Council back residents’ objections over shop plan

**PROTESTERS WIN BATTLE ON STORE**

Report by Thomas Parkes

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build a convenience store on the site of a former petrol station have been rejected by Dudley Council.

Planners turned down the proposals for a 3,800sqf store on Stream Road in Kingswinford, citing its detrimental visual impact and adverse impact upon pedestrian safety.

Dozens of objections from residents criticising the development had been lodged prior to the decision with more than 60 people signing a petition calling for the proposal to be stopped.

In a letter to developers, the council said: “It is considered that the size and scale of the proposed convenience store close to residential boundaries and gardens would have an over-bearing and detrimental visual impact and would harmfully impact on the residential and visual amenity of occupiers of properties in Glynne Avenue and Arlington Close.

Parking

“The proposed development would fail to provide adequate off-street parking arrangements and would result in an adverse impact upon highway and pedestrian safety.”

Councillor Peter Miller, who represents Kingswinford South, said the council had made the right decision.

He said: “It’s a victory for residents and it’s a victory for road safety.

“I just think it was a bad plan full stop and in the wrong place. It’s on a main road, one of the busiest roads in the borough, and very near to a busy junction.

“I think parking would’ve created so much danger with it being near to the junction.

“There wasn’t enough parking there. I don’t think it was a very good plan. A lot of people spoke to me about it, a petition went in and I put in an objection as a councillor.”

Mr Miller said he would like to see new houses being built on the site instead.

He added: “It needs to be something in keeping with the area. It’s essentially a gateway into Kingswinford and what really needs to go there is some nice houses in keeping with the rest of the area. I would lend my support to housing, providing it was of a reasonable quality.”

**JOHN GETS QUACKING TO HELP SANCTUARY DUCKS**

Maintenance worker John Grimes rebuilding the duck house at Brockwood Animal Sanctuary on Catholic Lane in Sedgley

A DUCK aviary at an animal sanctuary in Sedgley has been rebuilt thanks to a large donation from a builders’ merchant.

The aviary at Brockwood Animal Sanctuary was damaged last winter by heavy snowfall.

Selco has donated £2,500 worth of building materials to the sanctuary.

Steve Austin, a volunteer at the sanctuary, said: “When the snow landed on the roof, the sheer weight of it collapsed the roof and brought the sides down. The aviary was very old and we were going to replace it anyway, but we hadn’t got enough funds.

“Selco gave us a donation in timber and framework. The wire mesh and the aviary roof we had to buy ourselves, it cost £3,000 all together.”

Mr Austin thanked the business for its support in rebuilding the aviary and he also thanked maintenance worker John Grimes who has been doing much of the work on the structure.

Mr Austin added: “The ducks are in there now and because it’s quite big we’ve been able to put other species in. They’ve got a lot more space than before.”

Brockwood Animal Sanctuary, on Catholic Lane, cares for sick, injured, abused and abandoned animals.

**HEALTH**

Outstanding rating goes to GP surgery

A GP practice in Stourbridge has been praised by health inspectors and given the rating ‘outstanding’.

Lion Health on Lowndes Road has scored so highly it is now being used as an example to other surgeries on how to improve services.

The rating is a ringing endorsement for the practice which recently merged with Norton Medical Practice and serves 31,000 patients. Inspectors rated the health centre as good in all areas but saved the accolade of outstanding for its treatment of patients and the management of the practice.

**EXHIBITIONS**

Art goes on show at Himley Hall

TWO exhibitions featuring work by Black Country artists are on display at Himley Hall.

Work by the Brierley Hill District Society of Artists and the Dudley Society of Artists is currently adorning the walls of the historic stately home.

The Brierley Hill District Society of Artists’ exhibition runs until September 16, while the Dudley Society of Artists showcase finishes on September 22.

**PLANNING**

Former offices to become pet parlour

A PET grooming parlour is to open in former offices in Stourbridge.

Plans have been approved for the business at The Coach House in Cobden Street, Wollaston.

Proposals to change the use of the building for the pet grooming business have been approved by Dudley Council planners.

**INSIDE**

STUDENTS MAKE THE GRADE
From shop worker to internet sensation

A MOTORIST involved in a fatal crash has denied she was rushing because she was late for a lunch appointment.

Emily Doyle-Gibbons was on her way to meet a friend for a pub meal in Brewood when her Ford Fiesta collided with a Vauxhall Corsa travelling in the opposite direction.

The Corsa driver Malcolm Aplin, a 59-year-old grandfather, died.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that the crash took place at 4.30pm, a quarter of an hour after she had been due to meet her friend. But giving evidence, Doyle-Gibbons told the jury it was not unusual for her to be late and that her friend would not have been surprised. The 25-year-old, of Dudley, also denied being distracted by her mobile phone which she had been using to play music earlier in the journey.

She said she had pulled in at Millennium Way, Godall, on the way to test her friend and to switch off both her music and sat nav.

Under cross-examination by prosecutor Mr Paul Spratt, she insisted she had not been distracted. “I don’t touch my phone while I’m in the car driving,” she said.

Pothole

The defendant, who was 19 at the time, told the court that the man was “under the influence” in prison.

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Members from Friends of Howley Grange have been working with Woodside Valley Fire Station to reduce the number of incidents and near misses on Howley Grange Road in Halesowen.

Watch Commander Paul Stephens, from Woodside Valley Fire Station, placed a speed indicator Devine on the road to monitor speeds.

Jennifer Clasow, who has lived in the road for 24 years, said: “It’s horrendous. We’re calling on the council to put traffic calming measures.

“We don’t want speed bumps. The road is very long and if they put chevrons down and a sign it slows the traffic down.”

Three held after BMW police chase

Three teenagers were arrested after police pursued a stolen BMW through the streets of Halesowen. West Midlands Police arrested three youths just off Manor Lane and in Holy Lane. Two, 17-year-olds have been bailed until September 17 and the 18-year-old has been released pending further investigation.

The incident took place at 4.15pm on August 20. The BMW was stolen in Bromsgrove, police said.

“The West Midlands Police Traffic Unit Task Team dealt with yet another last night between us, National Police Air Service and West Midlands Police Dogs Unit resulted in the three very muddy occupants of this BMW being arrested in Westfield after it was located and stopped in the Halesowen.

It was stolen in a burglary the night before.”

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AN INQUISITIVE two-year-old who dropped her camera into a bear enclosure at Dudley Zoo has had it returned by staff.

