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Welcome

A phrase uttered a lot in local councils at the moment is doing 'more with less'.

We are dealing with significant cuts in Government funding yet at the same time the demand for services from the public has never been higher. In short, people want you to do more, but you have less money available to do it.

Our approach is to get the best value for money services possible by finding efficiencies and savings – and, as far as possible, to use council staff to do this rather than bring in consultants or outsource services.

For example, a review of street cleaning has saved around £100,000 each year through changes which include the use of route optimisation computer software to plan routes more efficiently. At the same time the Are You Being Served? residents' survey shows public satisfaction with street cleaning increased from 49.9 per cent in 2008 to 60.5 per cent last year.

Our leisure services teams have saved £480,000 so far, with another £300,000 of savings anticipated over the next three financial years. Our waste and recycling contract was renegotiated in 2011 and saved £900,000 compared to the costs of the previous contract.

Restructures and reviews in other teams have also found new and efficient ways to deliver services, particularly through the use of new technology to speed up processes.

This work never makes headlines in the media. But it saves money – and lots of it – that enables us to continue providing you with the services that really matter.

Councillor John Burrows
Leader of Chesterfield
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Queen's Park Sports Centre update

A funding bid has been made to significantly improve the facilities on offer at the new Queen's Park Sports Centre.



Artist impression of the café looking onto the pool (subject to change)

The council has applied to Sport England for a grant of more than £1 million. This would allow us to extend the plans for the swimming pool from six lanes to eight lanes and increase the number of sports courts from six to eight.

This would make it possible to run more activities at the same time than is possible in the current Queen's Park Sports Centre.

At the time Your Chesterfield went to press, we were waiting to find out if our bid had been successful.

Other features in the new sports centre will include:

- Learner pool with moveable floor and children's fun water features

- Café
- Village changing facilities with individual and family cubicles for swimmers
- Changing facilities for other activities
- Activity studio
- 70 to 75 station gym
- Two squash courts with moveable wall
- Midwifery centre
- Car parking for approximately 100 cars.

The council's planning committee approved plans for the new centre, on the site of Queen's Park Annexe, at a meeting in May.

Other sites around Chesterfield were considered for the new sports centre but none were suitable.

Morgan Sindall has been appointed as the contractor to deliver the project. The firm also built the Arc Leisure Centre in Matlock.

The council will provide training and employment opportunities for local people during the building work.

It is anticipated that the new centre should be completed by the end of 2015. The current Queen's Park Sports Centre will remain open until the new one is built.

We have given a public commitment that the existing sports centre site will not be used for houses, flats or shops. We will seek the views of the public, English Heritage and other interested parties later this year on potential uses for the site that are complimentary to the park and its grade two star listing heritage.

Residents help keep Chesterfield litter-free

One of the topics we receive most complaints about is litter.

Our street sweepers clean the borough's streets every day and surveys show more than 60 per cent of residents are happy with how clean our streets are. But it's understandable people get annoyed when litter is dropped in their neighbourhoods.



Chris and Charlie hard at work on a rainy day in May

Chris Baker lives in Loundsley Green and often takes his three-year-old son, Charlie, on walks around the area.

Charlie will sometimes say to him “Look Daddy, there’s some rubbish. Naughty people drop rubbish.”

Chris said: “I explained to him that not all litter is dropped on purpose but can be blown out of bins by the wind.

“It gave me the idea to get some like-minded people together who also appreciate our area and may want to keep it tidy.

“Our area is far from full of windswept litter but I thought it would be nice to have a purge of what has been discarded and blown around in recent months.

“When little Charlie saw a litter pick in one of his cartoons and independently asked if he could pick some, I thought that was the final sign I had to arrange it.”

Chris raised the subject at the regular open meeting of the Loundsley Green Community Trust and volunteered to run the litter pick – other people said they would attend if he was able to arrange it.

He approached Wendy Blunt, the council’s community development worker, who put him in touch with our environmental services team.

They provided equipment including bags and litter pickers for free. Volunteers were asked to bring along gloves and appropriate footwear.

Starting at Loundsley Green Community Centre, Chris and fellow volunteers spent two hours picking up litter from the surrounding areas.

Chris said: “Despite the rain we collected 12 big bags of rubbish from the park and surrounding areas – the turnout was good and enthusiastic.

“If there’s need for another I may plan one again this year, if not, I’ll plan one for late spring next year.”

The council also picked up all of the rubbish collected afterwards to dispose of it safely.

Although our staff clean the streets regularly, the amount of rubbish dropped by people means there will always be some litter in neighbourhoods.

So we will be helping residents organise litter picks in their own areas this summer and autumn through our community assemblies.

Residents have attended the community assembly meetings and identified litter as a priority where they live.

We asked them to identify particular litter ‘hot-spots’ and we are giving them advice on how to organise litter picks.

