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Black Country’s rising comedy star

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**Horses Spark clampdown**

A FRESH clampdown on horses left tethered on local authority land has been launched.

Council bosses in Sandwell say there has been an increase in the number of horses being left on open plots of land around Tipton, including on some housing estates. Concerns have been raised about the welfare of the animals.

In a message the council faces an issue with horses grazing on their land including Fens Pool in Penknett and Buckpool in Bbrookmoor.

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**Tributes paid to accident victim**

TRIBUTES were this week paid to a cyclist who died in a road accident in Upper Gornal.

Friends described care worker Loraine Rowson as a ‘wonderful person’.

She died at the scene after her bicycle was involved in a collision with a lorry at the junction of Burton Road and Jesus Lane on Friday.

Paramedics tried to save the 50-year-old mother-of-one but nothing could be done.

Eilane Hartland, deputy manager at Greenhawe House Residential Home, Lower Penn, where Mrs Rowson has worked for 14 years, said: “We are all in a state of shock. Loraine was the nicest person you could meet. She was kind and loving, which were qualities that came out in her work here.

“We are a small community with only 12 residents, so people get to know each other very well. She will be missed by everyone.”

Mrs Hartland said Mrs Rowson was also an animal lover known for taking in unwell dogs and nursing them back to health.

She is survived by her husband and daughter, a 21-year-old university student.

Mrs Hartland added: “She was a very outgoing person, who was completely devoted to her family.”

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**Doodly pledge over concert**

**Proposal to revive carnival in town park**

PROPOSALS to revive Halesowen Carnival for the first time in more than 20 years have been revealed by campaigners hoping to boost trade and bring people into the town.

Campaigners want to recreate the carnival and stage a street parade next July to link in with the Black Country Day festival.

The bid has been launched by Rowley Regis resident Simon Walker who is hoping to use Huntingtree Park.

Support

The carnival use to attract thousands into the town.

Mr Walker has enlisted the support of ward councillors including Stuart Henley to back the campaign and wants to form a committee next month.

Councillor Henley said: “We want to make it a big event for Halesowen and bring people back into the town again. It would bring the community together.

“It would work well alongside the Black Country Festival, that’s why we are looking at the first couple of weeks in July.”

The group has started up a Facebook page called Halesowen Carnival 2015 and plan to appoint a committee at a meeting on September 6 at the town library’s Shenton Theatre at 2pm.
The Chronicle and Express & Star have a team of Agency as water levels rose as the remains of Hurricane winds battered the region warned the river at Stourbridge, while agency officials as nearly a month's worth of were cancelled and sporting were flooded, music festivals including problems in Halls cancellations to supplies and leaks cancelled after downpours. The Valley Railway also had to for children on the Severn for the cancellation of events 'dancing grannies' videos and, for summer sizzle extinguished of fans around the world with their dancing grannies' videos and, for their next internet hit routine, Tick-Tock, Ticky Felloes, Deb Nicholls, joined by fellow comedian Emma Kollmann, will take inspiration from the Emerald Isle.

The poll was on the Express & Express & Star's website. The Monster, Riverdance grabbed more than 30 per cent of the results. They will release a video of the routine on the internet this week.

Deb, aged 42, from Wollaston, says the performers from Fizzogs Productions, based in Dudley, are happy with Lord of the Dance. "We can thank people enough. It's going to take some doing but we'll be rehearsing hard straight away to give a showstopping perfomer," she said.

"I think we'll reap in the help of our very own Lord of the Dance, our follow comic James Collins, for a star turn." The Fizzogs have been attracting attention on the internet for a dance routine which saw them jiggle Flo Rider's 'Low' and 'Single Ladies' by Beyonce. The performance at Stourbridge Carnival, which has more than 2.7 million likes on Facebook, finishes off with Bhangra music and Psy's Gangnam Style.

BABA and nursery specialist Kiddicare have shut its branch at Dudley's Merry Hill Centre row month with the expected loss of around 100 jobs. It is one of 10 stores around the country closing on September 7. The store opened in October 2012 in the former Best Buy premises in a move which created 116 jobs. The chain was previously owned by Morrisons but was bought by Endless, a London-based private equity firm, for £2 million last month.

The new owner is shutting its 'loss making stores' to enable it to concentrate on the online side of the business.

Garry Wilson, managing partner at Endless said: "It is a difficult situation with store closures. But every store is heavily loss-making.

"We're not closing stores for the sake of it. We've been tasked with performing surgery.

"Fundamentally Kiddicare is a good e-commerce business and we need to make sure it's not dragged down by the heavily loss-making stores."

A spokesman added: "After appropriate consultation within the business it was decided to close the 10 former Best Buy stores that trade as Kiddicare. This will happen on September 7. On the online business Kiddicare and Peterborough store will continue to trade as normal as usual.

Among the services offered by the Merry Hill store is a children's soft play area, a Starbucks coffee shop and a car seat buying and pushing service.

Kiddicare, which had sales of around £80m in the last financial year, was founded in 1974. Morrisons bought the business in 2011. Kiddicare took over the 40,000 square foot unit at Merry Hill in 2012.

Jobs lost as baby store is going mainly online

HEAVY RAINS extinguished summer sizzle

LASHING rain and fierce winds battered the region last night as the remnants of Hurricane Bertha swept in causing flooding alerts for rivers and areas to events to be cancelled.

Eight flood alerts were issued by the Environment Agency as water levels rose for the River Stour in the Black Country and south Staffordshire.

Levels

River levels were rising Sunday night on Sunday night and Monday morning around Stourbridge, with Morrisons agency officials warning the river at Stourton was close to flooding.

