A PLEA for the government to invest in a new building at a primary school in Lydiate has been made by MP Bill Esterson after he was shocked to discover pupils had to wear coats in class to keep warm.

The Sefton Central visited Lydiate Primary School, as it welcomed pupils on Monday, January 6 after it had been closed since November 22 due to health and safety concerns with reports that pieces of concrete had been falling off the roof.

The children spent the last few weeks of the autumn term at Maghull High School.

It is understood that £400,000 will be spent on repairs in the coming months but the MP said this will just be a "sticking plaster".

He told students and staff that he was shocked to hear they had been wearing coats in the classroom in order to stay warm.

"The school desperately needs funding for a new build.

"The children are wearing coats in the classroom to keep warm. This is completely unacceptable. I am told there are leaks in the roof and damp.

"The wiring needs to be replaced while energy bills are absurdly high because of the poor insulation. But this will only delay the inevitable. It needs a new build.

"The damp throughout the school is a danger to the health of pupils and staff."

Mr Esterson has asked to meet the Education Secretary over the issue.

Lydiate Primary headteacher Georgina Forshaw said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Mr Esterson in to our school and the children had the opportunity to ask an MP some great questions from Brexit to football."

"Mr Esterson has been saddened to hear we had to temporarily move out of our school due to concerns with our school building and is keen to raise the issue of school funding in parliament."

Chair of Governors Claire Moore added: "It's incredibly reassuring to know we have the support of our MP in lobbying central government for the funding we need to ensure that the school building in which we teach our wonderful children is fit for the 21st century."

MP Bill Esterson with staff and pupils from Lydiate Primary School
Pensioner fined £50 for ‘accidentally’ dropping receipt on the pavement

**Report by Tom Martin**

A PENSIONER from Crosby who claims she accidentally let a receipt fall out her pocket was fined £50 for littering by a passing traffic warden.

The 72-year-old woman, who did not want to be named, was on St Luke’s Road on Saturday, January 4 when she reached into her pocket to get her mobile phone. A civil enforcement officer then appeared and fined her on the spot for littering, claiming she had just dropped a receipt onto the ground.

The pensioner claimed she hadn’t realised and it was an accidental, but the fine was still issued. Her daughter, who spoke to the Champion on her behalf, said: “My mum was walking back from Tesco Express and she can get pains in her legs, so she stopped on the pavement and reached to get her phone out of her pocket. “A receipt must have come out of her pocket and blew away. “A traffic warden has then appeared and fined her £50, which will go up to £75 if she doesn’t pay in a certain amount of time. “My mum tried to explain what had happened but he wasn’t listening. She told him she can’t afford £50 but he said ‘that’s not my problem’. “It was a windy day and it was completely accidental. He just wasn’t interested though. “I’m trying to appeal. The council said they are going to review any footage so I would like to see this as well.”

A spokesman for Sefton Council said: “We are aware of an incident whereby a civil enforcement officer issued a woman a fine for dropping litter on St Luke’s Road. “Body camera footage has been reviewed and we are satisfied that the officer’s conduct was appropriate, and the fixed penalty notice was correctly served. “We understand that receiving a fine may have been distressing for her. “However, the cleanliness of our local environment is important to us and littering is an issue that we take very seriously.”
Just a week after winning a Golden Globe film-maker Chris is now on shortlist for an Oscar!

His animation feature Missing Link nominated for an Academy Award

Report by Kenny Parker

JUST one week after picking up a Golden Globe, an animation film maker from Maghull has now been nominated for an Oscar and his family can’t believe it’s not a dream!

Chris Butler’s ‘stop motion’ animation film Missing Link which was a Golden Globe last week is one of five films short-listed from 35 nominations for the Best Animation Film category at this year’s Academy Awards, commonly known as the Oscars - the film industry’s most prestigious awards.

It is again pitted against Disney’s Toy Story 4 and DreamWorks How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden World – both of which it triumphed over at the Golden Globes – and also Spanish film Klaus and French film I Lost My Body.

Chris attended Lydiate Primary School and Deyes High School, before studying at an art foundation course at Hugh Baird College in Bootle and studying for a degree in Surrey.

After a spell in London he has been working for 13 years for Laika studios in Oregon, USA, where he made Missing Link.

Chris’s mum Barbara said: “We couldn’t believe it because to all the other big films that were nominated, 32 altogether, and he went down to the last five.

“He is just overjoyed. Even if he does not get the Oscar, he has been nominated.

“It’s absolutely fantastic. We are all in a dream. There is only one Disney film that’s nominated, Toy Story 4, so he stands a good chance.”

As well as picking up a Golden Globe, Missing Link also won the best animated film at Toronto Film Critics Association awards last December.

The film and its crew have also been nominated for eight awards at the Annie Awards, which honour excellence in the field of animation and will be held in Los Angeles on January 25 – among them Chris is nominated for Outstanding Achievement for Directing in an Animated Feature Production.

It is not the first time Chris has been in the running for an Oscar after also being shortlisted in 2012 for stop motion animated comedy horror film ParaNorman, which he wrote and co-directed.

Missing Link, featuring the voices of Hugh Jackman, Stephen Fry, and Zoe Saldana tells the tale of Mr Link, an eight-foot tall, fur-covered ‘Sasquatch’ or Bigfoot, who becomes tired of living all alone.

He befriends an explorer and an adventurer to help him find his long-lost relatives in the fabled valley of Shangri-La.

At the Golden Globes, Chris was not expecting to win so he did not prepare a speech. When put on the spot he thanked those who worked on the film and paid tribute to his mum and dad Tony, who sadly died two years while the film was being made.

His mum says he might just prepare a speech for the Oscars however. She said: “I think he might prepare one just in case this time!” The Oscars will be held in Hollywood on Sunday February 9.

£7,000 raised for animal centre

STAFF and customers at Pets At Home Burscough have raised nearly £7,000 for Carla Lane Animals In Need.

The pet store’s national charity Support For Adoption For Pets provides cash for animal rescue centres across the country.

Carla Lane Animals in Need, based in Melling, was the chosen ‘Charity of the Year’ for the Burscough branch of the pet store in 2019.

During the year, it raised £2,764 for the local rescue centre and a further £4,152 during its Christmas Santa Paws appeal.

‘Land of my fathers’ talk to history group

THE next meeting of the Maghull and Lydiate History Society will be an illustrated talk entitled ‘Land of my Fathers’ by Gordon Bartley.

The meeting will take place at the Lydiate Village Centre, Lamb Bare Lane, on Monday, January 20 at 7.30pm.

There will be light refreshments available. Visitors are asked to pay £2.50 and all are welcome.

Ring found on bus

A WOMAN is hoping to find the owner of a ring she found on a bus in Maghull.

The ring, described as being made from rose gold and having an ‘unusual setting’, was found of the floor of the Cumfy Bus (number 31) two weeks before Christmas.

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Drama company celebrates the ‘success of its members’

A UNIQUE drama company staged a special celebration event in Netherton to salute the success of its members on a linked college course.

New Centre Stage held the certificate presentation to mark the achievements of 14 group members who have successfully completed a two-year St Helens College course, the Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment.

The event was held in the Netherton studio theatre of the group which is run by adult social care providers, New Directions.

The flexible Open Awards-accredited course has been using drama as the basis of a range of activities designed to help students acquire useful new life and work skills.

Group members have been encouraged to set a number of individual goals to boost their personal awareness, health and wellbeing, self-confidence and self-esteem.

The aim is that over time the course will have a very positive effect in terms of students’ personal development, social skills and employability.

New Centre’s stage activity lead, Vicky Bennett, said: “The group members involved have worked very hard on this course over the past two years and really deserve their success.

“They have been particularly enthusiastic about the use of drama as the basis of many of the activities and I am sure they will find the new skills they have learned extremely useful in the future.”

