**MP wants identity check on dead pets**

Animal owners in the West Midlands will no longer be able to identify any dead pets on the roads.

Highways Agency has axed its policy of checking identity chips on animals that are found on roads but only in certain parts of the country.

Campaigners say the decision means some owners may never find out what happened to their pet.

They have won the backing of Dudley North MP Ian Austin, who said it was unfair that checks are carried out in some areas and not others.

Overturned

The Government announced last year that all pet dogs would have to have identity chips by 2015 to cut down on stray animals.

Mr Austin has written to Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin in the hope of getting the decision over-turned.

He said: “I’m sure lots of people in Dudley will be concerned that their family pet could die on the roads and they might never be informed.

“It’s unfair that checks are carried out in some areas but not others. The West Midlands loses out, so I’m urging the Government to do decent checks across the country.”

**Danger road safety work**

Work has begun to make a busy road in Cradley Heath safer following a spate of accidents, including one in which a great grandfather died.

Highway chiefs decided to take action over Barrs Road after concerns were raised by councillors and residents.

The road had a history of accidents and in 2013 retired bricklayer Bernard Betta, aged 85, of Cradley Heath, was knocked down while walking his dog.

Barrs Road will be narrowed in some places.

**FAMILIES campaigning against plans to build a convenience store on the car park of a pub are celebrating this week after it was rejected.**

Hundreds of people had signed a petition opposing New River Retail’s £1 million plan for the Co-Operative store next to the Hadn Cross Inn in Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath.

By Alex Ross

The company said the proposal would not allow the pub, but residents feared it could impact on the popular watering hole’s future with the number of parking spaces for it reduced from 30 to five.

This week, Sandwell Council planning officers rejected the firm’s proposal on the grounds of overdevelopment and a lack of parking.

The store would have had eight car parking spaces.

Application

Tim Hankey, who lives opposite the pub, has led the influence of Hadn Cross Inn group in opposition to the planning application.

The group was due to hold a public meeting at the pub last night.

He said: “I am delighted with the news. I would like to thank the community, in getting to gother and providing a loud voice to express our concerns, was heard and helped influenced the decision.

“The issues were simple. There was no space for the convenience store and we wanted to protect our pub, which is well used by the local community.”

The 47-year-old, who works in insurance services, added: “But we are not complacent. We will continue to keep an eye out for any future plan and do what we can to protect our pub.”

**Concert celebrates master of mirth**

**Barry Smith, Doug Parker, Marlene, Maggie O’Hara, Aynik and Mel Thomas prepare for the concert at Brierley Hill**

**MASTERS of mirth Tommy Mundon, who died in July aged 86, will be celebrated by friends and colleagues from his 50-year career at a charity show at the pub, while also remembering Tommy.”**

Mr Smith said: “I worked with Tommy for more than 50 years and it has been a long time since we have all done a show together but we are going to get back together to help raise money for the hospice which is right for then eighbourhood and it is a triumph for the local community.”

The campaign group has submitted an application to put the pub recognised as an asset of community value.

Under the listing, the pub has to be offered to the community if put up for sale.

Cradley Heath, and Old Hill ward councillor Anne Shackleton, who has also played a role in the campaign, said this was a victory for residents.

“The firm’s proposal was submitted as part of its planning application to turn seven car parking spaces for it reduced from 30 to five.

This week, Sandwell Council planning officers rejected the firm’s proposal on the grounds of overdevelopment and a lack of parking.

The store would have had eight car parking spaces.

Application

Tim Hankey, who lives opposite the pub, has led the influence of Hadn Cross Inn group in opposition to the planning application.

The group was due to hold a public meeting at the pub last night.

He said: “I am delighted with the news. I would like to thank the community, in getting to gother and providing a loud voice to express our concerns, was heard and helped influenced the decision.

“The issues were simple. There was no space for the convenience store and we wanted to protect our pub, which is well used by the local community.”

The 47-year-old, who works in insurance services, added: “But we are not complacent. We will continue to keep an eye out for any future plan and do what we can to protect our pub.”

**Comedian Tommy Mundon**

The show is being held at Brierley Hill Civic Hall, Bank Street, on February 17, from 7.30pm. Tickets are priced £12, available from the Mary Stevens Hospice fundraising office on (01384) 877717 or the box office on 0870 230 7000.

The show is being held at Brierley Hill Civic Hall, Bank Street, on February 17, from 7.30pm. Tickets are priced £12, available from the Mary Stevens Hospice fundraising office on (01384) 877717 or the box office on 0870 230 7000.

BARONess Gardenia Mundon, Tommy’s wife, said this was a victory for residents.

Baroness Gardenia Mundon, Tommy’s wife, said this was a victory for residents.

**Concert celebrates master of mirth**

**Barry Smith, Doug Parker, Marlene, Maggie O’Hara, Aynik and Mel Thomas prepare for the concert at Brierley Hill**

**MASTERS of mirth Tommy Mundon, who died in July aged 86, will be celebrated by friends and colleagues from his 50-year career at a charity show at the pub, while also remembering Tommy.”**

Mr Smith said: “I worked with Tommy for more than 50 years and it has been a long time since we have all done a show together but we are going to get back together to help raise money for the hospice, which is right for then eighbourhood and it is a triumph for the local community.”

The campaign group has submitted an application to put the pub recognised as an asset of community value.

Under the listing, the pub has to be offered to the community if put up for sale.

Cradley Heath, and Old Hill ward councillor Anne Shackleton, who has also played a role in the campaign, said this was a victory for residents.

“The firm’s proposal was submitted as part of its planning application to turn seven car parking spaces for it reduced from 30 to five.

This week, Sandwell Council planning officers rejected the firm’s proposal on the grounds of overdevelopment and a lack of parking.

The store would have had eight car parking spaces.

Application

Tim Hankey, who lives opposite the pub, has led the influence of Hadn Cross Inn group in opposition to the planning application.

The group was due to hold a public meeting at the pub last night.

He said: “I am delighted with the news. I would like to thank the community, in getting to gother and providing a loud voice to express our concerns, was heard and helped influenced the decision.

“The issues were simple. There was no space for the convenience store and we wanted to protect our pub, which is well used by the local community.”

The 47-year-old, who works in insurance services, added: “But we are not complacent. We will continue to keep an eye out for any future plan and do what we can to protect our pub.”

**Comedian Tommy Mundon**

The show is being held at Brierley Hill Civic Hall, Bank Street, on February 17, from 7.30pm. Tickets are priced £12, available from the Mary Stevens Hospice fundraising office on (01384) 877717 or the box office on 0870 230 7000.
Campaign to halt abuse of children

THE four Black Country authorities have united in a campaign to fight child sexual exploitation through a new partnership.

The Midlands-wide See Me, Hear Me campaign has aimed to raise the profile of this crime and help keep children safe.

Featuring the message Memories last a lifetime. Everyone has memories of their first love, but for some they wont be happy ones, the campaign highlights the risks of going online and its lifelong implications.

The campaign was launched by Sandwell, Dudley, Wolverhampton, Wallall Coventry, Birmingham and Solihull councils, along with West Midlands Police and other partners, to raise awareness.

Sandwell councillor Russell Martin, who is in charge of children’s services, said: “Child sexual exploitation is an appalling crime and we need to protect our children from its perpetrators.

Anyone who is concerned about the safety of a child should call West Midlands Police on 101, speak in confidence to Harwarmers on 021 395 3333 or in an emergency call 999.

Volunteers restoring an 18th century walled garden are looking for scrap metal dealers to assist them

Help please to clear site — project manager Mick Frerer in the historic garden of Leasowes Park

The Walled Garden Appeal and are searching something to a scrap dealer.

VOLUNTEERS restoring an 18th century walled garden are looking for scrap metal dealers to assist them.

The group is clearing the grade one-listed garden at Leasowes Park in Halesowen after taking ownership last year. They want to restore the garden to its former beauty and then reopen it to the public by the summer.

But face clearing six unwanted green houses, a huge metal boiler and two cabins. Group leader Mick Frerer is asking for help. He said: “We’re looking for some friendly scrap metal dealers who can come in and take away the buildings, green houses and boiler. They are too big for us to move themselves. We need help to clear them quickly so we can get on with the work in progress.”

The Alaide of compensation.

The father-of-two who previously invoiced her £65.

Mr Peter McCartney, defending, said the father-of-two who previously invoiced her £65.

The police have confirmed a 10-year-old boy was stabbed on a bus in the same incident.

He faces a further charge of affray.

The funeral of Wolves FA Cup winner Jimmy Dunn will be held on Friday, January 28, at Streetly Crematorium, in Biddulph, Staffordshire.

Mr Dunn, who scored 40 goals in 145 appearances for Wolves 1941-52 and was a UEFA Cup winner, died aged 91.
**SEVERAL** English Defence League supporters have been arrested after thuggish behaviour in Birmingham city centre. Violence flared at a protest in July 2013 when rival city centres were turned into a battle-ground as pavings slabs and bottles were thrown in helterskelter clashes with police. Yobs also torched a Muslim prayer cap and Pakistani flag during the disorder in the city's main entertainment district, around Broad Street and Centenary Square.

Operations were conducted across the Midlands and further afield to arrest those believed to be involved in the disorder. People were arrested from as far afield as West Sussex and Tyne and Wear, having travelled to the West Midlands to take part in the demonstration. Six defendants came from the Black Country.

**Message**

Superintendent Richard Baker said: “Violence has no place on the streets of Birmingham, regardless of motivation or whatever cause people are supporting. This should send a clear message to those who are intent on coming to the West Midlands to cause trouble — we will not tolerate such behaviour.”

Among those sentenced was Jake Hill, aged 22, of Church Street, Shirley, who was jailed for 22 months. A court hearing last month heard how he pushed a policeman and was part of crowd which attacked four officers trapped between two vans.

Lee Joshua, 43, of St Marys Court, Brierley Hill, received a 16 month sentence. He was said to have been at the forefront of attempts to break through police lines.

Thomas Willie, 23, of Kent Road in Wednesbury was jailed for 18 months after kicking out at a police officer.

Also sentenced were Khan Connor, 25, of Taintara Stree, Walsall, who received 22 months in prison; John Wardener, 28, of Oakdall Cross, Oldbury, got 15 months; James Ollie-Shields, 22, of Hanbury Hill, Stirchford, was jailed for 12 months.

**American terrorism pundit’s donation after Blum gaffe**

A US-based terrorism pundit who faced ridicule on social media after describing Birmingham as a “no-go” area for non-Muslims has donated $500 to the city’s children’s hospital.

Steven Emerson made the payment after issuing a string of apologies to British media outlets over his “terrible, inexcusable error” during a weekend broadcast on Fox News.

Billed as an “expert” on terrorism-related issues, Mr Emerson was widely mocked by Twitter users after informing Fox viewers that Birmingham was “totally Muslim” and not visited by people of other faiths.

Mr Emerson is also facing an on-line petition calling for him to make an on-air apology in America, which has attracted more than 125,000 signatures.

In a statement confirming that it had accepted a donation from Mr Emerson, a spokesman for Birmingham Children’s Hospital Charity said: “The money he has donated will go towards improving the lives of thousands of patients and their families who are treated at our hospital each year.”

**‘Idiot’**

Prime Minister David Cameron called Mr Emerson a “complete idiot” and said he should visit Birmingham to see it for himself.

Talking about Islam in Britain, Mr Emerson had said that there are actual cities like Birmingham that are totally Muslim, where non-Muslims just simply don’t go in, while appearing on the Fox News channel.

His comments were broadcast live on the network to households around the globe and were not questioned by Fox’s anchor woman during the interview.

He also claimed London had “Muslim religious police” that beat up anyone not wearing “religious Muslim attire.”

Twitter users were quick to ridicule the broadcast with the hashtag #FoxNewsFacts as they joked Fox News might think Salford’s in the Building — renamed by some the Kabul Ring — or the BT tower were mosques.

Comedian Al Murray and Sanjeev Bhaskar joined in along with Black Sabbath bass player Geezer Butler.

**Company is sold**

A BAKEWARE company which had been sold to a new owner has collapsed.

The Group bought Groves in Station Road, Langley Green, was part of Brands Group which went into administration in October. Nuisance calls were made with others made redundant.

**Man facing murder charge**

A 32-year-old man has appeared in court charged with the murder of Baljit Singh, found in the basement of a house in Beeches Road, Rowley Regis, on New Year’s Day. Mr Singh, aged 50, had been missing since December 22 from his home in Birmingham. Stuart Millership, of Beeches Road, is accused of killing Mr Singh. He appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court last week and was remanded in custody to appear at the same court on April 1.
Up to 500 council tenants across Sandwell have taken part in a project to combat crime.

People were given crime fighting tips.

It was all part of a project aiming to deter criminals from stealing prized goods. Sandwell Council, in partnership with West Midlands Police, gave hundreds of council tenants the chance to mark their valuables with the innovative SmartWater.

By Andrew Turton

Hanif, from Sandwell Police, said: “Targeting burglars is a priority for us and we hope that the use of the liquid solution will help us stay one step ahead of criminals.”

“When we seize property as part of our investigations, we always search it for security markings such as this special fluid.”

“This means we’re able to prove that the valuables found on suspects isn’t theirs.”

This helps put them before the courts and then return the items to the rightful owner when justice is done.”

The Safer 6 campaign runs through six towns in the borough aiming to tackle problem issues facing individual communities and neighborhoods.

A wide range of crimes and issues around anti-social behaviour were tackled.

Don’t miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

LIFE president and former owner and chairman of Wolverhampton Wanderers FC, Sir Jack Hayward OBE, has died aged 91.

After buying the club for £2.1 million in 1990, it is estimated he spent more than £70 million of his own fortune helping to fund the current Molineux Stadium.

Present owner Steve Morgan said: “Wolves are a proud club and we have always supported the city’s most cherished sons.”

Sir Jack was born in Wolverhampton and educated at Stowe School. During the Second World War, he joined the Royal Air Force, receiving flight training in Florida. He served first as a Pilot Officer in Royal Air Force 671 Squadron S.E. Asia Command in India and was demobilised as a Flight Lieutenant.

Sir Jack took over his father’s business interests in the Bahamas, and continued to play an active role in Prosperity, where the Sir Jack Hayward High School is named after him.

He died in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on Tuesday.

Former Wolves owner Sir Jack Hayward has died at 91.

Wolves saviour Sir Jack dies

A LEARNER driver led police on an 11-mile high-speed chase after officers tried to catch him.

Jordan Ricketts hurtled through red traffic lights, went round a traffic island the wrong way and mounted the pavement in a bid to get away, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The 21-year-old, who had those passengers as he reached speeds of 60mph, was halted when police used a ‘stinger’ to burst the front tyres of his Renault Clio. Mr Matthew Brook, prosecutor, said the 16-minute pursuit began on December 22 when a police van turned off and chased a man from police who had fled from the scene to a tree in Fallowfield Road.

Mr Simon Hannah, defending, revealed that Ricketts had owned the £1,000 car for a year without a full licence. Mr Hannah added: “He acted out of sheer panic.”

LIFE president and former owner and chairman of Wolverhampton Wanderers FC, Sir Jack Hayward OBE, has died aged 91.

A Learner driver in 11-mile car chase
A SENIOR councillor has apologised after shows at Dudley Town Hall were postponed because the venue must remain closed until late March.

The venue has been shut because of urgent repairs required to the ceiling.

