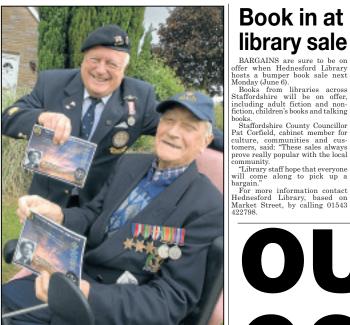
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Charter fair procession

Procession A STREET market, disco and a host of deco-rated trolleys will act as a prelude to the annual Rugeley Charter Fair this weekend. Festivities will begin at 10.15am on Saturday (June 4) from the Globe pub, when schools and businesses will unleash their decorated trolleys. Brook Square and Lower Brook Street will be the location for the market stalls. The monthly lotto draw follows, before the winner of the Factor continues the procession, on the way to joining the Charter Fair parade, leading on to Hagley Park for the main event.



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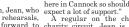
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Lions' help for school

A FUNDRAISING group has chipped in towards a Rugeley schools bid for new play equipment. Rugeley Lions were asked by Red brook Hayes Community Primary in Brereton, to contribute towards is about to go in the school playground. The equipment is designed so that all children, whatever their physical ablifty, can use it without having to rely on others to get them on and off, rest of the cash.



Lions Jill Burgin and Peter Fielding with pupil Cara Robin-son. Lucy Neesam and Ben Woodbridge hold the cheque

Good causes share out cash

GREAT Wyrley Townswomen Guild has nanded out £1,200 it has raised over the past

handed out £1,200 it has raised over the past year. The money has been split between three char-ities, all of whom received £400. The money was presented to Shirley Ward from Help the Heroes, to Sharon Wright from Alzheimers Research UK and Warren Appleby from the British Heart Foundation on behalf of the "My Heart in Cannock Appeal" for an Echo Machine for Cannock Hospital. Great Wyrley Townswomen Guild has

received an award or its own, being presented with a trophy from South Staffordshire Federa-tion for the most new members who joined last

tion for the most new memory and particular year. The guild currently has 104 members and meetings are held on the second Tuesday in the month at Wyrley Wesley Church, Walsall Road at 7.30pm. At the June meeting, the guild's own choir will be singing, while 19 members are attending the National Conference of Townswomen Guilds at the NIA in Birmingham on June 24.

Cycling trail on awards shortlist

A CANNOCK Chase cycling initiative has reached the semi-finals of The National Lottery

The National Lottery Awards 2011. The Chase Trails Cycle Project is to go head to head with other National Lottery-funded projects from across the UK in the semi-finals of the awards which recognise the difference that lottery-funded projects make to local communities. Chase Trails Cycle Project is one of only 10 projects no make it through in the Best Sport Project category in The National Lottery Awards.

The National Lottery Awards.. Semi-finalists have been shortlisted for the big differ-ence they have made with lottery money, and people in Cannock Chase are being urged to cast a vote to

Cannock Chase are being urged to cast a vote to support the local scheme. The project involved local people in the design, build, maintenance and use of mountain bike trails in Cannock Chase by providing equipment, training and machine hire to get the courses started. Jason Maclean, project manager for the Chase Trails Cycle Project, says: "We're delighted to have reached the semi-finals of The National Lottery Awards."

Voting for the semi-finals starts tomorrow and ends at starts tomorrow and ends at midday on June 20. To vote for Chase Trails Cycle Project call 0844 836 9721 or log on to www.lot-terygoodcauses.org.uk/a wards

Disco night aids charity

A PENKRIDGE DJ is staging an event in aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance. The disco and auction is being held on Saturday, June 11 at Pillaton Farm.

June 11 at Pillaton Farm. Organiser Tim Rowlands said: "This will be the bigg-est event I've organised. We will be having a marquee for 250 guests with myself DJing." There will be a start of the start of the start of the start DJing."





en and Arthur Salt (79)



Joan and Reg Bailey from Brownhills enjoy the last dance

Ann Summers of Heath Hayes and Stacey Scott of Amerton The last waltz as town ballroom closes doors



Owners Jane Bull and Mike Allsopp and event organiser Heather Roberts A HEDNESFORD ballroom which opened in

1951 has closed its doors after 60 years of dancing.

The closure of the Aquarius Ballroom last weekend came 12 years after a campaign began to save it – and when the redevelopment of the town centre was first mooted.

June 11 at Pilaton Farm. Organiser Tim Rowlands said: "This will be the bigg-est event Ive organised. The Victoria Street venue. A petition of 3,700 names by protesters failed to stop the closure and a new supermar-text is due to open on the site. Fairy lights lined the dance floor, Union Jack bunting hung over the bar and guests resplendent in black ties and the govern bar and guest resplendent in black ties and are £10 from Tim on 07930 501519. There will also be a hog 501519.



dancing. After a weekend of unadulterated nostalgia – Saturday night's Grand Finale (May 28) was followed by a sell-out Last Walt zo n Sunday- the dance hall will be bulldozed to make way for a Tesco.



Violet (70) and Alan Thompson (77), from Featherstone

Closure of town legion branch

THE Cannock branch of he Royal British Legion has olded after a fall in member-

ship. The town's Royal British Legion Club in Stafford Road had closed last July. Road had closed last July. Mike Morris, RBL South Staffordshire county secre-tary, said the branch had dis-banded after no one was willing to join the committee

to keep it running. He said the loss of the club,

to keep it running. He said the loss of the club, which was maintained by the branch, was a big blow. The building was put on the market last year and is being sold through local agents Andrew Dixon and Company with a guide price of £100,000. The Financial Services Authority, which is responsi-ble for regulating members' clubs across the UK, recom-mended the de-registration and closure of the two-storey club – which was no longer self sufficient. The club had been popular for the town's ex-servicemen and hosted a wide range of community events. The 2,49 sq ft building is said to have potential for re-development or use as a bar, pub or restaurant.

⁷ The Cannock branch had tried to continue despite the closure and Cannock's InShops donated a unit for the legion to use for last year's Poppy Appeal to sait wreaths and poppies. Mr Morris said former branch member Sheila Dunning, of Cannock Traders' Association had

branch member Sneua Dunning, of Cannock Traders' Association had taken over organising the town's annual Remem-brance Sunday ceremony.

Sappers set to meet up

THE Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Associ-ation will hold their monthly meeting next Monday (June

6). It takes place from 8pm at the Ex-servicemen's Club, on Walsall Road.

Walsall Road. All Sappers serving or ex-service are invited to attend. Further information is available from the REA Branch Secretary on 01543 423319



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History A new community hall, with provision for dancing, will be built nearby as part of the redevelopment but for fans of the old ballroom, a part of the town's and their own history will have vanished forever when it goes. Reg Bailey, of Watling Street, Brownhills, has attended functions there with wife Jean for the last 35 years. He said: "We used to get big bands back then - Vic Sylvester Junior, Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen, Acker Bilk

Sylvester Junior, Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen, Acker Bilk. "People would come from Stoke and Birmingham, with the train station just across the road."

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Fun day

Villages unite for energy open day

TWO villages have joined forces to try to reduce their carbon emis-sions in a renewable

sions in a renewable energy project. Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Environ-mental Group held a renewable energy open afternoon last week to attract support for their aims.

attract support for their aims. Lichfield councillor David Smith and Trevor Stokes, from environ-mental group Sustain-able Staffordshire, attended the event which was supported by Morris Mellett Renewables. Children took part in recycled arts and crafts and Tony Morris, Cannock Chase Council's ceycling and climate change officer, provided a recycling display. Mr Stokes said it was important that commu-nities worked together able.

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"We are thrilled that groups such as Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw are Wood & Gentleshaw are now beginning to take responsibility and action over the future of their environment and the ways in which they can all live a greener life as a community."

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'St George' revs up for the Lichfield Bower procession **Bower festiva** a Titanic effort

THE Bank Holiday downpour failed to dampen the spirits of thousands of people who turned out for Lichfield's annual Greenhill Bower celebrations.