Our environmental services staff have worked with them to help organise the events and will provide the necessary equipment.

For more information about organising a litter pick, visit the Love Where You Live website: [www.lovewhereyoulive.org](http://www lovewhereyoulive.org). This has lots of useful information including arranging a health and safety assessment, planning the area to litter pick and what you need to tell your fellow volunteers.

Follow the Community Assemblies on Twitter: @CBCAssemblies or like the Facebook page www.facebook.com/chesterfieldassemblies. Alternatively, call Wendy Blunt, community development worker, on 01246 345344.

Dates of next community assembly meetings

Chesterfield West	Tuesday 16 September	Town Hall, Rose Hill
Chesterfield North	Wednesday 17 September	Newbold Community School
Chesterfield East	Wednesday 24 September	Brimington Community Centre
Chesterfield South	Thursday 25 September	Town Hall, Rose Hill

All meetings will start at 6.30pm and finish around 8pm. There will be a councillors’ surgery after each meeting.

New home for voluntary services

As we reported in our last issue, four of Chesterfield's voluntary sector organisations have moved into their new home in Chesterfield Town Hall.

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre, Derbyshire Law Centre (formerly Chesterfield Law Centre), the Trade Union Safety Team and Links CVS are based in the basement of the Town Hall in new, modern work spaces.

To access their offices, use the ramp on the east side of the Town Hall, to the right of the building when you view it from the front on Rose Hill.

All of the agencies offer free, independent, advice to residents about a number of different issues.

Contact details for the agencies:

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre
Tel: 01246 231441
e-mail: info@duwc.org.uk
Web: www.duwc.org.uk

Derbyshire Law Centre
Tel: 01246 550674
Web: www.derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk

Trade Union Safety Team
Tel: 01246 380415
e-mail: mail@safetyteam.org.uk
Web: www.safetyteam.org.uk

Links CVS
Tel: 01246 274844
e-mail: linkscvs@btconnect.com
Web: www.linkscvs.org.uk

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1 Rose Hill East
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Grants available

The council's community chest is open for local groups to bid for between £1,000 and £5,000 in funding to support activities that will improve the quality of life for Chesterfield residents.

The activities will support priorities set by residents at our community assemblies.

The deadline for applications is 19 September, with funding allocated in November.

For more details, contact Wendy Blunt, community development worker, on 01246 345344 or e-mail wendy.blunt@chesterfield.gov.uk

Lancers march into town

One of our local regiments will exercise their freedom of entry to the borough this week.

The 9th/12th Royal Lancer (Prince of Wales's) Regiment will march through the town on Thursday 3 July.

There will be 200 soldiers on parade with the regimental band, two mounted soldiers and the regimental standard.

The parade will form up outside the Town Hall, Rose Hill at 10.30am and will march off at 11am. Members of the public are invited to watch the parade.

Mr William Tucker, Derbyshire's lord lieutenant, will take the salute.



Work to begin on Parkside

Work is set to begin on a new sheltered housing complex in Chesterfield, which will offer a home to more than 60 residents.



This is one of the council's key projects for the coming year as part of our commitment to improve the quality of housing in the borough and make sure our tenants have homes which are warm, in good repair and have modern facilities.

The new complex, which will cost £3 million, will have 22 two-bedroom flats each with a kitchen and lounge area, wet room type bathroom, a generous storage area and hall.

This will provide bigger, more flexible accommodation than the

38 bed complex it replaces, which was built in the 1970s.

Each flat will also have either a balcony, a Juliette balcony or a bay window.

There will also be a common room, communal kitchen and assisted bathrooms. A scooter store will also be provided for residents with mobility scooters.

In the summer, residents will be able to sit out in the enclosed courtyard area. This will have a pergola to allow them to walk in the shade, a greenhouse and a garden area for residents.

A car park with spaces for 10 cars will be provided for residents and visitors.

The building, in Stand Road, will also have a sprinkler system.

Over the last year we have been working with Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, who have provided funding, to fit sprinkler systems into our sheltered housing complexes. So far, they have been fitted into Catherine Court and Brockwell Court.

Demolition of the old Parkside Court began just before Christmas and was completed in April.

Work to build the new complex is set to begin in August and is expected to be complete by summer 2015.

We're doing well

September will see us host the annual well dressing in the market place.

The dressing of the well takes place from Monday 8 to Friday 12 September in the Market Hall.

The well will be on display at the town pump in the market place from Saturday 13 to Saturday 20 September.

The theme of this year's well dressing is Chesterfield Market Hall.

There will also be a well dressing held at the 'Crooked Spire' church.

Our photo shows one of the daleks being prepared for last year's Doctor Who themed well dressing by willing volunteer, June Thompson.



Home is where the heart is

A scheme funded by £1 million from Chesterfield Borough Council and £250,000 from Derbyshire County Council is helping first-time buyers get low cost mortgages.