New Centre Stage has built up an impressive track record of successful productions of hit musicals including The Greatest Showman and the Wizard of Oz.

Other recent appearances have also included an evening of dance and a performance at the Anne Frank memorial event at the Bootle Strand Shopping Centre.

Report by Tom Martin
Parkhaven Trust clients enjoy their special visit from ‘unusual’ animals

CLIENTS at Parkhaven Trust in Maghull enjoyed visits from far more unusual animals than household pets!

At Parkhaven they recognise the importance of providing therapeutic animal visits to their clients. It’s clear to see how much joy the animals bring by looking at faces of their clients.

The animals often provide a ‘calming effect’ on those who suffer with dementia or other illnesses.

A spokesperson for Parkhaven Trust said: “Enhancing our clients’ wellbeing is a vital part of what we do at Parkhaven Trust. The animals were provided last week by Home Safari a leading animal therapy company. ‘Animal visits are just one of the many activities on offer for our clients – which include, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, physiotherapy to name just a few’.”

For more details about the Trust, visit www.parkhaven.org.uk

Right: Parkhaven Trust client Doris meeting an owl during the special visit last week

Couple ‘devoted to charity work’ win recognition awards

A COUPLE have been given Special Recognition Awards from the Liverpool Commonwealth Association for their work promoting the commonwealth.

Robin and Brenda Baynes, from Formby were given the award recently at the first City of Liverpool Commonwealth Winter Ball at the Crowne Plaza in Liverpool.

The couple founded the charity Liverpool Heartbeat, which offers educational and fun activities to young people and the linked Liverpool homeless initiative New Start.

“The award was in recognition of us helping villages and schools in Fiji; funding an orphan every month since 2009 from Isaac’s House Orphanage in Uganda; sending 200 bikes to Lesotho in 2014 and sending Sight Boxes to the British Virgin Islands 2018 and Barbados this year.

“New Start gives people and families a fresh beginning. Although we are both retired our sons continue to run the organisation, which employs 150 people with proper jobs and supports more than 400 people who are now no longer homeless.”

GARTH DALLAS, chair of the LCA said: “Our ambition and vision is an association that is capable of blending Commonwealth arts, culture and food with appropriate serious messages of strength in adversity, inclusiveness and oneness of humanity in a fittingly glamorous setting.”

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An open letter has been sent to the government by the Save Rimrose Valley group about its "serious concerns" over Peel Ports’ relationship with Highways England.

The Champion recently reported that a Freedom of Information (FOI) request revealed emails sent between Peel Ports and Highways England as staff from both companies discussed the proposed road to be build through Rimrose Valley Country Park.

The Save Rimrose Valley action group claim the emails showed Peel is the “driving force” behind the controversial road plan. They have now written to Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, asking him to look into the issue.

The campaigners also claim the FOI request was not fully answered, because they claim some emails were kept back.

Stuart Bennett from Save Rimrose Valley said: “It is no surprise that Peel Ports has a role to play in this project – it is called the Port of Liverpool Scheme, after all.

“However, we have serious concerns about the transparency of this process, the nature of their relationship and what information has passed between the two organisations.

“We are questioning whether it is appropriate for a privately-owned company to have so much influence in this hugely unpopular project, when it stands to benefit from it the most.

“We already know that Peel Ports was involved in efforts to secure funding for the project and that it offered tours of the port to influential parties.

“What is more concerning is that more communications between the two companies have been withheld and the public aren’t being given the full picture of their collaborative efforts in trying to push the scheme forward.

“We have asked the Transport Secretary to look into this as a matter of urgency.

“We have also repeated our calls for the road scheme to be halted, in order to allow time for proper research into sustainable alternatives to moving freight to and from the Port of Liverpool, which respect our health and wellbeing and the environment.”
PET owners are being urged to be extra vigilant after a dog died shortly following eating a chunk of deadly palm oil on Formby beach.

A spokesperson for the National Trust put out an urgent warning on Monday, January 13 after being informed of the incident.

They said: “We are aware that a dog has sadly passed away due to potentially eating palm oil on Formby Beach.

“Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for harmful materials such as palm oil to wash up on the beach, so dog owners should always remain vigilant and not allow their dogs to eat anything on the beach.

“If you suspect that your dog has consumed palm oil, please seek veterinary advice immediately. If anyone does see what they suspect to be palm oil on Formby beach, please report it to National Trust staff on 01704 876591.

Palm oil can be identified by a petrol-like, rancid smell. Some lumps typically have a yellow or white appearance, but many are difficult to spot as they are grey and covered in sand.

This is not the first time that the Champion has appealed to owners to beware the toxic substance. In November 2019, Daniel Simpson and his girlfriend Elizabeth Rochford from Crosby told of how their one-year-old labradoodle, called Boz, was believed to have ingested some on the stretch of beach near Crosby Leisure Centre. Elizabeth had not noticed anything unusual but hours later Boz became violently ill. He threw up bile which smelt like petrol and there were big chunks of a white substance mixed in with sand.

He was rushed to the emergency vets and he was given an anti-sickness injection and was lucky to survive. A spokesman for Sefton Council’s Green Sefton board by car

While some travel 3,000 miles across the ocean to get to the Caribbean, other waste is dumped overboard at the harbours of many germs and diseases.

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The British regulator, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency is looking into the possibility of negotiating a regional deal to crack down on the dumping of oil fats in British waters.
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SCOUTS have partnered up with Flip Out, which has a branch in Aintree, as part of a nationwide campaign to fight childhood obesity and promote mental health wellbeing.

The Scout Association, who have weekly programmes of activities with almost half a million 6-25-year-olds, aim to develop skills that help young people need for a successful life such as teamwork, leadership and resilience.

The partnership means that sleepovers and group bookings at Flip Out stores will contribute towards earning badges and Scout groups will be offered a 20% discount off standard jump package prices.

Mark Hislop, the commercial director of The Scout Association, said: “The Scout Association is delighted to enter into a partnership with Flip Out trampoline parks. This new partnership will offer all Scout groups the opportunity to visit any of the 25 Flip Out trampoline parks throughout the country to receive a 20% discount.”

Richard Beese, the co-owner of Flip Out, said: “This is a fantastic new partnership and we look forward to welcoming Scout groups all over the UK. We will provide a fun and safe experience for Scouts to get active and improve their confidence and self-esteem.

“Our commitment to fight childhood obesity is stronger than ever and we’re happy to partner up with an organisation that has similar core values and ethics.”

If there are any schools who want to attend on Monday afternoon contact the Plaza email martin.fol@plazacinema.org.uk

MORE than 700 schoolchildren will watch a film at the Plaza Cinema, in Waterloo, aimed at broadening their knowledge of bullying and victimisation.

Youngsters will go to the cinema on Monday, January 27 to watch ‘The Island on Bird Street’, which follows the true story of a teenager trying to survive in a ghetto in Poland during World War Two.

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DEREK Acorah’s wife has spoken for the first time since her husband’s death and revealed she still talks to him from beyond the grave.

Gwen Acorah Johnson, 71, was left devastated after Derek died on January 4 at the age of 69 following a short battle with pneumonia which led to sepsis.

In an interview with the Sunday People, Gwen said: “Derek believed life goes on in another dimension. There’s an element of comfort in that because it’s not a big blank wall and he’s gone.”

“I keep thinking I must pick up the phone and tell Derek. I -actually do tell him. I talk to him. “People may think I’m mad. I’ve nagged him all his life so why shouldn't I continue?”

She added that she won’t try to speak to Derek through a medium and ‘has faith he’s OK.”

Gwen, who married Derek in 1996, revealed the Most Haunted star was rushed to hospital on New Year’s Day after they both got the flu over Christmas and sadly he didn’t recover and passed away.

