Museum to lose 7 staff in shake-up

Up to seven jobs could be axed at the Black Country Living Museum under a shake-up of catering arrangements at the attraction.

Bosses at the Dudley site say they want to make redundancies and reduce 'financially unsustainable' premises costs.

Proposals

Black Country Living Museum spokeswoman Helen Taylor said: ‘The museum is currently considering and consulting with affected staff on proposals to improve and make more financially sustainable premises costs for food and drink operation.'

‘If the proposals go ahead, it could, unfortunately, result in up to seven job losses, although the museum is committed to doing all it can to minimise any job losses. The proposals do not affect any other aspect of the business.’

‘Around 800,000 people visit the museum annually. New developments have included the £1 million 130th High Street known as the Oldhouse and the museum permanently stood in Birmingham Street in the town.’

‘However, the museum must look closely at costs, along with the other shops in July last year, quickly rejecting any idea of any financial rescue. Busloads of job hunters have so far applied for the new jobs that will go on offer.’

‘But instead, the museum is working towards finding a way forward with outcomes which include Christmas and Halloween and Christmas events.’

80 jobs saved in firm’s U-turn

More than 80 jobs have been saved at a Black Country engineering company after its owners reversed their plan to close it down and move to America.

It means massive relief for workers at award-winning Thompson Panton Welding, in Halesowen, who have spent nearly six months on tenterhooks after their former parent company, robotics giant KUKA Systems, warned it was looking to move a task to the US.

KUKA said it had decided to keep the Hereford Road factory and safeguard the jobs after a strategic review of the business.

Larry Drake, president and chief executive of KUKA, said: ‘After a thorough review of our operational footprint and consideration of a number of options, it has been decided to reinstate Thompson’s manufacturing facility in the UK.’

At the same time Thompson chief executive Alan Shilton, who is also the managing director, has been appointed interim managing director.

Future of popular waterways event looks in doubt

The future of a popular waterways festival which attracts more than 12,000 people to a Black Country canal has been thrown into doubt after this year’s event was scrapped.

Boats at Dudley Council this week admitted they had cancelled the annual Festival of Water and Light – which has been held at The Waterfront Brierley Hill, for the past 12 years – as funding was increasingly difficult to find.

The announcement was met with dismay, concern from boating fans who traditionally stage a parade along the canal as part of the evening.

But instead they rallied together and seven boats staged their own mini celebration at the canal.

Council leader Les Jones said they wanted to make 7 staff at an end following last year’s festival,’ he said. ‘The event was run at cost-neutral for many years as it was supported through private sponsorship.

‘In recent years due to the economic climate, this private investment has inevitably been harder to secure.

‘The council is not looking to continue its involvement.’

However, he added, a private company had shown interest and is currently in discussions with the council over taking on the running of the event in the future.

Waterways enthusiast Paddy Grove – who is also director of the Black Country Boating Festival – said buyers had become increasingly concerned about when he was unable to find any information about the future of this year’s festival.

He rallied other enthusiasts, including members of Dudley Canal Trust and Birmingham Canal Navigations Society, to stage a replacement event over the weekend.

Instead of the usual venue of The Waterfront, they moved their narrowboats to the Dudley Canal next to the Merry Hill Shopping Centre on Saturday night.

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**Man grew cannabis in home**

A Black Country man found growing 17 cannabis plants in his basement last night is to be charged with money laundering and cannabis should be legalised.

But his defence solicitor, Mr Michael Whitley, gave Dudley Magistrates Court last night: "I have no doubt that we are doing this to make a profit on the market and that it is."

Officers swooped on the house on August 13.

District Judge Michael Whitley gave Dudley a 12-month community order with a supervision requirement. He was also given a curfew between 7am and 7am for eight weeks and ordered to pay £1,014 compensation for the electricity. He admitted pre- lowering a class B drug without authority.

Dudley College wants parents to give a greater role in advising their children about their future education, as national research shows most pupils do not know what choices they have after GCSEs.

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**Two dragged from vehicles by carjackers**

Carjackers targeted three motorists within four hours in Dudley last night. One of the victims was a pensioner from his vehicle and speeding off with his dog needs.

The Ridley in Dudley began with a woman trying to block the ground before he was dragged from his car outside Dudley Leisure Centre. He was dragged from his car outside Dudley Leisure Centre. The victim then walked away from the sex offender.

**Attacked**

Around an hour later, a man was attacked and robbed of his wallet after a vehicle parked outside his home. A suspect's details were therefore released on the road by Dudley Council. He had a drug problem and said he had done this in the Clayfield. The victim was also set up in a system to divert the electricity. He admitted producing a class B drug without authority. The victim was ordered to pay a community order and ordered to pay money. The suspect was also set up in a system to divert the electricity. The victim was ordered to pay a community order and ordered to pay money.

**Spending cuts will not hit service vow**

Millions of pounds of spending cuts that will see almost 50 posts go at West Midlands Police will not stop it providing a top- level service to the public, the force's most senior officer has vowed.

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**Sighting loss awareness**

An event to raise awareness about sight loss will be held this month at the Hospital of St Cross in Dudley.

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A new appeal for information has been launched by police after a further series of serious incidents in the area.

