

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **New website goes live**

The new 'Building Better Opportunities - Stafford and South Staffordshire' website is now live at www.bbstaffs.org

Please visit the website and see the work being done across the district to support those furthest from the jobs market and the specialist support available to help overcome barriers.

There's information about all the work clubs in the district as well as real life stories including two case studies featuring local residents Clare and David, who attend the South Staffordshire Work Clubs. If you know anyone who would benefit from the support, please contact Ben Picken on **01902 696228**.

- **Review Magazine - issue 70**

The summer issue of the South Staffordshire Review Magazine has now been printed and distributed to all households in the district. Click [here](#) to read the latest issue.

- **Local jobs for local people**

Over the last couple of months, two local companies have held recruitment events at the Council Offices in Codsall and at Wombourne Library. Bilbrook-based Cargill, who produce chicken nuggets for a well-known fast food outlet, was recruiting for production line operatives ahead of their second production line opening later in the year. The second company, Progress Care Services, which provides support and care for vulnerable children and young people within South Staffordshire, was recruiting for support carers in both Codsall and Wombourne.

Progress Care Services offered positions to 19 applicants - a fantastic achievement - whilst Cargill offered a permanent job to one attendee, and a further three candidates were successful in progressing through a sector-based work academy programme. Hopefully, this will result in a job offer at the end of the process.

Progress Care Services will be one of the companies attending our Skills and Jobs Fair taking place at the Council Offices in Codsall on Wednesday 26 September 2018 between 10am and 2pm. We're expecting 40 organisations and businesses to attend and the event will be promoting job opportunities and support to help anyone looking for employment, volunteering and work experience. The event is free for both exhibitors and members of the public.

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Interested businesses or support organisations who would like to attend, please contact Michelle Kettles (m.kettles@sstaffs.gov.uk) or Hayley Cooper (h.cooper@sstaffs.gov.uk).

- **Keep healthy this summer**

With the warm weather looking set to continue for a while, there's a chance that some scattered thunderstorms may form over parts of central and eastern England. Click [here](#) to check all flood alerts/warnings on the Environment Agency's website. Remember that information and advice on sun safety can be found on the NHS Choices website - click [here](#) for more information.

- **Free children's activities**

If you're a resident of Perton, Brewood, Coven or Bishops Wood, there are discounted and free children's activities on offer within the parishes for residents, thanks to funding from the Parish Councils. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information and call Codsall Leisure Centre on **01902 844032** to book. To find out more about what's on in our Leisure Centres this summer, click [here](#) for more information.

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

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

If you're looking for ideas for things to do in South Staffordshire over the summer holidays, don't forget to visit www.enjoysouthstaffordshire.com

- **Community Lottery - July superdraw!**

This Saturday, one lucky winner in the South Staffordshire Community Lottery will win two tickets to an evening of horse racing, a three-course meal and live entertainment on Saturday 22 September 2018 thanks to Wolverhampton Racecourse. Fancy your chances? Play the Community Lottery and buy a lottery ticket before Saturday 28 July 2018. Click [here](#) to find out more.

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- **5 Rating**

The following companies have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspections this week - Wardles Lane Bakery (Kwik Bites) in Great Wyrley and Springfield House Care Home in Codsall.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meeting is scheduled:

- **Audit and Risk Committee** - Tuesday 31 July 2018 - 4pm - Bill Brownhill Room

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