Re-arranged dates have been announced for All Star Superstars Wrestling, Soul Survivors, The Good Old Days of Variety, and Shine Concert. How has Rydale built up an excellent reputation?

Vampire, the five-year-old Hereford breeding bull, has a busy time ahead of him as Forges Mill Farm’s resident breeding bull.

The fully working farm in Sandwell Valley, West Bromwich, bought Vampire five weeks ago and he will stay for the foreseeable future, with 45 cows to keep him company.

Stockman Wayne Vale from the West Midlands said: “He is a great bull. Some can be a little bit difficult but he has a really nice temperament.”

“[He] isn’t happy when you take him away from the ladies thought!”

Quarantine

Vampire arrived at the farm last month and spent the first five weeks in isolation, which is a common practice when an animal comes from another farm.

“The heifers seem to like him. He has got quite a few potential partners.”

Inconvenience

“We have continued to work with groups and show organisers booked into Dudley Town Hall to find alternative venues or change scheduled dates wherever possible.

“We apologise to people for any inconvenience during this unforeseen but essential work.”

Loose plater on the ceiling of Dudley Town Hall needed to be fixed.

The first show to be re-arranged in the Supernova American Wrestling, which had been due to take place on February 14 and has been moved to October 29.

The Soul Survivors gig has been moved from February 21 to December 5 and The Good Old Days of Variety, originally scheduled for March 3, is now on October 13. Comedy veteran Ken Dodd had been due to appear at the venue on March 7 but his show will now take place on June 20 instead.

The Tommy Munden memorial concert has been moved to Brierley Hill Civic Hall on February 17, as has the Shine concert on February 24.

Season’s CE Primary School’s festive choral concert had to be called off because organisers were unable to find an alternative venue at short notice.

Bookings for the banquet suite are unaffected by the work.

COUNCIL apologise for the unexpected closure of hall

A SENIOR councillor has apologised after shows at Dudley Town Hall were postponed because the venue must remain closed until late March.

The venue has been shut because of urgent repairs required to the ceiling.

Re-arranged dates have been announced for All Star Superstars Wrestling, Soul Survivors, The Good Old Days of Variety and Shine Concert. How has Rydale built up an excellent reputation?

Vampire, the five-year-old Hereford breeding bull, has a busy time ahead of him as Forges Mill Farm’s resident breeding bull.

The fully working farm in Sandwell Valley, West Bromwich, bought Vampire five weeks ago and he will stay for the foreseeable future, with 45 cows to keep him company.

Stockman Wayne Vale from the West Midlands said: “He is a great bull. Some can be a little bit difficult but he has a really nice temperament.”

“[He] isn’t happy when you take him away from the ladies thought!”

Quarantine

Vampire arrived at the farm last month and spent the first five weeks in isolation, which is a common practice when an animal comes from another farm.

“The heifers seem to like him. He has got quite a few potential partners.”

Inconvenience

“We have continued to work with groups and show organisers booked into Dudley Town Hall to find alternative venues or change scheduled dates wherever possible.

“We apologise to people for any inconvenience during this unforeseen but essential work.”

Loose plater on the ceiling of Dudley Town Hall needed to be fixed.

The first show to be re-arranged in the Supernova American Wrestling, which had been due to take place on February 14 and has been moved to October 29.

The Soul Survivors gig has been moved from February 21 to December 5 and The Good Old Days of Variety, originally scheduled for March 3, is now on October 13. Comedy veteran Ken Dodd had been due to appear at the venue on March 7 but his show will now take place on June 20 instead.

The Tommy Munden memorial concert has been moved to Brierley Hill Civic Hall on February 17, as has the Shine concert on February 24.

Season’s CE Primary School’s festive choral concert had to be called off because organisers were unable to find an alternative venue at short notice.

Bookings for the banquet suite are unaffected by the work.

COUNCIL apologise for the unexpected closure of hall
Through looking glass into the past

Stourbridge was at the centre of the glass industry, CHARLIE BENTON looks at relics recently found

DEDICATED volunteers have spent hours sifting through tons of soil to uncover an array of hidden gems from Stourbridge's glass industry heritage.

An eight-month-long excavation on the site of the Ruskin Mill Glasshouse College has unearthed examples of glassware dating back hundreds of years and evidence of two of the region's earliest furnaces.

Now some of the window glass, hats, tiles, cut lead crystal and carriage lantern lenses which have been dug up will go on public display.

Stourbridge was once the epicentre of the UK's glass-making industry, renowned worldwide for its high-quality glass products since the early 1600s.

The remains of furnaces discovered at the site would have been in the shape of distinctive cones similar to the Red House Glass Cone that stands in nearby Wordsley. Such glass cones once dominated the skyline of the area. The two found at the Ruskin site date back to 1681 and 1692 respectively.

The site forms part of The Glasshouse, formally known as the Ruskin Glass Centre, which serves as a working homage to the glass trade.

The dig was carried out by volunteers as well as 90 students from the college in Wollaston Road with special educational needs.

Among the items recovered are bottles which date back to the 1700s, decorative glass from the 1800s and clay pipes.

Glass heritage director at the college Ian Dury, aged 61, of Knowle, said: "It has been amazing and what we have discovered is a time capsule of glass making on the site for the past 400 years so we really did find all sorts of things, from windows to bottles.

**Conidence**

"Although of course a lot of the pieces were shattered, the glass itself was in very good condition as once it is underground it stays quite stable.

Many pieces will now be put on display.

Mr Dury said: 'We had archaeological and glass specialists take a look at what we found and they were very impressed. Although we put a lot of it back, there were a lot of pieces that will be kept. Some of it will be sent to museums and some of it will be kept at the college itself.

"In May we will be holding a special international glass festival and it will be great to display it then."

He added: "We found lots of window glass, lots of pieces of bottles and tiles and decorative glass. "Anything that can be made in glass has been made here for 420 years. The first ones were built in 1691 and 1692 and then they built another one on top of that.

'The main facility was built in the 1930s. It has constantly been in use as a glass making facility for 400 years. It is a timeless art, the same equipment that was used then is still used today."

Mr Dury, originally from South Wales, said he has been working in the glass industry for almost 50 years.

He said: "It was absolutely fantastic to be a part of the dig. The funding we received from English Heritage and the National Lottery allowed us to do a lot of research to find out just what we were digging up.

"There were over 16 glass cones in the area alone at one stage and it has enriched the area so much."

Ruskin Mill sits on the site of the former Webb Corbett glassworks which operated between 1913 and 1969.

It was taken over by Royal Doulton which operated until it was sold in 1999 to the Ruskin Mill trust.

Mr Dury has paid tribute to the work of volunteers who turned out to help.

He said: "We started the dig in February last year and we had funding from English Heritage and National Lottery.

For the first couple of weeks I was tasked with finding volunteers and although I was worried initially I shouldn’t have been as we had so many people come out to help us dig.

"We have 90 students with special educational needs here at the college, they have absolutely loved doing it and taking part."

"The first two weeks was all about getting volunteers from elsewhere, I was concerned at first but the turnout was amazing. There were more than enough volunteers and other schools came out and got involved.

"We are also interested in inviting schools to come along and take a look at what we found. The glass that was made here can be found in all sorts of places."
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Halesowen Chronicle Thursday, January 15, 2015**

**TERMS TO THE EDITOR**

As it were, the NHS is overwhelmed with people going to hospital accident and emergency departments because they cannot get to see their GP.

To see your GP you have to be prepared to queue all night because of an appointment system that is just not working. Not too long ago all people had to do when they were sick was to attend their doctor’s surgery and wait until it was open.

Then the experts got involved and came up with the great idea of an appointment system. All this has done is to cause a bottleneck with a flood of patients all trying to get through a funnel of that bottle. Surely it would be better to have the old systems not been deemed unfit by these so-called experts.

Not all new systems are good. It all takes for those who made the decision admit they were wrong and revert to the trusted and well-tested system.

This would then free up our hospital accident and emergency departments to a workable and reliable service — one that is wanted by the general public.

P. LOVE

Brierley Hill

**Police cars need clean up**

YEARS ago, all police cars, whether marked or unmarked and unmarked cars are being used. I would say to drivers, even if you are not bothered about road safety, it is important to realise that one offence will increase your insurance costs, two offences and you will find it impossible to purchase insurance from many companies and also car hire will be impossible.

Also many jobs ask for a clean driving licence, so take it easy, save fuel, save wear on your car, and maybe even save a life.

P. WILLIAMS

Brierley Hill

**GP appointments cause A&E crisis**

It is the GP who has every right to call his home whatever he likes, suggested it may be ‘political suicide’ by David Cameron to attempt to bring back hunting with animals.

A fool year ago it was reported that at least 70 per cent wished the ban to be kept. Mr Waldron begins his reference to the columnist as Peter Rhodes and later, rather disdainfully, as Rhodes. Not exactly good manners.  

Not to be classed as vermin

J. B. Waldron claims that the majority of the population is in favour of the repeal of the fox hunting ban. I would like to know what he bases that assertion on. Most of the people I know have exactly the opposite opinion. I would also like to know how often he has lambs or chickens destroyed by foxes.

The fox is not officially classed as vermin and is part of our natural eco-system, which is more than you can say for the plague of domestic cats that live by me. I agree that we should let the people who manage our countryside choose the best way to manage ‘pests’, but even many of the people who enjoy fox hunting would not claim that it is a particularly efficient way to eradicating foxes.

ALAN ASHMAN

Sedgley

**“A beautiful new kitchen…”**

We are so pleased we chose Hagley Kitchens – for Graham and his team nothing was too much trouble... Thank you Tony & Beryl Rhoades - Halesowen

“I like magic everything was in place... tiling, electrics, and beautiful appliances... a fantastically designed kitchen. Graham made everything simple” Audrey Basterfield, Halesowen

“They gave us our perfect kitchen, a great local company.” Sandra Donnelly, Kingwinford

“The kitchen of our Dreams, we made so many changes but all was completed with so little fuss... I love showing off my new kitchen to everyone!! Norah & Chris Painter, Pedmore

“A major project completed on time without any problems at all” Gill McKenzie, Coddall

Guaranteed unbeatable on price

See some of our range of beautiful Modern and Traditional kitchens at: www.HagleyKitchens.co.uk

**Hawthorn Windows**

A family run business with majority of work from recommendations

Specialists in Door, Window, Porch and Conservatory Installations

Composite Doors from £630

Wide choice of colours available

Mistu units replaced

WE OFFER GREAT DEALS ON ALL UPVC PRODUCTS

Quality products at quality prices

10 year guarantee

Faulty door locks and window hinges replaced

We will beat any quote

FENSA registered

Unit 1, Shenstone Trading Estate, Bromsgrove Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3XB

Tel: 0121 559 6320

INSTALLATION • TILING • GAS • ELECTRIC • PLUMBING • BUILDING
Brewery hails 100 years with ale trail

A BREWERY has thrown down the gauntlet to real ale lovers as it launches its centenary celebrations.

Holden’s Brewery will challenge punters to get a round in at each of its pubs across the Black Country.

The real ale trail will begin in the spring as the Woodsetton-based brewery kicks-off a range of events to mark its 100th anniversary.

Those who complete the tour of the firm’s 20 tenanted pubs will then be able to swap their completed card for Holden’s centenary memorabilia. The family-run brewery will also host tours, starting from February.

The arrival of the brewery’s centenary year comes as an expansion of the site is nearing completion. A new tank room will be completed during 2015, increasing capacity at the Sedgley Road West site by 50 per cent, which bosses said had been possible thanks to a boom in the ale trade. One of the stops on the Holden’s tour will be the Rose and Crown in Brierley Hill and landlord Mark Pritchard believes the idea will drum up interest in the area.

He said: “It’s a popular brewery around here. This pub is still a busy little pub and I do think it will make a difference.

“Round here it is a real ale area, it’s so popular, especially when they bring out their own monthly ones.

“They tend to go down really well. I think the tour is a really good idea.”

Francis Britton, who runs Holdens pub The Wheatsheaf, in Carter’s Green, West Bromwich, believes the tour could come as a major boost.

She said: “Anything that gets more people in is a good idea. Hopefully this can help. All pubs need more customers at the moment and anything that increases the likelihood of people coming in is good.

“Ales is a good seller, the pub is known for having real ale. Locally it does well.”

Despite the bleak outlook for the industry in recent years which has seen pubs continue to disappear from Black Country streets, Holden’s has been able to buck the trend and invest in the future.

When the expansion is complete, ale production will increase from 50,000 pints a week to 75,000.

The extension has been built at the rear of the site in George Street and will see extra fermentation tanks installed. A new bottle store was also completed in 2012.

When the plans were revealed, managing director Jonathan Holden said: “There has been a resurgence in the popularity of ales in recent time and this has been a massive benefit to us.

“This expansion is necessary for us to build on the business.”

MEMORY LANE

By Richard Guttridge

Halesowen Chronicle Thursday, January 15, 2015

Are you a member of a local voluntary group?

Do you have a good news story?

Do you need to promote an event for a charity or a local good cause?

The Sandwell Chronicle needs local news stories for your local paper for you the local reader.

Please call the chronicle team on 01902 319 588
Nominate unsung heroes for awards

More are urged to have a say on cutbacks

DUDLEY Council wants more people to have a say on the services which matter most to them, as bosses consider almost £60 million worth of cuts.

About 2,700 people have so far responded to a consultation after residents were asked to name their top five council services.

The council is proposing savings of £22.5m for 2015/16, moving up to £22.3m by 2016/17 and £22.4m by 2017/18. But the authority has warned that a further £90m of savings will also need to be found.

MAYOR OF Dudley, Councillor Margaret Aston, is urging people to highlight the work of unsung heroes across the borough for prestigious civic awards.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston at the launch of this year’s civic awards for unsung heroes

Community activists, inspiring teachers, entrepreneurs, athletes and environmental champions will be recognised in the Mayor’s Civic Awards. People can nominate those they wish to see honoured for one of the awards but the deadline is February 9.

Councillor Aston said: “The Mayor’s Civic Awards is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the work of unsung heroes across the borough.”

There are six categories: the Duncan Edwards award for sport, the Cedric Hardwicke award for arts, the Thomas Attwood award for education, the Mike Holder award for business and the William Shenstone award for environment.

Councillor Aston said: “The Mayor’s Civic Awards is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the work of the people who work tirelessly in their communities for the good of the borough.”

Nominate unsung heroes for awards

By Richard Guttridge

“We’re having to set budgets on the back of huge cuts in our funding from central government, so we are asking the residents we serve to take a moment to let us know their top five most valued services.”

The budget proposals so far include a shake-up of Dudley youth services to save £200,000. There are also plans to increase burial fees, turn off some street lights after midnight and reduce park maintenance.

Savings will also be made by transferring the management of the New Bradly Hall care home in Kingswinford to a private firm.

People can take part by visiting www.dudley.gov.uk/budgetconsultation.

By Richard Guttridge

Mayoress Dawn Chaloner encourages residents to ‘have your say’ on cuts.

Residents are being urged to ‘have their say’ on the services which matter most to them, as bosses consider almost £60 million worth of cuts.

DUDLEY Council wants more people to have a say on the services which matter most to them, as bosses consider almost £60 million worth of cuts.

About 2,700 people have so far responded to a consultation after residents were asked to name their top five council services.

The council is proposing savings of £22.5m for 2015/16, moving up to £22.3m by 2016/17 and £22.4m by 2017/18. But the authority has warned that a further £90m of savings will also need to be found.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston at the launch of this year’s civic awards for unsung heroes
A WEST Midlands MP has called for an investigation into nuisance 999 calls after it emerged paramedics were called to one property in Stourbridge more than 200 times in 12 months.

