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Darren Daley
Editor

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Free cakes for kids

By Sarah Gardener



I set up this local community group back in October 2019 after a chance encounter with a lady at a National Cake exhibition in London. We discussed the love of baking and supporting the community and she suggested Free Cakes for Kids. I loved the idea instantly. The idea behind Free Cakes for Kids is simple: we bake for families, who find it difficult to provide a birthday cake for their child. All cakes are baked 100% by volunteers, who operate locally and independently in their own private kitchens. Since setting up the volunteer group I have met with lots of local charities promoting what we can offer children within the local community. We have also made great links

with the Trussell Trust Taunton Food Bank who support us with ingredients in exchange for homemade cakes to distribute to their referrals. If you are a local organisation that have children who you feel would benefit from our service, please feel free to contact me at freecakesforkidstaunton@gmail.com

If you would like to support us in other ways such as becoming a volunteer baker or supplying baking ingredients, again please e-mail me.

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NEWS

Vivary Park gates restored

The Mayor of Taunton, Cllr Fran Smith, has given a personal thank you on behalf of the town to a local businessman who repaired the iconic Vivary Park gates free of charge. Jason Bailey of Montaz Engineering Solutions Ltd responded to an emergency call out from SWT's open spaces team after the cast iron gates were damaged overnight in February. Several pieces of the historic gates were found scattered on the ground when staff arrived to open them early on the Sunday morning. Mr Bailey, whose Taunton-based firm carries out work on the Council's commercial vehicles, arrived to collect the broken pieces and take them to the workshop at Bishop's Hull. Experienced welder Rob Brookes-Wait carefully restored them and made a replacement part for one piece that was missing. He then worked on site at Vivary Park to fix the restored section into place. The work was completed within four days. Mr Bailey wrote to SWT saying that despite being instructed to undertake this work at the usual rate he intended to make no charge and to offer the repair as a gift. Cllr Smith has told Tone News:

"I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank Jason on behalf of the people of Taunton for his generosity. The craftsmanship is superb and you can see the pride that has been taken in this work. The gesture is very much appreciated. I hope it will help people to recognise the calibre of some of our local businesses, the quality of their work and the pride they have in our community and County town."



Above: Cllr Fran Smith with Jason and Sharon Bailey and the restored gates.

Right: The damaged gates



League of Friends gives £300,000 to Musgrove Park Hospital

It was an evening of celebration at the Somerset County Museum in Taunton last Friday when Chris Cutting, President of the League of Friends Musgrove Park Hospital handed over a cheque for £300,000 to Nicola van Eerde, Matron of the Bracken Birthing Centre and Philippa Quinn, lead midwife.

The money was raised in part by the hugely successful Taunton Toad Trail organised by the League during the school summer holidays. Those attending the event at the Museum included sponsors and supporters of the Trail as well as the buyers who bid for the toads at the auction at Hestercombe in October. Musgrove Park Hospital was represented by Colin Drummond (NHS Trust Chairman) and staff from the Bracken Birthing Centre. As well as the proceeds of the Toad Trail, a generous legacy received by the League of Friends last year had enabled this gift to be made.

The £300,000 upgrade of the Bracken Birthing Centre, funded entirely by the League of Friends, has already begun. The refurbished centre will include two brand new en-suite rooms and an additional birthing pool which, together with better lighting and temperature control, will provide a comfortable modern birthing centre for Musgrove Park Hospital and a greatly improved facility for the women of Somerset.