Heavy showers forced the cancellation of events including Tipton Community Fun Day and a series of beach-themed activities for children on the Severn last night.

A nearby company Severn Trent also reported disruptions to supplies and leaks affecting problems in Halls Farm Lane, Trimley, near Kempshott.

Across the country homes were flooded, music festivals were cancelled and sporting events had to be re-routed as nearly a month’s worth of heavy downpours dumped over parts of Britain in a few hours.

Irene Golding celebrates her 106th birthday with her son David Golding in Oldbury. She has survived two world wars, including the bombing of her childhood home, and now Irene Golding is believed to be Sandwell’s oldest resident at 106. Born on August 9, 1908 – six years before the outbreak of the First World War – Irene celebrated her birthday with a party at Beechcroft Residential Home in Oldbury. Irene’s family home was in Cogwell Street, Ladywood, but the family was forced to leave when the area was bombed in the Second World War. They moved to Wilson Road, Oldbury, where Irene lived until June this year.

Having started work aged 14, she spent most of her working life at Chance Brothers glasshouse in Smethwick, working in an office. The mother-of-one, grandmother-of-one and great grandmother to two, continued a busy lifestyle in retirement which included looking after her own mother. Proud son David, 68 from Smethwick, said: “Mum’s motto is hard work, good food and keeping active.”

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FA chiefs’ Astle vow as family talks held

THE FA has pledged to continue working with the family of West Bromwich Albion legend Jeff Astle as it researches the effects of post-traumatic brain injury. The move comes after Greg Dyke, chair of the football governing body, met Mr Astle’s wife Larantine Astle, and her daughters Claire and Dawn, on Sunday.

The Astle family were joined by Dr Willie Stewart who explained findings from a recent and imminent study of Mr Astle’s brain.

FUTEBOL

The 58-year-old’s brain disease, chronic traumatic encephalopathy, is linked to repeatedly heading the ball throughout his career.

New tests confirmed that he died in 2002 from the same disease and this is found in brain-damaged ex-boxers. Mr Dyke said: “This is an important matter for football to get right. It was a constructive meeting and I thank the Astle family for their efforts in bringing this to our attention.

“We will keep in touch with the family and have outlined our plans to look at what research is needed next and how best to progress this forward on a global level.”

Little theatre stage big play

A THEATRE company is opening its 68th season with a play filled with romance, intrigue and jokes during one long day in the garden of a grand house.

Dudley Little Theatre is performing Ring The Moon by Jean Anouilh, from September 10 to 20 at Netherton Arts Centre. Tickets for the 7.30pm shows cost £17 (£15 for concessions) for a 10 per cent discount on block bookings.

To book call 0870 520 0200 or log on to www.dudleylittletheatre.org website.

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The Express National Press has seen its bus operations, which dominate the West Midlands, bring in more cash over the first half of the year. The company based in Birmingham saw revenues rise by two per cent to £23.6 million in the six months to June, with profits higher at £13.5m.
A UKIP MEP from Dudley who helped young party candidates study Adolf Hitler’s public speaking style says he regretted his comments about the Nazi leader but is refusing to resign.

Bill Etheridge, also a Dudley councillor, claimed his speech was taken out of context and denounced the furor which has followed it as ‘unhelpful’ and ‘unfair’.

The 44-year-old, elected to Dudley Council in 2011, joined the European Parliament in May, said he ‘regrets’ mentioning the Nazi leader in a speech where he described Hitler as a ‘forceful public speaker’. Mr Etheridge made two speeches to UKIP’s Young Independence Conference in Birmingham earlier this month.

He told them: ‘Look back to the most magnetic and forceful public speaker possibly in history. When Hitler gave speeches, at the start he would...’

The speech has provoked controversy across the country with a number of parents being hauled before the courts for refusing to pay the fines. Each parent faces a £20 fine per child for breaching the rules — increased to £120 if not paid in full in 21 days. They face jail if they don’t pay by 28 days.

The fines handed out in this round were £5,500 last year. The year 2013/14 saw a rise of 434 from the previous 12 months on pens.

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Mr Etheridge said: “It is just political opportunism. I will not stand down.” Although he did not re-

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Image released after sex attack

A MAN is being sought by police after a woman was sexually assaulted on a bus. CCTV images have been released of the alleged attacker.

The victim, aged 39, was travelling on the number nine from Birmingham to Halesowen when a man boarded in Bearwood. He sat next to her and sexually assaulted her during the journey and again as she got off the bus at Halesowen.

Detective Sergeant Emma Holder said: “The man also left the bus in Halesowen after the woman challenged him about his behaviour.

“Inquiries have been carried out in the area to locate the offender and officers remain on the lookout for him. We particularly want to trace the man in these images as we believe he may be able to help us with our enquiries.

“The incident happened at about 1.30pm on July 3.

“The attacker was described as white, around 5ft 10in tall, of a stock build and with short dark hair. He was wearing a black top with a white logo, a blue jacket, blue trousers and white and black trainers.

“Police would like to speak to anyone who saw anything suspicious or unusual or who has been subjected to similar behaviour.

“A young child was also on the bus and we would like to thank her for her brave actions. If you have any information please call us on our non-emergency number 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.”

Councillor hoping to become a UKIP MP

A LONG serving councillor has announced her plans to step down from his role to make a bid for a seat in Parliament.

Ken Turner, aged 72, recently joined the UK Independence Party and was successful in regaining his seat on Dudley Council last May.

But the Halesowen councillor says he will stand as a parliamentary candidate in Walsall North constituency.

Mr Turner was formally a Conservative councillor for a decade before he left the party.

He and his wife and fellow councillor Hazel stood down from the “top jobs” on Dudley Council last December.

