Reminders of conflict go on display

ON SCREEN GREAT WAR
Stuff of dreams as story comes to life

PARKING FEARS OVER COLLEGE REVAMP

A SCHEME to build a multi-million arts centre at Halesowen College faces objections from residents concerned about congestion on nearby roads.

The college unveiled proposals to create a £3 million performing arts centre at its Whittingham Road campus.

It is the latest stage of work which is seeing £20 million invested in replacing outdated buildings.

But some residents have concerns over the proposals, which have been lodged with Dudley Council’s planning department.

They hinge on claims neighbouring roads are congested by traffic, including cars parked by students and staff.

Among the objectors is Woodridge Road resident Amy Parry, who wrote: “It is irresponsible to build more college buildings without adequate parking for students. As residents we have had enough.”

Another resident wrote: “Halesowen College keeps being extended when there are already objections raised regarding on street parking by staff and students.”

College bosses said the scheme would create the number of journeys made by students off site. In a planning document, consultants said: “There will be no net increase in students...”

Roadworks speed limit

A SPEED limit of 20mph will be in place while resurfacing work is carried out on a main route in Halesowen next week.

The speed limit will be in force on the westbound side of Manor Way – towards Hayley Green – on September 30 and October 1.

One lane of the dual carriageway will also be shut to traffic.

The resurfacing work will be carried out between 9.30am and 3.30pm each day.

FIGURES revealing council house tenants in Dudley owe more than £1.4million in unpaid rent have been described as “deeply concerning.”

There are currently around 5,435 households in arrears across the borough, council has said. It has been offering additional support to families struggling to make ends meet.

By Heather Large

Alice reaches ripe old age of 104

Alice Whittall, who is celebrating her 104th birthday, shares a joke with Karen Welborn

SHR picked her own beans and tomatoes from her garden until the ripe age of 93. And this week Alice Whittall marked her 104th birthday at the care home she now stays in Tipton.

The great grandmother lived independently at home in Sutherland Road, Cradley Heath, until just two years ago.

Her son Ronald, aged 84, said her “active spirit” and love for gardening had kept her healthy for so long.

He said: “She was extremely independent, always up and about and never far from her garden, where she grew all varieties of vegetables. Only until recently, when she suffered a few falls, has she had to be looked after and move into a care home.”

Mrs Whittall was born in Elizabeth and John Thomas Whittingham in Park Lane, Cradley.

She had four brothers called Fred, Iahab, William and George, and a sister called Blanche.

After leaving school, Mrs Whittall made baskets at a factory called Timesley, Cradley Heath. She married Thomas Whittall in 1923 and they moved to Old Hill in 1938. They had one child, Ronald.

In the 1960s, the family moved to Sutherland Road, where Mrs Whittall remained until two years ago. Her husband died in 1984.

The couple were members of the Darby and Joan Club, which was based at Overend Methodist Church off Ban- ners Lane.

She was moved to Ryland View Nursing Home this month. Her nurse, Stella Paskin, said: “Alice is an absolute darling.”

Ronald, a retired systems analyst, said: “She is such an inspiration to have for a mother. I’m proud to say she is mine.”

Police raid on cannabis home

THOUSANDS of pounds worth of cannabis were found in the cellar of a house after police were alerted to strong smells.

Offers raided the house in Sydney Road, Cradley Heath, shortly before 3.30pm on Tuesday. They discovered eight mature plants in the room and a quantity of herbal cannabis in duplication property.

A 46-year-old man was arrested and has admitted possession of cannabis. He has received a police caution.
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ONE hundred and twenty five years of family history will end when a shop closes its doors for the final time on Saturday.

Carriers and staff at Old Hill’s historic The Cook Shop have been left distraught after discovering it will shut for good.

Despite a national appeal for a buyer to take on the shop and its staff – as well as secret recipes for Black Country dishes such as faggots and Gravy Dick that have been in the same family for generations – no one has come forward.

Owner Nigel Brazier, whose family has run the shop since 1883, launched his hunt for a buyer after he announced his retirement earlier this year.

But no interested parties could be found and now The Cook Shop will shut for good.

Mr Brazier, aged 64, has himself been in the shop for the whole of his life, helping his mother Iris out with her brewing of the soup during school holidays, and became the first male owner when he took over aged 21.

The Cook Shop is so well known that a name has been getting calls from as far away as Scotland, Wales and Yorkshire to pass on its blend of abuse.

He added: “Everyone is wishing us well and the word is also among people that I wouldn’t choose.”

When the shop first went up for sale for £120,000, Mr Brazier said he would give it four to five months before he considered closing it.

He wanted to sell it on as it is currently, and would not consider putting the building alone for development, but said he had such little interest, with only two people coming to look around, that he has now taken the decision to shut.

His staff have been given redundancy pay and some have already found new jobs, while the building will now go up for general sale.

Also on sale were his family recipes, which have kept a closely guarded secret since Mr Brazier’s great-grandmother Eve Billingham opened the shop in Old Hill High Street in 1889.

But after failing to find a suitable home, Mr Brazier is now considering penning a book featuring the instructions to make those sought-after dishes.

He said: “It would be very nice if it can, in the next 12 months, write a book about the shop’s history and put out a recipe every chapter.”

But at the moment I am taking it on holiday, also.

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Captain Martin Smith (left) with Mr Brazier.

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History of war heroes found in graves clean up

by Adam Grinsell

WHEN Norman Cotton and his team first started to clear St Peter’s churchyard in Cradley, they had expected to find only 12 war graves and memorial stones.

But as more of the six-feet-high brambles was cut away they revealed almost double that number – with the possibility of more yet to be uncovered.

