

Night out to say goodbye to president

LIONS left their den for a night out. A tradition of Berkhamsted Lions Club is for its members to take its president out to a secret venue at the end of their year of office and this year was no different.

A group of 20 took their current president, Alex Evans, to visit an apiary run by the St Albans Beekeepers' Association. There, Luke Adams, who is secretary to the Hertfordshire Beekeepers' Association, and a member of the Lions Club of St Albans, explained how hives work and the challenges facing both bees and keepers.

Under supervision Mr Evans dismantled a hive, identified the queen and re-assembled it. All the Lions also donned bee suits and got up close. Mr Evans said: "This really was a great surprise. It's something I've seen others do from afar, but I've never had the opportunity until now. And a double surprise to find that Luke, who I've known for a long time, was an avid beekeeper."

The evening was rounded off with dinner at the Green Man at Leverstock Green and a donation was made to the Beekeepers' Association. This month the new president Bruce Ruggles, of Castle Mews, took over. Mr Ruggles joined in February 2003 and has been chairman of the fund raising committee for the past three years.

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Attempted kidnap case has stalled

POLICE have said all the current lines of investigation have been 'exhausted' following an alleged attempted snatch of a 15-year-old girl.

A teenage girl told police that just after 1.30pm on July 7 she was approached by a man in a red car on Northfield Road, Tring, as she walked home.

She alleged he tried to pull her into his car but she managed to break free and fled towards Beggars Lane to find help.

The suspect is described as a white man and was driving a bright red car, possibly a sports one with a loud exhaust.

He is believed to have a foreign accent, be aged between 35 and 40, of slim build, with dark brown hair and about 5ft 10ins tall.

He was wearing a white shirt, thin black tie and black jeans.

Police spokesman Olivia Finucane said: "All current lines of investigation have been exhausted and police are still trying to ascertain further information on what was an isolated and extremely rare incident in Tring. If anyone has any information which could help, please call the police."

Councillor co-opted

A NEW councillor for the village of Aldbury will be officially announced at the next meeting of the parish council.

It follows the resignation of Councillor Andrew Stephenson due to work commitments.

He decided to give up the role after taking on a new job. "I'm working away most of the time, which makes it difficult to get to meetings. It's a good public duty to perform but if you can't fulfil it properly then I think you should stand down," said the 55-year-old.

Under government rules Aldbury Parish Council is allowed to co-opt a new councillor if no one calls for an election. Four candidates were interviewed for the position.

Councillors have agreed to welcome Mark Milner onto the council. He will be officially introduced at the next council meeting on Monday, September 7.

Out in force to Flog It!

Antique clock put up by Hospice of St Francis did not sell

CROWDS turned out to see the making of a BBC show and possibly pick up a bargain at Tring Market Auctions.

The daytime programme Flog It! was at the Brook Street auction house on Saturday and the team hoped to rake in cash for show guests.

One challenge was to sell a Swedish clock to raise funds for the Hospice of St Francis.

The Jacob Kock timepiece was expected to fetch up to £2,000 but despite a packed room it failed to reach the £1,500 reserve price.

Although disappointed, hospice spokesman Claire de Silva says they still hoped to find a buyer.

"The good thing that came



Flog It! presenter Paul Martin and Sam Evans from the hospice.

out of it was we were filmed by the BBC. We were able to give a brilliant plug for the

hospice and then we just watched as the auctioneer tried to do his very best but the room just wasn't interested in it," she said.

The cash could pay for the charity's nursing costs for a whole week or cover the cost of a month of nursing home care.

The clock was originally spotted by Flog It! antiques expert Michael Baggott as staff from the hospice queued to have the clock valued during an earlier recording of the programme at Whipnade Zoo.

It was donated to the charity by a woman whose husband died at the hospice in Berkhamsted.

Tring auctioneer Stephen

Hearn said: "It was a day of excellent results but there was one disappointment because we didn't manage to sell the clock for the hospice."

However, he has offered to put it up for auction again within a fine arts sale and the hospice has also been given the details of a seller who specialises in clocks.

Throughout the day a total of 2,500 lots went under the hammer. Among the Flog It! items the lot that fetched the most was a rocking horse made by Frederick Ayres which sold for £3,300.

Other items included a Disney tea set, which went for £160 and a musical box that sold for £1,100.

Head leaves after 10 years at top

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AFTER almost ten years at the top a popular head-teacher has stepped down.

As Berkhamsted's Greenway School closed for the summer, staff and students alike said a fond farewell to Bobby Cadwallader.

With trips to London and the opening of an adventure trail at the school, there were several celebrations in honour of Ms Cadwallader.