Ruby Gartshore accidentally dropped her nan’s pink camera into Black Bear Inca’s enclosure.

The camera was found still in fully-working order and the zoo returned it to Ruby’s grandmother, Gail Gartshore, who has since sent a donation to buy treats for the 16-year-old bear, thought to be the oldest in the UK.

Keeper Sam Grove used the cash to buy snacks including kiwi fruit, pineapple, eggs, lemon curd and yoghurt for the Asiatic black bear.

Mrs Gartshore had been visiting the zoo with her son Lee, his partner Laura, her two girls, Ruby, who turns three in November, and Rosie who is nearly one.

She said: “Ruby loves taking pictures and has been using my camera around the zoo. When I picked her up to show her the bear I didn’t realise she was still holding it and it fell out of her hands into the enclosure below.

“She called the zoo offices to report it and I was so grateful when I heard keepers would be able to get the camera back.”

“It was very kind of staff to post out the camera to me and it’s working perfectly.

“The donation was a little token of my appreciation as staff could treat the bear to something nice. We had a wonderful day out at the zoo.”

Assistant curator Jay Haywood said: “Senior keeper Sarah Evans managed to get the camera out of the paddock when Inca was asleep.”

Warwickshire man charged with assault

THOUSANDS of pounds of taxpayer cash have been spent on buying or leasing Jaguars. JLR has a factory in Bridgend and jobs by only buying or leasing Jaguars.

Workers vow to support charity

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WORRIORs at Phoenix Materials Torrington have pledged their support to White House Cancer Support.

A BLACK Mamba addict who robbed six people to feed his habit has been jailed for eight years.

Five of the offences were committed in as many days. Twenty-five-year-old Dean Taylor pulled a knife on one victim and threatened to stab others.

The prolific offender ambushed his former partner as she left her home on November 21, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. He slashed her screams by putting his hand over her mouth and forking back into the property.

He grabbed her phone and a £5 note before running away chased by her, said Miss Blundell Thompson, prosecuting. Taylor threw the mobile at his ex as he was realising it was locked.

He robbed two teenagers on a bus in Dudley on December 30, taking a mobile and change after threatening to stab them. The next day he stole a phone at knife-point from a man in Dudley High Street.

On New Year’s Day he pushed a 70-year-old woman into her husband, knocking the 72-year-old man to the ground, in High Street, Brierley Hill. Taylor stole her handbag containing a phone, cash and gifts. He got £10 by threatening to stab a passer-by in Mill Street. Brierley Hill, on January 3.

Mr Mubin Ali, defending, said: “He has been addicted to Mamba and it has ruined his life.” The death of Taylor’s 21-year-old brother in prison from a Mamba overdose and the loss of his mother to cancer had affected Taylor, the court was told, and he had become dependent on drugs.

Taylor, of Rotton Park Road, Edgbaston, pleaded guilty to the six robberies, assault and possession of a knife. Judge Simon Ward ruled that he posed a significant danger to the public.

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How the mighty have fallen, as under-fire Kevin Spacey's latest movie predictably fails

Don't let him be misunderstood – Chief Constable of West Mercia, Anthony Bangham

Jeremy Paxman on University Challenge, surprised at the lack of knowledge about the M17

Wolver not a winner, but people are great

The BEST OF PETER RHODES

In a poll of 55,000 drivvits, Wolverhampton has been voted Britain's second-worst city, after Bradford. All I can add to the debate is that I worked in Wolverhampton for 28 years and met some of the best people I have ever known.

I CAN'T provide the same ringing endorsement for Bradford. My father was born in the city. I recall him once saying: "I come from Bradford, and Bradford is a bloody good place to come from."

How are the mighty fallen. Kevin Spacey, accused last year of sexual harassment dating back many years, made a pitiful £390 this week on the opening night of his new movie. This is the same Kevin Spacey who delivered that mammoth dramatic masterpiece as Frank Underwood, poster killer and president – in the Netflix version of House of Cards. I've just fin-ished watching all 65 hour-long episodes, made between 2013 and 2017 and what an extraordinary tour de force it was. But, justice must be done: no matter how much shining talent it dragged off into obscurity.

In some versions of this blog on Tuesday, the Colosseum in Rome appeared as the Col-isium. Traditionally, 'coliseum' refers to any big outdoor arena while the one in Rome is 'Colis'eum. However, some of the new online directionaries suggest that 'coliseum' is gradually taking over. So while I admit to a mistake, it was possibly not a colloidal one.

YOU are going to have to accept that the demise of Steam is not a complete loss. It is still available on GameFAQs and SteamCommunity.

The next time you buy a used steam for your laptop, make sure the company you buy it from has a good reputation and offers a warranty. This will help you avoid any potential issues.
In breach of safety regulations

Baroness joins fight

LEADING eye research charity Fight for Sight is launching a campaign to raise awareness of eye health and the desperate need for more research funding.

This is an issue close to my heart. Very many people of my age are starting to have difficulties with their sight and right now there are over two million people in the UK affected by sight loss – a figure set to double by 2050.

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RAF career ‘a blessing’ for serviceman Donald

DOING acrobatics in a Jaguar fast jet aircraft and meeting the Queen are just two of the many highlights of a 36-year career in the RAF for former survival equipment technician Donald Campbell.

He says joining the Royal Air Force, at the age of 18 in 1969, was ‘a blessing’ because it opened the door to many new experiences and led to him travelling the globe.

‘Not many people get the chance to do acrobatics in a fast jet aircraft or travel in helicopters. I got so much more out of the RAF than I ever expected. I always tell people I went to the university of life,’ said the 67-year-old of Tipton, who took part in an event to mark the 100th anniversary of the RAF in Birmingham over the bank holiday.

Marching

Having a career in the RAF had been an ambition for Mr Campbell, who now runs a chauffeur company, since a young age.

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Grange E Guild

GRANGE (E) Guild held their meeting at St Peter’s Centre, Pedmore Lane, Pedmore on August 14.

Chairman Chris Holton gave a very warm welcome to 30 members and four guests. A summer tea party was held and no official minutes were read. Chris did remind everyone that final numbers were required for the National Carol Service, being held in Hereford Cathedral on December 12th.

Food for the summer tea party was then served.

Following the meal, Chris introduced Sally Chadwick who created a beautiful flower arrangement and talked about all the flowers and foliage she was using naming them all.

The raffle was then drawn with many excellent prizes going to the lucky winners.

The next meeting will be at St Peter’s Centre on September 11th and will be our Harvest Supper.

