AN MP has vowed to fight on to reverse a decision to close the front desk at Dudley police station.

More than 2,200 signed a petition calling for the controversial closure to be scrapped but West Midlands Police bosses have decided to go ahead with the closure later this month, as part of plans to save £3 million.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin, who had led the campaign to keep the public’s face-to-face link with officers open, said he would continue the campaign despite closure being confirmed.

Mr Austin warned that the decision would mean Dudley becoming the largest town in the country without a police station open to the public.

The petition was delivered to Parliament in March but failed to halt the move.

“I’ve been leading the fight to keep Dudley Police Station open to the public over the last year and one of the first things I did when I was re-elected was to set up a meeting with the Chief Unmistakable and Police and Crime Commissioner,” said Mr Austin.

“I put a commitment from Labour’s Shadow Police Minister that he would expect West Midlands Police to keep the station open if Labour won the election. With the Conservative Government planning to make even deeper cuts to policing budgets the closure is now going ahead,” added the Labour MP.

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“...I am very pleased to be appointed to the role but I am sad to have lost my colleague. It was a challenging night and a challenging few days for the party.”

“...she said she would continue to do her best for the people of Dudley within the restrictions at the council’s disposal — and she would continue to challenge the Government for a fairer funding settlement for the borough.”

Councillor Judy Foster was nominated at a cabinet meeting to be ratified by full council. The Labour group now has 38 seats on the council — four fewer than before — with deputy leader and finance boss Stuart Turner the most high profile casualty. He latterly former councillor Anne Millward who was ousted from the Gornal seat by Mr Turner by just two votes in 2011. Council leader Pete Lowe admitted there had been a ‘mixed bag’ of results for Labour.

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Frontman Miles Hunt and the band will perform at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Friday, May 29 for the gig as飙升 £27.50.

The gig will be jointly headlined by Quinton indie band The Twang, who had a top three hit with their debut album Love Is When I Feel Like This in 2007.


The Wonder Stuff had four top 20 albums and 17 top 20 singles including Don’t Let Me Down Gently, The Size of a Cow, Circle园区和chart-topper Dizzy with guest vocals from comedian and celebrity fan Vic Reeves.

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“It is important that we ensure this continues to be important for the future growth of the festival for the benefit of all of our residents. This year’s allocation will be held by the council and property officer for grants, said: “It would be a shame if small groups lost out on funding because money was given to just one event. Little groups are only after a few hundred pounds and need those grants. It should have been discussed at the community forums.”

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Sedgley Library also has two events, one on May 28 from 10.30am to 11.30am and from 2 to 3pm on May 30.

Deborah Harkins, chief officer for libraries, said: “We know how difficult it can be to keep children entertained in the school holidays and these events should be fun and informative.”
£250m spend 'is a vote of confidence' for Dudley

By Andrew Turton

COSTS linked to plans for a new mosque in Dudley have topped £1.7 million.

The plans for the lengthy legal battle as well as security and policing costs for demonstrations in the town sparked by the issue.

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West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "There wasn't a huge financial cost of policing the march as there has been previously, but officers had to patrol the protest in the town centre rather than getting on with their local duties."

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MORE than 250 posts have been axed at Dudley’s hospital trust during the past year in a bid to save £5 million.

These include 33 voluntary and eight compulsory redundancies, say bosses at Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

Two hundred positions have been scrapped by not filling vacancies as they have arisen and work is also under way to find alternative roles for the remaining 13 staff, some of whom would be a last resort.

Chief executive Paul Clark said: “Voluntary redundancies totalled 33 and those left staff by March 31. A further 26 posts were identified for compulsory redundancy as part of our workforce reduction programmes for 2014/15. Of the 36, eight posts were made compulsory redundancies and left the organisation as March 31. A further five have been successfully redeployed.”

### Skills

“We continue to seek redeployment opportunities for the remaining 11 staff, some of whom are already on a trial period. As vacancies arise, we are proactively matching the skills required for the post with those staff on the redeploy- ment register and will continue to do this until their notice period expires.

“We have also permanently removed 200 posts out of the funded budget by actively reorganising the trust’s services. All these measures have allowed us to make the necessary £7.5m savings whilst safeguarding as many jobs as possible.”

Dudley North MP Ian Austin said he was concerned about the job losses.

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### Summer sing for community choir

A COMMUNITY choir from Halesowen will be performing a summer concert in the town next month.

Lutley Community Voices will perform at Bank Park, Lutley Community Centre in Little Cornbow on June 27, at 7.30pm.

### Artists’ workshop events at museum

AN ARTIST is running two workshops inspired by the industrial landscape at the Black Country Living Museum next month.

