery and outside experiences. The next phase of service developments will focus on learning and skills development for those with learning disabilities and/or autism to meet individuals' personal development goals and aspirations towards increasing independence and confidence.

If you would like to find out more about details about the service, provided by compass Disability, please call 01823 762559

New WW1 bench for parish church

By Sam Smalldon



Taunton branch of the Royal Engineers Association has had a long affiliation and friendship with the parish church at Hatch Beauchamp. In 1979 they even had a royal visit from a South African Zulu prince who came to mark the centenary of the battle of Rorke's Drift. The officer in charge at Rorke's Drift was LT John Rouse Merriott Chard RE and when he left the army, he came to Hatch Beauchamp to live with his brother Edward who was rector of the church. The branch has presented this bench to mark the centenary of the end of WW1. We hope that many visitors will sit and enjoy the peacefulness of this quaint old church and visit John Chards famous grave. The material for the base were donated by CRS Building supplies, and the labour was kindly done by David Grant, a local builder.

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New coastal path attracts Taunton ramblers

A new coastal path trail has opened in one of the many beautiful parts of Somerset attracting ramblers from all around the county town.

The Castles and Coast Way is a 13-mile circular footpath which runs from Nether Stowey to Stogursey and on to the Somerset coast at Shurton Bars, linking the Coleridge Way to the England Coast Path National Trail. This will eventually run around the coast of England.

The opening event was held in Shurton, Stogursey with the ribbon being cut by David Fothergill, the Leader of Somerset County Council who spoke to Tone News ahead of the ceremony: "This part of Somerset may not be the most well-known, but it has plenty to offer; the archaeology, geology, natural history, ecology and, of course, the beautiful landscape.

"This new walk takes in stunning views of the Quantock and Mendip Hills, Exmoor, the Bristol Channel and Wales and other far reaching views across Somerset".

Councillor Fothergill was joined at the opening by Ramblers from Taunton, West Somerset and Sedgemoor, along with David Eccles, head of Stakeholder Engagement at EDF Energy.

