

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

### FROME SHOW

9TH SEPTEMBER

### MID-SOMERSET SHOW

20TH AUGUST

### FROME FESTIVAL

7TH TO 16TH JULY

### MENDIP PLOUGHING MATCH

27TH SEPTEMBER

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### Putting their best feet forward

Two Cooper and Tanner staff members showed what they are capable of by covering between them over 60 miles – on foot. To be honest the mileage was not very evenly shared with Fiona Norris running 53 of them and Dennis Barnard clocked up the remaining 10'.

Fiona's double marathon epic was from Taunton to Minehead with Fiona and her companion Kate Wareham running most of the way. They raised in excess of £2,000 for Sarcoma UK and Frome Lions Club.

Dennis's effort was no less startling as he has seen considerably more summers than most of us have had hot dinners. Dennis raised in excess of £2,000 for the Forever Friends Appeal and various other charities. Well done, a fantastic achievement!

## Mid Somerset Show

### Proudly part of the community

Cooper and Tanner sponsor a number of shows and public events throughout the year, one of the biggest and most prominent is the Mid Somerset Show which takes place every year in August at the show ground in Shepton Mallet. Oliver Jenkin, manager of our Glastonbury branch is part of the shows sponsorship committee, he has been

of volunteers that run and organise the show were named The National Outdoor Events Association Team of the Year.

The Mid Somerset Show doesn't feel in anyway commercialised, it is very much a traditional agricultural show but above all else it is a fantastic family day out. Some of this year's events include falconry displays, various livestock shows and lots of equestrian classes, all topped off with the now infamous South West cheese awards and the Somerset cider championships!



fortunate enough to get a behind the scenes look at what makes this one of the best agricultural shows around. The show is free entry for pedestrians so relies heavily on local volunteers and the generosity of numerous local business. Oliver notes that the popularity has grown significantly over recent years, and with it the generosity of many of the sponsors. The idea of the show was first conceived 160 years, but even then it was more than just a ploughing contest between local farmers; there were also classes for best Hunter and for cheese and butter making. The show has gone from strength to strength and in 2015 the teams

### Free Antique Valuation Day

Our Sale Rooms values and auctioneer Gareth Wasp will be at the Larkrise Community Farm fete on Saturday 22nd of July. The event is between 10am until 3pm and is being held on the West Ashton Road in Trowbridge. Gareth will be there all day so bring along your antiques and heirlooms for a free appraisal.



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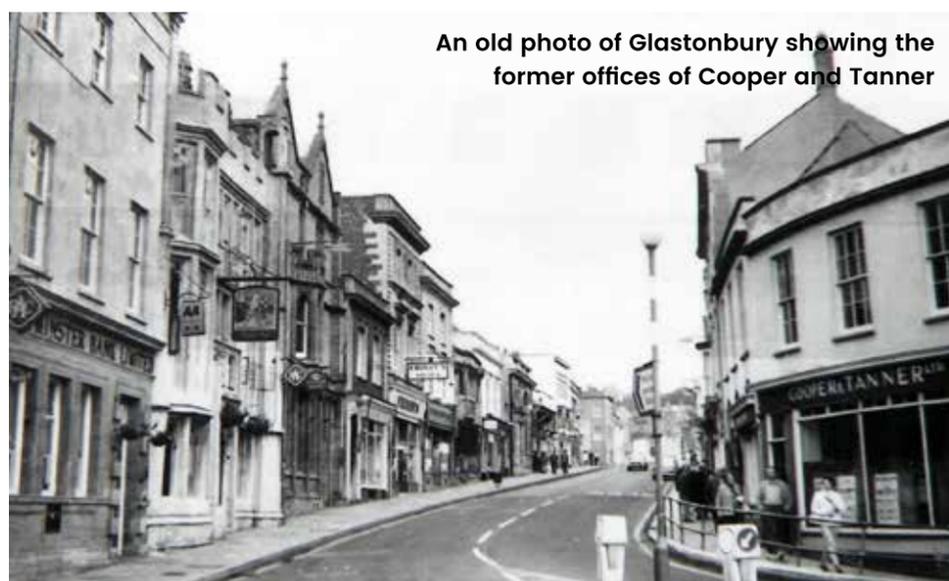
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27TH SEPTEMBER

**THE DAIRY EVENT**

4TH OCTOBER

## People Power in Glastonbury



An old photo of Glastonbury showing the former offices of Cooper and Tanner

Oliver Jenkin, Manager of Cooper and Tanners Glastonbury office writes about Glastonbury's newly formed chamber of commerce, which has just celebrated its first anniversary!

