A tasteful new outlook for revamped Pie Factory

TIPTON'S Pie Factory pub has received a £30,000 revamp by its former owner. Mr Filer said he would not try to re-establish the brand name at the former branches in Camp Hill, Wednesfield and Halesowen, Lower Gornal. The news came as he announced he planned to concentrate on building business at the original Pie Factory in Tipton. He promised the revamp work had not detracted anything from the pub's character, adding that its signature ale, Lombridge, will now be brewed at the Revell Wombourne pub

Big boost for fledging firms

A £6 million centre offering short-term space for fledgling businesses is back from administrators PKF earlier this month under the name of Premium Centre. It would enable small companies to work together and get advice from each other to help boost Dudley's economic recovery, said cabinet member for regeneration Councillor Lee Jones.

The council is working on a bid for £41 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to help kick-start work on the site. It plans to attract a development partner to take and manage the project, which is expected to cost around £6.8 million. Unintimiated Jones says the new centre will be open to all. All 15 jobs have been secured.

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Hi-tech gym a feature of £1m town college facelift

Councillor to dim lights project A SCALD-DOWN of lights will greet street lights in Dudley as plans come to fruition.

A round £12m of savings is on the cards as Dudley Council aims to switch off street lights in the town centre.

A report in the town centre (March 20) has been launched by Dudley Council as a means of cutting down on unnecessary spending.

A new report, released last month, has been hailed as a “significant” step forward in the reduction of unnecessary spending.

Dudley Council’s report, released in March, said: “The new project is expected to save around £1m a year and is expected to be fully implemented by 2021.”

The council said it was aiming to switch off street lights in the town centre, as well as other areas of the town, in order to make the area safer and more attractive for residents and visitors.

A spokesman for Dudley Council said: “We are making a significant investment in our town centre to make it safer and more attractive for residents and visitors.

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Mum Julie stepping out to say big thank you to hospital staff

A Halesowen health shop worker is in a mission to raise more than £1,000 for the hospital after losing her son from meningitis.

Julie Davies, who works at the Holland and Barrett shop, in the Crowwhall Centre, will be joining son Joshua for the annual REMM Walkathon, on Sunday, May 8.

Davies, and three-year-old, Jessica, will also be taking part in the event, held in support of family fundraiser.

Eight-year-old, Joshua, of Brierley, was rushed into Birmingham’s Children’s Hospital, three days before Christmas, last year, where he spent three days in the intensive care unit and a further 11 days on the ward.

He has now been back at school for four weeks but is still undergoing tests to find out the cause of his blood clot which he developed whilst in hospital.

Grateful

Julie said: “We are so thankful that he has come out of this whole thing unscathed.

“Before he went into hospital he had a various symptoms which were extremely worrying and without the help and efficiency of the staff at the hospital he wouldn’t be here today.

“We can’t express how grateful we are for their hard work and dedication.

“Doing the REMM walkathon is our way of giving something back to the staff.

“We wanted to do more than just say thank you.”

The family have already raised more than £700 through donations from Joshua’s school, Holywell Primary, in Brierley, and the Halesowen branch of Holland and Barrett.

They are now hopefully they will smash their £1,000 target and are urging for people to continue showing their support.

Julie said: “We have received an overwhelming amount of money so far but we are eager to keep encouraging people to sponsor us and through their generosity help Joshua say a big thank you.”

“Do the money that we will raise will go towards the improvement of the children’s ward and its facilities.

“It’s the very least we can do to support such a deserving team.”

Mascot

Joshua also won the chance to become a mascot at the Birmingham City v Arsenal game, at Wembley, last month, after he was entered into a competition by his other favourite team, City football club are avid supporters of the Menino Trust and No1 goalkeeper Colin Doyle almost lost his son in the disease.

Parking fears on route for buses

Cars are being parked on a blind bend and are likely to affect other vehicles including on a main road in Dudley.

Dudley Council is floating parking laws by leaving bright yellow lines in Clarence Park, in Upper Street, while they visit shops in the town centre.

Because of the bend in the road drivers could easily be taken by surprise. 

Julie Davies, aged 27, said: “I think about what they are doing. This is on a bus route and there is a shop nearby.

Drivers

Dudley Council and police have taken action by issuing tickets to illegally parked cars.

Dudley Council has even provided a small car park on the opposite side of the road. But drivers are continuing to flout the restrictions and leave cars where they get a ticket, as it is claimed.

Chairman, Doreen Amos said it was a matter of time before there was a serious accident.

She added: “We despaired when we heard those thoughtless motorists to think about what they are doing. This is on a busy road and there is a shop nearby.

Vellow

Ian Parker is releasing his live album  can save them – talent at the Robin Hood Club

It has revealed that the album, which has been released on March 21, but only wavers in the region will be able to buy it.

There are also plans for a new link road which would be built in the Fab 20 promenade in Castle Hill. The new road would also have a slip road for the Netherend Road exit.

A new link road would also be built in the West End and a new link road in the West Midlands will be hit by a daily charge. The high fees will help raise almost £1 million towards running bus services, transport bosses have agreed.

The 60p single fare will be introduced from April 1 and will avoid around eight per cent of journeys being axed to cover a £300,000 cash shortfall.

More than 30,000 elderly and disabled people who use Ring and Ride across the region, once pay £2.50 for journeys, now will instead pay £3.10 per journey.

Up to 40 jobs would also be cut at Dudley Council’s leisure service. It has put forward ideas that it could save from £400,000 to £500,000.