The development of the trail was made possible through Section 106

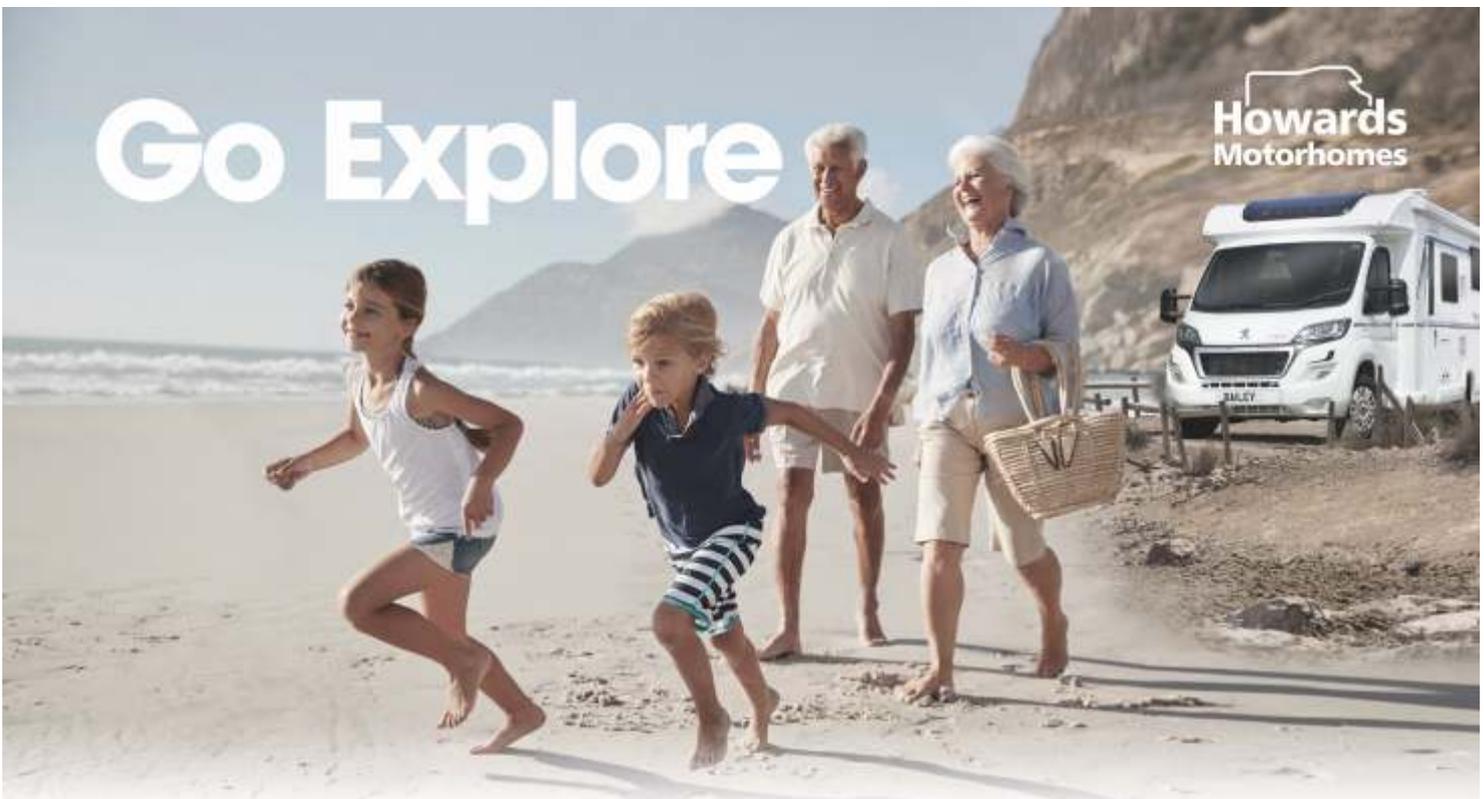


funding for rights of way from EDF Energy and can be completed as a day walk or undertaken in smaller sections which lend themselves to easier circular walks.

With so many routes to choose from, this is well signposted with the Castles and Coast Way logo and there is a free accompanying booklet to guide you along the coastal path trail. You can read more about the route on the

Coleridge Way Walk website at www.coleridgeawaywalk.co.uk/castles-and-coast-way.

There are so many fantastic walks in Somerset with some amazing views of the Bristol Channel and if you are feeling really active and have plenty of time on your hands, you may want to continue along the North Devon Coastline.



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Nerrols Nursery opens its doors

Nerrols Nursery is a brand new nursery school based in the grounds of Nerrols Primary School and opens this month (September 2019).

Taunton's newest nursery will offer care and education for children aged between two and four and aims to provide childcare for parents who have recently moved into the many new housing developments in and around the area. The purpose built educational facility is extremely modern with large well resourced rooms, free flow access to a designated outdoor area and the wider facilities of the Nerrols campus – including an all-weather pitch, vegetable garden, pond and a range of outdoor play equipment. Rhian Locker is the head teacher and has told Tone News:

“We are very lucky to have a fully qualified teacher and an early years teacher, which is quite unusual in a nursery setting. This means they have the skills to take into account the children's ages and stages of development; with routines, activities and learning experiences meeting each of their individual needs”.

She goes on to say: “Our aim is to make the children feel happy and secure, to enjoy spending time at nursery, make friends and enjoy exciting, engaging and interesting activities which inspire and give them the confidence to achieve their potential”.



The nursery is part of Huish (the Richard Huish Trust) which sponsors a number of schools in the Taunton area and is linked to Richard Huish College – rated outstanding by Ofsted.

Nerrols Nursery will be open Monday

to Friday from 8.00am to 6.00pm for 49 weeks of the year (excluding bank holidays, Christmas closures and staff training days). If you are interested in your child starting at Nerrols Nursery please email nursery@nr.huish.education

Successful bicycle training in Taunton

Bicycle training in Taunton has been successful with adults of all ages having been empowered to cycle more through locally provided cycle confidence sessions. Over the last few months, 30 adults have attended individual 90 minute sessions with participants ages ranging from 18 to 75. Each started from different skill levels, but have all improved their confidence and abilities. Nick Warner the qualified instructor, who lead the sessions, has been full of praise for those he worked with and told Tone News: “It's amazing to work with

people who are driven to learn, and simply want to develop their cycling abilities or reduce their dependence on cars”. The free 1:1 cycle confidence building sessions have been provided through Taunton Area Cycling Campaign, with funding from Big Bike Revival. There is still time to book a session-if interested please email: contact@thetacc.org.uk It is hoped that more funding can be obtained to continue running the bicycle training sessions in future months.