Those already unrecovered include men who fell in both World Wars, such as James Southey, who died on August 23, 1916 in France, and Norman Bache, who was killed in active service aged 31 on Boxing Day 1944.

And there was one major surprise, when the volunteers even discovered a memorial headstone dating back to 1900 which honours William Harrison, of the Third Battalion Grenadier Guards, who was killed aged 26 in Pretoria, South Africa, during the Boer War.

Those who served but died in other circumstances are also buried there, such as George William Harris, a ‘Bevin Boy’ who was conscripted in work in the Bubble Colliery, formerly off Birmingham Road, and who died in a mining accident.

The stories of these brave men and soldiers are slowly now being pieced together by researchers involved with the St Peter’s project, some of which are set to be released in a book by local researcher Terry Evans.

That research has been inspired by Mr Cotton and his team of around 20 volunteers, including the local history society and members of the Priores Trust and those who joined as part of the Federation’s community payback scheme.

They worked tirelessly to ensure the graves were visible again and the churchyard was cleaned for the historic first time.

Mr Cotton, aged 79 and who himself served with the Royal Engineers, said: “It all started six or seven years ago when an elderly lady came to me on Remembrance Day.”

“She couldn’t get to her father’s grave. He had served in the First World War.”

“She told me roughly where it was, and it was like a jungle.” Thanks then to a £9,000 grant from Bolick Corey, work was able to get under way.

“Gradually as we’ve gone along we’ve come across graves that we were not aware of,” Mr Cotton said, “like the one from the Boer War.”

“I’m very proud of what we’ve done, and I just hope that the people of Cradley don’t let their graveyard get into that bad state again.”

The families of those buried there are grateful for the work done by the volunteers, such as George Carpenter, of the Royal Artillery and who died aged 42 on January 24, 1940, is one of those for whom research has been fruitful.

He came from a farming background in Worcestershire, before enlisting with the Royal Artillery on December 23, 1924, aged 22. He was among the first to be called up in 1939, a day before the Second World War broke out, and was to guard home soil.

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THE BEST OF
PETER RHODES

MORE sightings of unusual names of legal firms. In Sligo, Ireland, a reader discovered Aragu & Phipps.

THERE must be an election coming. Why else would the Government promise a new law to jail those who use non-violent “controlling behaviour” in relationships? It is a promise rich in good intentions and fine sound bites but almost impossible to turn into solid prosecutions. For starters, what about those cultures which regard a wife as the property of her husband? If you can’t control your own property, what is British justice coming to? (And if you disagree with that you’re pulling my culture).

DAVID Cameron says every Government policy should pass a “family-friendly” test. So he’s abolishing inheritance tax, then? Thought not.

NICHOLAS Parsons declares that he’s fed up with scruffy open-necked shirts and says it’s time to bring back the cravat. I do hope not. The only person you should trust less than a man wearing a bowtie is a man wearing a cravat.

SANDRA Howard, the 74-year-old model and wife of former Tony leaver Michael, writes a joyous column about the photographs taken of Lauren Bacall when she was 85 trilling: “Every line on her proud, defiant face is a lesson.

THE mayor of Rome, Ignazio Marino, has accused our Foreign Office of exaggerating the danger of pickpockets in his city. He may have a point. In my limited experience, the official advice, coupled with dire warnings from tour guides, makes you so paranoid about pickpockets in Rome that you entirely overlook the individuals who might otherwise help you.

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TRADERS who said their business in Cradley Health had almost halved since the introduc- tion of parking fees for shoppers, have lost their bid for them to be scrapped.

Council bosses are proposing to introduce a £2 for 15 minutes at their car parks, which they say will help boost passing trade. But as part of the week they have blocked off parking spaces, which shop- keepers say has hit their businesses hard.

A petition was launched by traders after charges for long-stay parking were introduced at council car parks in Cradley Heath last October.

They were calling for one hour’s free parking saying business had slumped by more than 40 per cent leaving thousands of pounds out of pocket.

The charges introduced at five car parks in the town range from 40p for an hour to £2 for four hours.

In their petition, the trad- ers added: “Local residents complain about congested streets, especially by those working in Cradley Heath. “But the council’s area di- rector for street scene, Steve Hanley, said not charging could lead to there being a shortage of spaces. He said: “There are potentially sig- nificant risks associated with not charging on the car parks in Cradley Heath. “These include town centre workers being dis- couraged from using other means of transport, result- ing in less parking spaces being available for shoppers and visitors. “Before parking charges were introduced there was a regular shortage of parking spaces that generated in- comes that could be used for investment in our car parks. “But Old Hill and Cradley Heath businesses Tony Billingham, who backed the campaign, said £2 was “hardly worth charging”. “It’s proven that the way to regenerate town centres is to introduce free park- ing. “The plans were due to be discussed today (Thursday).

TRADERS in Old Hill say roadworks have forced shoppers away and turned the centre into a ghost town.

National Grid began work to replace a mains pipe in Halesowen Road more than a week ago.

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Delight for students with their GCSE exam success

THOUSANDS of teenaged pupils at Rydale and Sandwell have been celebrating a bumper crop of GCSE results.

Nationally the proportion of GCSEs awarded a C or higher rose for the first time in three years, but figures also showed large swings in English and maths results.

At Windsor High School and Sixth Form, Halesowen, 74 per cent of pupils gained five A*-C grades and 25 per cent of grades were at A*-A.

Headteacher Keith Rottler said: “These are great results again this year. I am very proud of all our students and congratulate them and the staff on such excellent performance.