West Midlands Ambulance Service was called to an address in the town 231 times for ‘false’ alarms, according to details revealed through a Freedom of Information request.

The service revealed its paramedics and ambulance crews were called out 3,000 times to the same 30 addresses in the region.

A property in Birmingham’s Shard End was visited on 624 occasions with only 11 of the call-outs resulting in anyone being taken to hospital.

Headache

Of the calls, more than 400 were described as being for ‘someone feeling generally unwell’. In one incident, the paramedics were forced to ease the address to discover the resident merely had a headache.

West Midlands MEP Bill Etheridge, also a councillor in Dudley, urged authorities to look at the issue.

“Without knowing the personal circumstances of the caller it would be unfair to make a judgement but it seems to me either the person involved has a serious health condition, in which case they have been let down by the authorities, or they are a malicious prankster. Either way there should be an investigation into the caller,” said the UKIP MEP.

“Our emergency services are over stretched as it is. This kind of problem must not be tolerated as it could easily put lives at risk.”

The figures do not reveal specific addresses due to data protection laws.

A spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance Service said: “The trust is aware of a number of high-volume service users who regularly call the ambulance service.

“Some people do suffer from complex health-related disorders that, at times, require emergency intervention on a regular basis.

“Although this may appear to be a ‘misuse’ of resources it is indeed entirely appropriate and embraces the ethos of delivery of high-quality patient care.”
Atomic pair form school of rock

DUDLEY Council has spent almost £3,000 sending an obese child to a fitness camp.

The unnamed child was sent for help last year. The council is the only one in Birmingham and the Black Country to commission such a service. Dudley’s health boss said it only happened in ‘exceptional circumstances’ and after necessary health checks had been carried out.

A total of 769 children in Year 6 are classified as obese in the borough. In reception, 363 children are obese. The figures come from the National Child Measurement Programme.

Sensible

Councillor Rachel Harris, cabinet member for health, defended the council’s spending. “We find that tackling the issues that lead to obesity is cheaper and more sensible in the long run,” she said. “This is about enabling a lifestyle change to prevent long term health conditions and future pressures on health services. We also provide full support to the family including nutritional and healthier lifestyles advice. Only in exceptional circumstances, and following medical checks to identify any underlying health issues, would we take the step of referring a child to a focused camp.”

£3k bill for child’s fit camp

BUDDING musicians can now learn how to play instruments in true school of rock fashion. Atomic Sounds Music School has been set up by rock musicians Dan Worton and Martin Warlow, who have both been members of Stourbridge band Ned’s Atomic Dustbin.

The school will be giving lessons in guitar, bass, keyboard, drums and vocals. Dan said: “We want to give kids a solid grounding in rock music.” Martin added: “We are authentic rock musicians and that will hopefully be exciting for a young kid who wants to pick up a guitar.”

Atomic Sounds Music School is at Big Deal Music, Salop Street, Wolverhampton. Visit www.atomic-sounds.com

Supporting Local Communities

CT Home supports local communities by supplying previously owned furniture to families at affordable prices

we sell good quality used furniture at low prices

we stock:

- sofas & suites
- tables & chairs
- beds & bedroom furniture
- desks & office chairs
- fridges & electrical goods
- household items & bric-a-brac

Don’t dump it - donate it

we urgently need your unwanted reusable furniture and electrical goods

- free collection from your home
- help families in need
- be green and help save resources
- help us raise funds for community minibuses

Branches in Sandwell, Bilston and Wednesfield

0121 520 8168

Supporting Local Communities

CT Minibus provides low-cost mini-bus travel for community groups and other not-for-profit organisations

Do you need to use a minibus and can’t afford the rates charged by hire companies?

Paid Drivers Available
MIDAS Training For Your Drivers
Up to 16 Passengers
Wheelchairs Accessible Vehicles
Competitive Rates
Special Weekend, Evening and School Holiday Rates

CALL US ON 0845 209 0191
www.communitytransport.org

Create Your Unique Personalised Gift.

If you appeared in this week’s Chronicle why not order the picture as a photo, canvas print, mug, glass coaster or mousemat?

Go to photosforsale.expressandstar.com

Or call (01902) 319444

(Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

Please note: Only selected prints available and copyright restrictions apply. Photos available to view and order online the next working day after publication. Allow 28 days for delivery.
Injunction putting the brake on car cruising

CAR cruising will be banned across the Black Country after a ground-breaking High Court injunction was secured by Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils.

The injunction forbids people from participating in or promoting, organising or publicising a “car cruise” anywhere within the Black Country.

Car cruising – the act of drivers meeting on the public highway on either an organised or impromptu basis to race or show off in their cars – is noisy, dangerous and illegal.

Regular gatherings take place at a number of “hotspots” around the Black Country, where up to 250 vehicles and spectators turn local roads into a race track.

They include the Black Country Route and Birmingham New Road in Wolverhampton, Flood Street in Dudley, Bean Road Industrial Estate, Tipton, Haltons Drive, Wednesbury and Brickyard Road, Walsall, as well as public and retail car parks across the Black Country.

Local councils and the police have received hundreds of complaints about car cruising over the last few years, ranging from vehicles and spectators obstructing highways or residential or business properties, to dangerous driving, excessive noise, littering, verbal abuse and intimidation.

There have also been a number of collisions involving vehicles taking part in car cruises.

Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils, working in partnership with West Midlands Police, secured the injunction from the High Court in Birmingham last month. Anyone suspected of breaching it will be at risk of two years in prison and a fine.

Anti-social

Speaking on behalf of the partners, Councillor Elias Mattu, Wolverhampton City Council’s cabinet member for leisure and communities, said: “Car cruising has been a bone of contention for residents and businesses for many years.

“The activities are not only wholly anti-social, but also illegal and dangerous, putting the safety of participants and spectators at risk. It’s only a matter of time until someone is seriously injured or even killed.

“I am confident this ground-breaking injunction will have a positive impact on the lives of law-abiding people in Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall.

“Chief Inspector Kerry Blakeman, head of West Midlands Police’s Traffic unit, said: “This Black Country-wide injunction will form the backbone of our on-going measures to target people using the road as a racetrack while ensuring the safety of others.

“As well as the obvious dangers of driving at speed on urban roads, car cruising generates a lot of late-night noise nuisance for people living near key routes.

“Law abiding drivers can also feel intimidated when they inadvertently find themselves in the middle of a gathering.”

Councillor Mattu added: “It should be stressed that we are not seeking to prevent legitimate car enthusiasts from enjoying their hobby.

“What we want to do is put a stop to the menace of car cruising, which is making life a misery for so many people across the Black Country.

“Anyone who witnesses a car cruise on the public highway or public place is asked to call police on 101.
Merry Hill’s BIGGEST Furniture Sale!

The William & Sons Winter Sale is on right now! This weekend we’ve got some extra special deals in our Signature Collection of dining, living, bedroom & beds. There’s also huge sale reductions off all other items throughout our 35,000 sq. ft. superstore, including all the leading brand names! You can buy now, pay nothing for a whole year and then spread the payments totally interest free!*

**Low sale prices...**  **Pay nothing for a whole year...**  **0% interest free credit**

Chambray monastery styled solid oak, cross leg dining table & 6 chairs. Fantastic quality and value! WAS £2679

**SAVE £1330**

**£1349**

**Mark Webster**
Julian Bowen

Low sale prices...

**Pay nothing for a whole year...**

**0% interest free credit**

**HAPPY WINTER SALE**

**SALE**

**SAVE up to 50%**

**SAVE up to 25%**

**WILLIAM & SONS**

Level Street
Merry Hill, Dudley
West Midlands
DY5 1UA

T. 01384 77444

www.williamandsons.co.uk

**OPENING TIMES:**
Monday to Friday 10-5.30pm
Saturday 10-6pm
Sunday 11-5pm

**PRICE MATCH PROMISE**

We’ll not be beaten on price! That’s our promise to you!

*Deferred interest free credit offer available on balances over £500. Representative Example: Cash Price £675. Total Amount of Credit £675. Duration of the Agreement 18 months. 6 x Monthly Repayments of £83.33 starting 12 months after delivery or collection. Annual Rate of Interest 0%. Representative APR 0%. Total Amount Payable £810. Written details available on request. Subject to status. Offer not available on clearance items. All offers subject to availability. Price Match Promise Terms & Conditions apply - ask in store or see our website for further details. E&OE.
Hundreds of extra officers are to combat sex crimes

POLICE have bolstered the number of officers tackling sex crimes across the West Midlands as it emerged the region is a hot spot for sexual predators.

West Midlands Police have recruited the highest rate of convicted sex offenders per person in the entire country with 377 convicted criminals living in the city.

Commitment

Chief Inspector Michaela Kerr, said: “West Midlands Police recently expanded its Public Protection Unit with 275 additional officers joini ng the team.

“The number of officers working in Public Protection now accounts for around 10 per cent of the force’s total strength, that’s a clear indication of our commitment to supporting the victims of sex crime, safeguarding vulnerable people, and ensuring offenders face justice.”

“We have a dedicated team of specialist officers that work with probation and partner agencies to manage sex offenders.”

Across England and Wales, police and probation are currently monitoring 46,192 registered sex offenders.

LATEST FIGURES SHOW there are 2,521 sex offenders in the West Midlands.

For every 100,000 people in Wolverhampton, there are 172 sex offenders — an average which is narrowly lower than the highest rate in the country, which is in Hull where the number is 174 per 100,000.

Wolverhampton South East MP Pal McFadden said: “I am sure this information will concern the public and the question I have to ask is why does Wol vernhampton have one of the highest rates?]

“What is absolutely paramount is that the police and relevant authorities know who these offenders are and where they live and that they are actively protecting the public.”

By Rob Golledge

Tributes flow for Albion coach

TRIBUTES have been flooding in for football legend Albert McPherson, who has died aged 87.

A West Bromwich Albion coach for 29 years, Mr McPherson was previously a centre-half at Walsall in the 1950s and 60s, making 387 appearances for the Saddlers after signing in 1954. He was captain during the back-to-back promotions of 1959 and 61.

Former club secretary Roy Whalley, who was a young supporter during McPherson’s playing days, described him as the ‘perfect role model’.

“He was dedicated to his profession and a superb ambassador for the club,” said Mr Whalley. “We have lost one of the great servants of Walsall Football Club.”

Morrissey arena show on the way

FORMER Smiths frontman Morrissey has announced plans for his first solo tour in four years which is coming to the West Midlands.

The singer, who penned a highly acclaimed autobiography, is known as member of The Smiths in the 1980s and 90s, making his latest album World on Fire hit the top of the charts.

Tickets to Morrissey’s tour go on sale today (Friday) at 10am. They are priced at £51.33 and £73.83, plus fees, available from www.theticketfactory.com or 0844 338 0000.

Glads Davis, who has celebrated her 100th birthday, thanks traditional plain cooking for her long life

A HEARTY meal on the table after a day’s work is the secret to a long and happy life, according to Halesowen-born Gladys Davis, who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

In an age when many people rely on takeaways and microwave meals, Mrs Davis says a good meal is vital for one’s health.

Mrs Davis, who lived independently until last year, marked her milestone birthday at Edmore Care Home in Dudley.

She received a card from the Queen and had a small party with her family.

She said: “The secret to long age? A good meal on the table when you got back from work, and good old plain cooking. It’s kept me healthy.”

By Rob Golledge

Button

Mrs Davis was born in Halesowen to Matthew and Martha, who were both inner-lads for more than 50 years.

They had one child called Terence and five great grandchildren.

She worked as an inner-lady for more than 20 years.

For every 100,000 people living in Dudley, there are 2,521 sex offenders. Mrs Davis was born in Halesowen 20 years ago in 1945.

She has developed this shared housing option, which is in the West Midlands as it emerged there are 2,521 sex offenders per person in the entire country which is coming to the West Midlands as it emerged there are 2,521 sex offenders per person in the entire country.

The number of officers working in Public Protection now accounts for around 10 per cent of the force’s total strength, that’s a clear indication of our commitment to supporting the victims of sex crime, safeguarding vulnerable people, and ensuring offenders face justice.

“Our has got a dry sense of humour, she likes a laugh and a joke, and she isn’t afraid to tell you what she wants. We all love her very much.”
Memorial window is to be put back on display

A FIRST World War memorial which has spent nearly a decade in a garage will again become a focal point at Langley after campaigners secured funding.

The stained glass three-panel window is the only memorial listing the names of the 64 men from the Langley area who lost their lives during the Great War.

It was installed in St Michael and All Angels Church, in Causeway Green Road, Langley Green, in 1921 but had to be removed when the church, which had been closed since 2006, was sold and redeveloped.

The memorial was removed and stored in a garage in Smethwick, leading to uncertainty over its future while a new home was sought.

But after the Zion United Reformed Church, which is only around 100 yards away from the church in which it stood for so long, said it would be happy to take the memorial, a campaign was launched to raise enough money as it could be restored and safely displayed in its new home.

The Langley Local History Society has now been told a bid for Lottery Heritage Funding has been successful and is to receive £9,300.

The group’s chairman Dr Terry Daniels said: “We are delighted to have been awarded this grant which secures the future of the window. ‘It was originally bought through a public appeal and therefore belongs to the people of Langley, so it is important it remains here.’

The window is currently being restored and it is hoped it will be in place by April. Grant money that is left over will be used for a booklet and exhibition on the men who lost their lives.

Dr Terry Daniels and Lynn Paynter, from Langley History Society, with a memorial window panel from the church

Halesowen Chronicle Thursday, January 15, 2015
15
Charity foundation set up in memory of Albion legend

A CHARITABLE foundation is being set up in honour of a West Bromwich Albion legend.

The Jeff Astle Foundation will support ex-sportsmen and women with brain conditions and is part of his family’s campaign to raise awareness of head injuries.

Charity galas, dinners and grant applications will help fund care facilities, research and education for up and coming sports stars.

The foundation will ultimately open a convalescence centre to help sports people and their families.

Disrepair

Club chairman Neil Chambers said: “The council recently gave us a reality check to assess the state of The City Ground.

The external fencing and stand has been in a state of disrepair for many years but it is now in a very sorry state. The clubhouse has been vandalised and will need significant refurbishment and modernisation, as will the dressing rooms. The playing surface is not being maintained.

Preliminary estimates suggest it will cost around £200,000 just to get the ground and club house into a condition. However, our options are limited and so we have informed the council that we wish to keep a return to The City Ground realistic, perhaps possible optimistically, but not ruled out hiring a private ground again next season.”

The 56-year-old club folded in 2013 and reformed this season after fans and businesses all pitched in to raise £5,000 to finance playing in the West Midlands Regional League.

Now moved to the Pavilion will be a significant step,” added Mr Chambers.

Children’s social care is on the mend in Sandwell

Halesowen Chronicle Thursday, January 15, 2015

“Although he was quite possibly the first to have found to have suffered from this brain injury, we do not think that he will last,” she said.

Dementia

“It is something that we have been building towards for a long time and we always hoped to open a foundation in his honour.”

“The dream is to actually have a purpose-built home for former footballers suffering from conditions like dementia.

“It has been a lot of hard work so far. The fans have been fantastic and have supported us.”

The foundation will aim to have a couple of main sporting dinner events a year to bring in funds for its vital causes.

