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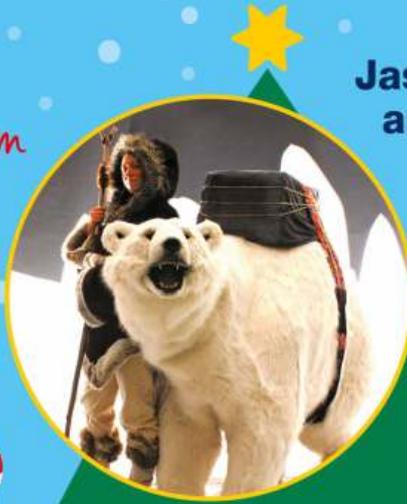
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Welcome to ToneNews

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Welcome to the 20th issue of Tone News! W-O-W nearly 2 years old, must be time for some kind of party then :) Over the last month, I have had quite a few interviews with Federica Smith-Roberts who now owes me a pint AND has committed herself to running the Taunton 10k next year. I really admire what she has achieved so far and how she juggles family, professional & council life. You can listen to her with me every Friday morning on Tone FM for 'Ask the Leader'. I'm rambling a bit now so I will let you carry on reading!



Darren Daley
Editor

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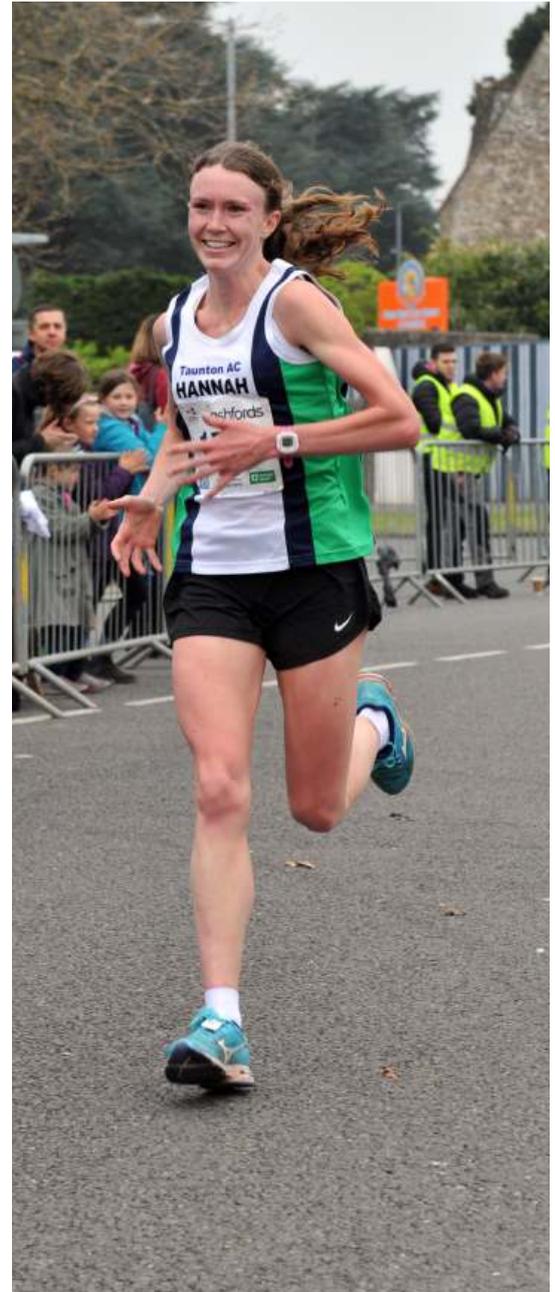
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Team GB call up Hannah for Dubai

Hannah Taunton who runs for Taunton AC has been chosen by Team GB to take part in the World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai this year. Hannah will compete for Great Britain in the 1500m, of which her personal best is 4 minutes 39.96 seconds, ranking her third in the world at present in the T20 category, which is for athletes with an intellectual impairment. As a popular and well respected member of the Taunton running community, Hannah was the 1st lady home in the Taunton 10k in 2017/18 and equalled that achievement in the Taunton Half Marathon earlier this year (2019). She wasn't able to take part in this year's Taunton 10k due to her concentrating on shorter distance although, proud mother, Gill, who did take part (29th September 2019), spoke to Tone News after the race:

