With the bunting out, the Pimm's poured and an endless supply of cold beer and hot tea, Royal Wedding fever swept through Dudley.

The nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton captured people's hearts, minds and imaginations as hundreds of well-wishers toasted the couple.

In the UK more than 5,500 official parties were staged last Friday – 140 of them in the borough and in Dudley, the most hosted by any town in the region.

Roads were officially closed as neighbours left their homes to celebrate in their streets. But there were hundreds more parties in gardens, cul-de-sacs, pubs and churches. And it wasn't just humans who made the most of the Big Day when the fairytale romancers became the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge before a world-wide audience of billions.

Bertie, the fashion-conscious dog from Stourbridge, watched the ceremony in his new black tuxedo jacket with a white collar and red bow tie.

Reception

The smart suit is one of a collection of outfits Bertie, a Yorkshire terrier crossed with a dachshund, regularly dons with the help of his owner, American-born glass jewellery designer Sabre Gilmartin of Heath Street.

The 69-year-old said: “He looks absolutely adorable and like a distinguished gentleman watched the wedding in style.” Brierley Hill’s Copthorne Hotel got into the spirit of things by giving away a free wedding and reception. It was won by Jonathan McGee and Laura Moores, a teacher at Wood Green Junior School in Wednesbury.

They had a blessing ceremony and dedicated their special day to everyone who has supported them since Mr McGee was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2008.

The 41-year-old quantity surveyor has had several operations.

The couple, of Wrens Nest Road, Dudley, had already arranged to get married in Crete on April 20.

Mr McGee and Miss Moores, 27, were nominated for the competition run by the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill by friend Paul Gwilliam.

Above: Party organiser Stuart Williams, front left, with fellow residents who celebrated the Royal Wedding with their neighbours in Manderston Close, Milking Bank, Dudley.

Right: Members of the public gather at Christ Church, High Street, Quarry Bank, to watch the wedding ceremony.

Left: Nicky Fleming, front, with partygoers at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill.
DUDLEY Council paid almost £225,000 for borough landmark the Red House Glass Cone, it can be revealed.

Booze has previously remained tight-lipped about how much they had spent on the historic building in Walsall.

It was mapped out as a springboard for the council to remain in Britain – with a new attraction at the former Stuart Crystal works across the road.

The property register, filed with the Land Registry, revealed the cost as £224,000. It means that monumen
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A TALK on the Severn will be entertain
ing members of Club Society every month.

Dr Malcolm Dixon will be speaking about towns or
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century. They were able to
transport all kinds of goods between Shrewsbur
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The meeting on May 26 will be held in Parish Hall, Church Avenue at 8pm.

Hundreds miss out on choice of school

ALMOST 400 children in Dudley have
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The council and Complex Developments Ltd, which owns the former crystal works site, are drawing up

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The total cost of the project would be

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offered their first preference school while 95

per cent of the 3,111 Dudley pupils were

placed at one of their preferred

This means 174 pupils were offered

the closest school with a place available

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The figures have been released after it was revealed

that many pupils who live in the Black Country have

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Centro ring the changes for Black Country bus services

More than 700 people have expressed an interest in moving into 204 new retirement villages being built in Dudley. Housing association Midlands Care, which is working in conjunction with Dudley Council is building a £16.5 million assisted living development for mature people in Russell Hall, Halesowen. The £16.5 million project, called Bothwell, is due to open in the spring and will feature 120 apartments. This year and bosses say there is no shortage of people hoping to move into the new sites which will feature facilities like hair salons and beauty salons.

Buying and selling houses will be a focus for the years.

Pals stage 11th tribute to Chris

The 11th annual Chris Braham benefit gig took place at Sedgley Library in Ladies Walk on May 27.

The gig coincided with the unveiling of a statue to mark the anniversary of his death.

Writing in the Dudley News, Mr Morris said: "Local traders are the heartbeat of the community in Halesowen.

Friends including Andy Forsyth and Chris’s brother Carlton and Ray have raised more than £7,000 for the British Heart Foundation with the event since his death.

Mr Forsyth, 37, drummer with rock group Mania, said: "Chris was a really popular guy. The pipes are always popular.

Chris, of The Broadway, Dudley, died of an undiagnosed heart condition after collapsing while playing a gig at Black Cherry Tavern in 2000. His band was the Dark Side of the Moon and包含包括

in the BCU area.

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First electric sportscar set to hit circuit

The world’s first electric racing sportscar, made by a Black Country manufacturer, makes its track debut in August. Dudley’s Westfield Sportscars Ltd, of Dudbridge Road, Kinver, are taking customers on a world tour, for six to 10 races in the UK, USA and Europe.

Westfield, which recently signed a £30million-a-year deal with Malaysian firm DRB-HICOM, is the first firm to create the powered racing electric sportscars.

Managing director Julian Turner said he believed the new kind of cars, and the first firm to create the powered racing electric sportscars.

“We’ve developed a Cassandra-based programming to make this possible. It is the future – more and more manufacturers will start to create this kind of cars, and we just want to be the first,” he said.

Mr Turner, of Kinvernge, took over in December 2006, and has worked to build it up. Unfortunately, he said, he took over just before the current trend took hold and banks refused to back the project.

“Don’t let banks help from any of the banks at all – no overdraft facility, no loan, nothing,” he said. “We were faced with the position where we had to find all the funding for this project ourselves, which we did through our shareholders.” Another problem was logistics. He said directors found themselves in the unusual situation of having to cut back and shrink to survive.

“This was a health and safety legislation. We carried out a test at our site where we drove along behind someone walking, and they didn’t even know we were there. Pedestrians quite often rely on their hearing to tell if cars are there, so we needed to make sure there was some kind of noise. After battling red tape to get cars to EU specifications and registered as road vehicles, Westfield have sold 50 in the past year. The two models available are the £6m Australian and the £6m Malaysian deal got underway and was signed at the beginning of August.