His family has registered The Jeff Astle Foundation at Companies House with the final paperwork to be completed shortly.

Artwork has been designed for the foundation and a website will be online within weeks.

The under-fire children’s social care service in Sandwell has been boosted after it was judged to be making ‘good progress’.

The council’s Children’s Services were heavily criticised by two Ofsted reports in 2013 and declared inadequate.

Since then the service has been restructured in a bid to stop children having their social worker frequently changed and to remove inefficient practices.

The Local Government Association (LGA) carried out an independent peer review in November and found good progress had been made in several areas over the last year.

Its report said there had been strong leadership and an increasingly stable workforce.

But it also found the service was missing opportunities to learn from complaints, feedback and examples of good practice.

The report’s author, Peter Rentell, concluded: “The key message now is to just keep on with it, no more re-organisations or major change programmes but a process of continuous improvement.

The basics are on the whole ‘good’ and there now needs to be a greater sense of purpose and pace and an absolute focus on quality of practice.

There is still some practice that is inadequate but we also saw some practices that were good.”

In light of the LGA’s findings, the council’s Children’s Services will be subject to another Ofsted inspection in the coming weeks.

Baggage hero Jeff Astle during the glory days

It comes as a long-awaited research project, which has been the focus of the family’s Justice 4 Jeff campaign, should be established by the end of this month.

Governing body, The FA, has told the family a small panel of experts will be formed to lead the research looking at brain injuries and conditions in former players.

It will include Dr Willie Stewart who carried out a new examination of the former player’s brain.

The 50 year old’s brain disease – chronic traumatic encephalopathy – was linked to repeatedly heading the ball throughout his career.

Baggies fans have been backing the family’s cause by applying on the ninth minute at each game this season in his honour.

The report’s author, Peter Rentell, concluded: “The key message now is to just keep on with it, no more re-organisations or major change programmes but a process of continuous improvement.

The basics are on the whole ‘good’ and there now needs to be a greater sense of purpose and pace and an absolute focus on quality of practice.

There is still some practice that is inadequate but we also saw some practices that were good.”

In light of the LGA’s findings, the council’s Children’s Services will be subject to another Ofsted inspection in the coming weeks.

Baggage hero Jeff Astle during the glory days

It comes as a long-awaited research project, which has been the focus of the family’s Justice 4 Jeff campaign, should be established by the end of this month.

Governing body, The FA, has told the family a small panel of experts will be formed to lead the research looking at brain injuries and conditions in former players.

It will include Dr Willie Stewart who carried out a new examination of the former player’s brain.

The 50 year old’s brain disease – chronic traumatic encephalopathy – was linked to repeatedly heading the ball throughout his career.

Baggies fans have been backing the family’s cause by applying on the ninth minute at each game this season in his honour.

Children’s social care is on the mend in Sandwell

THE under-fire children’s social care service in Sandwell has been boosted after it was judged to be making ‘good progress’.

The council’s Children’s Services were heavily criticised by two Ofsted reports in 2013 and declared inadequate.

Since then the service has been restructured in a bid to stop children having their social worker frequently changed and to remove inefficient practices.

The Local Government Association (LGA) carried out an independent peer review in November and found good progress had been made in several areas over the last year.

Its report said there had been strong leadership and an increasingly stable workforce.

But it also found the service was missing opportunities to learn from complaints, feedback and examples of good practice.

The report’s author, Peter Rentell, concluded: “The key message now is to just keep on with it, no more re-organisations or major change programmes but a process of continuous improvement.

The basics are on the whole ‘good’ and there now needs to be a greater sense of purpose and pace and an absolute focus on quality of practice.

There is still some practice that is inadequate but we also saw some practices that were good.”

In light of the LGA’s findings, the council’s Children’s Services will be subject to another Ofsted inspection in the coming weeks.

Baggage hero Jeff Astle during the glory days

It comes as a long-awaited research project, which has been the focus of the family’s Justice 4 Jeff campaign, should be established by the end of this month.

Governing body, The FA, has told the family a small panel of experts will be formed to lead the research looking at brain injuries and conditions in former players.

It will include Dr Willie Stewart who carried out a new examination of the former player’s brain.

The 50 year old’s brain disease – chronic traumatic encephalopathy – was linked to repeatedly heading the ball throughout his career.

Baggies fans have been backing the family’s cause by applying on the ninth minute at each game this season in his honour.

Children’s social care is on the mend in Sandwell

THE under-fire children’s social care service in Sandwell has been boosted after it was judged to be making ‘good progress’.

The council’s Children’s Services were heavily criticised by two Ofsted reports in 2013 and declared inadequate.

Since then the service has been restructured in a bid to stop children having their social worker frequently changed and to remove inefficient practices.

The Local Government Association (LGA) carried out an independent peer review in November and found good progress had been made in several areas over the last year.

Its report said there had been strong leadership and an increasingly stable workforce.

But it also found the service was missing opportunities to learn from complaints, feedback and examples of good practice.

The report’s author, Peter Rentell, concluded: “The key message now is to just keep on with it, no more re-organisations or major change programmes but a process of continuous improvement.

The basics are on the whole ‘good’ and there now needs to be a greater sense of purpose and pace and an absolute focus on quality of practice.

There is still some practice that is inadequate but we also saw some practices that were good.”

In light of the LGA’s findings, the council’s Children’s Services will be subject to another Ofsted inspection in the coming weeks.

Baggage hero Jeff Astle during the glory days

It comes as a long-awaited research project, which has been the focus of the family’s Justice 4 Jeff campaign, should be established by the end of this month.

Governing body, The FA, has told the family a small panel of experts will be formed to lead the research looking at brain injuries and conditions in former players.

It will include Dr Willie Stewart who carried out a new examination of the former player’s brain.

The 50 year old’s brain disease – chronic traumatic encephalopathy – was linked to repeatedly heading the ball throughout his career.

Baggies fans have been backing the family’s cause by applying on the ninth minute at each game this season in his honour.
Virtual hospital aims to help firms find customers

SANDWELL Council has launched the West Midlands Virtual Hospital (WMVH), a digital procurement tool to showcase the skills, knowledge and expertise of local firms.

The state-of-the-art WMVH has already generated significant interest from local businesses with over 400 companies expressing an interest in the initiative.

Many have created profiles to showcase their expertise, experience and capabilities in supplying products and services for the design, manufacture and operation of a 21st-century healthcare facility.

The WMVH is also attracting the attention of international businesses looking to procure products and services, putting local businesses on the map and showcasing their capabilities in delivering large infrastructure projects. Commenting on the launch of the project, Jan Britton, CEO of Sandwell Council, said: “The West Midlands Virtual Hospital will create a visually appealing digital directory of our talented firms, which can be used by hospital and healthcare buyers across the world.”

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell Council’s cabinet member for jobs and the economy, added that the WMVH has significant potential to create international growth opportunities for local businesses. He said: “The West Midlands Virtual Hospital could be a catalyst for design and procurement best practice, allowing our small and medium-sized enterprises to compete in new markets and potentially overseas.”

Sandwell Council expects that the WMVH will translate into real-life opportunities for qualified firms.

Call for sky lantern ban after inferno

A BAN on Chinese sky lanterns — as seen in the movie Tangled — are set to cover parts of the Black Country, as councils fear fires caused by the contraptions.

One of the popular paper devices, which use the heat of a small flame to take off into the night sky, caused £6 million of damage at Smethwick’s Japalas recycling plant in 2013, turning the site into an inferno of molten plastic in one of the biggest fires to hit the West Midlands.

Popular

The floating lanterns have become hugely popular in recent years, at weddings, New Year’s Eve celebrations and memorial events.

Wolverhampton City Council is to discuss the possibility of restricting the use of sky lanterns at marriage venues and on council property.

Sandwell Council has been calling for the lanterns to be banned by the Government after the Smethwick blaze. West Midlands Fire Service is also calling for a review of legislation.

Club’s goal to expand ground promoted

AMBITUOUS plans have been unveiled to increase the capacity of Stourbridge Football Club’s ground as the club aims for promotion.

The Northern Premier League club has submitted plans for new stands and to alter existing areas for spectators at the War Memorial Athletic Ground — thanks to a cash boost from their FA Cup exploits.

The ground, which the team shares with Stourbridge Cricket Club in Ambleside High Street, already has a 2,000-capacity to meet current league rules. But officials need to upgrade areas around stands to improve standards as the club aims for promotion to the Football Conference League.

A revamp programme is already under way costing £50,000 on re-laying areas around the ground to improve hard-standing.

Double

If the club is promoted to the Conference Premier, bosses have long-term ambitions to double the capacity of the ground to 4,000 to meet standards.

This would involve putting seating in the Shed End stand, currently a covered terrace.

There would also be a 250-seat stand put at the Church End alongside a standing area for 900 fans.

Club chairman Andy Pountney said that the works were only possible thanks to the club’s thrilling recent runs in the FA Cup which brought in tens of thousands of pounds.

“The forecasts brought in hundreds of thousands of pounds towards the building of the temporary stands.

Mr Pountney said: “The cup runs have been a massive boost and they have helped us a lot. These plans for the extra stands are early days and are only if we are successful.”

A statement from the club in the planning application submitted to Halesowen Council states: “Stourbridge FC are an ambitious club and aspire to reach higher leagues in the pyramid. These even higher leagues will have a larger requirement regarding numbers of spectators capable of.”

The height of the stands would not be increased.

Rachel will replace pregnant Frankie

STRICTLY Come Dancing finalist Frankie Bridge has reluctantly had to step down from the top TV show’s live tour, which opens tomorrow night (Friday) at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham.

The Saturday’s star is pregnant with her second child but has a condition which can affect the early months of pregnancy, so has been advised by her doctor not to take part in the dance show tour. Her replacement will be Rachel Stevens.

She was runner-up in the 2008 BBC1 series and went on to dance around the country in the 2009 Strictly Tour and more recently appeared in the 2014 Christmas Special.

Strictly champion Caroline Flack, fellow finalists Simon Webbe and Mark Wright, together with Scott Mills and Alison Hammond and These Evans will be taking part. The new judging panel features the 2008 Strictly winners Tom Chambers and Camilla Dallerup, who join TV judge Craig Revel Horwood. Zoe Ball completes the line-up as host.

A showcase for local know-how — The West Midlands Virtual Hospital as it is set to look online

TOTAL SUPPLIES

The BEST trade/DIY prices in town on

| Kitchens • Bathrooms |

Visit our showroom for our FREE no obligation quotation and design service

Also available in STOCK

- Fascias soffits
- Guttering
- Drainage
- Plumbing
- Window Doors and Conservatories
- Waste• Water Service
- Internal Cladding
- SILICONS
- CASTINGS
- ANCIILLARIES

Unit 1. City estate Congreaves Road Cradley Heath B64 7EP Tel: 01384 573903

Open Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
Sat 8am - 12noon

FREE

FREE

FREE

FREE

FREE

FREE

FREE

FREE

FREE

FREE

FREE
Motorway coach crash driver banned and fined

A coach driver has been banned from driving after he fell asleep at the wheel and crashed off the M5 while carrying dozens of Black Country children.

Robert Blakemore, 60, from Wolverhampton, was driving 53 passengers from Dudley, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich on a day out to the seaside, when the coach veered off the motorway into a ditch in Gloucestershire in August last year.

He pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention at Stroud Magistrates’ Court last week.

Seven people – one child and six adults, including Blakemore – suffered minor injuries during the incident.

The coach was operated by Lye-based Prospect Coaches and had been taking a group of youngsters from Bright Futures Children’s Centre in West Bromwich for a seaside day out at Weston-super-Mare.

In witness statements, three passengers said Blakemore woke when the coach was drifting towards the hard shoulder and a girl screamed, the court heard.

No mechanical defect was found with the coach and breath tests indicated he had not been drinking. Mr Blakemore, who is diabetic, said he “did not black out”.

He was handed a 15-month ban, fined £650 and ordered to take an extended test.

Two of the other Prospect Coaches travelling to Weston continued on to the seaside, while another turned back to the Black Country.

A COACH driver has been banned from driving after he fell asleep at the wheel and crashed off the M5 while carrying dozens of Black Country children.

Robert Blakemore, 60, from Wolverhampton, was driving 53 passengers from Dudley, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich on a day out to the seaside, when the coach veered off the motorway into a ditch in Gloucestershire in August last year.

He pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention at Stroud Magistrates’ Court last week.

Seven people – one child and six adults, including Blakemore – suffered minor injuries during the incident.

The coach was operated by Lye-based Prospect Coaches and had been taking a group of youngsters from Bright Futures Children’s Centre in West Bromwich for a seaside day out at Weston-super-Mare.

In witness statements, three passengers said Blakemore woke when the coach was drifting towards the hard shoulder and a girl screamed, the court heard.

No mechanical defect was found with the coach and breath tests indicated he had not been drinking. Mr Blakemore, who is diabetic, said he “did not black out”.

He was handed a 15-month ban, fined £650 and ordered to take an extended test.

Two of the other Prospect Coaches travelling to Weston continued on to the seaside, while another turned back to the Black Country.
Explore France’s Atlantic coastline

Leon Burakowski cruises across the channel to explore the long and lovely French west coast.

BRITTANY Ferries provide a fast track across the Channel to the holiday hotspots of western France, avoiding the long drives to Dover and from Calais across northern France.

Arriving refreshed at one of their Normandy or Brittany ports from Portsmouth, Poole or Plymouth, an array of holiday choices open up. One may be tempted to linger in St Malo with its many restaurants or bustling Caen dominated by William the Conqueror’s impressive castle. The remarkable tapestry at the nearby town of Bayeux tells you about 1066 and all that.

Visit the D-Day beaches or turn north for the enchanting fishing port of Honfleur, or head to exciting Paris to see the famous sights, it’s only 121 miles from Le Havre.

If heading west into Celtic Brittany or south-west to the Loire Valley and sandy Atlantic beaches of the Vendee and Charente-Maritime — do take time to stop off at magical Mont St Michel. The ancient island abbey is linked to the mainland by a causeway. Or visit the castle at Fougeres, one of the finest fortresses in Europe.

The city of Nantes is a must for steampunk fans because of the Les Machines de L’ile where you can climb aboard a massive mechanical elephant that walks around the former dockyards. The fantasy engineering is inspired by science fiction pioneer Jules Verne, a son of Nantes.

The resorts of the Vendee beckon you for lazy beach days, or carry on to the A-1st Ile de Re, where France’s VIPs spend their holidays on a pretty island reached by a vertigo-inducing toll bridge.

Next is the harbour city of La Rochelle, where you can take boat trips to the tiny Ile d’Aix and circumnavigate Fort Boyard, or head into the marshes to the walled town of Brouage and imagine yourself as one of the musketeers. Royan is a modern resort at the mouth of the Gironde estuary in easy reach of Roman Saintes and Cognac with its brandy houses.

The city of Bordeaux is synonymous with fine wines from the famous chateaux of the neighbouring Medoc region. Or linger on the Bay of Arcachon for France’s finest oysters and take in the awesome Dune du Pilat, Europe’s tallest sand dune towering over sea and pine forest.

Brittany Ferries operates the longer routes from Portsmouth, Poole and Plymouth to Western France saving miles of unnecessary and costly driving. Travel overnight by luxury cruise-ferry in the comfort of your own cabin with en-suite facilities or be whisked across the channel in as little as three hours.

Travel from Portsmouth to Caen and back, on this route fares start from £79 one way for a car plus two passengers. Book online at www.brittanyferries.com or call 0871 244 1400.