Numbers on the streets and in the city's Beacon Park were way down on last year's

attendance of 40.000 due to the rain.

attendance of 40,000 due to the rain, though the sun did put in an appearance late in the afternoon. The Bower Queen, 17-year-old Gemma Powell, headed the parade on a float on the theme of the Titanic. She was crowned at the Guildhall by the city's mayor, Council-lor Brian Bacon, following the annual Court of Arraye.

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tion work were re-opened for the event People were also able to enjoy Tropical Inc, an exotic animal live roadshow featur-ing pygmy hedgehogs and snakes and the MAD moun-tain bike display and stunt team team split

Proceeds will be between several charities



The Bower Queen Gemma Powell (aged 17) with Mayor Councillor Brian Bacon







Wasness will prove to be a cut above the rest at a charity event in Rugeley this Saturday (June 4). Heather Wheeler, who works at Toni&Guy on Wade Street, Lichfield, has teamed up with The Prince of Wales pub in Church Street to organ-ise a fun day from 10am in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. The main event will be a charity car wash where some 25 girls and guys will be washing cars in return for a charitable donation, while the pub is also putting on bouncy castles, sumo suits, a barbecue and free sumples of a new beer.

samples of a new beer. Within the main arena on Hagley Park field there will be a stall with a raffle, plant sale and books and cakes, with all

books and cakes, with an proceeds going to Macmillan, The raffle prize is a haircut at Toni&Guy's Lichfield salon, worth

haircut at ionikeouys Lichfield salon, worth #35. Heather, aged 19, urged people to come along and support a good cause. She said: "I have had so much amazing support from The Prince of Wales pub, Councillor Mick Grocott, the team at Tonik Guy and all the girls and guys getting involved. "We are pleased to help Macmillan Cancer Support alots of people across Rugeley are affected by cancer and Macmillan nurses do great work in our hospi-tals and the community." Sheila Simpson, Macmillan's Rugeley committee chairperson, added: "Macmillan's Cancer Support would like to thank Heather Cancer Support would ike to thank Heather like and her team for helping people affected by people cancer."

Attempt to beat record



L to r:Joshua Grant (aged 12), Ashley Aston-Greenhaf (also 12) and Thomas Widley (eight)





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Enterprise zone hope gets boost

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around 240 journeys by heavy goods vehicles are expected daily at the site which will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a veek. Between 80-90 per ent of trips would take place between 6 am and 10pm. The plan is opposed by Cannock Chase District Cunucil Parish councils Council. Parish councils a council Parish councils a tractive MPS. In a survey by website including Norton Canes, Cheslym Hay, Hedmes, cheslym Hay, Hedmes, a di politicians. RESIDENTS in Hunt-ington have backed the ington have backed the survey is possible." AIDAN Burley has ben attractive MPS. In a survey by website including Norton Canes, cheslym Hay, Hedmes, and 15th cutest may and MP and lies in 35th place of all politicians.

One of the Timberland teams celebrate at the finish line at Tackeroo

A 19TH century Grade II listed church

is planning a range of structural improve-ments – including making the building

ments — including making the building more "wedding friendly". Plans have been sent to Cannock Chase Council to extend United Reformed Church, in Stafford Road, Cannock, by 98sqft. Other proposed changes include making improve-ments to the churchyard, renovating the boundary wall and creating a drop-off bay for wedding vehi-cles, Railings will surround anew parking area. The church's agents J Mason Associates Ltd say the existing building will be will be retained and extended at first floor level over to create a two-storey element at the rear of the main hab. There will be no change in height to the building, which was built in 1824, but the rundown porch area will be replaced with a glazed frontage.

which was built in 1824, but the rundown porch area will be replaced with a glazed frontage. There is currently no vehicular access with only a pedestrian gate from Stafford Road into the site. The pedestrian gate will be moved back into the site to allow for the new vehicle dropping-off point. J Mason Ltd's support

Plea as Timberland team races to A FUNDRAISING fashion challenge hosted by Cannock Chase Country Park helped raise more than £60,000 to support a poverty-fighting charity. The Prima Solutions Adventure Chal horze in do ft the dorelogement accounted for the second se area for games

The Prima Solutions Adventure Chal-lenge, in aid of the development agency, Care International, saw 22 teams cover a marathon distance and collect £63,895. Each team, made up of representatives from the fashion and retail sector, trav-elled on foot, bike and cance amid the forests and hills of Cannock. The awant now in its sixth was also

torests and hills of Cannock. The event, now in its sixth year, also included mystery challenges which saw teams earning goods to sell at a market at

Improvements bid at

19th century church

on toot through the woods. Timberland's elite team were the overall winners after completing the chal-lenge and bonus run in five hours, 12 minutes. They were also crowned the highest fundraisers after collecting 228,145. Other groups were rewarded for their team spirit as well as those with the best outfits. best outfits.

All the money raised will support Care's projects across 87 countries

is built PEOPLE living near a new games area b built in Heath Hayes being calling for action on anti-social behaviour. Councillor John Bernard presented a petition to Cannock Chase

nard presented a petition to Cannock Chase Council from residents in Newlands Park, off Hayes Way. He said residents felt they were not properly consulted before work on the play and multi-use games area, near Pere-grine Way, began "There are problems now with youths damag-ing nearby houses and vehicles by throwing stones," he said. Residents said when they bought their homes they were told it would be a small play area for ages up to 11. "What is being built is aimed at older children and teenagers which they didn't expect," he added. The real anger is that they were not con-sulted about putting in a games area." games area." Heath Hayes & Wim-

> Carewatch campaign

blebury parish council is writing to the district to check the site meets original planning consent

A POP star from Finland visited schools in Staffordshire as part of a documentary he is making about the cul-tural differences between his country and the UK. Singer-song writer Koop Arponen, the winner of the 2008 series of Idols – Finnish televi-sion's equivalent of Pop Idol, travelled to the country with eight Finn-ish children from the rural town of Pihlajavesi. The group visited St CAREWATCH is launching a campaign to find out what makes people happy and to help with its research, Care-watch is inviting chil-dren to enter a picture competition. sur clinure i riod the rural town of Pihlajavesi. The group visited St Michael's Church of England Primary School in Lichfield, and Church-field Primary in Rugeley, to see how the British school system works. Linda Hack, head-teacher of Churchfield, said: "It is an exciting opportunity for the chil-dren to learn about each other and to form friend-ships."

competition. The prize is £500 in

The prize is £500 in school system works. Linda Hack, head tack, head tack, head tack per stationery vouchers for their school or club as teacher of Churchfield, well as a £50 voucher prize for themselves. The free to enter com-petition closes on July 20 and is open to children aged 4-11. Details and entry forms can be downloaded from www.carewatch-19. He later studied Hull University. After graduating in 2008 he followed a music releasing two albums.

Bishop to help mark 50th year milestone

THE Bishop of Lichfield is visiting a Cannock THE Bishop of Lichfield is visiting a Cannock church as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations. The Rt Rev Jonathan Gledhill will be at St Barn-abas Church in Hampton Street, Mosswood, on Sunday, June 12, to preach at a celebration service. Celebrations begin on Friday, June 10 with a concert at 7pm featuring Chadasmoor Choral Society. The following day there will be children's activi-ties and a musical performance by Chase Day Care Drama Group at 7pm. The church is also staging a three-day exhibition on the history of the area.

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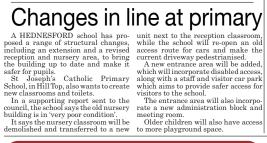
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Finnish pupils Mervi Rajala, Markus Ala-Ketwri, Jerome Matomaki and Miska Kivimaki (all aged 12), with Churchfield Primary School pupils Jodie Averis (11), Dylan Kent (10), Phoebe Harris (11) and Marty Doherty 11) and with Finnish Pop Idol winner Koop Arponen

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well as contributing towards the sustainable regeneration of Cannock for the benefit of the local community." Churchyard improve-ments include the remments include the rem-oval and replacement of sycamore trees, and ren-ovation of the wall. Trees at the southern boundary alongside South Staffs College's Cannock Campus will be protected and retained. A J Mason Associates spokesman said it was too early to say how much the work would cost.