“I am particularly pleased with the big increases in A and A grades this year overall and 20 students gained 8 or more A*-A grades.”

At Ormiston Forge Academy, Cradley Heath, 56 per cent of year 11 students achieved five A*-C grades including English and Maths. And 73 per cent of students achieved 5 A*-C grades; this is in spite of declining national trends. This represented a 12 per cent increase on the five A*-C grades including English and Maths from last year.

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INCIDENTALLY, Cilla says she knows Sir Cliff Richard is innocent of an allegation of sex abuse, because she ‘has known him a million years.’

Well, I knew they both knocking on a bit, but I have to say as a little bit of a surprise.

THE NHS, provider of free medical care from cradle to grave, unless it’s democracy, power to the people and still be judged a failure in comparison with the best community-led councils in the UK, rather than from Taiwan. Anyway, that’s a bit of a cheap shot.

I use the quote marks because that’s rather a clinical and unfeeling way of describing the death of an innocent. Bob Jones has died it out had only passed away a few hours before councillors met to discuss the process for a by-election owing to a vacancy occurring on the Police, Fire and Social Responsibility Act. That’s a bit of a cheap shot.

As it stands the Government will be able to shrug off any public turnout as being the time of year rather than a sign that they are out of touch, because people still don’t really know what the PCC role is all about.

“Why a million Tories would want to try and pick fault with a Conservative Lord Mayor,” says Andy Slaughter, speaking about a Labour party activist. An MP is entitled to his opinion whether he’s wealthy or not. And it is nothing to do with what a political party this is from either. Labour MP John Spellar has championed producing things in Britain too.

I don’t agree with Mr Kelly’s point, and rather than worry about what he’s coming from. After all, when you’re the fly on the flag for an area that’s proud of making things, it’s ironic that it can be a bit of a cheap shot, saying it’s made in Taiwan. However, it is probably not-picking unnecessarily when you can’t even say what the festival was and what it’s done for pride in where we’re from and what we’ve achieved.

One thing I’d like to see the new police and crime commiss...
A memorial to entertainment

The chances of Dudley Hippodrome reopening one day are nil was the conclusion of a meeting held to discuss the future of the old theatre. It has stood empty since the bingo club closed.

Ashworth in the building has to be removed before any reopening. The cost to do this is an expensive operation. Where the cash to do this would come from is a problem. So the old theatre looks to stand empty as a memorial to variety entertainer.

NORMAN ROBINS
Brierley Hill

Repeat dose

It is bad enough that we have to have so many repeats on television but now we are getting them day after day! Having enjoyed a programme on a Sunday night I found it on again on Monday night.

Harry Hill used to be on Saturday and Sunday, just a repeat from the day before. Match of the Day is on Saturday and Sunday again on Saturday night and again on Sunday morning. There are so many. Economy is one thing, taking paying customers for fools is another.

JAMES Wordsley

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Gornal Ward

The hazards of parking

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The happy diamond couple Brenda and Donald Doherty celebrate at their home in Halesowen

IT was a chance meeting while collecting the morning newspaper that led to a lifetime of happiness for a diamond couple.

Don Doherty was making the trip from the newsagents when he first laid eyes on Brenda who worked at the local grocers – as she got off the number 10 bus to walk the last few yards to work.

As love blossomed he would even help his mother Lillian carry the shopping just so he could meet Brenda.

And now 60 years later Mr and Mrs Doherty, now aged 82 and 80 respectively, marked their marriage milestones with a celebration with family and friends.

The couple both grew up in Quinton. Brenda worked at Wrenson grocers in Court Oak Road, Quinton, before leaving to work at Cadbury’s.

Don plucked up the courage for their first date to take her to the pictures on Valentine’s Day in 1951 at Warley Odeon. They were engaged during his RAF leave when Brenda was aged 18.

They married at The Oratory Church, in Hagley Road, Edgbaston, on August 21, 1954. It was around four months before they finally had the keys to their home in Longmoor Road, Halesowen, where they still live.

The couple both worked at Firth Vickers, Narrow Lane, Halesowen, before Don finished his career at car manufacturers Austin at Longbridge.

The couple have two daughters, Anne, aged 53, and Jayne, 48, and two grandchildren. Brenda returned to work as her children grew older spending 22 years at Makro, Halesowen.

“We have a happy life together. It all about a bit of give and take,” Mrs Doherty said.
Liz fashions her latest cancer charity campaign

A FUNDRAISER from Halesowen has joined forces with Channel 4 for her latest campaign.

Liz Shiels, who works as a local fundraising manager for Cancer Research UK, has launched Stand Up To Cancer with the television channel.

The 31-year-old is urging people around the region to help raise money for cancer research by donning clothes and accessories to raise awareness.

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“We need to fight back by raising money so that brilliant research can be translated into treatments which will help patients faster. "We have the technology and the knowledge to conquer cancer; we just need the funds to turn it into real-life treatments."

The live TV fundraiser on October 17 will come just days after thousands of people in several cities around the UK join the sponsored March on Cancer.

Millions of people are expected to tune in for a night of live TV on Channel 4 hosted by Davina McCall, Alan Carr and Dr Christian Jessen.

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A HISTORY society member, who is the latest objector to plans to demolish a Dudley pub, has joined calls to preserve the 1930s public house.

Mr Blackham said: “The late 1930s public house is a gateway to the centre of Dudley and its elevated position demands the retention of this striking building.”

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The chairman of St John’s Church Preservation Group, which is working to restore the church, is also in the camp of those who have lodged objections. Mr Danks, also from Netherton. “They are standard issue, and the soldiers had to cross out the sayings that applied to them.”

