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Welcome to the final issue of **Tone News** for 2020 - *the year we all want to forget!!*

Hopefully your plans for Christmas are not too hampered by everything going on around us so I thought I would try and add a little festive cheer with my Christmas hat!



Darren Daley  
Editor

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Whilst many have asked Santa to take a year off, nothing will stop him arriving at Hestercombe again this year! Visit Hestercombe this Christmas to enjoy a magical Father Christmas experience, where every child can meet the man in red and receive their own special gift! When you arrive, you'll be greeted by one of our friendly Hestercombe elves, who'll hand you a special activity pack full of festive fun.

When Father Christmas is ready, you'll wander through the winter gardens to the man himself. In his magical garden folly, the log fire will be roaring, lights will be twinkling on the Christmas tree and sacks of presents will be waiting... A visit to Father Christmas is extra special in the dark as you can wander along the illuminated pathway to his garden hideout.

After seeing Father Christmas, children can enjoy taking part in our Christmas gardens trails 'Rodney's Christmas Coat' and 'Rosie's Festive Foray', followed by a visit to the Stables Café for festive hot chocolate and other winter treats.

Tickets are £10 per child. This includes all day Hestercombe admission for the child, and half-price admission for accompanying non-member adults.

Father Christmas can see a maximum of three children in each slot – please book one session for up to three children. To ensure the experience is Covid-safe, a maximum of five people will be allowed into Santa's Grotto at any one time (including children).

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**Saturday 5th December..... 10am - 7pm**  
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**Sunday 13th December..... 10am - 7pm**  
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# NEWS

## Measures in response to East Street consultation

SWT will be introducing more dedicated off street parking for Blue Badge holders in the town centre following a public consultation on the temporary closure of East Street, Taunton.

The current temporary closure to all vehicles except cycles was initiated as a joint response from SWT and Somerset County Council (SCC) working with the police and other partners, to enable social distancing and encourage walking and cycling in line with the first round of Active Travel funding to support the re-opening of high streets.

The impact on East Street and traffic flow around the town has been monitored with several mitigation measures already considered such as installing more crossing points with ramps to support those with low mobility.

The consultation gave SWT an opportunity to seek wider views while awaiting the outcome of a bid for Active Travel phase two funding which would enable an extension of the scheme.

The results showed 53% of respondents thought the closure had been a success and were in favour of it being extended whereas 37% felt it had not been a success and 10% were undecided.

Positives were seen as more space (83%) and the ability to cross the road safely (80%). Negatives were the impact on



traffic movement around the town (75%) and the loss of on-street parking (41%).

If the scheme is extended SWT, working in partnership with SCC, will create additional Blue Badge holder bays in key town centre streets and some car parks. In tandem, it is proposed to implement a timed closure of East Street to allow greater traffic movement during peak travel times, integrating new street furniture and cycle storage into the scheme.

The extra parking will include Blue Badge bays on Billet Street and on Magdalene Street, with two additional Blue

Badge spaces in the Crescent Car Park. The layout of the proposed temporary car park on the bus station site in Tower Street will also have an increased proportion of Blue Badge bays when it comes into operation in the new year.

All on street parking on East St will be removed but Blue Badge holders can continue to park on double yellow lines anywhere in the town.

The new barrier controlling the closure of East Street will be used to restrict access between 10am – 4pm daily and will remain lifted outside of these times.

## 'Appy Christmas'

Somerset West and Taunton

SWT is giving the e-commerce platform ShopAppy to local businesses for 12 months, providing another way to boost trade. The scheme will give people who usually shop online a chance to support the local business community and buy local this festive season.

The Council is the first in Somerset to provide the ShopAppy.com platform which allows local businesses to sell and showcase their goods and services online.

SWT is offering this service **free of charge** for the first 12 months, making it easier for local people to browse, book and buy local all in one place. Orders on ShopAppy.com can be home delivered, picked up from the shop itself, or from a collection point such as visitor centres, local pubs or cafés which allow customers to get their items outside normal business hours.