Brittany Ferries sail to and from St Malo, also Roscoff, Cherbourg, Caen, Le Havre

FREE childcare for 2 year olds in Sandwell

Your 2 year old may be able to get up to 15 hours free childcare a week during term time.

That’s 15 hours a week to learn through play, make their first friends, sing, dance, dress up and have lots of fun.

That’s also 15 hours a week for you to have a break, spend more time with your younger children, get stuff done around the house, study or look for work.

To find out more please contact Sandwell Family Information Service 0121 569 4914 or visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/freechildcare
Grand gets ready for musical about ‘Greatest Show on Earth’

Roll up roll up for the greatest show in the Midlands when circus musical Barnum makes its grand arrival in Wolverhampton at the end of this month.

Song, dance and funnyman Brian Conley will be showing his circus skills when this hit revival of the musical about America’s ‘Greatest Showman’ Phineas T Barnum opens a five-day run on Tuesday, January 27.

Barnum was a hit when it opened on Broadway in 1880 starring Glenn Close and Jim Dale. It won three Tony Awards and a Drama Desk Award. When it opened at the London Palladium a year later Michael Crawford gave an award-winning performance.

This production of Barnum opened at Chichester Festival Theatre’s Theatre in the Park in July last year and became one of the most successful musicals in the 51 year history of that theatre with a record box office attendance of almost 70,000 people.

The musical follows the irrepressible imagination and dreams of Phineas T Barnum. The story of his life and his marriage to Charity — here played by Lizzi Hately — reveals a couple who looked at the world from opposite sides of the spectrum. It also reveals that she was the practical one who made Barnum’s dreams come true.

The production follows the legendary showman as he teams up with J A Bailey to create Barnum and Bailey’s Circus, the Greatest Show on Earth. Cy Coleman’s exuberant score includes the songs Come From Away, You Can Feel... and There Is A Sucker Born Ev’ry Minute.

Brian Conley is one of the UK’s most versatile performers and in recent years scored a huge success as Fagin in the national tour of Cameron Mackintosh’s production of Oliver! at The Theatre Royal Drury Lane in Hamburger Bahnhof — including a hit run at the Grand — and as Caractacus Potts in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the London Palladium. On television he’s already appeared as the laziest known of the Circle of Worldly Wise as he’s best known for playing Doug Diggly in The Grumpies, his own vehicle The Brian Conley Show and numerous Royal Variety Performances.

Lizzi Hately and Brian Conley in Barnum

Lizzi Hately is an award winning actress who has starred on Broadway, in the West End, with the RSC and at the National Theatre. She created the role of Mrs Banks at Disney and Cameron Mackintosh’s stage production of Mary Poppins. Her many other West End credits include Donna in Mamma Mia!, Roxie in Chicago, Rizzo in Grease and Eponine in Les Misérables. She recently appeared in the National Theatre’s hit London Road.

Those that can’t make it to Wolverhampton can catch this touring production in the West Midlands again when it plays Birmingham Hippodrome in July.
DINE FOR IN JANUARY

Order a buffet meal and a 2nd person can dine for ONLY £1

Printed voucher & pre-booking essential. Guest email address/contact number required at time of booking. One full adult price meal must be purchased to get the 2nd for £1. Offer excludes children. Valid lunch & dinner excluding Saturday. Not valid during Happy Hour. Can not be used in conjunction with any other offer/discount. Max 6 buffets charged at £1 per table booking. Valid till 31st January 2015.
**FILM CHOICES**

**MONDAY**
**A Simple Plan, BBC1, 12.20am**
Two brothers and a friend stumble on a fortune in unmarked small dollar bills in the wreckage of a plane and decide to squabble it away for themselves. However, the strain of keeping the cache secret takes its toll as guilt, paranoia and greed change their relationship for ever.

**Wednesday**
**The Ring, BBC1, 12am**
The friendship between two boys growing up in Afghanistan – wealthy Amir and Hassan, the son of a servant – is unbroken, passing on forever after Hassan fails to protect Hassan from a brutal attack and later drives him away to conceal his shame. After years living in exile as a writer in America, an adult Amir returns to his home country to atone for his childhood sins by finding his friends missing son. Drama, starring Khalid Abdalla and ALESSIA LAONI. (2007)

**TUESDAY**
**The Kite Runner, BBC1, 11.35pm**
Out of Each, Channel 5, 3.15pm

The little town with a sorry-load of secrets is certainly back with a bang, and true to form, it's once again dominating all conversations, whether at work, down the pub, or about the house. Writer Chris Chittell has a lot to answer for – his previous work seems to be dominating almost all our walking thoughts. He explains: 'In the time we've been in air, we've never stopped working on the show's return. I knew, from the start, that there was another story to be told in the world of Brimworth, so much so that I'd pitched it to Peter Fincham, Director of Television of ITV, in our very first meeting, which greenlit the first series of the show.' Secklcy has shrugged this second series before now, but in tonight's third episode, Hardy faces a race against time as Ellie discovers something new about the past. But she's got plenty more on her plate than that, as she comes under pressure from all sides, and life for Mark and Beth is about to change forever.

**THURSDAY**
**The Eichmann Show, BBC1, 7.30pm**
The biggest names on the small screen gather at the O2 in London for the annual ceremony to celebrate the best of British TV over the past 12 months, as voted for by viewers. Now in its 20th year, the show promises a few surprises, including a chocky raid by one of the UK's biggest sitcom stars, while host DERMOT O'Leary entertains with a dance routine. Benedict Cumberbatch (Sherlock), Maggie Smith (Downton Abbey), Simon Covenell (Downton Abbey), Cumberbatch (Sherlock), Maggie Smith (Downton Abbey), Simon Covenell (Downton Abbey), Cumberbatch (Sherlock), Maggie Smith (Downton Abbey), Simon Covenell (Downton Abbey).

**FRIDAY**
**Match of the Day Live, BBC1, 7.30pm**
Cambridge United v Manchester United (Kick-off 7.55pm)
Gary Lineker presents coverage of the opening FA Cup fourth-round match, which takes place at Abbey Stadium between the respective League Two and Premier League outfits. The hosts are the lowest-ranked club left in the draw, and will be delighted with this money-spinning tie against the 11-time champions, who have already negotiated one tricky fixture away to lower-league opposition in the shape of Yeovil Town in round three. The U's squad contains former United midfielder Luke Chadwick and this is the first meeting between the sides since a two-legged League Cup encounter in 1991, which saw the Red Devils held to a 1-1 draw on this ground.

**BEST OF THE REST**

**MONDAY**
**Broadchurch, ITV, 9pm**
The little town with a sorry-load of secrets is certainly back with a bang, and true to form, it's once again dominating all conversations, whether at work, down the pub, or about the house. Writer Chris Chittell has a lot to answer for – his previous work seems to be dominating almost all our walking thoughts. He explains: 'In the time we've been in air, we've never stopped working on the show's return. I knew, from the start, that there was another story to be told in the world of Brimworth, so much so that I'd pitched it to Peter Fincham, Director of Television of ITV, in our very first meeting, which greenlit the first series of the show.' Secklcy has shrugged this second series before now, but in tonight's third episode, Hardy faces a race against time as Ellie discovers something new about the past. But she's got plenty more on her plate than that, as she comes under pressure from all sides, and life for Mark and Beth is about to change forever.

**TUESDAY**
**The Kite Runner, BBC1, 11.35pm**
Out of Each, Channel 5, 3.15pm

The little town with a sorry-load of secrets is certainly back with a bang, and true to form, it's once again dominating all conversations, whether at work, down the pub, or about the house. Writer Chris Chittell has a lot to answer for – his previous work seems to be dominating almost all our walking thoughts. He explains: 'In the time we've been in air, we've never stopped working on the show's return. I knew, from the start, that there was another story to be told in the world of Brimworth, so much so that I'd pitched it to Peter Fincham, Director of Television of ITV, in our very first meeting, which greenlit the first series of the show.' Secklcy has shrugged this second series before now, but in tonight's third episode, Hardy faces a race against time as Ellie discovers something new about the past. But she's got plenty more on her plate than that, as she comes under pressure from all sides, and life for Mark and Beth is about to change forever.

**WEDNESDAY**
**The Ring, BBC1, 12am**
A journalist investigates several teenage deaths, which are linked to a cursed videotape and the rumour that anyone who watches it will die a week later. Her growing obsession with the tape endangers her and her family – and to avoid the predicted fate, she has just seven days to find out where the recording came from. Ocie Verba's remake of the Japanese supernatural horror, starring Naomi Watts and Brian Cox. (2002)

**THURSDAY**
**Out of Reach, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

The little town with a sorry-load of secrets is certainly back with a bang, and true to form, it's once again dominating all conversations, whether at work, down the pub, or about the house. Writer Chris Chittell has a lot to answer for – his previous work seems to be dominating almost all our walking thoughts. He explains: 'In the time we've been in air, we've never stopped working on the show's return. I knew, from the start, that there was another story to be told in the world of Brimworth, so much so that I'd pitched it to Peter Fincham, Director of Television of ITV, in our very first meeting, which greenlit the first series of the show.' Secklcy has shrugged this second series before now, but in tonight's third episode, Hardy faces a race against time as Ellie discovers something new about the past. But she's got plenty more on her plate than that, as she comes under pressure from all sides, and life for Mark and Beth is about to change forever.

**FRIDAY**
**Match of the Day Live, BBC1, 7.30pm**
Cambridge United v Manchester United (Kick-off 7.55pm)
Gary Lineker presents coverage of the opening FA Cup fourth-round match, which takes place at Abbey Stadium between the respective League Two and Premier League outfits. The hosts are the lowest-ranked club left in the draw, and will be delighted with this money-spinning tie against the 11-time champions, who have already negotiated one tricky fixture away to lower-league opposition in the shape of Yeovil Town in round three. The U’s squad contains former United midfielder Luke Chadwick and this is the first meeting between the sides since a two-legged League Cup encounter in 1991, which saw the Red Devils held to a 1-1 draw on this ground.
THINKING OF BUYING A NEW CAR IN THE NEW YEAR?
REVIEW YOUR NEW CAR BY VIDEO BEFORE YOU TEST DRIVE!

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST MANUFACTURER AND DEALER OFFERS
BY VISITING OUR SHOW
expressandstar.com/drivetime

DRIVING EXPERIENCE - COST OF OWNERSHIP - DESIGN & BUILD - RANGE
• Video reviews • Dealership information

Express & Star
VIRTUAL MOTORSHOW

THANKS FOR READING
Stylish orangery at this four bed roomed house

Extended property in popular location

THB extended detached family home in Oakham Road, Oakham, Dudley, is a sought-after area. It is for sale through Wakeman Estate Agents at £279,950.

It has a porch, reception hall, a lounge with an Adam-style fireplace, a kitchen/dining area with a tall storage unit concealing fridge/freezer, a range cooker with electric hob and a range of ovens beneath, a cooker hood, ceramic tiled floor finish, an archway separating a dining area with French doors opening out onto paved terrace, utility, WC, sitting room, principal bedroom with wardrobe-robes and en suite, three further bedrooms, a bathroom with a bath with shower, store room, rear garden with a patio and lawn.

Contact Connells on 01384 214770 or visit www.connells.co.uk

AN EXTENDED four-bedroom detached residence in Alttingham Drive, Dudley, comes with a stylish orangery. It is for sale through Connells at £279,950.

It has an entrance hall with laminated floor, a lounge with wood-effect laminate flooring and under stairs storage, a kitchen/diner with attractive modern cream units and contrasting working surfaces, a double electric oven with gas hob and cooker hood, fridge, freezer, dishwasher, high gloss tiled flooring and pelmet lighting, an orangery with the same attractive high gloss flooring, spotlights and a self-cleaning glass roof and a utility. A galleryed landing leads to a master bedroom en suite with wardrobes, three further bedrooms with wardrobes, a bathroom with bath and double shower cubicle.

There is a driveway, integral garage and a rear garden with a patio and lawn.

Contact Connells on 01384 214770 or visit www.connells.co.uk
Congratulations to
Charles Scriven BSc, Nicola Stevens MARLA
and George Scriven BSc.
George and Charles have both been appointed directors of the company and Nicola has been made an associate. They look forward to working with you in 2015.

We will be OnTheMarket on 26 January 2015
OnTheMarket.com will be a new place to view hundreds of thousands of properties to buy or rent all over the UK.
Every property will be on offer from locally based estate or letting agents.
So whether you’re looking to buy, rent, sell or let a property, you know that you’ll be dealing with local experts who you can meet face-to-face.
With a simple, uncluttered search function and exclusive content, we hope you’ll agree; if you’re in the market, you’ll need to visit OnTheMarket.com
Will you be ontheMarket?
Call now for a marketing appraisal from the local property experts on 0121 422 4011

Brierley Hill
Westfield Road
* Detached House
* Three reception rooms
* Kitchen
* Conservatory
* Utility
* Three bedrooms
* Bathroom with shower
* Garage EPC=E
Offers in the region of £139,950

Knowle Hill Road
* Semi detached house
* Lounge and dining room
* Lounge
* Three bedrooms
* Side garage
* Good sized rear garden EPC=bc
Offers in the region of £109,950

Moat Road
* Traditional style semi detached house
* Three reception rooms
* Two reception rooms
* Kitchen/potential bedroom
* Ground floor room
* Two bedrooms
* Master bedroom with ensuite
* Fitted carpets EPC=C
£160,000

Tansley Hill Road
* Semi detached house
* Three bedrooms
* Through living room and kitchen
* Utility room
* Store rooms with potential to provide extra living accommodation
* Gas boiler heating radiators
* Garden
* Carport EPC=E
Offers in the region of £140,000

Tipton
Oldbury
3 Old Port Close
* One bedroom
* Open plan kitchen/living room
* Ground floor flat
* Night storage heating
* Car space
* DSS considered Available Now
EPC=D
Monthly rent of £365+ application fee £135 (inc VAT) for tenant and £135 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

www.scriven.co.uk
www.teamprop.co.uk

Scriven Co. have teamed up with Fielding Auctioneers. You are invited to bring your antiques along to our Quinton Office, 821 Hagley Road West B32 1AD on Saturday 31st January where Antique experts will value items. (There will be a small charge of 22p per item, 3 items for £5 with a limit of 3 items per person).
Scriven and Company will provide refreshments, tea and coffee will be available and a selection of cakes for a small donation.

Is that picture in your attic a masterpiece?
All proceeds to...
AN attractive and individual double-fronted detached cottage-style residence in Lightwoods Hill, Bearwood, comes with a 24ft plus through lounge.

Directly facing Warley Woods, it is for sale through Derek Spires at £359,500. There is a spacious lounge, dining room, and kitchen. Bedroom one has an en suite and there are two further bedrooms. There is a bathroom and a separate WC.

There is a utility, store and a large garage.

For further information contact Derek Spires on 0121 420 4646 or visit www.dekspiresandco.com

Spacious Rowley home with plenty of potential

A UNIQUE extended and spacious family home in Rowley Village, Rowley Regis, with scope for further extension, is for sale through Tom Giles & Co at £190,000.

Also having the option to convert the rear garage into a work-shop/offices, it has a porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, a conservatory with a coal effect electric fire and ceramic floor tiles, a kitchen with a built-in oven, four plate gas hob and extractor.

There are five bedrooms, a shower room and bathroom, a block paved driveway and a garage/workshop.