Sarah Blazejewski, of All Saints, with her seven-year-old son, Harvey, has written to Dudley Council to lodge objections.

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He added: “All of the items that we have in the exhibition have come from local people.

“Happily, they have either come from collectors in the area or from families who had grandfathers or great-grandfathers in the war. Often they would bring things home from the war with them and people have kept them in the family through the years.

“Then the museum put out appeals for people to come forward with their items from the war. Mr Durkin said they had an overwhelming response.

“Unfortunately, we have had a lot of duplicates that people have lent us so we haven’t been able to exhibit everything, but I’d like to say thank you to everyone who brought something in to us.

“Things such as demobilisation papers and the war medals have been brought in a few times, and we have tried to use as much of them as possible.

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HUNDREDS of items belonging to families from the Midlands are on display in Dudley, as part of a four-year exhibition paying tribute to the role of locals in the First World War.

The two-part exhibition is packed full of items – all with local links.

The first mimics a High Street, with shop frontages as display cases, to represent the Home Front, while the second is a trench, complete with working periscopes and the thundering sounds of bombs and guns going off.

In the Home Front display, one of the most touching artefacts is the story of Bevty Westwood, who lived in Netherton, and her letters which were donated from her family who now live in Kidderminster.

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Bill meets Billie as he opens baboons enclosure at zoo

TELEVISION star and conservationist Bill Oddie did a spot of monkey-sitting around when he officially opened Dudley Zoo’s £20,000 Baboons on the Bank attraction.

Crowds gathered in the rain on Monday to see him open the one-acre hillside exhibit, which now houses a family group of Gelada baboons and take a ride over the attraction on one of the zoo’s chairlifts.

Bill also met his namesake, seven-week-old Gelada baby Billie, whose mother Addis was one of a group of Gelada females to arrive from France last year.

He said: “This year it was very important to me that I make a point to visit as many zoos up and down the country to see the work that they do.

When asked what he thought about his name being given to the baby baboon Bill said: “It’s a very nice thought and I will endeavour to set a great example for young Billie.”

Head of media and communications at the zoo, Jill Hitchman, said: “Bill is a keen supporter of the zoo’s work and took a tour of the site to see our latest developments and meet a few new arrivals during our recent baby boom – including seven-week-old Billie.

“Billie is gorgeous and already very alert, she loves watching what’s going on around him and is starting to communicate with group members.”

Nicola Wright, team leader for lower primates, said: “When we first heard Bill was coming naming Billie was easy. Billie hadn’t actually arrived yet though so there was no way to know his sex but Billie is a great unisex name anyway.”

Football match will aid glaucoma clinic

A BUSINESSMAN has organised a charity football match in aid of a hospital eye clinic. Shaz Saleem has chosen the Glaucoma Clinic to support from the proceeds of his annual Dudley Private Hire & Taxi Association Football Tournament on September 7.

It will take place at the Del Stadium, Brierley Hill, and will raise funds for the clinic at Russell Hall Hospital. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world. The glaucoma department aims to raise awareness of this condition which, if diagnosed early, can enable prompt treatment and preservation of sight.

Mr Saleem said: “I have encouraged all our drivers to have regular check-ups. Also, our drivers are also spreading the word of the seriousness of glaucoma.” Find out more about the tournament at www.facebook.com/DPTHA. To raise money for Glaucoma Support contact Karen Phillips on 01384 456111 ext 3349.

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By Andrew Turton

CAMAIGNERS have been set a new deadline to devise fresh proposals to save Dudley Hippodrome as councillors push to take a final decision on its future.

Dudley Council bosses said the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group and events company Events that Rock have until the end of October to submit revised proposals for the derelict venue.

It comes as consultants employed by the council said around £400,000 would have to be spent clearing asbestos from the building in order to make it safe.

The Friends’ group and Events that Rock, which have both submitted plans to run the venue, have been granted one-off access to the building to check on its current state and make any further assessments.

Yet officials said the visit can only be made by wearing protective masks and clothing due to the levels of the substance exposed inside.

Stated

Regeneration boss, Councillor Judy Foster, has urged the groups to meet in a bid to reach a consensus for the future use of the building.

“We are still working independently at the moment. We are looking to do a final decision can be taken by the end of the calendar year to avoid further deterioration of the building.”

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MP recalls ‘nice guy’ Attenborough’s visit

TRIBUTES have poured in from the worlds of entertainment and politics following the death of Richard Attenborough.

The Oscar-winning actor and director died on Sunday at the age of 90 and he is fondly remembered by the people he met during his visits to the West Midlands over the years.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin remembers the lifelong Labour supporter helping out with the party’s campaign during an election in the area 20 years ago. He turned out to lend his support to Ian Pearsall, the Labour candidate in the 1994 Dudley West by-election.

“I remember him arriving in his Rolls-Royce in Brierley Hill High Street,” said Mr Austin, who was then a Dudley councillor.

“It wasn’t every day you saw a gleaming Rolls-Royce in Brierley High Street, and it did cause a bit of a stir. It was very exciting.

“The actor joined Mr Pearsall for tea at Nan’s Cooking cafe, Moor Centre, before hitting the campaign trail in Sedgley.

He said he did not feel at all out of place in Brierley Hill, adding: “I don’t spend my life at plush parties and premieres. I am a very down to earth person.”

Mr Austin added: “The thing I remember about him was the courtesy he showed to people, he was very polite the way he talked to everybody. He came across as a really nice guy.”

In 1908, he paid tribute to the Royal Navy during an appearance at Dudley’s Gaumont cinema, while sea scouts formed a guard of honour on the stage. He was appearing at the local coronation morning service, in which he played a seaman.