New hall is Supported RESIDENTS in Hunt. Are port sent to the one willage hall. Parish councillors are tow likely to pursue the dea saying the existing hall is outdated and no onger fit for purpose. During a discussion at i recent meeting, coun-illors revealed 574 responses from a public and the quality of the wider townscape and conservation area as

Revised

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DEVELOPERS behind a scheme to build 44 homes on the site of the

Huntington former Huntington Primary School have applied to vary the plans. The new estate will be

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It's party time as as club hits 100

A RUGELEY working men's club celebrates its 100th birthday with a party tomorrow night (Friday). The party at Rugeley Progressive Working Men's Club, in Market Street, will begin at 6.30pm – the time the club was officially opened on June 3 1911. The evening's enter-tainment will include a northern soul disco. Club president Geoff Frown said: "On Thurs-day, May 18, 1911, a group of working men assembled at a house in Arch Street, and decided to start a club. "Yr J Wallbark who to start a club. "Mr J Wallbank, who

"Mr J Wallbank, who owned property in the town and had a vacant property at 5 Anson Street, allowed the group under the chairmanship of Mr W Edwards to rent this property. "The brewers John Davenport & Sons of Birminebam were app.

Birmingham were app-roached and agreed to finance the club, and fit it

Imance the club, and fit ti out." In 1921 the Bees Lane Club was officially open-ed, eventually closing in the early 1980s. In 1950, with growing member-ship, the Mansfield House site was pur-chased and was opened in November 1951.

Walking record attempt

A HEDNESFORD chidminder is organis-ing a group of children to take part in a world record "walking bus" challenge. Across the country on Wednesday, June 15 there is an attempt to have the world's biggest walking bus in aid of road after, charity Brake. Tym Evans is organis-ing an attempt by a group of children she looks after, together with their primary Schol. Tym, of Station Road, said around 60 young-ster would be joinn gin the walk at 10am.

Ale festival

A RAWNSLEY pub and restaurant is holding its annual beer festival from tomorrow (Friday). More than 24 real ales from all over the country will be available to sample at the Rag in Ironstone Road, until Sunday (Juno 5) Ironstone Road, Sunday (June 5).



Sharnee Ray Coleman with, from left, house manager Steve Taylor, Sharnee's mum Rachael Webb, Councillor Gordon Alcott and Jo McCue (director of Jemison House at Cannock Chase High School)

Endeavour prize rewards teen ACANNOCK teenager has been recognised for her struggle to livy with a rare disease by being pre-sented with an endeavour award. Sharnee Ray Coleman, a 15-hear-old pupil at Cannock Chase Inflammatory intestines condi-tion. Sharnee scourcell's Youth Endeavour Award for 2010/11. She was among dozens of young be ward, which aims to recog-nise the achievements of 11 to 18-

The new estate will be split into two sections, straddling Stafford Road, comprising 44 homes on the old school site on the eastern side of the road, with 21 on the Former PoW among previous owners at tycoon's lodge the road, with 21 on the west. Builders Taylor Wim-pey originally intended to build an access road and a new mini-round-about at the junction with Ash View. Now an application has been received by South Staffs District Council to remove the roundabout as it would no longer be needed. The site has been vacant since the opening of Littleton Green Primary. **Businessman's home is** up for sale at a cool £3m of Littleton Green Primary. A previous scheme for 24 houses for the western half was rejected in July amid traffic concerns. There will be a mix of detached and terraced houses, as well as six two bedroom flats. South Staffs regula-tory committee was being recommended to approve the revised scheme ahead of a meeting this week.

THE luxurious home of Cannock property tycoon Fred Pritchard is on the market for £3million.

the market for a similition. Mr Pritchard and his wife Pat have lived at the lodge on the outskirts of the pretty village of Brocton on the edge of Cannock Chase for the last 20 years. The Georgian lodge, which was originally a farm house forming part of the Brocton Hall estate, dates from the 17th Century and was originally owned by the Chetwynd family. A former inmate of Colditz is among the former owners of Brocton Lodge. Lieutenant-Colonel Gay German was the senior British officer in the Second World War German PoW

Colored GU OF and Was de senior Drussi outce in the Second work was German for camp in 1941 and 1942 and made two unsuccessful attempts to escape. Other owners over the years have included Zulu War hero and Victoria Cross winner General Sir Redvers Buller.

in a house 'We have loved living here and have never tired of the

views





The living room at Brocton Lodge



The sprawling mansion's dining area

off the hall's amazing floral marquee and plant nurseries." The coach will leave Wolseley Bridge Garden centre at 9.30am and will return at 5.30pm. Tickets are £25 and available from the centre. Open day

Garden

festival

day out

WOLSELEY Bridge Garden Centre is arrang-ing a trip to Arley Garden Festival at Arley Hall and Gardens on June 26. The trip will be led by a member of the garden centre's horticultural team.

team. Ian Byrne, manager of the centre at Wolseley Bridge, near Rugeley, said: "The festival shows off the hall's amazing

A CANNOCK school is holding an open day for prospective students. Chase Academy, on St John's Road, opens its doors from 11am-3pm on Saturday, June 11. For a prospectus or further details call the school on 01542 501800 01543 501800

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Owner Fred Pritchard

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Mr Pritchard, who has a fortune of more than 470 million says he was attracted by the "magnificent views" from the two-storey mansion. It houses some of his collection of items related to one of his heroes Horatio Nelson. The 68 year-old chairman of the Pritchard Group and president of Cannock Chase Chamber of Commerce, is also a big fan of James Bond movies and has a collection of cars including Aston Martins driven by 007.
Brocton Lodge, which stands in 10 acres of grounds, is being sold through agents Savills Inford and Dis 22 239517.
Takes of grounds in the comparison of the Pritchard Group backing on to the lodge's courtyard with views overlooking the Chase.
The property comprises four principal reception rooms off the hall and the original 19th Century ballroom has ear converted into a drawing room and dining room.
Other owners, wave pool, sauna and shower and it opens on to a sheltered paved seating takes.
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British Legion during his year in office. Councillor Gordon Alcott, whose ward is Cannock North, chose the RBL as his civic charity for his term as chairman during 2010-2011. The £2,684 that was raised is being split equally between the Rugeley, Hednesford and Norton Canes branches of the legion. Councillor Alcott said it had been "a pleasure and honou" to represent the council and people of the district. "I will look back on the year with a great deal of pride," he added. Councillor Alcott has been suc-ceeded by Tory councillor John Beddows who represents Norton Canes.



Councillor Gordon Alcott with Tony Carpenter from the Norton Canes Royal British Legion, Derek Ellison from Hednesford branch and Stan Humphreys from Rugeley branch

Hoard find inspires bounty hunters

BURNTWOOD treasure helmet fragments and several hunter Terry Herbert has inspired a number of amateur archaeologists since discovering the Stafford shire Hoard. Latest figures recorded by the British Museum reveal there were 90,146 finds recorded in 2010, up more than a third on 2009. here are shown and art callery and here betrains the shown are shown a

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third on 2009. The increase comes after metal detecting enthusiast Mr Herbert unearthed thousands of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver items. He found 3,700 artefacts while searching a farmer's field in Ham-merwich in 2009. It was the largest and most valuable haul from the period in history.

history. The treasure comprises exquis-itely designed sword pommels,

Hobby Mr Herbert said: "What I found was just remarkable. I can under-stand why people are going out and buying metal detectors and been left in the ground. "It's a fantastic hobby and I think people are starting to realise what is out there to find." Meanwhile, South Staffs Coroner Andrew Haigh has ruled that a gold piece of a necklace found in Brewood by fortune , hunters is treasure.

A gold ornate fitting that was found on land in the village by a toople from Brownhills was sent to the British Museum. It found the small item, which they believe to have been part of a jewelled necklace, was around 2,000 years old. Mr Haigh said the piece, found by David Ellis and his wife in August last year, had been reported to him in September. The British Museum's archaeo-logical finds officer Tom Brindle told the inquest in Cannock last Thursday (May 26) that an expert identified it as a small link from a gold necklace. It was dated between the first to third century AD, measuring between 17 to 9.9mm and weigh-ing 0.5 grams. The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery has expressed an interest on the piece, which will be valued by the British Museum.