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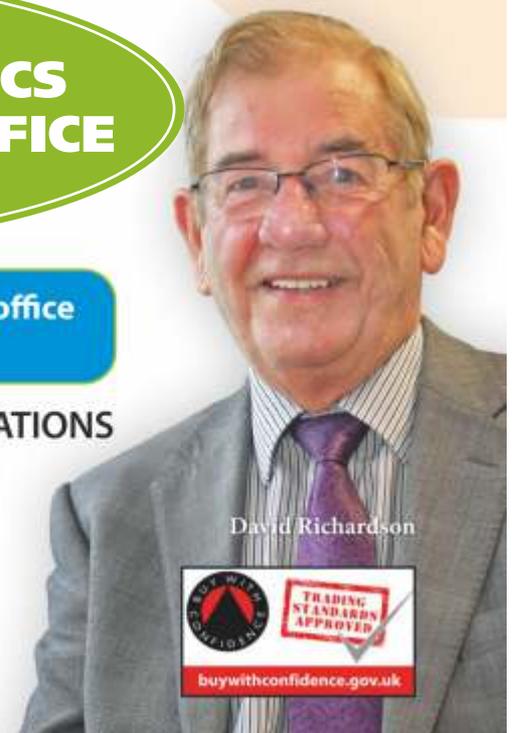
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Somerset County Show 2020

By Sharon Mitchell

The dates for the Somerset County Show at the Taunton Racecourse for 19th and 20th September 2020 are already fast approaching with a huge array of activities and displays booked. The show is designed to showcase the very best that Somerset has to offer with the emphasis on individual and community participation. As benefitting the venue, equestrian enthusiasts will be well catered for with polo and the pony clubs represented alongside the hugely entertaining British trials and scurry driving team and Somerset Mini Grand National event taking part over both days. Field sports of all disciplines are included such as have a go archery, paintball and air rifle range all under expert supervision. For the dog lovers there are gun dog demonstrations and pet scurry competitions, a fun and companion dog show you can enter, plus have a go dog agility and training -so do bring your dog on a lead with you! Celebrity Chef, Lesley Waters is hosting cookery demonstrations throughout the weekend alongside several award winning Chefs and the Somerset WI ladies will be hosting our tea tent and great Somerset Apple Bake-off competition soon to be released for

entries! Classic and Vintage cars will be converging from all over the county, and no show would be complete without the smell and sounds of the Steam Engines- entry forms are on our website should you like to participate.

We will also have model steam train rides for the children and other activities they may enjoy including cooking lessons, fun fair, bouncy castles, ferret racing and Alpaca show plus come and enjoy listening to people taking part in our Tone FM community stage area. We are expanding the show this year with a rare breed /small holders area and Sport Zone for clubs to take part in and the famous Somerset Wurzels will be attending on the 2nd day of the show to entertain us further! Tickets can be purchased from our website- only £12.50 for adults, £5 for children, under 5's and carers with disabled badge holder can attend for free and family tickets only £30 (2 adults and 2 children) per day .For more information, visit: somersetcountyshow.co.uk



Village celebrates reaching important milestone

By Tim Slattery

Stoke St Gregory has a population of only 942 and is now celebrating its fundraising success after the village was in danger of losing its Shop and Pub. As a result, concerned residents set up a community company, HOTV Stoke St Gregory ltd with the aim of buying the Royal Oak, transfer the shop into it and run both shop and pub. Spokesperson Graham Gleed has told Tone News: "It is with considerable pride and satisfaction that I am happy to report that we have reached our goal of raising £200,000 in community contributions. On behalf of the whole HOTV management committee I would like to say thank you for the contribution that each one of you has made to achieving this major milestone. Having crossed this threshold we will now make a formal offer for purchase of the Royal Oak, which is actually a key condition in order to release grants and loans from our funding streams." The tentative schedule for completion of the sale is June 30th or sooner. Fundraising to date is now in excess of £200K and then with a few top-up grants we hope to reach the overall target of £471K. You can read the full story here: stokestgregory.org/businesses/hotv-2/hotv-news/



Community payback scheme

Offenders taking part in a Community Payback scheme have completed 1,500 hours of work on low-priority highway maintenance activities in Somerset. Somerset County Council has been working in partnership with the Probation Service to trial using offenders to help tidy up the streets. The scheme identifies appropriate highway maintenance jobs – like removing weeds and vegetation from footpaths – in suitable, safe locations which can be completed by the offenders, but which are otherwise considered a low priority. This saves taxpayers money and frees up council resources to complete higher priority work to ensure the highway network is safe. One big job that was recently completed is alongside the A38 between Taunton and Wellington.

