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5.50pm on Saturday, where we were able to cut the supply.

Lease
Older buildings owned by the authority are expected to be sold off rather than be part of the new development. And the leases will not be renewed on offices currently rented by the authority. A decision has yet to be made on the future of the council’s main headquarters at Stourport Civic Centre.

A campaign has been launched to keep the site open for community use, rather than it being sold off as a business. A working group already has a plan set up to discuss options. A decision on what will happen to the site is expected later this year.

Gas leak as piping stolen
THIEVES caused a gas leak when they stole copper piping from park changing rooms in Kidderminster. Fire crews were called to the sports park at Spennells Valley Road, at 5.40am on Saturday.

Firefighters spent an hour ventilating the building before gas engineers were able to repair the leak. Some copper piping had been taken from the wall.

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WEDDING trains, football trains, jazz trains, murder mystery trains – even funerals trains – the Severn Valley Railway has run the lot over the past 40 years. But on Saturday the railway will play host to an entirely new experience, turning its carriages into a moving stage for a near two-hour performance. Train passengers will become the audience for The Great Train Dance as 12 groups of each 15 dancers work their way through the carriages, enacting dance and mime sequences from a storyline based on the imaginary adventures of Nellie, a young girl celebrating her 14th birthday.

Embracing dance disciplines from the 1950s through to the present day, each of the group performances will offer clues to a mystery, which passengers will have the chance to solve on routes from Kidderminster to the grand finale in the SVR’s ‘Engine House Visitor Centre at Highley.

RESERVOIR
There will be additional dance group performances at station stops on the way to Highley – at Bewdley, Northwood Halt and Evesham stations, and also beside the railway line at Tramoley Reservoir. More than 500 dancers, including professionals and amateur volunteers, will take part.

The Great Train Dance is directed and choreographed by contemporary dance touring company founder Louise Kirk, who has worked closely with 14 dance leaders in the region, and backed by the fiddles and accordions of ‘Pyger music’ buskers.

It is one of a series of cultural events in the West Midlands under the banner of Dancing for the Games, and is part of the countdown to next year’s London Olympic Games. Dancing for the Games is funded by Legacy Trust UK, The Arts Council, and Advantage West Midlands.

YOUNGSTERS from a Kidderminster school stepped back in time with dance moves to mark the end of a special history module. Year three pupils from Franche Community Primary School, on Chestnut Grove, took to the stage last Friday as part of their World War Two project.

Kelly Curtis, sports development dance instructor from Wyre Forest District Council, led a six-week programme which saw the children study a host of 1940s styles from the Lindy hop to the jitterbug.

Kelly, who also conducts a series of after-school clubs and has a BA in dance, said: "The performance was a great success and it was lovely to see the children get so excited about these unique dance styles. My job is to visit schools across the Wyre Forest and introduces a different, more practical method of learning.

Over the summer Kelly will host five dance sessions for eight to 18-year-olds. For details or to book, contact her at kelly.curtis@worcestershire.gov.uk or call 01562 712517.

Local hero Fred cuts ribbon to open new supermarket
A FUNDRAISER who has been crowned a community hero stepped forward to cut the ribbon on Kidderminster’s newest supermarket on Monday.

Earlier this month, Heda, which opened on New Road, launched a search to find the town’s unknown hero. Fred Holland, chairman for Diabetes UK in Wyre Forest, who was chosen as the winner by the Asda team after his grandson, James Crutchley, put his name forward.

Fred has fundraised for Kidderminster General Hospital and the local diabetes centre for more than 40 years since finding his daughter had the disease.

Fred invited him to open the store, staffed by former colleagues of Nettie which previously occupied the site. “We were so impressed by the fantastic work he has done in campaigns for diabetes in the area,” she said.

“We wanted to reward Fred for all those years he has spent improving facilities for the community, it’s true local hero,”

In the past Fred, who is responsible for setting up the Kidderminster diabetes centre, has received national awards honouring his work and is currently working with Kidderminster General Hospital to help train nurses in spotting the early stages of diabetes.

“I couldn’t believe it when I found out I’d won nominated – I was shocked and it was such an honour to be asked to open the new store.”