Police said they are in the process of following up a series of sightings of a white vehicle seen in the area on the night of the incident.

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**Appeal over crash tests**

More than 100 people turned out to vent their fury over the planned closure of a Dudley care home at a public meeting. Elderly residents of New Bradley Hall care home in Kingswinford and their relatives were in tears as they pleaded with Dudley Council chiefs to keep it open.

They presented a 200-name petition at last night’s event at Kingswinford Methodist Church. And they announced their intention to collect 3,000 signatures for this week’s full council meeting.

It is then that they will stage a protest on the steps of the council house ahead of a final decision on the plans.

Some said they would refuse to leave the home and “would have to be dragged out”.

They condemned the council’s approach for the site, with many people suggesting it should be sold as a go-ahead for new homes or new local authority care beds.

But she said this was “not a viable option”.

People at the meeting were urged to write letters to their MP and council leader Les Jones in the hope the closure will be scrapped.

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Concerns have been raised over the falling number of care home beds in Dudley – as the council plans to close the remaining homes it runs.

Hilary Walker, director of quality at NHS Dudley, said the borough had lost 50 beds in the last two years.

She said she had met with council bosses to raise concerns over the area’s needs.

The meeting was held in offices on the business park in Walsall.

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Firefighters, working in Kidder-minster have launched their winter safety campaign. Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service hope to highlight a range of safety advice aimed at keeping people safe in their homes and on the roads, particularly in light of figures linked to the winter months.

The service sees a seasonal increase in the number of chimney fires over the winter period so the campaign is set to target that issue.

It will also feature advice on electri- cal shocks, firebreaks and bonfire safety and Christmas message.

Spokesman Grant Willie said: "We know that targeted safety advice can help prevent the majority of fires and the severity of incidents we get called to.”

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Like a scene from Downotn Abbey, you take each step quietly, carefully and respectfully, climbing the elegant oak staircase of Hadley Hill House, Waeldyne’s Skater’s Waltz is playing softly in the background.

Then you reach the top of the stairs and it cuts you in the face. Iron, Black Sabbath and Led Zeppelin.

Right at the middle of the vaulted gallery, which was once a workers’ canteen, modernism and the Victorian are in perfect harmony. The fine art, could be the word of a bedroom of leather and lace.

An AC/DC album sleeve lies on the floor, a black electric guitar, plugged with a skull and crossbones, is propped up against the bed; a real piece of heavy metal.

It was a perfect place to showcase the heavy metal scene. If you are a fan of the visual and music of Black Sabbath, as well as bringing to life the stories of the fans, the exhibition makes it the perfect place to showcase the gritty, grungy sound which put the West Midlands on the world’s map.

Skipping

‘Music which sang about skipping off to San Francisco with flowers in your hair and not to go to people living and working in the West Midlands,’ says Hadley Hill’s Jane Hanney, who helped put the exhibition together.

‘In the industrial heartland of the world it was much darker, life was often hard, and times were tough. It was the ideal place for a new genre of food and heavy music to emerge.’

The History of Heavy Metal exhibition is a mix of the old and the new, and the same darkly heavy metal-hard-hitting industries which once went out of business are today the source of inspiration. It is not just at Hadley Hill. Wednesbury Art Gallery, The Pub in the Park in Wednesbury and the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley and Bilston Craft Gallery are all holding events, but are all featured. The pictures were taken by Cilla Black, Barry Humphries and Hermans Hermits are all featured.

Another dichotomy is presented by the black and white pictures of dean cut looking pop and rock ’n’ roll singers from the pre-metal era – Cilla Black, Bill Haley and Herman’s Hermits are all featured. The pictures were taken by music impresario Jim Simpson, who managed Black Sabbath. As well as bringing to life the stories behind the region’s metal industry, the exhibition also features the memories of many heavy metal fans whose lives were shaped by the new music scene which swept the area.

One, Ron from Tipton, recalls wogging for concert security at the Odeon cinema in Birmingham during the 1970s. ‘I was 17 then. It was the first time I did a heavy rock gig they put me down at the front for a ticket,’ he says. ‘I didn’t know this face would ever rise again. I was taken up on a warrant and thrown in the cage of the stage.

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A have-a-go hero helped catch thieves after they stole a pensioner’s handling in a busy Black Country town centre.

Father-of-three Michael Essom was on an eight-mile jog with his wife Sophie when he was involved in the drama.

The couple were running around the corner of Hagley Road and the ring road in Stourbridge town centre when a man ran past them laughing.

Moments later, a member of the public started shouting to stop the man, telling them they had stolen an 84-year-old woman’s handbag.

Mr Essom, aged 43, from Stourbridge, took off, running after the thieves as they made off across the ring road and up Church Street past The Old Crispin – dumping the bag on a wall as they ran.

Mr Essom chased after them, managing to grab one and pin them down outside Stourbridge Fire Station.

Someone helped him keep hold of the man. Police arrived and caught the second man.

“It was a real community effort with everyone shouting out, telling me where to run,” he said. “It shows a good community spirit.”

Mrs Essom stayed with the pensioner until police arrived and her husband said they would like to meet the woman again.

The drama happened at 10.30am on September 20 after the theft happened near the Chequers Inn. Three people aged 20, 21 and 37 were arrested and have been bailed.