We spoke to Gillian Sutton, who signed up to the scheme.

Getting a foot on the property ladder can be a daunting business.

So when Gillian Sutton decided the time had come to buy a property after living in rented accommodation in Chesterfield for 15 years she was looking for help.

She turned to a mortgage scheme which Chesterfield Borough Council helps fund and now owns her own home.

Gillian explains: "I wasn't really happy in the area I was living and I'd wanted to move for a while to a better house and I'd been looking at other rented houses.

"It was my son who kept saying to me to go to the bank and find out if it would be possible to buy."

Gillian is one of the residents who has benefitted from the Local Authority Mortgage scheme, called Local Lend a Hand.

This allows people to get a 95 per cent mortgage from Lloyds Bank on a similar interest rate to a 75 per cent one.

Gillian says: "I was surprised when I was offered a 3.4 per cent mortgage. I decided to check with other lenders to see if there was a better deal out there but this one worked out better."

“It was my son who kept saying to me to go to the bank and find out if it would be possible to buy.”

The maximum mortgage available is £142,000. With a five per cent customer deposit, this allows a first-time buyer like Gillian to buy a home up to the value of £150,000.

The scheme is available for first time buyers who live in Chesterfield borough and want to buy an existing property – rather than a new build – in the borough.

This is because, on average, every first buyer of an existing home leads to four transactions further up the chain, which is better for the local economy.

Gillian and her family were able to move into their new home in Boythorpe in February.

The house was on the market for £115,000 but she negotiated with the previous owners to drop the price to £101,000 because the property needed some work carried out.

She said: "It's a lot better, simply because I know it's mine. I'm not paying out dead money any more.

"My daughter is 14 and it's nearer to her school and to her friends – which is what we wanted.

"The house has three bedrooms and this means I have an extra room which we can use when my grandchildren come to stay – there's also a large, enclosed garden at the back for them to play out."

Living in her own home rather than rented accommodation also allows Gillian to carry out some renovations.

She said: "This house has a dining room as well as a lounge – that means I will be able to knock through from the kitchen to make it bigger.

"I'll also be able to turn the small front garden into a driveway."

Gillian says she would recommend the scheme to other first time buyers in a similar position.

She said: "Just go for it. It can be a bit daunting, especially when you don't know all the things involved.

"The staff at Lloyds Bank were helpful, they explained all the terms and made it easy to understand."

Any first time buyer taking advantage of the mortgages will own their new home.

Anyone interested in one of the mortgages should visit their local branch of Lloyds Bank.

More information is available on our website www.chesterfield.gov.uk click on housing and then on the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme link.



Helping children get their five-a-day



James Stennett and Lauren Wagstaff putting together a fruity hedgehog

We all know how important it is to eat healthily but when it comes to our children, it can be difficult to encourage them to eat the recommended five portions of fruit and vegetables each day.

With the latest government statistics showing that almost 19 per cent of 10 to 11 year olds in England are classed as obese, it's never been more important to teach youngsters about eating a healthy, balanced diet.

Our food safety team has been visiting primary schools in Chesterfield showing children fun ways to eat more fruit and vegetables.

We joined a session at Inkersall Primary School.

We asked the children how many of them managed to eat their five a day.

Erika Cooper (*shown right*) said: "I love fruit, my favourites are strawberries, cucumber and kiwi fruit.

"It's important to eat lots of fruit and vegetables so you don't get fat.

"If you only eat junk food, and don't take exercise you will get too fat but if you do eat fruit and

vegetables, that means you will have a healthy diet."

We also took along some fruit for the children to arrange into different shapes. This can be an amusing way of encouraging children to try different fruits. Here are some ideas for making your own fruit scenes:

Hedgehog

To make a hedgehog, take a pear and peel half of it. To make its spikes, thread grapes and raspberries onto cocktail sticks and stick them into the hedgehog's body. Use raisins or cloves for the eyes.





Callum Parkinson shows off his artistic fruit palm tree

Palm tree

You can make a palm tree by cutting up and arranging fruit including bananas for the trees, kiwi fruit for the leaves and branches and clementines for the sand.

The children enjoyed this activity. Erika said: "It was really fun to do, to make the fruit look nice but I've not tried blueberries before – and I've just found out I don't like them."

Similar sessions have been held with youth and community groups including the Rother Health Group and Garden Buds. Their aim is to help families to grow their own fruit and vegetables, to eat healthily and exercise.

You can find out more about healthy eating on the Change4Life website www.nhs.uk/change4life

You can sign up for handy hints and tips to make sure you eat your five a day. It includes simple steps, such as swapping snacks for fruit, including a portion of fruit with breakfast or eating vegetables with your dinner.