Worship and social events for the 18-30s

A year ago in September a community of young adults called 'Awaken' was launched to bring anyone between the ages of 18-30 together to drink coffee, enjoy live music and worship.

The origins spring from a group of 6 young adults from 6 different churches across the Taunton area who share a heart to build community for one of the most isolating generations there has been.

Sam Burton, founder of Awaken has recently shared given Tone News an insight to the group as it approaches it's first anniversary: “A year on we are now seeing over 100 people as part of the community from the Taunton area and around 50 people coming to the events, we are

excited about moving into Company Spaces on Bridge Street”

“We see both church people and non-church people coming to these events to connect as a generation and if you are a young adults we would love to see you at this free event”.

There is always plenty of cake, tea/coffee, music and also take space for hearing from God along with the opportunity to receive personal prayer for anything too and we are all about encouraging this generation to try Jesus”.

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Prestigious award for local fashion brand

Taunton Business woman, Dawn Hurd of Ethical Fashion brand Hurd and Co has just picked up a prestigious Fashion Accessory of the Year 2019 Award, in the "Made in Britain" category. The award was issued by the British Travel Goods, Handbags & Accessories association (BTAA). Hurd and Co won the top award for their designer Chunky Knit Scarf at a ceremony held in Birmingham at the beginning of September.

The BTAA Awards promotes the growth and image of Fashion Accessories, Handbags, Leather Goods and Travel Goods industry. Somerset based Hurd and Co first launched products at Hestercombe House & Garden's Christmas Market in 2017. Since then, they have gone from strength to strength and are recognised as an influential, ethical fashion brand providing handmade accessories from the finest natural wools and fabrics, mostly British thus supporting the British farming industry.

A registered supporter of the Campaign for Wool, Hurd and Co are proud to promote the benefits of using this natural resource. Dawn told Tone News:

"Receiving this award is an amazing achievement for any business and I am absolutely thrilled that the judges loved our Chunky Knit Scarf & felt it worthy of a top national award. At Hurd & Co, we really are a



sole trader and it is actually an enormous honour and all the hard work is paying off."

Their knitted fashion accessory range includes Wrist Warmers, Boot Toppers and Scarves, as well as a range of country themed gifts for the home. The brand fits with both the Town and Country look, and all knitted Hurd and Co products are handmade in Somerset. Committed to the reduction of waste through the provision of recycled, reusable and biodegradable

packaging, Hurd and Co use boxes, tissue paper, card and tape all made from recycled fibres. It is not dyed or bleached and is made in the UK, as they are mindful of their carbon footprint.

Hurd and Co also supply their products in reusable jute bags as part of their ethical packaging provision. You can purchase Hurd and Co products online through their website www.hurdandco.com.

More beer awards for Quantock Brewery

The trophy cabinet is quickly filling at Quantock Brewery in Bishops Lydeard, who have recently picked up two silvers in the prestigious 'International Beer Challenge', as well as a bronze in the 'World Beer Awards' competition.

The microbrewery has had quite the year, as they have also won Overall National Gold awards at the Society of Independent Brewer's 'Independent Beer Awards' back in March, kicking off what has been a multi -award-winning year for the family-run brewery.

Cheryl Ford, MD at Quantock Brewery has told Tone News: "We are over the moon to be receiving so many amazing awards for our beers, particularly our canned beer as it is a brand-new product for us but something that is proving extremely popular with our customers and it seems beer judges too!"

The brewery's brand new cans of Titanium West Coast IPA and Quantock Pale Ale (QPA) each took home silver at The International Beer Challenge 2019, with QPA also taking home a Bronze at the World Beer Awards.

Quantock is a CAMRA and SIBA accredited 8-barrel microbrewery, producing 5 brews per week and over 2300 pints per brew, led by Rob, Cheryl and son Rhys who has joined the team as a trainee brewer. The brewery was set up in December 2007 in Wellington and born out of the



love of brewing by head brewer Rob Rainey, who purchased his first home brew kit from Boots but when this didn't produce the quality of beer he wanted, Rob, a former nuclear engineer, built his own kit from scratch, and the rest is history. Rob's philosophy is to brew the highest quality ales using the best

natural ingredients. He wanted all the beers to be brewed entirely from the highest quality grain and whole hop cones, the only other ingredients being yeast and water. No chemicals or sugar are added to the beers to ensure flavour is pure.