The workshops will be led by Brian Stevenson, a member of the Royal Bir- mingham Society of Artists, on June 20 and June 21.

One will involve tutorials on drawing and the second shows how to create a painting.

For further information on the workshops call 01453 823928 or visit the website www.barchesterart- tures.co.uk

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Building work is under way at the park. The £3.1 million revamp, which is scheduled to be completed in June, will include a new cafe.

The revamp will also include a new children’s play area, a new bandstand, and a new refreshments kiosk.

### Laughs with Milton

TICKETS have gone on sale for a show with the comical Milton Keynes comic.

The TV and radio comic, famed for his dry wit and incomparable laugh, will be performing at the park entrance, which has been left open for the duration of the park’s revamp.

Tickets are £15.49, £12.99 and £10.49, and will go on sale on June 20. Tickets are £18, £15 and £12.

### Calming your mind with Trust’s talks

A CD to help people with meditation techniques has been developed by a health trust in the Black Country.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust is launching a new ‘mindfulness’ CD to help people with Mental Health Awareness Week.

Several relaxation audio tracks, which were developed by trust clini- cians, are available to try online. More can be downloaded for free on the trust’s website. Physical copies of the CD are also available.

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Building work is under way at the park. The £3.1 million revamp, which is scheduled to be completed in June, will include a new cafe.

The revamp will also include a new children’s play area, a new bandstand, and a new refreshments kiosk.

### Laughs with Milton

TICKETS have gone on sale for a show with the comical Milton Keynes comic.

The TV and radio comic, famed for his dry wit and incomparable laugh, will be performing at the park entrance, which has been left open for the duration of the park’s revamp.

Tickets are £15.49, £12.99 and £10.49, and will go on sale on June 20. Tickets are £18, £15 and £12.

### Calming your mind with Trust’s talks

A CD to help people with meditation techniques has been developed by a health trust in the Black Country.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust is launching a new ‘mindfulness’ CD to help people with Mental Health Awareness Week.

Several relaxation audio tracks, which were developed by trust clini- cians, are available to try online. More can be downloaded for free on the trust’s website. Physical copies of the CD are also available.

Visit www.dwmh.nhs.uk/mental-health-awareness-week-events
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IN MY VIEW

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Simon Hamilton, who is a member of Wednesfield Historical Society and the Harmsworth, said the debate was a key topic for residents interested in their local history. He had been heavily involved with organising the service and the planning for a permanent memorial service. He said: “The Lancaster crash is a key part of our history and a permanent memorial would be a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives.”

If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it’s not just about saving people's money, although that obviously helps. Many people have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times someone possibly didn’t focus on customer care as much as they should have done.

We make sure we turn up when we say we will, deal with the customer requests and leave their house clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn’t expect that sort of service which, to me, is very rare for the service industry as a whole.

This is the first time the family has come because we didn’t know about it when a similar event happened for the 60th anniversary. “We are so grateful to the organisations for making us feel welcome,” he added. “I was only three months old when my dad died. He was only 22 when the accident happened and he died very young.”

Despite it being 70 years since the fatal crash, the details of what happened that day are still unclear—and the direction the plane was flying from has been a topic of debate for residents in Wednesfield.

An Express & Star report from the time features quotes from a driver who said the bomber flew over him as he was delivering newspapers on Stubby Lane. However, Tony Gough, a member of the field. It went over my head and disappeared into the grey sky.”

Then I heard a loud bang followed by a cloud of thick black smoke. “I jumped from the top of the shelter, something which I didn’t have the courage to do before.”

“A group of around 15 ran towards where the smoke was rising up and as we made the journey, that group doubled.”

“We were running through people’s gardens, hedges and all sorts. “I eventually came to the crash site on Lichfield Road. I firmly believe that the crew of that plane sacrificed their own lives to save us kids on the King George playing field, because they could have crashed there.”

“I think they extended their flight as much as they could after seeing young children playing on the field.”

The following day, May 18, 1945 the Express & Star reported on the crash, with a picture showing firemen spearing water into the smouldering crater and witnesses accounts of the crash.

Distance

In an article headlined ‘Seven killed in Lancaster bomber crash on road at Wednesfield’, a special correspondent wrote: “The seven members of a crew of a four-engined Lancaster bomber were killed last night when the machine crashed in Lichfield Road, Wednesfield and was blown to pieces.

“Four bricklayers who were on the road some distance away were thrown to the ground by the blast and had to be treated for shock.”

Families gathered to remember the Lancaster bomber air crash in Wednesfield 70 years ago.

JORDAN HARRIS reports

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Don’t shout and swear at children

PLEASE can I issue an appeal for parents, however hassled and stressed they are, to stop shouting and swearing at their children in public.