Mr Turner said recruitment of 35-50 new workers would begin immediately. The Malaysian firm, DRB-HICOM, is the first firm to create the high-powered racing electric sportscars.

The project is the first in the world to create an entirely electronic sportscar, and the first in the world to create an entirely electronic sportscar.

“An 18-year-old woman, a pedestrian, was killed in a car crash today that she hoped their drivers would have a steady head of the future. The car is the first in the world to create an entirely electronic sportscar, and the first in the world to create an entirely electronic sportscar.

The tribute follows an inquest being opened and adjourned at Dudley Coroner’s Court.

A post-mortem revealed the cause of death to be electrocution and acute head injuries. A woman, who was also in the car, suffered minor injuries, and the 21-year-old driver was hospitalised with arm injuries.

Closing statements were expected in the coming days. The inquest featured 30 witnesses. Call them on 01384 118690.

Caravan storage plan is approved

COUNCILORS have granted permission for a fleet of caravans to be created in a village near Wolverhampton.

Up to 68 caravans will be allowed to take place on land at the former macast factory site, in Chasepool Road, Swin顿.

Planning application was submitted on 18th November 2009.

Conditions attached to the application state that no work, other than the delivery of caravans, will be allowed to take place on land at the former macast factory site, in Chasepool Road, Swin顿.

Existing buildings will be used as part of the storage operation.

Satisfied

South Staffordshire Council granted permission after being satisfied that the layout of the site, in Chasepool Road, Swin顿, had no impact on the character of the area.

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Heartbreak parents’ tribute to bubbly son

Me and My Girl at village school

DOROTHY Wilson said:

“I’d like to offer a tribute to the person who was born on April 27, 1990.

He will be in our hearts forever.”

“Till the day we shot the pack.”

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Railway to roll back the years

AN historic railway will turn back the clock to the 1940s for part of its programme of events, after being satisfied that conditions attached to the application state that no work, other than the delivery of caravans, will be allowed to take place on land at the former macast factory site, in Chasepool Road, Swin顿.

Westfield sales and marketing manager Simon Westwood, left, and managing director Julian Turner with their Sport EV road car.

Mr Turner saw the event as “the catalyst for great things to come. After the unveiling of the car, the Malaysian deal underway and was signed at the beginning of this year.”

This will mean the firm will be tripping production, not only bringing in £30milion a year’s revenue to the region, including Westfield and its suppliers, most of which are based in the Black Country – but will also mean the firm will double its workforce.

One DEcision over a planned housing expansion for a site which has raised safety concerns due to the high pressure gas pipeline has been put on hold.

Mar City Development, which has raised safety concerns due to the high pressure gas pipeline has been put on hold, last week.

The Health and Safety Executive raised concerns about safety as it scaled down scheme of 142 homes was set to be approved last week.

Report

Despite the revised plans, the executive was still concerned “that in the event of a failure of the high pressure gas pipeline and ignition of the natural gas there is the risk of significant harm to property and persons in the area, and the potential for fatalities.”

A decision on the plans was deferred for the further preparation of a further report, in line with the current planning policy and guidance raised by the executive.

The 87.28ha land was part of the Little Burton Estate. Once open, the site would sit alongside the £6m million Tipton swimming pool and eight-acre former regimental factory site, which is being turned into 87 houses by Redrow.

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Feasibility study over church closure

A FEASIBILITY study has been launched into future uses of a landmark Dudley church, which closed in 2010.

Campanologists hope St John’s in Kates Hill can be opened up to the community again and are now asking residents, businesses and local organisations for their views.

The study, which is costing £10,000, will include an online survey and will also take into account how much interest there is from community groups in using the building.

Chairman of the St John’s Church Preservation Group, Iain Brownlow said: “This information will be crucial when it comes to persuading the Church Commissioners that the building should be fully opened.

Potential users could be community groups, small specialist private companies, other charities, clubs, also perhaps wedding venues, conferences and a variety of events such as shows and talks.”

It is hoped the completed feasibility study, which is being compiled with the help of Dudley firm Oakham Research, will be used by the group to attract further funding to restore the building.

The preservation group has been tirelessly raising cash to fund repairs and work to replace the lightning conductor on the roof and waterproofing the church has begun.

They hope to open the building up a few hours a week to help with fundraising but are still negotiating insurance company.

Around £16,000 has been raised towards the lightning conductor, water proofing work and the study.

Work to completely restore the building to estimate to cost between £50,000 and £100,000.

The preservation group is pleased to be back this summer at the Alexandra Theatre with the Pink Productions Summer School.

The event, now in its fourth year, will be held at The Mill Theatre in Mill Bank, Stourbridge, between August 15 and 19.

Places will take place for those aged four and above, including a range of singing workshops. The ‘In The Pink’ event will culminate on the Friday night with a professional performance taking place in the theatre.

Pink Productions director Josie Richards, who is the daughter of the late Dame Judi Dench, which is supported by the Blues Brothers, said: “The event is a celebration of song and dance with a summer school in the Black Country.

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After the success of the company’s previous 10 sold-out productions, Pink Productions is pleased to be back this summer at the new venue to give people this fantastic experience.

The company, which is proud to have featured One Direction boy band singer Liam Payne, is looking for up-and-coming artists.

Places are limited and anyone wishing to book or find out more information is advised to call Josie on 01902 683687 or 07763 687931 or visit www.pinkperformingarts.co.uk

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In the pink for summer school

Bed sore numbers tumble at hospital

THE number of patients in hospital with pressure sores has halved since the start of the year.

And development control at Sandwell Council insisted it would be “ridiculous” to ban steel shutters, used to protect shops, restaurants and other businesses, after a meeting on the future of the Chinese takeaway in Enville Road, Kingswinford.

A ban on steel shutters, which are working in its current location for shutters used to protect their premises after hours.

The couple, of Bradley Street, Brierley Hill, are now focusing on being a family and recently took their daughter Jessica outside in a pram for the first time.