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Taunton School 12 year old's swim channel

Swimming in two teams of six, the pupils took on the brave challenge of swimming the English Channel on Sunday 8th September (2019). Setting off from the shores of Dover they completed the 21-mile six-person Relay Team Crossing largely during the night through the choppy waters of the Channel, arriving in France at sunrise. The Channel 4 celebrity "Sink or Swim" team set off at the same time as the Taunton School 12-year-olds who were delighted to get some great advice from Ross Edgley who was the Celeb team's coach.

Emotionally and physically exhausted, but riding high on adrenaline, the 12 youngsters arrived back at school late on Monday afternoon to a hero's welcome of cheering peers and teachers. The squad began their endurance pool based training in May 2018 and then undertook acclimatisation training at Wiveliscombe outdoor pool over the Christmas holidays in water temperatures of only 19°C with frost all around. Since then they have completed over 300 hours of training in Clevedon and Lyme Regis, as well as in the schools two swimming pools several times a week. During August, they completed the Clevedon Long Swim and the following day took on The Chestnut Appeal Plymouth Breakwater Swim. They began night swimming training in Lyme Regis a few weeks ago.

The students were supported by Taunton School's Long Distance Swim Coach Hamish McCarthy who is an experienced open water swimming coach. Hamish is also Head of Geography and Pastoral Head of Years 7 and 8 at Taunton Prep School, and last year won the Somerset Activity and Sport Award for Contribution to School Sport. He went on to tell Tone News:

"When you're 10 years of age and you make the decision to train for the English Channel it's aspirational; when you are then 12 and swim most of it at night it's just extraordinary, a great feat of courage and resilience. I believe our students are one of the youngest teams to have undertaken a channel relay swim since the rules changed some 30 years ago. Many of our pupils only turned 12 in July and August. Having spoken to Channel Swimming and Pilots Federation staff, they didn't know of another team that had been younger. It really is an incredibly overwhelming achievement."



The 12 pupils pictured in front of the statue of Matthew Webb, the first person to swim the channel. Back row left to right: Maddison Willetts, Martha Bruford, Cara Cunningham, Sienna Mitchell, Elizabeth Houghton-King, Isabel Phillips. Front row left to right: Louis Maloney, Fraser Lewes, Frey Lant, Poppy Tull, Holly Cleverly, Jack Burnett.