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PHOTO: Richard Wyman recovering

A MAN is threatening Dudley’s Russells Hall hospital with legal action after his operation was cancelled four times in the last minute.

Richard Wyman, aged 32, says he endured a “complete farce” as he waited nine months for the procedure on a ruptured kidney.

On four occasions he turned up at the hospital only to be told the operation could not go ahead – sometimes being made to wait hours before he could leave.

It was finally carried out on February 2 but Mr Wyman says he is “disgusted” with the way he was treated. Mr Wyman, a technician for National Grid, who works in the hospital’s chief executive Paula Clarke demanding an apology and compensation. In January, the hospital held an internal investigation into how the procedure was handled.

Mr Wyman said: “This shows the utter lack of training and the hospital process that my experience with the hospital has been.

“I expect some sort of compensation for all the stress and trouble the hospital has caused.

“And before making any decisions I hope the chief executive puts herself in my shoes and thinks what outcome she would expect if this had happened to herself or a member of her family.”

Mr Wyman suffered the injury at work in July last year when he was stretching for equipment in the back of his van.

INVESTIGATE

He was taken to Russells Hall with his right arm as it has no strength since the accident.

Hospital chief executive Ms Clarke said: “We are very sorry that on this occasion the patient felt they did not have a good experience of our service.

“We would ask them to contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service so that we can thoroughly investigate the issues and offer help, advice and learn from their experience.”

Two hundred people applied for just nine jobs at a new coffee shop due to open next month at a Dudley hotel.

The Village Hotel had such interest in its Bistro Starbucks outlet that it received more than two applications for each of the eight staff positions.

Potential workers, including graduates, were interviewed in groups of three.

“Phobias are much harder to explain.”

Fearing – Richard Wyman recovering

Op delay patient calls for apology over ‘shambles’

Family in plea to former workmates of tragic dad

Brushing up on studio is step forward for dancers

SCHOOLS in a village near Stourbridge are ‘bursts’ of noise caused by a group of children coped with the hundreds of extra children who would flood into the area if plans to build at least 219 homes on land between Western Road, Hagley and the island at the junction of the A418 and A491, which straddles Hagley and Clent.

Three planning applications for housing and commercial development, in Brierley District Council’s ‘Core Strategy’, have been submitted this week.

Bromsgrove Council is consulting the public about the estates, which include proposals to build a total of 1,760 dwellings in the district between now and 2021.

At 21 of those would be built on the land off the A418 and A491, which straddles Hagley and Clent.

Shopping

Malcolm Richards, chairman of Worcestershire Association of School Governors, said: “Schools in Hagley are bursting at the seams, particularly at Haybridge High School, which serves five primary schools in surrounding villages could not fit a single more pupil.

“If 220 more houses were built in the area, they would produce a similar pressure on the school as the new homes which would be built on the site, and if those plans were to go ahead – sometimes being made to wait hours before he could leave.

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Order placed on DVD men

Two men who broke into a Tipton scrapyard, where they were sentenced to a 12-month community sentence after only stealing an old DVD.

Warley Magistrates Court heard how Paul Andrew Sedgewick, aged 22, of Brierley Hill and Matthew David Wesson, aged 19, of Sandwell Road, Tipton and 25-year-old Matthew David Wesson, aged 19, of Sandwell Road, Tipton were seen on CCTV entering a scrap yard and around metal around metal waste site in Tipton on February 6.

Maxine Jarrousse, pro-curing, said that at around 11.30pm the two men were seen by the yard’s owner using CCTV entering the premises through the fence.

She said they spent around 10 minutes looking around the yard and Sedgewick and Wesson were seen on CCTV sitting down on the site which had been covered in anti-theft paint and entering the site offices.

When the police arrived they found both men had gone and entering the yard and they also found a pair of shoes which they believed they were accused.

Miss Jarrousse said they were found to have only taken a single attack.

“Although this was a metal yard these men did not steal any metal.”

Magistrates sentenced the two men to a 12 month community order, with supervision. Court costs were waived due to their financial circumstances.

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Church seeking £200,000 grant

THREE congregations of a Grade II-listed Dudley church, has applied for £200,000 worth of English Heritage funding for repairs. The Dudley Baptist Church fundraising committee has been asked to find the high level of restoration work on the building and includes work to the roof, including new tiling and restoration of its original majesty.

Project manager Gordon Roberts said: “We need to bring this Edwardian building into the 21st century, and this work needs to be done as carefully and sympathetically as we can.”

Mr Roberts is looking to find out if their application has been successful at the end of next month and work would take a year to complete.

On March 26 the Villages Hall Trust is to hold the concert at the church to help to raise money for the church to help with the £200,000 needs.

Tickets are £5 and can be bought by calling 01384 792802 or 01384 819781.

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SANDWELL’s answer to the King of Rock ‘n’ Roll will be getting All Shook Up for a charity fundraiser next week.

The borough’s greywacke leader, Councillor Darren Cooper, will be driving his Blue Stude- bia 1966 car from home to perform Elvis hits in aid of the Mayor’s charity.

Councillor Cooper, a long-standing Presley fan, will be joined by council staff and friends for the show at The Public, in West Bromwich, on Saturday, March 26, at 7pm. The variety show at the New Street arts centre will feature singers, dancers and comedians.

All money raised will go to the Alzheimer’s Society and St Vincent’s Centre Support.