The Celebrity Big Brother star, who was born in Bootle and later lived in Scarisbrick, near Southport, was put in an induced coma and passed away just days later.

His real name was Derek Johnson and was best known for his television work on Most Haunted, broadcast on Living TV.

He reached the final of Celebrity Big Brother in 2017, finishing fourth.
Hospital is cordoned off after man stabbed and has ‘substance’ thrown on him

Report by Henry James

A POLICE cordon was put in place at Aintree hospital after a man, who was stabbed and had an unknown substance thrown in his face, was brought there following a serious assault.

At about 6.30pm on Sunday, January 12, emergency services were called to Inglis Road, in Walton, to reports of a man in his 20s being reportedly stabbed.

The victim was taken to Aintree Hospital for assessment of his injuries and to establish the nature of the substance.

Medical staff have now confirmed that the substance does not present any wider risk to others.

A cordon was in place at the scene of the assault as detectives conducted house-to-house, forensic and CCTV enquiries.

A cordon was also in place at the hospital while their own medical assessment was made. This has now been removed and police have thanked members of the public for their patience and understanding.

Chief Inspector Mark Everard said: “These are the early stages of our investigation into what appears to be a targeted attack.

“If you were in or near to Inglis Road at around 6.30pm and saw or heard anything, come forward right away and we will take positive action. “This is clearly a serious assault and our focus is now on establishing the exact circumstances to bring those responsible to justice.”

Anyone with information can contact @MerPolCC, 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 with reference number 702.

Council’s payment service to be unavailable

SEFTON Council’s online payment system will be down for a short period next Wednesday (January 22) so residents are being advised to make arrangements.

In order to carry out an essential security upgrade on the council’s payment system there will be restricted access to Sefton’s online, telephone and face to face payments on Wednesday, January 22.

The payments system is expected to be unavailable from 10am on Wednesday, January 22 and it is anticipated that all the upgrade work and testing should be completed by 3pm.

A spokesperson said: “Please make any necessary arrangements to pay for your council services in advance of this or for anyone who normally uses the self-service payment kiosks at Bootle or Southport One Stop Shops, you can continue to do so as this service will remain in place throughout and is unaffected by this work.”

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‘Metro Mayor Tax’ to be frozen in latest budget proposals

Report by Tom Martin

TAX paid by Sefton residents to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority will be frozen under plans by metro mayor Steve Rotheram. The so-called ‘Metro Mayor Tax’ will stay the same in 2020/21, meaning those living in the lowest value homes (Band A properties) will continue to pay an additional £12.67 on their Council Tax bills - with that amount increasing for those living in more valuable properties.

It is part of Mr Rotheram’s key budget proposals for the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.

The Metro Mayor Tax was introduced last year to pay for the staffing and priorities of his office. The budget proposals would also see the Mersey Tunnel tolls frozen at 2019/20 levels, while the Transport Levy, paid by the city region’s six local authorities, would increase by 2.1%, in line with inflation, the first increase in three years.

The budget will also make special provision for key strategic priorities including the Mersey Tidal Power Project, the Liverpool City Region’s Digital Connectivity Programme and improvements to the city region’s bus services.

Speaking about the proposals, Steve Rotheram, Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, said: “Over the past decade, our region has been hit hard by austerity, with local government and local people bearing the brunt of government cuts.

“In spite of this, I’m optimistic about the future and the opportunities devolution gives us to make our own decisions for the benefit of local people; “From investing tens of millions in local schools and colleges, improving our transport infrastructure and providing £75million to support local business, to our UK-leading Housing First pilot to tackle homelessness and our Households into Work scheme to support families with generational unemployment, helping local people has been the driving force behind everything we do.

“And there is more to come. This year, we’ll be launching our state-of-the-art, publicly owned trains for the Merseyrail network, announcing plans to improve our bus network and moving forward with our ambitious Mersey Tidal Power project, which will harness the River Mersey for clean, green sustainable energy.

“I also want to help ease the burden on local taxpayers in the year ahead, which is why I’m freezing tunnel tolls and the council tax precept for city region residents.”

The proposals will be adopted if they are approved at the combined authority’s budget meeting on January 24.

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Town council to present ‘list of objections’ over plan for 1,600 homes

Potential loss of public benefits and delays to building ‘spine road’ are among concerns

Report by Jim Sharpe

A LIST of formal objections to plans for the large-scale development on the land east of Maghull will be presented by the town council at the special meeting of Sefton Council’s Planning Committee to be held later this month.

The town council has submitted a “comprehensive list of objections” as to why the proposals to build more than 1,600 homes should be rejected as they currently stand which they will present to the special meeting at Bootle Town Hall on Wednesday, January 22 at 1pm.

Town Council leader, Councillor Patrick McKinley, said: “We have scrutinised the planning proposals and believe as they currently stand they should be rejected.”

He said this is not ‘knee-jerk reaction’ against development per se but rather the result of detailed analysis using planning law.

He said the objections are based on detailed, sound evidential scrutiny by very experienced and well respected planning consultants.

Mr McKinley added: “Our objections include insufficient supporting evidence being supplied to meet planning requirements, the lack of a co-ordinated approach to the development, including shortcomings in the masterplan which have not been addressed, and potential loss or non-delivery of public benefits including parks and other infrastructure and mix/affordable housing.

“In short, we believe that the current proposals may breach Sefton’s own Local Plan policies and the National Policy Planning Framework.”

And Councillor John Sayers said the town council had tried to work with the developers to get a spine road through the estate at the beginning of the development “to save years of chaos on local roads.”

He said: “We even managed to negotiate a loan at a very low rate of interest to help the developers deliver this.

“We did this because they assert that they couldn’t afford to deliver this up front, despite that among the development consortium are some of the biggest developers in the country.

“To date, the developers have not agreed to provide the spine road up front.”

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Adele back on TV for another reality show

JUST months after appearing on I’m A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here! Adele Roberts is back on television screens on another reality show.

The Radio DJ, who attended Merchant Taylors’ School in Crosby, is on the latest series of Celebrity Coach Trip on Channel 4.

Adele features with her partner Kate Holderness on the show in which celebrity couples go on a ten-day tour, taking part in activities along the way. They voted off other couples until there is an eventual winner.

Adele, who grew up in Southport, first found fame after appearing on the 2002 series of Channel 4’s Big Brother, and went on to forge a successful small-screen TV show and radio career.

The 40-year-old is currently a presenter on Radio 1, and appeared in last year’s I’m A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here! where she was the first to be voted out of the jungle.

Adele believes her appearance on Celebrity Coach Trip will be a lot easier than the Australian jungle! She said: “I missed Kate every single day on I’m A Celeb and I wish she could’ve been with me but I also wish she wasn’t with me because I didn’t want her eating testicles!”

I missed her so much and Coach Trip was so much more special because I got to do it with her.”

Her former school took to Twitter to offer her support: “We’re excited to see Old Girl Adele Roberts on our screens once again! Best of luck on Celebrity Coach Trip, Adele!”

The new series of Celebrity Coach Trip started on Monday, January 6 and so far they have visited St Tropez and Le Lavandou, in France. Other celebrities on the show include Antony Costa and Simone Webbe, from boyband Blue, Amy and Jonathan Tapper, from Gogglebox, and internet pranksters Woody and Kleiny.

Report by Tom Martin

Adele (right) with partner Kate Holderness

The participants of Celebrity Coach Trip.
Wrong time for planning meeting

Sefton Council is to hold a meeting regarding the building of 1,700 houses in Maghull on a Wednesday at 1pm in Bootle, knowing full well many of those who want to attend, myself included, will be at work.

Although objections have been previously put to Sefton Council, it seems that planning permission will be granted regardless of the views of residents, and the lack of infrastructure.