The Mayor of Dudley, Alderman W H Graham Dean, from the club, said: “We wanted to improve the accommodation and we felt a conservatory was the way to do that.”

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A BE-SPOKE cycle park featuring the latest technology has opened at Stourbridge Junction railway station.

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Cyclists will be able to register to use the hub and will be issued with a card.

The project has been part funded by £30,000 secured by train operator London Midland from the Association of Train Operating Companies’ (ATOC) Cycle-Rail fund.

Councillor Roger Horton, from Centro, said: “Facilities like this are much needed if we are to make it easier for people to connect their rail journeys with cycling trips.

We all know that the roads in the West Midlands can be very congested and it is projects like this that can give people genuine options about the way they travel.”

Solly Oak Cycle Hub, opened in March by Transport Minister Baroness Kramer, was the first to be installed in the region and picked up two industry awards within weeks of opening.

Work is already underway to install further hubs at Rowley Regis and Longbridge stations.

Centro is also working with Birmingham City Council to identify other possible venues in the city as part of the council’s Cycle Revolution project.

Brenda Lawrence, London Midland’s head of route for Snow Hill lines, said: “This is a fantastic facility and I’m really pleased we were able to secure funding towards its development. “We are committed to working with Centro to improve cycle facilities at our stations to make leisure travel and commuting even easier.”

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Village gets £80,000 for planned skate park

AN £80,000 skate park will be built in Hagley, near Stourbridge, in a scheme to boost outdoor play areas for children. Work will be completed by late spring next year.

County and parish councillors said they were delighted to secure the funding from Bromsgrove District Council. It comes just weeks after the village also won assurances from Worcestershire County Council bosses to safeguard the future of the village’s library.

A skate park was awarded from funds given to the district council by housing developers to pay the costs of the works on the Hagley parish-owned playing fields.

Parish council chairman and district councillor Steve Colella described the decision as ‘fantastic news’. He said: “If all goes to plan we aim to have the skate park in place by late spring next year. We’ve already talked to the Hagley police team, local youths and residents about how we can best consult with the whole community on what type of equipment they would like,” he said.

“A formal consultation will start shortly whereby we’ll be arranging a youth workshop to identify types of equipment as well as seeking the views of the wider community,”

By Andrew Turton

Rude joke sparked attack, court told

A 21-year-old hit a friend in the face with a bottle after failing to see the funny side of a rude joke, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

James Whitehouse lashed out at the Chicago club in Stourbridge town centre after his pal Lewis Gormley took a swing from his bottle of beer on March 22.

Prosecutor David Lees said: “The bottle was returned to him by Mr Gormley who made a comment in fun which the defendant did not find amusing. There was a brief scuffle between the two men that was broken up by others present.

“The bottle had not broken on impact and the victim had a small laceration to the face treated at hospital, the court was told. Whitehouse, of Abberton Close, Halesowen, said Mr Gormley had upset him and ‘I just hit him with a bottle’.

Mr Nigel Stelling, defending, said: “He understands the gravity of what he did that night.”

Whitehouse, who had no previous convictions, admitted wounding and was given a 12 month community order under supervision.

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Mission to wow audience

A HEADLINE show from goth rocker Wayne Hussey will be among the high points of a summer series of gigs at Bilston’s Robin 2.

The star is playing a solo show on September 22. He said: “I always try to have some new songs to play along with some versions of some well known Mission songs and the occasional cover version, Sing-a-long guaranteed.”

International metal package Cryptosy, Disgorge and Jungle Rot line up on September 3 before a headline show from Martin Barr, who is best known as the guitarist from Jethro Tull.

Ex-White Lion and Freak Of Nature star Mike Trampe will line-up for a solo acoustic show on September 11 while Stuckridge will follow on September 11.

Wayne Hussey of The Mission will be performing in Bilston on September 22.

Some of the biggest names in rock will visit the Midlands to play iconic tunes at the region’s largest venues.

Madness, Kasabian, Ed Sheeran and Paolo Nutini are among the A-listers with gigs at Birmingham’s LG Arena before Christmas. The Saturdays, Kylie, Lady Gaga, James Blunt, The Who and Chris Rea will line up at the NIA.

The LG Arena’s autumn programme will start on September 29 with a headline gig from 70s troubadour James Taylor. B Divo will follow on October 19 and the record-breaking classical crossover group will bring A Musical Affair: The Greatest Songs Of Broadway Live. Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum selling, singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran will star on October 19 and 20, with support from Saint Raymond.

A galaxy of blues bands will star in The Big Reunion Boy Band Tour on October 21 and among the acts confirmed are Five, Blue, 911, Gareth Gates, Dane Bowes, Adam Rickitt, Kavana and Konnie.

Rockers Black Stone Cherry will play on October 28, hot on the heels of their sold-out-in-a day Southern Hospitality tour in February.

Paolo Nutini will feature on November 5 before a headline concert from Black Adam on November 19 and a performance from Wayne Hussey of The Mission will be performing in Bilston on September 22.

Former Genesis star for Symphony PROG legend Steve Hackett is returning to the West Midlands with his Genesis Extended Tour.

Hackett has recently taken part in the forthcoming BBC documentary Genesis: Together And Apart, which saw the original line-up of Genesis reunite for the first time since 1975. The show is due for transmission and release later this year.

He will kick off his Genesis Extended UK Tour on October 21. It will feature a selection of classics, some of which he could not include on the Genesis Revisited tours.

Theatre have a packed diary

AN eclectic autumn programme of entertainment is in store at Lichfield’s Garrick Theatre and Stafford’s Gatehouse Theatre.