The hospitality and events sector as well as community organisations can also use the platform to take bookings or stage online activities, sales or virtual events. Businesses registered will be allocated a community officer to assist and support with loading products and promotion.

Cllr Marcus Kravis, Executive Member for Economic Development,



has told Tone News:

"We are always thinking of ways to support our local shops and businesses and this is more important than ever as we begin the economic recovery from Coronavirus. I'd like to think it gives our local economy another way to improve sales and attract more customers in the changing marketplace. I hope local traders will sign up and residents across the district and beyond will support them."

The service, which was launched in November 2016 by lecturer-turned-entrepreneur Dr Jackie Mulligan, now has more than 300,000 users, and in over 150 towns. To sign up to the scheme visit: [shopappy.com/taunton](http://shopappy.com/taunton)

## £30k Richer!

One person in Taunton has been given a day to remember after winning £30,000 after their postcode, TA1 5NX, was announced as a winner with 'Peoples Postcode Lottery' on Friday 16th October.

The Southwood Grove resident won the prize as part of People's Postcode Lottery's special October campaign, where one postcode is announced as a £30,000 prize winner every day. All the players in the postcode win £30,000 for every ticket they hold.

The Taunton winner chose to remain anonymous, but the prize will be paid into their bank account. Sending their congratulations was People's Postcode Lottery ambassador Matt Johnson, he told Tone News:

"I'm over the moon for our winner in Taunton! A big congratulations to them. I hope they celebrate today and enjoy spending the cash. 'Peoples Postcode Lottery' costs £10 a month to play and there are guaranteed winners every day. People play with their chosen postcode and are automatically entered into all draws.

A minimum of 32% of ticket sales goes directly to charities and players of People's Postcode Lottery have helped raise over £600 million to date for thousands of good causes across Britain and internationally.

This draw was promoted on behalf of children's education charity Theirworld, which has received over £6.6 million in funding thanks to players.

Local good causes close to the winning postcode have also benefited from player support, including Compass Disability Services. In 2018, it was awarded £8,000 to set up a young person's community choir to help bring young people together through singing.



# Christmas Events

## West Somerset Railway Santa Express

*Throughout December*

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## Rumwell Farm Shop: Meet Father Christmas

*Sat, Dec 5 & Sat, Dec 12 from 11am - 4pm*

*Meet Father Christmas for five minutes in a safe, socially distanced, magical winter wonderland setting. Supported by his team of elf and safety staff, each child receives an age appropriate gift. Tickets cost £8.95 per child. Bookings are essential can only be made via our website. A maximum of four children with an appropriate adult, or two!*

## Taunton Independent Market

*A quality destination street market on Castle Green on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Over 50 food, drink, gifts, home wares and craft stalls.*

*Sunday, 13 December from 10:00am - 16:00pm*

## Eat Taunton Christmas Festival 2020

*28 November: Town Centre*

*eat: Taunton is back with more local food and drink, entertainment and free cookery school*

## Wellington Town

*Saturdays 21, 28. November*

*(Wellington's Lights will be on from 28 November)*

*Saturdays 5, 12, 19. December*

*2.00pm - 4.00pm*

*There will be people walking around in glorious and splendid costumes and walk-about street theatre entertainment.*

## Cards for good Causes charity

**Christmas card shop**

*At the Taunton Visitor Centre*

*Open Monday to Friday*

*9.30am-12.45pm then 1.30pm-4.30pm*

## Collegium Singers present Winter Wonderland

*21 December. Church of St John the Baptist, High Street, Wellington, TA21 8QY.*

*Collegium Singers is a chamber choir based in Somerset.*

*They have developed a reputation for excellent performances of interesting programmes which challenge singers, players and audiences alike*

## The Brewhouse: ROH: The Nutcracker

*18 December, 7.30PM.*

*Making its festive return to The Brewhouse, Peter Wright's interpretation of The Nutcracker has been enchanting children and adults alike since its first performance by The Royal Ballet in 1984.*

[www.thebrewhouse.net](http://www.thebrewhouse.net)

## Monkton Elm Garden Centre: Private Shopping Evenings

*These four special evenings will have a limited number of guests to help make social distancing effortless. Entry to the evenings will be via pre-booked tickets only.*