It makes my blood run cold when I hear mothers speaking so harshly to their offspring, and seemingly about nothing as well.

I saw one little lad chasing a pigeon, only to be called away in the most fishy-like of ways.

He was told to behave himself and a lot more besides.

How sad is that?

He was just showing curiosity and maybe a little love of nature.

Parents should show a little more calm. To admonish so viciously is to plant the seeds of more viciousness to follow — from the child himself next time.

Noisy parents — stand back and think how you must sound.

JAYNE SWANBOROUGH

Brierley Hill roads are still a nightmare

WHEN Brierley Hill bypass was being built, we were told it would keep the town moving. Well, I have given it time to work.

I have to say that today I decided to time how long it took me to travel from Level Street to clear the junction of Mill Street. Eight minutes to travel 190 yards.

Rover Bannister did the mile in under four minutes! There are seven sets of lights including pedestrian lights.

Travelling from Venture Way to Mill Street, traffic can turn right into Mill Street and when one vehicle is prevented from doing so because of oncoming traffic, the traffic builds up to near to the new college.

There is also a sign saying ‘No U-turns’ at this location. If you study the junction you will see a U-turn is impossible unless your vehicle is made of rubber?

The solution is simple — make a no right turn into Mill Street and use the junction at Hill Street-High Street. I suggested this to Dudley Highways, their answer was ‘it would upset the businesses in Mill Street’. Then there is the pedestrian crossing flares at the Auda store — it would be easier to navigate the maze at Hampton Court. It must be the only junction in this country that you have to walk away from and then towards before you even get halfway across.

P LOVE

Brierley Hill

ROK move is council’s fault

I WROTE on November 11 last year to your column asking that Dudley Council stop dragging their feet over Dudley Hippodrome. Here we are six months later seeing the ROK Group frustrated at the lack of interest shown by the council, leading to ROK now withdrawing their offer of £8m.

Is it any wonder ROK are walking away? The people of Dudley will not forget this as the council will always be remembered for turning down £8m for what would have been a great venue and a big asset to Dudley.

B J & A BANNISTER

Tipton

Let’s read the right to condense letters.

The incompetence of this organisation, both medical and fiscal, beggars belief. It is an incomparable fact that the more money that’s poured into it the worse it gets.

MR A SMITH

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Proud of my home, unlike bureaucrats

I HAVE always complained that many villages and towns have lost their identity. When B&Q opened in Bilston, the notice said ‘welcome to B&Q Wolverhampton, IKEA Wednesbury, adverts said ‘Ikea Birmingham’. Radio WM announcer said he had been at ‘High Arches, Dudley’, it is Sedgley.

I live in Cosley, it is in Dudley, post town. Bilston, phone code, Wolverhampton, Dudley councillor, Wolverhampton MP.

When I lived in Sedgley as a self-contained village it was Sedgley, near Bilston, South Staffs. It then became near Dudley, Wrens, then Dudley, Wrens, finishing Dudley, West Midlands.

Proud villages and towns names have been lost. If the bureaucrats have their way we will be part of greater Birmingham, then the whole of the proud Black Country and its people will be lost.

Most people are proud of where they live. I always put Cosley on my address.

N CADDICK

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Tom Watson and Emma Reynolds will lose out in the boundary changes. Ms Reynolds as shadow communities and local government secretary, Mr Watson as a contender for Labour’s deputy leadership.

There was no way David Cameron could have had anything to do with the way in which the political maps were redrawn.

But when it comes to holding on to his seats in the Black Country, he could not have planned a better fortune if he had been holding a marker pen. Suddenly the result for Labour looks even more bleak.

In the wake of the council elections there is now only one Labour district councillor in the whole of South Staffordshire.

The Tories are so strong there that 14 seats did not even get put to the public vote because no-one challenged their candidates. They now hold 44 of the 49 seats. Although I’m always wary of one-party authorities or those where the opposition is so small as to be utterly ineffective, there’s no getting away from the fact the Conservatives are clearly the ones people wanted, just as in Sandwell, where 71 out of 72 seats belong to Labour.

Our new intake of MPs have spent the week getting themselves settled in to the Commons. Dudley South Conservative Mike Wood celebrated his victory with his family. His daughter and a friend had a joint birthday party so Mr Wood escorted around 20 six and seven-year-olds around Dudley Zoo.