The Gatehouse will welcome Come on Monday The Stray Birds, a bluegrass trio.

It will be followed on September 16 by a production of A Streetcar Named Desire, which will be a delight to the audience.

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11.00 Film: The Great British Bake Off.

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**FILM CHOICES**

**MONDAY**
Paradise: Faith, Channel 4, 1am
An Australian woman becomes obsessively devoted to Catholicism, going door to door asking people to pray with her and developing sexual fixations with the crucified, Drama, the second film in Ulrich Seidl's Paradise trilogy, starring Maria Hithatter and Nadil Salah, in German and Arabic, (2012)

**TUESDAY**
Do No Harm, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman is devastated when her partner dies in a plane crash, and tries to kill herself. She is helped in her recovery by a psychiatrist, but the doctor develops an unhealthy fixation with the patient and kidnaps her, hoping she will replace her own dead daughter, Thriller, starring Deanna Russo and Lauren Holly, (2012)

**WEDNESDAY**
The Stepford Wives, BBC1, 11.50pm
A ruthless TV boss suffers a nervous breakdown and is persuaded to relocate to a idyllic town. However, she begins to suspect something is very wrong with the local women and sets out to discover the dark secret behind the seemingly perfect community, Frank O'Hea's comedy remake of the 1975 satire, with Nicola Kidman, Matthew Broderick and Bette Midler, (2004)

**THURSDAY**
The Boys That Rocked, ITV, 10.40pm
A host of eclectic DJs entertain Britain 1960s Britain through a pirate radio station, broadcasting from a vessel in the North Sea, Richard Curtis's comedy, starring Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans and Nick Frost, (2009)

**FRIDAY**
The Stepford Wives, BBC1, 11.50pm
A possessive couple's relationship with their daughters is less than perfect, but when they are given up for adoption, a baby. Growing up in Edinburgh, she never felt fully accepted, and the age of 15 she decided to search for her biological mother. She begins her journey by the offices of the church organisation, where she is told that her mother had died and wouldn't want to be reminded of her transgressions. Now the Long Lost Family pick up the case.

**MONDAY**
Long Lost Family, ITV, 4pm
It may be an award-winning, emotionally wrenching TV show, but when it's coming to an end – our tear ducts need a break. They're not even half way through the season. The drug lord, stars Alex Polizzi, whose family has been missing for many years... (2009)

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Dogs: Their Secret Lives, BBC1, 9pm
Dogs are pretty great creatures. They love hanging out with their human buddies and don't seem to have a care in the world – or do they? We wouldn't normally associate canines with mental health issues, but the final episode of this eye-opening series suggests that some of their most extreme behaviours could indicate they are suffering from certain issues, including obsessive compulsion and chronic fears.

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Our Zoo, BBC1, 9pm
New series. Drama based on the true story of the Mottoberger family, who made a huge personal sacrifice to establish Chester Zoo in the 1930s – despite staunch opposition from the locals. Lea Thompson stars as eccentric George, still haunted by memories of the First World War and frustrated that he and his family have to live with his parents. An animal lover, he is unable to stand by while an unwanted monkey and camel are put down in the quarantine bay at the zoo, as he rehearses the animals in their mum and dad's backyard.

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**FRIDAY**
Boomers, BBC1, 9pm
The friends gather for Joyce's retirement party, where John has made a tribute video – but he's got to ask his niece to be there – Maureen's daughter, and he also begins an affair with Emma. Meanwhile, Elena is back, and it seems her relationship with Christopher is beyond repair. Walter Foreman's niece, an attractive young couple at the party and Alan has bad news that might run proceedings – unless the guest of honour spoils it by confronting her neighbour about her kid's unruly behaviour. Alison Statlen and Philip Jackson, star in the sitcom, with Russ Abbot, Stephanie Beacham, Paula Wilcox and James Smith.

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**PICK OF THE WEEK**

**REECE SHEARS Smith STARS IN CHASING SHADOWS, THURSDAY, ITV, 9PM**

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There is a secure gated "in and out" driveway with ample parking, a tandem garage and gardens. The reception hall has wood flooring, and the lounge is a feature with a gas fireplace. There is a spacious dining room, kitchen and utility room. The property also includes a garage and large plot of land. Contact Lee Shaw on 01384 287622 or visit www.leeshaw.com

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CRADLEY HEATH, King Street£600 pcm - Fees
A modern two bedroom flat on the ground floor of a block of flats. Features include lounge, kitchen, bathroom with shower, study and off road parking. EPC: A

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By David Banner

The L200 does the lifestyle pick-up thing better than any other model. It offers more adventurous styling and high spec versions called Warrior and Barbarian with lots of equipment. The underlying vehicle is more of a mixed bag. Build quality and road manners could be better but the L200 is manoeuvrable, tough and looks like good value for money.

Whichever L200 model you choose, and there are quite a few of them, there’s a 2.5-litre common-rail injection diesel engine up front doing the hard work. In standard form, this engine turns in a healthy 134bhp and torque of 314Nm at 2,000rpm but a high power option is also available that scoops up to 175bhp with 400Nm at 2,000rpm in manual form. This latter unit is capable of hitting 62mph from standstill in 12.1s before rumbling on to a 111mph top speed.

The less powerful L200s take 15s to reach 62mph and will eventually attain 103mph. The five-speed manual gearbox comes as standard but a five-speed automatic is also offered that features a Sport mode.