Councillor Cooper said: “I am looking forward to practising a few numbers and I will be performing them in true Elvis fashion.”

For tickets, priced £6, call 0121 533 7139 or 0121 569 3041.

A DUDLEY sports car manufacturer is aiming to more than double its workforce after signing a £30 million-a-year international deal.

Westfield Sportscars Ltd, based in Kingswin- ford, will be recruiting between 35 and 50 new staff over the next year after sealing a deal with Malaysian company DRB-HICOM. The announcement was made during a visit by Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.

The baroness, co-chairman of the Conserva- tive Party and Minister without Portfolio, was given a tour of the Westfield workshop includ- ing the chance to see prototypes of new cars – among them the world’s first electric sports car.

“Westfield Sportscars is a great example of a company which is rooted in the local community, but is looking to trade worldwide,” the min- ister said.

Development

“What this Government is interested in is not only getting out of the way of development by reducing the amount of bureaucracy, but by supporting businesses in such a way that sends a message out to the rest of the world that Britain makes some fantastic products.”

Westfield managing director Julian Turner, aged 33, told the minister that the Malaysian deal would be a huge boost to the company.

He said the visit by Baroness Warsi had been very positive.

“It’s always great to be able to show someone around and show them what it is we do, as well as raise any concerns,” he added.

“The deal with the Malaysian firm will add around £30m a year to our turnover.

“This will in turn pass on to our suppliers, 80 per cent of which are also in the West Midlands, so it will be a real boost to the local economy.”

Currently, 35 people are employed at the car maker’s base in the Gibbons Industrial Park in Dudley Road, Kingswinford.

Jobs bonanza in £30m motor export contract
Bus stops street party for William

THE brakes have been put on plans for a street party to celebrate the royal wedding in Dudley because it would disrupt a bus service in the town.

Disappointed families are now urging the council to make a U-turn on the decision.

They say celebrations planned in The Portway, Kingswinford, to mark the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton have been left in tatters. More than 30 residents asked for the road to be closed for a few hundred yards between the Stream Road and Cranham Drive junctions for the party on Friday, April 29.

But Dudley Council has refused on the grounds that it would disrupt a bus service on the route.

An offer had already been made to install a soft play area for children free of charge for the event and one resident planned to bake a mini wedding cake.

Families said they had contacted National Express West Midlands and said the area they wanted to close off did not include a bus stop.

Diversion

Portway pub licensee KayReczko, who was helping to organise the party, said: “We have already checked about the buses. In the past there has been a short diversion – literally a right turn along another street – put in place. We have spoken to them and they are very popular in the community. We don’t want to plan it to have been held here at the pub and the room has been booked.

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Lifeline for cafe comes at price

A DUDLEY cafe threatened with closure looks likely to survive after its owner agreed to pay thousands of pounds towards road improvements in the town.

The French Connection Baguette House in High Street was told it needed permission as a cafe if it continued to serve cooked meals.

Businessman Mustafa Uluks has been running a sandwich shop in the town centre for 12 years but moved to High Street two years ago. He was told he needed a different planning permission to run the business as a cafe.

Mr Uluks submitted a retrospective planning application for change of use in November 2009.

Application

But it was rejected by the council because he would not pay an original demand for £8,000, which was later reduced to £3,372. He branded the demands as greedy and unfair.

But he was told he had four months to comply with the order as a condition of planning permission or face being closed.

Mr Uluks agreed to pay the £3,372 and hopes the change of use for his cafe will be given the go-ahead by the council.

Sandy Council spokesman Chris Hewes said: “We have advised the owner he needs to submit an application for a change of use and settle the planning contribution.”

Sam and Sandra Lockley, of Coseley, toast their golden wedding anniversary

A LOVING couple from Coseley are celebrating 50 years of marriage by returning to the seaside resort they visited on honeymoon.

Sam and Sandra Lockley married on March 4, 1961, at St Mary’s in Sedgley after dating for three years.

Now, 50 years on, they are returning to their honeymoon destination of Newquay to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs Lockley, aged 69, said: “We had planned to have two bridesmaids and two pageboys but a couple of days before the wedding my mother, who was making the dresses, revealed 10 bridesmaids’ outfits, all modelled by the local neighbouring girls. It was such a wonderful surprise.”

The couple, from Pointon Close, have two children, Jane, 48 and Andrew, 44, as well as five grandchildren.

Former painter and decorator Mr Lockley, now 71, said the secret to a happy marriage was a “great deal of luck and patience”.

In shape for summer

KEEP fit sessions are on offer at a church in Rowley Regis for those looking to get in shape ready for the summer.

St Giles Church Hall, in Hawes Lane, stages the event, which runs every Thursday from 9.30am to 10.30am.

It costs £2 and is run by the Sandwell Leisure Trust. You can just turn up or for more information call Matt Hill on 01384 664811.

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Last year it celebrated its 25th anniversary, surviving several recessions and bouncing back with a record sales year, new products and several new staff members.

General manager Martin Hawkins said: “We now employ eight people and, while demand is erratic at the moment, we achieved turnover of just under £1 million last year and expect to break that barrier this year.

“One of our big successes has been in packs and kits of parts, sometimes with special finishes, for flat-pack furniture manufacturers and TV stands.

“Plastics
“We are making sure we supply a range of different industries, so we always have something to fall back on if one starts to slow down.”