Compared with the barking, braying and childish histrionics of the House, I’d imagine it was the height of grown up sophistication.
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Young bluesman Sunny Browne is performing at the Stourbridge Folk Festival which started last night. The festival, which has been running for ten years, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The event is held on the banks of the River Avon, which flows through the centre of Stourbridge. Sunny Browne, who has been playing the blues for ten years, is a regular at the festival and is looking forward to performing on the riverbank. He says: "It’s great to be back at the festival and I’m really enjoying the atmosphere. The festival is a great way to celebrate the rich history of the blues and it’s always a pleasure to perform in front of such a supportive audience." The festival is free to attend and features a range of other performers, including local bands and musicians. It is open from 10 am to 10 pm and is spread across three main stages: the main stage, the blues stage, and the country stage. The festival is held at the former site of the Stourbridge Folk Club, which has established itself as an important centre for blues music in the UK. It is run by Amanda and Matt Price, who have been involved in the blues scene for many years. They say: "We’re really excited to be hosting this year’s festival and we’re looking forward to seeing all of the great performers. It’s a great opportunity for people to come together and celebrate the blues." The festival is supported by a range of local businesses and organisations, including the Stourbridge Folk Club, which was founded in 2007, and the Stourbridge Folk Festival Committee. The festival is supported by Birmingham City Council and the West Midlands Combined Authority. For more details see www.stourbridgefolkfestival.co.uk.
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Army get the jobless ready to find work

JOSE Seekers are being drilled in how to prepare themselves for the world of work courtesy of a course run by the Army.

The B Squadron of the Royal Yeomanry in Dudley is currently running a course aimed at the unemployed, in a move designed to boost their confidence and employability.

As part of the sessions, the participants are also given tutoring by staff from the Job Centre while Black Country industry representatives provide advice on interview techniques. They are also receiving training on health and safety from volunteers with the St John Ambulance, as well as sports activities, IT and workplace skills.

Qualifications

The course, which has started and runs until this weekend, is called Midlands Supporting People into Employment with the Army Reserve.

Arran Bevington-King, liaison officer for B Squadron, said: “There are really good things to come out of the course. The biggest thing is that attending the course will raise the self-confidence, employability and self-esteem of the person attending for when they apply for jobs.”

It also gives those taking part a chance to sample life in the Army Reserve, with many of those who have done the course in other areas such as B錄ke-on-Trent, Wolverhampton and Telford, deciding to sign up.

“It gives them a fantastic insight into the Army reserve and the qualifications they can gain from being in the Army reserve,” added Mr Bevington-King.

The course is being held within the Army Reserve Centre at Vicar Street, Dudley, with some activities taking place at Swnymerton Army Training Area, RAF Cosford and Himley Hall.

Mr Bevington-King was anticipating around 25 people taking part in the course.

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THE COUNTDOWN is nearly over as Britain’s biggest touring rock festival comes to Wolverhampton this Bank Holiday Monday.

Stages in Wolverhampton Civic Hall, its main bar and neighbouring Wulfrun Hall will be used, along with the area around the city’s premier music venue and the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield too.

Ben Ray, festival founder, said: “Wolverhampton is close to my heart and such a great place to end the weekend and the festival.”

The mega-gig kicks off at 1pm and the acts — punk, emo and ska outfits — spread over seven stages. Top of the bill is the Slam Dunk label’s biggest success story You Me at Six. The Weybridge rockers won the Kerrang! Award for Best British Band in 2011 and released fourth album Cavalier Youth last year.

Winners

Other acts on the main stage include Taking Back Sunday, Don Broco, Lower Than Atlantis, Neck Deep, We Are The Ocean, Peris, and Set It Off.

The Monster Energy stage features Architects, While She Sleeps, and Bart Tomorrow, among others. The Desperados Stages has a nine-band line-up led by Reel Big Fish, while The Wonder Years top the bill on the Macbeth Stage. Bronx head up the Impericon.com Stage.

New bands feature on the Fresh Blood Stage, including competition winners Trash Boat, and there will be an Uprawr DJs stage.

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The attraction stayed open after its usual hours with performers entertaining more than 2,000 visitors until late Saturday evening during its annual Red by Night event.

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Police are hunting for masked robber who threatened staff with a knife at a Dudley off-licence.

The thief, who fled with £500 from till, struck at Caledonia Food and Wine in Blackacre Road.

Witnesses said the suspect was wearing a white T-shirt over his head with eye holes cut out when he stormed into the shop at just after 10.30am on Sunday, April 5.

After helping himself to cash from the till, the robber left the store and walked off towards Rollason Road.

The suspect is described as white and was also wearing a dark hooded top, dark trousers and dark footwear.

Disturbing

Detective Constable Caroline Morris, who is leading the investigation, said: “This was a disturbing attack for the staff at the shop and fortunately they weren't injured during the robbery.

The robber wore a distinctive T-shirt over his head and we’re sure someone must know who he is.

If you have any information that could help us, please call 101 as soon as you can.”

**Robber at off-licence stole £500 from the till**

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**More than 1,400 assaults on officers**

Police officers in the West Midlands were assaulted more than 1,400 times over the last year.