The previous meeting on July 10 saw treasurer Jill Attwood give an up to date financial report.

Marlene O’Hanlon asked everyone if they would like to give a donation for project Gambia by purchasing a brick for 25p each to enable everyone if they would like to attend the autumn event, also declared an interest in the National Carol Service to be held in Hereford Cathedral.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. A short period of discussion followed with members expressing their enjoyment of the Federation Annual Lunch.

The next luncheon is Friday, September 14 at The Lodge, when Maureen Wilde will be flower arranging.

**Kingswinford TG**

KINGSWINFORD TG met on August 13 in the Community Centre in High Street.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. A short period of discussion followed with members expressing their enjoyment of the Federation Annual Lunch.

Names were collected for those who wish to attend the autumn event, also declared an interest in the National Carol Service to be held in Hereford Cathedral.

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AND now arriving at platform one – passenger number five million!

Jo Aldred was presented with a gift voucher, flowers and a framed certificate as she stepped off the Stourbridge Shuttle – much to her surprise.

Mrs Aldred, who lives in Stourbridge, said she regularly uses the 0.8 mile service that runs between Stourbridge Town Centre to Stourbridge Junction and says claim to being Europe’s shortest branch line.

But the grandmother was given a shock when rail staff approached her to let her know the exciting news.

The 80-year-old said: “I use the shuttle regularly and it’s really useful and reliable service. It’s wonderful. I can’t wait for that far and I like to go into town to meet people.

Stations

“I was very surprised to be told I was the five millionth passenger, but I must have made many of those journeys myself, over the years.”

Since they began operation in 2009, the award-winning service travels daily between Stourbridge’s town and junction railway stations as part of the West Midlands Railway network.

It currently carries around 10,300 passengers per week covering 0.8 miles (1.3 km). Using innovative technology, the shuttle is renowned for providing a high-frequency, environmentally-friendly service as well as being highly reliable and easy to access.

Mrs Aldred was presented with a gift voucher to shop in Stourbridge as well as a framed certificate and flowers at the celebratory event which took place at Stourbridge-Junction Railway Station on platform one.

Joy for Jo as shuttle service hits 5m mark

Peaky Blinders are on One

BLACK Country Living Museum-filmed drama series Peaky Blinders is making the move from BBC Two to BBC One.

The Bafta-winning show stars Cillian Murphy and Tom Hardy, and its latest run – the fourth series – was BBC Two’s most-watched drama of 2017. It attracted an average consolidated audience of 3.3m, almost one million more than the previous series, the BBC said. The show, set in Birmingham in the aftermath of the First World War, is also one of the top three BBC dramas for 16 to 34-year-olds.

Director of BBC content Charlotte Moore said: “Peaky Blinders is world-class drama at the top of its game and the time has arrived for it to move to the UK’s biggest television channel. Steven Knight’s epic storytelling is authentic and utterly compelling.”

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Church at risk claim over £50m town plans

A £50 million retail and leisure development planned for Dudley threatens the existence of a historic church, its has been claimed.

Parish leaders from Our Blessed Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church fear the redevelopment of the eyesore Cavendish House site could put the future of the church at risk.

The development of the eyesore Cavendish House site could result in a loss of parking for the Grade-II listed church, while ‘fundamental’ changes to the road network will have a ‘profound effect on how the site can operate’.

Concern

The redevelopment of the derelict Cavendish House office block, which overlooks Duncan Edwards Way, promises to transform that part of Dudley town centre. But it has caused concern for church leaders, who say they have had no contact from applicants Avenbury Properties.

A formal letter of objection from the Archdiocese of Birmingham, on behalf of Our Blessed Lady & St Thomas, which was founded in 1840, said: “The immediate setting of the church will be fundamentally changed by the development.

“...the church will remain in its current location ... may allow ‘the church to remain in its current location, the details will have a potentially severe implication on the ability to operate in that setting. The alteration to the road network will have a severely detrimental impact on the church.”

Avenbury Properties could not be contacted.

New Shovelicious is definitely delicious

By Richard Guttridge

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Shovel Inn landlord with a pint of Shovelicious he created to mark the 2001st different ale he’s put on at the pub

IT sold 72 pints in the space of a football match. And in a weekend it managed to sell out of its entire first run.

Drinkers at Lye’s The Shovel Inn were celebrating the birth of a new beer and the release of the pub’s 2,001st brew. Shovelicious sold 288 pints on its debut weekend.

The 4.3 per cent pale amber beer has been brewed by Enville Ales especially for the pub.

Landlord Steve Hopkins is excited about its future. The 06-year-old, from Lye, said: “When I first took over in 2005 my aim was to be a little bit different. I have been in the industry since I was 11.

“We sold the first lot out in 90 minutes, it was really well-received. It is a heavy citrus ale with 80 per cent citrus hops in it. Some people were coming off some of the proven ales and going on to try my beer.

“It is overwhelming in a kind of way. I am quietly confident that it is going to bring new business to the pub.”

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Cave houses are voted among top UK locations

AN HISTORIC woodland ridge on the edge of the Black Country has been dubbed a “hidden gem” of the UK after day-trippers named it one of their must-visit destinations. The Rock Houses at Kinver Edge, near Stourbridge, are well known for being the last troglodyte – caveman – dwellings occupied in England. Owned by the National Trust, they are described as a place “with sweeping views, a wildlife haven in the heath and unique homes carved straight into the rock”.

Following their restoration, visitors are now able to walk around the dwellings and see what life was like for inhabitants in different times, including the Martindale Caves, which have been restored to their 1930s appearance.

Family

A total of 1,400 people from across the UK were surveyed by housebuilder McCarthy and Stone to choose the nation’s “hidden gems”. Its aim was to find the UK’s best locations and attractions for family days out, day trips or short breaks away, the voters ranged in age, gender and geographic demographics.

The Rock Houses proved a sought-after destination for people in the South East and West Midlands, and claimed votes from the North East and Scotland. It won six per cent of the total votes, coming fourth overall after Cornwall’s Minack Theatre, which claimed 17 per cent, the Shell Grotto in Kent, 13 per cent, and Blakeney Point, Norfolk, 11 per cent.

The Holy Austin Rock Houses at Kinver Edge, near Kinver in South Staffordshire, are cared for by the National Trust and attract visitors from across the UK.

Heroes scale 200ft tower to rescue stranded man

RESCUE teams have been praised as ‘heroes’ after scaling a 200ft tower to reach a stranded and vulnerable man.