Councillor John Woodman, Somerset County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, has told Tone News: "This Community Payback Scheme started as a trial and has proven a real success story. By working closely with the Probation Service we've been able to help them find suitable jobs for offenders which directly benefit local communities. It also frees up our resources to tackle more complex and higher priority work tasks. We hope to see this continue in the future." Somerset County Council looks after more than 4,170 miles of road and in 2018/19 invested £24.7m to keep the county moving, including filling 18,519 potholes and delivering 385 highway maintenance schemes ranging from drainage works to carriageway and footway resurfacing. You can stay up to date with our highways team by following @TravelSomerset on Twitter.

Royal Navy International Air Day 2020 called off

Following many months of planning, it has been announced that the Royal Navy International Air Day 2020 has been cancelled. The show was due to take place at RNAS Yeovilton, Somerset, on Saturday 11 July.

This decision to cancel has been made as a prudent measure and in accordance with Government guidance on Covid-19.

Organisers, AHA Events, who are based in Barnstaple have told Tone News:

"Our priority has always been to deliver a safe and enjoyable event for our patrons. In times of such unprecedented uncertainty, the Royal Navy, RNAS Yeovilton and we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Royal Navy International Air Day 2020.

"All tickets purchased will be refunded – more details to follow in due course. In the meantime, we ask for your patience while we undertake this process due to current working conditions. Updates will be made via email and our social media channels.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal patrons, sponsors, exhibitors, participants, emergency services, contractors, station personnel and the many other stakeholders for their continued support in making Air Day the success it has become."

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Somerset Wildlife Trust launch new social media campaign

Somerset Wildlife Trust has launched a social media campaign called #wildlifewindow across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to encourage people in Somerset to share the wildlife they see outside their windows and in their gardens, as well as share positive actions they are taking for nature while at home during the covid-19 outbreak.

With so many people now working from home, self-isolating or social distancing, the campaign #wildlifewindow aims to continue to get people to connect with nature and wildlife, even though it is currently more difficult to go outside, and demonstrate that their spaces, large or small, are homes to wildlife where they can make a difference.

Somerset Wildlife Trust hopes this will help keep morale high, reduce feelings of isolation by allowing people to communicate with a community of other wildlife-lovers, and reduce the feelings of being 'trapped', bored or like they can't do anything to help wildlife when indoors.

They want you use the hashtag #wildlifewindow across the social media

channels in order to share what wildlife you can see out of your window whilst in isolation, or what you are doing for wildlife while at home or in your garden - whether that's getting around to making that hole in your fence for hedgehogs or putting water out for the birds.

Head of Communications, Kirby Everett said, "Evidence shows that connecting with nature helps people feel happier and healthier, improving both physical and mental wellbeing. We hope that by encouraging people to enjoy and value the wildlife on their doorstep and through their window, the current distancing or isolation measures will be easier to withstand and may even create a great sense of community online in a difficult time. We also hope that it might lead to positive changes in terms of how people value of nature after isolation ends, and also drive more people to act for it at a time it needs us the most."

Somerset Wildlife Trust nature reserves currently remain free and open to all and are excellent places to unwind with wildlife, get fresh air, clear your head and



exercise away from any crowd, if you are not in government advised self-isolation. However, they do recommend you take sensible precautions, taking into account the health and safety of yourself and others if you do choose to enjoy the reserves during this time. We recommend you take sensible precautions, taking into account the health and safety of yourself and others if you do choose to enjoy our reserves during this difficult time.

Somerset Wildlife Trust will be sharing the #wildlifewindow images and posts they receive, as well as hoping to share short videos, images and interesting wildlife facts to keep us all entertained. You can follow them on Facebook on Somerset Wildlife Trust, Twitter on @SomersetWT and Instagram on @somersetw.