Healthy lunch boxes

We're challenging children who have a packed lunch to do 'healthy swaps' on the food they take to school each day.

Inkersall pupil James Stennett (*shown right*) says he usually has three things in his lunchbox: a sandwich, a chocolate bar and a yoghurt.

Louise Kirk, one of the council's environmental health officers, suggests he tries his sandwiches on wholemeal bread and tries some salad on them.



To replace the chocolate bar, Louise suggests trying fruit, such as strawberries dipped in chocolate to keep the flavour with less sugar and fat.

Here are a few examples of healthy swaps

Previous lunch box	Healthy swap
Sandwich on white bread	Sandwich on wholegrain bread or pitta bread
Crisps	Vegetables, such as carrot, cucumber or pepper. Breadsticks with dips such as tomato salsa, low fat cheese spread, guacamole or low fat houmous
Chocolate biscuit	Dried fruit, such as raisins or apricots. Yoghurt or tinned fruit in juice
Fizzy drink	Fruit juice or squash with no added sugar

Pick 'n' mix your way to a healthy lifestyle

When sessions at his existing gym were getting a bit predictable and boring, Dave Hawkes was looking for a new challenge.

So when our leisure team launched its new Fitness Pick 'n' Mix membership package for the Healthy Living Centre and Queen's Park Sports Centre Dave decided to take advantage of it.

Dave, who lives in Inkersall, said: "I had been getting bored at my previous gym because there was no swimming pool or sauna.

"So I signed up for the membership package. I mainly go to the Healthy Living Centre in Staveley but sometimes go swimming at Queen's Park Sports Centre as well.

"I tend to go about two or three times a week. I would like to go more but I work as a network engineer so I travel up and down the country a lot so it isn't always possible."

For £24.79 a month you can pick four different types of activities to suit your personal needs or tastes. And you can change that mix of activities up to four times a year.

You can choose from these six options:



Gym at both leisure centres



Swim at both leisure centres



Group exercise classes at both leisure centres



The climbing wall at the Healthy Living Centre



The health spa at the Healthy Living Centre



Racquet sports (squash, outdoor tennis, badminton, table tennis) at Queen's Park Sports Centre. These are free if you and everyone else taking part are members. However, if you are the only member then you get discounts of 50 per cent off squash or outdoor tennis or 33 per cent off badminton or table tennis.

It is hoped the new package will encourage more people to take up activities and get themselves fit and healthy.

Dave said: "If you want to lose weight or to look and feel better then I would say it is a good idea to get the membership as you can get personal trainers to give you advice and to motivate you."

As part of the package you also get an Active Chesterfield membership card. This has 18 further benefits, including a range of discounts on various activities, being able to book classes and courts eight days in advance, discounts on food and drink and priority waiting list registration for swimming lessons.

The Active Chesterfield membership card is also available for people who don't want a Fitness Pick 'n' Mix package. It is a one off cost of £18.50 for families, £14.95 for adults and £8 for students and volunteers.



One of the council's main aims is to 'encourage people to live healthy and active lifestyles'.

The good news is that in Chesterfield the number of physically active adults is above the national average.

However, the number of obese adults and the number of children in year six who are obese are both above the national average, while the number of healthy eating adults is below the national average.

And in some parts of Chesterfield men live an average of eight years less, and women 5.2 year less, than those who live in other areas of the town.

Overall this means that men live an average of 77.3 years and women 82.5 years, compared to the national averages of 78.9 and 82.9 years respectively.

This is why we have made investment in leisure activities a priority despite the Government cuts we are dealing with.

Welcoming our new mayor

Councillor Alexis Diouf has become Chesterfield's 374th mayor. Originally from Senegal, West Africa, Councillor Diouf has lived in Chesterfield since 1980.



The new mayor and mayoress are seen above with their family including their five grandchildren

He was elected as a Liberal Democrat member for Walton ward in 2003.

Born in 1955, he recently retired as a social services manager in Derbyshire County Council's adult care department.

He has also worked as a social worker at Walton Hospital, for the United Nations in Mali and for the charity World Vision in Senegal.

He will be supported by his wife, Vicky-Anne, who will serve as mayoress. Vicky-Anne works part-time as a primary school teacher.

They succeed Councillor Paul Christopher Stone and his mayoress, Mrs Barbara Wallace.

The mayor will support three charities during his year of office: the British Heart Foundation, Rooftop - a charity funding the Chesterfield Churches Action Winter Shelter, and the Friends of Baback in Chesterfield – a small charity sponsoring children from the primary school the mayor attended in Senegal. It also sends educational and medical equipment to village schools and dispensaries in Senegal.

New police base

Derbyshire Police has opened a new office at Hasland Village Hall.

Police officers will visit during patrols and hold meetings with residents there.

The building is owned by Chesterfield Borough Council and is available for hire.

The hall is regularly used for exercise classes, parties, meetings, weddings and concerts.