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First World War shell set for re-dedication

AN ARTILLERY shell case presented to a Black Country village for its efforts during the First World War is being returned to the community years later.

Wordsley Community Association has been made the custodian of the historic piece which was first presented to the area by the National War Savings Committee in recognition of funds which were raised for the war effort.

The shell case, which had been borrowed by a trustee since the closure of Wordsley’s Art Institute where the piece used to hang, has now been returned.

A re-dedication ceremony will be held in Wordsley Community Centre, The Green, on Saturday (May 7) from 2pm.

The shell bears a plaque reading: “Presented by the National War Savings Committee to the people of Wordsley to commemorate their notable subscription to War Securities during Gun Week 1918.”

Borrowing

During the First World War, the government needed to reduce borrowing and raise funds, leading to the National Savings Movement.

People were asked to donate money as bonds which would be paid back after the conflict. A series of events, including performances by the Gentleman Fugglettes group, will culminate in the re-dedication service.

Community association spokeswoman Amanda Blakeley said: “Great War artefact has spent many years hidden away for safe keeping. It has now been passed back to us so that it can at last find a safe home it deserves.”

Members of the Fantasy dance group mark its 10 years. From left, Channon Bowkett, 12, Troy Cooper, five, Ella Fisher, eight and Charlotte Hill, 12.

A CHILDREN’S dance group established by a Black Country woman as the battle against cancer is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Sylvia Horton, 45, set up the Fantasy dance group in late 2001 to give young dancers in the area something to do and toughen them up.

But after seven years, Mrs Horton, of Woodlands Close, Pedmore, was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent reconstructive surgery. She refused to give up on the group after nearly 80 children initially expressed an interest. Ten years later both she and the class are still going strong.

Mrs Horton believes the group, which moved to Holt Green Primary School, in Pedmore Fields, helped her through her illness, now in remission.

A reunion will be held later in the year. Mrs Horton said: “It is extremely pleasing to know we are still running after all these years.”

Dancers celebrates 10 years

Members of the Fantasy dance group mark its 10 years. From left, Channon Bowkett, 12, Troy Cooper, five, Ella Fisher, eight and Charlotte Hill, 12.
PUPILS at the RSA Academy in Tipton are celebrating after winning an award.

Tipton Litter Watch presented stall and pupil with the Eco Schools Green Flag Award for their commitment to raising awareness about environmental issues.

Pupils have created allotments in the academy grounds where they grow a range of vegetables and the next step is to set up community allotments for local people to come and learn old skills.

A community orchard is also being established and the first apple trees have been planted at the school in Gospel Oak Road.

The academy’s biodiversity group is busy creating habitats to encourage a wide range of species to take up residence on site.

The pupils are also learning to cook with the Healthy Eating Action Group at the school in Gospel Oak Road to reflect on their diet.

Food waste is composted and used on the allotments and a vegetable box scheme is being introduced for parents and staff.

The Environmental Action Group at the school has written an Eco-Code which has been shared across the academy community. The curriculum is also being revamped to identify opportunities for integrating environmental issues.

Tipton Litter Watch stated the school has demonstrated a real commitment to promoting environmentally sustainable learning communities.

Tipton Litter Watch is an award winning community led environmental charity funded by Sandwell council.
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Husband took identity of wife’s dead cousin

A WOMAN smuggled her illegal immi-
grant husband into the country and
claimed almost £40,000 in fraudulent
benefits after he took on the name of a
dead cousin to hide his true identity, a
court heard.

Julie Ledgister, of Dudley, received a total of £38,857 in income support, council tax and housing benefits from the taxpayer for not revealing her husband lived with her.

The 43-year-old mother admitted the five-year scam at Wolverhampton Crown Court and was jailed for 18 weeks.

The court heard that Ledgister, of Ernest Road, had married her husband in the Americas in 1996. He then entered the country illegally, taking on the name of her dead cousin.

Ledgister fraudulently claimed benefits from June 2003 until she was caught in 2008.

Mr Graham Russell, prosecuting, said the benefits fraud only came to light after a Home Office investigation into her husband, who applied for a passport under the dead woman’s name.

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Comfortable

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Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said that Ledgister was a woman of previous good character and was in poor health, meaning she would not find it easy

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Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said that Ledgister was a woman of previous good character and was in poor health, meaning she would not find it easy

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Councillors declared that Mary Hill was "jewel in the borough's crown" and such "ensuring" developments did not belong on one of the main routes to the centre
A speaker for William & Sons told the meeting the company was concerned about high volumes of chemicals running off into the drainage system, and also about parking
The committee unanimously rejected the plans

Country

Chairman, Councillor Tim Wright, said "Mary Hill attracts people from all over the country. If the town in the crown of the borough then people are are driving down Level Street to the two main roads which lead to the centre, is this the kind of development for such a centre"
An earlier commit-tee meeting last month decided on April 26 that creating the business on a site of businesses springing up on "any old patch of spare or empty land"

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Shop assistant did not scan £1,200 of goods

A SHOP worker in the Black Country gave more than £1,200 worth of goods to customers without scanning them at the till, a court heard.

Sara Legister, aged 19, carried out the scam at TK Maxx in the Merry Hill Centre, Brierley Hill.

She passed on clothes and electrical items to the customers on three separate occasions. Bosses became suspicious when they noticed some of the accounts did not add up and studied CCTV footage, Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, told Dudley magistrates.

Store bosses saw her twice “under-ranging” and “free-bagging” on another occasion, he said.

Under-ranging involves only charging a customer for some items from a basket, while free-bagging means putting goods straight into their carrier bag without scanning anything.

Mr Cooper said the store was now trying to recoup the £1,253 value of the goods from Legister, of Kirkham Way, Tipton.

When interviewed after being arrested on her 19th birthday, she told police she did not know any of the customers involved.

Jamaica

But she told them the items were being sent to “a third party in Jamaica”, Mr Cooper added.

Mr Gerry Vahey, defending, said there was “more to the situation” but Legister had refused to name the people she had served.