For further information contact Tom Giles & Co on 0121 552 9711 or visit www.tomgilesson.co.uk website.
### Halesowen

**RIDGEWAY AVENUE**
- Semi Detached Property
- Extended Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Downstairs Lounge
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Inner Courtyard
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms
- Gated Communal Parking Areas

**WOODGATE DRIVE**
- Semi Detached Property
- Extended Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms
- Gated Communal Parking Areas

**RIDGEWAY AVENUE**
- Semi Detached Property
- Extended Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Downstairs Lounge
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Inner Courtyard
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms
- Gated Communal Parking Areas

**WOODGATE DRIVE**
- Semi Detached Property
- Extended Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms
- Gated Communal Parking Areas

### Dudley

**OAKHILL AVENUE**
- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**OAK ROAD**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**WILMINGTON ROAD**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**BARTLEY GREEN**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

### Oldbury

**HILL ROAD**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**BARTLEY GREEN**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**OLD BURY**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

### Quinton

**WYNTON AVENUE**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**OAK ROAD**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**WILMINGTON ROAD**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**BARTLEY GREEN**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

### Oldbury

**HILL ROAD**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**BARTLEY GREEN**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**OLD BURY**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

### Need a mortgage?

**Newquay**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**WYNTON AVENUE**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**OAK ROAD**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**WILMINGTON ROAD**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

**BARTLEY GREEN**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- New Kitchens and Bathrooms

### Book an appointment today.

Contact your local branch or visit [www.your-move.co.uk/mortgages](http://www.your-move.co.uk/mortgages)

Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage.

*Our initial mortgage consultation is free. We will charge a fee between £59 and £699 on application. The amount we will charge is dependent on the amount of research and administration required.*

---

98% of our financial services customers would recommend us to their friends and family.

Thank you. Let us help you too.

Our initial mortgage consultation is free. We will charge a fee between £349 and £699 on application. The amount we will charge is dependent on the amount of research and administration required.

Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage.

---

sales  lettings  mortgages

Quinton
536 Hagley Road West, B68 0BZ  0121 4217766
**Suzuki Cross purposeful**

By David Banner

Suzuki has set the SX4 S-Cross up to ride fairly softly and that's a good thing on roads like ours but they've also managed to include a respectable amount of roll stiffness, which means you won’t encounter lurching when cornering.

The four-wheel-drive transmission features an electronically controlled clutch pack, operated by a four-position switch on the centre console. Choose 'Auto' and it'll stick to driving the front wheels unless slip is detected, whereupon the rear wheels are pressed into action.

‘Sport’ diverts up to 20 per cent of torque to the rear wheels to give livelier handling. ‘Snow’ offers permanent four-wheel drive, with the system choosing how much torque to split front and rear, while ‘Lock’ splits the torque equally between front and rear.

Prices sit in the £15,000 to £24,000 bracket, with diesel models starting at around £17,000. There’s a choice of five trim levels – SZ3, SZ4, SZ-T and SZ5. The ALLGRIP 4WD system is only available on the top version for a premium of around £1,800.

You’ll need an SZ5-spec model to opt for the CV auto gearbox too. Even the base SZ3 gets 16-inch alloys, air-conditioning, cruise control, front and rear electric windows, heated door mirrors and a USB socket.

There’s also a model designed to target the fleet market, the SZ-T trim featuring 17-inch wheels, silver roof rails, skid plates, satellite navigation, dual-zone air con, DAB radio, plus a keyless entry and start system.

The range-topping SZ5 gets high-intensity-discharge headlamps, leather upholstery and a huge twin-panel sunroof.

‘Range-topping S75 gets high-intensity-discharge headlamps, leather upholstery and a huge twin-panel sunroof.’

---

**SX4 S-CROSS £13,999**

NOW WITH 3 YEARS’ FREE SERVICING**

You name it, the SX4 S-Cross has it. A spacious cabin and bag-gobbling boot. The reassuring safety of ALLGRIP 4-wheel Drive. Even impressive fuel economy. Once you see it, you’ll have to have it all.

---

Request a Test Drive today: suzuki.co.uk/halesowenmotorhouse

Halesowen Motor House
Dudley Road Halesowen West Midlands B63 3NH 0121 503 0001

Official Fuel Consumption Figures for the Suzuki SX4 S-Cross range mpg (litres/100km) and CO2 emissions (g/km): Urban 39.7-55.3 (7.1-5.1), Extra Urban 55.3-76.3 (5.1-3.7), Combined 47.8-67.2 (5.9-4.2), CO2 emissions 135-110 g/km.

The above fuel consumption figures are based on an EU test for comparative purposes only and may not reflect real driving results. *Model shown: SX4 S-Cross 1.6 SZ5 available at £20,249 on the road. SX4 S-Cross range – £15,999 to £24,000. All figures are based on the 1.6 petrol (sz3, sz4, sz-t, sz5), 1.6 diesel (sz3, sz4, sz-t, sz5) and 2.0 petrol (sz5) models. Data correct at time of going to print. On-road price valid from 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2015.Model shown – SX4 S-Cross 1.6 SZ5 Manual (Metallic paint available at £375). For full details contact your local participating Suzuki Dealer. Offer subject to availability for vehicles primarily registered between 1st January 2015 and 31st March 2015. Offer excludes S-Cross 1.6 DDiS for the ALLGRIP system. Offers cannot be combined with other offers. Suzuki reserves the right to withdraw the offer at any time. Offer available while stocks last. ALLGRIP models only. **Offer applies to private customers and to the first registered vehicle only. 3-year manufacturer services covering 3 years or 37,500 miles (whichever comes sooner) of Suzuki franchised dealers or service partners only. Terms & Conditions apply, see Suzuki.co.uk/offer/f3 for details. Offer available on certain models of Suzuki SX4 S-Cross before 31st March 2015, subject to availability, at Suzuki franchised dealers based in the UK, Channel Islands, Shetland and Isle of Man only. The offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer unless otherwise stated. Offer not available with S2 Petrol and S2 Diesel models.
**SALE SALE SALE!!! YOU GET IT ALL AT T WALL!!!**

**ARRANGE YOUR TEST DRIVE IN THE ALL NEW CORSA IN OUR SHOWROOM NOW**

**PRE REG BRAND NEW SPECIALS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>Colour</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>USED CAR SPECIALS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>13 CORSA ENERGY 1.2i 16V A/C 3DR CORSA SILVER LAKE 22,000 MILES</strong></td>
<td>£8,795 SOLD</td>
<td>£7,895</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>14 CORSA 1.1i 16V</strong></td>
<td><strong>FLIP CHROME SILVER DELIVERY 1 MILE</strong></td>
<td>£7,795</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>14 ASTRA ELITE 1.4i 16V WHITE AND RED 1 ONLY</strong></td>
<td>£11,495</td>
<td>£10,995</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>14 ASTRA EXCITE 1.4i 16V GREY AND BLACK 1 ONLY</strong></td>
<td>£11,195</td>
<td>£10,695</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>14 ASTRA ENERGY 1.4i 16V SDI BLACK DELIVERY 1 ONLY</strong></td>
<td>£10,295</td>
<td>£9,795</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**NEW INSIGNIA ELITE NAV 1.7CDTi 16V**
- **5DR WATERWORLD BLUE 26,000 MILES** - £14,795
- **5DR CARBON BLACK 16,000 MILES** - £14,995
- **5DR SOVEREIGN SILVER SATNAV 2.0CDTi**
- **5DR BLACK 40,000 MILES**
- **5DR MET BLUE 36,000 MILES**

**PRE REG BRAND NEW SPECIALS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>Colour</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>13 CORSA 1.2i 16V A/C NAV 3DR CORSA SILVER LAKE 22,000 MILES</strong></td>
<td>£8,195 £7,745 £650 SOLD</td>
<td>£7,895</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>14 CORSA 1.1i 16V</strong></td>
<td><strong>FLIP CHROME SILVER DELIVERY 1 MILE</strong></td>
<td>£7,795</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>14 ASTRA ELITE 1.4i 16V WHITE AND RED 1 ONLY</strong></td>
<td>£11,195</td>
<td>£10,495</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>14 ASTRA EXCITE 1.4i 16V GREY AND BLACK 1 ONLY</strong></td>
<td>£11,195</td>
<td>£10,495</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>14 ASTRA ENERGY 1.4i 16V SDI BLACK DELIVERY 1 ONLY</strong></td>
<td>£10,295</td>
<td>£9,795</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**NEW INSIGNIA ELITE NAV 1.7CDTi 16V**
- **5DR WATERWORLD BLUE 26,000 MILES** - £14,795
- **5DR CARBON BLACK 16,000 MILES** - £14,995
- **5DR SOVEREIGN SILVER SATNAV 2.0CDTi**
- **5DR BLACK 40,000 MILES**
- **5DR MET BLUE 36,000 MILES**

**SUPER COOL LEON CUPRA – GRACE WITH LOTS OF PACE**

By Matt Kimberley

I'm going to start at the end. Having this car parked outside my flat for the last six months has been a privilege. It reminds me every time I drive it that there are fast, fun cars out there that you don't need to thrash around like you're a hormone-charged teenager. It's a car in which you can chill out just as much as go sports cars-balling – but boy, is it good at the latter.

First let me sum up the performance. When you let it loose, the Cupra 280 runs not like a fuculentious bull. It rampages through the DSG gearbox with the front tyres on the limit, slamming each new ratio home with a satisfying thump in the back and a cheeky parp from the twin exhausts.

I reckon it could – and should – be a bit louder in Cupra mode; the angst of the four driving mode selector options. When Comfort and Individual modes can take care of the quiet, relaxed everyday, there's no reason to hold back with Cupra. The VAQ triple-clutch differential assist on the front axle is worth its weight in unobtanium, managing the immense torque across the grippy front Bridgestones to devastating effect. Dry weather traction is unbelievable; violent, relent-

less and intoxicating. Your tyre filter will thank you for the extra business if you enjoy it too often.

The DSG gearbox is a thor in the car's side. It's a bit baggie, so torque has to be limited and fed in slowly when the turbo first spools up. It helps to make the automatic Cu-

the wet, and it's there just in case.

The Leon Cupra 280 is a car you can buy because it pulls your heartstrings more than any of its rivals. But rest assured it has the bite to back up its bark.

**ADDIONAL**

Then there's the lack of real manual control to boost the sense of driving involvement. If you don't shift up in time, it'll do it for you, so if you're just a fraction late with the shift paddle, you end up switching two gears instead of one. It could definitely be implemented better. At the additional price it commands, it's hard to recommend DSG.

But either way, having that swell of torque on tap is a joy even if you only ever use 20 percent of it on your commute. The sheer amount of power is enough to make your face go weak. Over my time with it, I did come across some annoying meeting with the wheel being in the glove box is one of them, and the desperately old-tech media screen is also – I'm sure the screen on my first mobile phone had better resolution.

I exaggerate, but it really isn't good enough for a car that costs almost £30,000 before options. Thankfully, the multi-instrumented, state-of-the-art infotainment unit in the Leon Cupra 280 is utterly-desirable. It's a car you buy because it pulls your heartstrings more than any of its rivals. But rest assured it has the bite to back up its bark.
Fresh style inside and out plus a new model

By Matt Kimberley

Kia’s quart-from-a-pint-pot small car, the facelifted Venga, is now on sale in the UK.

There are restyled front and rear ends which give the Venga a sportier appearance and the interiors have been refreshed with added touches of luxury and more equipment. At the top of the range there is a new Venga 4 model.

The facelifted Venga, is based on five trim grades, with manual transmission are available with grades 1 and 2. The 1.6 petrol engine is also offered with a four-speed automatic gearbox in grades 2, 3 and 4.

All versions have a more aggressive, sportier front bumper and main grille, featuring a new take on the ‘tiger nose’ theme with high-gloss black mesh and a chrome surround. The Kia logo has been relocated to the bodywork. The lower air intake has been redesigned to house daytime running lights (LED with grades 3 and 4) next to the fog lights, which now sit in high-gloss black housings joined by a chrome strip. There is also a chrome strip linking the rear light units, which are LED on Venga 4. Another premium touch with Venga 4 is the chrome exterior door handles. For grades 2 and above, there are new-style 16-inch alloy wheels with five spokes, while grades 1 and 1A continue with 15-inch steel wheels with five-spoke embellishers. Interior improvements include new black Houndstooth cloth for entry-grade models, while grade 2 continues with black cloth and level 3 again has black Bamboo part-leather and part-cloth upholstery. This is also fitted to the new Venga 4. There is a new Grey Metal Grain paint finish for the centre fascia of Venga 1, 1A and 2, while high-gloss black continues to adorn Venga 3 and is replicated in the new Venga 4.

Split rear seats that slide fore and aft by up to 130mm allow the passenger accommodation to be stretched when maximum luggage capacity is not needed. Alternatively, a two-tier boot means that owners who occasionally need more than the standard 440 litres of cargo space can partition the luggage area simply by lowering the floor. The luggage compartment thus becomes 163mm taller, extending total volume to 570 litres. If more space is required, the rear seats have ‘Fold & Dive’ functionality, which makes them seem to disappear into the floor, creating a completely flat deck in a load area offering a cavernous 1,253 litres of space.

Specified

All models are extremely highly specified, and features previously unattainable with the Venga now appear in certain models. Tyre Pressure Monitoring is fitted to all versions, warning the driver of any potential under-inflation. It is accessible via a symbol in the instrument cluster. Automatic Light Control is now standard with Venga 3 and 4, and Venga 4 also has ‘welcome’ and ‘follow-me-home’ lighting. Other unique features to Venga 4 are a smart key with engine start/stop button, a heated steering wheel activated by a control switch on the right-hand side which complements the heated front seats fitted to Venga 3 and 4, and a panoramic sunroof. Venga 3 and 4 are also equipped with a 7-inch touchscreen satellite navigation system with European mapping and a Traffic Messaging Channel. The full-colour touchscreen also includes a reversing camera. The infotainment system, which is also accessed via the touchscreen, no longer includes a CD player due to the increasing trend among customers of using portable devices to play music. The high-quality six speaker audio system includes DAB radio, full MP3 compatibility and AUX and USB ports.

Standard across the range are driver’s seat height adjustment, tilt and telescopic steering wheel adjustment, electric front windows, remote central locking, tinted glass, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, front passenger armrest, body-coloured handles and door mirrors and electrically adjustable heated door mirrors.

Venga 2 models add alloy wheels, an iPod cable, Bluetooth hands-free mobile phone operation with music streaming, rear electric windows, folding door mirrors and reversing sensors. Venga 3 versions come with climate control, front and rear electric windows, front fog lamps, privacy glass on the rear windows and tailgate and cruise control with a speed limiter. For safety, all Vengas have six airbags, active front head restraints and two ISOFIX child-seat mounting points.

Every Venga has Kia’s unique seven-year/100,000-mile warranty, subject to terms and conditions covering wear and-tear items. It is transferable to future owners should the car be sold during the period of the warranty.
Experts at the Trust Group today urged motorists in the Midlands to get their cars ready for the snow and icy weather.

Now Volkswagen technicians at Trust’s three Volkswagen garages in Wolverhampton, Stourbridge and Redditch are urging motorists to get their cars in top condition to help them stay in the driving seat through the predicted heavy snow, sub-zero temperatures and freezing gales.

Dean Beddows, service manager at Wolverhampton said it was essential for motorists to give their cars a thorough health check before the bad weather sets in.