According to a Freedom of Information request, the range of assaults severe malicious wounding, threats to kill and threatening an officer with an offensive weapon on school premises.

The catalogue of assaults took place between April 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

Most common was assaulting a constable, which accounted for 491 of the final figure, followed by occasioning ABH, which took place 368 times. The third highest total was for racially or religiously motivated harassment, with 127 cases. Racially or religiously motivated assaults in general accounted for 178 of the total amount.

West Midlands Police, is made up of 7,249 police officers supported by 3,086 staff, around 400 special constables and 698 police community support officers. Between January and October 2013, 387 police officers and staff were injured as a result of an assault, resulting in 375 days absence.

Osman Mahmood, who was just four days into his training as a police and community support officer, stopped in to help one of West Midlands Police’s leading officers after he was racially abused and pinned to the floor as he made an off-duty arrest.

An officer was attacked with a sledgehammer during a roadside raid on a cash machine in Sandwell.

Chairman of West Midlands Police Federation, Pc Ian Edwards said: “Police officers are trained in personal safety techniques and are suitably equipped to ensure that they are able to discharge their duties as safely as possible in protecting our communities. We work closely with the Crown Prosecution Service to ensure that those who commit assaults on members of West Midlands Police staff are brought to justice.”

**Children can enjoy a range of free activities at Dudley's Priory Park during half-term.**

The sessions are being run as part of the park’s Heritage Lottery Funded programme from Dudley Council and The Friends of Priory Park.

On Sunday at 2.30pm, there will be a treasure hunt around the park’s ruins. Youngsters can also enjoy multi-sports fun on May 26 and 29 from 2pm to 4pm. Parents are asked to go to park to complete consent forms.

There will be chance to make and print a medieval tile during a workshop on Wednesday, May 27. The session starts at 1.30pm and booking is essential by calling (01384) 812474.

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Get set for those Good Vibrations

CALIFORNIAN surfing feelgood music from the golden age of the 60s and 70s will be coming to Birmingham’s Barclaycard Arena next week.

The Beach Boys have been through it all in their career, spanning five decades; deaths, court battles, line-up changes and walk-outs – there isn’t much they haven’t seen or done. Surfin’ USA, Little Deuce Coupe, God Only Knows and Good Vibrations are just some of the songs on their never-ending list of hits. Fans will be able to turn back the clock at the Arena next Friday (20).

Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988 and recipients of The Recording Academy’s Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award, The Beach Boys are an American institution that is iconic around the world. The touring band is led by original member Mike Love and Bruce Johnston, who joined in 1965, alongside supporting musicians John Cowill, Tim Bonhomme, Randall Kirsch, Scott Totten and Christian Love.

Fans can get into a surfing feelgood mood with a string of Beach Boys hits.

Out and About and loving it

IN the first 18 months since its launch, Paul’s McCartney’s Out There tour has been seen by almost two million people around the world.

And after this year’s chart-topping collaborations with Kanye West and Rihanna and performance at the Grammys, Paul announced plans to bring the tour back to Europe for nine special dates, including one at Birmingham’s Barclaycard Arena.

So far, this tour has seen Paul and his band perform a total of 64 shows in 12 different countries in venues of all different shapes and sizes.

Album

And no doubt the Birmingham date next Wednesday (27) will again attract a sell-out crowd.

The ‘Out There’ tour features music from one of the best-loved catalogues in popular music, including Let It Be, Hey Jude, Live and Let Die, Band on the Run and Ebony and Ivory.

Paul will perform songs that span his entire career – as a solo artist, member of Wings and of course as a Beatle. The set list will also include material from Paul’s most recent studio album New, which was a global hit upon its release in 2013.

Lord of the Dance gets futuristic twist

THE Lord of the Dance phenomenon enters a new phase with Dangerous Games, directed by Michael Flatley and featuring a new generation of dancers who update Irish dance tradition.

World, British and All-Ireland dance champion Birmingham’s Megan Kerrigan is part of the 40-strong ensemble in the sci-fi sequel to Riverdance with robots and holograms that, despite hi-tech invention, is drawn from folklore. Morgan Comer stars as the Lord of the Dance with Tom Cunningham as the Dark Lord. It is at Symphony Hall from tomorrow (Friday) to Tuesday, plus weeked matinées. Prices start at £28. See www.itshs.co.uk or call 0121 345 0609.

Great songs and satirical comedy

SINGER Lorna Luft will be celebrating the music of her mother when she performs The Songbook of Judy Garland at the New Alexandra Theatre from tonight to Sunday. Helping her will be special guest crooner Ray Quinn and Wicked star Louise Dearman.