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Complaints about adult social care in the Dudley borough shot up by more than 50 per cent in a year, according to new figures.

The number of formal complaints from service users in the borough during 2010/11 was 223—an increase of 89 from the year before, when the figure was 134. In 2008/09 Dudley Council registered 189 complaints, and 224 for 2007/08.

Nearly half of all complaints in the last year were linked to issues around reduced or withdrawn service, transfer of services or changes to services, says the report. The news comes as Dudley Council plans to shut its last remaining care homes in the borough.

One of the complaints was about a care failing to turn up, leaving a service user “distracted and vulnerable.” Other concerns included a care provider being changed without warning, and a lack of communication between staff. Reasons for the increase in complaints include a new assessment procedure being introduced, and some car services now being provided by outside bodies, the council claims.

A report to the health and adult social care scrutiny committee said: “We are increasingly addressing issues of reduced services or change of services and the impact on the individual concerned.

“It is also the case that the scope for resolving complaints satisfactorily and speedily is becoming more difficult for managers due to available resources and the criteria for resolving services.”

The total number of complaints received for 2010/11 was 272, the same as for 2009/10.

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**Stroll in park**

Wolves can enjoy a stroll out to Raggedroy Country Park between Dudley and Wombourne, near Wolverhampton this weekend. Starting from the Red Lion at the Red Lion (at the Red Lion) it will take place on October 10 and is free to attend.

The centre’s development manager Ann Evert said: “We delighted the centre is working in partnership with the Dudley and Stourbridge Lions in such a positive manner to raise awareness of the available efforts that might have had so many people worldwide.”

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**Glowing report for pre-school**

A pre-school in Wyre Forest has been given a glowing report by Government inspectors.

Forest has been given a “good” rating by inspector Donna Stevens. The report added: “Core standards are met, and welcoming and children enjoy exciting and interest-

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**Care complaints up by 50pc**

A vicar is proving she really has got soul in more ways than one after her song lyrics were chosen in a national competition for a music CD.

The Rev Eva McIntyre’s Too Deep for Words song was one of just six picked from hundreds of entries for the Open Minds EP to be launched on World Mental Health Day on October 10.

Eva’s lyrics have now been recorded by Soul Band Regalo and will be used to promote the campaign. It was a big win, and lovely, parents say, and I love what they’ve done with my words – all the songs I’ve written for the event, the year of St Michael and All Saints, W iden. The competition was run by mental health organisation Safe Inside – Safe O utside (Siso).

Eva’s prize includes an iPod Touch and VIP tickets to the launch event at The Y Leicester.

The report added: “Parents are welcomed into the school at the beginning and end of each week. They are encouraged to play an active part in special family events, holidays and outings in the community books so that children can share their experiences.”

Nursery manager Lisa Shorrosh said she was delighted by the report. The Rev Eva McIntyre celebrating winning a national soul bands’ competition

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Dudley Council will continue to round up stray horses

Dudley Council will continue its scheme to round up stray horses after an initial trial proved to be a success.

Dudley Council has been paying police to round up and impound cattle blighting the streets since starting the scheme in April. Around 45 horses have been rounded up from streets around Dudley since the trial was launched after hundreds of reports of animals roaming the streets were lodged with the council.

Until the new agreement, the council had been paying an outside agency around £60,000 a year to impound strays.

There has been a history of problems with horses trampling through gardens, over cars and stopping traffic. The scheme was due to run out this month but council chiefs have agreed to extend the trial.

Council bosses say they are also looking at other ways the problem could be tackled in the borough in the long term.

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Crossings plea for ‘deathtrap’ rejected

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PLEAS for crossings to be set up on a stretch of road near a “deathtrap” island in the Black Country have been rejected by council chiefs.

There were demands for pedestrian crossings to be installed in Cinder Bank, Dudley, after a spate of accidents in recent years. Locals complain that drivers speed along the route after leaving the adjoining Dudley Southern Bypass, which has been named as one of the worst accident blackspots in the Black Country.

But Dudley Council has said the work cannot be carried out as there is already “too much street furniture” there.

A report by Dudley Council’s highways team for an upcoming meeting of Central Dudley Area Committee lays out reasons why crossings will not be considered near Swan Street and Rimrose Lane.

Visibility

It says: “There is a large concentration of street furniture that would interfere with the visibility of both drivers and pedestrians.”

“There are also side roads and vehicle accesses near which pedestrian crossings could not be sited.”

“Accordingly, pedestrian crossing facilities for the section of Cinder Bank could not be considered further while the present circumstances remain.”

Local resident Ian Flower, aged 46, said: “There are so many speeding cars around here, it is frightening and there seem to be accidents almost every week.”

The problems stem from drivers building up their speed on the bypass and at the roundabout then treating Cinder Bank like a racing track.

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Work to restore a historic former glassworks in Stourbridge badly damaged by arsonists has been delayed.

Buses are battling to start work before winter on the former Stuart Crystal factory in High Street, Worsley, as the roof is resting where it fell during the blaze. The repairs have been set back amid delays from insurance companies. But developers want to secure the site as it is not damaged further. They want to get it done “as soon as possible” to planning and cut for a £5 million glass museum linked to the nearby Red House Glass Cone, via an underground tunnel.