The couple left after an internal party row in which claims and counter-claims of bullying were made.

They had been Conservative party members since they were first elected in 2002 and 2003.

Mr Turner said he will begin campaigning shortly for UKIP in Walsall South, a seat currently held by Labour’s Valerie Vaz.

Don’t miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star
Bail given to murder charge woman

A 24-year-old woman jointly accused of murdering a grandmother in her Halesowen home has been granted bail.

Chantelle Moran-Stokes is charged with Lee Barnes, 38, and warning 80-year-old Cynthia Beaumont, who lived in Juliet Road, Halesowen.

The pensioner was found dead in the garage of her home two days after she was reported missing.

Moran-Stokes was given bail during an appearance at Wolverhampton Crown Court and it is subject to a number of conditions.

She was told that she would have to provide a security in the sum of £12,000 and reside in Sandfield Avenue, Smethwick, and had to report to police twice a week.

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Dudley North MP Ian Austin, left, with the group which visited the peace cairn built by Bert Bissell to mark VJ Day in 1945. It is Britain’s biggest war memorial.

Mr Bissell visited the cairn after a group of fundraisers reached the summit and planted the Black Country flag.

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The service for Tommy at Hasbury Methodist Church.

Tommy's widow Val with grandchildren, Daniel and Lucy.

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Ebola is a threat to our island

ON reading several reports on the outbreak of Ebola, like I suspect many others, was concerned by the fact that many of the world’s experts were worried that there was more than a slight chance that it might find its way into Europe.

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Hundreds still help Harry to help others

HUNDREDS of people enjoyed a fun-filled family festival of activities organised in memory of well known young fundraiser Harry Moseley.

Merry Hill shopping centre welcomed families to the HarryFest event. Activities and games took place on a converted car park outside East Central at the Brierley Hill mall.

Harry Moseley, from Birmingham, died aged 11 from an incurable brain tumour in 2011.

But during his battle with the disease he set up the charity Help Harry Help Others which to date has raised more than £600,000 for research into the disease.

Superhero

His family has continued the work Harry started and this weekend’s event is part of the ongoing fundraising drive.

Youngsters were entertained with a fun fair, a superheroes-themed photo booth, live music from pop singers, dancing, a roller disco, balloon modelling and face painting too.

Staff from various stores in the shopping centre also donned fancy dress for the two-day event that was held on Friday and Saturday at Brierley Hill helping to raise money for the Help Harry Help Others charity.

Among those joining the fun were hairdressers Jessica McKoy, aged 19, from Holly Hall, Dudley, and Jenna Fellows, 27, from Penknett, who dressed up as superheroes for the event.

Jessica said: “It is a good event and we love to dress up anyway, so we absolutely loved it.”

“I got a strange looks when going to get some food but it was great.”

Harry’s proud mother Georgie Moseley attended the event with her partner Brian Blackwell. They are doing a bike ride as part of a fundraising drive for the charity.

She said: “Harry had such a fun-loving nature, so this is a perfect event to celebrate his legacy as the charity continues to help those on their cancer journey.”

It is not the first time Merry Hill has lent its support to the cause.

Registration starts in-paper and online Monday, August 18. A maximum of only 100 organisations can be involved so it’s crucial you act fast and register!
MAKING parts for Lancaster Bombers and caring for evacuees, Elsie Bridgwater did more than her bit for the war effort. The family of the great-great-grandmother have paid tribute to her after she passed away at the age of 100.

Mrs Bridgwater spent her final years in Holloway Court in Colley Gate, Halesowen, and was surrounded by loved ones to celebrate reaching her century in June. She was born Elsie May Troughton after war evacuees died.

Elsie Bridgwater pictured as she celebrated her 100th birthday at Holloway Court, Halesowen, in June.
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Yam jokin ay yow? Ar I am, loffs comic Jonny

He describes himself as an ‘all Black Country bloke’ who started writing ‘daft songs’ in his kitchen to make his mates and his family laugh.

But emerging comedy talent Jonny Cole says he has a wider audience in his sights as he reflects on the early stages of his life as a full-time comedian.

The Wednesbury comic is set to headline Birmingham’s Glee Club on September 18, with top billing on the 12-date Black Country Night Out Tour to follow next year. His debut album and a DVD are due to hit the shops later this year.

It represents a meteoric rise through the comedy ranks for the 34-year-old. Until recently he was content to mix the occasional pub gig with a not-so-exciting working life of selling industrial supplies over the telephone.

Backed by a live band, Jonny’s act features a mixture of songs and anecdotes based on his experiences of growing up in the Black Country.

It all started with a song he hastily wrote ‘for a laugh’ in a spare 20 minutes while he was having a cup of coffee in his kitchen. Wednesbury Song – which features the line ‘and it don’t matter if your read, as long as you can drink and as long as you can breathe’ – became a Youtube hit four years ago, chalking up nearly 60,000 views.

The response prompted him to create a comedy routine that has since seen him have audiences in clubs across the Midlands loffin’ their yeds off. “I had no act at the time. It literally was just one song done for a laugh,” he said. “My dad found it funny and told me to stick it on Youtube and everything just happened from there.”

Jonny continued to record songs in his studio at his home in Lloyd Street, Wednesbury, including his pasn to the Black Country lad Yam Yam – a reworking of the Dizzee Rascal track Bonkers – and the Billy Joel-inspired Tipton Girl. He also sprinkles a touch of his comedy magic onto The Bangles’ Walk Like An Egyptian, turning it into Drink Like Yam From Tipton.

Earlier this year Jonny signed up with Brian Vaster Entertainment in a bid to take his act to the masses. His rise is not something his teachers predicted during his days as a pupil at Barr Beacon School in Walsall.