Legister, who is due to start a performing arts degree at London Metropolitan University in September, lives with her parents, the court heard.

She had insisted on taking full responsibility for the crime, Mr Vahey said, and has since lost her job.

He said: “She was clearly under pressure from other people to carry this out.”

The three incidents took place between August 2010 and April 15 this year, the court was told.

Legister pleaded guilty to fraud by abuse of her position when she appeared in court yesterday.

She was fined £250, and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

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Golf balls peril sparks row over safety nets

A BLACK Country mother says that she is terrified to let her daughter play in their garden in case she is hit by golf balls from a nearby course.

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Stepping out in aid of charity

IT WILL be at least six months before a decision is made on the future of an historic Dudley brewery which has been a magnet for tourists.

The future of Langley Maltings in Oldbury has been in doubt following a catalogue of attacks at the Western Road site.

Specialist architects are still on site drawing up a report for future uses of the building, as it may no longer be viable.

Part of the Grade II listed building has already been demolished.


Mr Singh said it would be at least six months before the owners were expecting to receive a final report on the building’s condition.

A woman died following a fall from a car.

A WOMAN, a 93-year-old, died after being thrown from a car when it was hit by a lorry on the A461 about 650yards from the roundabout at the Ring Road and Market Street junction.

A queue of traffic built up all the way back up to the top of the High Street as the lorry was hit.

The lorry driver tries to navigate the corner into Market Street, Stourbridge.

Chaos over bad parking

THIS was the scene as a lorry became stuck when it’s path was blocked by a car parked on double yellow lines in Stourbridge.

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**£2.5m of dodgy goods are seized**

Botherers used a knife to threaten a man before ordering him to hand over his wallet and gold rings.

The victim was walking along the towpath near First Industrial Estate, Kidderminster, at 3.30pm on Monday, April 25.

The man, in his 40s, became aware of the two men following him from the direction of Stourport. As he approached a bridge leading to the towpath, the men shouted for him to stop.

One had a knife and ordered him to hand over his four gold rings. They also took a black leather wallet containing around £170. The thieves then walked off back towards Stourport.

Unshaven

The thieves were both white men aged in their 40s. One was around 6ft 1in, of heavy build and unshaven. He was wearing a hoody and cap in his right ear.

The other man was tanned and also of heavy build, around 6ft 1in and had brown hair which was parted at the side and longer on top. Detective Sergeant Pete Wheeler said: “The presence of knives, and the threat of assault to the seriousness of this.

Police are asking anyone who saw the thieves to come forward with information.

Witnesses are asked to call Kidderminster police on 01562 333 300.

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**SVR winter investment**

SERVICES at Kidderminster's Severn Valley Railway could be disrupted against the winter as further maintenance work is carried out along the historic line.

Officials said they would again be investing heavily in the railway network at the end of the year and the start of 2012. It has not yet been decided which lines along the route will be shut for the winter months with plans to be finalised in the coming weeks.

Cash for future work will be financed from profits with the railway network to boost winter numbers after a difficult last year.

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**FUN day boosts caring group**

SCORES of people turned out to a fun day at a Midlands bar, which raised £800 for the organisation which helps children and adults with severe disabilities and also enhances their lives.

Abney court, barbeque, tombola and other entertainment at Legends Sports Bar in Owen Street, Tipton, raised in funds for Sandwell Multicare.

Wylise supporter Bill Shaker, aged 60, of Anderson Gardens, Tipton, and West Bromwich Albion fan Mick Bradley, aged 52, of Sandwell Class, Tipton, also raised more than £300 by swapping football shirts for the day.

**Violet clocks up her century**

Violet Wassell with son Tom, his wife Angela and carer Sonya Stackhouse (5 days) £249.50

Violet Wassell, aged 63, of Tipton, celebrated her 100th birthday on Easter Monday.

Son Tom Wassell, of John Bright Close, Bromwich Albion fan, and family, and friends threw the party at the home in Valley Road.

Mrs Wassell was born and raised in Cradley Heath, moved to Birches End, Northfield, in 1940 and then moved to Birch Crescent, Tipton.

She married husband Richard in 1959 and moved to John Bright Close, Tipton, in 1990.

Mrs Wassell, who has lived at Valley Court for about three years, used to be a keen gardener.

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A CONTROVERSIAL quarry scheme at the back of a Dudley rugby club today has taken a leap forward as plans were submitted to begin excavating for gravel and minerals.

Plans to quarry land at the Mile Plat in Wall Heath, Dudley, at the rear of Dudley-Kingswinford Rugby Club, have been put in by contractor FG Davis, despite fears aired by local families.

The move sparked a storm of protest from residents who say a quarry would make their lives a misery.

But FG Davis has submitted firm plans for the scheme, off Swindon Road, to the county council.

The company has also applied to extend its permission to continue work at its existing quarry site in Enville Road for another three years.

Residents are now gearing up for a new battle.

Ward councillor Dave Tyler is spearheading the campaign and says he was prepared to fight the plans “all the way”.

“Technically there could be another site like this just around the corner and right next to the rugby club is terrible,” he said.

“Having another quarry in the area would blight the area for at least another generation.

“Even in the medium term, we could have major problems with traffic, dust and noise.”

In 2001, the firm made an application to quarry the same site, but withdrew the plans at the last minute following public outcry.

Plans for two quarries emerged in 2009 when FG Davis applied for them to be included in the Minerals Core Strategy. A decision on the proposals is expected by June.

In 2009, the council’s regeneration chief Robert Marshall, said: “In simple English any new quarry will be almost certainly opposed and any extension to any existing quarry will be potentially opposed.”

No-one from FG Davis was available for comment on the latest plans.
Glass making seeks clearer route ahead

Glass is synonymous with Dudley and Stourbridge, where it has been made for around 400 years. The area has been home to world famous glass companies, including Royal Brierley and Stuart Crystal, and is also an iconic part of the borough that even Stourbridge’s football team are known as the Glassboys.