To hire the hall, call 01246 345333 or visit www.chesterfieldvenuehire.co.uk

Theatres update

Work is progressing well on the improvements to both the Pomegranate Theatre and the Winding Wheel.

The £750,000 works funded by Arts Council England and Chesterfield Borough Council will allow us to offer a wider range of events.

Theatre goes also recently voted on a new seating layout for the Pomegranate Theatre.

The most popular option was for removable seats to fill in the centre aisle for high demand productions, such as pantomime and ballet.

The work will be completed in time for the new season in September. See the listings on pages 22 to 23.

Duke officially opens Market Hall

Chesterfield's Market Hall has been officially reopened by the Duke of Devonshire.

The Market Hall, which is owned and operated by Chesterfield Borough Council, underwent a £4.3 million redevelopment last year.

As he unveiled a plaque to mark the official opening, the Duke said: "What a tremendous achievement to manage the Market Hall in a commercial way, in the interests of everyone who lives and works in Chesterfield.

"It's the beating heart of this great town - and means that Chesterfield will have even more appeal to visitors. Jobs have

been created and it is something to be very proud of."

Around half of the £4.3 million cost was spent on refurbishing the historic Assembly Rooms on the first floor of the market hall building and creating a suite of around 20 offices, which are fully let.

There are also 43 retail units, of which 91 per cent have already been let. Many previous stall holders have returned, along with some new businesses.



The Duke chats to Sarah Risorto of Delicibo deli - one of the new businesses that opened up after the refurbishment.

In January, the market hall was named the UK's best small indoor market by the National Association of British Market Authorities.

Parade for the Spireites

Thousands of Spireites supporters crowded in front of the Town Hall on 12 May to celebrate Chesterfield FC winning the Sky Bet League 2 title.

The players arrived in an open-top coach in the victory parade from the Proact Stadium before appearing on the Town Hall balcony and attending a civic reception organised by the council.

Staff had only a week to organise the event and make sure everything ran smoothly on the night.



Photo: Destination Chesterfield

New Age Kurling

Residents in our sheltered housing complexes have been taking part in sports activities organised by Derbyshire Village Games in partnership with the council.

The course saw them learn skills involved in sports including new age kurling and skittles.

Chesterfield based coach Leo Shippam organises sports sessions in the borough for people of all ages and abilities.

For more information, contact Leo on 07584 905 991 or e-mail leo.shippam@chesterfield.gov.uk

Three big hits on their way to Chesterfield Theatres

Chesterfield theatregoers will have the chance to see three big shows at our theatres this autumn.

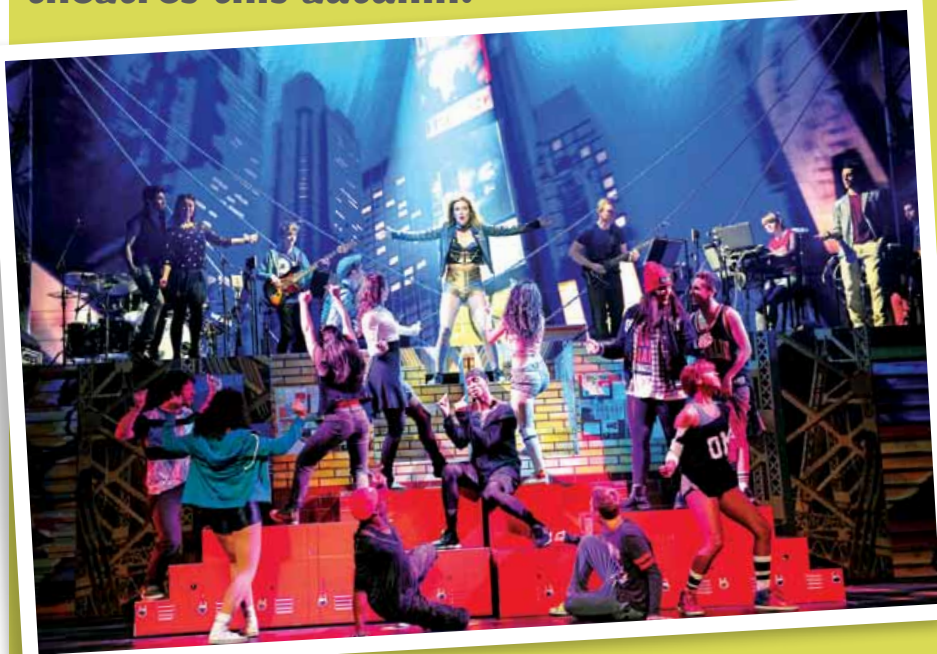


Photo: Hugo Glendinning

If you loved the crazy kids in leg warmers, desperate for stardom in the 1980s film and TV series, then **Fame - The Musical** is for you.