"When Hannah was selected for the GB team she had to forfeit her place in the Taunton 10k and I had said I would do it for her. I only had 13 days' notice to train for this. My running has taken a nosedive over the last 2 years as we are away supporting Hannah all over the country. Anyway I did the race and won my first ever running trophy – 1st in the over 60 female runners. Such a shock albeit a nice one!"

Hannah supported her mum during her first ever competitive event and spoke to us afterwards about the excitement of being selected for team GB. Hannah will be part of a British team of 43 athletes which includes a total of 11 reigning world champions from London 2017 along with 10-time world gold medallist Hannah Cockroft, grand slam champions Hollie Arnold and Sophie Hahn and two-time Paralympic gold medallists Aled Davies, Jonnie Peacock and Richard Whitehead. The World Para Athletics Championships takes place on November 7th - 15th



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NEWS

The Christmas Sparkle Project

By Julie Burton

The Christmas Sparkle Project is run by the community for the community and our aim is to give a Christmas gift to every child living in difficult circumstances in the Taunton and Wellington area to help make their Christmas Sparkle. Local schools, businesses and groups collect brand new gifts for us and there are also drop-off points in Taunton and Wellington so that members of the public can donate too, these can be found on the website: christmas-sparkle.org. We welcome volunteers to our elves' workshop to help us wrap the presents as well on 4 designated wrapping days. Our present-wrapping days this year are:

- Sunday 17th November (10:00 - 12:30pm)
- Saturday 30th November (10:00 - 1:00 pm)
- Sunday 8th December (10:00 - 1:00 pm)
- Saturday 14th December (10:00 - 1:00 pm)

Our venue is very kindly provided by Lucy and Mark Durman of MyDay Care Service and the address is: The Barn; Sherford Bridge; Taunton; TA1 3RB.

There is plenty of parking and we provide mince pies, refreshments and lots of cheesy Christmas music. My Day clients really go the extra mile, helping with the collecting, and delivering the wrapped gifts to our partner agencies who distribute them to the children. Some of the many agencies we work with are Halcon One, North Taunton One, Women's Refuge, Besom and Health Visitors. In the week before Christmas, we go to the Taunton Foodbank and give out gifts and selection boxes to families using the Foodbank. If you would like to know more or belong to an organisation that might be interested in supporting us do get in touch either through Facebook or via our website. We would love to hear from you!



The Rural Living Christmas Show 2019

By Louise Walker

With autumn days drawing in and Christmas festivities looming on the horizon, what better way to start the season than with the annual Christmas Rural Living Show - a cornucopia of unique and exciting crafts, home, fashion and food to delight the whole family. This annual show which raises money for the Children's Hospice South West has been running for 27 years at the King's Hall School in Taunton.

The Quantock hills is the perfect backdrop for showcasing many of the local crafters, makers, producers and small businesses which abound in the area. Each year over 130 stands appear with an astonishing array of innovative and unique offerings - many with a Christmas 'twist' - and delight the many visitors - some of whom come every year! Finding that special gift, watching the basket weaver or enjoying a seasonal Gingerbread coffee (my

personal favorite) in the Art café - there really is something for everyone.

Stands include: fashion for adults and children, home wear - from candles to quilts - jewellery, carved wood, metalware, felting, needlework, knitting, leathercraft, glass, pottery and much much more. Not forgetting of course, our legendary food hall, which is renowned for its Christmas fare, cheeses, beers, game, cider, smoked meat and fish, cakes & puddings, sausages and pies both small and very large - to 'delight the appetite'!

