



Welcome to your local community news and events bulletin from Halton Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise. Here you will find all the latest community news and upcoming events in the Runcorn and Widnes area.

Youth Bar to Open in Runcorn

Young people in Runcorn who successfully applied to install an alcohol-free bar at their local youth centre are leading a Government drive to ensure other young people have things to do on Friday and Saturday nights. Members of the Xcel Chill project at the Hope Corner youth centre in Runcorn convinced a panel of young people that they should receive a £10,000 DCSF Youth Capital Fund grant to build an alcohol-free bar on the premises. The bar is currently being built on the premises. Scores of teenagers attend Hope Corner every Saturday night to use the cyber café, play on a wide-screen X Box and learn new skills including jewellery making.

Halton Miniature Railway

Halton Miniature Railway is a 7 1/4" guage railway that was originally opened in 1979. Staffed by volunteers, passengers can enjoy a mile long journey around the Town Park. The service commences at Mousetrap Hall Station, and at only £1, this is a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon with the kids. The service operates most Sunday's from 1.30pm -4.30pm. Telephone 01928 574396 / 01928 701965 for info.



Medieval Mersey Traders - one of the Top Four tourism experiences in the Merseyside Region!

Over Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd of August Norton Priory celebrates its 5th annual festival of medieval lifestyle through their Medieval Mersey Traders event.

One of the top 4 Tourism Experiences in 2008 as judged by The Mersey Partnership (TMP) this event offers a truly special opportunity to engage with the medieval way of life. Find out more at www.nortonpriory.org.



Bag a Bargain at Halton's Car Boot Sales



Sutton Field's ever popular Charity Car Boot sales are back again, planned dates are:
Sunday 19th July in aid of Runcorn Cricket Club
Sunday 2nd August in aid of Highfield Choir
Sunday 16th August in aid of Linnetts Football Club Bank Holiday
Monday 31st August in aid of Halton Guides.
Call 01928 701236 for information.
Alternatively, Halton's indoor Car Boot sale is held at Halton Lea Shopping Centre EVERY Sunday in Car Park 6 (River car park).

From Singapore to Fairfield

A research paper from a Halton infants school has been presented at an early years conference in South East Asia leading to international accolades, and possible links with schools in Melbourne and Singapore. Fairfield Infants School completed an action research paper, was presented at the third International Arts in Early Childhood Conference in Singapore this week - a conference attended by delegates from all over the world. The paper was presented on the schools' behalf by their schools new 'Creative Agent', Dr Nick Owen and describes the evaluation of the whole journey of the recent Enquiry School research. He said: "The paper went down well - there are several possibilities of some connections with similar organisations and schools in Melbourne, Australia - and several organisations here are interested in establishing some kind of link with Fairfield Infants School." Halton Borough Council's Executive Board Member for Children and Young People, Cllr Tom McInerney, said: "It is a great honour that a piece of research from a school in Halton is being held up as good practice at a conference in Singapore."



Community Payback Scheme

Following a large-scale vote across the country to give the public a greater say in how criminals should pay back to the community, the public have decided on the projects that offenders must first complete across England and Wales. A total of 18,000 people have voted for what Community Payback they would like to see of offenders in 54 areas across the country carry out first from a list of five projects per area. The three-week vote through the Directgov website was part of the 'Justice Seen, Justice Done' campaign to raise awareness of Community Payback as a tough punishment for criminals, following the launch of branded high visibility orange jackets that offenders must now wear. In Halton, The Trans Pennine Way will be one of the places to benefit from this scheme— this long distance footpath and cycleway attracts rubbish and graffiti as it cuts through Halton. Offenders will clean it up, removing litter and fly-tipping, and scrubbing off graffiti.



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