Devilish job for volunteers
IT’S devilishly difficult sometimes to get people involved with nature. West Worcestershire Wildlife Trust is running a faster day to help people experience conservation work before committing to being a volunteer.

Conservation officer Andy Harris said: “We’re running a variety of tasks on the day including scrub clearance and path maintenance and repair to help give people a good idea about the kind of work we normally undertake.

“We’ll also give an introduction to the site which will include a brief history and explanation of the work we’re doing.”

The day will take place on Thursday, July 28 between 10am and 4pm. Anyone interested should call 01562 754919 or email anyd@worcestershirewildlifetrust.org.

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Food, fun and films at the farm

WITH the festival season in full swing, a business couple from Worcestershire have decided to hold their own mini-festival.

Roland and Miranda Ballard, who own Muddy Boots Real Food, are inviting everyone to their weekend of great food, fun and films at their farm at Church Farm in Harbury.

The event will get underway on July 28 and 29 as well as films there will be a licensed bar, hot food and refreshments, ice cream, all locally sourced.

Mr Ballard said: “I grew up thinking that it would be fun to do a film festival at the farm, particularly when the sun is shining, eg: middle of the summer.

The couple left media careers in London to chase their dream and set up a high-quality beef burger company; and now plans to celebrate their success with the festival. Films shown will be Elliot, Hot Fuzz, Shrek, Dead Snow, Tommy, McQueen and Frost/Nixon.

Mrs Ballard said: “I will do an evening on Saturday, evening because I want to do David Frost’s PA for five years before moving to Worcestershire with Roland to start Muddy Boots.

The tickets cost £7.99 which will just about cover the costs, including seating, and can be bought on www.muddybootsfood-harbury.co.uk

No swimming will be allowed at the Farm, which is fast approaching. Severn Trent, who own the reservoir, are reminding people that there is a strict no swimming policy at Trimley Reservoir.

Sara Challow-Smith, left, when she was struggling

A SUPER Slimmer from Kidderminster has shed seven stones.

New Sara Challow-Smith has a new challenge as she launches her own slimming club.

Losing weight with Slimming World, used to dread diets and she couldn’t use the standard seat belt, needing an adhesive which got stuck.

But she is now slimmer and fitter.

“I was also worried I wouldn’t be able to keep up with my lively two-year-old but that is not a problem now either. I can run around after him without getting out of breath,” she said.

“My self-esteem used to be at rock bottom because I felt like I was on a diet. The eating plan encourages eating nutritious foods like pasta, rice, potatoes and lean meat and fish. You are never hungry and no foods are banned so there’s no deprivation and the family can all eat the same type of food.

“I couldn’t believe I found a way to lose weight without starving myself. I also made friends at the group and their support was fantastic.

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Slim Sara’s in shape for a fit and healthy future

It’s all about getting the support to choose a healthier lifestyle like finding ways to become more active even if you’re not very mobile or don’t like exercise”, said Sara.

As Sara slimmed her weight was decreasing while her interest in getting fit was going up. She now loves going to the gym and working out with a personal trainer.

Sara now has another challenge to keep her occupied – she is opening her own Slimming World group on Wednesday, July 27 at 7.30 p.m. at Our Lady & St Pius X, Shrews bury Road, Harbury. “I can’t wait to get started in my group,” she added.

It just goes to prove that not only is it possible to lose weight but also to achieve unthinkble challenges. It is like a dream come true! I am now keen to pass on my knowledge and support.

More information from Sara on 07722 065899 or visit the group.

‘Drunk man is given a drive back’

A DRINK-DRIVER from Kidderminster crashed into a telegraph pole while trying to turn his car around to avoid the scene of an accident on a quiet road.

Christopher Cutler, aged 21, was seen by firefighers who were dealing with the crash in Kidderminster Road, Kidderminster, to be under the influence of alcohol.

Two men were taken to hospital, one with minor injuries.

Mr Cutler, who was the driver of the pink car, failed a roadside breath test and was later charged with drink-driving.

Programmes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath, said Miss Linda Gedgaud, prosecuting. The minimum legal limit is 80.

Defending, Mrs Penny Chapman said unemployed Cutler had been under stress before the crash, which happened on July 2 at about 10.30pm.