Although project chiefs say the delay will not affect the overall museum scheme in the long-term, they admit that it is “frustrating”. They originally announced work was due to start six weeks ago but it stalled at the last minute.

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MI5 now recruiting telephone call spies

People who speak Arabic and other foreign languages are being recruited to listen on phone calls in the West Midlands to try to spot potential terrorists.

Security service MI5 is offering £22,000 a year to ‘foreign language analysts’ who can pick out information and disrupt threats to national security. The roles will become particularly busy next year during the Olympics with staff added to work in shifts.

MI5 wants people who speak Arabic, Bengali, Pashto, Punjabi with Pathwari, Somali and Kurdish. The jobs are also available in Greater Manchester and London.

But applicants have been warned the job is ‘not glamorous’. The security service has declined to comment further on its job offer.

Intercepted

But the description on its website reads: ‘Part of our work involves listening to legally intercepted telephone calls. That’s where you can play your part – using your language skills to listen for vital clues in what seem like everyday conversations.

‘You’ll spend your time listening to phone calls made by people under investigation to help identify threats to national security, including terrorism and organised crime.

‘Some calls won’t be relevant but your judgment, language skills and cultural knowledge will help determine which are.

‘We’re working as part of a close-knit team, piecing together intelligence to ensure maximum protection. It’s not a glamorous job, but it is important.’

Applicants must be born or naturalised British citizens and at least 18.

They are being told that ‘discretion is vital’ and that they must not discuss their applications with anyone other than a partner or close family member.

On Monday, six men were arrested in Birmingham. They were detained on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism in the UK.

A DUDLEY charity is appealing for performers to take part in a grand talent show later this month.

Dudley’s Got Talent, which takes place on October 18 at Parkes Hall Social Club, will showcase singers and performers with learning disabilities from all over the borough.

Tributes to famous acts from the West Midlands and UK will also be featured as part of the event, sponsored by Stourbridge and Kingswinford Lions, Halow Homes and Langstone Society.

The show has been organised by Dudley Voices for Choice, a group which meets regularly to discuss and speak up for people with learning disabilities. Members also provide learning disability awareness training for local organisations and the business community.

Sarah Offery from Dudley Voices for Choice said: ‘We are really looking forward to our talent show and hope lots of people come and join us, either as performers or to cheer our acts along from the audience.’

Parkes Hall Social Club is in Parkes Hall Road and the event, sponsored by Stourbridge and Kingswinford Lions, Halow Homes and Langstone Society, runs from 6pm to 8pm. For tickets or to perform, email dvl@langstonesociety.co.uk or call 07930 430963.

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Zookeeper Graham goes for retirement

Zookeeper Graham Chilton is raising a glass to celebrate his retirement after travelling to the four corners of the globe in his passion for animals.

After 45 years looking after many species at Dudley Zoo, the 61-year-old is looking back on his colourful career as he reaches retirement.

From the Falkland Islands to the Arctic Circle, Mr Chilton has been on a mission to help with conservation projects for a range of species.

“It has been brilliant every minute of it,” he said. “To have been able to travel the world has been amazing. But apart from the animals the thing I shall miss the most is being able to communicate with the public and share my enthusiasm for the zoo every day.”

Penguins

Mr Chilton has worked with killer whales, elephant seals and penguins during his time at the Castle Hill attraction.

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Alexia Bates, aged 10, has won the Little Miss Community UK contest

A schoolgirl from Dudley has won a national beauty pageant.

Alexia Bates, aged 10, secured the Little Miss Community UK title in Huddersfield after prevailing in the swimmers section of the heat of the UK-wide competition.

The youngster, who is a pupil at St Joseph’s Catholic Primary, Dudley, also modelled a prom dress in the contest.

Alexia won a tiara and sash as well as the title.

Her mother, April Bates said: “I am very proud of her as it is only the second pageant she has entered.

“She loved taking part and there was a real family atmosphere. She was a bit nervous before the final but got on with the other girls very well.”

Alexia, who won the Birmingham heat of the competition earlier this year, was also named best talent for her cheerleading display.

Alexia Bates, aged 10, has won the Little Miss Community UK contest.
Getting the economy started again is a must

5-point plan to get the economy moving again.

The economy has again dominated the headlines this week. No matter which party would have won last year's election, significant cuts would have to be made. Before the election Labour set out detailed ways to get the deficit down by saving spending and cutting taxes on welfare, education and Home Office spending for example. The Tories say Labour spent too much, as the economy was much weaker then. But I don't agree. Before the recession the Tories promised to match Labour's spending. Now they want us to believe that the global economic crisis was Labour's fault.

And anyway, the Lehman Brothers bank in New York didn't collapse because parents in Dudley got tax credits because we had more teachers and teaching assistants in local schools.

And the worldwide economy wasn't plunged into a financial crisis because we got a brand new £300 million hospital with more doctors and nurses than ever before at Russelle Hall.

Benefits

But when recession hit, people lost their jobs. They had to claim benefits instead of paying tax. The government still had to meet the wage bill and Labour spent money to get the economy moving and save people's jobs.