Jeremy Hardy regularly takes a satirical look at middle class mores and the establishment in his BBC show Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation. He is also known for his self-deprecating turns on I’m Sorry I Haven’t a Clue and takes a swipe at current events on The News Quiz. His stand-up show is at the Wulfrun Hall tomorrow night.

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Pub is ploughing ahead

LEIGH SANDERS popped into the Plough & Harrow at Aldridge, near Walsall, and was impressed with what he found.

What did it feel like?
This is a great little pub which has been stylishly refurbished to maximise the comfortable dining experiences.

The lighting is just right, the décor big without being too bold. There are huge hanging decorations and a glass wine lock-up situated in the middle to get the connoisseurs fidgeting in their seats.

They have fitted a number of tables in to the space available, but the way they are laid out never makes you feel cramped.

How were the staff?
Dressed in a smart-casual manner they were attentive, professional and friendly from the start. They chatted about drinks and food and hinted at recommendations without trying to push you towards any given dish.

The place was fairly busy, yet they kept the level of service throughout other than the dessert menu being left with us a little too long before we were able to get the bill.

What did you start with?
The deep-fried crusted Somerset brie was a delight. It came with an apricot and cumin chutney which had a nice tang to it and cut through the smoothness of the cheese.

We also opted for the salt and pepperhock pudding, complete with cucumber ribbons and garlic aoli. The amount of pepper sprinkled in was perfect and the aoli itself was just the right texture. It was a delightful start to the evening.

What came next?
The garlic and buttermilk battered halloumi was a must-try. It came with twice-cooked chunky chips, homemade pea purée and a tartare sauce. The latter is not your standard fare. Thick in texture and with a really vibrant flavour it complimented the halloumi well.

The chips, however, could have been a little warmer. They had perhaps been sat too long before being brought out to the table. However, they still tasted great and, again, stood head and shoulders above other pub grub efforts.

We also ordered Dauphinoise potatoes on the side, which were a little dry towards the bottom but on the whole were as you would want them – soft and creamy.

What was the other main course?
We also selected the slow-cooked British beef and Black Sheep Ale pie.

The pastry was gorgeous and there was plenty of filling to get stuck into. At first it seemed as if the ale had made it a little too runny, but as this soaked into the pastry it became clear those fears were unfounded and there was plenty to dig your other ingredients into for extra flavour. These consisted of borage, honey roasted carrots and a healthy dollop of kale and cabbage mashed potatoes.

The mashed potato in particular was well done. It was thick and creamy, and with the vegetables mixed in it gave it a good consistency that could mop up some of that remaining sauce from the pie.

No, time was against us unfortunately. But not that the menu didn’t do its best to get us lightful.

What did it feel like?
Definitely. Well-priced and with great food and service. We will be back.

Highly recommended – the Plough and Harrow has interesting menu options

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Eurovision Song Contest

BCC1, 8pm
Graham Norton comments on all the action from the Wiener Stadthalle in Vienna, Austria, as the 60th annual Eurovision Song Contest reaches its grand final. Last year's winner Conchita Wurst hosts the contest.

Back in the studio in London, Electro Velvet are introduced. The group comprises of Jodie Friend, Kimberley Sweeting and Alex 2.

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Woody faces up to the Spanish inquisition

Kayan Novak is nothing if not visceral. His CV includes starring in the recent winning thriller Syriana to the reverse Thunderbirds is based on an acclaimed performance in the comically cut comedy Four Lions. But it’s arguably the series Poirot and its follow-up FYI which really showed off Novak’s remarkable ability to play a range of different characters and with gusto.

So, really, who better to take the lead in this new show about a master of disguise? Sun Trap saw Novak as Woody, who has managed to turn his charm-love affair into quite the world’s number one undercover reporter – until his corrupt editor exposes his identity, forcing him to go on the run. Novak certainly thinks it’s the perfect role, saying, “Woody is the part I have dreamed of playing since I was a kid. That and Star Wars characters” (Boff Fett). He’s also been given a great co-star in the shape of Bradley Walsh, who has proved in the past that he can turn his hands to pretty much anything as well, whether it’s starring on the roads in Law & Order: UK or hosting The Chase.

Walsh plays Woody’s former mentor Blucus, who has now run a bar on a Spanish island and isn’t initially all that enthusiastic about his semi-RE version of life being damaged by his television career. However, Woody has no one else he can turn to, and Blucus soon realises he can make use of the reporter by putting him to work on a series of investigations.

Unlike his character, it certainly sounds like Walsh has few reservations about teaming up with Novak. His “goodness, what a blag it is” timing. Sun Trap, with a 14-year-old “Boy” from the West End of Keith Allen and Paul Kaye as Darrell King and Fitness, what’s not to like? I’m seeing my second working with the brilliant Kayan Novak. It’s a foot from dawn to dusk.”