He said: “I was a bit of a joker and always good at messing around.”
Double delight with music duos

GOOD music is coming at the double this summer with three female duos producing contrasting but well-accomplished albums.

The relocation of Alabama siblings The Pierces to California has paid dividends with a classic West Coast feel to their forthcoming album Creation. Of breakthrough You & I was sunshine pop then Creation introduces a little melancholy shadow into their harmonic-sounding. Songs like Believe In Me and Honest Man could appeal to Fleetwood Mac fans, whilst Must Be Something and the gorgeous Elements even channel some Abba spirit. Catch Allison and Catherine at Birmingham Glee Club on September 24.

Festive Glassewans Silta Tweed ale (vocal/guitar) and Sharon McCrystal (drums) deliver punky power pop with plenty of ‘don’t mess with us’ attitude on theirswaggering eponymous debut Honeyblood. Killer Bangs delivers a sugar rush whilst I’d Rather Be Any where But Here shows their bittersweet side. They should raise the roof at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on September 26.

Ward Thomas sound like the latest rising stars from Nashville but these 20-year-old twins are from Hampshire. Singers and songwriters Lizzy and Catherine impress with the honky tonk opener Push For The Stride and Streetcars makes a tender finale. It’s been a long wait for La Roux’s second album, five years in fact, but Nicola Jackson has finally delivered an excellent blend of disco and synth pop that surpasses her 1980s obsessed debut. Trouble in Paradise is short at nine tracks in just over 40 minutes, but boasts songs that do that deja vu familiarity trick, including Chic-like Up-light Downtown and Blonde Favoured Kiss And Not Tell. Catch her at The Institute in Digbeth on November 8.

Welsh pop maverick and sometime Irish singer/songwriter Sinead O’Connor marks 30 years making music with I’m Not Bossy, I’m The Boss, her first accessible and rocking album for many years. She’s apparently rejuvenated on the cover (thanks to a wig and figure-hugging rubber) but this is special because of the blend of vulnerability and maturity in her remarkably emotive voice. She hits her righteously strident stride on Take Me To Church and Streetcars makes a tender finale.

Charlie Simpson finally escapes the shadow of his band Busted (he refused to join McBusted) with folk-tinted pop rock album Long Road Home which is a real grower with its memorable title track and the Mumford-like Comets. International hit Budapest has catapulted George Ezra, a guitar-singing singer/songwriter from Hertford with a smoky deep voice that belies his youth (he’s 21), to the upper reaches of the album charts with his debut album Wanted On Voyage. He will be in concert at The Institute in Digbeth on October 25.

Escape to the 1950s exotica of Les Baxter on the cherry Red reissue of I’m Not Bossy, I’m The Boss, her first accessible and rocking album for many years. She’s apparently rejuvenated on the cover (thanks to a wig and figure-hugging rubber) but this is special because of the blend of vulnerability and maturity in her remarkably emotive voice. She hits her righteously strident stride on Take Me To Church and Streetcars makes a tender finale.

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A few years ago when the Wii games console came out, before we were breaking ornaments whilst playing virtual tennis or crashing off the sofa playing Mario Kart, it was the Mii that first hooked fans on Nintendo’s new invention.

Much fun was had creating tiny little lookalikes, a source of much hilarity when based on friends and family. More fun was had when games were brought out for the Wii which you could import your Miis into.

Now the Mii has a home of their own, not on the fast becoming redundant Wii but on the niche home of cute, the Nintendo 3DS.

Tomodachi Life is a whole world that you can populate with the tiny avatars and let them live out their own lives. Slim-like, although the overall feel of the game is likely to appeal to fans of such gentle virtual worlds as Harvest Moon or 3DS mega-hit Animal Crossing.

In Tomodachi Life you can heighten your Mii to perfection, either from scratch or with the (slight) help of a photo taken on the 3DS. You can also transfer them from Wii U via the Mii Maker or get them from other players via Local Play or QR codes.

You move your Mii into an apartment block on an island which you get to name. You don’t only tweak the look of the inhabitants, you can give them a voice and a personality... and then let them get on with it. But be warned, this is a lot more addictive than it sounds.

A little less addictive than it sounds is Nintendo Pocket Football Club. It is a back-to-basics football manager sim that uses retro style 8-bit visuals. Not deep or slick enough for a serious soccer nut, Pocket Football Club could keep younger footie fans occupied on a long car journey (an away match in the north-east or the west country maybe?) as you create your club from scratch, picking the name, the logo, the strip, the formation and then swapping players until you find the winning combination.

In the brief matches yourself do not have complete control over your players, instead its in the training that you will make them better footballers and finally reap your reward.

And when it comes to addictive, Cut The Rope is one of the most habit-forming games around. Already popular as an app on smartphones and tablets, its arrival on the 3DS in the form of Cut the Rope Triple Treat is to be welcomed. Originally available to download, this retail version has enough extras to warrant the purchase. Combining the original Cut the Rope with two enjoyable variations on the theme, plus cartoons featuring the cute sweet-swallowing Om Nom, it offers enough extras to warrant the purchase.

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Child porn pervert is spared prison term to get treatment

Mr David Houldcroft, defending, said: “He accepts he has a problem and needs help. He clearly has an unhealthy obsession.”

Foster, now of Locarno Road, Tipton, pleaded guilty to 11 charges of making indecent images between January 2010 and October 2012 and indecent exposure. He was told by Judge Michael Challinor: “A prison sentence is deserved but I must follow the sentencing guidelines and they do not allow me to impose a sentence long enough to ensure your rehabilitation or keep you long enough to protect the public, particularly young girls.”