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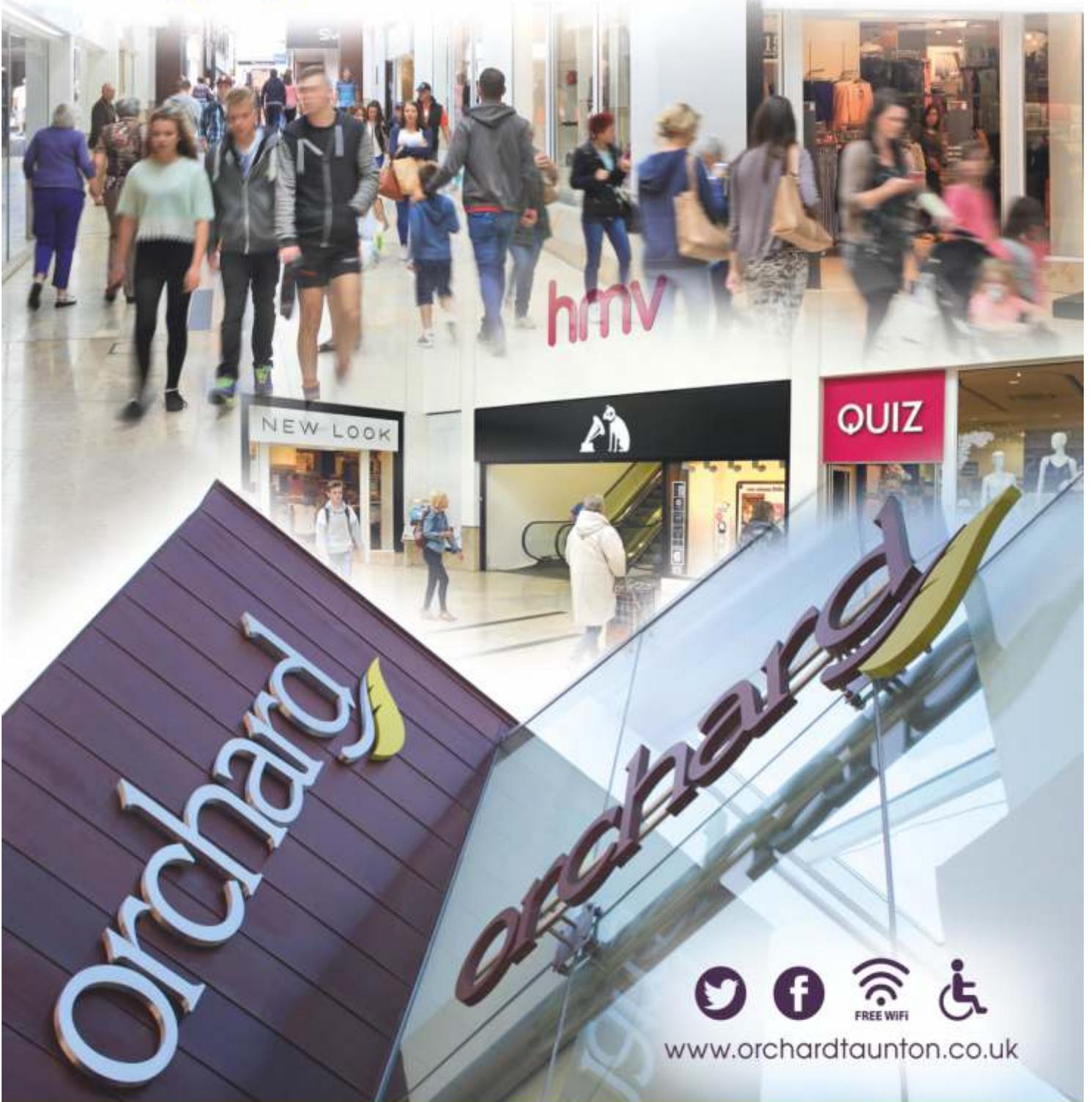
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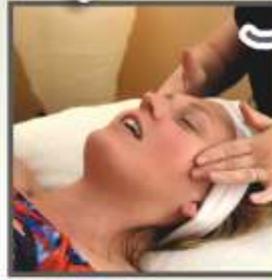


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The Monthly Alternative with Giles Cosgrove

Spotlight On:

Pop music is a dirty phrase. It always has been. More often than not quote on quote "serious music critics" turn their noses up to anything with a hint of simplicity in favour of something so outrageously drawn out that no one bothers to listen to it. It should be argued however that is possible to accomplish just as much artistically with just a bedroom setup, a twenty-minute record and a sound that's easy on the ear. That is exactly what Sleeper Service have done.

On their debut album "You Won't Believe the View", University students Tom Keogh and Greg Munday have managed to create a visceral, mood inducing sound that is both totally easy to listen to and immensely unique. The pair came together to form the group in the winter of 2018, meeting almost immediate success when the first track they wrote together "Daze" received airplay on BBC Introducing.

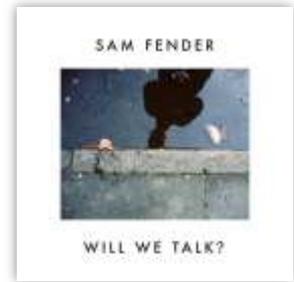
The group have carved a total niche for themselves into the rockface that is the modern music landscape. There are definite hints of their original folk roots, but these are swept up in waves of canny indie quirks akin to the likes of Vampire Weekend, before going with the flow of the alternative pop sound of the mid-2000's à la The Kooks. Not intending to limit themselves and their sound, acoustic guitars meld into wailing electric guitars with ease as the duo slip in drum machines and subtle hints of synthesisers, not to mention an

entire instrumental interlude, nodding towards the influence of The 1975 and the Manchester band's early EP releases. The album is the perfect relaxation soundtrack, the sort that evokes a sense watching the sunset on a Sunday evening or driving home from the beach. There are so many different directions in the 23 minutes of the album that it's clear the band have plenty of things to explore in later and longer releases. Tracks like "Cadmium" display Tom's natural affinity for the Pop Rock ballad as it hints towards the soaring sounds of The War on Drugs, whilst the quirky sound of "Daze" lets it be known that Tom and Greg aren't afraid to get experimental. Sleeper Service are true Indie music for 2019, a bedroom project with a sound totally unique, entirely creative and truly listenable. **Find Them:** Debut Mini Album "You Won't Believe the View" is available now on Spotify! **Sounds like:** A bold new direction for independent DIY music in 2019.