A link from a necklace found near Brewood and declared as treasure

Terry Herbert

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if it was built four years ago or more. Mrs Vine claims the road had not been built before January 2009, but Mr Wright had main-tained it was constructed in June 2006. Andy Johnson, director of planning and strategic services at the council said: "We felt that, on the balance of proba-bility, the road was built more than four years ago." Mr Wright did not comment on the decision but Mrs Vine has said she will appeal if she can

can. She said: "I have a one said: "I have a picture taken on January 31, 2009, and there was no road."





The stable block built without permission by businessman Tony Wright



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Councillor's promise

I WOULD like to thank all the residents of Hednesford who voted for me as a parish councillor in the local elec-And I thank the council for

voting me as chairman again. It has been a privilege to

represent you in the past and once again I look

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LETTERS

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Jakki Dego

It's Jakki Decks for model DJ

HEDNESFORD glamour girl Jakki Degg will be playing a DJ set at a charity event in Cannock tomorrow night (Friday). The Atom music night in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research and the Donna Louise Trust is at Silks and the Donna Louise Trust is at Silks and the Donna Louise Trust is at Silks on four local DJs who will be one of four local DJs who will be

playing one-hour house and techno She will also be signing autographs and have photographs taken with those attending. Tickets are £5 available from Wickets Building Syn-plies, Lichfield Road, Cannock. Proceeds from the night will be split between the charities.





West Midlands winners of the Apprentice of the Year awards



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Bacon

Bacon He currently works in a small team preparing cuts of meat for cooking, making various flavoured sausages, dry cured bacon and award-winning pork pies. Organised by the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) the awards are designed to celebrate the achieve-ments of apprentices and the businesses that employ them. All the winners will represent the West Mid-lands in the National Apprenticeship Awards in London on June 29.

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The school football team dating back to 1977

FORMER staff and pupils can rem-

An exhibition of old pictures, including ones of old sports teams and lessons, will be on display at the reunion and open day at Kingsmead Technology College, in Kings Avenue, on Saturday, July 9. It is open to all former teaching staff, pupils, governors and all other employees that were

connected with the school from its inception in 1938 through to 1979. The school, now home to around 1,300 stu-

dents, was opened as Littleworth Girls and Littleworth Boys School on September 5 1938. During World War II, the school accom-modated children who had been evacuated. modated children who had been evacuated. The school was amalgamated to become with many invitations and replies being sent Littleworth Secondary Modern on January 8 out via Facebook and Friends Reunited. 1963 and became a comprehensive in Sep-tember 1973. Later renamed to Kingsmead should express their interest by contacting High, it changed to Kingsmead Technology the college on 01543 512455 or by emailing College when it became a specialist school in friendsofkingsmead@kingsmead.staffs.sc huk

The reunion takes place from 10am until The feature tabult head Matt Allman said who may have old photographs to gr as well as aphotographic display, there would display. Further details are available on be a tour of the building and a display of college website, www.ktconline.org.uk

FORMLER staft and pupils can rem-current pupils work. Herreshments will be inisce about the old school days in Hednesford next month. An exhibition of old pictures, including ones of old sports teams and lessons, will be on dislay at the reunion and open days area to the reutive radius and the reunion and open days

one together and seeing how schooldays have changed over the years. "We hope to stage further events – open to

all ex-Kingsmead students, whatever their years at the school – and hope this event will be the start of many to come, both at the school and in the community at large." Facebook

He added there was already vast interest in the event, and the advent of social networking meant old friends could be kept informed,

huk The school is also appealing for anyone who may have old photographs to go on display. Further details are available on the



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and served with three dips, may have been enough for a single course. Main course options include roasted veg-etable lasagne, crispy Italian salmon, home-made stew, mushroom wellington, slow roast belly pork and rack of lamb. Despite those tempta-tions, I opted for the

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Elmore has Lotto fun as mascot

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy has won a competition to name the mascot for the Rugeley Lotto. Connor Pritchard, won £50

after deciding the mascot should be called Elmore. The

should be called Linfore. The winning name was chosen by the town's market co-ordina-tor, Tony Duckmanton. He said: "The name was perfect as Elmore is an old Rugeley and is well deserved."

Lotto co-ordinator Pat Hancock said: "We are delighted to have such an delighted to have such an historic name with close links to Rugeley. "We had over 50 entries for the competition but this name just stood out from the reat."



Louise Millward (front) gets set for the Solstice Walk with Rebecca Owen (left) and Kate Hibbs

Leader's vow

on improving

run-down flats

CANNOCK Chase Council's housing department as a matter of new Labour leader has pledged that rundown council flats on a councillor George Adamson Councillor George Adamson Councillor George Adamson

that rundown council Hats on a year due to the financial constraints," town estate will be improved. he said. Councillor George Adamson Councillor Adamson said the age described the state of homes at Moss limit on grass cutting for elderly ten-Road, Chadsmoor, as "dreadful" and ants was being reduced to 70, enabling added he was "ashamed" to be an another 650 to benefit from August 1. Labour has returned to power in the He told last week's annual council

The time years and Councillor metric tatter nine years and Councillor meeting that the new Labour adminis-Adamson said his party would work for tration planned to improve them, but the benefit of the whole district. The times are tough and we are this year's budget, which had been facing the most severe cuts in 30 years, inherited from the former Liberal but this administration will fight to waith our participation of the several target.

thechronicle Solstice Walk to aid hospice

A CHESLYN Hay woman who was given the chance to spend time with her dying mother is to thank the hospice who helped her by taking part in a sponsored walk. Louise Millward will join the St Giles Hospice Solstice Walk next month to thank staff for looking after her mum Denise Aston who died last vear.

looking after her mum Denise Aston who died last year. The 32-year-old, who is married to Andy, said: "With mum it happened very quickly – she was discharged from hospital and deteriorated very quickly.

Inscharged from hospital and deteriorated very quickly. "Fortunately, we were able to get mum a bed at St Giles Hospice and that meant she was so much more comfortable during her final days. "The nursing there is just amazing – I can't stress enough how fantastic the people were." The women-only walk through Lichfield is on June 18, starting at 10pm. The deadline to join is June 10, and every penny raised will go towards the hospice. Entry is s15 each. To register, log on to the St Giles Hospice website at www.stgileshospice.com/solsticewalk or call the St Giles Fundraising Office on 01543 432538.

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'Au revoir' to pupils from French tutor



Pupils Steven Groves, Imogen Clark and Ben Luke Jeavons (all aged nine) say "au revoir" to visiting French tutor Ludivine Loir at Bridgtown Primary

PUPILS said "au revoir" to their French tutor as gets set to return home

she gets set to return home. Ludvine Loir has been paying weekly visits to Bridgtown Primary since October to help the young-sters brush up on their language skills. Ludvine, taking a gap year from her studies at university in Paris, organised the trip through Cannock Chase High School to help the pupils improve their French and for her to improve her Evglich.

English. Last week was her last lesson before she returns to Paris

to Faris. Amanda Beard, Bridgtown language co-ordinator, said: "We held a party for her to say goodbye, and the children even gave a presentation to her, with parts of it in French, which was lovely."

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thechronicle **Phone mast plan at** cricket pitch debated

50ft mobile phone mast at Cannock and Rugeley's Cricket Club ground were set to be decided by council planning chiefs this week.

Nearly 100 residents living near the site, in Littleworth Road, have signed a petition saying the mast, which would serve Voda-fone and 02, would have a detrimental impact on their day-to-day lives. Twelve letters of objection have also been sent to Cannock Chase Council. More than half of the petitioners are Cannock & Rugeley members or players. The Chronicle first revealed the plans last month and mother-of-two, Joanne Civil, who set up the petition after realising the mast would stand just 200 metres from

Players on the oche as world

ONTROVERSIAL plans for a her Littleworth Road home said: "Those 't mobile phone mast at who live round here are very concerned at nnock and Rugeley's Cricket the huge risks that come with a mast of this

Concerns include worries about adverse impacts on people's health, infringement on green belt land, visual pollution, and nega-tive effects on property value.