Foster was given a three-year community order under supervision and must attend the community sex offender programmes. He was put on the sex offender register for five years.
Shedding new light on museum of glass

Work is to start on a new museum showcasing the Black Country’s glassmaking heritage this autumn.

The £5 million redevelopment will see part of the former Stuart Crystal site, opposite the White House Glass Cone in Wordsley, converted into the visitor attraction anticipated to attract more than 500,000 people a year.

Site owners Complex Development Projects Ltd has now submitted plans to Dudley Council for the museum along with 18 apartments to be built on another part of the site, off Camp Hill.

It comes as they wait to hear the outcome of a bid for £2.15m from the European Regional Development Fund towards the project with the rest coming from grants.

The museum, which will have a modern glass façade, is to face the Glass Cone. It will also pay homage to its past.

The museum will showcase the borough’s glass treasures and highlight the area’s heritage through interactive displays.

Proposals also include 18 apartments built on a separate part of the site and 11 commercial units.

Elaine Munnelly is concerned about the state of the graveyard at St Giles Church in Rowley Regis.

She and her 82-year-old mother Gwendoline, said she does not want to take advantage of the state due to its condition. But those at the church have said they are doing all they can do to remedy the situation and have asked for help.

Mrs Munnelly said she went to the spring with her mother and had a struggle to get to Mr Crompton’s grave. After phoning the Vicarage, she was asked to be in a wheelchair they have got no chance.

A churchwarden said the protection service has been sending people to help. If anyone else would like to see if they can help a wood chipper, call 0121 559 1251.

Working together for volunteers

A church is calling for volunteers to help clean up its graveyard after concerns were raised about it becoming overgrown.

Elaine Marley, whose father, grandmother, sister-in-law and two cousins are buried at St Giles in Rowley Regis, is upset over the state of the graveyard.

The teacher from Oakham, Tiv-endale, said she does not want to take her 82-year-old mother Gwendoline to visit her father Alan Crompton’s grave due to the condition.

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Accident left woman, 36, with broken legs

A woman aged in her 30s suffered fractures to both her legs after being knocked over by a double-decker bus in Birmingham city centre on Monday.

The 36-year-old woman was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham for specialist treatment following the collision in Harr's Lane, near Moor Street Station.

A West Midlands Ambulance Service Trust spokeswoman said: “Crews were called to reports of a pedestrian and a bus that had been in collision.

“On arrival at the scene crews found a woman lying in the road.

“The woman was treated for a potential pelvic injury and fractures to both her legs.”

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Thousands of families have seen their benefits capped

MORE than 3,400 households in the West Midlands have had their benefits capped, official figures have revealed.

They no longer get more in benefits than the equivalent of an average household income of £24,000 before tax.

The Government has claimed that across the West Midlands in more than 600 families where the benefit cap has been applied, someone has stopped claiming housing benefit or reduced their claim.

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Iain Duncan Smith, said: “By capping benefits we are putting a stop to those runaway benefit claims and returning fairness to the system.

More than 45,847 households across the country had their benefits capped by May 2014.

The Government also made £101 million available to councils over two years through the Discretionary Housing Payment fund to support people who need extra help.

The benefit cap limits a household can receive to £26,000 a year — equivalent to a pre-tax salary of £34,000 — or £500 a week for couples, with or without children, and lone parent households, and £350 a week for households of a single adult with no children.

Labour has claimed the number of workers who need housing benefit to make ends meet will increase if the Tories win the next General Election.

Meanwhile, taxpayers have been landed with a £40,000 legal bill after a council’s benefits rules requiring people live in the borough for two years to get support were torn up in court.

Sandwell Council is prepared to spend a further £95,000 fighting an appeal against a judge’s ruling.

The council set up a scheme in April 2013 that banned anyone who had not lived within the borough for two years from receiving a reduction in their council tax. It came after the Government scrapped council tax benefit for working age people and said it was up to local authorities to decide how to offer help.

The council was forced to change its scheme after the judge ruled it was not allowed to keep the discounts.

Ms Mullings, of Naggerstall Road, diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma last December, threw herself into fundraising to help a charity which supports people like her. During six months of treatment she raised £6,000 to stop the Paul Acknill Foundation and their fundraising struggle I thought this is a project I am going to take on.

Her target was £2,000 but she raised £6,010.71 through sports events, collections, donations and a triathlon.

Gill Ackrill, 69, of Brierley Hill, set up the charity after her son Paul died of cancer in 2001. She said: “Like Kelly, he was determined to get on with his life and had wanted to help other people. In his memory I was determined to go ahead with the charity. We have given out £150,000 over the years. The money Kelly has raised will see us through to next year.”
Hyde Park Winter Wonderland

Two days departing November 29

**PRICE FROM** £89

Hyde Park, in the heart of London, is one of the greatest city parks in the world and in the run up to Christmas it draws even more visitors with its Winter Wonderland event.

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The latest addition is the breathtaking Magical Ice Kingdom, where there are hundreds of sculptures created from over 200 tonnes of ice and snow. Follow the pathways through the themed areas and meet crystal-like characters, from woodland creatures to mythical unicorns.

Travel 60 metres into the sky in an enclosed pod for spectacular 360° views on the giant observation wheel, another great attraction, there is so much to enjoy, even if it’s just the magical atmosphere.

Please note entrance to the Hyde Park Winter Wonderland is free, but for some rides and attractions entrance fees are payable locally.

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Autumn leaves them laughing with comedy at city venues

Rockers with a top live reputation
An American band with a big reputation for their live performances will play Wolverhampton’s Wulfrun Hall later this year.