Re-imagined and remixed for 2014 the show comes to Chesterfield from the West End.

The show will be on stage at the Winding Wheel from 15 to 20 September.

A classic hit, the show has been brought up-to-date featuring young, talented hopefuls on their quest for stardom.

Featuring classic songs including Fame and Let's Play a Love Scene, the show has been a hit in

the West End and on Broadway since 1988.

For those who enjoy comedy plays, the Pomegranate Theatre hosts John Godber's **April in Paris** from 15 to 20 September.



The play is staged after the success of September in the Rain by the

same author last year and stars Coronation Street and Loose Women star Shobna Gulati and Doctor Who and The Upper Hand actor Joe McGann.

The plot shows the couple, trapped in a rocky relationship, and their exploits after winning a romantic break to Paris.

For super sleuths, the Agatha Christie Company comes to the Pomegranate Theatre from 29 September to 4 October with the Poirot mystery **Black Coffee**.



This was the first play written by Agatha Christie and features Poirot unravelling the murder of an English inventor.

To book tickets, visit www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk or call the box office on 01246 345222.

Chesterfield bowled over by cricket festival

The whack of leather on willow will once again be ringing out across Queen's Park as we host the Derbyshire Cricket Festival.

The week-long festival takes place from Sunday 6 to Sunday 13 July and is funded by Chesterfield Borough Council as part of our programme of community events.

Derbyshire County Cricket Club will take on Essex in a four day series as well as Twenty20 games against Leicestershire Foxes and Yorkshire Vikings.

This is the eighth annual cricket festival to be held in Queen's Park, which is the home of Chesterfield Cricket Club.

Matches during the festival

Sunday 6 July: Derbyshire Falcons v Leicestershire Foxes
Twenty20 game

Monday 7 July to Thursday 10 July: Derbyshire v Essex
Championship

Sunday 13 July: Derbyshire Falcons v Yorkshire Vikings
Twenty20 game

Tickets are available from Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre in Rykneld Square.

All the fun of the market

Chesterfield's famous open-air market will transport visitors back in time to the Middle Ages this summer.

The annual Medieval Market takes place on Tuesday 29 July from 10am to 4pm.

Stallholders will be in fancy dress selling their goods and running games for children.

There will be a medieval encampment in the grounds of the 'Crooked Spire' church, complete with knights and sword skirmishes and a jester in Rykneld Square.

Visitors to Chesterfield Museum can meet a medieval miller and the 'Crooked Spire' will be open for trips up the tower.

The annual markets festival takes place from Thursday 30 October to Saturday 1 November.

Thursday 30 October will see the Bargain Hunt and Forties market.



Friday 31 October sees the children's market and art competition.

On Saturday 1 November there will be a taste the difference market and cake competition.

See pages 22 and 23 for more event and theatre listings.



The way we register to vote is changing

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



There may be a number of reasons for this, for example, they may have moved home or changed their personal details since the record was last updated.

The biggest change to the way people register to vote in over 100 years is taking place.

We will write to all 82,000 registered electors in the Chesterfield borough at the beginning of August to tell you about the change – which is called Individual Electoral Registration – and explain whether you need to take action.

What is Individual Electoral Registration?

Previously, the 'head of household' was responsible for registering everyone who lived at their address but now each person living there is responsible for making sure they are registered to vote.

Do I need to do anything?

Look out for a letter at the beginning of August – it will tell you if you are registered to vote or whether you need to take action.

Most people who are currently registered to vote have been registered automatically under the new system. They will continue to be registered to vote as usual.

If you receive a letter saying you've been automatically registered you do not need to do anything, but if you move home in the future you will need to register again.

Respond to the letter if you are asked to.

A small number of people on the electoral register have not been automatically registered under the new system.

If you receive a letter at the beginning of August saying you need to register, it's straightforward to do.

Go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and fill in the online form or you can return the paper form we send you.

You will need to provide a few more details about yourself to register – these are your date of birth and National Insurance number. Your National Insurance Number can be found on your National Insurance card, or in official paperwork such as payslips, or letters about benefits or tax credits.

To find out more

You can visit:

**www.gov.uk/yourvotematters or
www.chesterfield.gov.uk/elections**

**Alternatively call us on 01246 345402 or
email: elections@chesterfield.gov.uk**

Hornsbridge update

Work has begun on the sculpture which will take pride of place at the Hornsbridge roundabout.

The council's planners have given permission for the eight metre high sculpture by local artist Melanie Jackson (*shown above with a model of the sculpture*).



The design, called Growth, features a wheel or cog symbolising our industrial heritage with an opening flower rising from the centre. It was chosen as the artwork for this key location by residents and local businesses.

The sculpture will be put in place during the autumn.

The project has been funded by the European Regional Development Fund and Barratt Homes.