Green belt

Green beit The applicants, who go under the name of Cornerstone, say the application is needed for 3G coverage in the Hednesford area. If given the go-ahead the mast would be sited on a rectangular piece of land, meas-uring 19ft by 23ft, at the southern bound-ary of the cricket ground in a gap. Cannock Chase Council's planning meeting was discussing the application yesterday (Wednesday) with officers rec-ommending refusal. A pre-meeting report

PUNTERS packed out a Hednesford pub to welcome darts world champion Martin

said the mast would be inappropriate for designated green belt land. It says: "Inappropriate development by definition is harmful to the green belt, unless it can be demonstrated that very special circumstances exist which out-weigh the harm. "The applicants have failed to provide any very special circumstances, which out-weigh the harm of the proposed develop-ment."

weigh the harm of the proposed develop-ment." The report adds that the application site forms part of an established cricket ground. "The proposed development would com-prise a tall and substantial man-made structure in a prominent location, which would appear incongruous and strident to the detriment of the visual amenity of the area, the amenity of neighbours and its associ-ated facilities."

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Martin 'Wolfie' Adams (right) at the Globe Pub, in East Cannock Road, Hednesford, with (I to r:) licensee Adam Rogers, Josh Rollins, Paul Harris and Paul Jackson

World title in 2007 and 2010 He took on 14 different players at the East Cannock Road pub. One of them was Lee Maybury, 39, of Matlock Drive in Cannock, whose wife Fiona, 36, won him tickets in a raffle to play the darts legend. Mr Maybury said: "It was fantastic to be able to play him. Obviously I didn't win but he is a darts champion." Wolfe said: "It's great to be here and take part in something like this. Twe been impressed with the punters who I've played against. "My words to anyone wanting to improve would be to just keep practising." In darts there are two associations - the British Darts Organisation and the Professional Darts Corporation.

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A PENSIONER who died in a house fire s thought to have tried to put out the flames before being overcome by smoke and fumes, an inquest heard.

Charles Parmenter died in December after the fire broke out in the living room of his bungalow in Heath Street, Hednesford, It was caused when hot coals

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with pupils aged four to five in their themed hats MAKING money was the name of the game when pupils at a Cannock school held an enterprise day. All the cash raised by the youngsters at St Luke's Primary will go to a deserving cause. Robert Thompson from Christian Aid visited the New Penkridge Road school to talk about the support it provides to the world's poorest countries. School councillors embraced the cause and organ-ised groups from each class to come up with ideas for fundraising, providing a small amount of cash from their own school account to start the ball rolling. Some pupils made cakes, others created hats and a raffle was also held. Head Jane Roberts said: "Chil-er at St Luke's want to help others. It is part of our



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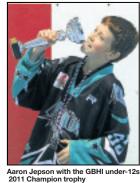
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Aaron holds the National Under 11s

A CHESLYN Hay lad has put his skates on to land

ACHESLYN Hây lâd has put his skâtes ôn to lând a number of top ice hockey awards. Aaron Jepson first became interested in the sport when he watched it on the TV, during the 2006 Winter Olympics. Since then he has gone on to compete for many different clubs and has established himself as a future prospect for the English national

Proud

Proud This year teams gathered in Hull for the Annual Junior Inter-Confer-ence Tournament, where the Mid-lands team went through their matches unbeaten, lifting the trophy for the first time in five years. Aaron's mother Karen said: "Aaron wasso groud to be part of this winning team along with his team mates and they have all showed that their hard work has paid off." Dad Neil added: "We are extremely proud of him, he has done so well. "He is just like a normal lad he bee

extremely proud of nim, ne nas serves so well. "He is just like a normal lad, he has tried other sports like football, but ice hockey sparked him off and he has taken to it so naturally." Aaron has been selected to play Conference for the Central region for GBHI, the Inline roller hockey con-ference team and will be off to repre-sent the region in Dundee in June.

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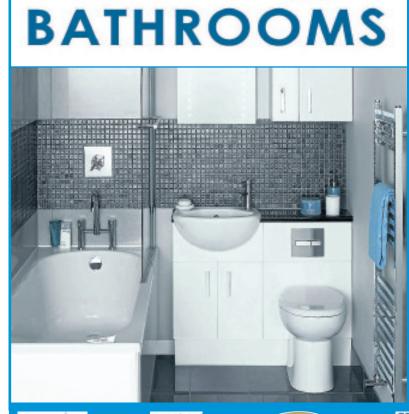
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thechronicle **Pitmen's Ashley now** joins the Premiership

A FORMER Hednesford Town footballer is celebrating his entry to the Premier League after gunning his way through the playoff final.

off final. Ashley Williams is a Swansea City and Welsh International footballer, but has not forgotten his roots on the

and weish International Tootballer, but has not forgotten his roots on the way to the big time, which he secured on Monday. Hednesford Town' club secretary Terry McMahon has personally known Ashley since he was 15 and a youth player at West Bromwich Albion FC Academy. Mr McMahon sait: "Everyone at Hed-nesford Town Football Club is delighted to see the success that he has achieved with Swansea City FC and having won Premier League status, as well as accolades with the Wales National side." Williams joined Ilkeston Town FC's youth team after leaving Albion and was recommended to the Pitmen. Mr McMahon's son, Michael, was a team mate of Williams at Albion, and having known the young star personally, Mr McMahon's ner advised the Pitmen's then youth team manager, James Thomas, to pursue the recommendation. **Excel**

Excel

Hednesford recruited the young Williams and he quickly made an impact Hednestord recruited the young Williams and he quickly made an impact by becoming a key player of the youth team that won the Conference PASE Northern Division in 2002. At 18, Williams broke into the first team and showed his potential to excel in the professional game, soon locking down a move to Stockport County FC. Mr McMahon added, "His main strength is his unshakable self-belief and the ability to bounce back from setbacks that all foot-ball players will see from time to time. "He is also very level headed and stable in his approach. "His rise in the game has been followed by all of his friends here at Hednesford Town FC and he has never forgotten his start in the game, often mentioning his time at our club. "We still have a strong connection with Ashley at Hednesford Town FC as his



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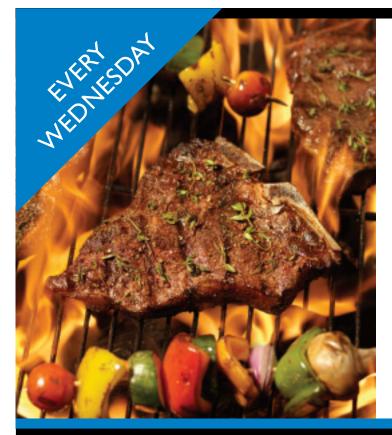
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thechronicle Artwork will be unveiled

ARTWORK designed by young people in Burntwood was being inweiled today (Thursday). The youngsters have been involved in Morph4us, a community arts project, to design permanent art pieces around the town. The sime of the provingt in the back

The aim of the project is to break down some of the social barriers between young people and the com-munity

between young people and the com-munity. The Morph4us team consists of young people from Burntwood, with help from Staffordshire Youth Service, Positive Futures which is funded by the Home Office, Lichfield District Council and Born Communi-estion Ltd

cation Ltd. The team have already produced art that can be seen in Redwood Park, and in Burntwood Leisure Centre. The current artwork will be at the Old Mining College, Queen Street, Burntwood and the Morph4us team

were set to hold a celebration event from 2-5pm for the work to be

Inveiled. It will feature live music, enter-tainment, arts and crafts activities, and even a workshop on circus skills.

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'It was such an amazing moment, I thought I would burst with pride', says Helen

Embroiderer kept royal wedding dress secret

pride." Helen, who lives near Sutton Coldfield and went to Bishop Vesey School of Needlework and returns to train and assess

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her husband as wen as my adme and gran ."When Kate came out of the hotel at 11 o'clock I said to every-one 'what do you think of Kate's wedding dress' and they all said they loved it - and that was when I told them I had helped make it. "It was such an amazing

"It was such an amazing moment for me to finally reveal



Helen with another piece of her handiwork

that I had been involved in the making of that elegant dress. I thought I would burst with pride."

Palace

hand-made by the RSN team.

others.