*The evenings will take place from 5.30pm - 8pm*

*Tuesday 17 November*

*Wednesday 25 November,*

*Thursday 3 December & Friday 11 December.*

## Taunton Late Night Shopping

*Taunton's lights will be on from 22 November  
Thursday 26 November, Thursday 3 December,  
Thursday 10 December, Thursday 17 December.*

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All events subject to change. Please refer to Government guidelines for Covid-19

## The Brewhouse welcomes a new Chief Executive

Taunton Theatre Association is delighted to announce the appointment of its new Chief Executive, Amy Bere, who has recently taken up her role to lead the Brewhouse Theatre and Arts Centre from 1st October 2020.

Previously, Amy was Executive Director for the Arts at Dartington Trust where she lead the development and delivery of Dartington's artistic strategy.

Amongst a wide range of responsibilities, Amy managed the performance programme – the internationally renowned Dartington Music Summer School & Festival, Barn Cinema, Dartington Live series, as well as the Engage programme, which works with regional arts organisations and community practitioners.

This experience perfectly positions Amy to bring fresh ideas and a new approach to The Brewhouse and its mission to bring great arts and culture to the South West through its live performance, cinema and community engagement programmes.

Amy, a recent guest on the Tone FM Breakfast Show told us:

I'm excited to be joining the staff, volunteers and trustees of the Brewhouse Theatre. It's an incredibly challenging time for artists, communities and organisations in the wake of global events, however I look forward to supporting and developing



Amy Bere

resilience through cultural engagement in Taunton and Somerset, working with the creative community in the region and beyond.

Other career highlights include large scale enrichment programmes with Opera North and Glyndebourne as well as broad experience working with Leeds' Caribbean and South Asian communities, alongside summer learning projects showcasing at Leeds

Playhouse and Harrogate International Festival.

**You can listen again to our EXCLUSIVE interview with Amy Bere on the website: [tonenews.co.uk](http://tonenews.co.uk)**

## Kings Hall School pupil wins national short story competition

By Richard Walsh

During the lockdown, Jago B who attends King's Hall Taunton had the surprise of his young life when he entered a national short story competition.

The Year 8 pupil has long been an avid reader of the Alex Rider series of novels by Anthony Horowitz about a teenage spy named Alex Rider.

Jago found the competition on the Alex Rider website, duly sent off his entry of 500 words and paid little more attention to it until a few weeks later a letter dropped on his doormat announcing he had won!

The judges were certainly impressed by the Taunton based youngster's entry told Tone News:

"Jago's was a pleasure to read with exceptional description, an imaginative plot, good characterisation and great pacing/tension."

Jago's story will soon be published on the Alex Rider website – so keep a look out.

As part of the prize the King's Hall have also won ten signed copies of the brand new mission in the Alex Rider series, Nightshade, and a class set of Alex Rider secret message pens, bookmarks and stickers.

Head of English at King's Hall, Jane Stukes, went on to tell Tone News:

"Using the story starter, 'When the doorbell rings at three in the morning, it's

never good news', as a rip roaring opening, Jago's stylish action-adventure had me literally holding my breath until the witty punchline ending: 'Then he bolted from the room.' Move over Anthony Horowitz, here comes Jago B! Congratulations Jago: an outstanding story!"

The author Anthony Horowitz commented:

"Well done, Jago. You deserved to win – such a lively, entertaining piece of writing. When I was your age, I was nowhere near as good as you."



Competition winner Jago

## Love Musgrove 'Tree of Light' Christmas Appeal

Christmas is the time of year when we think of someone special or give thanks.

Through our Tree of Light Christmas Appeal we have created a special bauble for messages and memories which will be hung on our Christmas tree at Musgrove to create a spectacular display. If you would like to have a Tree of Light bauble on our Christmas tree with your message, please head to our website, [lovemusgrove.org.uk/tree-of-light](http://lovemusgrove.org.uk/tree-of-light) today.