It strikes me that those involved in this decision do not live in the area and are therefore of the opinion ‘if it’s not on my doorstep.’

Elaine Wall,
Maghull

Switch Island accident debris mess is a blot on landscape

I, like many readers, travel daily through our local blots on the landscape, that being Switch Island. Apart from waiting in traffic jams, why on earth must we be subjected to the dismal sight of car debris, mangled barrier rails (that have been replaced but discarded), traffic cones, rusting frameworks that once supported road signs, sandbags, glass etc.

Surely these remnants of traffic accidents should be removed from the site as part of the clean-up operation.

I am sure the contractors attending the site have costed into the operational service they provide, the charge to the authority for a full clean-up. The non-removal of this debris is effectively fly-tipping which in the eyes of the law is now a criminal offence.

Secondly, the gull kerbstones, designed with drainage feature holes, are being rendered useless in the removal of surface water as there is no road sweeping or gull cleaning so the holes are allowed to fill up with grit, grass and weeds.

Switch Island attracts enough negative press as it is, without it becoming a dumping ground for all manner of vehicle debris, highways equipment and weed growth.

I am not asking for the earth here, but surely the council Highways Service and the Highways Agency can undertake a relatively simple task of keeping the areas free of all of this rubbish.

Billy Peters,
Maghull

We need more pet-friendly rental homes

As the UK’s largest dog welfare charity, Dogs Trust believes that the benefits of pet ownership shouldn’t be exclusive to homeowners, but open to private and social renters as well.

With the number of people privately renting increasing year on year, the news that the Government is looking to make it easier for private tenants to have pets in their homes, has never been more important.

Sadly, the single biggest reason we see dogs handed in to our rehoming centres is due to a change in the owner’s circumstances, such as being unable to live in a rented property with a pet.

This can also stop people coming forward to adopt rescue animals.

This needs to change and we sincerely hope the proposed updates to model tenancy contracts will help ensure that fewer owners are forced to give up their beloved pets and that more people are able to consider adoption.

For over a decade, Dogs Trust has been working with landlords, letting agencies and the property industry on this issue. It’s important that any updates to the model tenancy contract are backed up with appropriate guidance for landlords on how to put the changes into practice to make it fully effective and mutually beneficial for all parties involved.

We welcome the opportunity to work alongside other animal welfare organisations and the Government to ensure this forthcoming change positively impacts the property sector, and that more pet friendly rental homes become available.

Clare Kivlehan,
Head of Outreach Projects at Dogs Trust

Better to extend Merseyrail lines to Burscough Bridge

I read the article headlined ‘Call for Merseyrail to be extended to Preston’ with interest.

Merseyrail does indeed top the league table for reliability and performance. But this is due in large part to it being a self-contained network, unaffected by congestion elsewhere.

Extending the Ormskirk service to Preston would have a negative effect on Merseyrail’s performance, especially if it had to contend with additional Southport to Preston trains running on the same line. If both Burscough curves are rebuilt then a better operating solution may be to extend Merseyrail from Ormskirk to Burscough Bridge on a self contained line providing connections with the Southport to Wigan/Manchester line.

Northern could then switch its Ormskirk to Preston service to run to and from Southport (calling at Burscough Bridge to connect with the new Merseyrail service). We would have a much better connected rail network without jeopardising the good service which Merseyrail already provides.

Matt,
Town Green

Port was there before residents

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When you move to an area you should learn to live with the activities around you.

Disappointed of Thornton,
By email
Police launch new knife crime campaign

Report by Tom Martin

MERSEYSIDE Police has launched a new anti-knife campaign to help keep young people safe.
The campaign, called #BladeFree, comes after four people lost their lives last year in Merseyside due to knife crime.

Research has shown that many of those involved in or at risk of being drawn into knife crime, suffer from a lack of ‘aspiration and belonging’, often as a result of living in areas with few or no opportunities for young people.

This campaign is designed to help young people steer clear of knife crime and other serious violent crime by providing support and opportunities through activities and initiatives such as sport, music, and theatre to build confidence and aspiration and improve practical skills and employability.

Through #BladeFree young people will be directed towards a range of local clubs and activities accessible across Merseyside, with the hope it can give them ‘ambition and opportunity’.

This will be the first campaign for ‘Our Merseyside’, which is a regional initiative to encourage people and organisations to work together to bring pride and opportunity to Merseyside.

Anyone, and everyone, can pledge their support to #BladeFree. If you provide services, groups and opportunities that could help young people, visit the website OurMerseyside.org.

Assistant Chief Constable Jon Roy said: “We are hugely aware of the impact of knife crime on victims, their families, friends and our communities.

“We don’t want people to suffer any longer and that’s why we are doing everything in our power to reduce knife crime through our operational activity including open land searches, stop searches, targeted operations and high visibility patrols, as well as working closely with our communities, schools and safeguarding partners to tackle the problem by taking a more preventative approach. This is at the forefront of our partnership work within the Merseyside Violence Reduction Unit.

“#BladeFree is full of passionate people who are doing huge amounts of good work in their local neighbourhoods to educate, divert and influence young people away from knives and other violent crimes and we should do everything in our power to support and share their work.

“The #BladeFree campaign will sit on a central hub, ‘Our Merseyside,’ hosting details of clubs, training opportunities, educational and fun activities that young people can do.

“This is just the beginning – a social movement allowing young people the opportunity to prosper and succeed – by starting this social movement today, we can give young people a better tomorrow.”

Councillor Trish Hardy, Sefton Council’s cabinet member for communities and housing, said: “We know the vast majority of residents living in our beautiful borough are upstanding citizens who are proud of where they live.

“Knife crime has a real impact on our communities and we are committed to ensuring residents across the borough are kept safe and live without fear.

“We are committed to working closely with Merseyside Police and other partners to fully support the #BladeFree campaign.”

SEFTON Council has approved a wide-range of proposals to “kick start growth and investment” across the borough.
The local authority held a Cabinet meeting on Thursday, January 9 when they agreed to move forward its Capital Investment Strategy.
As part of the newly-approved Strategy, projects such as town centre regeneration, transport initiatives, housing and large employment sites will be delivered, creating new jobs and businesses, upskilling local residents, enhancing access and connectivity and bringing redundant land back in to use.

Some of these projects will also create commercial income for the council and increase income from business rates and council tax which can help to pay for council services.

The council claims that while they continue to face financial challenges, they need to “think differently about generating income and how we provide critical services for our community.”
The council also highlighted the “significant progress” made on projects such as the refurbishment of Crosby Lakeside Activity Centre and Sefton Adult Learning Centre, the purchase of the Strand Shopping Centre, and the creation of a new council-owned housing development company, Sandway Homes, which will build high quality homes for sale, including affordable homes across the borough.

Cllr Ian Maher, leader of Sefton Council said: “This really is an exciting moment, signifying a major commitment by Sefton Council across the whole borough to proactively and effectively utilise its assets to facilitate a major programme of investment and development, to deliver the council’s regeneration strategies, and our community’s 2030 vision.”

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Coroner’s office appeal for information after woman’s death

LIVERPOOL and Wirral Coroner’s Office is appealing for the family of a woman from Waterloo who recently passed away to come forward.

Alison Hardman, 42, of Sandon Street died at home on Wednesday, January 1. Her death is not being treated as suspicious.

Anyone who can help the coroner identify or trace any potential next of kin should call the Coroner’s Office on 0151 233 2606 or email Jacqueline.A.Horner@mersey-side.police.uk.

Grand Winter Clearance Sale in aid of Carla Lane Animals in Need

CARLA Lane Animals In Need rescue centre is holding a Grand Winter Clearance Sale on Saturday, January 18 from 12.30pm to 3.30pm at Lydiate Parish Hall.