The man, thought to be in his 20s, had climbed the telecoms tower on Turners Hill in Oldbury. Medics and the fire service’s rope rescue team displayed “amazing heroism” to bring him safely back down on Friday evening, police chiefs said.

The rescue operation started at about 6.30pm on Friday and lasted three hours.

Chief Inspector Jack Hadley of West Midlands Police, said: “Outstanding response to a stranded male in crisis. Amazing heroism shown by West Midlands Ambulance Service and West Midlands Fire Service’s specialist rope rescue teams working together to rescue the man. Glad to say the brilliant response meant he got down safely and is now being supported. Much respect.”

Health

The rescued man is now in the care of a mental health team, paramedics said.

Meanwhile, on Saturday from around 6.40am, the M6 was closed for more than five hours at Junction 10 for Walsall after a man climbed over the railings on the bridge over the motorway.

Motorists faced 90-minute delays in both directions as many headed off for bank holiday breaks or sports events. The motorway was reopened around midday.

A police spokesperson said: “Specialist staff were at the scene to try and resolve the matter safely. This led to significant delays on the motorway and we apologise for this inconvenience.”

Rescuers scale the tower in Oldbury. Photo: @JackHadleyWMP

Salute to brave soldier

HE is the soldier who stood his ground in the face of 250 enemy soldiers during the First World War – despite only having one man at his side.

Now, 100 years on, Bilston has chosen to honour its own First World War hero Lance Corporal George Onions with a permanent memorial paving stone.

Crowds gathered at Oxford Street War Memorial to pay their respects to L/Cpl Onions during a special ceremony. Mayor of Wolverhampton Councillor Phil Page, who led the service for the Black Country soldier, said: “It is a privilege to be part of this service and to be part of the unveiling of the commemorative paving stone.”

L/Cpl Onions received the Victoria Cross after he and Private Henry Eades took more than 20 German prisoners while on a scouting mission.

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Holiday in hills which helped lads achieve a better Mynd-set for life

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The late Bill Williams was the Shropshire country policeman who started it all, with his idea of giving a camping holiday for underprivileged boys from the urban areas of the West Midlands. It linked up with a holiday scheme run by the then-Women’s Voluntary Service.

**MEMORY LANE**

Report by Toby Neal

Alan’s times are now planning a 60th anniversary celebration.

Alan, who lives in Moseley, Wolverhampton, writes: “The Longmynd Adventure Camp changed a lot of people’s lives, not just the lads who were lucky enough to be selected. There were many kind souls who came along at different parts of the camp’s life who willingly offered whatever they could to help the lads enjoy the experience.” Alan’s book is published by Heddon Publishing at www.heddonpublishing.com

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Legendary Hoy rides into venue

Olympic legend Sir Chris Hoy rides into Birmingham to talk about his new book and his incredible career in cycling.

One of Great Britain’s most successful Olympic athletes of all time, the six-time gold medallist was voted 2008 BBC Sports Personality of the Year, and was knighted in 2009. In 2016 he added to his record list of achievements when he finished the Le Mans 24 Hours race on his debut.

Sir Chris’s new book, How to Ride Bike is a compelling guide to becoming a fitter and faster cyclist, and he takes the stage at Birmingham’s Town Hall on September 18, from 7.30pm. Tickets start at £18. See boxoffice@thsh.co.uk or call 0121 780 4949.

Meanwhile, broadcaster Danny Baker is embarking on a series of ‘one-night stands’, with a stop-off in Birmingham included.

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Adam Henson will take the Town Hall stage to share stories about his life, career and the running of the Costwold Farm Park on September 6, from 7pm.

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**WAR HORSE runs again at the Hippodrome**

Following eight record-breaking years in London’s West End, the National Theatre’s acclaimed production of War Horse returns to Birmingham Hippodrome later this year.

War Horse has been performed to more than seven million people in 11 countries and was last in Birmingham five years ago. It is being staged from October 10 to November 3.

Based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo, it tells of Albert, still on his parents’ farm in Devon, cannot forget Joey, and although too young to enlist, embarks on a treacherous mission to find him and bring him home.

At the heart of the moving drama are astonishing life-sized horses.

Tickets start from £29.50. See birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

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**IF JOE LYCETT you should see him on home soil**

Birmingham comic Joe Lycett is back on home soil for two upcoming dates during his 2018 tour.

Following ‘If Joe Lycett Then You Should’ve Put a Ring On It’ and ‘That’s the Way A-Ha A-Ha, Joe Lycett’, the 30-year-old Hall Green-born funnyman is now on a 48-date tour called ‘I’m About To Lose Control And I Think Joe Lycett’.

In 2012, his debut stand-up show ‘Some Lycett Hot’ was nominated for the Best Newcomer at the Edinburgh Comedy Awards.

The comedian, who has featured on Live At the Apollo, 8 Out Of 10 Comedy Awards and award-winning Alun Cochrane had the pleasure of working with.’

The laughs continue with Comedy at the Cornbow, hosted by Dudley’s Wayne Beese, described by Lycett as ‘one of the best comperes I have ever had the pleasure of working with’.

Canadian tour-de-force Tom Stade and award-winning Alun Cochrane and Jo Enright feature on the bill at the Cornbow Hall, in Hagley Street, Halesowen on September 15.

Early bird tickets are £15 at www.ticketsource.co.uk/comedycornbow

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**AT YOUR LEISURE**

Pop Music comes to the theatre, in the form of a play described as an emotionally contagious rollercoaster.

From Brunette Prize winner Anna Jordan, Pop Music is performed at the REP Birmingham from September 12 to 22 at 8pm most nights. The Monday, September 17 show starts at 7pm and there’s a 2.30pm matinee on Thursday, September 20.

Tickets start from £10. Visit https://www.birminghamrep.co.uk/whats-on/pop-music.html

G and Kayla’s lives are a mess but they’re determined to ‘Have It Large’. Full of adrenaline and cheap Prosecco, the audience can follow them on an epic journey through 30 years of pop.

Can the DJ save them as they become Dancing Queens, reliving their Teenage Dream, Staying Out For The Summer and spicing up their lives? Pop makes promises it can’t keep, and soon they’ll discover they have more in common than their taste in tunes.

With an epic soundtrack featuring three decades of pop, expect Beyoncé, Spice Girls, Michael Jackson and more, as G and Kayla talk, twerk, drink and dance their way through the night.