Donations at Christmas support the work of Love Musgrove across the Hospital, funding items above and beyond what the NHS covers. Whilst you are thinking about leaving a special message for a loved one, why not also give a gift in memory or recognition of someone to support our work.

## The Christmas Craft Fair

The annual artisan craft market has been trading in Taunton at Christmas for over 15 years and will return again this year under COVID-19 guidelines near the Christmas tree.

Meet the makers for quality and unique handcrafted gifts comprising textiles, jewellery, fused glass, preserves, ceramics, wood turning, knitted accessories, animal portraits, clothing and much more!

Don't forget our Christmas draw to win a hamper full of exciting goodies from the artisans Entry with each purchase at the market over £10!

The Christmas Craft Fair will be held from the 1st - 20th Dec in the town centre.





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# The Affinity Trust By Lucy White

"Affinity Trust is a national charity that supports over 900 adults with learning disabilities to live as independently as possible in their own homes. Whilst 2020 has been a different and difficult year for us all, one of the people we support locally, J, has been using her time to achieve some great things!

She has spent lots of time baking and has made a yummy rainbow cake, as well as some scones, which she has enjoyed sharing with her family, friends

and staff or eating sitting outside on her garden table and chairs. She has also been getting out walking lots and exploring new places, as well as making some new friends along the way!

J has also been really creative and has enjoyed making pictures with her new stencil set and writing letters to family and friends during lockdown. It is great to see that she is able to keep happy and smiling during these difficult times, with support from her staff."



# Healthcare vacancies at Wellesley Hospital

Elysium Healthcare are recruiting now at Wellesley Hospital - a modern purpose-built hospital in Wellington – to staff a new extension.

Wellesley Hospital is welcoming new faces to join the growing team. From Registered Nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals to Support Workers and service staff, there are a range of new opportunities available.

For people looking for a new, rewarding and secure career as a Support Worker, previous experience isn't always necessary; just a passion to help others and to be naturally caring. Elysium will provide the support and training to help you succeed in your new career.

Wellesley Hospital is a 73-bedded service that provides care to men and women with mental health conditions across five wards. The service is supported by a multidisciplinary team with extensive experience in mental health, forensic services and specialise in delivering recovery focused care.



Wellesley Hospital supports service users through their individual care plans which includes therapeutic and clinical treatments, developing new life skills and preparation for community living.

If you're looking for a rewarding career where you'll be supported to the best you can be, Elysium will help you grow your career with online training and career development opportunities. Plus, you'll enjoy wellbeing activities, free meals on duty, extensive annual leave and a competitive annual salary.

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# ETB Autocentres getting in gear with Taunton depot acquisition



ETB Autocentres has opened the first of several new depots between now and the end of the year, after acquiring a popular garage in Taunton. The purchase of HiQ in Priory Bridge Road is a statement of intent from ETB, as it widens its footprint in the south west of England. The depot, one of the HiQ network's top performing sites, has already been rebranded and ETB is promising to keep up the good work undertaken by previous HiQ franchisee Gary Thomson, owner of SW Tyres. ETB, with 26 depots across Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, South Wales, Somerset and Plymouth, sees huge potential in the Taunton store and will be following up the purchase with more in the near future.

ETB's marketing manager John Tear has told Tone News:

"We are thrilled to have completed this purchase and vow to offer the very best levels of service to motorists across the area. We have been in discussions for some time and this acquisition underlines our ambition to grow as a network. We will continue to offer a fantastic service to each and every motorist who arrives on the forecourt – at the most competitive prices available. This acquisition represents part of a significant expansion plan and one of seven site openings between now and the end of the year."