Rock trio Augustines, from New York, will bring their show to the city on December 5.

The band will be coming on the back of the release of Weary Eyes, third single taken from their second album Augustines.

Fronted by passionate singer/songwriter Billy McCarty, Augustines’ gigs have been known to spill into the street and even continue in nearby pubs.

Tickets are priced at £11.50 (£11.00 ticket plus a £1.50 booking fee) and are available from Midland Box Office 0870 320 7000 or online at www.wolvesivic.co.uk

Baddies are good for local musicians
WOLVERHAMPTON promoters Baddies Booze are holding two of their music sessions showcasing up-and-coming local artists.

Tomorrow (Friday) they are presenting a Pirate themed party night at the Newhampton Arts Centre, Dunkley Street, Wolverhampton. On the bill is Midnight Sun, Andy Bothe, Wales’ Jon Hobhard, Rhiannon Brown, Joseph Nicklin and Lee Ford. Entry is £5 and the show starts 7.00 pm. Then on Saturday at the Upstairs Room of Talk, Birmingham, the bill is Phillip Mundell, Craig Lennon, Mily Winter, Ellis Downen and Richard Wellington. Entry is £5.

Saturdays celebrate their finest
This Saturdays this week released their Finest Selection Greatest Hits album before touring the country, including a date at Birmingham’s NIA on September 13.

Bucking the trend by re-releasing the collection whilst at the height of their career, fans can look forward to finally getting all the girls’ hits on one album.

Studio
They promise this is far from a farewell with the band planning to return to the studio later on in the year to start recording their fifth studio album.

The album will include three new tracks alongside favourites such as Higher, All Fired Up, Ego, Up and the chart topping What

The Saturdays — all revved up and ready for their UK tour including the NIA
**FILM CHOICES**

**MONDAY**

*Imaginary Friend*, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman experiences visions of her childhood imaginary friend, whom she created for emotional support while being abused by her father. Fearing she is losing her mind, she takes drastic measures to rid herself of the hallucinations, but begins to suspect they are a warning about a threat to her life posed by her own husband. Thriller, starring Lacey Chabert. (2004)

**TUESDAY**

*Audrey’s Rain*, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An embittered woman who has given up all her own dreams for the sake of her younger siblings finds herself having to bear even more responsibility when her sister commits suicide and leaves her to raise two children. However, the return of a lost love rekindles her sense of hope. Drama, starring Joan Smart. (2003)

**WEDNESDAY**

*Precious*, BBC2, 11.05pm

Overweight and illiterate Harlem teenager Precious has endured years of abuse at the hands of her parents. Precious, played by Gabourey Sidibe, is finally pregnant for the second time and sent to anew institution, where she encounters a bleak world that seems to be her only escape. Drama, starring Gabourey Sidibe. (2009)

**THURSDAY**

*Imaginary Friend*, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman experiences visions of her childhood.

**FRIDAY**

*Paycheck*, BBC1, 11.35pm

A woman experiences visions of her childhood.

**SATURDAY**

*Secrets from the Asylum*, BBC2, 9pm

Biologist Patrick Ayres and physicist Helen Arney reveal how they detect things beyond the limits of human perception, conducting experiments in the hope of finding a way to communicate with animals.

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**BEST OF THE REST**

**MONDAY**

*Long Lost Family*, ITV, 9pm

When Colin Dearing left home to join the Army, his mother Nellie was pregnant with his sister Helen that she had given birth to in 1945 and put the baby up for adoption, believing he would have a better chance in life. Thirty years later before her death, Nellie begged Helen to find her brother and reunite the family, and this programme aims to fulfil her wish. Plus, the story of Stephen Haywood, who has put his life on hold until his fourth marriage will be a part of it. He feels unable to celebrate important occasions without his present, and in recent years his search has become more urgent due to serious health issues. Presented by Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell.

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**PICTURE OF THE WEEK**

Looking back on a match to remember

It hardly seems like two minutes since the last one finished, but last night the new Premier League season kicked off.

While non-football fans moaned and whined about how the sport is taking over TV and chucked around the watercooler at work, fans were beside themselves with glee – especially as excitement in the domestic leagues this year may help them forget the nightmare that was England’s World Cup campaign in Brazil.

But there’s another reason to celebrate the return of top-flight football, and that’s because it coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Day.

Back in 1964, when the first edition aired, Kenneth Wolstenholme later to find fame with his ‘They Think It’s All Over’ was commentating on highlights from just one game – a First Division encounter between Liverpool and Arsenal, which the Anfield side won 3-2.

Only 20,000 people tuned in, just half the number of spectators who were at the ground. But that sound has grown to clothing, but at the time, few people could receive a new channel: BBC2.

Unlike nowadays when low ratings could see a show be cancelled easily, the Beeb stuck with its sporting baby, and before long, it became an iconic show that remains must-see viewing for football fans everywhere.

This special programme looks back at MOTD’s history, picking up on memorable moments, from match highlights to the way in which it covered the Hillsborough disaster with great dignity as events unfolded.

Regular viewers such as Alan Sugar, Sue Johnston and Russell Brand discuss their love of the show, and Barry Slater takes us for the first time about composing the famous theme tune.

Also discussing the programme are John Motson, Wayne Rooney, Thierry Henry, Ryan Giggs and the newly-retired Alan Hansen.

Over the years, the likes of David Coleman, Jimmy Hill and Das Lynam have hosted the programme; it’s Larry Linkin who sits in the hottest of these days. He has every reason to be cheerful, because his beloved Lancaster City are back in the top echelons – although he’s anything but optimistic.

‘I’m not the world’s most confident fan,’ he grimmaces. ‘I should know – I believed in them more than I do.’