The outgoing head is semi-retiring so she can spend more time with her family.

However, she will continue to work with Herts County Council to help improve other primary schools.

Ms Cadwallader said: "It's an absolutely wonderful school. I have loved being there and I will miss it."

Paying tribute to Ms Cadwallader the assistant head-teacher Shirley Davis, said: "Since joining Greenway Bobby has been the driving force behind many new initiatives for the school and is fantastic at developing the skills and interests of both



Bobby Cadwallader says goodbye to pupils at Greenway School in Berkhamsted.

the children and the staff.

"She was determined from the outset to provide the best opportunities for our children which has resulted among other achievements in excellent wrap around care, a computer suite, new library, countless awards and a thriving school community.

She added: "Her love of dance prompted her to run

dance clubs for the older children and to bring in a professional dancer to work with all classes and some of the staff. She has taken staff on international professional development visits to other countries and hosted return visits for teachers from China and Thailand. Greenway was the first school in the county to receive a pres-

tigious ICT award. Bobby has never been afraid to meet challenging goals and to think outside the box to achieve the best she can for the whole school community."

Taking Ms Cadwallader's position will be Katharine Weston, who previously worked as an early years advisor at the county council.

Fractured foot didn't stop Maya



Ann Browning, Christine Stevens, Rebecca White, Maya Morris, Miles Nicholas, Jonathan Entwistle (09-787-35).

A FRACTURED foot did not stop a walker from helping raise thousands for a children's charity.

During the annual Berkhamsted Walk earlier this year Maya Morris of Berkhamsted braved a 16-and-a-half mile route despite suffering a stress fracture.

To commend her efforts she was awarded a Paramo waterproof jacket on Saturday during a prize giving.

The Berkhamsted Walk, held in May when the blue-bells in Ashridge were in full bloom, raised almost £9,000 for The Children's Society.

The Complete Outdoors sponsored the event by donating three prizes to the top fundraisers.

Being awarded for his efforts was nine-year-old Jonathan Entwistle, of

Leighton Buzzard. The youngster won Leki poles last year after walking the six-mile route.

He used the poles this year to complete the 13-mile walk and won a pair of Chris Brasher walking boots for second prize.

Rebecca White, of Towcester, who walked the 16-mile course with a group of colleagues, won a pair of Leki walking poles.

The charity supports children in the UK who are trapped in a vicious circle of poverty, neglect or abuse.

This year the walk was a huge success, raising £3,000 rise more compared to the past few years.

For more information about the event visit the www.berkhamstedwalk.org, which was donated by Ambrit Web Designs.

Thousands hit websites

THOUSANDS of hits have been racking up on our new Berkhamsted and Tring websites.

Since the launch of berkhamstedtoday.co.uk and tringtoday.co.uk in April, combined they have tallied an impressive 46,025 hits.

This week the top stories in Tring included a top new exhibition unveiled at the town's Natural History Museum.

Tring School celebrated drama success with students

winning places on a theatre course and the launch of the school's annual play.

In both towns readers logged on to find out more about an attempted snatch of a 15-year-old in Tring.

In Berkhamsted the other big hitters included news that Dagnall School was celebrating its 100th birthday and people wanted to find out more about the annual steam fayre that was held in Potten End on the weekend.



Danielle Brehm, eight, at Tring Library (09-789-113).

Digging into the past

YOUNGSTERS rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in during a Discover and Dig event.

Roman relics were hidden in sandpits to recreate an archaeological dig and children got to make their own Roman tiles from clay.

The drop-in session was held at Tring Library in High Street on Saturday morning.

Nina Bevan, assistant curator from the Dacorum Heritage Trust, which organised the event to mark the Festival of British Archaeology, said:

"We buried Roman artefacts in the sand and then the children recreated being an archaeologist. We had all sorts of other artefacts on display.

"It was really popular. We had about 60 people in total come along and more than half of those were children."

Staff from the charity will be at Berkhamsted Library in Kings Road this Saturday from 10.30am to 1.30pm for more dig sessions.

For more information call Miss Bevan on 01442 879525.

Collection for service people

A HIGH Street collection has raised £260, which will help wounded servicemen and women.

Councillors John Whitman and Mike Edwards were in Tring on Saturday asking shoppers to dig deep.

They were collecting for the charity Help for Heroes, formed to help those who have been wounded in Britain's current conflicts.

Councillor Whitman, a former serviceman with the Royal Green Jackets Rifle Brigade, has already raised £1,650 for the cause and is hoping to reach £2,000.

"I'm ex-army myself and I know they are suffering. New limbs costs an absolute fortune" he said.

"We are quite pleased. For a small place like Tring we took quite a lot of money."

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