The company, based on the Waterfall Lane Trading Estate in Cudley Heath, has also made a point of a flexible approach, working with its manufacturing customers to adapt its products and packaging to their needs. It also aims to keep its prices competitive by sourcing stocks direct from the Far East, India and Eastern Europe, although Martin Hawkins said the company tried to make a point of finding suppliers in the UK where it could.

After a quarter of a century, Nigel Elliott is still very much at the helm, working closely with his son and fellow director Matt.

The company’s name came from his decision to use his initials NE as a play on the words “for any fastener requirement”.

Since that start in Nigel’s garage, it has expanded from the simply supply of threaded screws and fasteners to producing machined components, plastic and metal parts as well as pressings such as brackets.

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A TIPPTON warehouse has been targeted by arsonists for the second time in six months.

Firefighters were called to the derelict building formerly used by Roman Mosaics, a ceramic tile firm, last week.

A blow gutted the roof of the Bloomfield Road site, smashing timbers inside and leaving the building at risk of collapse.

Six fire engines were dispatched to tackle the flames, which took more than two hours to extinguish. Tipton Crew Commander Andy Bailey said: “The roof was 100 per cent affected and collapsed, there was no-one inside fortunately.”

Bloomfield Road was closed from Brown Lane Street to Hipples Street, as fire crews checked for hotspots. Fire officers said the goods and wall would need to be demolished to prevent the factory collapsing.

Building consultants from Sandwell Council were also on site.

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I am 81 and certainly don’t feel too old or too nervous about having implants. I agreed, but not without reservation. The first appointment with Mr Pugh was professional and reassuring and the second visit showed I had sufficient bone to support two implants which secure my lower denture.

The insertion of the implants was painless – no different to having a filling.

Mr Burchell fitted my perfectly-contoured dentures, securing them to the implants.

They were a superb fit, a situation I had not experienced for a number of years. While initial costs may appear high, having considered the long-term benefits of the treatment, I feel confident I made the right decision.

The stability of the denture is just amazing and I can happily go to any restaurant without thinking about what I have attempted to eat, which I have not been able to.

To sum up, there’s nothing I have attempted to do which I feel I can’t do because of my dentures.

**Jones’ story**

I can eat anything, but that’s not always been the case. It’s as if I had my natural teeth back and I can’t believe the difference.

Having read good reports of Mr Burchell’s reputation at fabricating realistic, natural-looking, well-fitting dentures, I made an appointment to see him.

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**Peter’s story**

I’ve eaten everything and never been able to eat it, but it really isn’t funny when you have unresolved problems with false teeth.

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Deal with worries or a heavy workload by making lists of things to be tackled the next day.

Make sure your bed is comfortable. It's difficult to get deep, restful sleep on one that's too soft, too hard, too small or your existing bed no longer offers the comfort or support it once did.

It's difficult to get to sleep if your mattress is too hot, nor too cold, and as quiet and dark as possible.

Don't over-indulge. Too much food or alcohol, especially late at night, just before bedtime, can play havoc with your sleep patterns. Alcohol may help you fall asleep initially, but will interrupt your sleep later on in the night.

Don't smoke. Yes, it's bad for sleep, too. Smokers take longer to fall asleep, wake more often and often experience more sleep disruption.

If you can't sleep, don't lie there worrying about it. Get up and do something you find relaxing until you feel sleepy again – then go back to bed.

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The introduction of specialist teams tasked with slashing the amount of money owed, the authority has been able claw back £97,199 since April 2009 but the total amount of rent arrears still stands at £1,245,856. The council introduced evening phone sessions to make it easier to contact tenant arrears.

The authority is also taking pay-ments directly over the phone when making repayment agreements.

Former council tenants have paid back £39,488 after being sent reminder letters.

Dudley Council’s cabinet member for adult, community and housing services, Councillor David Sims, said: “The teams have risen to the challenge and at the end of December 2010 had reduced the level of current rent arrears to £1,245,936 which represents a reduction of £97,199 since April 2009. “

**Fortnightly**

“...In addition, the specialist income management teams have collected £39,488 from former tenant debt.

Earlier this month, the council approved a rent increase averaging 6.7 per cent for tenants. It was the biggest increase in seven years, and was approved by 12,000 council tenants. The move is expected to bring annual revenue of £339,488 from 33,000 homes. The amount of rent arrears represents 5.7 per cent of the total income from rent.

Councillor Sims added: “We have 1,599 accounts which show a balance of more than £1.2 million. However, only 2,247 accounts have more than two weeks’ average rent outstanding. “...It must also be noted that people often have multiple debts, including direct debit payers, and those figures will include tenants in the middle of a payment cycle.”

Dudley Council’s tourism assistant Nicola Havers with an SS Broadfield ring lifebuoy which is part of the British seaside exhibition at Broadfield House for the exhibition, which runs at the Glass Museum, in Kingswinford. This exhibition at a Black Country museum, including direct debit payers, and those figures will include tenants in the middle of a payment cycle.

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I was invited along to try out the VibroGym by Bal Dhillon of Energie Fitness for Women in Dudley.

Bal proceeded to talk me through the benefits of using the VibroGym before I initially stood on the plate. I questioned if I was ok getting on the machine in my work clothes and Bal assured me that it was ok. The whole point of the Vibrogym is so as you can use it when you have 20 minutes spare, so is ideal for use on your way home from a day at the office. To my delight Bal also told me it helps relieve stress after a busy day at work.