On April 5th 2016 the last of Glastonbury's four banks closed its doors, starving residents and many of the towns independent business of basic banking needs. Glastonbury opposed and rallied, the will

clue is in the name as they say, its sole purpose was to keep one bank in the Town and they succeeded! On 27th April this year Glastonbury welcomed the world's largest building society, Nationwide to the town which has so far thrived.

The enthusiasm, determination and collective drive shown by the campaigners was harnessed and used to form Glastonbury chamber commerce.

and determination of the town shone through which was spearheaded by the campaign group "Last Bank Standing". A group of local residents, business owners and councillors who organised flash mobs, petitions, campaigns and took the issue direct to Prime ministers questions via local MP James Heapey. The

As a member and representative of Cooper and Tanner, Oliver Jenkin notes just how quickly membership has grown since its formation in July 2016. Oliver regularly attends the breakfast meetings, these are held on the second Monday of each month in various locations around Town and all are accompanied by a guest speaker. It is not only a chance enjoy the many different breakfast offerings but the chance to discuss a variety of different issues, make new friends but also to discuss a wider range of issues that effecting Glastonbury, many of which are outside of the usual business remit. Like everything Glastonbury, the chamber has a diverse range of members and there is a real appetite to continually attract new members. If you are interested in finding out further information about the chamber or would like to become a member Oliver can be contacted on 01458 831077 or email [oliver.jenkin@cooperandtanner.co.uk](mailto:oliver.jenkin@cooperandtanner.co.uk)



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## Classic Cars in Frome



We sponsored the Classic Car event at the Frome Freemasons summer fete. We provided not only the 'Best in Show' trophy but also one of the judges! Our Senior Managing Partner Quintyn Howard-Evans had to make a very difficult decision about which one to choose. With everything from Austin vans to vintage Rolls Royce's to choose from this was no easy task.

In the end the winner was Anne Oakes with her lovely M.G.A. The condition, presentation and unusual colour made it stand out from the crowd and it was a popular choice as winner. Second place went to a beautiful Morgan in British Racing Green, and an Itala from 1921 came in at number 3.

Our vintage tractor was on site all day and was very popular for photographs with young and old. The tractor will be making an appearance at the Mid-Somerset and Frome shows, come along and have your picture taken on board this lovely old machine.

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### THE DAIRY SHOW

Wednesday 4th October saw the Bath and West Showground turn into the UK's largest dairy show with farmers, producers and associated firms descending on the Shepton Mallet site for the day. As well as being an industry trade event, the cattle showing classes remain very well supported with over 300 entries this year. It is an important day in the calendar for the industry, and one that Cooper & Tanner very much enjoy being a part of. The day was, as always, a busy one with clients both old and new, coming to the stand for advice or just to say "hello". A show like the Dairy Event also gives Cooper & Tanner the opportunity to catch up with other professionals and firms within the agricultural industry which helps to ensure that our clients benefit from the most appropriate and up to date advice.



High speed action at the Ploughing Match



### THE MENDIP PLOUGHING MATCH

Cooper and Tanner were delighted to support the Mendip Ploughing Society by attending the 148th meeting held at Priddy last month.

The annual competitions not only include a variety of ploughing classes from horse plough to steam power but also hedge laying, dry stone walling and a variety of farm produce exhibition classes.

George Trippick and Jake Smith of our Glastonbury office were at hand on the stand throughout the day. Jake comments that he was "delighted to see not only a good number of competitors but also visitors enjoying themselves at what is a reassuringly traditional rural event."

Well done to all that took part and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Slightly slower speed action at the Ploughing Match!



#### Another date for your diary:

The 118th Frome Fatstock Show at Frome Market on the 29th November. For more information see Tim Hector's report on page 13.

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### Walking though the Window Wanderland



The Window Wanderland was the brain child of Lucy Reeves Khan in 2015 and since then has become a national phenomenon which reached Frome earlier this year. The idea was to create beautiful, colourful displays in windows around the town which when lit from the inside in the dark February nights would create stunning images and designs. The Frome community certainly got behind the idea with over 175 windows taking part including houses, businesses and even the Town Hall. People were encouraged to follow a map around the town, exploring and enjoying the town's creative flare. Not to be left out, our Frome office took part in their own unique way with a display created using some of the town's landmarks (some more obscure than others) for people to keep an eye open for on their travels. It really was a wonderful event and we very much hope that it returns again in 2019.