Now individuals are keeping glass making alive in the area, with help from the Contemporary Glass Society which promotes the work of glass artists from across the world and organises glass exhibitions and conferences. But the society has now suffered a shattering blow. It can trace its history back for 400 years, but glass making in the Stourbridge and Dudley areas has been dealt a shattering blow. Alex Wainwright reports

Janet Hendry of the British Glass Foundation and Will Farmer of Fieldings Auctioneers with items from a recent auction in Stourbridge which raised funds for the preservation of the industry.

Artist Terri Colledge, who works in the Ruskin Glass Centre, Stourbridge in the area of cameo and enamelled painted glass. It's a really useful tool and gives the students the opportunity to network and engage with other glass makers. It's a core of information,” he says. Mr Green says the funding loss is devastating, but it

Charles Hajdamach, with a commission at Broadfield Glass Museum in Kingswinford, 2001: a Human Oddity by David Reekie. He's grateful that the money flowed for as long as it did, given that glass is such a specialist area. It's a very unfortunate situation. There is no other organisation like it.

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Raiders punch elderly victim

Masked raiders hit a pensioner in the face after breaking into his Black Country home. The 80-year-old was robbed at his home in Warley. The man, described as white and both wearing balaclavas, forced entry and threatened the man before punching him. They then stole bank cards and £20 before escaping at around 1am on Friday, April 29.

DC Matt Millward from Sandwell CID said: "This was a nasty incident and police inquiries are ongoing to catch those responsible."

The victim is not the only person in the region to have been attacked at home recently. Two elderly people were left cut and clumps of hair missing after being targeted.

Police are concerned that as the weather gets warmer people will leave doors and windows open, rendering their homes vulnerable. Anyone with information can call police on 0345 113 5000.

Car smash

A car crashed into a garden wall after swerving to avoid a vehicle from the opposite direction. The accident happened on Cloomber Close, Cradley Heath, at about 7pm on April 29. The woman driver had no serious injuries.

Reported 25 years ago

A POCKET WATCH which travelled to the other side of the world early in the last century has made its way back home to the Black Country.

The miniature timepiece belonged to The Rev Thomas Swindell who was vicar at All Saints’ Church in Sedgley from 1888 to 1929. The gold watch was inscribed and given to him by his parishioners in 1915 as a thank you for his first 25 years of service.

Over the decades it has been passed down through generations of Mr Swindell’s descendants, ending up with his great-great-nieces in British Columbia, Canada. But it has now been welcomed back to All Saints after family friend David Shelton took it to Sedgley and presented it to current vicar, the Rev Stephen Buckley.

The church plans to put the watch on show during special events so it can be seen by the whole community. As well as a watch, a commemorative book was made to mark Mr Swindell’s 25th anniversary at the church and a copy is now kept at the Dudley Archives centre.

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The Rev Thomas Swindell who was confirmed in September 1888 and lived in the vicarage and church hall side of the River Wribbenhall. Experts also consulted the planning team which were drawn up following studies into the flow of the brook. Proposals are to create a water storage embankment which would hold large amounts of water in the event of a flash flood.

The proposed changes will see water being released gradually.

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Amazing circus life is revealed by father’s tapes

A CIRCUS BOSS has told of his terrifying escape from Nazi Europe in a unique recording of his life story left to his Cradley Heath family.

Lifelong performer James Kayes, who once met Adolf Hitler, had to leave behind all the animals, including his three most prized horses, when war broke out.

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The story was preserved on the tapes in an interview with the British Library Archives, left to his son.

He made his ring debut at the age of six, dancing and drumming and toured with his father’s show. It was as a teenager on a tour of Germany in 1933 that performances were introduced to statesmen, including Chancellor Hitler. His career was cut short when touring with the Jewish Strassburger family as the Cirkus Mikrone in Belgium when bombs began falling around their hotel.

Ron Tommy, of Wollall Street, Cradley Heath, said: “He managed to escape from Ostend on one of the very last sailings with his brother Johnny, a lion tamer and rider, and sister Cissie, a lion, dog and horse trainer. He had to leave his best horses, though. He was that angry when he got back that they’d had to leave the best horses, he enquired.”

James served in the Royal Air Force for six-and-a-half years, making his way up the ranks to sergeant during service in Palestine, Crete, Italy and Greece.

After they were demobbed, brothers James and Johnny teamed up again in 1946 with Major Russell’s Continental Express Circus. The tapes recall that a year later, James married Yolanda Truzzi, making his father-in-law William Truzzi, former director of the Russian State Circus, Yolanda, whose father had a state funeral and whose ornate Russian grave features lion statues, had her own footjuggling act.

As James and Johnny’s reputation as great bareback horse riders and performers grew, they set up their own Kayes Brothers Circus (from 1946-1957), working in England and Ireland. James then moved into the fairground world.

He would return to the extravagant ring in the 1990s in a pink tailcoat and top hat as manager of Treasure’s Circus at the Kelvin Hall Fair in Glasgow. “They knew his reputation and asked him to come out of retirement,” Tommy added.

In 2001 James received a Lifetime Achievement Award from The World’s Fair. He died in 2004, aged 86.

Johnny and James Kayes in 1931

The mother of Tommy, footjuggler Yolanda Kayes in the 1930s

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Journalist

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Grass Roots Football Show is back for 2011 and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

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Opportunity

I am the proud parent of two young sons who are starting out on the grass roots football coaching path. It is vital that all young children in this country – boys and girls – are given the very best coaching development as they grow up.

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I have the utmost admiration and respect for all the junior football coaches who volunteer their time, money and energies into giving our young people a chance to play organised football.

Grass Roots Football Director, Joanna Burns, said: “Grass roots football is one of the hottest topics in sport at the moment. With major announcements due in the coming weeks, we are planning the most exciting show in the history of the event.