Helen saws they approached the job with the same dedication and attention to detail that they would for any commission, which has included making a dress for Kate Moss and hangings for Blenheim Palace. To keep the dress in perfect condition, workers washed their hands every 30 minutes to keep

To keep the dress in perfect condition, workers washed their hands every 30 minutes to keep the lace and threads pristine. Also the needles were renewed every three hours, to keep them sharp and clean and so they didn't create friction against the surface of the lace or silk net. "Stüches were kept small so they would be virtually invisible to the eye and were spaced at approximately two to three mil-limetres apart to make it very secure, and it was all done by hand," says Helen. "Our work set the world talking on a day which seemed like some-thing from a fairytale – and when William told her she looked beau-tiful, it was the icing on the cake for everyone who had been involved in her outfit." Palace "When you train with the RSN you are told there will be times when you have to keep a job top secret," she said. "You know that if you get a phone call, and they don't explain why they want you to go in to see them, then it is one of those times. So, after getting the phone call I went down to Hampton Court Palace, where the RSN is based, and then heard what I would be working on there." Kate's dress was a long-sleeved lace gown. The lace on the bride's dress detailed a rose, thisde, daffodil and shamrock, hand-made by the RSN team.

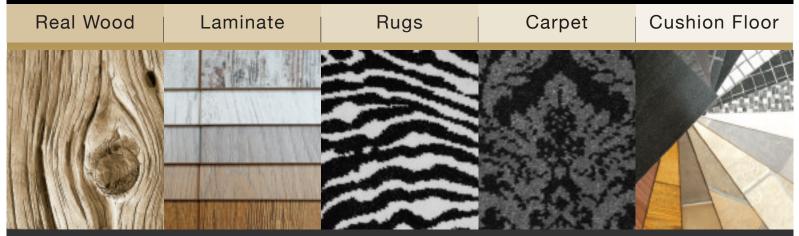


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others. Keziah Thomas, Ang-harad Wyn Jones, Harriet

Adie and Eleanor Turne make up the group and all four enjoy talking to the audience as well as playing their concert and electric harpe

their concert and electric harps. The quartet's latest CD, Fireworks and Fables, has been regularly broadcast on Classic FM and BBC Radio 3 and admirers of Gambaccini, Classic FM presenter David Mellor and former Radio 3 presenter Stephanie Hughes. Many original works have been commissioned by the

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Naked Truth is that more was expected

WITH a play written by Dave Simpson, author of the popular, 'Girls' Night Out' and with a cast of six actresses with such

actresses with such impressive CVs, one could be forgiven for expecting more from this production. Now in its fifth tour since it opened in 2007, The Naked Truth tells the story of five ladies from together to take a course of pole-dancing ses-sions as an alternative keep-fit regime, under the guidance of ex-pro-fessional pole-dancer, Gabby, played by Nikki Sanderson, former Coronation Street star Candice.

Exciting

Her pupils, all with dif-ferent stories to tell, 'bare their souls' as the plot unravels resulting in an unlikely female bonding situation. There is West End 'Hairspray' star, Leanne

Hairspray star, Leanne Jones as Bev, the one-night-stand record-holder who longs for true love and who finds it in the arms of the husband of Tricia,who has joined the group in order to make her marriage more exciting. This part was ably played by under-study, Sophie Michaels. Singer Maureen Nolan, now a seasoned West End actress, sensi-tively played Sarah, who

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discovers that she has terminal breast cancer and who cajoles the group to perform their newly acquired skills in aid of breast cancer

charity. Rita, played by Sarah Hita, played by outain White – best known as Bev McLoughlin from Brookside – a seemingly confident type, turns out to be a victim of marital abuse and finally there is Faith, an innocent, dimrath, an innocent, dim-witted virgin, cleverly played by Alison Young. All of the cast worked hard to make their stereotypical characters believable with the honours going to Alison Young and Leanne Jones.

The script did not help

The script did not help as a number of events that transpired were far from realistic. The humour was pre-dictable with a mixture of one-liners, double-entendres and innuendo

with the inevitable anti-male references.

Nevertheless, mainly through the skills of the actors, including those in using the poles in their show within a show, the evening was a success with the predominantly female audience, who, were after all, on a 'girls' night out'. BRYAN TILL

Abba sounds with Smackee BARRY WALKER'S Smackee show band eturns to Lichfield with Abba the Show on Sat-irday June 11.

The award-winning production takes in the many hits of legendary Swedish group Abba in a two-hour performance. Audiences are invited to come along and say Thank You for the Music and become a Dancing Output of the section of t

Thank You for the Music and become a Dancing Queen all over again. Swedish legends Bjorn, Benny, Agnetha and Anni-Frid became one of the most successful pop acts in history, regularly topping the charts for 10 years from 1972 to 1982. They sold more than £375million records worldwide, ranking them fourth on the list of best-selling artists of all time. Their biogest hits became household clas-

Their biggest hits became household clas-ics, including Waterloo, Mamma Mia, Fersics,

nando, Knowing Me Knowing You, Take a Chance on Me and The Winner Takes it All. Five of their eight original studio albums reached number one in the UK; Arrival, The Album, Voulez Vous, Super Trouper and The Vis-

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Dusty Springfield, The Beaties and The Bues Brothers all get the That'll be the Day treat-ment, which critics have called "non-stop nos-talgia" and "music heaven". The show comes to Cannock this Sunday (June 5) at 7.30pm and tickets normally cost £20. To get a £5 discount quote 'TBTD offer' when calling the box office to book on 01543 57872.

people of Rugeley are being treated to a performance from Hednesford's premier

from Hednestord's premier drama group. Tower Players will be presenting Three for the Price of One at St Joseph's Hall, Lichfield Street, on Friday June 24. The show consists of three short plays, beginning with The Dumb Waiter, by Harold Pinter. It's labelied as an intriouing black

Football club hosts eccentric rockers

ECCENTRIC rockers Vincent and the Onepotts are bringing their unique brand of loud and heavy rock to Lichfield for the first time.

rock to Lichfield for the first time. Their gig, at Lichfield City Football Club's Brownstield Park on Friday June 17, is part of a fundraising event for the club's under-14s team. The group formed in 2008 following the demise of Pigfish and the Blunts and now includes new hord mognet Asten free notherious public act

of Pigfish and the Blunts and now includes new band member Anton, from notorious punk act Drongos for Europe. Vincent and the Onepotts draw on a range of rock influences and mix it with their punk attitude, claiming to play like their lives depend on it. Joining them for the Lichfield City FC gig will be Scurvy Dogs, Fountain of Youth and Failure by Design. Tickets are £3 on the door and doors open at 7.30pm.

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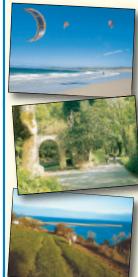




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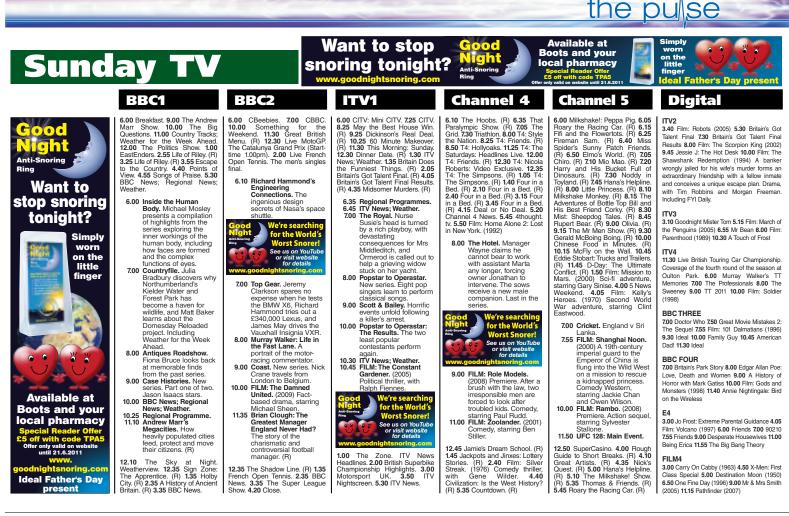


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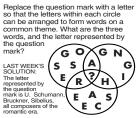
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A spacious conservatory with ceramic tiled flooring makes a useful addition to the detached property



Number 43 Canterbury Way, Heath Hayes, is on the market with R&S Property Services for £225,000