People will be able to fill a bag of clothes for £5. Shoes, accessories, bric-a-brac and much more will also be available. There will be vegetarian and vegan refreshments. All funds raised for this sale will help towards paying vet and heating bills at Carla Lane Animals In Need.

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Students told how they can strengthen career prospects

Hugh Baird College welcomed back some former students who are now industry specialists in sport to give an insight into different career paths.

Staff and students from the Bootle college’s Sport and Public Services department recently hosted a ‘Meet the Professionals’ event.

It featured a number of industry specialists who were once Hugh Baird College students themselves and who have since gone on to forge careers in the sport and fitness industry.

Many of the ex-students also spoke about the business and marketing skills they needed to develop and the importance of growing your businesses reputation and becoming industry leaders.

Sessions delivered included; circuit training, high intensity interval training sessions, Pilates, Yoga, and Olympic weightlifting.

The first presentation was delivered by ex-Hugh Baird College Sport student, Jase Porter, who is the director of ‘My Fitness Agent Ltd.’

Jase, who is also the founder of the ‘Fitness Professionals Awards’ said: “It was great to meet with learners who are in the same position as I was a few years ago. It was important for me to make sure each student left my session feeling inspired and motivated.”

“Hugh Baird College and the course I studied played a huge part in where I am today, but I really wanted the students to understand how hard you have to work to build your fitness business and most importantly, your reputation.”

Amy Crowley, Hugh Baird College Health & Fitness Instruction student said, “It was great to meet experts in the field who opened our eyes to the wide range of opportunities available to us in the Sport and Fitness industry.”

Ambulance chief calls on big hotels to install defibs

CALLS have been made for all major hotel chains in Sefton to install defibrillators.

Anthony Marsh, chairman of the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, wants Automated External Defibrillators to be placed in hotels across the country after Premier Inn announced last week that they were installing AEDs in all 800 of its Premier Inn branches across the UK.

They can be used in case of an emergency to a guest, staff member, or even a passer-by.

Anthony Marsh, chairman of the Association of Ambulance chief executives, said: “A cardiac arrest can happen to anyone; young or old, fit or not.

“When someone suffers a cardiac arrest, not to be confused with a heart attack, they are clinically dead; their heart has stopped beating and they will not recover unless someone is prepared to start CPR quickly and a defibrillator is attached to them to reset the heart.

“Currently, the survival rate from cardiac arrests in the UK is tragically low at around 7%, but by increasing the number of defibrillators available and growing the number of people prepared to carry out CPR, that figure can be improved markedly.

“Increasing the number of defibrillators could make the difference between life and death and ultimately give friends and families the chance to spend time with their loved ones that they would not otherwise have had.

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Prison has massively improved since it was ‘UK’s worst jail’

**Report by Tom Martin**

**LIVERPOOL** Prison has “improved dramatically” according to inspectors, three years after it a report labelled it an “abject failure” and “one of the worst” in the UK.

The Walton-based prison was described by hij inspectors in 2017 as the worst they had ever seen as it was rat infested with broken windows, filthy blocked lavatories, graffiti, damp, dirt, rodents and insects.

Violence was also increasing, drugs were readily available, and there were serious failings in health care and purposeful activity.

But HM Chief Inspector of Prisons Peter Clarke has said it had now put in place measures which had a dramatic impact improvement.

The improvement from poor, the lowest assessment, to good – the highest – for the “healthy prison test” of respect represented “a remarkable achievement since the last inspection”, Mr Clarke said.

He added that while safety was still “not sufficiently good” at Liverpool, there were actions being taken to address this which would have the desired impact in time.

“The squalor and filth we saw in 2017 has gone,” Mr Clarke said, adding that it was “replaced by a clean and decent living conditions for the vast majority of prisoners.”

Some prison reform campaigners had argued that the improvement was due to a reduced population and on our e-learning platform as well as accessing the matrix to view, it can notify you when training is due and update once training has been completed.

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Council up for award

SEFTON'S Supported Living Service is a finalist for a health and social care award.

The service has been shortlisted in the 2019 Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards for its Individual Service Fund (ISF) Model, which has given local people with learning disabilities more control over their own lives and a greater choice of how they’d like to receive their care.

Deborah Butcher, Sefton Council’s interim director for adult social care, said: “The ISF Model has really revolutionised how we offer care to people with learning disabilities in Sefton. This will enable more people to live better lives for longer and give them greater control over how they’d like to be supported.”

The ISF model was developed by Sefton Council in partnership with NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and NHS Southport and Formby CCG as a way to improve outcomes for people in need of complex care.

This came as a result of a review undertaken by the council, the CCGs and Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust which explored how services that provided housing and support provisions for people with learning disabilities could be improved.

Sefton has been shortlisted out of a record number of 700 entries to this year’s LGC Awards which celebrate outstanding practice and cutting-edge innovations in Local Government.

Cllr Paul Cummins, Sefton Council’s cabinet member for adult social care, said: “This is a brilliant example of the power of partnership work and I am delighted that it has been recognised on a national level.”

Fiona Taylor, chief officer for both CCGs in Sefton, said: “We’ve designed this pioneering model of care together with the people with learning disabilities who are supported by it and their advocates, so it’s fantastic that our partnership has been nominated for such a prestigious award.”

Nick Golding, LGC editor, said: “The councils that have been shortlisted for an LGC Award are among the most innovative – and their innovation helps provide the best services for residents, despite local government facing ongoing financial constraint.”

GOODISON Park will host its first ever Merseyside derby in the Barclays FA Women’s Super League next month.

The historic clash between Everton and Liverpool will take place on Sunday, February 9, with kick-off at 2pm.

It will be the second meeting of the two teams to be hosted at a first-team stadium this season following Everton’s 1-0 victory in front of a derby record crowd of 23,500 at Anfield in November.

Everton are currently fifth in the Women’s Super League, level on points with fourth-placed Manchester United but with a game in hand.

Blues boss Willie Kirk said: “We’re delighted we have the opportunity to play at Goodison Park. Big games like Merseyside derbies are the ones you want to be involved in as a player and manager and we have the opportunity to play this historic fixture on the biggest stage.

“Everton is a club renowned for its great support and that was on show when we went to Anfield earlier this season. Now the reverse fixture is at Goodison, we have a chance to introduce our women’s team to even more Blues.”

Liverpool FC women manager Vicky Jepson added: “It’s fantastic that we’ve got another match in which to showcase the women’s game on Merseyside.

“The Anfield derby was a terrific occasion and I hope as many Reds as possible will cross the park to cheer on the team at another historic football venue.”

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freemasons donate £50,000 to drought victims in africa

freemasons in sefton have donated £50,000 to a relief fund for those at risk of starvation in southern africa following its worst drought for 35 years.

the west lancashire freemasons branch, which includes sefton as they follow the pre-1974 county boundaries, made the donation to the plan international uk charity.

the drought, caused by record high temperatures and low rainfall, could affect an around 45 million people in angola, malawi, mozambique, madagascar, namibia, zambia and zimbabwe.

plan international uk, which aims to advance children’s rights and equality for girls in a poor state to deal with this fresh catastrophe.

“it is critical that we act now to provide this support to those most at risk.”

tony harrison, leader of west lancashire freemasons said: “millions of people are at risk of a serious lack of food and clean water.”

“this is a desperate situation and plan and the other organisations helping on the ground need all the help and support we in the outside world can offer.”

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Hospital and fire service nominated for civic recognition

Report by Tom Martin

AINTREE Hospital and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service will be given a prestigious civic award by Liverpool City Council.

The firefighting service, which covers Sefton, and the local hospital have been nominated to receive the Freedom of Liverpool honour.

As part of the award, they will both be entered into the Freedom Roll of Associations and Institutions.

