



BRIDGING SOCIAL ISOLATION



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Welcome to Edition No.77 of Bridging Social Isolation, our Platinum Jubilee special. We have another Jam-packed edition with local news, events and a very tasty looking Jubilee trifle recipe!

We hope you can join us at Bridgend for our celebration afternoon on Wednesday 1st of June, details of which can be found on page 6.

The Centre will be closed on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd due to the Bank Holiday celebrations but we will be open as usual on Saturday 4th. Why not pop down then and invest in some pre-loved clothing, you can read all about the benefits of buying second-hand on page 5.

If you have any articles or ideas that you would like to see included in the next edition, please pop in to see us at the centre or drop us an email to info@bridgendcentre.org.uk

Two new Bollington Town Councillors

On Monday 23rd May, Bollington Town Council co-opted two new Councillors for Central Ward, David Kent and Miriat Naiga. The Council congratulate David and Naiga and welcome them to the team. They also thank the other four candidates to the team.

The next full Council meeting is on 7th June 2022 at 7pm.

Palmerston Street Road Closure



Palmerston Street has been scheduled to close for resurfacing from Thursday 9th June to Wednesday 16th June 2022 from the junction of Ingersley Road to the junction with Clarence Road (at the Aqueduct).

The work will be carried out between the hours of 9.30am - 2.30pm and there will be full access to all businesses and Pool Bank Car Park during this time. If you have any further questions, please contact Cheshire East Highways on 0300 123 5020.

Jubilee Relax on the Rec

Bollington Town Council are pleased to announce the Jubilee 'Relax on the Rec' on Sunday 5th June 11.00am-5.00pm, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There will be lots going on including, a dog show, music, BBQ, balloon modelling and a treasure hunt. So bring along your picnic and enjoy a free, fun, family day out.



Council Tax Rebate

HM Government

£150 GOVERNMENT COUNCIL TAX REBATE



If you live in a property in council tax bands A to D, you are likely to receive a £150 council tax rebate from the Government to help with the cost of living.

Cheshire East Council are continuing to roll out their £19.9M council tax energy rebates and are urging eligible taxpayers to apply. Many readers will be eligible. If you pay your council tax by Direct Debit, you should have received it directly through your account, but if you pay manually you can make an application for the rebate. You can access more information on the Cheshire East website here: https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_tax/council-tax-news/council-tax-energy-rebate.aspx or contact the Council Tax team on 0300 123 5013 for more information.

Scarecrow competition

The closing date for the Great Bollington Jubilee Scarecrow Show is this Friday 27th May.



The Great Bollington Jubilee Scarecrow Show

4th - 5th June

The show is being held on the 4th and 5th June and is a great opportunity for you to build and display your own scarecrow, or join the trail and vote for your favourite! This year's theme is The Platinum Jubilee.

For further information, and an entry form, please go to the BTC website (www.bollington-tc.gov.uk) or call Bollington Town Hall (01625 572985) for a paper copy of the form and get your scarecrow out for all to see!

We love this scarecrow that appeared at the front of the town hall this Thursday, the purpose of which is to show support to everyone who will be taking part in the competition.



Fabric Fair crafty creations



Following a very generous donation of a large quantity of fabric, last month we held a Fab Fabric Fair to raise funds for the Centre. We asked shoppers to share the creations they made with their purchases and Bridgend volunteers Mave Charnock and Janet Ritchie have done just that. Mave's purchase of bird patterned fabric became a versatile shopper bag and Janet's pretty floral became a dress made from a pattern purchased at the fair. According to Janet, the most expensive part of the dress was the zip which came from a 'real' shop and cost £3.50! I think you will agree they are both fantastic creations and we would

love people to share any others that have been made by popping in to the centre to show us or emailing a picture to info@bridgendcentre.org.uk.

Time to Talk– Dementia Awareness

Time to talk

Are you living with memory problems or dementia?

Are you a carer for someone with memory problems or dementia?

Would you like some advice or support?

Call in at one of the drop-in sessions at a venue in Bollington, Disley or Poynton for friendly, professional advice from your local health team.

Find out about dementia services, finances, therapies, diet and social groups, etc.

There's no need to book, just turn up. For more details see overleaf.