We are delighted to present the 27th annual show which will be opened by Hazel Prior Sankey - Head of SWT- ably assisted by Father Christmas. over the weekend of 23rd/24th November at Kings Hall School on Kingston Rd, TA2 8AA

Pearls & Prosecco

By Bethan Turner

Macmillan Taunton Fundraising Group invite you to an exclusive evening of "Pearls & Prosecco", hosted at the prestigious show rooms of Taunton Audi. Join us at 7:00 pm November 13th for welcome drinks and canapés followed by a sumptuous evening of indulgence.

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Christmas is coming! We have

arranged for a selection of fine pieces of Pearl jewellery to be available for purchase on the night. 25% of the value of every purchase will be donated by our suppliers to Macmillan to support their work within our community. Our team of pearl experts will also be pleased to offer a free verbal valuation of any pieces of pearl jewellery, so please bring along your pearls.

The Taunton Audi team will also be pleased to discuss your new car, and to arrange a test drive from their quality range of luxury vehicles.

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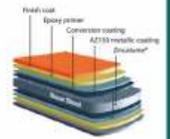
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By Rene Kilner - Taunton Thespians

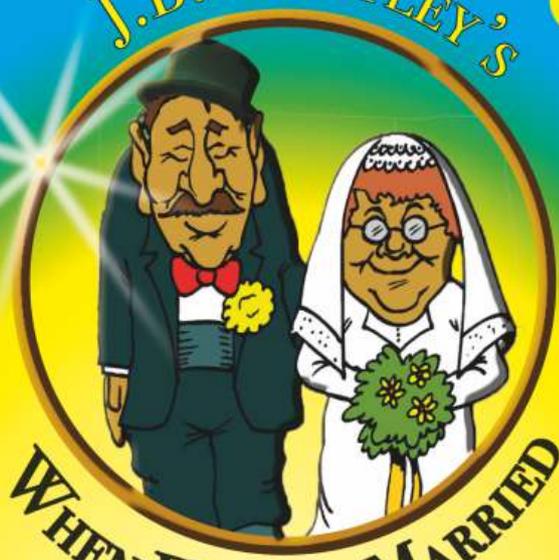
The Helliwells, the Parkers and the Soppitts, all fine upstanding pillars of the community, all married on the same day in the same chapel, gather to celebrate their silver anniversary... or so they think! When they discover that they are not legally married, because the parson was not authorised to carry out the wedding, each couple initially reacts with proper Victorian horror... "What will the neighbours think?"

But soon all three couples find themselves re-evaluating their lives and their marriages. For the hen-pecked Herbert Soppitt it provides the chance to assert himself against his domineering spouse. But, for two of the women, it offers the prospect of liberation from stuffy and errant husbands.

There is an ending of course, but will it be happy? You'll just have to come along to The Brewhouse Theatre from 5th to 9th November to find out!

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The Railway Children steams into the Brewhouse for Christmas

A musical adaptation of The Railway Children is this year's Christmas production from the Brewhouse Theatre, running from 9th – 30th December 2019. This musical adaptation of Edith Nesbit's quintessentially English classic will appeal to everyone from families, to fans of the book and the iconic 1970s film. Director of the production and Brewhouse Chief Executive, Vanessa Lefrancois has told Tone News:

"This year culminates with our popular Christmas musical which we produce with a talented professional cast and local young people's ensemble. The Railway Children is an iconic story about families, unification, love and compassion. Our adaptation is set in Somerset, starting and finishing on Christmas Eve, which adds to the magic of this festive show."

The production tells the

story of the Waterbury children, Roberta (Bobbie), Peter and Phyllis who move to a cottage in Somerset after their father is imprisoned. They embark on a series of adventures when they discover a railway, run by affable station master Perks, near their new home. The show features heartfelt ballads, stirring choral numbers and tuneful melodies. Combined with a beautifully-designed set, The Brewhouse's flagship Christmas show is set to be a treat for families across generations to enjoy together.

The Railway Children runs at The Brewhouse from 9th-30th December, with performance times including matinees, evenings, weekdays and weekends, plus special performances for schools. For more information and to purchase tickets visit thebrewhouse.net or call 01823 283244.