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Motivational speaker inspires Huish students to create podcast

Over five weeks 'Self-development Coach', Michael Maisey, met with a small group of Richard Huish College students to help them develop their self-esteem, confidence, future focus and general wellbeing. Inspired by these sessions, the group have decided to continue to work together to develop a podcast specifically for their age group. Through the workshops with Michael, the students demonstrated a lot of growth, honed in on their plans for the future and were encouraged to become more independent in their thinking. All have recognised an improvement in their wellbeing and benefitted from forming the bonds they made while participating. Working with Michael the team have created their own podcast, Next Generation. They felt this was an appropriate endeavor because whilst many resources are focused on wellbeing, not all are age appropriate and focus on the challenges they face. It was very important to them to be the ones who were guiding the conversation and they invited Michael to be their first guest. In the podcast, Michael touches on his past and the struggles he faced such as going to prison and how he went from being a drug addict to being sober, reforming and finding happiness. The podcast was filmed and recorded in the Aspen Production Suite at Huish with help from Media students, who provided the camerawork to accompany audio captured by Huish' Music Production students and staff. The podcast is now available on YouTube by following this link - www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvs6R1RR2tU. You can also see all their developments on Instagram - @nextgeneration.podcast.



Michael Maisey (front centre) with group of students

A promotional poster for Taunton Farmers' Market. The background is a light-colored wood grain. In the center is a brown silhouette of a cow, a sheep, and a chicken. Above the cow, it says "EST. 1999". Below the animals, the text "TAUNTON FARMERS' MARKET" is written in a large, bold, serif font. Underneath that, it says "QUALITY LOCAL PRODUCE AT ITS BEST". At the bottom, a red ribbon banner contains the text "Taste of the West's - Best South West Farmers' Market". Below the banner, it says "Every Thursday 9am-3pm High Street". There are four Polaroid-style photos around the central logo: top-left shows donuts with the caption "Tasty goodies"; top-right shows a slice of cake and lemons with the caption "#FoodieThursday"; bottom-left shows various vegetables with the caption "Local Food"; bottom-right shows pieces of meat with the caption "Passionate Producers". At the bottom left is a Facebook icon with the text "TauntonFMarket". At the bottom right is a Twitter icon with the text "@TauntonFMarket #FoodieThursday".

Spid the Spider has arrived!

Spid the Spider is a new children's book series by Taunton based author, John Eaton, tracing the day to day life of Spid, his girlfriend Bid, cousins, friends, and some foes.

Spid has seventeen different adventures. The books are designed to help fathers to read to children primarily, as sometimes that is left to mothers, but it is also fun for mothers and others to read as well.

The books have fun, excitement, humour plus a positive message, a guide between right and wrong.

There are also Spid songs for each book, the first book "Spid the Spider is having a day off" is fully illustrated and 'Having Fun' is the song to accompany it. There is also a Spid Rap song and children can choose from the two versions of the same song by voting for their favourite.

Spid would like you to download a FREE book called 'Spid Battles Pandemic Flu', where the story also encourages children to wash their hands for 20 seconds singing along 'Spid Rap'. It is a fun book with a health message. To download go to Spids website www.spidthespider.com/books.

John Eaton is the author of a new book out later this year called 'Thoughts from a Far Away Place'.



80's pop star Hazell Dean announced for Taunton Pride

By Jenny Keogh from GoCreate

2020 is shaping up to be GoCreate's biggest festival yet, as it showcases events in Taunton Deane throughout the summer in a festival fringe. Bringing together the arts, culture and inclusivity through exhibitions, gigs, workshops, trails and performances in June, July and August as well as a 'Big Saturday' one day FREE Festival in Vivary Park on July 18th incorporating Taunton Live Arts Festival and Taunton Pride.

For one day Vivary Park will be a feast of visual performing arts, culture and inclusivity with multiple music stages, performers, dance area, literary area, children's area, visual arts workshops, cultural villages, artisan food from around the world, bars, crafts and LGBTQ support groups and awareness stalls. A community pride parade through the town will lead to Vivary park to officially open the festival.

Taunton Live and Taunton Pride are thrilled to announce that iconic 80's pop star Hazell Dean will be returning to Taunton to headline at the festival in Vivary Park on Saturday 18th July. With hits including 'Searchin' 'Whatever I do' and 'Who's leaving who'.