Time to talk 2022

Mon 6 th June	Disley Library, SK12 2BB	10.30am—12.00 noon
Wed 29 th June	Poynton Civic Hall, SK12 1RB	1pm—2.30pm
Fri 8 th July	Bridgend Centre, Bollington, SK10 5PW	1pm—2.30pm
Wed 27 th July	Poynton Civic Hall, SK12 1RB	1pm—2.30pm
Mon 1 st August	Disley Library, SK12 2BB	10.30am—12.00 noon
Wed 24 th August	Poynton Civic Hall, SK12 1RB	1pm—2.30pm
Fri 9 th September	Bridgend Centre, Bollington, SK10 5PW	1pm—2.30pm
Wed 21 st September	Poynton Civic Hall, SK12 1RB	1pm—2.30pm
Mon 3 rd October	Disley Library, SK12 2BB	10.30am—12.00 noon
Wed 19 th October	Poynton Civic Hall, SK12 1RB	1pm—2.30pm
Fri 11 th November	Bridgend Centre, Bollington, SK10 5PW	1pm—2.30pm
Wed 30 th November	Poynton Civic Hall, SK12 1RB	1pm—2.30pm
Mon 5 th December	Disley Library, SK12 2BB	10.30am—12.00 noon
Wed 14 th December	Poynton Civic Hall, SK12 1RB	1pm—2.30pm

Fun Facts about The Queen

The Queen is about to celebrate her Platinum jubilee, marking 70 years on the throne and making her England's longest serving monarch in history. Here we share some fun facts about her and her reign.

- ◆ The Queen has carried out more than 21,000 engagements over the course of her reign.
- ◆ At least 35 countries have issued coinage with the image of The Queen.
- ◆ The Queen has sat for over 200 official portraits during her reign, the first was in 1933 when she was seven years old and was a portrait painted by Anglo-Hungarian artist Philip Alexius de Laszlo.
- ◆ Over 180 garden parties have been held at Buckingham Palace since 1952 and over 1.5 million people have attended a Garden Party during The Queen's reign.
- ◆ Her Majesty has owned more than 30 Corgis and Dorgis during her reign, most of which have been descended from her first Corgi, Susan, who was gifted to her on her eighteenth birthday in 1944
- ◆ In 1997 The Queen launched Buckingham Palace's first official website, in 2014 she sent her first tweet and in 2019 published her first Instagram post .
- ◆ In 2009 Her Majesty witnessed Swan Upping for the first time. This annual event on the River Thames includes the weighing and measuring of the swans and checks are made on their health and well-being. Since the 12th Century, the Monarch has retained the right to claim ownership of all unmarked mute swans found in a particular section of the River Thames.
- ◆ The longest overseas tour that The Queen has undertaken began in Bermuda in November 1953 and ended in Gibraltar in May 1954. She was away for 168 days and visited 13 different countries.
- ◆ During her reign, Her Majesty has received many gifts including a variety of live animals. The more unusual animals were placed in the care of zoos, among them jaguars and sloths from Brazil, an elephant from Cameroon and two black beavers from Canada.
- ◆ As British passports and driving licences are issued in The Queen's name, she is not required to have either – a privilege held by her alone.
- ◆ Her Majesty speaks fluent French and has often used the language during audiences and State Visits.
- ◆ Her Majesty's Coronation ceremony was the first to be broadcast on television, as a result of which people purchased television sets in their millions. 27 million people watched in the UK alone, and television was ushered in as a mainstream medium.
- The Queen (then Princess Elizabeth) became a Girl Guide In 1937 aged 11, learning how to pitch tents, cook on campfires and administer first aid. At 16, she joined the Sea Rangers: a separate unit of the Girl Guides created for those with a strong naval interest. She was made a Sea Ranger Commodore in 1945.
 - ◆ In 2013 The Queen became the first Monarch to be presented with an Honorary BAFTA award in recognition of a lifetime's support of British film and television.



Get loved up with eBay x Love Island

Coupling up soon!
Stay tuned for more info...



Popular ITV tv show Love Island has taken a stand to encourage viewers to buy second-hand clothing. In previous series of the show, contestants all wear clothing from retailers that fall into the category of Fast Fashion. Fast Fashion is the culture of buying inexpensive, mass produced clothing to keep up with fashion trends in an almost disposable manner. An estimated £30 billion worth of clothes that have never been worn are hanging in wardrobes across the UK. The environmental impact of the production and disposal of these clothes is catastrophic and carries a very large carbon footprint. A staggering 10.000 items of clothing are sent to landfill every five minutes, equivalent to £140 million in value every year. But it's not just the impact on landfill that's an issue. It's also the amount of raw materials used to produce the items that are going to waste too. To put it into perspective, it takes around 1,800 gallons of water to make a single pair of jeans. According to the European Environment Agency in March this year, clothes use in Europe had on average the fourth highest impact on the environment and climate, exceeded only by food, housing and transport



In the upcoming series of Love Island, contestants will all be wearing a mixture of new and second-hand clothes purchased from eBay. In the past, clothes worn by contestants have sold out in minutes on fast fashion retailers' websites. This year, viewers will be able to access a "shop the look" tab via the Love Island app or eBay website where they can buy similar items to those seen on screen. The hope is that this will cause viewers to stop and think about the sustainability of their shopping habits. Jemma Tadd, head of fashion at eBay, said

"Our goal with this partnership is get people to consider switching up their shopping habits with pre-loved fashion - whether that's taking baby steps and adding one or two items to your wardrobe, or selling something you no longer wear to make way for something else,"

The perception of buying second-hand clothing is beginning to shift from being something that people do because they can't afford to buy new to being trendy, unique and individual.