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Delta Maid – Glee Club date

Wolves date in Manics mini-tour line-up

MANIC Street Preachers come to Wolverhampton this month for one of only three gigs in a mini-tour and the only date outside their native Wales.

The powerhouse rock trio will play the seaside resort of Llandudno and then the Civic Hall on Thursday, May 19, before a triumphant return to Cardiff for their first gig in the Welsh capital since 2007.

Bassist Nicky Wire said: “We are really looking forward to playing Cardiff CILY again as it has been over three years since we played there. It will be a great warm up for the festival season and a perfect way to end what has been a brilliant campaign for Postcards For A Young Man.

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Now hear Delta Maid. This 26-year-old singer-songwriter from Wavertree has a voice as clear and clean as country air and is about to make an impact with her debut album, Outside Lock In, which draws upon country and blues music, as much Mississippi as Mersey. “Sometimes you don't fit a niche,” she said. “There’s pressure on you to fit in and do the popular thing. I know I don’t fit the mould but just take a chance and it might work.”

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Sunday TV

BBC1, 9pm

LORD SUGAR TACKLES FOOTBALL

Anybody with an income of £40,000 a year should be laughing all the way to the bank. That's the kind of Tuscan Elite Premier League clubs are reportedly pulling in every year thanks to TV, match-day and sponsorship revenue – so why are so many of them up to their stadium rooftops in debt? Lord Sugar aims to find out what should be an eye-opening documentary. While investigating the financial problems facing football, he interviews bosses, owners, agents and players to ask what has gone wrong – and what can be done to solve the issues he raises.

BBC2, 10pm

4.00 Cribbies, 7.00 Cribbies, 10.00 Something for the Weekend, 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 Previous Antiques Roadshow. (R) 12.30 Britain's Got Talent. (R) 1.05 EastEnders. 5.00 Live Challenge. (R) Rugby League. 5.10 HLV vs Bradford Bulls. (Kick-off 5.15pm). 5.30 Film: The Red Baron. (2006) First World War heroic tragic, starring Mathew McConaughey.

BBC3, 10pm

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits Cornwall's Penwith Peninsula, the westernmost point in mainland Britain, to meet a seascape artist, and Julia Bradbury cooks a dish using Japanese ingredients. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

BBC4, 10pm

8.00 Britain's Secret Soaps. New series. Paul Rose, Timo Maito and Frank Player explore the worlds surrounding Britain, beginning with marine life off the coasts of Cornwall, South Wales and Devon.

ITV1, 10pm

9.00 Lord Sugar Tackles Football. The businessman and former Tottenham Hotspur chairman investigates the financial problems affecting English football, and proposes his own solution to help the game.

9.15 PMT: Civilisation: Is the West History?

ITV2, 10pm


Channel 4, 10pm

11.00 Protyres. (2008) Tread Safe, the West's best-known safety system that seals punctures – never a get you home product. It is a permanent puncture preventative applied to Read Them. One of our mobile fitters: 'You will be AMAZED' Can also repair tyres with existing punctures and provides a unique tyres safety system that seals punctures 'as they happen'.

Channel 5, 10pm

4.40 My Kitchen: Peppers. (R) 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Film: The Red Baron. (R) 6.30 The Cube. (R) 7.00 Film: Alien Resurrection. Thriller, starring Sigourney Weaver and Jeff Goldblum. 7.30 Dinner Date. (R) 8.00 Film: Fiddler on the Roof (1971). Romantic comedy, starring Arthur Gelb and Topol. 8.30 ITV News at Ten. Weather.

Digital


BBC THREE

11.00 The Turkish Grand Prix. 1.05 Baba and Erim's Great Adventures. 8.00 The Mr Men Show. (R) 8.15 Furry Valley. 8.30 The Adventures of Bride Top Bib and His Best Friend Cory. (R) 8.50 Myth: Sheepdog Attack. (R) 9.00 Chefs. (R) 9.15 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.50 Olivia. (R) 9.55 The Mr Men Show. (R) 10.00 OK! TV Sunday. 11.00 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. 12.00 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 12.00 The King's Speech. 12.30 Film: Short Circuit 2. (1988) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Fisher Stevens. 1.05 5.05 News. 5.10 Film: Binkie and the Eye of the Tiger. (1977) Fantasy adventure, starring Patrick Wayne.

BBC FOUR

11.00 Being Erica. 12.00 Collins: The Dentist. 12.45 Film: Desert Island Disks. 1: The Tuttles. 13.45 Film: X2. 1.30 Film: The Tiger's Tail. 2.00 Come Dine with Me. 2.45 Film: Subway. 3.10 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 3.45 Film: Fiddler on the Roof. 4.15 Film: The Red Baron. 4.45 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 5.15 Film: The Red Baron. 5.45 Film: Subway. 7.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 7.30 Film: The Red Baron. 8.00 Film: Subway. 8.30 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 9.00 Film: The Red Baron. 9.30 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 10.00 Film: The Red Baron. 10.30 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 11.00 Film: The Red Baron. 11.30 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 12.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 12.30 Film: The Red Baron. 1.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 1.30 Film: The Red Baron. 2.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 2.30 Film: The Red Baron. 3.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 3.30 Film: The Red Baron. 4.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 4.30 Film: The Red Baron. 5.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 5.30 Film: The Red Baron. 6.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 6.30 Film: The Red Baron. 7.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 7.30 Film: The Red Baron. 8.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 8.30 Film: The Red Baron. 9.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 9.30 Film: The Red Baron. 10.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 10.30 Film: The Red Baron. 11.00 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. 11.30 Film: The Red Baron.

SBC FOUR

12.00 A History of Christianity. 8.00 The Secret Life of the National Grid. 9.00 The Secret Life of Wolves. 10.00 Film: Jar City (2008). 11.30 Choice: Alpha.

E4

1.00 Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen. 2.00 Friends. 3.00 Friends. 4.00 Friends. 5.00 Friends. 6.00 Friends. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 Friends. 9.00 Friends. 10.00 Friends. 11.00 Friends. 12.00 Friends.