My first sensation as I stood on the plate was a subtle vibration running through my leg, this was just to get me used to the sensation. I then proceeded to do my warm up, first my hamstrings then my calves followed by my quads each with a 30 second vibration.

I then was taken through a session which included me doing some squats, press ups positions, follwowing upper body work using straps attached to the side of the VibroGym. After around 10 minutes I then proceeded to warm down.

My overall sensation when finishing my routine was a feeling of wellbeing and my complexion was rosy, but yet I never broke into a sweat or felt tired.

After my session I carried on as usual with the rest of my day. The next day I could feel in my muscles as though I had done a workout. Personally I know I will be a regular at Energie Fitness for Women using the VibroGym.

Sharon Mason, Express & Star

Testimonials from VibroGym Users

Sara Carrigan, Olympic Gold Medallist, Road Cycling
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“I use vibration training before and after training because it allows me to train harder and recover faster. There has been a lot of international research done on vibration training showing that it greatly reduces Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness and that it can give me improved flexibility and jumping power in much less time than conventional training”.

Sharon Mason, Express & Star
ONE of the most important jobs I perform as the MP for Dudley South is taking part in the Remembrance Sunday parade.

Like the vast majority of British people I was therefore absolutely disgusted by the manoeuvre of the EDL five hundred handed down recently to Muslim extremists. Emdadur Choudhury of Spitalfields, East London, for offences under the Public Order Act.

You will all doubt have seen news reports of Choudhury, a member of Muslims Against Crusades (MAC), burning poppies at a “protest” on Armistice Day last year.

Video footage of the incident was shown to the court. In it, a member of the MAC could be heard to say “the two minutes have started” before leading a series of anti-British chants.

Freedom of expression does not mean unlimited. In this case, Migration Watch published a report last month entitled Move Immigration: Labour’s Enduring Legacy to Britain, which suggested that some three million immigrants arrived under Labour while illegal immigration surged.

This report exposes how Labour put prosperity at risk. As the Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls has acknowledged, Labour’s brazen immigration was plainly wrong.

Unlimited migration has placed a great and palpable burden on our public services. That is why we are carrying out major reform of the system. We have already introduced an annual cap on immigration and linked it to the number of economic successes from outside the UK.

Alongside our new proposals to reform other routes of entry, including work and settlement visas, which have in the past contributed to widespread abuse.

At the same time we are committed to ensuring our economy – dealing with the huge deficit we inherited and providing a new one.

Those who oppose our plan – who (Britain’s largest) – need to offer their own alternative or accept that they have no credible, viable plan of their own.

When I was in the Chamber of the House of Commons watching Prime Minister’s Questions I often feel that the two Elite don’t have anything in common, rest of us and that neither of them has any understanding what’s important in areas such as these.

It doesn’t help that both are being accused of a being a participant in the creation of a Regional Growth Fund. This is a £2 billion programme that will stimulate growth and provide real help to local people – particularly in places currently too reliant on one big industry.

Last Friday I met with Peter Sheldrick, Chief Executive of Dudley Zoo Group and received an update on the Mark Walford Centre and which is progressing well.

Enterprise Allowances will hopefully help small businesses in the Black Country who want to start their own business.

Mentoring

This will be available to people who have been short of benefactor’s help. Allowances for more than six months, provide access to business mentoring and the potential support of up to around £2,000, including advice on how to start and access to a start up loan.

Last year’s defence budget is £39 billion and we are spending £120 billion on defence that is supposed to be an additional 2 per cent. This is less than the total cost of the NHS.

We hope to encourage SMEs to be the best. In contrast our agenda is to stimulate growth and provide a real plan of how to bring down the numbers.

We will be looking at what we can do. We have already taken action and hope to keep this up.

The New Enterprise Zone at South Staffordshire Council. It will be available to people who want to start a business.

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Staff and volunteers from the Prince’s Trust with Brierley Hill firefighters and youngsters Greg Adams, aged four, Evie Gregory, five and Haydon Bagnall, four

FirefighTERS and volunteers from the Prince’s Trust have raised £300 for a Dudley primary school to have a new sandpit built.

The sum was raised during a car wash at Brierley Hill station. It will go towards installing the pit at St Mary’s Primary School in Queen Street, Kingswinford.

Youngsters who use the Prince’s Trust services, such as rehabilitation offenders and teenagers in care, helped out at the car wash.

Watch commander Gary Papple said: “The Prince’s Trust approached us about helping out and we were happy to. We are taking part in the campaign too under the banner Children and Young People so this fits in perfectly with that.”

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SINCE shooting straight to number one last year, Britain’s newest heart-throbs – The Wanted – are set to cause a stir on their first UK tour.

Having spent the last 12 months touring Europe the boys are back doing something funny for money as they spearhead Comic Relief’s official single.

The single, Gold Forever, marks a day in your life you will never forget and with their debut release All Time Low topping the chart last Aug ust, the Brit nominations are set for many more memorable times. Their tour, which kicks off on March 29, will see them grace the Wolverhampton Civic stage on April 11.

After forming in an East London pub the edgy-pop band have started as they mean to go on, working hard but partying harder. Their rough and tumble energy and down to earth nature sets them well apart from the clichéd, ballad-singing boy band.

“We’ve never been to Wolverhampton before but we know we have a lot of supporters from the city and we are very excited to finally come and meet them. With over nine million plays of their videos on YouTube and more than 400,000 fans on Facebook the tour promises to be the first of many from one of the year’s biggest breakthrough acts.