His baby daughter was born with Down Syndrome and needed major heart surgery.

Cutler of Duncote Crescent, Kidderminster pleaded guilty to drink-driving and was banned for 16 months, fined £290 and ordered to pay £85 costs.

Garden open for cancer charity

AN country garden in Rockingham is opening its gates to visitors to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Pam Jarvie hopes to raise money for Cancer Research UK at her garden on July 31. The garden, on the outskirts of Kidderminster, is open to the public between 2.30 and 5pm.

The garden is on sale for £250 and there is a £20 entry charge.

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No swimming will be allowed at the Farm, which is fast approaching. Severn Trent, who own the reservoir, are reminding people that there is a strict no swimming policy at Trimley Reservoir.
Family vows to fight over father’s cancer

A FAMILY is taking legal action against a Kidderminster firm after a father died of an asbestos-related cancer.

David Taylor, aged 75, of Kidderminster, was diagnosed with mesothelioma, a cancer of the chest lining, and died four months later. It is believed he may have been exposed to asbestos dust while working as an engineer at Fry’s Metal Ltd at its Worcester Road factory in Kidderminster, from 1966-94.

He began legal action shortly after his diagnosis and named his widow, Christine, has vowed to continue his fight. The family blames anyone who may have information about asbestos practices at the company during Mr Taylor’s time there to make contact. An inquest ruled the father-of-three died of an industrial disease after being exposed to asbestos at work.

Mrs Taylor, of Brown Crescent, said: “David and I had been married for 51 years.

Diagnosis

“He first started to feel unwell in January and the diagnosis that he had an asbestos-related cancer was a terrible shock to us all. David worked hard all his life and he never expected that going to work and earning a living, would unknowingly put him in contact with something which would ultimately cause him to lose his life.

Fry’s Metal Ltd, a workplace illness expert, said Fry’s were aware of the asbestos exposure in the 1960s and should have protected their workers.

She added: “Although no amount of money can ever compensate for the loss of a loved one, it is important to continue the fight for justice begun by Mr Taylor to find out how he came to be exposed to asbestos fibres.”

Mr Taylor worked in the factory’s foundry where asbestos was present both in the furnaces and within taggung around the pipes work. No one was available to comment at the firm.

The Fry’s Metal factory has been in Kidderminster since the early 1800s but denounced its operations in the town in 1994.

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**Class apart as the new school outline starts taking shape**

THE skeleton of a new £4.8 million new primary school in Stourport is now in place as work progresses on schedule.

The new Stourport Primary School is being built in Park Avenue, near the current site in Tan Lane.

It includes 13 classes, two halls, an ICT suite, food science and technology rooms and play areas along with outside teaching facilities.

**Mobile**

Each classroom will be fitted with the latest interactive whiteboards.

Children will also have access to mobile learning equipment from laptops to iPads.

Project manager and the school’s IT technician, Gareth Owen, said the construction was on target.

He said: “The school will then open to all 252 pupils after the Christmas holidays.

“We’re really excited for the new building as soon as it is complete, so we should be ready for action by January next year.

“IT’s going to be very high-tech,” he added.

As well as the new building itself, new foundations have been put in place to allow for future developments should pupil numbers rise in the next few years.

The new building will also feature a big music hall, solar chimney and a full sustainable urban drainage system.

Pupils have been taking part in all aspects of the design.

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**Plug now pulled on electric bikes plan**

A CONTROVERSIAL electric bike park near Kinver Edge that sparked more than 1,000 objections will not go ahead after being rejected by the Planning Inspectorate.

A government inspector has thrown out proposals for the track at The Sheepwalks, which would have been the first of its kind in the country, following a three-year battle by residents.

The Brierley Hill-based Bathams Brewery wanted permission to run electric bikes on the land it owns.

They would have been hired out to people doing laps of the track and could have included 250 bikes, operating five days a week, eight hours a day.

But more than 1,000 people objected saying it would cause increased traffic, noise pollution and be a blot on the landscape.

The plans were originally refused by South Staffordshire District Council but Bathams appealed to the inspectorate based in Beacon Lane.

The new site is being designed to meet the needs of different faiths and is nearly complete.

**Cemetery is nearly complete**

THE FINISHING touches are being put to a new £4.2m cemetery and crematorium near Kidderminster.

