

# Council news round-up

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## This week's news from around the Council.

- **Annual Council - Tuesday 8 May 2018**

One of the most important events of the year takes place on Tuesday evening, namely Annual Council. The papers can be seen [here](#).

- **Money raised for Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham**

Over £7,000 was raised for the Chairman's Charity during the Chairmanship of Councillor Val Chapman over the last year. A cheque for the total amount will be presented to the charity on Tuesday 8 May 2018 at Annual Council. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this very worthy cause.

- **Bank Holiday Monday**

It's business as usual for the Council on Monday and the Council Offices is open on Monday 7 May 2018

- **Advice and support available at weekly work clubs**

South Staffordshire Work Clubs run regular work clubs across the district and details can be seen [here](#) about where and when they take place including Codsall & Bilbrook, Wombourne, Perton, Featherstone, Penkridge, Great Wyrley and Huntington.

Come along and find out more about benefits, housing and volunteering as well as advice about job searching, interview preparation and CV writing. Click [here](#) for more information. No appointment required.

- **Keep in touch with Baggeridge Country Park**

Spring is well underway at Baggeridge Country Park and you can see all the latest nature and wildlife news every day on their Facebook page. Plus find out when the popular miniature train is running (Sunday 6 May and Bank Holiday Monday) and when you can see the Vikings re-enactment group in action (yes, really). Click [here](#) and [here](#) to see a few of the latest posts.

- **Forest classroom officially opens**

Local school children from Lane Green First School were the first group to discover the benefits of outdoor learning and the new forest classroom at Jubilee Wood in Bilbrook when it was

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officially opened earlier this week. Click [here](#) to see some of the pics taken by Friends of Bilbrook on the day.

- **Community Lottery super draw this Saturday!**

There are lots of super draws coming up in the South Staffordshire Community Lottery and this Saturday you could be in with the chance of winning a luxury afternoon tea for two at the Moat House in Acton Trussell.

Prizes for future monthly super draws include a family ticket to a Wolverhampton speed way meet, £250 travel voucher courtesy of Co-op Travel, two tickets to the BBC Good Food Show in November, an evening of racing with a three course meal and evening entertainment at Wolverhampton Racecourse, and a family annual pass to Weston Park. Click [here](#) to find out more and to buy a ticket or telephone **01902 213777**.

- **The Google 'Digital Garage Bus' is coming to Codsall**

On Thursday 14 June 2018, the Google 'Digital Garage Bus' will be paying a visit to Codsall and will be parked outside the front of the Council Offices. The bus - a converted double decker - will be bringing Google's expertise across the region, offering face-to-face digital skills training and ensuring local people and businesses have the tools they need to build their skills, get ahead online and grow their businesses. Information about how to book onto the activities will be available soon.

- **Join the 'Great Plastic Pick Up'**

From Friday 11 to Sunday 13 May 2018, the Council will be taking part in a new national campaign to help rid the country of plastic. Called the 'Great Plastic Pick Up', this campaign has been organised by the Daily Mail in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy. It's easy to get involved so why not sign up now. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Book now for activity camps**

The Council's Leisure Centres will be providing activity camps for children aged 5 to 12 years-old during the school holidays towards the end of May. 'Fit for Sport' camps are available at Cheslyn Hay, Codsall and Wombourne Leisure Centres and activities are also on offer at Penkrige Leisure Centre. Click [here](#) to find out more or visit the Council's website [here](#) to find out what's on.

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- **5 Rating**

The following company has achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Pillaton Tea Rooms near Penkridge.

## Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:

- **Annual Council** - Tuesday 8 May 2018 - 7pm - Council Chamber - the details of the meeting can be seen [here](#) this includes (in the background papers at the bottom of the screen) a full copy of the tracked changes to the Constitution in their context.

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: [comms@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:comms@sstaffs.gov.uk)