Pride Patron Hazell will Close the day's celebrations of Arts Culture and inclusivity. Pride events will be linked through the whole summer programme so there are lots of ways that LGBTQ groups and individuals may wish to get involved... Please contact jenny@gocreate.org.uk for more information or get in touch via our social media platforms.



80's pop star Hazell Dean

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The team works with partners including the Salvation Army and Open Door to support rough sleepers and the homeless with daytime services and night time accommodation.

It also signposts people in need to the Taunton Foodbank who provide emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis.

Many of the volunteers at these organisations fall into the vulnerable group who are being advised to self-isolate by the Government.

This is leaving a shortfall in numbers of people who can keep these vital services running at the time of greatest need.

SWT's Executive Member for Community, Cllr Chris Booth, said: "There has already been an amazing response to this unprecedented crisis from people throughout our community.

I know there are many people out there who are keen to do what they can to help and I am extremely grateful to every one of them.

The Charities that work with us to provide services for the wellbeing of our rough sleeper and homeless community will suffer due to the substantial loss of volunteers during this challenging time. I would urge anyone who is able to volunteer to offer their help, no matter how small."

Full training will be given to anyone who is eligible to help.



Please contact the Taunton Foodbank directly at info@taunton.foodbank.org.uk and the Salvation Army and Open Door at mark@tauntonopendoor.org.uk

Free marketing tips from Daffodil

Local PR company, Daffodil PR & Communications have launched a Pinterest account in the wake of the Coronavirus outbreak, with free marketing and PR tips, to help businesses keep in touch with their audiences during these difficult times.

Subjects include tips for copywriting, using hashtags effectively and a free, downloadable content plan for social media.

Commenting on this, Livvi Grant, Director at Daffodil PR & Communications has told Tone News: We recognise the increasing strain that our businesses, particularly small businesses, are under and with the outbreak of Covid-19, we know many are already feeling the pressure! Social media, and maintaining a relationship with your customers is vital, now more than ever. We wanted to offer some simple tips to help in this difficult time!"

Sharon Grant (yes, Livvi's mum!) added, "we are all facing

very difficult and uncertain times, but we will come out the other side, and it is imperative that our businesses remain as positive as possible, so that we have something to build on when the crisis is over. Of course, if businesses need more bespoke advice, they are welcome to get in touch with us via email, telephone or skype."

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- Only a third of UK workers, around 33 percent, who have experienced a mental health problem have felt supported at work by their manager.
- People aged 55 and above are the most likely to take positive steps to help themselves deal better with everyday life – such as spending time with friends and family, going for walks, learning new things, eating healthily and getting enough sleep.

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The Monthly Alternative with Giles Cosgrove

Spotlight On:

The word "Indie" means different things, to different people. To some it means a time when performing on Top of the Pops with a bunch of flowers in your back pocket was a statement of intent. To others it conjures that all too brief moment when Northern confidence, a storming riff, baggy jeans, and an acid house drumbeat were all you needed for a good time. More recently the word indie may be a reminder of Fake Tales of San Francisco from Beneath the Boardwalk When the Sun Goes Down. But throughout its history, indie has remained one thing: British.

Adding to that oh-so-British history with a handful of demos and a name only an indie band could love is Bath outfit Flos Vita. Taken from the Latin for "The Flowers of Life" the group whole heartedly embrace the heritage of this country's biggest contribution to alternative music since punk, with jangling guitar riffs, soaring harmonies, and lyrics that could work in no other body of music, but sound so endearing over the sonic layers of their performance. "When we kiss, I feel like a jellyfish."

With Jess Leach on Vocals & Guitar, Sam Roberts on Bass, and Kayleigh Buckley on drums, Flos Vita echo 80's genre groups like The Jesus & Mary Chain whilst taking more sonic influence from modern groups like Wolf Alice. Stunningly the group have yet to release an official track, instead coming to the attention of The Sunday Alternative through



their highly polished demos on Soundcloud. With hopes for a tour around the West of England later in the year and plans for a full studio release even sooner, the band are most certainly one of the most exciting indie groups in the South West.