The new site is being created because space is beginning to run out at the existing burial ground in Park Lane.

The development may now be ready by the end of the year.

Work is currently being carried out on the entrance to the site.

Councillor Tracey Onslow at Wyre Forest District Council said: “The final stages are now under way to create the new entrance and works to the public highway and the opening is on target for late summer.”

Builders have been at the 23-acre site on M inster for the last year of presidency at Bewdley Rotary Club.

One of the leading campaigners against the plans Mr Garbett then donated more than £80 worth of meat.

He added: “We like to donate something tangible rather than just money, so we can see where our money goes.”

The fundraiser was so successful that no bacon was left – bacon would be donated to the youth cafe.

The idea stemmed from a Rotary charity fundraiser at Shelsley Walsh, where Mr Garbett joked that any leftover bacon would be donated to the youth cafe.

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The Woodlands is an intriguing three-quarter of an acre garden that has been developed over the last seven years by cousins Fat and Phil Gaykin.

The garden is planted on various levels, with secret winding paths, steps to coloured theme herbaceous shrub borders, a large vegetable garden and tomato green.

There is also a courtyard garden, waterfall, people seats, pond, water fountain and garden, hanging baskets and tub. Admission to The Woodlands is £3 (children free).

A little further out, and opening on both Saturday and Sunday in West Midlands is a Mazed garden open in the Wolverhampton Road (DY T 5AN).

West acres is another three-quarters of an acre garden, with many different varieties of herbs and flowers. There is also a lake, pond, shady, wild and stream.

The garden will be open from 1.30pm to 5.30pm and admission is £3 for adults (accompanied children free). Private visits are welcome by prior arrangement - see the leaflet or www.ngs.org.uk for more details.

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Secret winding paths feature in The Woodlands, which will be open on Sunday.
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What’s in a name?  
A medal for Kate!

KIDDERMINSTER’S Olympic hopeful Kate Walker is in good company with a number one medal-winning name.

The Samurai Judo Club star hopes to battle her way to glory in the 2012 London Games.

And new research shows that those called Kate or Katherine are some of the most likely to be Olympic medal winners.

It has long been believed that the first name given to a new baby can have a lasting impact on their future prospects. But the research has revealed that if you want to make the grade when it comes to the upcoming London 2012 Games, you stand a far better chance if you’re called Kate or John.

A review by travel agents Thomas Cook found that of all the British Olympic individual medal winners in the last century there are definite patterns in the names of the country’s top athletes.

Walker is a name held by the top 10 women’s list for the most medal wins in the last 50 years.

Cycling
Dividing sensation Tom Daley, cyclist Chris Hoy, owner Katherine Grainger, long distance runner Helen Clitheroe, and Mary King for equestrian evening are also in good company among the top 10 names.

Stephen Vaughan, managing director of Thomas Cook UK & Ireland said: “With over 1,070 medals won by individual British since the games in 1912, we felt there had to be some trends within the list which were repeated time after time.

“Thankfully they aren’t names which can be seen in our current list of Olympic hopefuls – as a whole well as a sign of great medal potential at the London 2012 Games.

But athletes with more unusual names need not be concerned – there have been plenty of one-off successes – from Landford and Oswald, to Co and Leonard.”

Thomas Cook is the official after break provider for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games 2012.

Top 10 medal names

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The research also showed that there had to be some trends and some numbers which were repeated time after time.

And new research shows that the Olympic hopefuls’ names are mostly likely to be boys’ names.

Girls’ names which are more likely to be Olympic medal winners are: Katie, Jo, Ann, Helen, Sarah, Wendy, Dorothy and Mollie.

Boys’ names which are more likely to be Olympic medal winners are: John, Jonathan, Charles, Tom, Thomas, Robert, Steve, Stephen, Chris, Kriss, James, Jack, and Leonard!

Emma-Jane Kisty moved from the beauty business into the world of tyres

A KIDDERMINSTER garage boss has moved from the world of beauty to motore fast fitting.

Emma-Jane Kisty made the switch despite having no experience in the vehicle sector.

The 13-year-old marketing manager for HiQ Easy Tyres and Autocare.