The Wanted, the eldest of the group at 22, said: “It is an absolute honour to be fronting the Comic Relief single.

“When we first started out none of us expected us to be doing something this huge so soon. The fun we have definitely shows through in Gold Forever, we do something funny everyday and we love a good party. We hope everyone will back the single.

“We’re not like your regular boy band, we don’t want to conform to that stereotype and we want our fans to see the real us and enjoy our unique sound.

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“For your chance to meet the star and see her in concert at the LG on Tuesday evening, call us tomorrow (Friday March 18) on 01902 319571 between 10am and noon, and tell us the name of her latest album. The winner will be chosen that same day. We will require your name, address, email, mobile telephone number and date of birth. Anyone aged under 16 will have to be accompanied by an adult. Usual Chronicle rules apply and the editor’s decision is final.

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**BIRMINGHAM’s New Alexandra Theatre is taking inspiration from the tour the morning running TV soap with Corrie from Monday to Saturday, an affectionate celebration of 50 years of Coronation Street which got its premiere in Salford a year ago.**

Former star superman Ken (played by Joseph Davies) is the special guest star for the show, which recalls celebrated scenes from the soap’s half-century and was written by one of the show’s scriptwriters, Jonathan Harvey.

The cast of six will take on various roles to play such familiar characters as Elsie Tanner, Hilda Ogden, Beth Lynch, Jack and Vera Duckworth, Ken and Deirdre Barlow, murderous Richard Hillman and trouble-prone Steve McDonald.

Russell Dalling’s Marvellous Medicine continues at the Ax on Saturday and then former Supremes Mary Wilson will appear as part of a classic soul double bill with The Chi-Lites at the Alexandra. Music movies reign supreme at Birmingham Hippodrome where Footloose the Dance Musical is followed by The Blues Brothers for a six day run from Monday. No sooner has Buster (played by Matt Willis) stomped on his Hippodrome stage on Saturday in the show’s musical, music, than the clock ticks back to the end of 1980s R&B in the show with incredible live folk rock.

The All New Original Tribute to The Blues Brothers The Smash Hit Musical. The suit and pork pie hat and some soulful guest singers will be lolling around the sounds of Chicago and Detroit to Saturday in the show inspired by the movie from director John Landis.

After Withnail & I, the National Comedy Company’s production of brilliantly absurd Highbridge Hotel plays its run at Wolverhampton Grand and the State Street theatre hosts The Russian State Ballet and Orchestra of Siberia. They perform The Nutcracker (at 4pm), Romeo and Juliet on Monday evening and Swan Lake on Tuesday evening.

The Operas of Verdi and Puccini from the shows, with particular attention to Los Misérables, will be performed by West End singers in Beyond the Barricade and on Thursday (24) Opera della Luna perform Giottelli and Sullivan’s comic opera The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Sequel

Mud the offer at an award-winning adaptation John Steinbeck’s classic ‘Great American Depression’ drama Of Mice And Men opens at Wolverhampton’s Arena twice today (Thu). Nobody’s Perfect present the comedy World Of Pain, Rugeley writer Phil Preece’s sequel to his House Of Pain, tomorrow (Fri). Birmingham Rep, now on the road whilst its theatre is partly rebuilt, comes to the Arena on Monday with Lucy Caldwell’s powerful new play about a dying child, Notes To Future Self. The play, the last directed for the Rep by outgoing artistic director Rachel Kavanaugh, won critical acclaim during its recent run in Birmingham.

Crescent Theatre presents Tennessee Williams’ US Deep South drama Cat On A Hot Tin Roof at the theatre on Swanmore Street in Birmingham from Saturday to March 26.

**Orchestra**

St Patrick’s Day is marked by veteran Irish music groups The Dubliners tonight (Thu) at Birmingham Town Hall. Other concert highlights in the second city include English folk from Kate Rusby (Town Hall, Friday), Bollywood legend Anita Bhose with star virtuoso Shujaa Khan (Symphony Hall, Friday), The Australian Pink Floyd Show (Symphony Hall, Monday), theatrical pop piece performance orchestra The Impressables (Town Hall, Tuesday), and jazz singer Clare Teal performs songs from The Great British Song book with the BBC Big Band on Friday, March 15, at the Town Hall.

Get ready for a long night at Dudley Concert Hall when veteran comedian Ken Dodd holds court on Saturday night, or head over to Stourbridge Town Hall for Command Performance by special guest veteran Count Arthur Strong.

Pole-dancing girls, right out of our story line, The Naked Truth featuring Emmerdale’s Claire King, former West End Haymarket star Leanne Jones, Maureen Nolan and ex Liberty X singer Michelle Heaton, is on at Stoke’s Regent Theatre from Wednesday to the following Saturday. It then visits the Alex on April 26 and 27.

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Family home on the market

TAYLORS estate agent is marketing the sale of a well-presented modern-style, detached home in Brierley Hill.

Number 30 Carder Drive is on the market for offers in the region of £137,600 and is double-glazed with gas central heating and three bedrooms. It is also conveniently located for both the Brierley Hill and Merry Hill shopping centres and may be of particular interest to first-time buyers or young families.

The ground floor includes an entrance porch with double-glazed doors leading to a transverse lobby, measuring 15.89m x 1.45m, with television, telephone and cable television points, stairs to the first floor, a central heating radiator and double-glazed patio doors to the rear garden. With a range of base and eye level cupboards and rolled-edge work surfaces, the kitchen measures 10ft 5in x 7ft 3in and includes a sink and drainage unit with mixer tap, space for a cooker, plumbing for a washing machine, tiled splash-backs, wall-mounted, combination central heating boiler, radiator, spotlight and a double-glazed window to the rear.