All performances feature British Sign Language and captioning.

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**ARENA DATE ON HORIZON for steel city rockers**

Bring Me The Horizon will play Birmingham later this year.

The announcement comes after the quintet released the debut single Mantra from their upcoming sixth studio album, Amo.

The Sheffield rockers formed in 2004, fronted by Drop Dead owner Oliver Sykes. They released their debut album Count Your Blessings in 2006, which featured songs such as For Stevie Wonder’s Eyes Only and Pray for Plagues.

The band began to break away from their deathcore sound with follow-up release Suicide Season in 2008, which was a creative, critical and commercial turning point for the band.

Their major label debut, Sempiternal, was released in 2013 and achieved gold certification in Australia and silver in the United Kingdom.

Bring Me The Horizon have received four Kerrang! Awards, including two for Best British Band and one for Best Live Band. The group will play Arena Birmingham on November 23.
Celebrate Christmas in Torquay

DePARTING SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER

The English Riviera’s beautiful coastline is the setting for our Christmas break. We’ll be based in Torquay, one of Britain’s most stylish resorts that boasts the Dorset-based fishing fleet, the marina and stunning bays, where the bracing sea air is bound to rejuvenate and relax.

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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS in Torquay

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DePARTING SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER

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Your break includes

- 3 nights at the Seacave Hotel, Dawlish & Brixham
- Welcome drinks
- Welcome meal
- 2 night stay at the Queen’s Hotel in the heart of Torquay with full English breakfast & dinner
- 3-course dinner at Brasserie Blanc with a glass of sparkling wine included per couple
- Visit to the New Year’s Day Parade in London
- Thames River Cruise with glass of sparkling wine

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£319,950

**SEDGLEY, Raglan Close, Brownswall estate**
An attractive, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached for improvement comprising: entrance vestibule, reception hall, store, lounge, dining room, kitchen, lobby, store, separate w.c. THREE GENEROUS BEDROOMS, bathroom. Garage. OFFERS AROUND £240,000 FOR THE VENDORS CONSIDERATION BY MIDDAY MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018

EPC: D - SEDGLEY

**WALL HEATH, Cross Street**
A SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY home which is superbly located, set back beyond the DRIVEWAY with CARPORT and to the rear enjoying a GOOD Sized LEVEL REAR GARDEN. A position and setting which certainly enhances the GENEROUS and WELL PRESENTED layout which includes THREE GOOD BEDROOMS EPC C

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Offers in the region of £215,000

**COSELEY, Bradley’s Lane**
A DETACHED bungalow this traditional home comprises of gas central heating and double glazing as well as benefiting from, entrance hallway, through-lounge diner, breakfast kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, fitted bathroom, rear porch/ storage, detached garage with storage/ workshop, rear garden, drive with ample parking, and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC: D - SEDGLEY

£194,950

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£120,000

**COSELEY, Bradleys Lane**
A DETACHED bungalow this traditional home comprises of gas central heating and double glazing as well as benefiting from, entrance hallway, through-lounge diner, breakfast kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, fitted bathroom, rear porch/ storage, detached garage with storage/ workshop, rear garden, drive with ample parking, and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC: D - SEDGLEY

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**COSELEY, Strathern Drive, Hurst Hill**
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SEDGLEY OFFICE

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Five-bedroomed extended property is ideal for a family

An extended detached five-bedroomed home, 119 Tower Road, Tividale, Oldbury, has good-sized accommodation.

Within walking distance of local shops, it is for sale through Tom Giles Estate Agents at £344,950.

With gas central heating and double glazing, it stands set back from the roadside behind a driveway with parking for four/five vehicles. It also has a reception hall, a lounge/dining room with a glazed bow window to front and French doors to the rear garden.

The dining room features ceramic tiled flooring and there is open access into the kitchen. This space has base units and wall cupboards with granite working surfaces, a built-in 'Ariston' dishwasher, inset enamel 1.5 bowl sink with mixer tap and ceramic tiled flooring.

There is a lobby with vinyl flooring and a downstairs WC with vinyl flooring and an extractor fan. The master bedroom is positioned to the rear. It has built-in wardrobes including a double and a single, a study area and en-suite shower room. Having views over the frontage of the property is bedroom four, again with wardrobes and a dressing table. Bedroom five is to the front.

Outside is a driveway to front with parking for four/five vehicles, a lawned garden, a garage and a rear garden including a pear tree etc, a pergola with a grape plant, a vegetable plot with a fig tree and a gate opening onto lawned area at the rear

Contact Tom Giles on 0121 552 6171.

Well-presented three-bed terraced house near travel links

WEST BROMWICH
£149,950

This well presented three-bedroomed terraced house in Cordley Street, West Bromwich, is for sale through Skitts Estate Agents at £149,950.

The property is conveniently located a short distance away from local schools, travel links and is a short walk away from the town centre and all of its amenities which include the New Square shopping complex.

The accommodation briefly comprises a sitting room, a lounge/dining room, a kitchen, a downstairs bathroom, three bedrooms and a rear garden.

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this property.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, contact Skitts Estate Agents on 0121 520 2255.

Appealing traditional home is an ideal first buy

ROWLEY REGIS
£129,950

An ideal first time or investment buy, 28 Sandford Avenue, Rowley Regis, has open plan living accommodation to the ground floor, and lies in a popular and convenient location.

A traditional semi-detached, it is for sale through Tom Giles at £129,950 with no chain.

It has an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. The entrance hall has laminating flooring. The lounge has Halogen down lighters, a laminate floor covering and double-glazed patio doors to the rear garden.

The lobby has laminate flooring and a door to the rear garden. The kitchen has appliance space for a fridge freezer, worktop, three base units, inset "Stoves Newhome" oven, a four-plate electric hob and extractor hood.

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Three-bedroom semi for sale with no chain

TIPTON
£144,950

An ideal first-time or investment buy, 17 Tividale Road in Tipton, is a deceptively spacious three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Tividale village in need of general updating and decoration.

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Having majority secondary glazing and and gas central heating, it has a front garden, entrance vestibule, a cloakroom/WC, a lounge with a wall-mounted gas fire, a dining kitchen with a built-in "Smeg" oven, built-in four-plate gas hob and extractor canopy and room divider/breakfast bar and built-in dishwasher.

There is also a dining area with patio doors to the rear garden, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

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New powerplants for the E-Class and CLS ranges

By Sharon Walters

Mercedes-Benz has introduced a new selection of petrol and diesel engines for its entire range of E-Class and CLS models.