The L200 rides on a no-nonsense ladder frame chassis with multi-link front suspension and heavy duty leaf springs at the rear. It’s the standard set-up in the pick-up world and what it lacks in finesse on the tarmac it makes up for in strength and ability in the rough. Pick-up ride is generally clunky in vibration terms, though its traditional two seats and extensive over cabin and it’s only offered in the base trims. Beyond that, we have 4Work models at the base of the range equipped only with the basics. That means CD stereo, steel wheels, and the basic Easy Select 4x4 system. 4Life is a little plusher with air-conditioning, electronic windows and keyless entry but still has the utilitarian feel. Beyond that, we reach the high series L200s, double cab versions dubbed Warrior and Barbarian. These are the bigger sellers and the models that really cross the business-pleasure divide.

The Warrior also features 17" alloy wheels, leather trim and numerous styling accessories.

Extensive

There are three basic bodystyles to mull over. The single cab is reserved very much for businesses that need a proper old school working pick-up. Its traditional two seats and extensive load length mean it prioritises cargo over cabin and it’s only offered in the base trims. The second option is the Club cab. This is for single cab customers who might occasionally need to transport more than one passenger. It offers a 1,000kg load length and a capacity of 1,325mm load length in standard guise. The solution is the Long Bed version of this model with an extra 180mm of load length.

Each of the high series L200 models feature the M-ASTC traction and stability control system as standard which is a really useful addition. The Warrior also features 17" alloy wheels, body-coloured wheel-arches, cruise control and climate control. The Barbarian is actually rather civilised, adding a colour screen satellite navigation system, a reversing camera, full leather trim and numerous styling accesso-

One L of a pick-up

![Image of a pick-up truck](https://via.placeholder.com/150)
Clear move from diesels

New car buyers are moving back towards petrol engines after years of diesel domination, if Ford’s latest sales figures are any guide.

The company has revealed that its multi-award-winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost turbocharged petrol engine now powers one in every five cars sold in Europe, totalling 120,000 vehicles from January to the end of June.

That figure is an increase from 104,000 1.0-litre EcoBoost-powered cars sold in the same period in 2013. Within the statistics there is a clear move away from diesel in some sectors, with the B-Max showing 47 per cent of sales going to the smallest EcoBoost unit. One third (33 per cent) of Focus buyers also went for the same engine.

“Customers are clearly enjoying the benefits from a small engine that offers great fuel efficiency with no compromise to retirement or performance,” said Barb Samardzic, chief operating officer, Ford of Europe.

“The range of models offering the 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine will rise to 11 when the all-new Mondeo is launched in the coming months, and the new 140 PS version in the Fiesta Red Edition and Black Edition shows there is even more potential.”

The engine is the first to win the international Engine of the Year accolade three times running, and is available in 99bhp, 123bhp and 138bhp versions according to model choice.

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Land Rover is taking the performance SUV fight to Porsche as the Brit luxury car maker has unveiled a 550 horsepower version of its popular Range Rover Sport.

The car, which is being launched at the prestigious Pebble Beach concourse event, is the fastest, most powerful Land Rover ever produced and the first to wear the SVR designation being adopted by future Land Rover and Jaguar high-performance models.

The Range Rover Sport SVR accelerates from 0-60mph in 4.5 seconds and boasts a top speed electronically limited to 162mph plus a Nurburgring Nordschleife lap time of 8 minutes 14 seconds—one of the fastest times ever recorded by a production SUV.

Exhilarating

Commenting on the new model, John Edwards, managing director of Land Rover’s Special Operations, said: “The Range Rover Sport SVR is a natural progression beyond the core vehicle’s outstanding on and off-road capabilities and leading-edge design. Its exhilarating performance will satisfy a particularly demanding customer set.”

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Steelmen show their six appeal

Bilston Town 6
Cradley Town 1

BILSTON Town turned in a stunning first-half performance as they whipped Cradley Town 6-1 in the West Midlands Senior Cup competition with a great turn of pace, got to the bye-line and his low driven cross squirmed as the oldest in the league’s new-boys were their perfect start to the South season with their third win in a row.

The latest victims of the league’s new-boys were the football club recognised as the oldest in the world, Sheffield FC - on the weekend Tividale celebrated their own 60th anniversary. Tividale got off to a dream start in the last five minutes of the second half.

As the minutes ticked by in the dying moments through Danny Hytone. There were no goals in the opening moments. First Stephens Seesomgson found some room wide on the right and crossed towards the near post, where Chris Brunt turned the ball goalwards with his chest. Visiting keeper Max Crocombe initially fumbled the ball but could do nothing as the ball fell to Chris Brunt who couldn’t seize on the rebound.

Then Davidson burst down the left and pulled the ball back to the feet of Seesomgson, who tried to have a long-range effort, which flew at him early on. But Crocombe could do nothing to prevent the midfielder.

Davidson’s spot-kick on his full debut secured a 7-6 aggregate lead for the Baggies after they had squandered a 1-0 lead in the final minutes of normal time.

TIVIDALE preserved their unbeaten start to the Northern Premier League campaign at Chasetown, although they were unable to maintain their 100 per cent record as defences came out on top.

The visitors had a couple of long-range efforts in the first half which flashed wide, while the hosts created early chances for Richard Davies and Nick Welcombe but neither threatened Charlie Price in the away goal.

Midway through the half, Nathan Waite timed a pass to perfection to Lee Parsons, but Price rushed off his line to deny the midfielder.

Former Scholar Jazz Luckie, who only signed for Tividale at the weekend, almost marked his return to Chasetown with a goal, heading wide from six yards.

Chasetown had strong appeals for a penalty turned away.

Woodrush RUFC 50

Wednesbury face huge test in 50 point rout

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The game was to be played over four minutes to allow plenty of changes.