“It’s a well-known fact that you are more likely to break down in bad weather – particularly when it is freezing cold – but by following Volkswagen’s winter health checklist you can help yourself avoid problems when the snow falls,”

Dean said things for motorists to check and keep an eye on included:

- Tyres. Winter motoring requires at least 3mm of tread on all tyres and it makes sense to check pressures every week. If you need new tyres make sure you fit a reputable make from a good source, and consider winter tyres for improved safety.
- Antifreeze. Keep it topped up and if you are concerned get it checked, as contaminated antifreeze can ensure adequate cold temperature protection.
- Battery. Older batteries often fail when the weather turns nasty. If your battery is more than five years old it might be time to consider a replacement to avoid a nasty surprise when the mercury dips.
- Screen wash. Don’t be tempted to settle for washing up liquid, which can smear the windscreen and reduce visibility. Use a 50 per cent mix of a good quality brand to reduce the risk of its freezing in the cold.
- Windscreen. Clean the inside with glass cleaner to avoid dazzling rays from the low sun. And check your wipers - a good set of winter wipers can help you avoid problems when the sun goes down in bad weather – particularly when it is freezing cold.

• Tyres. Winter motoring requires at least 3mm of tread on all tyres and it makes sense to check pressures every week. If you need new tyres make sure you fit a reputable make from a good source, and consider winter tyres for improved safety.
- Antifreeze. Keep it topped up and if you are concerned get it checked, as contaminated antifreeze can ensure adequate cold temperature protection.
- Battery. Older batteries often fail when the weather turns nasty. If your battery is more than five years old it might be time to consider a replacement to avoid a nasty surprise when the mercury dips.
- Screen wash. Don’t be tempted to settle for washing up liquid, which can smear the windscreen and reduce visibility. Use a 50 per cent mix of a good quality brand to reduce the risk of its freezing in the cold.
- Windscreen. Clean the inside with glass cleaner to avoid dazzling rays from the low sun. And check your wipers - a good set of winter wipers can help you avoid problems when the sun goes down in bad weather – particularly when it is freezing cold.

• Tyres. Winter motoring requires at least 3mm of tread on all tyres and it makes sense to check pressures every week. If you need new tyres make sure you fit a reputable make from a good source, and consider winter tyres for improved safety.
- Antifreeze. Keep it topped up and if you are concerned get it checked, as contaminated antifreeze can ensure adequate cold temperature protection.
- Battery. Older batteries often fail when the weather turns nasty. If your battery is more than five years old it might be time to consider a replacement to avoid a nasty surprise when the mercury dips.
- Screen wash. Don’t be tempted to settle for washing up liquid, which can smear the windscreen and reduce visibility. Use a 50 per cent mix of a good quality brand to reduce the risk of its freezing in the cold.
- Windscreen. Clean the inside with glass cleaner to avoid dazzling rays from the low sun. And check your wipers - a good set of winter wipers can help you avoid problems when the sun goes down in bad weather – particularly when it is freezing cold.

“Nobody thinks they are going to be caught out, but every year we get at least one fall of heavy snow which leaves some drivers trapped in their car overnight.

“By making sure you have an emergency kit in the vehicle you improve your chances of both getting through the night unscathed and doing so with at least a degree of comfort.

“A typical kit should include a blanket, rug or sleeping bag, shovel, bits of carpet or thick cardboard to place under driven wheels to help regain traction on ice or snow and some salt or sand.

“Drivers should also carry sufficient reflective jackets, an ice scraper and de-ice; torch and batteries, low rope, snow chains, jump leads, bottled water, snacks such as chocolate and cereal bars, and extra screen wash.

“It is also a good idea to have a spare charged battery for your mobile phone in case you find yourself stuck for some time.

“The teams at our garages are always more than happy to offer advice and help to any motorist who is unsure about what they might need, and we would urge them to drop in for a chat to see how we can help put their minds at ease.”

A full winter health check is available at Wolverhampton Volkswagen on the Bilston Road, Wolverhampton for just £20.00. To book please call 0843 506 4113
4x4

Land Rover Defender 110, 2.5 TD, 2007, May 2015, white, good condition owned by me for 17 yrs, new battery for sale.
01902 378 359.

Toyota Land Cruiser 100 series 3.0 TD,Manual, 7 seater, top spec.6 months MoT, Used daily. £3,000.
07970 200066 / 01922 780250

WANTED URGENT WANTED scrap cars/metal for cash.
1st Choice (Deceased)
Telephone 01746 718499
Insolvency Services Website
Pays More

GENTLEMAN, LATE 50'S
Wolverhampton and surrounding areas. Box Number P15606, Express and Star, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

WIDOW, LATE 60'S
Wolverhampton and surrounding areas. Box Number P19643, Express and Star, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

YOUNG LADY LATE 30'S
Wolverhampton and surrounding areas. Box Number P19643, Express and Star, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

CHARLES UTD U15's FC
Sports Clubs

Thursday, January 15, 2015
Halesowen Chronicle

Coach inclusive breaks – Two or three days Departed weekends

Saturday Night from £139.95

Rail inclusive breaks – Two or three days Departed weekends

Saturday Night from £159.95

Ralph inclusive breaks – Two or three days Departed weekends

Saturday Night from £229.95

This popular theatre package to the West End departs from Birmingham New Street, Shrewsbury, Stafford or Wolverhampton on the Friday morning returning on the Sunday afternoon/evening. Standard class travel is included with the option to upgrade. Plus two nights stay at a four-star London hotel of your choice (hotel supplements may apply). Includes a top priced ticket for a Friday evening performance.

*The “from” price and price bands vary for each show – see brochure for details. Single rooms subject to availability – supplements apply.

Organised by Omega Events Ltd (ABTA Y590X)

For a theatre brochure or a list of our current breaks, please call the promotions team on (01902) 319999 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) or go to expressandstar.com/starextratravel.

Please read brochure/web page for full information plus terms and conditions.
Moselle Valley by Eurostar

Six days various departure dates

**PRICE FROM £529**

A tour of the Moselle Valley, really is a superb experience, from the picturesque villages and half-ruined castles to the gentle slopes covered in vines. The people are open and friendly and welcome visitors to their valley which offers some of the most interesting sights and beautiful scenery in Europe.

See the medieval ‘olde worlde’ charm of Aachen, the most western city in Germany and situated amongst beautiful hills and where the remains of buildings from the Roman times can still be seen.

Koblenz, its name derives from the Latin for confluence, sits strategically where the Moselle and Rhine rivers meet. The city is home to attractive squares, amusing sculptures and plenty of pavement cafes.

Explore charming Trier, the oldest city in Germany. During the visit see the Roman amphitheatre, which is one of the most perfectly preserved in the world; the Bathe, Basilica and the striking Porta Nigra - or Black gate - the largest and best preserved building of its kind in the world.

Bernkastel, probably the valley’s most scenic towns, is famous for its wine and in fact possesses the largest single vineyard in Germany.

INFO
- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- Return coach travel
- Optional visit to Koblenz, Bernkastel and Cochem
- Services of a tour manager
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Riviera Travel (ABTA V4744, ATOL 3430)

Tropical Islands of Chester Zoo

Two days departing June 27

**PRICE FROM £119**

- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- Entrance to Chester Zoo
- Visit to Chester
- Services of a tour manager
- Single room subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Diamond Holidays (ABTA W0552)

Afternoon Tea at The Ritz

Two days departing February 22

**PRICE FROM £199**

- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- Afternoon tea at The Ritz
- Visit to Fortnum & Mason and Harrods
- Glass of Champagne at the Champagne bar St Pancras
- Free time in London
- Tour manager escort to The Ritz
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Diamond Holidays (ABTA W0552)

The Mary Rose

Two days departing March 21

**PRICE FROM £129**

- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- Entrance to the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard to see the Mary Rose Museum
- Visit to Winchester
- Harbour tour by boat
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Newmarket Holidays (ABTA V787X)

Cunard 175th Anniversary – Liverpool

Two days departing May 24

**PRICE FROM £109**

- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- Visit to Liverpool to see the three Cunard Queens on the Mersey
- Visit to Chester
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Diamond Holidays (ABTA W0552)

The Dawlish Railway and the Avocet Line

Four days departing March 27

**PRICE FROM £229**

- Return coach travel
- Three nights half-board accommodation
- Railway journey on the Riviera Line from Exeter to Paignton Railway journey on the Avocet Line from Topsham to Exmouth
- Cruise on the River Exe with cream tea
- Free time in Exmouth and Torquay
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Newmarket Holidays (ABTA V787X)

Call the Midwife

Two days departing May 16, Jul 25, Oct 3

**PRICE FROM £125**

- Return coach travel
- Overnight bed and breakfast accommodation in the Kent area
- Visit to historic Canterbury on day one
- Visit with entrance to London’s Historic Dockyard in Chatham, including a 90-minute Call the Midwife tour on day two
- Services of a tour manager
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Newmarket Holidays (ABTA V787X)

Strawberry Fields, Penny Lane and the Cavern Club

Three days departing May 29 and Sep 19

**PRICE FROM £179**

- Return coach travel
- Two nights half-board accommodation at a hotel in the North West Area, within 20 miles of Liverpool
- Beatles Coach Tour and entrance to the Cavern Club
- Journey on the “ Ferry’ cross the Mersey”
- Afternoon in Liverpool
- Services of a tour manager
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Newmarket Holidays (ABTA V787X)

Wimbledon Championships 2015

Two days departing July 11 and 12

**PRICE FROM £155**

- Return coach travel
- Overnight bed and breakfast accommodation at a hotel in the Greater London area
- Reserved seat on No.1 Court at Wimbledon for the full day’s play on day one
- Visit to Windsor
- Services of a tour manager
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Newmarket Holidays (ABTA V787X)

Lakes and Mountains of Austria

Eight days various departure dates

**PRICE FROM £599**

- Return flights
- Seven nights half-board accommodation including Kitzbuhel in the heart of the Alps
- Tour of the Austrian Lake District
- Guided tour of Salzburg
- Visit to St Wolfgang
- Services of a tour manager
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Riviera Travel (ABTA V4744, ATOL 3430)

The Amalfi Coast

Eight days various departure dates

**PRICE FROM £739**

- Return flights
- Seven nights half-board accommodation including Sorrento and a drive along the Amalfi Coast
- Visit to Paestum and Salerno
- Drinks with dinner, free tea and biscuits daily
- Services of a tour manager
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Newmarket Holidays (ABTA V787X, ATOL 2325)

Classical Spain

Seven days various departure dates

**PRICE FROM £539**

- Return flights
- Six nights bed and breakfast accommodation
- Guided tour of the Alhambra
- Guided tour of the Alhambra
- Visit to Cordoba
- Visit to medieval Ronda
- Services of a tour manager
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Riviera Travel (ABTA V4744, ATOL 3430)
Injury leads to match abandoned

Old Halesonsians 2nds 24
Old Yardleians 2nds 0

In the second half the heavy DK squad put Bournville under pressure which led to them giving away a penalty in the 25th minute. This time they elected to kick for goal and Jamie Hearn duly added the three points. Hearn then kicked a penalty in the 28th minute, and against the run of play, Bournville regained the lead. Flyhalf Scott Harman broke from deep inside the Bournville half and kicked ahead. Winger Ashley Knight put Bournville under pressure which led to them giving away a penalty in the 25th minute. This time they elected to kick for goal and Jamie Hearn duly added the three points. Harman then kicked a penalty in the 28th minute, and against the run of play, Bournville regained the lead. Flyhalf Scott Harman broke from deep inside the Bournville half and kicked ahead. Winger Ashley Knight

Saddlers are set for a sell-out

WALSALL remain on course to put the Banks's Staduim when they take their shot at a first-ever Wembley appearance. More than three-quarters of the tickets available to home supporters have already been sold for the second leg of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Area Final on January 27, meaning the 13,000-home advantage is likely to be enough to keep the Walsall team in with a chance at Wembley.

ALBION are ready to defend themselves in a legal dispute with Paul Jewell following an shock departure in a row over pay.

Jewell surprisingly left the Baggies on Tuesday just a week after his appointment as joint-assistant head coach to Tony Pulis. The former Bradford and Wigan boss insisted his exit was “not by mutual consent.”

It is thought Jewell quit after being asked to take a pay cut following the addition of Gerry Francis to the backroom staff.

It’s understood that reaching an agreement over pay was one of the reasons Francis pushed Pulis above to cut to accommodate Francis, their long-standing associate, but Jewell refused.

The Hawthorns head coach chose to prioritise his future by leaving the club, with Francis now deciding whether to firm up their interest. With the waterlogged conditions of the other pitches, Jewell was looking to be too strong.

However an accident saw a forward to the second half Hales flanker, Harry Young and the light deteriorating, the coach chose to prioritise what was ready to defend.

ALBION are considering bids for Wigan winger Callum McManaman and Blackburn striker Rio Gestede as new boss Tony Pulis continues to seek a January revamp.

The Baggies have enquired about McManaman, aged 23, and Gestede, 26, and, while no bids have been lodged, they are now deciding whether to firm up their interest.

Pulis is keen to add creativity in wide areas as well as a powerful centre-forward, with a left-back also thought to be on his shopping list.

The new head coach said: “Obviously I’m looking at bringing a few players in and I think it is important that we are able to do that. We need some players in just to give us a boost.”

“But it is important that we bring in the right players. It is no good bringing people in if they’re not better than the ones we’ve got, and we need to have a good look at the players who are here before we go out and sign anybody.”

There will be lots of rumours and lots of players that we’re linked with but a lot will depend on whether we are able to move players on because we don’t just want to rush out and sign people that clog up the system.

Wigan are believed to be asking around £10m for McManaman, who made an impact when the Latics were last in the Premier League, but the asking price is expected to drop as the January transfer window progresses.

Gestede is a target for several top-flight clubs after forming a useful partnership with the free-scoring Jordan Rhodes.

The Baggies are also aware of the potential availability of former Newcastle and Chelsea striker Demba Ba, currently in Turkey with Besiktas, but his wage demands are likely to make any deal a non-starter.

Albion also hope to offload some of their summer signings. There are one or two players who we have looked at and we feel might not play a part but whether we can move them will depend on who comes in and asks about them,” said Pulis.

“They have all worked really well in the time I’ve been here and, as long as they’re here.”

To find out more about advertising in the Express & Star call 01902 31 31 31

Express & Star

SOURCE: The Newspaper Society – Consumer Catalyst 2014

Baggies may face action by Jewell

Burton 2nds 48
Old Halesonians 18
Old Yardleians 3rds 4 2
Old Yardleians 2nds 24
Old Halesonians 2nds 24
Old Yardleians 3rds 4

ALBION are ready to defend themselves in a legal dispute with Paul Jewell following a shock departure in a row over pay.

Jewell surprisingly left the Baggies on Tuesday just a week after his appointment as joint-assistant head coach to Tony Pulis. The former Bradford and Wigan boss insisted his exit was “not by mutual consent.”

It is thought Jewell quit after being asked to take a pay cut following the addition of Gerry Francis to the backroom staff.

It’s understood that reaching an agreement over pay was one of the reasons Francis pushed Pulis above to cut to accommodate Francis, their long-standing associate, but Jewell refused.

The Hawthorns head coach chose to prioritise his future by leaving the club, with Francis now deciding whether to firm up their interest. With the waterlogged conditions of the other pitches, Jewell was looking to be too strong.

However an accident saw a forward to the second half Hales flanker, Harry Young and the light deteriorating, the coach chose to prioritise what was ready to defend.