Starting with the E-Class, the E 450 4Matic is now available in the E-Class Coupé and Cabriolet line-ups, with prices starting at £55,900 and £56,395 respectively.

Replacing the E 400 4Matic, the E 450 4Matic uses an inline six-cylinder petrol engine with Mercedes-Benz’s EQ Boost technology.

It produces 367hp and 500Nm of torque, with an extra 22bhp and 250Nm available via the EQ Boost system, which uses a 48-volt inline starter-generator to enhance performance and refinement while also reducing fuel consumption.

The E 450 4Matic delivers a combined fuel economy of up to 32.1mpg on the Coupé – or up to 31.7mpg on the Cabriolet – and emits 202g/km of CO2.

Replaced

Also on the E-Class Coupé and Cabriolet, the E 350 d 4Matic has been replaced by the E 400 d 4Matic. This 3.0-litre inline diesel engine produces 340hp and 700Nm of torque.

Equipped with this powertrain, the Coupé achieves 0-60mph in 4.9 seconds, while the Cabriolet takes five seconds. Once again, both models have a top speed of 155mph.

Starting at £64,445, the new E 400 d 4Matic All-Terrain has been introduced to replace its E 350 d equivalent. This version of the 3.0-litre inline six-cylinder engine produces 340hp and 700Nm of torque. The 0-60mph sprint is achieved in 5.2 seconds, with a top speed of 155mph.

The E 400 d 4Matic All-Terrain offers a high level of specification as standard, such as Air Body Control air suspension, Multibeam LED Intelligent Light System, panoramic sunroof, towbar, 360-degree camera, Air Balance package, Energising Comfort package and wireless smartphone charging.

Meanwhile, on the CLS 350 Coupé, an all-new four-cylinder petrol engine has been introduced. It produces 299bhp plus 400Nm of torque and has a belt-driven variant of the EQ Boost system, offering a further 14bhp and 150Nm.

This powertrain is capable of up to 39.8mpg and emits 162g/km of CO2. Equipped with it, the CLS can deal with 0-60mph in 5.8 seconds and hit a top speed of 155mph.

The models are available to order now and deliveries are set to begin in October.

New Renault crossover ‘secret’ name

Renault’s next crossover will be named Arkana, the firm revealed today with a new teaser image.

Set to be shown in full at the upcoming Moscow International Motor Show, the Arkana will join the highly competitive C-segment, which features cars such as the Mazda CX-5, Skoda Kodiaq and Kia Sportage.

The model’s name is derived from the Latin word ‘arcuam’, which means secret.

However, it’s no secret at all that this is a big car for Renault in the Russian market.

The Arkana will be built in Moscow, and Russia will be the first country to market the crossover.

The French firm hasn’t explicitly stated if and when the Arkana will be arriving in the UK, but has confirmed it will be introduced to ‘global markets’ following a 2019 release in Russia.

Should the Arkana join the UK Renault line-up, it will sit alongside the Captur and Kadjar in the French firm’s SUV offerings – likely positioned between the two. The firm already offers a crossover in Russia – the Kaptur – which shares a lot with the similarly named car available across the rest of Europe.

Little else is known about the C-segment machine, with Renault keeping its design under wraps for now – although a preview image released in July suggests that it will use the firm’s familiar corporate look.

There has been no word on technical specifications or what to expect in terms of pricing for the Renault Arkana, but more information should follow the car’s reveal on next week at the Moscow International Motor Show.
Cat has sleeker lines and more style than many other SUVs

By Carmel Stewart

Jaguar’s entry into the SUV market a couple of years ago was inevitable if somewhat surprising, given that it puts itself in direct competition with the excellent Land Rover Discovery Sport but, clearly, it is a marque which is sure of its market. And so it proved to be. The F-Pace swiftly earned its stripes by becoming the company’s fastest selling global model with two in every five Jaguars sold being F-Paces. Adding the World Car Design of the Year in 2017 only increased the attraction.

There and no doubt that it is a good-looking vehicle, with sleeker lines and more style than many another SUV. Top notch materials and build quality are really a given with Jaguar, making the entry-level price of £34,730 far less painful when you see what you are getting for your money.

Although designed and developed in the UK and, in the past, built at Solihull, the F-Pace was clearly destined for global success. Before it even came onto the market it was tested in extreme climates of -40°C to +50°C to ensure it performs as well in the Arctic as it does in the Sahara. And it performs pretty well in the UK too.

Engine choices range from a 2.0-litre, four-cylinder 163ps, turbocharged diesel linked to a six-speed manual gearbox to a 3.0-litre, V6, supercharged 380ps petrol married to an eight-speed automatic transmission. The immense power of this latter unit will be pleasing to anyone thinking of making the switch from diesel but, with all makes and sizes of engines, the hit in economy will have a serious impact on the wallet.

Jaguar’s 3.0-litre V6 300ps diesel returns an official average of 47.1mpg while the 2.0-litre four-cylinder 300ps petrol returns 37mpg. No need for calculators, abacuses, fingers or even toes to see that the change will add to the expense of driving.

However, it doesn’t detract from the enjoyment of driving the F-Pace AWD 2.0-litre diesel – or any other diesel in the range. On startup it has that slight air of sluggishness which comes to the fore when setting off from a steep incline followed by a steep hill. By the time the terrain was back on an even keel, the engine was well into its stride and sailed along smoothly and silently. Pick-up on roundabouts and overtakes was immediate and reassuring. Pick-up on roundabouts and overtakes was immediate and reassuring.

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The ride is composed with suspension which manages to stay on the comfort side of the fine line between that and firm. The addition of torque vectoring on the higher trim, whereby minusculae braking is applied inside the front and rear wheels on cornering, further aids the unrefined composure of the F-Pace.

Occupants have a plush leather interior to enjoy, more than enough leg and head room, with plenty of cubby holes and storage spaces dotted around. Trim levels number four – Prestige, Portfolio, R-Sport and S. Entry-level spec includes a push button start, eight-inch touch screen, digital instrument cluster, hill start assist, cruise control with speed limiter, Bluetooth, DAB radio, navigation system, rain-sensing wipers, heated front seats, front and rear fog lights and 18-inch alloys.