Acts to Watch Out For in this Month:

- **Foals**
The release of Everything Not Saved Will Be Lost Part 2 from these guys is on the way.
- **Finding Aurora**
How long before the debut LP from these Welsh rockers? Only time will tell
- **Sam Fender**
Debut album "Hypersonic Missiles" is out now!



You can listen to The Sunday Alternative with Giles Cosgrove every Sunday from 4 – 6 pm on Tone FM featuring great local artists, an Album of the Week, Vinyl Revival, Gig Guide and Music News.



GAMING with Stuart Coward

'Busting' makes me feel good!

This year marks the 35th anniversary of 'Ghostbusters'. So to celebrate the much loved 2009 video game is being remastered so let's have a look.

Set in the year 1991, 2 years after the end of 'Ghostbusters 2' during Thanksgiving, the team have become official city contractor's. You play as a new recruit who has just joined. At the same time a huge surge of paranormal energy sweeps through New York. So you and the rest of the team must unravel the mystery surrounding this event that leads to their most dangerous foe yet. The game is extremely authentic to the films as it was written by Dan Aykroyd and the much missed Harold Ramis. As well as writing the script they return to their roles as well as Bill Murray, Ernie Hudson, William Atherton, Brian Doyle-Murray,

Annie Potts and Max von Sydow.

In terms of gameplay It is a first person shooter where use your proton pack to stun ghosts before pulling them into a ghost trap. You have new upgrades to your pack as well such as a stasis stream, boson darts and a meson collider. When not battling ghouls you will use your PKE meter to search the environment for clues or varies hidden collectables. In the game you will go to classic locations like the Sedgewick Hotel and battle classic creatures such as the Stay Puff Marshmallow Man as well as new locations and foes.

So if there's something weird in your neighbourhood then you can pick the game up on the 4th of October on PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch and PC.



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By TTFC Chairman - Kevin Sturme



Anyone who buys a programme at a Taunton Town match will hopefully read my notes which often have the same theme. Authorities being out of touch, our suggestions being ignored and being talked at by the FA and League rather than communicated with.

I'm a great believer in partnerships to build clubs and businesses which when used as a two way tool work well and effectively. When they are one way they don't work. In football and probably most large institutions there will always be management justifying their salaries and roles by continually making decisions to justify their job. The FA department responsible for the Laws of Football made 10 changes this summer. The hardest job in football now at whatever level is the Referee and his Assistants, they used to be called Linesmen but probably that was someone's big decision a few years ago to call them assistants.

In my view the most contentious will always be offside and the law makes it too difficult now as the game is so fast because of the players' incredible fitness levels. You can't flag until the "offside" player is active which irritates everyone. To me the law is and always has been simple, you should be offside when there is daylight between you and the defender and you are offside when the ball is kicked forward – very simple! It's hard enough for the poor assistants to keep up with play and assess when the ball was kicked.

We are a club 95% run by volunteers so in general have to work for a living outside of football. We are lucky that two of our Directors are retired who are both Vice Chairmen here. Brian Pollard looks after the Cygnet Health Care Stadium and Facilities and Alan Slade is Vice Chairman for the Finance and Admin, also being "acting" Secretary, Company Secretary and Finance Director.

I also have three roles Chairman, Chief Executive & Head Groundsman. I get paid as Chief Executive but my other two roles are Voluntary and I'm too young to retire and probably ultimately never will retire until we achieve our ambitions. I do get paid a salary but it's not like CEO's who have a "posh" title like me but a commensurate salary! I do it for the love of sport and the fact my wife is able to subsidise me and ultimately the club as she is the main earner in our family.

As a club we are very ambitious and our first goal is to get in to National League which one promotion. Once in the National League our aim will be to get in to Football League which is three promotions in total. Is it achievable? Undoubtedly YES but we will need the support of the wider community including the local Council as the benefits of a successful football club to the town will be limitless. Our crowds are very good but for the size of the Town we need to be average 1000 which is my first target, then 1500 then 2000 as we hopefully go in to higher leagues. In the last three seasons we have had 2300 for Barrow in the Emirates F A Cup, over 2100 for Manchester United Legends and nearly 1600 for Billericay in last season's Emirates F A Cup. So we know there is interest locally we just need to add new fans every week to help us achieve our goals.