Detached has been extended and improved his much improved and front

extended detached in Heath Hayes benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.

double glazing. In brief, the accommodation at 43 Canterbury Way comprises of recep-tion hall, lounge, dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen, conservatory, utility, guest wc, four bedrooms, re-fitted shower room, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, plus driveway providing off road parking. On the market for offers based on £225,000, key features include a good-sized lounge with bay window to the

front of the property, feature fire sur-round with gas fire set onto a marble effect hearth, television and telephone

The break as kitchen has a range of oak fronted base units comprising drawer and cupboard space with rolled edged work surfaces over, stain less steel extractor fan above, sink unit with old dening and mignet new into with side drainer and mixer taps, inte-grated automatic dishwasher, fridge and freezer, tiled splash backs, oak fronted wall mounted storage units, laminated flooring, window to the rear

of the property, power points, con-cealed ceiling spot lighting, double central heating radiator and coved ceiling. On the first floor, all four bedrooms hears fitted furniture. round with gas in our of the service of the service

Outside, there is a lawned rear garden area, ornamental trees and shrubs, paved patio area, paved pathway giving access to the front of the property via a wooden security gate, outside water tap, outside cour-tesy lighting and fully fenced bound-aries.

aries. For further details, or to arrange a viewing, call R&S Property Services on 01543 466999.



With a feature fireplace, bay window and laminate flooring, the lounge is a warm and inviting space





Gardening





Everything arrives together as early spring baffles nature

POLLOWING the worst winter for many years, and then one of the driest springs, nature is somewhat confused, resulting in a very early spring.

Things have arrived that should not be out yet, and the birds and animals are all mixed up about things too.

In the garden it means that everything has arrived at once

Things which should come in June are already here: rhododendrons are out at the same time

By Pat Edwards

magnolias, and many of the herbaceous plants are here at the same time. The rhododendrons are fabulous this year, as they are not affected by the bad weather they are all looking absolutely fantastic. Queen Mary is a gorgeous pink, and in my garden it leads the way, usually one of the first to come out. This year it is nearly over now, but forecast the way for all the others. Monica and Karen are small in size, but make up for that in that they are reliable to give lots of

blossom every year. Ightham yellow is another small rhododendron, suitable for smaller

gardens. Hawk crest is a big, yellow rhododendron, it grows a little bigger each year, and it goes up, beyond some of the smaller ones. The rhododendrons are incredibly useful in my garden, as they define the shape of the beds.

Meander

Being evergreen they are there all the year round, and the blossom comes just once in the year, as a bonus. The paths meander through them, and I prune

them back from the paths if they encroach. Many of my rhododendrons have been in the garden now for 45 years, and some reach way over my head, but they still define the direction of the paths, and also the shape of the walks around the head.

beds. Many shrubs, such as weigelias and vibur-nums have been used to fill up between the rhododenrons, and can be pruned to fit the spaces, providing the flowers that make up for the lack of blossom later in the year from the rho-dodendrons, and, of course the azaleas, which are deciduous, but have wonderful autumn foliage later on.

est is a big ndron hawke plant, but it can easily be pruned to keep going upwards



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Ready to burst into riot of flower colour

IT'S summer at last and your garder should be looking great and ready to burst into a riot of flower colour and are during used and finite requirer. productive veg and fruit growing.

There's no problem if you missed out on sowing and planting during the great weather of spring. With a little help from there there in the second these topical tips you can catch up with transforming your plot into an instantly beautiful garden.

DECORATIVE FLOWER BORDERS DECORATIVE FLOWER BORDERS Many shrubs and trees will burst into bloom during the month including highly perfumed mock orange (Philadelphus), beautiful roses, pink-flowered Leptosper-num, white-flowered Beauty Bush (Kolk-witzia) and blue Ceanothus. You may find that recently-planted Cean-othus have not survived the really harsh winter and are struggling to flower. In that case you will need to face up to the inevitable and dig up any plants that are struggling.

inevitable and up or any particular struggling. When planting replacement shrubs ensure you improve the soil with a soil con-ditioner laced with some controlled release plant food such as Osmocote to encourage stady but strong root growth. Transforming your garden into a flowering bonanza is easy at this time of the year. You can buy tender bedding plants such as

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petunias verbena and the like smallish pots that are already in bloom. They are such brilliant value for money as

most of them will bloom from early June right through until the first frosts of winter. Planted into decent soil borders that have been improved with the addition of some organic soil improver they will flower for four or five months without little more atten-tion, other than the occasional water in

tion, other than the occasional water in really hot, dry spells. If your soil is sandy, stoney or chalky plant roots will appreciate the addition of some Miracle-Gro Moisture Control Plant Food as well. Just sprinkle into the soil and you not only add slow release plant foods but also add some water holding granules that absorb up to 400 per cent of their own weight in water.

Hose

Hose Watch out for greenfly breeding on the new stems and buds of your roses. At this time of the year they breed overnight and every night resulting in populations that can soon explode out of control. If there are only a few pests and the foliage is otherwise free of powdery mildew disease or rose blackspot then you could simply hose them off, but if there are signs of disease you would be better spraying with RoseClear Ultra Gun – a dual action product that gives internal control of aphids

TIMELY TIP

If weeds between shrubs are a growing problem get rid of them with one spray of Weedol Rootkill Plus

and rose diseases.

and rose diseases. After Camellias and Rhododendrons have finished flowering it's better to deadhead the stems now rather than allowing the seed pods to develop. This will save the plant's energy going to useless seed production and diverting it to beneficial new stem growth that will carry next year's blooms. Exection and watoring ericonceup lengts

growth that will carry next year's blooms. Feeding and watering ericaceous plants at this time of the year helps new flower buds to form. It is too late to apply a slow release plant food, but absolutely perfect timing to apply a soluble plant food every fortnight or so through a watering can. Add a capful of Miracle-Gro Azalea, Camellia and Rhodo-dendron Liquid Plant Food to a watering can of rainwater and apply over the leaves and around the roots. Applied in the evening it gets absorbed almost instantly to prevent yellowing of leaves caused by lack of iron and nitrogen.

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The bathroom at the East Street property

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In brief the accommodation at number 2 Bast Street comprises fitted kitchen, lounge, dining room, two bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden, off road parking. On the market for £99,995, the property has off-road parking. A front door opens to the lounge. This has a central heating radiator, fitted cupboard currently housing electric meter, window to the front of the property, door leading to dining room and the stairs to the first floor accommodation. The dining room has a feature archway to the fitted kitchen. This has a range of base units comprising drawer and cupboard space with rolled edged work surfaces over, four burner gas hob with extractor fan and light above, electric oven, wall-mounted central heating combination boiler, stainless steel sink unit with side drainer and mixer taps, plumbing and space for a washing machine and dishwasher, space for fridge freezer, splash back tiling, wall-mounted storage cupboards and window to the rear of the property. The rear garden has a concrete area, two brick built storage sheds, paved boundaries, security gate firing access to the off road paring and front of the property, outside water tap and outside courtesty hghting. Bedroom one has a window to the front, central heating radiator, at two alcoves. Laminated

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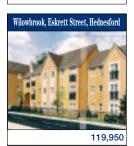
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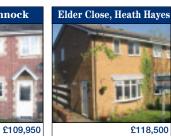
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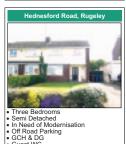




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Fuel savings are high on Peugeot 308's agenda

remote locking and six airbags. But it is really under the metal shell that the biggest changes come with the introduction of more efficient engines and Peugeot's innovative micro-hybrid e-HDi stop and start technology.

innovative micro-hybrid e-HDi stop and star technology. There is a choice of four petrol and four diesel engines – ranging from an entry-level 1.4-litre petrol with 98bhp and five-speed gearbox right through to the six-speed 200bhp 1.6 THP and a 163bhp 2.0-litre HDi automatic. The best among these is the 1.6-litre e-HDi hatchback, with 112bhp and stop and start fitted as standard.

Segment

THIS MONTH sees a facelifted Peugeot 308 in the showrooms which also brings a boost in fuel efficiency and low CO2 emissions. And what an attractive package this popular car is

Dopular car is. The 308 was first launched in September 2007 and was the first of Peugeot's new "8" generation cars. More than 89,000 have been sold in the UK alone and Peugeot is confident its success will continue with the second incarnation.