A step-up to Portfolio adds an extra inch to the wheel size, a fixed panoramic sunroof, 10-way power front seats and a rear-view camera among other things. Prices start at £39,730. Prestige and R-Sport come with a choice of seven engine/transmission combinations. Portfolio adds the mighty 3.0-litre V6 300ps diesel to the mix while the top-notch S model is exclusively powered by that same 3.0-litre V6 plus the 380ps 3.0-litre V6 supercharged petrol engine but, with a price tag of £53,365, deep pockets are needed for this version.

### Engine Choices

- **2.0-litre, four-cylinder**: 163ps, turbocharged diesel, 6-speed automatic
- **3.0-litre, V6**: 300ps petrol, 8-speed automatic

### Specifications

- **Performance**: Acceleration, top speed
- **Economy**: Official average, real-world
- **Equipment**: Standard, optional

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### Jaguar Portfolio

**Prestige**
- 2.0-litre, four-cylinder diesel
- 3.0-litre, V6 petrol

**Portfolio**
- 3.0-litre, V6 petrol

**R-Sport**
- 3.0-litre, V6 petrol

**S**
- 3.0-litre, V6 petrol

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### Jaguar F-Pace Models

- **S**: Entry-level spec
- **Prestige**: Mid-level spec
- **Portfolio**: Premium spec
- **R-Sport**: Performance spec
- **S**: Ultimate spec

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### Jaguar F-Pace Price Guide

- **Base Price**: £34,730
- **Top Price**: £53,365

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### Jaguar F-Pace Awards

- **World Car Design of the Year 2017**

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### Jaguar F-Pace Features

- **Safety**: Adaptive cruise control, emergency braking, lane departure warning
- **Technology**: InControl Touch Pro, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto
- **Comfort**: Heated and cooled seats, climate control, panoramic roof

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### Jaguar F-Pace in the UK

- **Sales**: Frequent and strong
- **Popularity**: Destined for global success

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### Jaguar F-Pace Future

- **Launch**: Spring 2017
- **Next Generation**: Expected 2022

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### Jaguar F-Pace Competitors

- **Land Rover Discovery Sport**
- **Mercedes-Benz GLC**
- **BMW X3**

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### Jaguar F-Pace News

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### Jaguar F-Pace Test Drive

- **Experience**: Comfortable, capable
- **Verdict**: Highly recommended

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### Jaguar F-Pace Dealership

- **Location**: Oak Garage
- **Address**: Sterling Park, Brierley Hill
- **Contact**: 01384 906030
- **Website**: oakgarage.co.uk

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### Jaguar F-Pace Offers

- **3 Year Service Plan**
- **Free 3 Year Service Plan**
- **Free 3 Year Service Plan**

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### Jaguar F-Pace Price Comparison

- **15 Renault Clio**: £9,995
- **15 Vauxhall Corsa**: £9,995
- **15 Toyota Yaris**: £9,995

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- **Brakes**: Disc, drum
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Citroën’s upmarket plans for C4 Cactus

By Carmel Stewart

Some C4 Cactus customers were a little prickly when it came to the bubble wrap Airbump panels which adorned the sides of the original model. Personally, I thought they were distinctive and hinted at a fun drive but what do I know? For the second-generation compact hatchback, Citroën bowed to pressure and reduced those tough, air filled polyurethane bump strips to slender strips. In fact, only 10 per cent of all the original exterior body components have been retained for this model.

Experience

A new look front end now boasts LED daytime running lights, sharper headlights and additional chrome highlighting together with body coloured bumper side scoops, all ensuring a clear delineation between the old and the new.

The driving experience has also changed thanks to the addition of progressive hydraulic suspension which adjusts in stages to match the road surface, advanced comfort seats with high density foam and noticeably larger squabs (ie the bit you sit on).

Better cabin soundproofing has been achieved through the addition of an acoustic windscreens. Thicker glass, new door seals and improved sound insulation round the engine housing.

But not everything has changed – thank goodness. The new Cactus has retained the fun little rear quarter window opening-ratchet release and push – just enough for a breath of fresh air.

All apps and info are on a touchscreen

Technology on the new C4 Cactus includes active safety brake and blind spot monitoring – an increasingly useful aid in today’s undisciplined motorway driving – park assist and a reversing camera, plus hill start assist, grip control and fog lights with a cornering function. All are evidence of the market this car is aimed at.

And watch out for the ‘take a break’ flashing cup and saucer which appears on the dash when you have been on the road for more than two hours.

The all-important connectivity – in this case via MiroLink – is compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. All apps and info are contained on a seven-inch touch screen.

DAB radio and Bluetooth are standard on all models.

For those who like to make their mark on a car, there are 31 exterior combinations – nine body colours combined with four body packs plus four different designs and materials for the interior.

Needless to say, the engine range has also been revised. A new PureTech 130 petrol with six-speed manual transmission, has been added to the list to run alongside the PureTech 110 with manual or automatic gearboxes.

Blue HDi 130. Truth to tell, the 1.5ltre diesel was hard work and far less agile than the 1.2ltre 130 petrol which hummed along very nicely.

On the road, the hydraulic suspension, while not able to iron out every rut and bump, certainly makes a difference and, combined with the optional wider, advanced comfort seats, adds up to a smooth driving experience which borders on fun – despite those smaller airbumps.

The latest C4 Cactus has a new look front end, LED daytime running lights, sharper headlights and additional chrome highlighting.

Three different trims are on offer – Feel, Feel Edition and Flair. Prices start at £17,265 for the Feel Edition – a special introductory launch version powered exclusively by the PureTech 82 with five-speed manual gear. Feel starts at £17,965 and the top of the range Flair at £19,865. So, not cheap but a price point which clearly demonstrates Citroën’s upmarket intentions with this model.

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Denny lines up for latest title challenge

ROWLEY Regis fighter Tyler Denny takes on Reece Cartwright for the English Middleweight Title at Walsall Town Hall next month.

The Midlands Area champion, 27, a product of Old Hill Boxing Club in Cradley Heath, headlines BCB Promotions’ latest Town Hall show on September 22 as he bids for national honours.

Co-challenger Reece Cartwright, from Leeds, has racked up 22 bouts at pro at the age of 24, with 21 wins and 12 TKOs to his credit.

The under-card features home favourite James Beech Jr, an undefeated super bantamweight prospect, 21 from Bloxwich. Another Walsall pugilist, Levi Ferrenson, also features, while Ryan ‘Stoutie’ Davies, a former kickboxer from Trivdale, will be looking to rebound from his first pro defeat.

