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Cash gift will bring health boost

PUPILS at a Whinah primary school are being encouraged to use their bikes, thanks to a new project to replace dilapidated bike sheds. The Heart of England Co-operative Society presented a £500 cheque to St Joseph's RC Primary School, in Rowley Road, after the school's pupil council asked for help.

Initiate

The pupil council, which has representatives from each class who put forward their ideas to teachers and governors, decided it would like to initiate a project to replace the bike sheds so more children are encouraged to cycle to school.

The council felt it was important to help the environment and promote fitness.

The donation is part of the Heart of England Co-op's Helping Hearts initiative, which aims to provide financial support to local charities and worthy causes.



STAYING MOBILE: Pupils Holly Geaney and Scott Walker with Ian Wright, of the Heart of England Co-op. Picture: MARK RADFORD

HOSPITAL GETS TO CUT WAIT

Private treatment an option

By RACHEL PINDER

AN ACTION plan has been drawn up to ensure hospital patients in south Warwickshire do not wait longer than 12 months for treatment. The South Warwickshire General Hospitals NHS Trust plan states that all patients will be given a date for treatment before the end of January next year.

If a date is not given before the end of March, patients will be offered treatment within the private sector.

Target

Trust chief executive Chris Heginbotham said: "It is very pleasing to see we came within a whisker of achieving in-patient elective admission figures for our November target."

"In terms of outpatients waiting more than 26 weeks for their first appointment, we came down to 445 but we had 2,160 waiting more than 13 weeks for their first appointment by the end of November, compared with our target of 1,382."

"The more outpatients we have waiting for more than 26 weeks, the more pressure we are put under to transfer some patients to the private sector to achieve our targets."

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DOG IN QUARRY PUNGE RESCUE

By SAMANTHA CLARKE and BARBARA GOULDEN
A DOG was rescued by firefighters after it fell 200ft into a water-filled quarry in Nuneaton.

The firefighters used special lighting, safety lines and boats to rescue the animal from the quarry outside the Malt Show pub in Grange Road, Hartshill, yesterday.

They finally managed to grab the animal and get it into one of the boats just before 5.40 pm.

Nuneaton Assistant Divisional Fire Officer Glen Miller said three-year-old Jack Russell Wesley was immediately taken to a vet but had suffered only slight injuries.

Wesley's owner, Brian Maddox, had taken him for a walk when the dog started off towards the quarry.

After seeing ripples in the water in the quarry, a worried Mr Maddox dashed home for help and fire crews from Atherstone started their three-hour operation.

Ripples

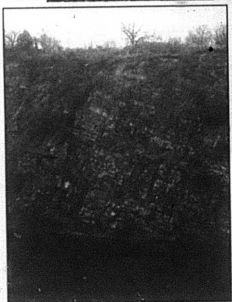
Mr Maddox said: "After he disappeared I went to the other side of the quarry to look for him. I could not see him but then I saw some ripples going across the water.

"I decided to abandon looking for him and come home instead to the fire station. When we got back, we saw him. He was looking up at me but he had been lying on his side for an hour and a half so we thought he had broken his back.

"My son Mark went down and got within 25 feet of him but couldn't get close enough.

"The fire crews put a boat out on to the water and rescued my son Mark before rescuing Wesley.

"He had a lucky escape because we think he fell down a cliff edge and had fallen on to something which had broken his fall before he went into the water. He had been very, very, lucky."



LUCKY: Brian Maddox with his Jack Russell Wesley, who escaped with minor injuries after falling 200 feet into a water-filled quarry (left) in Hartshill yesterday, prompting a three-hour rescue operation by fire service crews

Man dies after crash

A 20-YEAR-OLD man has died from his injuries following a car crash in north Warwickshire.

The accident happened at 1.35am yesterday when a car overturned after hitting a wall and a skip in High Street, Polesworth.

The Tamworth man was airlifted to Selly Oak Hospital with serious injuries but died later that morning.

Another man from Tamworth was taken to Nuneaton's George Eliot Hospital with minor injuries.

Any witnesses to the accident are being asked to phone Coleshill traffic department on 01926 415000.



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Drivers are caught out by icy roads

THIS DRAMATIC picture shows how the icy conditions caught out drivers in and around Rugby this morning. Police reported a number of collisions and several people needed medical attention.

Two people were cut free from the wreckage of this accident on the B4027 Coventry Road at Brinklow at 8.20am near the Railway Inn. The Rugby Evening Telegraph's Liss Carey took this photograph of PC Andy Smith at the scene. The Ford Sierra nearest to the

house skidded after crossing a railway bridge and then collided with two oncoming cars. Two people were trapped and all three drivers were taken to hospital.

In a separate incident a man was taken to hospital with minor injuries after his blue Peugeot 106 skidded into a lamppost on the Shilton Industrial Estate at 6.30am. Cars also veered into ditches in Montillo Lane, Harborough Magna, and along Ashlawn Road in Rugby. No-one was hurt.

SPLIT REMAINS OVER B-Y-PASS

Meeting brings angry scenes

DOZENS of angry Brownsover residents packed a meeting last night to demand answers to traffic problems that are dividing their community.

The heated two-hour debate centred on a by-pass for the busy Boughton Road. People living next to the road say they were promised a by-pass when the nearby

By **LAURA CAPEWELL**

Waterside estate was built. However, Waterside residents do not want a relief road, and claim they were not told of the by-pass plan when they bought their homes.

Borough and county councillors and officers addressed the meeting, chaired by Rugby MP Andy King, following a first meeting last September. Rugby Borough Council leader Alan Webb said: "The relief road is the only way forward, wherever it might ul-

timately be, because anything that can be done to resolve the situation now is just tinkering around the edges."

A study carried out after the September meeting showed between 14,000 and 16,000 vehicles use the road every day.

Traffic-calming

Officers have suggested interim traffic-calming measures, including chicanes and mobile speed signs. Residents suggested closing off Boughton Road at the

Leicester Road end or tunnelling under the canal between Mill Road and the Brownsover circular, instead of building a by-pass through Waterside.

Joe Holden, aged 80, who has lived in Boughton Road since 1950, said: "It's a misery for residents. All that we've heard is something which might happen in future. All the opportunities are gone, that's why I'm so angry."

Another meeting is scheduled in six months.



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