Peugeot as a brand is really changing and the 308 arrives with the latest styling ele-ments from the marque –

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Peugeot's micro-hybrid e-HDi stop and start is the latest generation technology (it is also available in the recently launched 508) and combined with Peugeot's class-leading 1.6-litre HDi FAP 112 EuroS diesel reduces CO20 ageiratione to DR-fumo 1.6-litre HDI FAP 112 EuroS diesel reduces CO2 emissions to 98g/km. And that gives the 308 the lowest emis-sions in its segment and something company car drivers are giving great impor-tance to when they choose their cars. The stop and start system means the car engine automatically switches off at idle and restarts the moment you put it back into gear or release the brake. You get around 15 per cent reduction in fuel consumption with this as well, which will please most bank balances. This engine option will also be available

with either a six-speed manual gearbox or a six-speed electronically- controlled manual gearbox

(FGC) (EGC). To ensure the New Peugeot 308 is as envi-ronmentally efficient as possible all other factors affecting CO2 emissions have been entimised. optimised:

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Optimisation of all engine options (VTi, THP petrol and HDi diesel engines to Euro5).
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A sporty look to Peugeot's 308 CC model

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This also enables the new Peugeot 308 HDI FAP 92 model, fitted with a five-speed manual gearbox, to emit CO2 emissions of only 110g/km. Now all this paints a pretty good picture, but what of the drive itself?

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The 308 is already tops in terms of road holding and pure enjoyment, and that has improved further. Prices start at £16,245 on the road for the

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full-licence training scheme gives aspiring motorcy-clists a more accessible route not only to rider training but also to the Ducati brand and the chance to learn to ride one of the most iconic bikes of modern times. Debbie Wiggins, marketing manager for Ducati UK said: "Ducati UK is committed to intro-ducing new people to not only motorcycling but also the Ducati brand. "For many people their ambition is to learn to ride and ride a Ducati. This scheme encompasses both these aspects and makes the dream come true with a simple call to one of the 13 dealer/training facility locations. "We hope to expand the number of locations next year once the scheme has been established." Details of Ducati Rider Training and contact details of participating training facilities and dealerships visit www.ducatiuk.com

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Britan's top level he recommends ten tips for better driving.
Read the road: The further ahead you look, the more time you have to recognise and respond to hazards. Always be able to stop your vehicle in the distance you can see to be clear.
Anticipate: Having looked further ahead use that knowledge to anticipate the problems that might come up and plan for them well in advance to avoid needing to take last minute action.
Use the two second rule: Spot a marker ahead, such as a bridge or a lampost and wait until the vehicle ahead of you are too close. Double it if the road is wet.
Concentrate: AT O mph your stopping distance is the length of a football pich, looking due way to achieve and be added to the set.

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another motorist has seen you or will react as vou expect - and don't rely on somebody else's reactions to keep you safe. 6. Look behind - and to the side: Use

re you move out to

Solve blind spot problems.
 Manage your personal space: If you keep space around your vehicle, you'll have more time and room to deal with hazards.

Nore time and room to deal with hazards.
 Stay fresh: Driver fatigue is a major factor in many crashes. Take at least a 15-minute break after two hours at the wheel.
 No sudden movements: If you have scanned all around you and used that information to predict what may happen, you should never be surprised by another ushicles movements.

by another vehicle's movements. 10. Learn from your mistakes: Near 10. Learn from your mistakes: Near misses happen to everybody. Atterwards, think how you could have avoided getting into that situation, even if you think it was the other driver's fault. Rodger said: "Following these tips could make the difference between being in an accident or avoiding it. "All drivers should think about taking further driving training to improve their per-formance behind the wheel and save money on running and maintenance costs," he added.

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Competitive pricing will challenge more mainstream SUV rivals

SPARE a moment's thought for Saab. It's a car company that enjoys almost universal respect. When was the last time you heard

It's a combination of Swedish origins and a reluctance to follow the crowd, and products that don't slavishly follow the fickle finger of fashion

crowd, and products that don't slavishly follow the fickle finger of fashion hold a certain appeal. Not that Saab is a company that will ignore its customers. The recently updated 9-5 received some detailed tweaks in response to customer feedback, and now there's a whole new car that arguably meets a need - Saab has decided to go soft-roading with the 9-4X, writes Matt Joy. The X's upfix indicates four-wheel drive and off-road capability, and off-road capability, and off-road capability, and off-road capability, and off-most owners will rareity trouble more than a raised kerb.

kerb. That makes it more of a crossover, a tag that Saab is happy for the 9-4X to wear and in doing so it takes on a host of premium rivals.

Unlike some of those rivals the 9-4X successrivals the 9-4X success-fully transplants the family DNA on to the SUV tem-plate. It shares many of its styling cues with the 9-5 saloon, including the ice-block headlights, three-plece grille and full width rear reflector. It also has the "floating

The also has the induiting roof" design, created by having a wide rear pillar and blacked-out front pillars. For a class of car that is often regarded as a little unsuble or ostenta-tious, the 9-4X manages to look suitably tough without inviting invective from other road users. A modest climb into the cabin reveals a layout that again follows a sound mix of practicality and style.

Function

Anyone familiar with the inside of a 9-5 will be at home here, as the 9-4X carries over much of the dashboard's design and function. That's no bad thing however, as Saabs have always had a firm eye on the need or good ergonomics and a few miles behind the wheel confirms that eventhin is as it should be

adjusts damper setting to the driver's needs.

miles behind the wheel contirms that everything is as it should be. Space is certainly not in short supply either. Those up front enjoy the tradi-tional high-riding SUV seating position, but even in the back the view out is very good. Heads and legs will be able to stretch out, and because the 9-4X is a fue-scater could upgrage engre is not a five-seater only, luggage space is not a

problem. The boot is one of many places that show the clever and practical design, as it uses a clever under-floor storage com-partment to stow the metal boot divider – another smart feature. There are stacks of cubby holes, double door-bins, a huge glovebox and a cup holder with two levels to suit dif-ferent sizes of cup – this is clearly a cabin that benefits from plenty of forethought. In terms of its mechanical make-up, the 9-4X shows its focus on the Ameri-can market.

the 9-4X shows its tocus on time Annen-can market. Saab's XWD system is fitted as stan-dard, putting drive to all four wheels, while under the bonnet there is the 2.8. litter twin turbocharged V6 already seen in the 9-5 mated to a six-speed auto-tatic acceptor c dearbox.

With just the one engine option at resent, diesel fans will have to look sewhere although there are a number



• Performance: Top speed 142mph, 0-62mph in 8.3 seconds

• Economy: 23mpg combined (est)

• Emissions: 280g/km CO2 (est)

of diesel powerplants in other Saabs that would do just fine.
 In the meantime however, the V6 turbo gives the kind of performance expected of a 300bhp powerplant.
 With the Drive Sense system set in Eco mode, the 9-4X maximises economy by reducing the sharpness of the throttle response and makes the gearbox shift into high gears early.
 That works fine at lower speeds but on the open road Comfort or Spont modes demonstrate the full performance.
 It may not be the absolute fastest of the compact SUVs but it's hard to imagine needing something quicker on the road.
 There's a good balance between comfort and handling in terms of the brive Sense system which electronically adjusts damper setting to the driver's

Fraction

Fraction The 20-inch wheels certainly con-tribute to a ride that is a fraction firmer than most, but few buyers would find fault with comfort levels. On the flip side the 9-4X is happy to be hustled through a series of bends, giving little indication of its size and weight. The 9-4X has few downsides – inevitably the petrol engine is relatively thirsty compared to diesel rivals, but to a degree this is offset by the very gener-ous standard specification. Just one model in the range comes complete with satellite navigation, a dose audio system with 10GB hard drive and DAB radio, electric front seats with heating and cooling, keyless entry and a rear-view camera all as standard. With prices likely to put it between premium rivals and more mainstream offerings, the Saab 9-4X will meet the needs of many while also appealing to those with a streak of individuality. The introduction of a powerful diesel option would offer a real threat to the best in the class.





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