At Labour Party Conference last week I heard a really important speech from Labour's Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls. He did something that David Cameron and George Osborne have been unable to do: he put forward a credible plan for growth.

At the heart of a 5-point plan to get the economy moving again by temporarily reducing VAT, repeating the bank bonus tax and offering a national insurance break for firms that take on new workers.

With the queues outside job centres in Dudley continuing, anything that stimulates employment must be on our minds now.

The plan Labour announced last week would repeat the bank bonus tax in order to guarantee a job for 100,000 young people. We also give a one-year national insurance holiday from tax for firms that take on new workers.

The visit also gave me the chance to congratulate the students' union and Kim Hughes on their recent NUS awards. The College won FE Students' Union of the year and Kim Hughes won Student Unionist of this year. They deserve those awards. The College took the headlines this week for a fantastic campaign opposing the unfair EMA cuts last year. Both awards are richly deserved and I look forward to seeing staff and students again soon.

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There are many lighter moments, particularly with the two sisters who take on an almost pantomime role (akin to the ugly sisters) and the ridiculous court dancing of potential suitors, Montague Caron (Jonathan Payn) was superb. But the real treat was the exquisite dancing by Belle’s (Nan Songman) and The Beast (Ian Mackay).

Shang Hi by Cirque du Celli, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

This colourful show tells the story of teenage girl Yan Yang and her mysterious journey of discovery. Starting with film footage, which illustrates the journey from Wolverhampton to China on a globe, the audience are shown scenes of China and the story unfold of how this young girl is taken from modern-day China to the past – with the power of spirits – to discover the magic realm of the Cirque. All very easy when you know the story but a bit hard to follow on the night, but despite that there was no mistaking the ability of the performers who kept the audience spellbound for almost two hours.

They are taken with her to the bustling metropolis of Shanghai, to see jugglers, dancers, performers and acrobats who help her realise her dream of becoming a circus performer. The performances are quite spellbinding. There was the occasional slip-up including one young man who dropped the hat he was juggling but he was determined to get it right and on his third attempt he did just the delight of the audience.

Some of the positions by the contortionists were beyond belief. All this and dance, martial arts and superb costumes with original music. The traditional Chinese stunts with the aerial silks and “monkey poles” were quite breathtaking. This highly awarded internationally acclaimed production, originally directed by Cirque du Soleil’s Guy Caron, has come to the UK this year for the very first time and is well worth a visit.

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How your money helps in a drought

**By Sarah Hazelwood**

A DUDLEY mum has travelled to Ethiopia to find out how money raised in the Black Country is helping those caught in the country’s worst drought for 60 years.

Julia Hood, a volunteer at the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (Cafod), jetted off to East Africa, on September 19, to see how funds were aiding a community on the brink of survival.

Cafod is the Catholic agency supporting overseas development, working with more than 50 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to fight poverty and injustice.

This year parishes and schools across the Black Country have helped raise almost £15,000 for the East African appeal alongside a staggering £141,000 from the Birmingham Catholic Archdiocese, which Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton are all members.

Encourage

After spending a week with Cafod, and its partners visiting various communities overseas, Julia, of Richborough Drive, who has worked for the agency for the past 13 years, said the money had so far helped produce larger and deeper water holes, mend a well which had been blocked for 21 years and aid in the clearance of land to encourage cattle grazing.

“To finally be able to see the work that takes place in East Africa and the difference our projects are having on the community was a real privilege,” she said.

“This year was extremely lucky to be able to go and see the ways donations from the Black Country help those living in such hardship.

“The money we collect is crucial to helping communities get through this extremely difficult time. They haven’t had any rain since last March so it was a real shock to see the effects first hand.

“Although it is always difficult to hear those stories I have brought home with me a real message of hope that even in difficult times there is something we can do to improve the lives of so many disadvantaged and truly wonderful people overseas.”

The 48-year-old, mother of two, has done a massive amount to help raise funds over the past decade, in between working as a volunteer reading assistant at St Joseph’s school which is in Dudley.

Before the trip Julia embarked upon a sponsored walk with parishioners from St Mary of the Angles, in Walsall, in a charity stroll from Aldridge to Lichfield.

She will be returning to the church in the next few weeks to tell them about her trip and the ways in which their donations are being spent.

Collections

A host of schools and parishes take part with special collections and fundraising efforts to help fund the group’s projects.

Julia, who travelled more than 500km from the capital Addis Ababa to Yabello in the Borana region of South Ethiopia, said: “We are very lucky to have so many committed supporters as without them our work wouldn’t be possible.

“The money raised has given the community hope that they can get through this and they are just praying now that rain will fall this month.

“Livestock numbers are dropping fast but the well, which serves more than 3,000 cattle each day, puts them one step closer to saving their livelihoods. Some women from neighbouring communities walk for up to eight hours to use the well which shows just how important our help is.

“I would love to go back again to see the changes our money and support is making and again pass on my stories and show the people of the Black Country the huge difference they are making.”

For more information or to donate visit www.cafod.org.uk or call Julia on 01922 722944.

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A dry watering hole, dug by the community who are hoping for rain this month

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A hospital trust failed to meet its target of achieving a £500,000 cash surplus to re-invest in services as expenditure rose over the past year, new figures have revealed.

Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust spent £249.4 million over the past financial year up from £238.9 million in 2010/11. And the trust had originally expected a surplus of £500,000 in the coffers at the end of the financial year. Instead it achieved £275,000. This was down from £1.8 million the previous year.

Director of Finance Paul Asindor told the annual members meeting it had been a challenging year for the trust with austerity measures at national level and freezing conditions last winter taking their toll.

He told the meeting, held at Dudley’s Russells Hospital, the trust had to act quickly to deal with higher patient figures over the winter months because of the severe weather.

He said 65 beds had been committed to the trust and lucum in to ensure patients were treated to a high standard and efficiently.

“It has been a challenging year but we have achieved and in some cases exceeded all of the major targets that we were set for the year,” he said.

“We had originally expected to achieve a surplus of £500,000 for the last financial year and the final figure is less. However we know that it was going to be a smaller figure than last year.”

Mr Asindor said despite the challenging conditions the trust had still been able to spend £8m on improvements and new equipment.

He said £4m had been spent on a new multi-storey car park at the hospital along with £3.5m updating equipment and a further £1.5m revamping the north block.

Another £1.5m had been spent on a new MRI scanner and £500,000 upgrading IT equipment at the site.

### Student starts new Zumba classes

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A university student from Dudley has launched a series of new Zumba classes in the town.

Fitness fan Stacey Flynn, who is studying graphic design at Birmingham City University, says she has started the sessions so they are fun and suitable for all ages.

Classes take place at Club Dudley in Waterloo Road.

The 18-year-old, from Russells Hall, said: “I love Zumba because anyone can do it, whatever size you are, whatever age you are.

“It is fun, not like a chore you have to do it, you don’t even realise you are exercising.”

Miss Flynn said she hopes to work with other organisations between the ages of 35 and 75 to find a home for her sessions.

Classes take place on a Monday and Wednesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm and cost £5.50 to attend.

### Firm gives church a free door

A firm has stepped in to help churchgoers by making and fitting a new door free of charge following a break-in.

Members of Dudley Forth Methodist Church, in Quarry Bank, were facing a bill of up to £750 to replace the internal door which was not covered by insurance.

It was damaged during the break-in which took place at the site, in Hammers Bank, around three weeks ago, which members of the church contacted Total Plastics, in Brierley Hill, about.

A replacement, bosses offered to carry out the work for free. Managing director Dean Davis, who ran a new firm, Presto, said 19-months-old, had been thwarted at the church and he wanted to do something to help.

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Television’s lead ladies on the magic of Merlin

Angel Coulby as Gwen in the hit TV series Merlin

Katie McGrath as Morgana in the hit TV series Merlin

Katie starring as the dark sorceress Morgana

POPPULAR fantasy drama Merlin, which has returned to Saturday night television screens for its fourth series, has made stars of its two leading ladies, Katie McGrath and Angel Coulby. The two actresses are soon to be joined on-screen by Colin Morgan as the young wizard, as he begins his journey towards becoming the Merlin of Arthurian legend. In the hit series, both women portray powerful characters in their own right, with Morgan playing the dark sorceress Morgana, while Coulby stars as Gwen, the future Queen Guinevere.

Angel, who was born in Dublin and is of Irish descent, was brought up in Enfield, north London, and later attended drama school in Edinburgh, where she studied drama, before making her professional debut at the Royal Court theatre as a fresh-faced 16-year-old. She later moved to London, where she has since appeared in a number of productions, including the West End production of The Tempest, in which she played Ariel.

Angel has also appeared on screen, most recently in the BBC series ‘Holby City’, where she played the role of Jodie Foster, a young nurse who becomes embroiled in a tense relationship with her patient. She has also appeared in the hit BBC drama ‘The Bluest Eye’, in which she played the role of Ruby Reed, a teenage girl who must come to terms with her identity and the challenges of growing up.

Katie, on the other hand, is a Welsh actress who was born in Cardiff and grew up in Llanelli. She began her career in the West End, appearing in a number of productions before making her screen debut in the hit TV series ‘Holby City’, where she played the role of Sarah Matthews. She has since gone on to appear in a number of hit shows, including ‘The Tudors’, ‘The Borgias’, and ‘Merlin’.

Both actresses are known for their roles in ‘Merlin’, where they portray powerful and complex characters. Angel plays the role of Gwen, Arthur’s future queen and Morgana, his stepmother and the dark sorceress. Katie plays the role of Morgana, Arthur’s half-sister and the future queen of Camelot. The two characters are portrayed as archenemies, with their relationship often being characterized by tension and conflict.

Throughout the series, both actresses have received critical acclaim for their performances, with Angel being particularly praised for her portrayal of Gwen. The character is often described as strong and independent, with a complex personality that is both attractive and intimidating. Katie, on the other hand, has been lauded for her portrayal of Morgana, who is often seen as a manipulative and ambitious character.

Both actresses have been a part of the show for several seasons, and have continued to develop their characters throughout the series. The show has been praised for its strong female leads, with both actresses gaining a following for their performances.

The fourth series of ‘Merlin’ is set to premiere on Saturday, and will see the characters face new challenges and conflicts. The show has been described as a blend of fantasy and drama, with both Angel and Katie excited to see how their characters will develop in the new season.