She is responsible for the marketing of 27 HiQ centres across the Midlands including HiQ Kidderminster on Comberton Hill.

Emma-Jane has initiated a number of campaigns in the business and is a keen fundraiser for HiQ charity partner, Breast Care Cancer.

Feminine
Around 1.8m garage customers a year are said that the fast fit industry needs to be more open and honest – but with a feminine touch and some fresh ideas.

The research, commissioned by HiQ, found 79 per cent of women believed they received a dishonest and unwelcoming service when visiting a garage.

It also disclosed that nearly a quarter of women put the men in their lives to take their car in for new tyres because they have found the experience so unpleasant.

Music, maestro, on village farm

A FARM in a village near Kidderminster will be the setting for a “Glyndebourne” style classical music festival starring two pianists from Italy.

Retired farming couple Roger and Gwy Hadley are throwing open a field all their homes for Musici in 11el-bredington on July 30. Top of the list will be Antonio Pompa-Baldi, a world-renowned pianist.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Emmanuela Fimant, who will play Liszt’s “Rhapsodies.”

Neither will charge a fee as the revue from the event will go to Sunfield School, which is for children with severe learning difficulties at Clent, near Stourbridge.

Roger, aged 80, and Guy, 66, of Church Farm, Brad- ford Lane, Bredon, are members of the Farm Association in the West Midlands and the pianist agreed to play for them in exchange for the use of the organ.

He’s an international musician and a virtuoso, his wife will perform with him,” said Guy.

A large stage will be set up in the grounds of Church Farm and the Steepleway Corporation will even be delivering a £150,000 grand piano.

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SADDLING UP FOR A CAUSE

Town takes on
28 rivals in bid
for zone status

KIDDERMINSTER, which is looking to create 4,000 jobs by becoming one of 10 Enterprise Zones, is up against 28 other locations across England. The Government is creating a further 10 zones and South Kidderminster Business Park is one of 28 applicants. The park includes companies such as boat manufacturer Sealine, Victoria Carpets and rocket maker Roxel. The park includes companies such as boat manufacturer Sealine, Victoria Carpets and rocket maker Roxel. The programme allows for up to 10 zones to be announced in the next year, with up to 40 zones to be announced by 2015.

Severn Trent is reminding cus- tomers in the Wyre Forest how they can help to protect themselves against bogus callers.

Distraction burglars may claim to be from a utility company to gain access to homes. They frequently target the elderly or those who need help to maintain a home.

Severn Trent customers concerned about the possibility of bogus callers claiming to be from the ‘water board’ are being encouraged to contact the firm to set up a password. Only a genuine Severn Trent employee needing to visit the home will then know the chosen word. Martin Kane, director of customer relations at Severn Trent, said: "If someone knocks on your door claiming to be from Severn Trent, the first thing you should ask him is to wait outside and ring 01905 619068 to check their identity. "If someone knocks on your door claiming to be from Severn Trent, they will not be able to enter your home without a password. "If someone knocks on your door claiming to be from Severn Trent, they will not be able to enter your home without a password. You should not give them access to your home."

Awards are handed to homes for quality of dementia care

SEVERAL care homes in Wyre Forest have been recognised for providing excellent services for resi- dents with dementia.

Worcestershire County Council, in partnership with the primary care trust, has been running a training pro- gramme aimed at changing attitudes towards people with dementia and improving communication skills. It runs until 2013.

A County Hall recently Eddie Clarke, director of adult and community services at the county council, presented certificates to 25 homes which have so far com- pleted the course. CrownSquare, Philip Greton, cabinet member for adult social care, said: "We believe that people with dementia need to be respected and listened to by those providing care. "It is vital that people with dementia feel involved in meaningful activities throughout their days."

Confident

The Wyre Forest homes to receive the award are: Ashley Hall nursing home, Bradley, and Ravenhurst in Stourport.

In Kidderminster the beneficiaries are: The Firs, The Gabriels rest home, Midfield Court, Stourbridge and Dunley Hall residential home and Offmore residential care home for the elderly.

In Bewdley, Summerdale nursing home also took the award.