Taunton has its own new youth festival!

The Tyca Festival (Taunton Youth Culture & Arts) launches with a Gala Evening showcasing young singers from Somerset and Sir Tim Rice. You can hear from the man himself live on stage on Halloween, as well as enjoying some of his most famous songs like 'A Whole New World' from Aladdin and 'Hakuna Matata' from the Lion King. Come along to Temple Methodist Church, 31st October at 6pm; there's an option for a Gala Dinner afterwards at The Castle Hotel. All tickets can be bought online at artstaunton.co.uk or at the Taunton Visitor Centre.



The Festival is much more than this though! There are free workshops for young people in loads of different art forms like graffiti and face painting, digital art and circus skills, and lots of performances over the weekend 1-3 November with tickets priced at just £5! Check it all out at artstaunton.co.uk.

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Wellington Hospital inpatient unit reopens

Wellington Hospital inpatient unit has been taking in patients following the reopening of its overnight beds in September (2019). Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the hospital, has successfully recruited a ward sister, four staff nurses and four healthcare assistants, with more on the way.

The inpatient unit was temporarily closed last year while essential repair work took place so a range of community services have been put in place in the Wellington area to help care for patients at home where possible. The hospital is also home to a team of speech and language therapists, podiatrists and physiotherapists.

New ward sister Melissa Saunders has told Tone News that she was honoured to lead the team of nurses at the hospital: "I'm really excited to have been given this opportunity to reopen the ward at Wellington Hospital. We've been busy behind the scenes getting the ward ready and I'm confident that our team of nurses will give our patients the best possible care."

Since the temporary closure, Somerset Partnership has developed a better range of community services that have directly supported the Wellington community by helping patients remain in their own homes, where they prefer to be. During this time a



Staff and League of Friends at Wellington Hospital

rapid response service was set up across Somerset to care for older, frail patients at home instead of being admitted to hospital. It has helped more than 30 patients from Wellington and the surrounding area so far.

Other community services that are helping Wellington patients include: district nurses and integrated rehab teams who

have typically support more than 1,000 patients at home at any one time. Also, the intensive dementia support service provides care to patients in the Wellington area who have a diagnosis of dementia and/or are displaying challenging behaviours and would have otherwise been admitted to an inpatient unit.

Launch Somerset announces winner from Taunton

Launch Somerset, which was recently held in Taunton was an opportunity for local entrepreneurs to pitch their business ideas to a room full of 'Dragons' in a bid to win over £6000 worth of prizes. The overall winner was Taunton based photographer, Ian Lewis (listen to his interview on the Tone News website), who started his interactive imagery and commercial photography business, 360 South West, in 2018.

Ian has spoken at length with Tone News and Tone FM and tells us: "I'm delighted to win Launch Somerset. The investment package will allow me to focus on my marketing and develop my website, as well as offering a constant backbone of support. "The event has been a brilliant opportunity to increase my network and I am really looking forward to seeing where 360 South West goes in 2020 and beyond."

Ges Green, Business Centres South West Operations Manager,

went on to tell Tone News: "We are thrilled with the success of the event and the networking opportunities it provided for these start-up businesses. The feedback we had was really positive and the atmosphere generated at the venue was great. All of the business ideas were superbly delivered and we are looking forward to working with them all. Our congratulations go to Ian Lewis of 360 South West, who was voted the winning business".

As the winning pitcher, Ian won a package of investment worth over £6,000, including a Somerset Chamber of Commerce Membership and a Cloud Accounting Software package from the event sponsors.

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Orchard Lights Switch On 2019

Orchard Shopping Centre in Taunton is to host a spectacular Lights Switch On event for 2019. The event will take place on Sunday 24th November and will be jam-packed full of entertainment from 12.30 - 5.30pm.

Shows from world renowned 'Bjorn the Bear', a life-size automated polar bear, together with his Inuit keeper, will take centre stage. The entertainment continues throughout the day with Santa Claus meet and greets, close proximity festive magic from Dan the Magician and walkabouts with the Ice King and Queen on stilts.