The two actresses have also been recipients of many awards, including the BAFTA Cymru Audience Award for Best Actress, and the British Academy Film and Television Awards for Best Supporting Actress. Their performances have won them a dedicated fan base, with many fans following their careers and developments on-screen.

Angel and Katie are both known for their impressive range of roles, and have proved to be versatile and talented actresses. They have appeared in a number of TV shows and films, and have continued to impress with their performances.

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Heated pool and countryside views

A superb four-bedroom family home set in around 1.65 acres at Kidderminster’s premier residential address is being sold, with a price tag of £139,950.

The property – 28 Whitehill Road – has breathtaking views over countryside, a heated swimming pool, landscaped gardens and woodland, four reception rooms, rear conservatory, breakfast kitchen and utility, splendiferous master bedroom, two bathrooms, large attic new, double garage and is newly double glazed throughout.

Whitehill Road is a hugely sought after private road in leafy surroundings on the western outskirts of Kidderminster and renowned as the premier residential address in the district.

Standing in beautifully landscaped gardens which merge into woodland and also enjoy for reaching views towards Trimpley, this most attractive 1960s built property lies discreetly set back from the road behind an enticing driveway approach with central island and parking for numerous cars. There are superb elevated views to the rear over countryside, with sweeping lawns to well stocked beds and borders.

The interior extends to around 4,000 sq ft of space arranged principally over two floors, plus a versatile second floor attic room offering potential to create a fifth bedroom, games room or office.

The five bedrooms are all of excellent proportions, the largest two both benefiting from picture windows capturing the magnificent views to the rear, while the master bedroom features a generous en-suite bathroom.

The extensive ground floor accommodation includes an impressive reception hall with feature staircase and guest cloakroom, while on the ground floor is the huge family room, swimming pool changing room and WC.

Caledon Estates & Jones on 01562 747715 for further details.

With an asking price of £139,950, this well-presented three-bedroom semi-detached house on Shortts Lane, Oldbury, provides excellent family-sized accommodation.

With ample off-road parking, generously sized bedrooms, double glazing and central heating where specified and an extensive rear garden, viewing is recommended.

Approached via a print concrete driveway with space for several vehicles, steps lead up to a stained and leaded double glazed upvc door which opens to the entrance hallway with stairs to the first floor.

The lounge, 14ft 11in by 12ft 1in features a marble effect fireplace with inset coal effect living flame gas fire, while the breakfast kitchen – measuring 14ft 7in by 8ft 11in, has a wall mounted Cannon gas fire, delightful range of matching wall and base units with contrasting work surfaces over, inset stainless steel one and a half bowl sink and drainer unit with mixer tap, integral Shaws oven with integrated four ring AEG gas hob, complimenting range of space for fridge, freezer, plumbing for washing machine, tiled floor and space for table and chairs.

There is a rear yard door leading to a store cupboard with low hand basin, while on the first floor is a well appointed bathroom with white suite comprising low level flush W.C, pedestal wash hand basin and panelled bath with mains shower over and glass shower screen.

There are also three bedrooms, measuring 13ft 2in by 10ft 6in, 10ft 6in by 10ft 10in and 9ft 1in by 7ft 18in.

The extensive rear garden has a gravelled area with garden shed, raised slabbed patio area with mature shrubs and trees and further area ready to be laid to lawn. Timber fencing surrounds the garden with a gate for access to the garage.

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Large detached home near to railway walk

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The first floor landing leads to a master bedroom with built-in wardrobe and en-suite shower room. Guest suite with built-in wardrobe and en-suite shower room. Three further bedrooms (two with built-in wardrobes) and a family bathroom with spa bath.

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The double garage measures 14ft 10ins by 17ft 5ins. The private rear garden includes a paved patio, shaped lawn with shrub borders with mature shrubs and trees and further patio areas to the rear.

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ALDER COPPICE
A four bedroom detached family home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a through lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a utility room, a further bathroom, a double garage and a delightful rear garden.

GOSPEL END ROAD
A two bedroom detached house that briefly comprises a reception porch, a dining room, a spacious lounge, a kitchen, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a Rangemaster oven, a utility room, a garage, a downstairs shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a cloakroom and a downstairs shower room.

CAERNAVON WAY
A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a Rangemaster oven, a utility room, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a further bathroom and gas fired central heating.

GROSVENOR ROAD
A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining area, a playroom/study, a kitchen, four bedrooms, a bathroom, a garage, a downstairs shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a lovelly rear garden.

WESTRIDGE
A three bedroom newly built detached house that would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement and modernisation and briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with open access to the dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a garage, gas fired central heating and a rear garden.

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A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a good sized rear garden.

SANDFIELDS ROAD
A three bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a rear garden.

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A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a further bedroom, dining room, a fitted kitchen with a breakfast bar and a rear garden.

EAST STREET
A three bedroom semi-detached house that briefly comprises: Reception porch, a lounge with open access to the rear garden, a fitted kitchen, a utility room and a downstairs w/c.

BROWNWSALL ROAD
A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: A reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a bathroom, a garage and a good sized rear garden.