From the first floor landing with central heating radiator, there is access to the roof space and doors leading to the three bedrooms and bathroom. The main bedroom measures 11.53m x 10ft 3in and has a central heating radiator and double-glazed window to the rear while the second bedroom has dimensions of 11.35m x 8ft 8in and the third measures 10ft 10in x 8ft 10in.

With a white suite, the bathroom comprises a panel bath with shower attachment, low-flush WC, pedestal wash basin, central heating radiator, tiled splash-backs and double-glazed obscurity window to the rear.

Call 01384 265 265 for further information.
WOODSETTON

Sedgley Road
An attractive, gas centrally heated & mostly UPVC double glazed semi detached of character with many original period features, comfortably maintained over the years, further modernization works would be beneficial.
Accommodation includes reception hall, lounge, through lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, utility area, guest wc, bathroom, garden, garage.
SEDGELEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £199,950

GORNAL WOOD

Himley Road
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! New to the market & set in a sought after location.
This spacious three bedroom property is situated in a popular village.
Accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, through lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, larger than average bathroom, living room.

WORDSLEY

27 Lynhurst Drive
A MOST DESIRABLE TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOMED SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly located within walking distance of village & NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation provides entrance hall, through living/dining room, kitchen, utility area, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden.

COSELEY

Avondale Crescent
NO UPWARD CHAIN. Enjoying an open aspect to the front. This beautifully presented, modern style, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated property set on a good sized plot, has the added advantage of a detached garage.

COSELEY

Langley Avenue
A significantly modernised, well presented, bungalow centrally heated & fitted with UPVC double glazed accommodation which includes Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Communal Gardens and Allocated Parking Space.

WORDSLEY

NEW PRICE

DUDLEY ABBOTSFORD DRIVE
Nine bedrooms, three living areas & large family kitchen. Master bedroom suite with ensuite & balcony. The property is peacefully set in a quiet location & is within walking distance of local facilities. The garden is well maintained with attractive frontage. Offers In Excess Of £750,000

DUDLEY

Banklands Road
This newly presented and improved, traditional style property stands in the road in a larger than average plot, benefiting from gas centrally heated, UPVC double glazed, two bedroom accommodation comprising: living room, utility area, guest wc, two first floor bedrooms, contemporary en-suite, en-suite shower room, garage, front and rear gardens.

PENSNETT

Avon Close
This newly presented, modern style property has two bathrooms. The property is peacefully set in a quiet location & is within walking distance of local facilities. The garden is well maintained with attractive frontage.

BRIERLEY HILL

NEW PRICE

A stone's throw from the town and within walking distance of all local facilities, this five bedroom house has a wealth of period features and also offers a large frontage.

BRIERLEY HILL

NEW PRICE

TRINITY STREET
This 3 bed detached family home provides 2 reception rooms, spacious family kitchen with integral appliances, 3 double bedrooms and family bathroom. Low maintenance rear garden and off road parking for two cars.

BRIERLEY HILL

ULSWATER RISE
A well presented, semi-detached family home with an impressive rear garden and off road parking for two cars. Improvements comprise: modern family bathroom with shower, double storey extension, modern kitchen.

BRIERLEY HILL

BROCKLEY CLOSE
The development comprises 3 bedroom semi detached with a garden with a side garage.

BRIERLEY HILL

MOOR STREET
Located in a quiet location, the property is close to local amenities and has an detached garage.

QUARRY BANK

BIRCH AVENUE
2 BRIERLEY HILL
This semi detached home provides two reception rooms and three bedrooms. The house has a large garden with a side garage.

PENSNETT

BLACKWATER CLOSE
Recently modernised, this semi-detached home offers two reception rooms and a rear garden.

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NEW PRICE

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BLACKWATER CLOSE
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Offers in the region of £450,000

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12 Repton Road

Recently modernised and extended, this property features: entrance hall, two good bedrooms, modern bathroom, garage, front and rear gardens, driveway and large detached garage. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £275,000

PENSNETT

10 Withy Grove

This deceptively spacious, mid terrace enjoys NO UPWARD CHAIN. Initially comprises: entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen with recently fitted bathroom. The upper floor boasts: three bedrooms, fitted wardrobes & reappointed bathroom. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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A semi detached residence of traditional design and quality. Initially comprising: entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, fitted wardrobes, bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway and front and rear gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Toyotacourts ‘empty nesters’

YOU are unlikely to see any ‘Saga’ drivers trying out their new Verso-S on the local race track – but that is not to say this new mini-MPV is unworthy of the Toyota badge.

Between 1999 and 2006 Toyota sold more than 150,000 of the Verso-Euro in Europe, but then dropped the model.

Since then the increasing number of affluent ‘Saga’ empty nesters wanting a car that offered high seating, easy entry and egress in a well built, comfortable and reliable car have had to look elsewhere.

So the market has been filled by a number of other makes including the Honda Jazz, Nissan Note, Kia Venga and Hyundai i20.

But now Toyota has bounced back into the market, and is even offering the Verso-S at a special introdutory price for the next six months.

The new model is based on the latest version of the Yaris, but is being built in Japan rather than France.