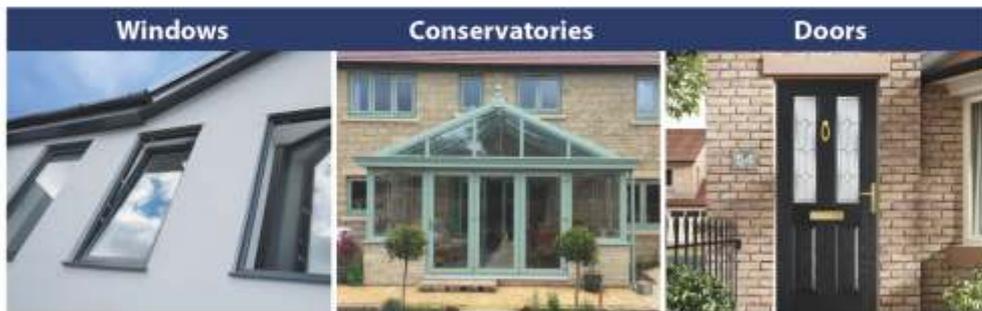
The six existing Taunton technicians are unaffected by the takeover and SW Tyres' managing director Gary Thomson was keen

to thank them for their tireless work, who also told us:

"I've got nothing but fond memories of my time in Taunton and as a resident of the town, it has been a privilege to be able to provide a successful automotive service in the local community. Since purchasing the site in 2007, we've enjoyed a number of highs and have grown significantly as a business. In recent times, we have been affected by the coronavirus outbreak as so many other businesses have, but we remained resilient and were still extremely busy which is testament to the relationships built over the years and the service we have always provided."

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# #UpThePeacocks

Despite the significant challenges of hosting football matches with a crowd (albeit restricted to a 600 capacity) in a pandemic, Taunton Town F.C have made great strides on and off the pitch.

It's also been an extremely busy time behind the scenes at The Cygnet Health Care Stadium with the development of Covid-19 risk assessments, plans and guidelines needing to be put in place before a ball could be kicked.

An increase of Volunteers, introduction of a Covid-19 Support Team and online ticketing system have all assisted to enable the Club to play initially in front of a restricted crowd of up to 600 supporters in as safe an environment as possible for all.

Peacocks supporters continue to get behind their local Club. Season Ticket sales have increased substantially and the 'Player Sponsorship' scheme has been well supported by fans to assist the Club in kitting-out the squad.

Taunton Town F.C continues to develop positive links across the South West and are proud to announce securing the Modern Slavery and Exploitation Helpline, part of the Bristol-based Charity, Unseen UK as the Clubs's Twitter 'Goal GIF' Sponsor.

Chairman Kevin Sturmey told Tone News:

"We are all in this together and we all know how important our club is to the community and how it helps to break down

barriers so hope this season even more engagement can occur even if it is socially distant!"

The Peacocks now proudly wear the new 2020/21 Home and Away kits provided by partners Joma & SCS Ltd who have also provided five stylish new clothing products in the bespoke 'Supporters Range'.

Taunton Town F.C continues to develop positive links and are proud to announce securing the Modern Slavery and Exploitation Helpline, part of the Bristol-based Charity, Unseen UK as the Clubs's Twitter 'Goal GIF' Sponsor & Portt & Co, Cygnet, SCS, Copper Dot Digital and Berrys Coaches as new kit sponsors.

The Club Chairman outlined the basis for the Player sponsorship. "It will help us become more professional in our quest for National League football", he said, "as the monies raised help contribute towards the player's training kit and travel wear.

The Joma range offers fantastic kits and leisurewear and due to Covid-19 the players receive a pack of everything which they themselves look after. Prior to Covid we would have looked after much more but this means their clothing is theirs and also has their squad number on it which avoids sharing."



# Gav Step promoted within the England ranks

The coaching appointments for England teams in the 2020-21 season have been confirmed with the conclusion of a St. George's Park technical directorate restructure that includes a new-look FA Education.

The England Women's head coaches were confirmed earlier this month in advance of the September camp at the national football centre, with Rehanne Skinner stepping up to assist Phil Neville with the seniors and Bev Priestman set to lead the Young Lionesses' challenge at the FIFA WU17 World Cup to be played in India next February.

The Youth Development phase, performance manager for the U17's is Taunton's very own Gavin Step!

Formerly a player with Bishop's Lydeard and now runs the Huish Tigers, Gav spoke to Tone FM's Breakfast Show presenter, Darren Daley about his new role within the England camp. You can listen to the interview by visiting the website: [tonenews.co.uk](http://tonenews.co.uk)



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