### WEDMORE YFC LIVESTOCK SHOW



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### The sky's the limit

On the 4th February our Frome office residential manager Adam Scott decided that it would be a good idea to throw himself out of a small aeroplane over the Wiltshire countryside in the name of charity. You will all be pleased to know that he did have a parachute attached to his back and made it to the ground in one piece having raised over £200 for Bath Cats and Dogs Home. Well done Adam and we are pleased to see you back on terra ferma.

### And they're off.....



For one Sunday each March part of the Mendip Hills becomes a Point to Point course and 2018 was no different. The weather has a habit of making or breaking the day and luckily this year the weather gods were kind to the organising team which helped to encourage a good crowd. This year the first race was very slightly different and involved camels rather than horses – it was hilarious to watch but I have to say it didn't look overly comfortable at all. The usual race card was full of highly trained athletes, and their horses, cheered across the line by a full crowd of spectators.

Cooper and Tanner have been proud to support this important rural event for many years and welcomed many clients and friends onto their stand to offer them a warming cup of tea. Well done to all those involved in bringing together another successful day and we look forward to 2019!



### Frome is a top town – official (well according to the Sunday Times)

Frome has achieved top ranking in the Sunday Times 'Best places to live – South West'. Whilst the town has always done well, this is the first time it has achieved top slot. The plethora of new eating houses gets a mention as does the Independent Market. Apparently young fogies now live there – not sure if that is a positive or negative term but in any event the town is thriving!

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**Emborough  
Horse Show**  
8<sup>th</sup> July

**Midsomerset  
Show**  
19<sup>th</sup> August

**Corsley  
Village Show**  
27<sup>th</sup> August

**Evergreen  
Village Show**  
1<sup>st</sup> September

### Nunney Horse Trials

Cooper and Tanner are proud to be supporting this year's Nunney International Horse Trials, which take place at Southfield House near Frome on June 15 – 17. It promises to be the best yet with hundreds of competitors set to compete over the course of the three days. The event is staged in the spectacular grounds of the Grade II listed Southfield House where visitors are welcome to come along and watch top riders in action in beautiful un-spoilt farmland.



For three days, Southfield House, which is close to the A361 near the village of Nunney, becomes a hive of activity and as well as sporting action. The event attracts some of the top names from the sport of eventing with International stars with Zara Phillips, Harry Meade, Sam Griffiths, Kristina Cook and Izzy Taylor all competing there in the past.

Organiser Bridget Parker said: "We are really looking forward to this year's event. We first ran at Southfield House in 2012, and the event has been growing in popularity. It's great that it attracts so many of the top names from the sport and it provides a wonderful opportunity for people to come along and enjoy a day out in beautiful countryside while watching the exciting sport of horse trials. Helen West is our course builder and there will be a few changes this year. We hope everyone comes along and enjoys fabulous competition in the Somerset countryside."

Entry to the event is free on Friday and £12 per car on Saturday and Sunday. Visit [www.nunneyhorsetrials.co.uk](http://www.nunneyhorsetrials.co.uk) for more details.

### Jo's Jumble

Jo Taylor from our Wells Branch is helping her 16 year old son, Oscar, raise funds to take part in the World Challenge expedition to Northern India. The month long expedition to Ladakh, in Northern India, involves trekking the foothills of the Himalayas, visiting remote villages and volunteering with educational and community projects. To take part in the expedition each 'World Challenger' must raise at least £3990 – which is a challenge in itself.

Oscar recently held a Jumble Sale at Coxley Memorial Hall and raised an amazing £574 towards his total and has got a quiz planned too. Good luck Oscar, what an incredible opportunity!



### Street 2: Shepton Mallet 1

Bragging rights were up for grabs in March as Street FC, a team Cooper and Tanner are proud to sponsor and who were enjoying some fine form hosted Shepton Mallet AFC. Ian Smith and Chris Hood, Managers of our Street and Shepton Mallet offices were pleased to attend the match, albeit in the snow and sub-zero temperatures. A close game saw the teams go into the final stages level at 1-1 with Shepton Mallet fighting hard to earn themselves a point, Street struck with almost the last kick of the game to win the match in dramatic style and leaving Chris to buy the beers.



### Wedmore Young Farmers Show and Sale

On Saturday 14th April the George Hotel in Wedmore was transformed into a show ground for the annual Wedmore Young Farmers Show and Sale. The day gave the members of the club the opportunity to showcase their livestock and handicrafts to the public. Classes included beef, dairy, sheep, pigs and poultry and many more besides. Events like this are so very important to our rural communities and a great way to get together and see first-hand some really well produced and cared for animals and Cooper and Tanner are delighted to be able to support them.



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