There will also be fantastic object manipulation shows from Jason Maverick with his amazing crystal balls, the Orchard elves will be handing out free mince pies and festive chocolates and Angel Arts will be offering free face painting. Tone FM, Santa, Mrs Somerset and friends take over from 4pm, with the build-up and countdown taking place around the tree before the switching on of lights at 5pm.

Orchard are also running a facebook competition in conjunction with the Lights Switch On event, the prize being a beautiful Orchard Hamper with gifts donated from the Orchard retailers, this is to be presented to the winner on the stage before the lights are switched on.

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Taunton Fabrications award

Architectural metalwork specialists, Taunton Fabrications have just added another award to their trophy cabinet by collecting the Growth Award at Willmott Dixon's South West Supply Chain Awards. Taunton Fabrications have worked closely with Willmott Dixon for several years, providing them with a wide range of steelwork - most recently the impressive feature staircases for the new Bath Spa University, Herman Miller Building in Bath and the Aurora Office Building in the centre of Bristol.

Commenting on the award, Richard David of Willmott Dixon told tone News: "Taunton Fabrications excel in both providing eye catching centrepieces across many of our major projects. They also provide positive publicity across their communications strategy aiding us in advertising our landmark schemes and ensuring a satisfied customer."

Taunton Fabrications' Managing Director, Jason Rigby commented: "We're absolutely delighted to win this award! Company growth at Taunton Fabs is not just based on improving efficiencies and



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Taunton 10k 2019

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The winner was Jamie Barnett, of Teignbridge, who crossed the line in 32 minutes 42 seconds and the first lady

home was Alice Murray-Gourlay who runs for Taunton athletics Club in 37.17. If you missed out on the day, you have plenty of time to get ready for the Taunton Marathon and Half Marathon which is on Sunday 5th April 2020.

The official photographer for Tone News on the day was Ian Lewis from 360 South West and we would like to say a big thank you to those who have shared their own personal photos from Facebook as well



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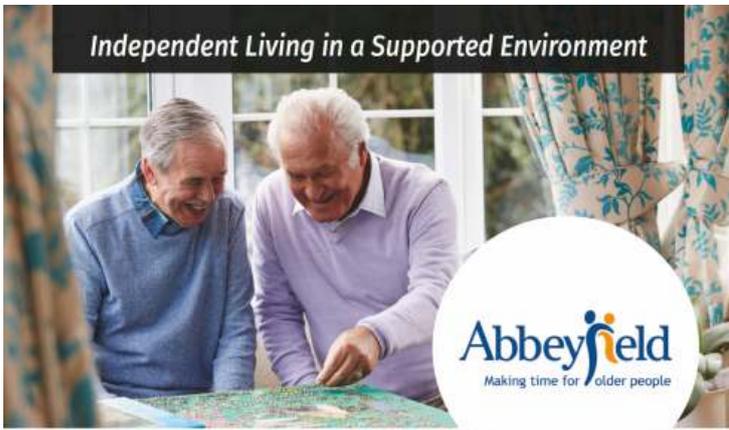
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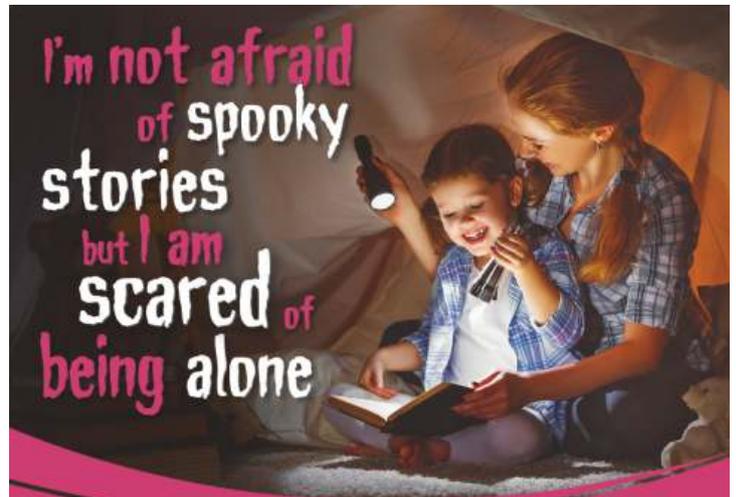
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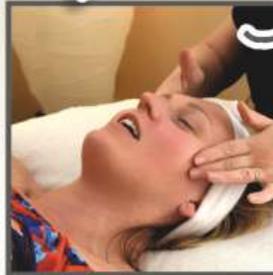
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The Monthly Alternative with Giles Cosgrove