Does he ever wish he was back out on the pitch? ‘No way. There are aspects of football that can be quite bittersweet – being located in the hot seat, the embroidered suit at all matches, being told what time to do stuff, being told what to eat, etc, etc. The one thing I do miss is staring a big goal in an important match, and the euphoria that follows.’

Instead, Larry is happy with his new job. ‘I always look forward to the start of the season. Football is still hugely important to people in this country and Match of the Day is always an exciting show.

Long may it continue – here’s to another 50 years, at least.’

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**A SHOWHOME standard extended residence in Aittham Drive, Dudley, has an orangery.**

- It is for sale through Wakeman Estates at £279,900. It has a kitchen with double electric ovens with a gas hob and overhead cooker hood, integrated fridge/freezer and dishwasher. The orangery has spotlights, self-cleaning roof and tiled floor. There is a utility area and a galleying. The master bedroom has two fitted wardrobes and an en suite shower room. Bedrooms two and three and four have fitted wardrobes. The bathroom has bath and double shower. Contact Connells on 01384 214770 or www.connells.co.uk

**This traditional detached home has re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, in Gervase Drive, Dudley.**

- It is for sale through Wakeman Estates at £289,900 with no chain.
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The announcement of Premier Van Centres follows the launch of the all-new British-built Vivaro, which further enhances Vauxhall’s award-winning van range.

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Great mix of economy, style and performance

By John Griffiths

There’s something going on under the bonnet of a new range of Audis which benefits both the environment and drivers – particularly business users.

The company’s huge range of models has been joined by ‘Ultra’ versions of the A4, A5 and A6, using an updated version of Audi’s 2.0-litre turbodiesel engine, already one of the most powerful in its class with up to 190Ps on tap in the case of the A6.

The net result is a saving of hundreds of pounds on fuel, the tax disc and ‘benefit in kind’ tax without sacrificing performance: indeed, the new Ultra range actually has more than 67mpg on a 165mph top speed.

Yet it is also capable of beating many small hatchbacks in terms of economy, with average fuel consumption of more than 67mpg and a CO2 emissions rating of just 109g/km.

This means, compared to its predecessor, the tax band falls from C to B and a 16 per cent drop in the business driver’s tax bill – nearly £250 as well as savings at the pumps.

I drove the Ultra-powered version of the £30,850 A5 Coupe, a sleek executive express with the potential to go from a standstill to 62mph in a rapid 8.3 seconds.

And I can confirm that the figures are for real, with my own logbook showing 67.3mpg on a 165mph top speed.

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The new range uses the 2.0-litre turbo diesel under the bonnet in a completely new development, designed for even more efficiency and leaner burning. It also has a new ‘selective catalytic reduction’ system which removes nitrogen oxides from the exhaust gases, ensuring the cars meet EU6 standards, the most stringent ever applied to European cars.

Same

But the driver also has the same maximum engine power of 169PS under his right foot but at lower revs (1,200rpm low-end, 4,000rpm in fact), and maximum torque is increased to 400Nm and over a wider spread, from just 1,750rpm.

If the figures don’t mean much, you will notice the difference long before you pull up at the pumps. It means in normal driving the car whirrs along at very low rpm, saving fuel and reducing noise levels, but a little more pressure from the right foot will send it surging forward smoothly without the need to stir the six-speed manual gearbox.

All the Ultra models come as standard with lowered, sports suspension which not only reduces drag (therefore aiding economy), it also means even sharper handling. The standard alloys are reduced to 17in as a result, equipped with 225/50 low-profile tyres.

It turns into bends positively and accurately and grips well, and based on a test drive on a variety of rural roads, it has little impact on ride quality.

The Ultra models currently come as manual, front-wheel drive only, with no four-wheel drive Quattro versions.

The A5 is only available at present in SE trim, which comes with the sort of kit you’d expect from an upmarket coupé. Driver and front passenger have executive levels of space, but the sleek coupe shape does mean a small sacrifice in room for those in the rear compared to the A4 saloon.

Boot space is well up to class standards, ranging from 456 to 829 litres, depending on whether the rear seat is up or folded flat.

Driver and passengers can sit back in heated Milano leather upholstery, with the benefit of electronic climate control and an upmarket sound system with multi-media interface.

You also get automatic wipers and lights, parking sensors, satnav, multi-function steering wheel, electric front windows, and cruise control. Safety equipment includes multiple airbags as well as a limited slip differential and the usual array of electronic wizardry, such as ABS and stability control.

Tested

Audi A5 Coupe Ultra

Engine: Four cylinder 1.998cc turbo diesel with 163Ps of power and 400Nm of torque driving the front wheels via a six-speed manual gearbox.

Performance: 0 to 62mph in 8.3secs: max 199mph.

Economy: Urban 56.4mpg, country 74.3mpg, extra 34.7mpg, CO2 emissions 109g/km (tax band D).

Insurance: Group 28E.

Warranty: Three years/60,000 miles. Price: £30,850.
Marking a milestone with two specials

By Sharon Walters

SsangYong presented a fully refreshed range for 2014, and with registrations up by some 154 per cent on last year, is now one of the UK’s fastest growing marque.

With every car in the line-up being covered by an industry leading five-year limitless mileage warranty and representing such great value, perhaps that level of performance is not so surprising.

The brand first arrived in the UK 20 years ago, and to celebrate 60 years of vehicle production, SsangYong has introduced two special limited editions, one based on its popular Korando crossover and the other on the Rexton W 4x4.

All Rexton W 4x4 models are currently being offered with three years free servicing. This includes the Rexton W SX, EX and FX automatic models as well as the CISX commercial, and registered by September 30, 2014.