GIDEONS CLOSE
A two bedroom semi-detached house that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining area, a kitchen, two bedrooms, a family bathroom with a shower over bath, a garage and a rear garden.

VALE STREET
A two bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a separate dining room, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a fitted en-suite shower room, two bedrooms, a further bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a rear garden.

THE KIPLING, STRAITS HOUSE
Strats House is a stunning development of one and two bedroom apartments that is spread over the top floor of a former school in Wrockwardine. The building is a one bedroom ground floor apartment situated in one of the new build wings. It briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan living area that leads to a balcony, an en-suite, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing and gas fired central heating.

TURSHALL COURT, TIPPER ROAD
A two bedroom ground floor flat that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, communal grounds and a garage situated in an adjacent block.

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A one bedroom first floor flat that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a fitted kitchen, a shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and communal gardens.
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SKODA’S new model will make its debut in its domestic market, the Czech Republic, before the end of the year. With the launch of the new Škoda, the designers have used a head-thruster side airbag to protect the front passenger in case of an accident. The vehicle has a number of solutions to help improve overall comfort. In the three-door version, the ‘Easy Entry’ system allows easy access to the rear seats.

For the first time in a Škoda vehicle, a portable navigation system is available. The device is fitted to the dashboard and can be removed easily and used on the go. Being an integral part of the vehicle’s electronic architecture, the system provides not just navigation, but also hands-free calling with built-in Bluetooth and onboard unit interface. Using a five-inch touch screen, the driver can view important information about the car (onboard computer, optical signals from the parking sensors).

The Skoda places great emphasis on safety. For the first time in a Škoda vehicle, the designers have used a head-thruster side airbag to protect the front passenger in case of an accident. The vehicle has a number of solutions to help improve overall comfort. In the three-door version, the ‘Easy Entry’ system allows easy access to the rear seats.

Experience summer in the Citigo from Škoda

The design of the new Škoda Citigo is a clear indication of what will arrive in new Škoda models. The finned grille in a chrome-plated frame and precisely shaped headlamps give the car a typical Škoda look. The Citigo will measure just 3.56 m long. 1.65 m wide and 1.48 m high.

The Škoda Citigo is an ideal car to drive in urban areas. It offers agility while being frugal. Put simply: it’s an attractive choice offering many clever ideas. The car offers all of Škoda’s value in a compact package and fits perfectly with Škoda’s aims.

‘Skoda’s new small vehicle is a reaction to this trend. We are entering new ground and the Citigo will attract prospects mainly in our European market, given the high level of space and comfort the car offers even on short distances, the engines are highly economical. Depending on the speed and the traffic situation, this automatic braking solution may completely prevent a collision, or at least reduce its severity. The risk of bumping into the car ahead is thus reduced significantly in city traffic. The launch (14 kW/60 PS and 15 kW/67 HP) and the transaxle have been designed to provide optimum economy and their surroundings.

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Gornal blast eight past Darlaston

West Midlands Regional League
Darlaston 1 Gornal 8

Gornal got a flying start in the FA Cup second qualifying round on Saturday with a comfortable 8-1 victory over Darlaston. The match kicked off at five minutes past two and the visitors were ahead within five minutes when a Darlaston defender put the ball into his own net for 1-0.

The Girls

Hannah’s hat-trick

Girls

Kerford 1 Hawkes 4

Walsall

The U12s lost 5-3 with the win for the U12s. The U14s won 2-0 and the U16s won 2-1.

Hawkes

Walsall 2

Hawkes won their first game of the season when they defeated Walsall 2 with a convincing 2-1 win on Saturday. The U14s won 2-0, while the U16s won 2-1.

Ashmore Park Ranges

The U12s won 2-0, but they were unable to hold onto their lead. The U14s scored two goals in the second half.

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The U16s won 2-0 after a hard-fought battle with three goals.

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Halesians keep hold of unbroken run in the league

Old Halesians 31 Stratford 17

Old Halesians won the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Schools Cup in January 2010 and managed to keep a clean sheet of wins for the season. This game, played at the Clwydians Park, was no exception. Halesians, who have dominated the league this season with a 100 percent win rate, faced Stratford in a tight match.

Halesians started strongly, taking the lead in the first half with a try scored by Stefan Shillingford. The try was converted by Brookes, giving Halesians a 5-3 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Stratford managed to score a try, but Halesians quickly responded with another try from Shillingford, making it 11-6. Despite Stratford's efforts to level the score, Halesians maintained their lead, scoring another try from Shillingford in the 55th minute, making it 16-6.

Halesians went on to score two more tries, with Shillingford scoring his third try in the 65th minute, followed by a try from another Halesian, ensuring a comfortable win for Halesians. The final score was 31-6, with Halesians securing the win and maintaining their unbeaten record in the league.

The game was a test of both teams' skills and determination, with Halesians coming out on top. The team's strategy and teamwork were evident throughout the match, resulting in a well-deserved win.

The victory was a testament to Halesians' abilities and the quality of their players. The team's dedication to the sport and their commitment to the league were evident in their performance.

The win keeps Halesians at the top of the league standings, with a perfect record of 31 wins in 31 games. The team's next match is scheduled for next week, and they will be looking to continue their winning streak.