There are just two models to choose from, both with the same 1.3 litre 98PS petrol engine delivering only 125 NM of torque. So it is hardly going to win any acceleration races and needs all six ratios of its six speed manual gearbox, or if you prefer it, the automatic CVT-7 version, to make reasonable progress.

In the CVT version you can just put the car in Drive and let it choose its own ratios, although I did find this version less enjoyable than the manual. So it’s more economical than the manual version.

The big advantage of this version is that it is the only automatic MPV of this size to fall into the £30 a year tax bracket – the manual is £90 a year to tax.

Both models are well equipped – all have height adjustable seats, adjustable steering wheel, lots of airbags, a compatible smartphone.

Toyota expects to sell around 30,000 a year in Europe and about 3,000 in the UK. Virtually all will go to retail customers, and I expect the majority of older drivers to plump for the CVT version.

Prices start from £14,645 for the TR manual, (reduced to £14,995 for six months) and £15,745 for the T-Spirit manual reduced to £14,995. The CVT versions add £1,150. On the road the car is easy to drive, ride quality and comfort are good and there are no squeaks or rattles.

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Economy: Manual: 51.4 mpg, CVT: 54.3 (combined average)


Top Speed: 106mph

BY Brian Vertigan
Alfa Romeo unveils its stunning budget supercar 4C concept at the Geneva Motor Show

The wow-factor car with classic formula

The 4C is compact sister to Alfa’s RC-supercar and uses lightweight construction allied to a high-tech engine to boost performance.
Renault set to unveil seven vehicles at commercial show

RA
eult will unveil no fewer than seven new vehicles at this year’s Commercial Vehicle Show in Birmingham, including the fully-electric Kangoo Van Zero Emission (ZE).

Following on from last year’s record UK LDV sales, Renault will have one of the largest presentations at this year’s event, with a stand more than twice the size of last year’s at 915m².

Renault is capitalising on the back drop of ever-increasing fuel prices, Renault is expecting the largest draw on its stand to be its new Kangoo, which aims to prove that electric LDVs can be affordable to run, good to drive, as well as offer a more relaxed driving environment, due to its near silent operation.

The French brand’s compact vans will be available from autumn this year in both fleet and contract hire variants.

Kangoo ZE vans are priced at £16,990 for the van, £17,990 (longer wheelbase twin seat Maxi) and £18,690 (five-seat Maxi including VAT), plus £59 monthly battery lease over four years/9,000 miles per year.

Limelight

Sharing the spotlight with their sibling, and emphasising the growth of Renault’s fully renewed LDV range ahead of their UK launches in the second quarter of 2011, will be several new additions to the Master range. Four factory-built products – Box Van, Dropside, Tipper and 17-seat minibus, plus two locally converted products – Luton Van and Curtainside.

Retail and commercial vehicle operations director, Darren Payne, said: “We’ve made no bones about our ambitious plans to increase our share of the UK conversion market to eight per cent in the months ahead.

“Our wealth of new models on show underlines that message, and I’m equally pleased to be showing Kangoo Van ZE, the first affordable factory-built electric van in the UK.

“We truly believe we have something for everyone and I’m genuinely looking forward to seeing customer reactions to our expanded range in a few weeks time.”

Renault will be based in Hall 5 at the show.

The Kangoo Maxi Van ZE is one of seven new vehicles Renault will be unveiling at the CV Show.
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James Parkes lays the ball back during Dudley Kingswinford’s big victory.

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Dudley Kingswinford 78

Who polished off a blistering attack. The battered hosts earned some respectability with a 50-metre individual effort from winger Carl Hutchinson, before also dropping Alistair Grants that forced the home back into the game.

Aldridge converted the try to give Dudley a 14-0 lead which they extended to 24-0 thanks to winger Carl Hutchinson before also dropping winger Jamie Laws.

**Interval**

A second Laws penalty extended Dudley’s lead to 31-0 before a quick and well-constructed try as flanker Richard Brown drew the hosts level at the break.

The visitors opened the scoring after just five minutes when Tom Sewell sprinted 50 metres and went on to score in the left corner.

**Replacement prop James Parkes looks delighted with his debut try.**

**Missed kick aids Saxons’ push for win**

Stourbridge Saxons 21 Otley 19

A LATE-GAME missed conversion was enough to help Stourbridge bank four points from their National One contest with relegation-threatened Otley.

The Saxons scored three tries but never quite hit the attacking heights reached during their defeat to Rotherham a week earlier.

However, the overall scenario was a better one and as the rolling adaptation. It is true about how and how much they are able to play-make ‘traffic’ on the gainline.

Director of rugby Neil Mitchell will also have polished the efforts of ease-time half-back partners Jon Robinson and Peter White, while Paul Smith.

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**ROCKET RONNIE IN SADDLE TO FACE HEATHENS**

The Heathens are to face one of the speediest opponents – Wolves legend Sir David Seaman.

“Rocket Ronnie”, now 44, is a fixture in the Wolves goal against the Heathens, as the clubs clash at Darlaston with the Heathens launching their campaign in the 15th minute.

The former world pairs champion could not wait the chance to put one over on the old enemy. Using his left leg, he had the Wolves on the back foot with a low shot from the right-hand side of the box which was wide.

He will add some powerful strength to the team and I guess one last crack at Blues has to be cherished.

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson said: “I wish Rhino all the best in his future at Millwall but it was great to see him in our side, it was a little bit of strange but very exciting.”