The Freedom Roll of Associations and Institutions, which was created in 1962, has more than 70 organisations and groups including Liverpool and Everton Football Clubs, National Museums Liverpool and Cancer Research UK.

The nominations will be considered at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Liverpool City Council today (Wednesday, January 15) and if approved will be followed by individual ceremonies during the year.

Mersey Fire and Rescue Service Chief Fire Officer, Phil Garrigan said: “It is a tremendous honour for Mersey Fire and Rescue Service to be given the Freedom of Liverpool.

“I am thrilled that we have been recognised for the work we do – Our firefighters, protection officers, prevention teams and our wider support staff work tirelessly day in, day out to keep our communities safe.

“It’s a proud day for everyone who has an affiliation with the service – those serving now and those who have served the city in the past.

“We have a long and proud history dating back through the ages – and we remain as committed as ever in the protection of our people, our city and our heritage – we will continue to keep residents safe no matter what future challenges hold.”

Mayor of Liverpool Joe Anderson said: “The people and organisations that have been chosen for Freedom of Liverpool and Citizen of Honour awards have made a tremendous positive contribution to life in the city over many years.

“We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the hard-working and committed staff in our hospitals, and our firefighters, for helping save lives every day.”
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Stephen Bailey topping bill at LOL Comedy Club

STEPHEN Bailey, who is a comedian, presenter, television personality and writer, and whose friendly and open brand of gossipy humour has made him one of the UK’s most exciting up-coming acts in comedy at the moment, will be returning to the Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club at the Atkinson. LOL Comedy have been booking him for years and he will be in the town on Saturday, February 1 at 8pm.

He is the host of Celebs on the Farm (Channel 5) & Celebs On The Ranch (Sistar) and was the resident agony uncle on Zoie Ball on Saturday/Sunday (ITV) and a series regular on Big Brother’s Bit on the Side (Channel 5) until the end of their runs.

Bailey has also been seen on Coronation Street (ITV), The Apprentice: You’re Fired (BBC Two), Roast Battle, Take Your Castle & Comedy Central at the Comedy Store (Comedy Central), The Stand Up Sketch Show, Sacked and Celeb Ability & The Great Xmas Rant (ITV2).

He has also filmed two shows for Comedy Central and E4, which will air toward the end of the year through early 2020.

Stephen has previously supported Katherine Ryan and Jenny Eclair on their sold-out UK tours. He also guest hosted Sunday Takeover (Virgin Radio), The Jason Manford Show (Absolute Radio), DriveTime with Eamonn Holmes (TalkRadio), The Breakfast Show (Gyaduo) and The Sunday Sessions with Laura Whitmore (BBC Slave).

He has featured on The Art’s Show with Jonathan Ross on BBC Radio 2, Russell Kane’s BBC podcast Evil Genius. Joe Zalias will also be performing. He has been learning the stand up comedy craft for more than ten years and his hard work has certainly paid off as his

memorable stage performances have seen him entertaining audiences nationally and internationally.

A devoted father, comedian, author and actor are only an insight into Joe’s extensive talents.

His life has been somewhat exciting as he has ventured down various paths, including cage fighting, assisting a crime organisation and working as a fire-fighter.

Joe’s life experiences have enabled him to put pen to paper and write two successful novels. Having such a varied life, Joe has projected his experiences through dark and cutting humour, which have led him to supporting established comedy acts like Bill Bailey and Tom Stade on their tours.

Audiences can see George Rigden as well. Having excelled in a host of new act competitions in his first year, George Rigden made his Edinburgh debut in 2015 when he performed as part of the prestigious AAA Stand Up Late showcase at the Pleasance Courtyard for a full sell-out run. Damion Larkin will be the MC for the night.

Uplifting musical coming to Empire

ONE of the most celebrated musicals of all time, Once comes to cover Liverpool for the first time, playing at Liverpool Empire from Monday 20 to Saturday, January 25.

Based on the critically acclaimed and much-loved film, Once tells the uplifting yet yearning story of two lost souls, a Dublin street busker and a Czech musician simply known as ‘Guy’ and ‘Girl’. Once stars Daniel Healy and Emma Lucia as Guy and Girl, and ahead of the show’s North West premiere they can be seen performing songs from the musical’s award-winning score.

From the Liver Building to Liverpool Lime Street, Daniel and Emma could be seen performing to the gathering crowds.

Celebrated for its original score including the Academy Award-winning song Falling Slowly, Once is a spell-binding and uplifting story of hopes and dreams.

Once embarks on its first major UK tour after playing on Broadway and in the West End, and having won awards across the world including the Academy Award for Best Original Song, a Grammy for Best Musical Theatre Album, eight Tony Awards and an Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Music.

This cast is led by Daniel Healy as Guy and Emma Lucia as Girl, who return to the roles after receiving critical and audience acclaim in the production’s 2018 premiere at the New Wolvey Theatre, Ipswich and Queen’s Theatre, Hornchurch.

Daniel Healy is a successful playwright, musician and actor, who has co-written songs for multi-platinum artist Ronan Keating including the single Breathe, which topped the BBC Radio 2 Playlist. Theatre credits include Backbeast and Once, both in the West End.

Emma Lucia made her professional debut as Marilyn and under studying Carole King in the UK Tour of Beautiful, before taking on the role of Girl in Once.

The cast also features Dan Bottomley as Billy, Matthew Burns as Eamon, Ellen Chivers as Reza, Ronaldo Ford as ex-girlfriend, Lloyd Gorman as Svejk, David Heywood as Emcee, Samuel Martin as bank manager, Peter Feverley as Da, Susannah Van der Walt as Yvonne, Edwina Rowe as Marie, and has also work

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Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, not less than seven days from the publication of this Notice, intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Aldine Lane, Netherton for the following reason: Carriageway repair and upgrade works.

The proposed Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Work will commence on 27th January, 2020 and be completed by 7th February, 2020.

Access will be maintained for the Emergency Services and where possible for residents.

Alternative Route
The diversion route for all traffic will be via: St Oswalds Lane, Brandon Road, Liverpool Road South, Aldine Lane and vice versa. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984, SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Temporary Closure of Old Bank Street, Bootle
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, not less than seven days from the publication of this Notice, intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Old Bank Street, Bootle for the following reason: Carriageway repair and upgrade works.

The proposed Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Work will commence on 27th January, 2020 and be completed by 7th February, 2020.

Access will be maintained for the Emergency Services and where possible for residents.

Alternative Route
The diversion route for all traffic will be via: Flookes Drive, Old Bank Road, Old Bank Lane and vice versa. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984, SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Temporary Closure of Carriageway of Old Southport Road, Southport
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, not less than seven days from the publication of this Notice, intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Old Southport Road, Southport for the following reason: Carriageway repair and upgrade works.

The proposed Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Work will commence on 27th January, 2020 and be completed by 7th February, 2020.

Access will be maintained for the Emergency Services and where possible for residents.

Alternative Route
The diversion route for all traffic will be via: Wallasey Road, Old Southport Road, Wallasey Lane and vice versa. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

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Temporary Closure of Ford Lane, Southport
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, not less than seven days from the publication of this Notice, intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Ford Lane, Southport for the following reason: Carriageway repair and upgrade works.

The proposed Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Work will commence on 27th January, 2020 and be completed by 7th February, 2020.

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Alternative Route
The diversion route for all traffic will be via: Ford Lane, Green Lane and vice versa. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984, SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Temporary Closure of Old Shoreham Road, Southport
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, not less than seven days from the publication of this Notice, intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Old Shoreham Road, Southport for the following reason: Carriageway repair and upgrade works.

The proposed Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Work will commence on 27th January, 2020 and be completed by 7th February, 2020.

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Alternative Route
The diversion route for all traffic will be via: New Road, Old Shoreham Road, Old Southport Road and vice versa. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984, SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Temporary Closure of Blackpool Road, Lytham
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, not less than seven days from the publication of this Notice, intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Blackpool Road, Lytham for the following reason: BT fibre improvement works.