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Standing in an elevated position, with far reaching views across the Black Country and beyond, this traditionally styled, two bedroomed semi-detached property offers spacious accommodation with a large front garden and a rear garden with a large patio. The accommodation includes: entrance porch, large reception hall, two living rooms, two first floor bedrooms, family bathroom, and a large rear garden. **SELDGELEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

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**LOWER GORNAL**

11 New Street

This substantial detached family home, with a detached garage and double glazing throughout, offers spacious accommodation with a large front garden and a rear garden with a large patio. The accommodation includes: entrance porch, large reception hall, two living rooms, five bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, and a large rear garden. **SELDGELEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

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This traditional styled, two bedroomed semi-detached property has double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation which comprises: front and rear reception rooms, modern kitchen, two first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, and a large rear garden. **SELDGELEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

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**DUDLEY**

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Langstone Road

Having been the subject of a complete scheme of renovation by the current owners in recent years, this gas centrally heated, UPVC double glazed, two bedroomed semi-detached property is set in a beautiful landscaped garden with a large garage, double car port, and spacious patio. **SELDGELEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

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Enjoying a semi-rural, "out of the way" setting within this sought after and renowned residential setting, this detached house, a well-presented property, 3407sq ft (315sq m) is situated in a secluded, peaceful location in a pleasantly positioned, beautifully landscaped garden with a large garage, double car port, and spacious patio. **SELDGELEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Price: £199,950

**WOMBOURNE VILLAGE**

48 Bumblehole Meadows

Recently constructed, this modern styled, four bedroomed detached property, with gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed, offers spacious accommodation with a large front garden and a rear garden with a large patio. The accommodation includes: entrance porch, large reception hall, two living rooms, four bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, and a large rear garden. **SELDGELEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

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98 High Street

This traditionally styled, two bedroomed mid terraced property, with gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed, is situated in a well-presented location, in the heart of the village of Brierley Hill, with gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed, offers spacious accommodation with a large front garden and a rear garden with a large patio. The accommodation includes: entrance porch, large reception hall, two living rooms, two first floor bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, and a large rear garden. **SELDGELEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

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Catherine Road, Hurst Hill

A traditionally built, mid-terrace, stone built cottage. This property offers great potential for modernisation with a good degree of character. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, living room with wood burning stove, dining room, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. 

Offers in excess of £210,000

Chilington Drive, Mixling Bank

A traditionally built, three bedroom, mid-terrace, stone builded cottage. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, living room with bay window and wood burning stove, dining room, kitchen, bedroom with walk-in wardrobe and bathroom. 

Offers in the region of £200,000

Aintree Way, Miking Bank

A traditionally built, three bedroom, detached house with garage and garden. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, bedroom with fitted wardrobes, bathroom and garage. 

Offers in the region of £187,000

Sandysfields Road

An exceptionally well presented & particularly stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated, detached property. The accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, reception hall, living room, large L-shaped lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. 

Offers in the region of £119,950

Wolverhampton Road

A particularly individual 'quirky' cottage of character believed to have been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, through lounge with living flame feature fire, bay (and double doors out to garden), L-shaped lounge with living flame feature gas fire, bay (and double doors out to garden), fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and is further enhanced by the GARAGE situated to the rear and is accessed by a 'transformed' garage/parking, driveway and garden.

Offers in the region of £149,000

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A comparitively SPACIOUS, modernised & improved, UVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached home which comprises: entrance hallway, through lounge, large L-shaped lounge with living flame feature gas fire, bay, kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE good sized bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, driveway & pleasant rear garden.

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This holiday park accommodation enjoys a good sized level, private rear garden and is situated in a popular location.

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A MOST EXCITING MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE which offers up to five bedrooms and is further enhanced by the beautiful landscaped rear garden. The accommodation comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, separate dining room, kitchen with integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, reappointed family bathroom, garage and drive.

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Price: £144,950

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Broad Street

Offers gas central heating and being majority double glazed, a rare opportunity to purchase this three bedroomed, traditionally styled semi detached property which comprises two reception rooms, extended kitchen, bathroom with separate shower cubicle, three first floor bedrooms, garden to the rear, family sized accommodation, must be seen. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 285265

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Chevrolet is new leader of the pack in vehicle reliability stakes

VALUE-BRAND: Chevrolet has topped a survey of car reliability, according to new research.

Warranty Direct’s Reliability Index analyses both the frequency of failure and also the cost of repair to customers’ cars, and currently Chevrolet is leading the pack with a score of just 20.00 – the lower the score, the better the reliability and lower the cost. Honda’s score stands at 30.00.

Chevrolet also tops the charts for repair costs – at £735.14 per repair claim. Chevrolet beats its nearest rival, Fiat, by more than £40.

Chevrolet also claims the lowest time off the road in terms of repairs, with an average of 1.41 days per claim to repair. Second-placed Suzuki’s score is 1.45. Chevrolet is a keen supporter and fully subscribed member of MotorCodes, the UK car industry’s self-regulating commitment to fair practice and good customer service.

Package

It was also the first brand to offer a fully comprehensive five-year on-care package to its customers. The Five-Year Promise, introduced in 2010, not only offers a warranty, but also roadside assistance, servicing, MoT insurance and vehicle health checks over the period. Proof, if it were needed, that Chevrolet believes in its cars’ dependability.

Warranty Direct’s managing director Duncan McClure-Fisher said: “Honda has held the top spot in our overall manufacturer’s reliability table for many months. So for Chevrolet to knock them off their perch is a major coup.”

“You have to bear in mind that we do not hold as many policies on Chevrolets as Honda models. But, nevertheless, the data we do have clearly shows that Chevrolets are trustworthy vehicles.”
Lucky 25 can snap up a special Lotus Seven

TO CELEBRATE its new ownership, iconic British sports car marque Caterham Cars will build a limited run of Team Lotus Special Edition Sevens. Just 25 of the Team Lotus upgrade packages, which can be applied to any variant up to the top of the range, 263bhp, Superlight R600, will be built in the UK, with the same number allocated to the company’s thriving export markets.