Novak relums the compliment, adding: “So here I am in the sun, sipping cocktails and pretending to be a priest, a hipster and a lazy surfer. Though I have been starting to get better. It’s just an aesthetic style of wearing nothing but a deshabling gown!”

In fact, the only thing that might give the audience pause for thought is the fact that a man such as Woody Walsh, who was involved in compromising premises hasn’t drawn things like the TV show and recently vacated by Peter Kay’s Car Share, and has indeed found himself backed at 4.45am. There’s not the greatest exposure in this opening episode, as Ickles Emma Freeman and seventeen-year-old Donald Hammer (Alan Williams) asks Blucus to help him track down his husband’s hidden millions. Unfortunately, I also saw the chief in the case in Dorni’s parlour, Blucus only really wanted Woody. Can Woody find the right disguise to track down a bank robber? And where does guest star Jack Dee fit into the proceedings?

Bradley Walsh and Kayvan Novak star, SunTrap, Wednesday, BBC1, 10.45pm

Avengers Assemble, Monday, BBC1, 8pm

MONDAY

Avengers Assemble

A mythical artifact is stolen from a top-secret military base by Thor’s brother Loki, who plans to use it to bring about an alien invasion. Spyhunter Nick Fury brings together a team of superspies, including Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and the Hulk, to defend Earth from the impending attack. Action adventure


TUESDAY

Biker Boys

Biker Boys, BBC1, 11.55pm

The son of a mechanic killed in a crash is determined to honour his father’s legacy by becoming a champion motorcycle racer. However, the leader of the underground motorcycle club where his father worked refuses to let him join. Outraged, the young biker assembles his own team and vows to prove once and for all that he is the fastest rider. Action drama, starring Laurence Fishburne. (2003)

WEDNESDAY

Judge Dredd

Judge Dredd, BBC1, 11.45pm

Defence attorney Teddy Barnes is haunted by a notorious case of wrongful imprisonment. Desperate not to make the same mistake again, he decides to cooperate with the police in an investigation into the case. Crime thriller, starring Glenn Close. (1985)

THURSDAY

Two Psycho Nancys

Two Psycho Nancys, Channel 4, 10pm

A writer struggling to complete the script for a movie about psychopathic killers turns to his criminal friends for advice. He ends up getting more than he bargained for when the small-time crooks kidnap a dog that belongs to a gangster, putting all lives in danger. Comedy thriller, starring Colin Firth. (2012)

FRIDAY

Miami Vice

Miami Vice, ITV, 10.45pm

A former love interest returns to Miami to help the police catch a notorious drug lord. Crime drama, starring Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas. (1984)

SECOND FILM

Two undercover narcotics detectives pose as smugglers to infiltrate a powerful drug cartel. Crime thriller based on the 1980s TV series, starring Colin Firth and Jamie Foxx. (2000)

MONDAY

Springwatch

Springwatch 2015

BBC2, 8pm

RSPB Minsmere on the Suffolk coast is widely regarded as one of the best nature reserves in the UK, if not Europe. So, it makes the ideal setting for the latest series of Springwatch, which is back for an impressive three-week run. It also means that presenters Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Martin Hughes-Games are unlikely to run out of things to talk about between now and June, as Minsmere’s diverse range of wildlife such as beach hares become home to rare birds, including marsh harriers, waders and sandpipers. The focus isn’t just on our feathered friends, as in Springwatch first, three families of badgers have been fitted with GPS trackers, while roving reporter Lolo Williams will be filming reports from the far north of the British Isles.

WEDNESDAY

Benefits Britain: Me & My 14 Kids

Benefits Britain: Me & My 14 Kids Channel 5, 5.5pm

The concluding edition of the two-part documentary about people with large families who rely on benefits. Viewers follow Sun Trap and Stacey Shaw. They have 14 children ranging in age from 18 years to 18 months. The family lives in an Edwardian townhouse and receive more than £70,000 a year from the state to support their children. Tom gave up his job as a postman 10 years ago to become the full-time carer of his older son, who has a potentially life-threatening medical condition, and both he and Stacey make sure their domestic life is run with military precision to make sure nothing goes amiss. There’s a lot going on and sometimes a lot to take in. However, only one of the aluminium-framed electrically-operated wheelchairs which have been fitted into the proceedings back in the 1980s, and now the British car manufacturer have finished the missing six Lightweights that were never made. Mark Evans follows the creation of these cars that have been hand-built in-house by Jaguar’s finest craftsmen and specialist engineers, with each being constructed to the exact specifications of their original 1960s forebears. But before you get on the phone to your nearest Jaguar showroom, you should note these cars will come with a massive price tag – around the £1million mark – and not everyone is happy about the whole situation. Friday