The proposed Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Work will commence on 27th January, 2020 and be completed by 7th February, 2020.

Access will be maintained for the Emergency Services and where possible for residents.

Alternative Route
The diversion route for all traffic will be via: West Kirby Road, Birkenhead Road, Lytham Road and vice versa. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984, SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Temporary Closure of Sunnyside Road, Southport
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, not less than seven days from the publication of this Notice, intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Sunnyside Road, Southport for the following reason: Carriageway repair and upgrade works.

The proposed Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Work will commence on 27th January, 2020 and be completed by 7th February, 2020.

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Alternative Route
The diversion route for all traffic will be via: Blackpool Road, Southport Way and vice versa. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984, SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Temporary Closure of Avenham Road, Preston
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, not less than seven days from the publication of this Notice, intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Avenham Road, Preston for the following reason: Carriageway repair and upgrade works.

The proposed Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Work will commence on 27th January, 2020 and be completed by 7th February, 2020.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**Meadows Elsie (nee Blakeborough)**
Peacefully at home on 23rd December 2019
Aged 95 years

The funeral will take place at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 31st January at 11:20am
Family flowers only. Donations if desired to WaterAid (01704 392392)
A/F WaterAid

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**Thomas Alan**
25th December 2019
Aged 88 years

Died suddenly after a tragic accident in London. Alan will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 31st January at 12:00pm.
Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for The Salvation Army, Southport.
Enquiries to Howard’s Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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**Oldfield Alice**
Nee Roberts
4th January 2020
Peacefully aged 62 years
Devoted Wife of Clive and loving Mother of Andrew and Stephanie.
Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 27th January 2020 at 11:30am.
Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Revolution Hospice.
Enquiries to Howard’s Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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**Jones Gareth Wynne Griffiths**
Former Head of Modern Languages at the Language College at Greenbank High School.
Peacefully at home on 1st January 2020 after a long illness, borne with courage & dignity.
Gareth will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Saturday 18th January 2020 at 11:00am.
Donations if desired to St Joseph’s Hospice, Thornton.
For all enquiries please contact Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB. Tel: 0151 520 3330

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**Siggins Fred**
2nd January 2020
Aged 87 years
Passed away peacefully at Leighton Lodge Nursing Home, Wirral.
Loving Husband to Lilka. Father to John and Geoff and special Nonno to Jennifer, Daniel and Matthew and Tanya-Mae and Michael.
He will be greatly missed.
Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 27th January 2020 at 12:45pm.
Donations only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Alzheimer’s Research UK.
Further enquiries to Graham J Clegg Funeral Services, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB. Tel: 0151 520 3330

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**Beale Brian Richard**
5th January 2020
Peacefully at Aintree Nursing Home aged 74 years of Skelmersdale.
He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.
Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK.
Further enquiries please to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors. Tel: 01704 501501.

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**Clarke Terence Patrick**
Suddenly died 3rd January 2020
Aged 68 years
Suddenly died after a short illness.
Loving mum of Paul, Tracy and Kelly. Cherished Grandson of Ann Beckett and Patrick.
Father to James and Georgia. Brother to Joanne and Matthew.
Grandfather to Gabriella and Josef.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors. Tel: 01704 501501.

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**Mook Pat**
7th January 2020
Aged 92 years
Passed away peacefully at home.
Loving mum of Margaret and Andrew.
Donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Support.
Enquiries to Howard’s Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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**Bendow Patricia (Pat)**
Nee Murphy
December 29th 2019
Aged 72 years
Passed away peacefully at her home.
Beloved Wife of Brian. Loving Mum of David and Andrew.
Donations if desired to St John’s Church, Litherland.
Enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors. Tel: 01704 501501.

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**Rowe Jean (Mary)**
22nd December 2019
Aged 97 years
Devoted Wife of the late Cecil Pierre, much loved Mother of Angela and Michael.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd January at 11:30am.
Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK.
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**M Artland Alice**
11th January 2020
Peacefully aged 93 years of Ormskirk.
The dearly loved Wife of the late Bill, loving Sister of Betty (deceased) and Doris (deceased) and Sister in law of Fred (deceased) and Gordon (deceased). Alice will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 11am.
Enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors. Tel: 01704 501501.
PRAYER TO ST JUDE

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be present with you, and loved in all the tabernacles until the end of time.

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised and adored without art and forever.

St. Jude pray for us and hear our prayers. Amen.

Blessed be the Sacred Heart of Jesus;
Blessed be the Immaculate Heart of Mary;
Blessed be the Most Holy Rosary of the Most Holy Virgin of Nazareth;
Blessed be St. Joseph, the Drops of Blood, the living image of the Immaculate
Blessed be the Holy Family, now and forever.

Blessed St. Jude Thaddeus, pray for us.

— Thomas Cardinal Ciszek, O.M.I.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE M57 MOTORWAY (JUNCTIONS 1-7 NORTHBOUND & SOUTHBOUND, CAMBERMOUTH JUNCTION AND LINKROADS AND M62 MOTORWAY (LINK ROADS)) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (Company No. 09346363) intends to make an Order on the M57 and M62 Motorways and the A580 Trunk Road, in the Boroughs of Knowsley and Sefton, in the City of Liverpool, in the County of Merseyside, to enable resurfacing, and other general maintenance; to be carried out in safety.

The Order will:

1) impose a 50 mph speed limit on the following sections of the M57 Motorway and A580 Trunk Road;
   a) the M57 northbound carriageway between J4 and J7, from a point 240 metres south of the point at which the A680 westbound to M57 northbound link road joins the M57 northbound carriageway, to the end of the M57 at J7 (Bootle);
   b) the A680 westbound to M57 northbound link road;
   c) the A574 northbound exit slip road at J2;
   d) the A574 northbound exit slip road at J7;
   e) the A580 exit slip road to the J2 northbound and southbound entry slip roads; and
   f) all traffic from the following sections of the M57 and M62 Motorways and A580 Trunk Road.

2) prohibit traffic from the following sections of the M57 and M62 Motorways and the A580 Trunk Road:
   a) the M57 northbound carriageway, from the point at which the A5300 northbound exit slip road leaves the A5300 northbound carriageway, to the point at which the M26 southbound exit slip road joins the M57 northbound carriageway;
   b) the M57 southbound carriageway, from the last point at which the J1 southbound exit slip road leaves the carriageway, to the point at which the J1 southbound entry slip road joins the A3003 southbound carriageway;
   c) the M57 southbound carriageway, from the last point at which the J2 northbound exit slip road leaves the A5300 northbound carriageway, to the point at which the M57 southbound exit slip road joins the M57 northbound carriageway;
   d) the M57 southbound carriageway, from the last point at which the J4 southbound exit slip road leaves the carriageway, to the first point at which the J6 exit slip road leaves the carriageway, to the first point at which the J5 entry slip road joins the carriageway;
   e) the M57 southbound carriageway, from the last point at which the J6 exit slip road leaves the carriageway, to the first point at which the J2 exit slip road joins the carriageway;
   f) the M57 northbound carriageway, from the last point at which the J4 exit slip road leaves the carriageway, to the first point at which the J6 exit slip road leaves the carriageway, to the first point at which the J2 exit slip road joins the carriageway;
   g) the M57 southbound carriageway, from the last point at which the J6 exit slip road leaves the carriageway, to the first point at which the J4 exit slip road joins the carriageway;
   h) the M57 southbound carriageway, from the last point at which the J2 exit slip road leaves the carriageway, to the first point at which the J5 entry slip road joins the carriageway;
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The prohibitions detailed above will take place overnight between 20:00 and 05:00 on the day.