If you have never been to a match try it you may love it as we are family friendly with usually well in excess of 100 children attending plus a lot of ladies who enjoy their football. Look out for future competitions as you may well be able to win free tickets to a match.

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Taunton Racecourse: Getting ready for a new season

The countdown is on at Taunton Racecourse where the 2019-20 National Hunt Racing season gets started with the Halloween Meeting on Wednesday October 30th, when the first race starts at 1.30pm. Situated a short distance from the town centre just south of the M5 motorway bridge on the Honiton Road on what was formerly the Orchard Portman estate Taunton is the youngest jumps course in England and hosted its first ever meeting in 1927.

Between the end of October and April 22nd Taunton will host 14 meetings, five in the autumn and nine in 2020, so there is certainly plenty of action to look forward to. Following the first meeting Taunton race twice in November on Thursdays 14th and 28th starting at 1.25pm and 1.10pm respectively. Thursday December 12th sees Taunton holding their Festive Meeting when there will be mince pies and mulled wine along with a number of seasonal trade stalls plus a visit from the King's College band to play some seasonal music.

The highlight of the first part of the season's fixtures is the Christmas Meeting that takes place this year on Monday December 30th when the first race goes to post at 12.45pm. The Christmas meeting at Taunton has become one of the must do events on the seasonal calendar and is always well supported, so the advice is to buy tickets on-line well in advance and arrive early to avoid any disappointments. Generous discounts are available to those who purchase tickets before 12 noon on the day prior to any meeting, plus there is free entry for accompanied under 18s. There is no better way of enjoying a good afternoon out in the fresh air than a visit to the races and one thing you can be sure of at Taunton is the warmth of the welcome that awaits you and the relaxed atmosphere that pervades the whole place from the time you walk through the gates. Log onto www.tauntonracecourse.co.uk to find out more.



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Down at the Club by Spencer Bishop

History in the making for the Western Storm

Western Storm became the most successful team in KIA Super League history earlier this month (September 2019) when they lifted the trophy for an unprecedented second time. It was the culmination of four years of hard work both on and off the field by those involved.

Tone News caught up with Head Coach, Trevor Griffin to look back on this year's success and what has been achieved over the last four years. Western Storm won 11 of their 12 matches this season. What does Trevor put that success down to?

"Throughout the season we've talked about how this has been the strongest group that we've ever put together," he said. "I think we've seen that throughout this year and especially on Sunday. It's a very special group and they really showcased their skills and their togetherness. What this group have achieved is something very special and they really deserve the success. We really saw the quality of the group this season and every single player in the squad played a big part."

Heather Knight played a real captain's innings in the final and steered her team to the title after making 78 not out. She also passed the 1000-run mark in the competition. Trevor was full of praise for his skipper.

"Heather has really shown the quality and class that she possesses throughout the KSL," he said "Her innings in the final was certainly the best I've seen her play for a long time. It was outstanding. The way she went about it and how she led the group just showed what a world class player she is."

Deepti Sharma's innings of 39 not out also played a vital part in Storm's success in the final and Trevor has been impressed by the India spinner since her arrival.

"Deepti has absolutely embraced Western Storm and how we go about things," he said. "She has also definitely brought something positive to the group. This is the first time that she's been over here without the International team or her family, so that was a big challenge for her. She has been absolutely brilliant. She's still young and she has a big future ahead of her."

Trevor was also keen to acknowledge all the work that has gone on behind the scenes to help take Western Storm to the top. "To think what's been achieved in the last four years is incredible," he explained. "Four and a half years ago we didn't even have any players let alone an infrastructure. The people like Lisa Pagett (Western Storm General Manager) who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes deserve a huge amount of credit. The brand that has been created is something very special. There are so many people who have been involved in making Western Storm what it is today and I can't thank them enough."

"We're also so grateful to our supporters for all the miles they've traveled and for all the support they've given us over the last four years."

"What we've been able to create with Western Storm is really exciting and it's something that each and every one of us should be really proud of. I think this is just the start for the women's game, and what's been planned for the future is very exciting."



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