Some might say pretentious, others might say artistically creative, but unabashedly indie, Flos Vita are the indie band you've been waiting for.

Find Them: All demos are out on Soundcloud and the band can also be found on Instagram & Facebook.

Sounds like: Music someone forgot to put on the soundtrack to "Submarine"

Acts to Watch Out For in this Month:

- Your Local Music Scene!**
 With the way everything is at the moment there are going to be many small local bands who are really struggling without live shows and tours. Show them some love, stream their tracks, buy their merch, share their stuff on social media. It's that or watching more Netflix?
- October Drift**
 The Taunton Rock Gods announced a massive UK Tour for later in the year. Fingers & toes crossed.
- Dirty Blueprint**
 With a little help from The Sunday Alternative the band recorded a music video for "On My Back" which is available to stream 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

Art Deco Dungeons and Mechanical Dragons

With people staying in at the moment I am going to talk about the latest expansion to

magic robots called the Warforged amongst others. Dragon marks give players unique magic powers.

Dungeons and Dragons. As you can play it over the internet and still socialise. It's called Eberron: Rising from the last War.

Finally you get a new class to play, the Artificer. These are characters that use a mixture of science and magic to create different items. There are 3 versions the Alchemist that creates potions and healing magic. The Artillerists creates powerful canons and other heavy weapons. Finally the Battle Smith creates magic amour and melee weapons.

It gives you a guide to the land of Eberron, which unlike other fantasy lands magic is not just used by old men with big beards or elf ladies. It is used by everyone causing a huge leap in technology like airships, lighting trains and even newspapers. For dungeon masters there are maps, new characters, magic items and a guide to the land of Eberron such as culture, government and the aforementioned war. For players you get new races like shapeshifting Changelings, half beats half human Shifters and even

So if you want to do a fantasy campaign with your mates that's a bit different the book is available now.

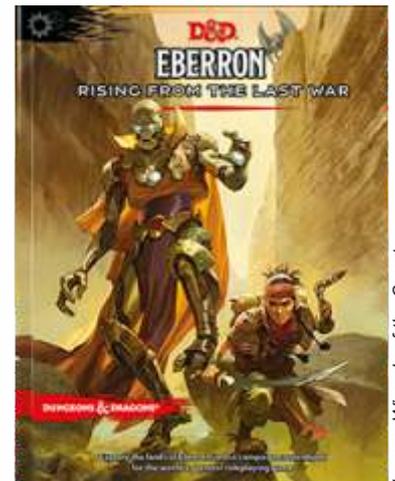


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Up the Peacocks By Rob Wenham

Before the start of the 2019/20 season plans were afoot to develop the existing club shop at Taunton Town FC. This was an opportunity to develop an area of the Club and its untapped potential. Volunteers came forward and the new team was formed. Existing volunteer Rob Wenham (who has a number of roles including stewarding, media duties and coordinating away travel) continued with his invaluable support with the shop. Lee Derrick came on board as Club Shop Manager supported by Catherine Herbert and Jane Whelan. As the pre-season friendlies concluded and the season started, the focus was on looking at ways of informing supporters about the new club shop team and its products. The match day programme was now available to purchase from the shop, along with payments for away travel. Fans were no longer restricted to cash purchases, with the introduction of a card machine, and improved signage was displayed in store. The club shop has also managed to secure a sponsor - Simon Rowlands Building Services which in turn enabled the shop to invest in new stock. To further engage with the supporters the club shop now has its own Twitter and Facebook

pages, so not only do we let fans know about products, opening times etc. we can also share Taunton Town FC news which means we become a second arm of communication. The reaction has been excellent with other clubs and media outlets highlighting that we were one of the first club shops to have its own Twitter page. We also use this method for fans to contact us about products and it is another way to generate sales.