The funding can only be used to make environmental improvements to install public art at key sites and entry points to the town centre.

You can see regular updates of the work by reading Melanie's blog on her website: www.melaniejacksondesign.com

As part of the project, work will also be carried out to improve the approach from Chesterfield Railway Station into the town centre.

This will include a new footpath with images of vintage railway tickets and new tree planting.

Funding for our young sporting stars

Young athletes in Chesterfield are benefiting from more than £3,000 to help them with their training.

Sixteen athletes from the borough received bursaries of up to £250 to help them with the costs of travel, equipment, coaching fees and competition costs in sports such as swimming, athletics, karate, squash, cricket and table tennis.

The grants came from ICON, a partnership set up by Derbyshire Sport to support local athletes as part of the county's Olympic legacy.

The council is also giving them free use of our sports centres for their training.



Check them out

Residents are being warned to check that anyone who offers to take waste away is legally authorised to do so.

Legitimate firms will have a waste carriers' licence and give you a waste transfer note with a written description of what will be disposed of and where it will be taken.

You must keep this for two years as proof of who took the waste as you could be prosecuted if someone dumps it and you don't have this form.



Protecting your pets

Any pet owner can imagine the horror of losing a beloved companion and the agonising wait to see if he or she will be found safe and well.

Dog owner Sue Kirksmith (*shown left*) of Newbold lost her three year old black Labrador Jack in May.

Sue's other dog, Jet, is taller than Jack and is able to open the back door. While Jet stayed at home, Jack had walked the one-and-a-half miles to Newbold Primary School, where he was made a fuss of by the children.

Luckily, Jack was micro chipped when he was only 12 weeks old. This meant that when the council's dog warden, Michelle Hill, arrived, she was able to scan Jack and return him straight away to his family.

Sue said: "I was very pleased he was brought back - and so quickly - because anything could have happened."

"I'd encourage all owners to make sure their dogs are micro chipped - so that if their dog was lost, they would be able to have him or her returned."

Owners who have had their animals micro chipped must make sure their details are up to date. If you have changed address or your dog has changed owners, you will need to contact the database you are registered with such as the national PetLog database: www.thekennelclub.org.uk/petlog.

Dogs should also have a tag with their address and contact details of the owner, to make it easier for a lost dog to be returned.



Dog warden, Michelle, is seen above with a very grateful and happy Jack.

button at the bottom of the page. After eight days, a dog is sent to Derbyshire Dog Rehoming.

Unclaimed dogs are rehomed wherever possible. Indeed, Sue has been in touch to see if there is another dog available to join the two she has already, not to mention her five cats and a chicken.

A dog recently rehomed was a Husky named Spirit.

Husky dogs are more difficult to rehome – but animal-lover Nikki, who lives in Lincoln, was only too pleased to make the journey to Chesterfield to give Spirit a new home.

Nikki says: “Spirit has settled in better than I ever could have hoped. She gets on brilliantly with my others and has become attached to me very quickly, she’s so loyal. She’s behaved impeccably too.

“She loves having an acre to run in.”

If you feel you would be able to give a dog a loving home, visit the website at <http://tinyurl.com/oxcm4q>

They list all available dogs with photos so potential owners can decide which dog would be right for them.

To contact Derbyshire Dog Rehoming, call 01246 456781 or e-mail dogs@dogrehominguk.co.uk

You can visit any day between noon and 2pm to see the dogs that are up for adoption at Broomhill Farm, Broomhill Road, Old Whittington, S41 9EA.

If you lose your dog, call the dog warden service on 01246 345345 during office hours Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 5pm or Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm. At other times call 0300 3230076.

There is a £25 charge for returning lost dogs.

If the dog cannot be returned straight away, they will be sent to kennels. The charges for kennelling a dog rise each day for up to eight days and the charges must be paid in full before a dog can be returned.

A full list of charges is on our website. Visit www.chesterfield.gov.uk and click on the Lost Dogs



Spirit is shown second from the left with her new friends.

Your Chesterfield What's on

Chesterfield Market

Saturday 5 July
Summer market with a
fairytale theme

Tuesday 29 July
Medieval Market

Saturday 16 August
Chesterfield Food and Drink
Fair in the Assembly Rooms,
Market Hall and in the
Market Place

Thursday 28 to Sunday
31 August
Continental Market

Saturday 13 to Saturday 20
September
Well dressing - Town pump

Thursday 30 October to
Saturday 1 November
Chesterfield Market Festival

Derbyshire Cricket Festival

Queen's Park, Chesterfield

Sunday 6 July: Derbyshire
Falcons v Leicestershire
Foxes Twenty20 game

Monday 7 to Thursday 10
July: Derbyshire v Essex
Championship

Sunday 13 July: Derbyshire
Falcons v Yorkshire Vikings
Twenty20 game

Tickets are available
from Chesterfield Visitor
Information Centre in
Rykneild Square.
Tel: 01246 345777

Chesterfield Marathon

starting at Queen's Park
Sunday 14 September
www.chesterfieldmarathon.co.uk

Chesterfield Museum

Open Mondays, Thursdays,
Fridays and Saturdays.
Admission free.
Tel: (01246) 345727.