Woodrush were quite comfortably beaten. Woodrush were an excellent side and showed a back line masterclass Wednesbury could not deal with, earning opportunities at will from first and second phase. Defensively Woodrush were not on song and it doesn’t take a genius to recognise there is plenty of work for the coaches to do in this area over the coming weeks but a challenge that will be met by them and the players alike. Even after being beaten 0-50 managed to remain positive.

They were a credit to WRUFC and put tons of effort in and the squad’s attitude, desire and heart was superb throughout the whole of the match. The game itself, although dominated by Woodrush, saw some real high points from the Wednesbury team.

The squad performed really well and pressured the Woodrush pack on many occasions with a very young front row picking up huge points for their efforts here.

The line out, all is it a brand new set of calls, functioned pretty well showing some extra work and practice it can be really useful tool for our teams going forward.

A big week of training lies ahead for the squad as Wednesbury go into the first competitive fixture of the season in the cup and when their opponents will be Trentham RFC.

The side will be bolstered with a large contingent of experience back available for selection and will make the journey to Trentham full of enthusiasm and spirit from this encounter. Man of the match was Jordan Allwood who had an outstanding game.

Downing on the spot for Tividale

Tividale 2
Sheffield 1

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**Lowly Orient get Villa scalp in cup clash**

**Barwell 0 Halesowen 1**

**HALESOWEN claimed their first win of the new season in Leicestershire.**

An Iyseden Christie tap-in was enough to take three points back home to the Black Country.

John Hill opted to leave Ron Atkinson out of the starting XI for the first time since his return from injury, as the midfielder’s inclusion was one of seven changes.

The Three Points of the Season for the Yeltz until Frickley’s debut it was the Yeltz on course for the first victory of the season. The midfielder’s inclusion was one of seven changes.

Barwell only really had one good chance in the first half, as Danny Haynes looked to have the ball across the box to Luke Barlone, who could only volley the ball past the right hand post and should have done better with the time and space he was given by The Yeltz defence.

Halesowen Town 1

**Frickley Athletic 1**

Danny Bradigo’s close range header put the Yeltz on course for their first victory of the season. The midfielder’s inclusion was one of seven changes.

Just before the interval Christie weaved through the Frickley defence to give himself a clear sight on goal, but clipped his final shot over the bar.

Despite Frickley’s greater possession early in the second half, it was the Yeltz who went closest to another goal when Asa Charlton’s 20 yard shot was tipped over the bar. The three points of the season saw Christie join the 20 yard section of the Halesowen penalty area, resulting with the ball ricocheting off one, as they move to within two points of Morenoon Green.

**Tipton 5 Dunkirk 0**

**Tipton United face a subdued Dunkirk side to claim top spot in Midland League Premier clash.**

The home side registered an opening goal in just the second minute, the commanding figure of Sinnott rushing head home.

Visiting keeper Jake Cantwell pulled off a string of fine saves as he appeared to be playing Town on his own, but he was beaten against the 17th minute when Danny Carey-Bertram drove the ball home.

A little after the hour Bevas was desperately unlucky not to put Town further ahead after a massive scramble deep in the visitors’ penalty box.

Shortly afterwards, with Tipton again very much in command, the inevitable occurred when Josh March’s通过 ball sent Carrey-Bertram hurtling clear of the defenders and to Christie, who one on one with the keeper.

Bevas was desperately unhandy but clipped his final shot over the bar.

The goal was met with angry reactions from a group of Villa supporters.

**Aussie hero Davidson saves the Baggies’ blushes**

**Unbeaten run: Scoreless Tivs keep their streak going**

**Spireites continue to dominate in mid-table affair.**

**Big Ron tickets are going fast**

RON Atkinson, one of football’s most charismatic former managers, has attracted massive interest for his appearance in Wolverhampton Wanderers’ Stratford Town clash.

Atkinson, who won the League Cup with Villa in 1994 and had two spells in charge of Albion during a glittering career, will be live on stage at the Cleveland Arms, Snow Heath Lane, WV1 2QN on Thursday, September 25.

All VIP tickets have already sold out but some standard ticket remain.

Big Ron turned 75 earlier this year and admits he’s enjoying life as much as ever as he looks ahead to his visits.

“I always tell people I left school at 15 and haven’t worked since!” said Ron. Tickets are available in advance or on 01902 451021 or visit cvldarms.com

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**Football**

**The midfielder’s inclusion was one of seven changes made by Lambert for the second-round tie.**

Shay Given made his first appearance since January 2013, while Darren Bent started a game for Villa for the first time since the final day of the 2012/13 season.

Orient made six changes from their League One League One Tactical at the weekend, one of which saw new Villa defender Shane Lowry come into the starting line up. With both sides making so many changes fluency was initially difficult to find. But Leandro Bacuna looked willing down the left and he was involved in much of what was good about Villa early on.

Orient’s captain for the night David Mooney got his head in the way of a goal bound effort from the Dutchman after quarter of an hour. Shortly afterwards Jack Grimaldhi, making his first start for Villa, saw a close-range flick blocked by Bradley Pritchard after some determined wing play from Bacuna.

Orient thought their moment had come in the 67th minute when Mathieu Baudry’s downward header looked destined for the top corner but Given produced a superb save to turn the ball on to the bar. It was all hands to the pump inside the Villa penalty area with seven minutes remaining as Orient substitutes Chris Dagnall and Vincelot saw shots blocked.

Firmino then first wide after a superb 25 yard pass from Philipp Sondheim, before Vincelot headed home Pritchard’s left wing cross at the far post.

The goal was met with angry reactions from a group of Villa supporters.