Combined with the existing market leading five-year limitless mileage warranty that protects all SsangYong cars, this brings three years free servicing (or three services, whichever comes sooner), giving customers complete peace of mind.

The Rexton W range is also currently available with 0 per cent finance from participating dealers.

Comforts

Built on a steel ladder chassis and with a three-tonne towing capacity, the new SsangYong Rexton W is a serious off-roader and low car, yet with all the equipment and creature comforts expected of an urban cruiser. It is powered by SsangYong’s own 2.0 litre Euro 5 turbo charged e-XDi200 diesel engine.

Taking the Rexton EX specification, the special 60th anniversary edition adds front parking sensors, an electric sunroof, heated seats front and rear, a power adjustable passenger seat, DAB satnav and is finished in pearl white lily metallic paint.

Available with either six-speed manual or five-speed Mercedes-Benz T-Tronic automatic transmission, prices range between £21,995 and £27,495, with the commercial at £18,495 ex VAT.

The Giugiaro designed Korando is already noted for its great value, high level of equipment, interior space and two-tonne towing capability, and has been given a makeover in side and out, as well as enhanced driving refinement.

Externally, the front received an all-new treatment that included a slimmed down, black mesh radiator grille, contemporary projection headlights and LED daytime running lights, while the interior was given a significant re-design that included a completely revised dashboard. Great advances in reducing NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) have also been made.

Modern

The new Korando is powered by a modern yet well-proven 2.0 litre Euro 5 turbo diesel engine. There is a choice of power outputs, manual and automatic transmission, and two wheel drive or 4x4.

Based on the four-wheel drive Korando EKX4, the special 60th anniversary edition adds 18in diamond cut wheels, an electric sunroof, rear spoiler and chrome detailing, and is completed with a pearl white lily metallic paint finish. It is available with either manual or automatic transmission.

Korando prices start from just £14,995.

The new SsangYong Turismo is almost without competition. At over five metres long and with a three-metre wheel base, the car is larger than a standard sized MPV, yet is a car rather than a van-derived ‘people carrier’.

Consequently its huge interior space and flexible passenger and load carrying capability means it can carry seven adults and 875 litres of luggage, through to two adults and 3,146 litres of load space.

Designed to appeal as family, leisure and business transportation, this new car blends multi-role flexibility with great ride comfort and the appointments and equipment levels of a luxury saloon.

The Turismo is powered by SsangYong’s 2.0 litre turbo charged e-XDi200 diesel engine, and there’s a choice of six-speed manual and five-speed Mercedes-Benz T-Tronic automatic transmission, and with the EX model, selectable 4x4 with low ratio as standard. All models offer an impressive 2.5-tonne towing capability, and prices start from just £17,995.

The Korando Sports brings a new level of refinement to the pick-up market, blending the suspension, engine and cabin breeze of a passenger car, with the silhouette, space and seating for five that’s typical of a double cab, and the rugged workmanlike ability of a commercial pick-up.

This new Korando Sports will appeal to those who need a working vehicle, the practicality of four-wheel drive, the towing capability to haul up to 2.7 tonnes yet also the appointments of a family car.

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Year-on-year, July 2014 was ahead by £831 or 12 per cent, with both average age and mileage falling over the 12-month period. CAP Clean performance was up by nearly a point, year-on-year. Average values declined in the fleet and lease sector for the third month running, although the fall was negligible at just £37 (equivalent to 0.4 per cent), while values rose in the dealer part-exchange sector to a new record level.

Nearly-new values also rose, although model mix has a significant effect in this low-volume sector. Simon Henstock, BCA’s UK operations director commented: “We are now well into the summer holiday period and the wholesale markets are generally quieter. However, this year volumes have remained relatively high and there is still plenty of competition for the best stock on offer.”

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**Barnstaple Town FC 1 Tividale FC 0**

AFTER a six-hour coach ride and a half a hour after the original kick-off time due to heavy traffic on the M5, it took the visitors quite a while to shake off the travel weariness.

Barnstaple on the other hand had been raring to go, and they completely hoisted Tividale in the first half hour and deservedly took the lead with a great strike from the impressive Jack Jenkin on 17 minutes.

The visitors were literally all over the place at this time and should have scored 2-0 down but somehow Barnstaple hit the bar from 10 yards with the ball going in.

As the half ended Tividale began to get up to some sort of speed and they were level 0-0 minutes when the first flowing move of the game culminated in a classy volley by Karl Edwards.

The second half was all Tividale and they should have been ahead well before the 72nd minute. A deep cross from the left was latched onto a through run by Karl Edwards and they were level when he was level on 40 minutes from the penalty kick.

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Wimbledon champion Jordanne Whiley’s move for Elche in Spain was still in the balance.

A 34-year-old doubles specialist and four-time Grand Slam wheelchair tennis partner of the year, Whiley has been the subject of interest from the Spanish club.

Elche, the club that commonly plays in the top tier of Spain’s football league, LaLiga, is interested in signing Whiley, according to sources in the club.

Whiley, who was born in the UK, has been a professional wheelchair tennis player since 1997. She has won two Paralympic gold medals and three Grand Slam titles.

Elche’s interest in Whiley is likely due to her skill and experience on the court. With Whiley’s addition, Elche could potentially improve their performance and even qualify for higher leagues.

Elche is currently in the third tier of Spanish football, known as Segunda División B, and a successful signing like Whiley’s could boost their chances of promotion to higher leagues.

Whiley’s move to Spain would mean leaving behind her current team, the University of Florida, where she has been studying and training. She is expected to sign a deal with Elche in the coming weeks or months.