

THATCHAM NEWS

Vintage Adventure plans ahead

VINTAGE Adventure returns to Thattham next month with the theme of 'planning ahead'.

The community gathering will run from 2.30pm until 4pm on Thursday, November 20, at Thattham Methodist Church.

It is an afternoon of fun for the 'young of heart', however anyone is welcome to the church to enjoy informal worship, dementia-friendly activities and crafts, as well as tea and coffee with homemade cake.

On the third Thursday of every month people can attend an afternoon of community activities, which often focus on one central theme for the group to discuss, with this month's being 'planning ahead'.

There are usually around 30 people who attend the volunteered sessions, with children from Thattham Park Primary School volunteering at every session and helping older residents with the crafts.

Karen Frost, a volunteer at the church, said there is often a queue of volunteers from the school, both adults and children, wanting to help out with the event.

Vintage Adventure is now in its fifth year. It was started after lockdown to help combat loneliness in the elder generation and to encourage socialising among elderly residents in the community.

Next month's Vintage Adventure will include crafting a seasonal advent collage, and a screening of Ronnie Corbett's Four Candles sketch.

'Do the 20mph consultation'

THATCHAM residents are to be leafleted by councillors this week, encouraging them to take part in the public consultation into the proposed 20mph speed limit plans.

West Berkshire Council wants to bring in the limit across much of Thattham, and its online survey about it remains open until November 5.

Around 12 people turned up to Thattham Town Council on Monday to get the steer to take part in the consultation.

Thattham Town Council said it would support the outcome of it.



Mayor Petra Pemberton at Kennet School

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Bright garlands of poppies

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Poppies make such an amazing display

Kennet School community comes together to craft 100 metre tribute

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KENNET School pupils have crafted nearly 100 metres of handmade poppies to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

As 2025 marks 80 years since the end of the war, the whole of Kennet School came together to create the heartfelt project to honour those who served.

The poppies were made from a variety of materials by students who dedicated their spare time and lunch clubs to planning and creating the designs.

This huge effort by pupils meant they exceeded the ambitious target of 80 metres, resulting in a remarkable display.

Mrs Poyda, teacher and poppy coordinator, said: "I am incredibly proud of all our pupils, staff, friends and family who have come together to create such a beautiful array of poppies."

"Seeing the whole school community collaborate so enthusiastically has been wonderful to witness, and I am really looking forward to seeing the finished poppies brighten Thattham town centre."



Pupils made poppies for the Thattham Broadway display

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The project went on display in Thattham town centre last Thursday, serving as a tribute while celebrating the spirit of remembrance.

Thattham mayor Petra Pemberton visited the school to see the hard work and commended their efforts in remembering those who served in the war.

Headteacher Grace Rigg added:

"It has been inspiring to see so many of our community come together to create so many handmade poppies."

"Working alongside the local community to bring this display to Thattham town centre is a wonderful way to honour the past and commemorate 80 years since the end of World War Two."

Plenty of fang-tastic fun to be had this Hallowe'en

LOOKING for some Hallowe'en family fun in Thattham that won't break the bank?

From spooky trails to creepy crafts, there are plenty of ways to get into the spirit this half-term.

Four-legged friends and children in fancy dress are being encouraged to visit Thattham Market tomorrow (Friday), which is taking on a frightening feel for Hallowe'en.

Fang-tastic finds and many a treat are promised when the Broadway transforms itself for the spooktacular event.

Between 8am and 2pm shoppers will find - alongside their usual favourites - a free treasure hunt with sweet treat rewards for those able to follow the clues as well as ghoulish face painting, spooky crafts and gift stalls



Pumpkins galore!

and haunted bakes and sweet treats.

While dog owners are being



Scarecrow on last year's trail

encouraged to bring their pooches along in fancy dress where they can claim a treat from Toddingdon's.

Treasure hunt trail sheets can be collected from Thattham Refillable.

Hallowe'en crafting is taking place at Thattham Library tomorrow (Friday).

The drop-in session suitable for children aged three and over is taking place from 11am until noon and costs just £1 per child on the day.

Thattham Scarecrow Trail is back for a second year until Sunday, with a raft of new characters for families to find.

Maps cost £3 - in cash only - and are available to buy from the Nature Discovery Centre in Lower Way.

The event is raising money for Parsons Down School and the Nature Discovery Centre.

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Careless driver caused serious injury to man

A MOTORIST has been sentenced for his careless driving which caused a serious injury accident.

Roy Black appeared in the dock at Reading Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, October 14.

The 64-year-old, of Mount Road, Thattham, admitted causing serious injury to Jonathan Cooney by driving a Citroën C4 without due care and attention on the A4 Bath Road in Thattham on February 26 last year.

Magistrates made Black, who was legally represented by Nathaniel Ikeazor, subject to a 12-month community order.

In addition, he was ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid community work.

Next, Black was ordered to pay £85 costs, plus a statutory victim services surcharge of £114.

No order was made for compensation because the court heard Mr Cooney was making a civil claim.

Finally, Black was banned from driving for 12 months.

Expensive chocolate

A SWEET-TOOTHED shoplifter has been sentenced.

Darren Wooldridge appeared in the dock at Reading Magistrates' Court on October 17.

The 54-year-old, of Chapel Street, Thattham, admitted stealing £33 worth of white chocolate from Sainsbury's in Coombe Square, Thattham, on November 6 last year.

District judge Davinder Sandhu made Wooldridge subject to a 12-month community order.

No order was made for costs, but Wooldridge was ordered to pay the store £33 in compensation in lieu of a victim services surcharge.

Drink-driver banned

A MOTORIST has been banned from the roads for drink-driving.

Ian Weekes appeared in the dock at Reading Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, October 7.

The 42-year-old, of Curlew Close, Thattham, admitted driving a Mercedes-Benz CLA on Green Lane, Thattham, on September 20, after drinking more than the legal limit.

Tests showed 42mcg of alcohol per 100ml of breath in his system. The legal limit is 35mcg.

Weekes was fined £1,233. In addition, he was ordered to pay £85 costs, plus a victim services surcharge of £493 and finally, he was banned from driving for 12 months.

Man on drugs charge

A MAN has been charged with possessing cocaine.

Reading magistrates held a preliminary hearing into the case against Stuart Coventry on Wednesday, October 8.

The 39-year-old, of Stoney Lane, Thattham, is accused of having a packet of the Class A-controlled drug in Reading on Christmas Eve last year.

Magistrates adjourned the case until a later date, when Mr Coventry will be expected to appear and to enter a plea to the single charge.

He was meanwhile granted unconditional bail.