For an additional £3,000 over the price of your chosen car, the Sevens will be specially liveried in the famous green and yellow colours of Lotus and will come with bespoke Team Lotus additions. Included in the upgrade package will be an invitation to a customised tour of the Team Lotus F1 factory in Hingham, Norfolk.

As custodians of Colin Chapman’s original 50s concept for the Seven since 1973, Caterham’s current product range remains true to Chapman’s philosophy of lightweight, minimalistic sports cars.

**Cockpit**
Outside, the cars will be coated in a Team Lotus-inspired livery and the theme continues in the cockpit, with a plaque carrying the signatures of Team Lotus F1 drivers, Jarno Trulli and Heikki Kovalainen.

Owners will also receive a Seven history book signed by chief designer, Mike Gascoyne. Caterham managing director, Aniel Ali, said: “Caterham Cars is starting an exciting and hugely important chapter. It’s entirely fitting that we celebrate our opportunity to take Colin Chapman’s ‘less is more’ philosophy global, with this special car.

“Owners of the Special Edition Sevens will have not only a fabulous British sports car, but a genuine piece of automotive history in their garage.”

**The Sevens will adopt the famous green and yellow Lotus livery**

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Few sporting occasions match the intensity, glamour and drama of the Formula 1 Santander British Grand Prix and whether a wide-eyed first timer or seasoned veteran the experience is breathtaking.

Nothing beats the atmosphere at Silverstone when a British driver takes to the circuit. In 2011 both Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button will be aiming to impress the loyal British fans at their home race and hope to mount the steps of the Silverstone podium.

The British Grand Prix is the oldest race in the Formula 1 calendar, reaching its 61st anniversary in 2011. Originally a Second World War airfield, Silverstone has hosted the race regularly since 1950, and every year since 1987.

The circuit is famous for being one of the fastest and most challenging tracks, testing even the best driver’s skills to the limit.

After victory in front of his home fans in 2008, Lewis Hamilton will be looking to emulate this success again whilst Jenson Button would love to win at Silverstone and join the list of elite British drivers to win in front of a home crowd, including Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell, Damon Hill and David Coulthard.

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Pedmore standing firm as bat dominates ball

The 2011 season started in good sunshine and after the recent dry spell some outfields looked as if it was August rather than April.

Straight back into form were high-scoring favourites Awdouth Bank, for whom Steve Mehmed and Tom Fuller recorded the first centuries in Division One in a one-wicket stand of 151 at newly promoted Pedmore.

Their final total of 215 in 50 overs must have looked daunting but Pedmore dished out what they see as the administration’s outside pick for the title. Their responses were 225 which had Bank to a win in a draw in a fixture dominated by the bat.

Worcestershire Cricket League with Chris Heath

Elsewhere, last year’s runner-up Worcester Nomads thought their score of 210 all out was enough to impress to offer up at returning Pershore. But the hosts crashed to their first county league defeat in more than two seasons when they slumped to 141 all out.

However, if the Nomads thought their total was a little light then Stourbridge’s 157 all out have must have seemed even more modest. But Redditch, who had not last season’s star batsman Adam Guyler, were bowled out for 110.

The other newly promoted side, Solowinf, were immediately up against it at the home to Bromyard as the visitors racked up 224 and won by 9 runs.

Rob Buswell, captain of Bewdley made a reasonable 57 as his side reached 204-9 in reply to Worcester’s 206-5.

Cards

Meanwhile Droitwich’s batmen must have had a hand in up to 120 overs with maximum points up to top with maximum points.

Ipswich, Harringdon, Redwick and Harborne.

The other two matches also saw victories for Stourport and Old Vigneron with victories over Combs Wood and Fenochton respectively.

Moseley and Broughall were also winners, overcoming Dominies and Malvern.

Nick Panniers of Cobwall with 125 made the top score and Lewis Orford of the Worcestershire U19s took 7-39 in the draw with Nethercot.

Division Three looks to be all that thrills in 2011 and four sides headed straight to the top with maximum points.

Alvechurch, Harringdon, Redwick and Harborne.

Worcestershire Cricket League

Moss green shoots of revival finally wither

Macclesfield 48 Stourbridge 24

STOURBRIDGE SAXONS were unable to average an opening day defeat by the National One newcomers as Macclesfield ran in seven tries in the Cheshire sun.

But it was not one-way traffic. Stourbridge notching four tries, dominating periods of play and finishing with the score of the match.

Saxons had made the perfect start to the match, marching their opening kickoff deep into Macclesfield territory with the help of some cheap penalties before prop Billy Mos was pushed inside some weak tackling to open the scoring.

The bad lost to fail in the Macclesfield 31-5 half-time lead to a penalty to stretch the score to 3-5. Randle, following up a drop-out for another try.

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GORNAL had an opportunity to secure a lengthy spell at the top of the table when they faced the stubbornly determined visitors.

Two first-half shots from Callum Martin sliding Cameron Morgan and Nisbett’s diving header resulted in a blocked shot that simply fell to the edge of the box.

At the other end well-taken opportunities for Wellington were limited, with both clearances and saves needed to maintain the lead.

The game could have been made closer to the end when Danny Campbell latched onto an awkward corner, which netted his 36th of the season, slotting past keeper Tim Swann.

It seemed that it was Wellington’s day as chances came and went. Not to be outdone, skipper Danny Campbell’s header is saved by the keeper.

The Blues ended their Midland Alliance season with a victory over the away side continuing their title push.


THE Blues’ final game of the season ended in a draw after a dramatic 95th minute equaliser.


BRIWICK 3 Dudley T 0


WALINGTON’S hotshot Mark Nisbett grabbed a hat-trick and smashed the 30-goal barrier as the visitors ensured the race for second place behind champions Tivoli.


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