One of our new products is Player Portraits which is hand sketched individual portraits of the Taunton Town FC players from supporter and artist Art Maniac 88 (Rocky Webster). We are very keen to embrace the skills of our own supporters and it's not just about selling a new product but further enhancing the club's bond with its fans. Lee Derrick, club shop manager, has told Tone FM: "When I joined the team last year one of the visions that the Club had was that I want to see the children and football fans of Taunton not wearing premier league football shirts, but those of Taunton Town FC. That spurred me on personally and I want the club shop to be at the forefront of helping realise that vision." #upthepeacocks



FAQ's about PAT testing...

Why is it called PAT Testing?

The process of checking appliances is normally called 'Portable Appliance Testing' and is abbreviated to 'PAT Testing'. As you can probably see, this is actually incorrect – you are actually saying 'Portable Appliance Testing testing! If we used the phrase 'PA testing' then this would get confused with those who test 'Public Address (PA) systems such as microphones, speakers and amplifiers. Therefore, most people in the industry use the phrase PAT Testing as this is common use.

Is PAT Testing a legal requirement?

The legal requirement for maintenance is designed to ensure that equipment remains safe and is given the various pieces of legislation, the 3 most important of which are as follows:

- The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974
- The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998
- The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989

You will note that there is no specific legislative requirement to carry out inspection and testing nor there is no reference to any prescribed frequency or test methods.

How are the tests carried out?

The exact procedure for inspection and testing will vary considerably but can broadly be divided into 3 categories:

- User Checks – often referred to as an 'external examination' which is carried out by those who use the equipment.
- Formal Visual Inspections - which consist of a scheduled, detailed inspection, the results of which are recorded.
- Combined Inspection & Test - where the appliance is subjected to the electrical test with results once again being recorded.

How often should I PAT Test my equipment?

It is often assumed that annual inspection and testing should take place, but this not the case as it is not a legal requirement. Furthermore, this may not be the most appropriate in many cases and is acceptable for the duty holder to specify different test frequencies, depending on the type of equipment, the situation it is used in and the skill set of those persons using it.

What is the cost of PAT Testing my equipment?

Prices can vary depending on which company you use or how many items are being tested but as a general rule of thumb Taunton PAT Testing rates are fairly straight forward. There is an initial call out fee of £39.95 and then each individual item will cost £1. So, for example, if you had 23 items which needed testing, the total cost would be £62.95.



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Down at the Club by Spencer Bishop



Charity Pig Racing raises over £1500 for Neonatal Unit

Somerset County Cricket Club are pleased to be able to announce that we have helped to raise over £1500 for Somerset Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Musgrove Park Hospital. The money was raised thanks to the generosity of those who attended Christmas Party Nights last year.

Toy pig racing was introduced at our Party Nights in 2013 to help raise money for charity, and ever since it has become the highlight of each evening. Every night, each table is asked if they would like to sponsor a pig for a minimum donation of £10. Once all of the tables have chosen their pigs they are lined up, switched on and the race begins! The first pig across the dance floor is then declared the winner with the winning table getting a large festive

cocktail bauble to enjoy.

Somerset Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (SNICU) is a specialised ward for the treatment of premature and sick newborn babies. The unit cares for sick and preterm babies within Somerset. SNICU is a local neonatal unit and is situated in the maternity building at Musgrove Park Hospital. The unit is divided into two different areas: Intensive and Special Care. After the cheque presentation, Neonatal Unit Manager, Sue Fulker has told Tone News:

“We would like to thank everyone involved in the fund raising for the Neonatal Unit at Somerset County Cricket Club. Charitable donations allow us to improve the facilities for parents who stay with their

babies whilst they are receiving care in the Neonatal Unit. We are also able to provide funding for additional equipment to enhance the care and treatment of the babies. The staff and parents would like to extend their thanks to everyone involved in this fundraising.”

SCCC Catering General Manager, Sam Safe went on to tell us:

“We are delighted to have been able to support the Neonatal Unit at Musgrove. The staff there do an incredible job and we are really pleased that this money will help them deliver such an important service. I would also like to thank everyone who attended our Party Nights. It’s their generosity that enables donations like this to really make a difference.”



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