A LBION are considering bids for Wigan winger Callum McManaman and Blackburn striker Rio Gestede as new boss Tony Pulis continues to seek a January revamp.

The Baggies have enquired about McManaman, aged 23, and Gestede, 26, and, while no bids have been lodged, they are now deciding whether to firm up their interest.

Pulis is keen to add creativity in wide areas as well as a powerful centre-forward, with a left-back also thought to be on his shopping list.

The new head coach said: “Obviously I’m looking at bringing a few players in and I think it is important that we are able to do that. We need some players in just to give us a boost.”

“But it is important that we bring in the right players. It is no good bringing people in if they’re not better than the ones we’ve got, and we need to have a good look at the players who are here before we go out and sign anybody.”

There will be lots of rumours and lots of players that we’re linked with but a lot will depend on whether we are able to move players on because we don’t just want to rush out and sign people that clog up the system.

Wigan are believed to be asking around £10m for McManaman, who made an impact when the Latics were last in the Premier League, but the asking price is expected to drop as the January transfer window progresses.

Gestede is a target for several top-flight clubs after forming a useful partnership with the free-scoring Jordan Rhodes.

The Baggies are also aware of the potential availability of former Newcastle and Chelsea striker Demba Ba, currently in Turkey with Besiktas, but his wage demands are likely to make any deal a non-starter.

Albion also hope to offload some of their summer signings. There are one or two players who we have looked at and we feel might not play a part but whether we can move them will depend on who comes in and asks about them,” said Pulis.

“They have all worked really well in the time I’ve been here and, as long as they’re here.”

To find out more about advertising in the Express & Star call 01902 31 31 31

Express & Star

SOURCE: The Newspaper Society – Consumer Catalyst 2014

Pulis planning early shake up of squad

Football

Injury leads to match abandoned

Burton 2nds 48
Old Halesonians 2nds 24
Old Yardleians 3rds 4

ALBION are ready to defend themselves in a legal dispute with Paul Jewell following a shock departure in a row over pay.

Jewell surprisingly left the Baggies on Tuesday just a week after his appointment as joint-assistant head coach to Tony Pulis. The former Bradford and Wigan boss insisted his exit was “not by mutual consent.”

It is thought Jewell quit after being asked to take a pay cut following the addition of Gerry Francis to the backroom staff.

It’s understood that reaching an agreement over pay was one of the reasons Francis pushed Pulis above to cut to accommodate Francis, their long-standing associate, but Jewell refused.

The Hawthorns head coach chose to prioritise Francis and allow Jewell to leave, but the 50-year-old is unhappy and taking legal advice.

It’s also understood no contracts were signed during the departure, with Albion comfortable they have home advantage over the overall balance to the board.

Assistant David Kemp offered to take over to accommodate Francis, their long-standing associate, but Jewell refused.

The Hawthorns head coach chose to prioritise his future by leaving the club, with Francis now deciding whether to firm up their interest. With the waterlogged conditions of the other pitches, Jewell was looking to be too strong.

However an accident saw a forward to the second half Hales flanker, Harry Young and the light deteriorating, the coach chose to prioritise what was ready to defend.

A LBION are considering bids for Wigan winger Callum McManaman and Blackburn striker Rio Gestede as new boss Tony Pulis continues to seek a January revamp.

The Baggies have enquired about McManaman, aged 23, and Gestede, 26, and, while no bids have been lodged, they are now deciding whether to firm up their interest.

Pulis is keen to add creativity in wide areas as well as a powerful centre-forward, with a left-back also thought to be on his shopping list.

The new head coach said: “Obviously I’m looking at bringing a few players in and I think it is important that we are able to do that. We need some players in just to give us a boost.”

“But it is important that we bring in the right players. It is no good bringing people in if they’re not better than the ones we’ve got, and we need to have a good look at the players who are here before we go out and sign anybody.”

There will be lots of rumours and lots of players that we’re linked with but a lot will depend on whether we are able to move players on because we don’t just want to rush out and sign people that clog up the system.

Wigan are believed to be asking around £10m for McManaman, who made an impact when the Latics were last in the Premier League, but the asking price is expected to drop as the January transfer window progresses.

Gestede is a target for several top-flight clubs after forming a useful partnership with the free-scoring Jordan Rhodes.

The Baggies are also aware of the potential availability of former Newcastle and Chelsea striker Demba Ba, currently in Turkey with Besiktas, but his wage demands are likely to make any deal a non-starter.

Albion also hope to offload some of their summer signings. There are one or two players who we have looked at and we feel might not play a part but whether we can move them will depend on who comes in and asks about them,” said Pulis.

“They have all worked really well in the time I’ve been here and, as long as they’re here.”

To find out more about advertising in the Express & Star call 01902 31 31 31

Express & Star

SOURCE: The Newspaper Society – Consumer Catalyst 2014

Pulis planning early shake up of squad
Halesowen Town have won their first league game since the mini Black Country derby.

Halesowen Town 4 Matlock Town 3

Tivendale take the spark from Dynamo

Tivendale kept up their great spell of form with a well-deserved victory at Loughborough Dynamo in Evo-Stik Division One South.

The Black Country outfit started the better and Andy Parsons will feel he should have done better on 15 minutes when he fired Zach Foster’s cross over the bar.

Tivendale’s Chris Field, marvelling in his new right-back position, then went on a run down the right flank but another effort was not enough to trouble home keeper Joe McCormack. Dynamo’s first effort on goal was supplied by Matt Langham when with a great piece of skill he took down a high ball, but his shot went straight into the arms of Tivendale keeper Charlie Price.

At the other end Edwards worked an opening for Parsons but again he fired off target.

On 25 minutes Tivendale took a deserved lead when, from a Dynamo attack that broke down, Leigh Downing broke free and played in Edwards who put the ball through McCormack’s legs and into the back of the net.

The home side looked devoid of ideas until the 33rd minute when a rash Rich- ard Huckfield pass went straight to Dyna- mo’s Neil Dawkins and his first-time shot was turned around the post by Price. The danger was not clear enough as from the resulting corner the scores were level when Pheasant’s thumping header gave Price no chance.

The goal swung the momentum the home side’s way for the last 10 minutes of the half and Tivendale were glad of the half-time whistle.

Tivendale had the ball in the Dynamo net on 61 minutes when Edwards was the first to react after McCormack parried his header and he bundled the ball over the line but the referee blew for a foul.

Danny Ashton beat Dynamo full-back Carl Sibson and his cross was met by Down- ing whose shot beat McCormack despite the keeper’s effort.

Tivendale made the points secure in injury time through substitute Jordan Ashworth slid the ball past the advancing McCormack.

Halesowen Town have won their first league game since the mini Black Country derby.

Halesowen Town 4 Matlock Town 3

Tivendale take the spark from Dynamo

Tivendale kept up their great spell of form with a well-deserved victory at Lough- borough Dynamo in Evo-Stik Division One South.

The Black Country outfit started the better and Andy Parsons will feel he should have done better on 15 minutes when he fired Zach Foster’s cross over the bar.

Tivendale’s Chris Field, marvelling in his new right-back position, then went on a run down the right flank but another effort was not enough to trouble home keeper Joe McCormack. Dynamo’s first effort on goal was supplied by Matt Langham when with a great piece of skill he took down a high ball, but his shot went straight into the arms of Tivendale keeper Charlie Price.

At the other end Edwards worked an opening for Parsons but again he fired off target.

On 25 minutes Tivendale took a deserved lead when, from a Dynamo attack that broke down, Leigh Downing broke free and played in Edwards who put the ball through McCormack’s legs and into the back of the net.

The home side looked devoid of ideas until the 33rd minute when a rash Rich- ard Huckfield pass went straight to Dyna- mo’s Neil Dawkins and his first-time shot was turned around the post by Price. The danger was not clear enough as from the resulting corner the scores were level when Pheasant’s thumping header gave Price no chance.

The goal swung the momentum the home side’s way for the last 10 minutes of the half and Tivendale were glad of the half-time whistle.

Tivendale had the ball in the Dynamo net on 61 minutes when Edwards was the first to react after McCormack parried his header and he bundled the ball over the line but the referee blew for a foul.

Danny Ashton beat Dynamo full-back Carl Sibson and his cross was met by Down- ing whose shot beat McCormack despite the keeper’s effort.

Tivendale made the points secure in injury time through substitute Jordan Ashworth slid the ball past the advancing McCormack.

Halesowen Town have won their first league game since the mini Black Country derby.

Halesowen Town 4 Matlock Town 3

Tivendale take the spark from Dynamo

Tivendale kept up their great spell of form with a well-deserved victory at Lough- borough Dynamo in Evo-Stik Division One South.

The Black Country outfit started the better and Andy Parsons will feel he should have done better on 15 minutes when he fired Zach Foster’s cross over the bar.

Tivendale’s Chris Field, marvelling in his new right-back position, then went on a run down the right flank but another effort was not enough to trouble home keeper Joe McCormack. Dynamo’s first effort on goal was supplied by Matt Langham when with a great piece of skill he took down a high ball, but his shot went straight into the arms of Tivendale keeper Charlie Price.

At the other end Edwards worked an opening for Parsons but again he fired off target.

On 25 minutes Tivendale took a deserved lead when, from a Dynamo attack that broke down, Leigh Downing broke free and played in Edwards who put the ball through McCormack’s legs and into the back of the net.

The home side looked devoid of ideas until the 33rd minute when a rash Rich- ard Huckfield pass went straight to Dyna- mo’s Neil Dawkins and his first-time shot was turned around the post by Price. The danger was not clear enough as from the resulting corner the scores were level when Pheasant’s thumping header gave Price no chance.

The goal swung the momentum the home side’s way for the last 10 minutes of the half and Tivendale were glad of the half-time whistle.

Tivendale had the ball in the Dynamo net on 61 minutes when Edwards was the first to react after McCormack parried his header and he bundled the ball over the line but the referee blew for a foul.

Danny Ashton beat Dynamo full-back Carl Sibson and his cross was met by Down- ing whose shot beat McCormack despite the keeper’s effort.

Tivendale made the points secure in injury time through substitute Jordan Ashworth slid the ball past the advancing McCormack.

Halesowen Town have won their first league game since the mini Black Country derby.

Halesowen Town 4 Matlock Town 3

Tivendale take the spark from Dynamo

Tivendale kept up their great spell of form with a well-deserved victory at Lough- borough Dynamo in Evo-Stik Division One South.

The Black Country outfit started the better and Andy Parsons will feel he should have done better on 15 minutes when he fired Zach Foster’s cross over the bar.

Tivendale’s Chris Field, marvelling in his new right-back position, then went on a run down the right flank but another effort was not enough to trouble home keeper Joe McCormack. Dynamo’s first effort on goal was supplied by Matt Langham when with a great piece of skill he took down a high ball, but his shot went straight into the arms of Tivendale keeper Charlie Price.

At the other end Edwards worked an opening for Parsons but again he fired off target.

On 25 minutes Tivendale took a deserved lead when, from a Dynamo attack that broke down, Leigh Downing broke free and played in Edwards who put the ball through McCormack’s legs and into the back of the net.

The home side looked devoid of ideas until the 33rd minute when a rash Rich- ard Huckfield pass went straight to Dyna- mo’s Neil Dawkins and his first-time shot was turned around the post by Price. The danger was not clear enough as from the resulting corner the scores were level when Pheasant’s thumping header gave Price no chance.

The goal swung the momentum the home side’s way for the last 10 minutes of the half and Tivendale were glad of the half-time whistle.

Tivendale had the ball in the Dynamo net on 61 minutes when Edwards was the first to react after McCormack parried his header and he bundled the ball over the line but the referee blew for a foul.

Danny Ashton beat Dynamo full-back Carl Sibson and his cross was met by Down- ing whose shot beat McCormack despite the keeper’s effort.

Tivendale made the points secure in injury time through substitute Jordan Ashworth slid the ball past the advancing McCormack.

Halesowen Town have won their first league game since the mini Black Country derby.

Halesowen Town 4 Matlock Town 3

Tivendale take the spark from Dynamo

Tivendale kept up their great spell of form with a well-deserved victory at Lough- borough Dynamo in Evo-Stik Division One South.

The Black Country outfit started the better and Andy Parsons will feel he should have done better on 15 minutes when he fired Zach Foster’s cross over the bar.

Tivendale’s Chris Field, marvelling in his new right-back position, then went on a run down the right flank but another effort was not enough to trouble home keeper Joe McCormack. Dynamo’s first effort on goal was supplied by Matt Langham when with a great piece of skill he took down a high ball, but his shot went straight into the arms of Tivendale keeper Charlie Price.

At the other end Edwards worked an opening for Parsons but again he fired off target.

On 25 minutes Tivendale took a deserved lead when, from a Dynamo attack that broke down, Leigh Downing broke free and played in Edwards who put the ball through McCormack’s legs and into the back of the net.

The home side looked devoid of ideas until the 33rd minute when a rash Rich- ard Huckfield pass went straight to Dyna- mo’s Neil Dawkins and his first-time shot was turned around the post by Price. The danger was not clear enough as from the resulting corner the scores were level when Pheasant’s thumping header gave Price no chance.

The goal swung the momentum the home side’s way for the last 10 minutes of the half and Tivendale were glad of the half-time whistle.

Tivendale had the ball in the Dynamo net on 61 minutes when Edwards was the first to react after McCormack parried his header and he bundled the ball over the line but the referee blew for a foul.

Danny Ashton beat Dynamo full-back Carl Sibson and his cross was met by Down- ing whose shot beat McCormack despite the keeper’s effort.

Tivendale made the points secure in injury time through substitute Jordan Ashworth slid the ball past the advancing McCormack.

Halesowen Town have won their first league game since the mini Black Country derby.

Halesowen Town 4 Matlock Town 3

Tivendale take the spark from Dynamo

Tivendale kept up their great spell of form with a well-deserved victory at Lough- borough Dynamo in Evo-Stik Division One South.

The Black Country outfit started the better and Andy Parsons will feel he should have done better on 15 minutes when he fired Zach Foster’s cross over the bar.

Tivendale’s Chris Field, marvelling in his new right-back position, then went on a run down the right flank but another effort was not enough to trouble home keeper Joe McCormack. Dynamo’s first effort on goal was supplied by Matt Langham when with a great piece of skill he took down a high ball, but his shot went straight into the arms of Tivendale keeper Charlie Price.

At the other end Edwards worked an opening for Parsons but again he fired off target.

On 25 minutes Tivendale took a deserved lead when, from a Dynamo attack that broke down, Leigh Downing broke free and played in Edwards who put the ball through McCormack’s legs and into the back of the net.

The home side looked devoid of ideas until the 33rd minute when a rash Rich- ard Huckfield pass went straight to Dyna- mo’s Neil Dawkins and his first-time shot was turned around the post by Price. The danger was not clear enough as from the resulting corner the scores were level when Pheasant’s thumping header gave Price no chance.

The goal swung the momentum the home side’s way for the last 10 minutes of the half and Tivendale were glad of the half-time whistle.

Tivendale had the ball in the Dynamo net on 61 minutes when Edwards was the first to react after McCormack parried his header and he bundled the ball over the line but the referee blew for a foul.

Danny Ashton beat Dynamo full-back Carl Sibson and his cross was met by Down- ing whose shot beat McCormack despite the keeper’s effort.

Tivendale made the points secure in injury time through substitute Jordan Ashworth slid the ball past the advancing McCormack.