Spotlight On:

What happens when you combine the sound of Oasis with the 70's blues rock of Led Zeppelin and Cream? You get something criminal. **Pretty Criminal**. Based in Bristol, Pretty Criminal are a four-piece rock outfit slicing their own niche into the alternative music scene of the South West.

Made up of Guy Stark on vocals and guitar, his brother Will Stark on guitar, Tom Thorne on drums, and Charlie Freeman on bass, the group have been working on their sound and line-up for a while now, but started in earnest as the band they are today earlier this year. Based in the epicentre of culture in the South West; Bristol, the band exudes an uber cool swagger with a look not far away from that of The Strokes ten or fifteen years ago.

On their debut EP "Call It What You Want" the band lays out their agenda. "We're gonna make the music you want to make so get onboard or don't buy a ticket." It's a confident attitude that pays off with the EP going in various directions within only three tracks, showing off the versatility of the band. Lead singer Guy brings out a vocal that recalls so many different frontmen of great bands that it's hard to work out who exactly he sounds like, but it just sounds so right. It's in the guitar work of Will that the nods to Oasis first become clear with riffs that could kick a door off its hinges bursting from the speakers every time you listen to them, check out "This Town" to



hear this. Drummer Tom Thorne, meanwhile, brings everything together under his skilful eye, matching every beat perfectly with what's going on sonically in the track, with nods to everyone from Wolf Alice to John Bonham. Charlie and his bass meanwhile provide a rhythmic backbone to the group's efforts, a sleazy sound that gives real oomph and rounds out the spectrum of each track.

Pretty Criminal are a band unto themselves, their debut EP only hinting at what the band could do next, bravely ending a rock record with an acoustic track "Don't Put Me Down." It's this disregard for the rules that could very well see Pretty Criminal through to the world stage.

Find Them: Listen on YouTube and Spotify and don't forget to like their Facebook page.

Sounds like: 90s Britpop and 70s blues rock had a baby together and it sounds epic.

Acts to Watch Out For in this Month:

- October Drift**
 The Taunton band dropped a new single "Forever Whatever" and announced their debut album in the same day
- Finding Aurora**
 The Welsh rock trio have crossed the bridge into England, playing in Bristol and continue taking over the world.
- Liam Gallagher**
 "Why Me? Why Not." Is just a fantastic album with some killer singles and a big unexpected dose of heart.
- Squidge**
 Their brand new single "Never Knows Best" is out now as the band continue to squidge genres together to make their unique sound!



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

I Am One with the Force and the Force Is One with Me

Over the next few months a huge amount of 'Star Wars' content is coming. You will have the final entry in the

sequel trilogy 'Episode Nine the Rise of Skywalker'. The first ever live action star wars TV show, bounty hunting themed 'The Mandalorian' will be on 'Disney's' new streaming service. Their third animated series 'Star Wars Resistance' will be coming back with a second and final season. Not to mention all the new tie in books and comics aswell coming from the marketing machine. Today I am going to be talking as you might have guessed about a new video game called 'Star wars: Jedi Fallen Order' by 'Respawn entertainment'.