The programme allows for up to nine care staff per home to attend a leadership course, specialist course on general awareness and ‘Circle of Friends’. The programme aims to help staff become confident in respond- ing to the challenges presented with dementia, and understanding their distress. Good communica- tion is key and allows staff the opportunity to learn how to change their perceptions and understanding of people with dementia.

When homes have engaged with the training programme there will have a tangible sense that the freedom within the home and room for them to explore their life and abusing the homes.

Following the training a further financial award is made and a cash award for further training may be made.

Collection by Ruskin on show at museum

AN ART collection created by a renowned Victorian author is going on display at Bewdley. Forty items including watercolours, drawings, prints and books are on loan to Bewdley Library from the Collection of the Guild of St George, which is housed and maintained by Museums Worcestershire.

The works have been chosen to reflect different aspects of the work of John Ruskin, who is best known for his ideas and inventions. The exhibition will include copies of Renaissance art and medieval architecture.

Ruskin’s son, Ernest Ruskin, who was aslave to the Pref-raphaelites. The exhibition can be seen daily in the museum in Wyre Forest Gallery from 10am to 4.30pm.

Staff at Legal & General’s Birmin- ham office will be in the saddle in the Wyre Forest for the second year running in aid of local charity, Acorns Children’s Hospice.

The Cyclo Challenge will take 25 miles from Bewdley, north, or a 10-mile one from the Severn Valley Cycle Centre before reaching the finish line in Bewdley.

Entry fee is £15 for adults and £10 for under-18s and entry forms are available from the Severn Valley Cycle Centre.

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Doctor fined over the death of his patient

THE DOCTOR who killed the father of a GP from Kidderminster with an overdose of diamepron has been fined £7,000 for violating the doctors’ code of conduct.

Dr Stuart Gray’s father David died when Daniel Ubani, a doctor from Germany who was taking on his first shift as a locum in the UK, gave him the overdose.

As a result Ubani was struck off in the UK. However, he is still able to work in Germany, where he was fined the equivalent of £1,616 last week.

Dr Gray, of Church View Surgery in Cynwyd Heath, and brother Rory, an engineer at the European Space Agency in Germany, have been fighting to have the doctor banned from working anywhere.

Dr Gray regularly fundraises for Macmillan, holding events throughout the year and provided a collection tin in store.

Visit the website www.macmillan.org.uk for more information on the charity’s work.

STAFF at a Kidderminster store were anything but delighted after a balloon-popping event went wrong.

Ben Marche, based in Rowland Hill Shopping Centre, played host to hundreds of big green Macmillan Cancer Support balloons, which each contained a guaranteed prize for customers.

A full Ben Marche outfit, foot hammock sweets and wine were among the prizes on offer at £1.50.

In total the event brought in £263.44 and shop manager Nicki Bosbury said: “It’s great that OGL have renewed its sponsorship of Kidderminster Harriers for the 2011/12 season.

Both organisations are also joining forces to help Mentor Link, with £1 from each sale of the new Harriers shirt, sponsored by OGL, being donated to the Bowley-based charity.

OGL operations director Neil Morris and Mentor Link founder Andrea Maddicks with Harriers vice-chairman wagon Allen

OGL operations director Neil Morris added: “OGL Computer are proud to continue to support the local community in various ways, and we have enjoyed many great seasons as sponsor of Kidderminster Harriers.

“After the side narrowly missed out on the play-offs last term we hope that the club can push on and once again achieve its Football League ambitions.”

Wondrous

Speaking of the trip with Mentor Link, which will see the club donate £1 for each new shirt sold, Mr Serrell added: “Mentor Link is a wonderful organisation carrying out excellent work throughout the schools of Worcestershire. The chances for us to help them in this way is great, not only for everyone connected with the football club but also for every fan that buys the new home shirt, knowing that they are helping to contribute to such a worthy cause.”

The charity offers support in schools to pupils who are facing difficulties.

Mentor Link founder Andrea Maddicks, who was recently made an MBE, said: “The invaluable work that we carry out with young people would not be possible without gestures such as this.

“Hopefully it will raise awareness in the community about our work and encourages more young people into taking up football,” she added

Manager Nicki Bosbury with staff at Bon Marche in Kidderminster during a balloon-popping event for charity
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Wolvestock 17, organised by Bucker’s Link in East Park on Saturday and continues through Sunday with entertainment running from 11am to 9pm on both days.

