

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Annual Accounts – Clean Bill of Health**

On 31 July the Audit and Risk Committee received and approved the Council's 2017/18 Statement of Accounts - some two months earlier than usual. This followed a very positive report from the Council's external auditors who issued a 'clean' audit opinion following their work. The Council therefore met the new and much tighter deadline for publishing its accounts. This is a great achievement. Well done to all those involved in accounts closedown – but particularly the Finance Team.

- **Our First Wedding**

The Council's first wedding took place on Friday 27 July and went extremely well – the wedding party, photographer and registrar were all very positive about the way it was organised and the way the venue looked. Well done to everyone involved.

- **New governance for fire and rescue**

On Wednesday 1 August 2018, Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) took responsibility for governance of the fire and rescue service. The PCC is now known as the Staffordshire Commissioner for Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime. For more information, click [here](#) or visit www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk

- **Annual Canvass 2018**

Don't lose your voice on matters that affect you. Make sure you complete your annual canvass form and return to the Council as possible. With all our District and Parish elections taking place in South Staffordshire in May 2019, this is an important opportunity for residents to make sure they can take part. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Scam warning about threatening emails**

Staffordshire Police is warning computer users not to be fooled by cyber criminals who send threatening emails in an attempt to trick them into transferring cash. The fraudster - who has a Brazilian email address - contacts his victims via email and threatens them and their family unless they hand over huge sums of money. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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- **Universal Credit**

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit and are struggling to manage a monthly payment or need support to make or manage your claim online, our Universal Support team can help - ring **01902 696228** or email universalsupport@sstaffs.gov.uk for more information. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **What's on in the Leisure Centres this summer**

There are lots of things going on this summer in our Leisure Centres in Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Penkridge and Wombourne. Find out more about our summer school holiday swimming and activity programmes by clicking [here](#) for more information.

Don't forget that young people aged 10-19 can swim for just £1 per week thanks to funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire and the SPACE scheme.

- £1 per week for a weekly swim pass (aged 10-19 years).
- £2 per week for a weekly membership pass allowing access into gyms, exercise classes and swimming (aged 16-19 years).

- **Village and community events - diary dates**

- Community Food and Drink Festival at Hilton Green on Sunday 5 August 2018, 11am to 4pm. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Sandon Fete on Saturday 11 August 2018, starting at 2pm.
- Family Fun day on the Village Green in Huntington on Saturday 18 August 2018 from 10am to 4pm.
- Perton Village Show on Saturday 15 September 2018, starting at 2pm. Show schedules available from, Perton Civic Centre and Perton Library. Enquires can be made to the Show Secretary by calling **01902 741822**.

If you're looking for ideas for things to do in South Staffordshire over the summer holidays, visit www.enjoysouthstaffordshire.com

- **Fundraising day with GB tennis players**

GB tennis players are coming to Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre and taking part in a special fundraising day on Saturday 22 September 2018 from 1pm to 6pm. Jocelyn Rae and Danny Sapsford will be taking part in coaching clinics during the day and there will be lots on including

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exhibition matches, mini and touch tennis and a 'speed gun challenge' that can measure the speed of your serve. All money raised on the day will go toward improving facilities at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre. For more information, please click [here](#).

Regular information

- **Public meetings** - There are no public meetings next week.
- **5 Rating**
The following company has achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - The Hollybush Inn at Trysull.

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: comms@sstaffs.gov.uk