Flyweight ‘Pocket Rocket’ Dani Hodges, from Burntwood, former national amateur champion Connah Walker, of Wolverhampton, and ex-kickboxer Tyler ‘the Hawk’ Coleman complete the line-up.

For tickets, call the town hall box office on 0845 111 2900.

Noah earns call-up for Laser Run squad

A WOLVERHAMPTON teenager has been selected to be part of the Laser Run squad at the 2018 School Games. The national multi-sport event for the UK’s most talented school-age athletes takes place at Loughborough University from August 30 to September 2.

Noah Sandland, aged 13, a student at the Ounsdale High School and is a member of the Black Country Triathletes, and will compete for the u-14’s England Midlands squad in the Laser Run. He has previously competed in both the West Midlands and National Biathlon Championships.

More than 1,400 athletes will compete across 11 sports at School Games. Laser Run is one of five new disciplines, along with canoeing and rowing, netball and triathlon.

Sandland will experience the excitement of competing at the highest level, living in a dedicated Athletes’ Village on the Loughborough University campus, taking part in an School Games ceremony and performing in front of huge crowds of spectators.

Lions roar into action for inaugural contest

BIRMINGHAM takes centre stage for the first ever club-led international Women’s American Football tournament this weekend.

After coming home from Finland with the inaugural Diamond Bowl trophy, Britain’s quintuple champions Birmingham Lions, now hope to cement their position as an international force to be reckoned with.

From tomorrow (Friday), until Sunday. Lions welcome the New York Spartans and Helsinki Wolverines to UK shores for the first ever Pro-Cloud Transatlantic Trophy. Matches will be held at the University of Birmingham, with New York Spartans and Helsinki Wolverines kicking off the tournament at 7.30pm on Saturday.

Defeated by the Lions in 2017, the Finnish outfit will be looking to even the score come 4pm on Saturday when the teams meet again. The hosts will then close proceedings against the Sharks, kick off 2pm on Sunday.

Fifty per cent of the tournament profits will go towards providing Critical Care Ambulances with the latest life-saving technology.
From Black Country to the Big Apple

Trent Seven and, right, Tyler Bate

Glassboys hit for six in first defeat

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Lee Andrews "I want to become one of the best fans in the world."
EDUCATION IN DUDLEY IS CHANGING...

There is a new Academy Trust in Dudley and it is creating a bright new offer for Dudley’s young learners.

Beacon Hill Academy, Pegasus Academy, St James Academy and The Link Academy are the four schools that have come together as part of the Trust. In the last 12 months the schools have received just under £6 million worth of investment from the Trust to upgrade facilities and increase support and training for teachers and learners. The results are already showing with the green shoots of improvement in exam results this summer.

The four schools and the Trust are focussed on the same Mission for the young learners of Dudley:

“Working together we will develop inspirational schools which instil ambition and desire in young learners, open their minds, widen their horizons and equip them to succeed in a challenging world.”

What is the key to success for your child? The partnership between you, your child and the school. That’s why there is no bigger decision for you to make than which secondary school your child should progress to. Choosing the right school will help to ensure your child has a happy and successful time and each of our schools is committed to working with you to achieve this.
What Ofsted has said about our schools:

“The school is well led and managed by a head teacher and other leaders who have high expectations and aspirations for pupils and staff. Recent appointments have strengthened leadership, giving the school greater capacity for further and more rapid improvement.”
St James Academy (formerly Castle Academy)

“The school successfully promotes values such as tolerance, mutual respect and fairness.”
St James Academy (formerly Castle Academy)

“Pupils are safe in school. Leaders have put in place comprehensive and effective measures to ensure that pupils are properly safeguarded.”
St James Academy (formerly Castle Academy)

“Leaders provide opportunities for pupils to develop their leadership skills. Many pupils take part and value this highly.”
Pegasus Academy (formerly Holly Hall Academy)

“The personal, social, health and economic curriculum has a strong positive impact on pupil’s knowledge in this area. Visiting speakers enrich pupils’ experiences.”
Pegasus Academy (formerly Holly Hall Academy)

Starting secondary school – practical tips

The move to secondary school is a major milestone for children and parents – to make the transition as easy as possible for everyone here is our practical guide as to how you can best prepare for the big event.

Learners
Take all the opportunities you can to visit your school and get familiar with the new space – including knowing where you go to enter the school – some sites have more than one entrance.

Look around and meet your potential teachers – you’ll be surprised that they are friendlier than you imagined!

Think about what you enjoy about learning and ask yourself if your new school will give you chances to experience new and interesting things.

Before the first day: practise your route to school at least once – if you are walking alone or with friends look at the different route ways and agree the route you feel happiest with your parents/guardian.

Make sure you have a key ring for your front door key, bike lock or locker keys. Consider keeping a spare with a friend or family member, if there won’t always be someone at home at the end of the school day.

Ask anyone who already goes to that school what they like about it and get excited about the new experience you will have.
Parents
Visit as many schools as you can and get a feel for the atmosphere and discuss any particular needs your child has.

Make sure you complete your application by the set deadlines visit: www.dudley.gov.uk/ to find out when these are or pick up one of our prospectuses which gives you information on the key dates, you need to know about.

Find out what the homework policy is and reinforce the importance of this with your child.

Closer to the start of term help your child prepare practically for the new experience: make sure they are organised and have a school lunch box (if needed), a suitable bag and basic stationary.

Talk about what your child might experience and reassure them that it’s ok to feel a bit nervous. Talk about the new possibilities the school will provide for their learning and how this will lead them into thinking about future careers.

To find out more about how we can support this transition and make the next stage of your child’s education, the exciting challenging experience you want it to be come and visits any of our schools during one of our open events and get an informal feel for how we work.

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NEW STUDENT RECRUITMENT DATES 2018/19

Beacon Hill Academy (High Arcal)
• Open Evening: Wednesday 3rd October 18:00–20:00
• Open Morning: Thursday 4th October 09:30 – 11:30
• Friday 5th October 09:30 – 11:30

Pegasus Academy (Holly Hall)
• Open Evening: Monday 17th September 18:00–20:00
• Open Morning: Tuesday 18th September 09:30 – 11:30

St James Academy (Castle High)
• Open Evening: Monday 24th September 18:00–20:00
• Open Mornings: Tuesday 25th September 09:30 – 11:30
• Thursday 27th September 09:30 – 11:30

The Link Academy (Hillcrest)
• Open Evening: Thursday 20th September 18:00–20:00
• Open Morning: Friday 21st September 09:30 – 11:30
Tours available by appointment.

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