Until Saturday 6 September
10am to 4pm
Chesterfield Grammar
School
Exhibition run with the Old
Cestrefeldian Society.

Tuesday 29 July
10am to 4pm
Meet a Medieval Tile Maker

Monday 11 August
10am to 4pm
World War One Medicine

Saturday 13 September to
Saturday 22 November
10am to 4pm
Stage Presence
Exhibition exploring the past
of Chesterfield's theatres, with
Chesterfield Theatre Friends.

Thursday 30 October
10am to 4pm
Magic Eye
Looking at the world of optical
illusions from Victorian times.



Revolution House, Old Whittington

The historic house is open
each Saturday, Sunday and
bank holiday from 11am
to 4pm until Sunday 28
September.
Admission free.
Tel: (01246) 345727.

Sunday 20 July
11am to 4pm
Horrid History of Food

Sunday 10 August
11am to 4pm
Meet a World War One
Officer

Sunday 21 September
11am to 4pm
Stand and Deliver
Meet a highwayman

Chesterfield Theatres

Winding Wheel

chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk
BOX OFFICE (01246) 345222

Thursday 31 July
8pm
Spotlight Comedy Club -
Crooked Smile Award
Nine up and coming
comedians compete in the
annual competition.



Tuesday 5 August
7.30pm

Jimmy Carr: Funny Business

The latest stand up show from
the popular comedian and
host of TV's 8 out of 10 Cats.
Adults only.

Friday 8 August
7.30pm

Rock n Roll Paradise
Backed by the Paradise Band,
this celebration of the magic
of rock n roll packs more
than 40 songs into a critically
acclaimed show.

Sunday 17 August
11am-4pm

Wedding Fayre

This free event lets you
meet a host of local wedding
professionals and see the
Winding Wheel set up to stage
a wedding.

Friday 22 August
7.30pm
Only One Direction



The original tribute band
playing the songs of the chart
topping One Direction boys.

Thursday 28 August
8pm

Spotlight Comedy Club

Featuring Craig Murray, from
the Plusnet TV adverts, and
Liverpoolian force Adam
Staunton.



Friday 29 August
7.30pm

Ultimate Elton and the Rocket Band

Paul Bacon provides the
ultimate tribute show playing
songs from throughout Sir
Elton John's legendary career.



Thursday 4 September
7.30pm

Dominic Kirwan

The Irishman performs
songs in his own inimitable
style from his homeland.
A celebration of his 25 year
career.

Friday 5 September, 7.30pm
Roy Chubby Brown
 The comedian returns with his no holds barred Who Ate All the Pies? show.
 Adults only.
 Not for the easily offended.



Wednesday 10 September
 7.30pm
The Blues Band
 Vintage blues sounds from the line-up which includes ex Manfred Mann members Paul Jones and Tom McGuinness.

Thursday 11 September
 7.30pm
Let's Hang On
 Featuring the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

Friday 12 September
 7.30pm
Abba Mania
 The tribute act bring back to life the classic Abba hits.

Thursday 25 September
 8pm
Spotlight Comedy Club
 With Alfie Moore, from ITV's Show Me The Funny and Steve Bugeja, writer for Mock The Week.

Monday 15 to Saturday 20
 September
 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm
FAME - The Musical
 A new production, re-imagined and re-mixed for 2014.



Thursday 2 October
 7.30pm
Jethro
 The Cornish comedy legend returns with his unique brand of West Country tales.
 Adults only.

Sunday 5 October, 7.30pm
That'll Be The Day 2014
 The nation's favourite rock n' roll variety show.

Thursday 16 October, 7.30pm
Seth Lakeman
 Folk singer, songwriter and virtuoso fiddler.

Pomegranate Theatre

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Monday 29 September to Saturday 4 October
 7.30pm,
 Wednesday matinee 2pm,
 Saturday matinee 3pm
**Agatha Christie's
 Black Coffee**

Hercule Poirot investigates the murder of an English inventor.

Saturday 18 October
 11am and 2.30pm
The Sooty Show
 Sooty is joined by his friends Sweep, Soo and TV partner Richard Cadell for



family fun
(suitable for ages three plus)



Monday 15 September to Saturday 20 September
 7.30pm, Wed matinee 2pm, Sat matinee 3pm
April in Paris

Another hit show from the producers of September in the Rain. Shobna Gulati (Coronation Street) and Joe McGann (Calendar Girls, The Upper Hand) star as a couple who win a competition for a romantic night in Paris.