The cost of living crisis will also have an impact on the amount of people buying second-hand. With budgets tightened, many people have to think of ways to make their money go as far as it can and buying second-hand is a great way to do this. So why not pop into Bridgend or check out our eBay shop and shop our choice of pre-loved clothing, its good for your purse, the environment and your street-cred too!



Introduction to Woodcraft

- Learn basic woodworking skills
- Make your own small set of hanging shelves
- Make friends in a safe space

Contact Rebecca
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to book your place



Bridgend brushes with royalty



The Queen's Voluntary Service Awards



At the Palace for the Garden Party

trivia!



Anna B at the Golden Jubilee celebrations

In 2008, The Bridgend Centre was awarded an Unsung Heroes award from The Queen's Voluntary Service Awards. The award itself was presented at Macclesfield Town Hall and the team met Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex.

To celebrate the award, a delegation from Bridgend were invited to Buckingham Palace for a garden party.

Bridgend has enjoyed many a Royal themed event with our Queen 90 celebrations in 2006 and we even found a photograph of Team member Anna Barker at our Golden Jubilee celebration event ten years ago!

We are very much looking forward to our Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Wednesday 1st of June. The Bridgend Choir will be singing a collection of songs for the first time in public since before covid. A light buffet will be provided and it will be a lovely opportunity to catch up with friends old and new. There is even a Queen themed quiz so swot up on your royal

Please join us for our

Bridgend Jubilee Party

Wednesday 1st June

1pm-3.30pm

Free of charge

Light Buffet

Singing from the Bridgend Community Choir

Quiz

R.S.V.P to ensure your space to
info@bridgendcentre.org.uk or in person

Recipe—The People's pudding

Jemma Melvin won the Fortnum and Mason competition to create a pudding to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Her fantastic recipe requires 20 ingredients and 5 hours to prepare which is beyond most of us! Supermarket chain Iceland have created a simpler and more budget friendly version based on her recipe that comes in at a fraction of the price at £1.56 a head for the non-alcoholic version or £2.25 for the boozy version. We share it here.

Ingredients

- x2 300g tins of Del Monte Mandarin Segments in Juice (£1.10, 300g), drained
 - x4 pots of Hartleys Orange Jelly (£0.50, 125g)
 - Juice of 1 lemon, using Iceland Lemons (£1.00, 3pk)
 - 300ml Iceland British Fresh Double Cream (£1.35, 300ml)
 - 2 tbsp Gale's Lemon Curd (£1.20, 410g)
 - x1 pack Bakery Delights Cake Almond Fingers (£1.00, 7pk)
 - x1 Hoopers Farmhouse Bakeries Jumbo Raspberry Swiss Roll (£1.00, 1pk)
 - x1 White Chocolate 2 finger Kit Kat bars (£1.50, 9pk)
 - x1 carton of Ambrosia Devon Custard (£1.25, 1kg)
 - For the boozy option – x1 Bottle of Veroni Amaretto Original (£5.50, 50cl)
- Prep time – 1 hour, 10 minutes



Iceland's version



Jemma's Version

Method

1. Empty the jelly pots into a saucepan and add the juice of 1 lemon. Gently melt the jelly over a medium heat until smooth and set aside to cool
2. Slice the Jumbo Swiss roll into 2.5cm slices and place upright around the bottom edge of the trifle dish, so the swirl is visible. Use the remaining Swiss roll to fill in the middle and any gaps, ensuring that it is level with the slices that line the edge
3. Once the jelly is cool, pour it over the Swiss roll and place in the fridge for an hour to set.
4. Slice 5 of the almond fingers in half lengthways and place on top of the jelly.
5. Pour the custard over the almond sponge ensuring a nice, even layer
6. Scatter the drained mandarin segments around the edges of the trifle dish, set 10 aside for decoration and place the remaining evenly around the dish.
7. Lightly wipe the cream to soft peaks and then fold in the lemon curd. Place in a piping bag and decorate or simply smooth over to create a nice even layer.
8. Crumble over the remaining 2 almond biscuits, scatter the mandarin segments and chop four of the Kit Kat bars into triangular shards to finish the decoration.

Brain Teaser—Jubilee Wordsearch



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