It is set in-between 'Revenge of the Sith' and 'A New Hope'. In it you are playing as 'Cal Kestis' a padawan who survived order 66. With the help of

a fellow Jedi survivor 'Cere', droid 'BD-1' and alien pilot 'Greez' captain of 'The Stinger Mantis' you will have to fight the forces of the 'Galactic Empire'. Throughout your adventure you'll be chased by 'Darth Vaders' personal jedi hunters the 'Inquisitors' led in this game by the mysterious 'Second Sister'.

It's a 3rd person action game where you gain new force powers and lightsabre moves to progress. The more powers you learn, the more areas of the different planets you can explore. You can find on these planets different looks for your lightsabre, droid and even your ship. As for what planets they are, is being kept a mystery, but we do know you will go to the Wookiee home world of 'Kashyyyk'. So if you want to feel the force you can get it on the 15th of November on PlayStation 4, Xbox One and PC.



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News from the Cygnet Health Care Stadium

An insight in to non-league football by Kevin Sturmey



The football season for Taunton Town started on 10th August with a short trip to Gosport for us, after 7 pre-season friendlies and a cup final held over from last season. Including Saturday 12th October, we have played 10 league games and 4 cup games in 8 weeks. I hear the violins already! Now to put things in perspective our players are based between Plymouth and Bristol with about one third in the Taunton area, they all have full time jobs, and some have young families. They all have to keep themselves supremely fit around working and having some family time as when we train in Taunton or Bridgwater it will be purely for set pieces, shape and tactical. The players have to be fit to play as we simply don't have enough time between matches to work on fitness and also factor in the rest they need. In the last three seasons excluding pre-season matches we have played 61, 60 and 53 competitive matches. Can you imagine the Premier League players being happy with that? Is it acceptable to have part time players playing that much? If you are successful in Non-League the games pile up and players have to play in all competitions as we all have small squads of 16-20. We try to include College Students from our Education Partner Bridgwater & Taunton College but with their own College commitments we also have to make sure they get enough rest as well as playing.

The players love playing otherwise they wouldn't do it but I do believe the people who make the decisions are so out of touch they do not realise the incredible fitness levels these players maintain as the game is so professional today, but without the financial rewards and adulation the top stars get. If you have never visited the Cygnet Health Care Stadium to watch a match I think most people would be surprised at the standard of football and also the pace of the game. We currently have two players on loan one from Bristol City, Zak Smith and Harry Kite from Exeter City. These players will play U23 football at their parent clubs which is great technically but doesn't gear them up for the physicality of 1st team football. Most clubs have one or two young professionals and Zak in my humble opinion is destined to go all the way to the top with a little bit of luck along the way. He is so grounded and humble for someone who is exceptionally talented, Harry also has a great career ahead of him with again some luck along the way and it's great to see these young professional players loving playing for Taunton around their commitments at Bristol City and Exeter City their parent clubs who we liaise with so they don't play too many minutes close together.



Photos courtesy of Collin Andrews

Taunton Racecourse

The new national hunt season is underway at Taunton Racecourse where they are moving into their busy time of year. The Orchard Portman course will host two meetings in November, the first of which takes place on Thursday 14th when opening race is due to begin at 1.25pm and the final event going to post at 4.10pm. The second fixture of the month is on Thursday November 28th when the action gets underway at 1.10pm while the final race starts at 3.50pm.

Racegoers can get into the Christmas spirit on Thursday December 12th when Taunton host their festive meeting. In addition to the racing that starts at 1pm the King's College band will be on hand to provide appropriate musical entertainment. There will also be a host of Christmas themed trade

stands, whilst hot mulled wine and mince pies will also be available. Taunton rounds off 2019 in style with their Christmas meeting on December 30th when the seven race card gets going at 12.45pm. This is always the best attended meeting of any year at Taunton and is a real must on the local social calendar for many people. With this in mind, the advice is to arrive in plenty of time to avoid the queues and miss out on any of the action. To save money and avoid buying tickets on the gate the advice to anybody going along to any of the meetings at Taunton is to purchase on-line in advance where as much as a 40% discount is available! To purchase tickets on-line in advance and for all further information please log onto www.tauntonracecourse.co.uk





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