For further information on this Order or to make representations, including objections, please contact the Listening Post Team on 0151 703 4656.

Enquiries to: David Logan, Highways England Company Limited, Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ. Tel: 01483 470 619.

For objections or representations, you must submit them in writing to the undersigned on or before 20/03/2020, after which date the Estate will be closed.

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I've been to plenty of car shows that have had all sorts of clever gimmicks – and the eye-watering ticket prices to go with them – so it was always refreshing to park up at Tarleton's annual motoring bash and revel in a show that deliberately devoid of pretentious add-ons; you got sheds loads of nostalgia, some stands from community organisations, a couple of old fairground rides borrowed for the weekend, and that was about it.

It wasn't, as the name rightly suggests, even a car show - it was the Leagues Lakes Steam & Vintage Vehicle Rally, which meant that you were as likely to see a lovingly maintained steam traction engine of an old David Brown tractor as you were a Ford Prefect or an Austin Cambridge.

In fact – keep this quiet, as I know this is supposed to be a car-related column – I think Fred Dibnah's Land Rover might have been narrowly pipped to the post by the past array of vintage lorries built up by the hugely impressive William Hunter Collection.

Over the past decade or so this event’s grown into a carefully curated overdose of motoring nostalgia, and I’ve loved every one of my outings.

So I was saddened to learn the other day that the organisers have decided to go out on a high after raising more than £330,000 for charity – not bad for a small-ish, volunteer-run event that’s had to contend with date clashes with other events, venue switches, horrendous weather and waterlogged fields along the way.

In a letter put out on the show’s website, the team behind it said that no one had stepped forward with offers to help out with the months of planning needed to organise the two-day show, so the team’s decided to call it a day.

There are, of course, plenty of events going ahead later this summer if you love nothing more than a Saturday tear up.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed that some enterprising car nut decides to hold a vehicle rally of their own, to plug the gap, because there's definitely an appetite in this part of the world for this sort of show, where you’re as likely to hear the roar of a faded fairground organ or the chuff of a steam engine as you are the clatter of an old sidevalve engine.

My one request to whoever does, though – tell the companies hoping to flog overpriced gourmet grub and brand-new McLarens to do one. We've got plenty of shows for them already…

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Bucks win again to keep in touch with leaders

CONGLETON Town 0
BOOTLE 3

BOOTLE continued their impressive form with a hard-fought 3-0 win over Congleton Town at the weekend, writes Connor O’Neill. The visitors ran the Bucks’ seventh in a row, with them now sitting three points behind league leaders 1874 Northwich.

Bootle picked up from where they left off on Tuesday night when they beat Runcorn Town 4-0 and opened the scoring on 18 minutes. Kieran Halligan and John Connolly combined down the right before the latter crossed for Carl Peers who swooped the ball home from 12-yards out. Jack McGovern then denied Dan Cope at the other end but the resulting parry fell to the plastic combined down the right.

Maghull pay for missed chances

MAGHULL Impressive win boosts Remyca survival bid

Litherland Remyca 4
Hanley Town 1

REMYCA put in one of their best performances of the season to earn a much-needed three points.

Goals from James Law, Paul Foy and the debuting Einar White, recently signed from Hanley, could have been one goal more, but the resulting parry fell to the feet of Law who blasted his shot into the back of the net.

Not long after this, it was 2-0. A beautiful pass from the constantly brilliant John Connolly, was played to White. The attacker rounded the keeper with ease and dinked his shot in.

Two minutes after the second half whistle was blown, Remyca were 3-0 up. This time, substitute Denny made a powerful pass to Jevons in the box and the forward showed class, as he slotted his shot into the bottom corner.

Chances were few and far between in the second half and Litherland added another to their score tally in odd fashion.

A loose cross was attacked in the box, but Cooke reacted first to win the header for Hanley butte ball came off his head and looped over Woolrich for an own goal.

Hanley grabbed a consolation goal through a header off the back post.

REMYCA are due to host Whitburn Albion tonight (Wednesday) and have no match on Saturday.

Captain Cummins bags all four goals for free scoring Mariners

WIDNES 1
MARSKE 0

MARINE captain Niall Cummins scored all four goals in an impressive away victory at Widnes, writes Tom Clarke.

The 13,350-capacity stadium welcomed a modest 189-strong crowd for the fixture, many of whom were travelling Mariners.

The performance was much more lively, though, as Marine won a penalty inside five minutes after Niall Cummins was felled in the box. The captain stepped up and put the spot kick low towards the bottom right corner, but it was equalised by a great stop from Tom Scott.

Ex-Mariner James Murray was lively for Widnes, but Germano Mendes in goal managed to keep him out, once with an unorthodox stop using his face for which he required treatment.

Cummins notched the first goal after 33 minutes following some intense pressing from Steve Irwin, which led the midfielder through to square for his captain.

The striker almost immediately bagged his second before half-time, but for a Widnes clearance off the line.

That second goal came seven minutes after the restart, but in strange circumstances.

After the goal appeared perfectly legitimate, the linesman flagged for an unknown reason, before the referee made the ultimate decision to award the goal.

Captain Cummins bagged his hat-trick with 15 minutes left, to wild celebrations from the travelling Mariners.

Manager Neil Young made three changes in the closing stages to see out the win, as James Barrigan, Irwin, and Jordan Lussey all made way for James Ellison, Craig Lindfield and Kenny Strickland.

Lindfield also made an instant impact, squaring the ball past the goal-keeper but none of his teammates were able to get to the ball before it was cleared.

Ben Hodgkinson pulled one back for Widnes with four minutes remaining, but Marine ultimately bagged the three points to maintain third place in the league.

Marine travel to Moseley on Saturday, January 18.

Goalkeeper Shamal George has returned to Liverpool FC following the completion of his loan. Shamal, 22, made 16 appearances, keeping five clean sheets.

Impressive win boosts Remyca survival bid

Firwood Waterloo show they won’t be rolled over in impressive win

FIRWOOD Waterloo’s unbeaten home run this season continued with an impressive 49-20 win over Douglas, writes Harry Jones.

‘Loo came into the fixture having won six out of their last seven games so confidence was high and this showed as they made a blistering start scoring two tries and two conversions.

The first try was scored by Alex Ward and then the second by Gabe Davies as ‘Loo made a great break, allowing Davies to skip past the backs to put the home side in a comfortable position.

Both conversions were scored by Darragh O’Brien.

Douglas came back with a good response putting pressure on the Waterloo defence and got their first try and conversion. Douglas where then awarded a penalty to make the half time score 14-10.

The second half picked up the scrappy nature of the first but ‘Loo did manage to score a try, Gabe Davies’ second which was followed with another O’Brien conversion.

Douglas battled back to score three tries and one conversion in quick succession, catching out the Waterloo defence to bring the score to 21-20 and leave the game in the balance.

‘Loo were being frustrated going forward but had managed to get more of a foothold in the game and get what would turn out to be a decisive try to extend their lead, coming from vice-captain Alex Tener with the conversion being followed up.

Following this, the Douglas defence completely broke down and a relentless ‘Loo took advantage of this.

Firstly the Douglas scrum back was caught taking too long on the ball by captain Jack Weir who pounced to win the ball for him to score a try with the conversion being followed.

Alex Ward then profited from another missed conversion to score his second try of the game and another conversion.

There was still time for Luke Clifford to bag himself a try and O’Brien to score another conversion meaning he had scored all the conversions he had taken in the game.

Backs coach and fly half Alex Ward said he was happy with the way they reacted to the visitors nearly levelling early in the second half.

He said: “Last year we probably would have rolled over and not got back into the game. We just need to push on and I’m sure we can beat anyone in this league now.”

The result also means Firwood Waterloo are unbeaten this season. They are now third in the league table and travel to Vale of Lune on Saturday.
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