The event follows on from last year’s festival which attracted more than 15,000 people – making it one of the biggest events of its kind in the UK.

The music starts on Saturday with Mac Bailey and Derapeds opening up on the Arena stage, while in the UC Dance stage, Scott Retallik gets things moving.

There are many big names appearing over the weekend including Julian Cope Band who will be playing hits from Nashville Stars, and The Swing Commanders – one of the UK’s premier western swing band six-piece bands.

Prize

Later on Saturday, John ‘Growler’ Bewell, one of Britain’s top dance instructors accompanying the World Champion Rob Fowler on the UC dance stage.

Sundays highlights include The Hoyle Oliver Band who won two Busker Mind; also she has a degree in music from London University and fronts a brilliant six-piece London-based band singing a lot of original songs. There’s also a chance to win a six-week course with The Swing Commanders.

Kate Evans, Louise Bent and Vicky Price, from Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, are ready for Rhinestone Mondays with bouncy castles, along with stalls, food and bars.

And as Wolvestock will feature everything country, the organisers have teamed up with Wolverhampton Grand Theatre who will be presenting a brand new country musical comedy called Rhinestone Mondays which will star ten original country music hits (from New Seekers), Farmer John, (perhaps Steve Price and Shane Keys from the band are launching their new album at Wolvestock.

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Bringlesley hit the top of the order from Robin Drake, had threatened a big total in the early stages. But Stourport gradually whittled their way through the innings. Matt Delo taking 4-49 and Craig Swicey 3-59. As Alex Harrison’s unbeaten 31 pro-

Throughout the game, Delo inspired a dramatic victory.

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers have got to work on building a platform for the club’s future.

Harriers have picked nearly 70 teenagers on their new academy set-up, which has been launched in conjunction with Stourbridge.

All of them will get the chance to work with Harriers players and management, who will spend a set number of hours each month working with the group at the club’s Zorcith Avenue training ground.

The students aged 16 and over combine football with a range of courses at colleges and universities and coaching all the way through to gym instruction and apprenticeships.

Their academic term officially starts at the beginning of September but the football has already begun, with former Blues defender Jerry Gill appointed academy boss last month.

And youth boss Gill believes the club will reap the dividends of the foundations they have put into place.

Nurturing

He said: “We have a great mixture of talent to nurture in the run up to the start of the academic year at Stourbridge College. It’s really exciting to launch a football academy, which is most certainly going to make an enormous contribution to the next generation of quality football players.”

GOOD covers and sound mapping techniques were the order of the day as just 34 matches survived yesterday’s weather at the Kidderminster Chronicle.

In Division One results once again went the way of Stourbridge and Shrewsbury Town. Dorricks, who were looking to roll over bottom-bottom Solihull Moors, suffered a 3-2 defeat in front of 633.

In Division Two, Whitchurch Town lost a seven-goal thriller at the hands of Watchet Town.

Burr left content despite a defeat

Leamington 3 Kidderminster 0

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers manager Steve Burr is happy with the club’s pre-season progress, despite losing their second friendly of the campaign.

Harriers’ defeat at the New Windmill Stadium on Saturday came on the back of last Thursday’s 2-0 reverse at Stratford.

But Burr made several changes throughout the game, with only goalkeepers Danny Lewis and defender Luke Jones playing the full 90 minutes.

Trialist Greg Mills was again involved, playing the second-half, while there was a debut for Kyle Storer.

Michael Tomlin, who had been the club’s highest-rated player of last season, was again in the starting line-up and he scored after 30 minutes.

Problems

Leamington were 2-0 up after just 11 minutes, having added a third before the break, but despite the defeat, Burr was pleased to take the game.

“I think we did well in the first half and, despite the final result, there are things we can take from the game,” He said.

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Some 70 minutes were just 20-overs and an eventual 122 all out.

Two wides later the bowlers were left at the crease.

“I think we did well in the first half and, despite the final result, there are things we can take from the game,” He said.

“Going forward, I would be surprised if anyone was completely happy with the performance and I would guarantee we will improve.”

“We want to be in the top four and despite resistance from the middle order they were all out for 158.