FRIDAY

Have I Got News for You

BBCC, 1pm

With post-General Election fall-out and follow-ups still dominating the Press, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are sure to have plenty to sink their satirical teeth into again tonight. It’s always nice to see that-led and guest panelists returning to this long-running show, and one of his even more regulars this evening, Andy Hamilton, is second only to Alexander Armstrong when it comes to HIPsY guest appearances, with this being his 12th outing. Whether he’s on Team Paul or Team Ian, Hamilton will be taking on a relative rookie in Easie-Corn writer, stand-up comedian and actress Sara Pascoe.
Official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the Ford Fiesta range: urban 33.6-76.4 (8.4-3.7), extra urban 58.9-91.1 (4.8-3.1), combined 47.9-85.6 (5.9-3.3).

2. Which country’s vehicle registration letters are R CH?
3. Which vegetable has the varieties aspecies of mayfly?
4. Which line is coloured grey on a London underground map?
5. Which shipping forecast area lies between Fastnet and Irish Sea?

Quick Clues:

BRAIN GYM No.326

Double Crossword
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Crypic Clues:
Across 1. They were somewhere held to be more illuminating (13) 7. It died at the end of December (5) 8. It’s straightforward and on the level (5) 9. A tower of strength (3) 10. Most aloof, however? (9) 11. Roadside place for those low in spirit? (3) 12. The combat of the man taking over? (3) 15. The way to cure leukaemia? (9) 17. A number of vital importance (3) 19. Heart-broken world (5) 21. An odd type of hole (5) 22. He isn’t a good forecaster (7,2,3)
Down 1. Assemble and call in a hurry to make me paint it (9) 4. In a hurry to make me paint it (9) 5. Colour uniformly used (6) 6. Innovation which may spoil the reception (10) 7. Agree to be enthusiastic (5) 9. His plight might possibly turn salons (9)

Codeword
Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

Quiz
1. How many years does a sapphire wedding anniversary celebrate?
2. Which country’s vehicle registration letters are R CH?
3. Which vegetable has the varieties aspecies of mayfly?
4. Which line is coloured grey on a London underground map?
5. Which shipping forecast area lies between Fastnet and Irish Sea?
6. In which forest is As You Like It set?
7. On which river does Florence stand?
8. Which singer was born Robert Allen Zimmerman?
9. What was the name of the dog in the film The Wizard of Oz?
10. Photos and Deimos are satellites of which planet?

Niner:
Given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

Sudoku
Fill in the grid below so that every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

Thinking space

LAST WEEK’S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Echeat; 8 Ename; 9 I dentity; 10 Flann O’Brien. Down: 1 Declin; 2 Lurgian; 3 Ogham; 4 Inraven; 5 Alcoim; 6 Avaro; 7 Appal; 8 Hystori; 9 Varo; 10 Agran; 11 Frankenstein; 12 Naturl; 13 Dore; 14 Dore; 15 Dore; 16 Dore; 17 Dore; 18 Dore; 19 Dore; 20 Dore; 21 Dore; 22 Dore. Down: 1 Peer; 2 Farcical; 3 Distant; 4 Adamant; 5 One; 6 Absent; 7 Bemuse; 8 Maturity; 9 Gravitate; 10 Leans; 11 Fasts; 12 Delfilah; 13 Berries; 14 Reverse. Across: 1 Delfilah; 2 Largess; 3 Confide; 4 Depend; 5 Restore. Down: 1 Per; 2 Tent-pegs; 3 Sist; 4 Summary; 5 Solid; 6 Grandeur; 7 Income; 8 Fab; 9 13; 10 Alchemy; 11 Oakland; 12 Dingle; 13 Daggers; 14 Dear.

Drawing solutions:

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PUZZLES

LIVE LIFE IN COLOUR WITH A VIBRANT FIESTA FROM T WALL FORD - KINGSWINFORD
Extended detached with rear views of countryside

A four-bedroom extended detached house on the popular Northway estate at Elmwood Rise, Sedgley, has an extended breakfast kitchen.

With excellent views from the rear towards fields, it is for sale through Wakefield Estate Agents at £249,950.

With double glazing and gas central heating, it has a porch, entrance hall, through lounge and dining areas with Minster-style fireplace and living flame gas fire, extended breakfast kitchen with attractive wooden fronted units including display units, wine rack, ceramic floor tiling, fridge, part tiled walls, dishwasher, oven, gas hob and hood, utility room, WC, four bedrooms (master with fitted furniture and en-suite shower room), a bathroom, block paved drive, front garden, garage and large rear garden with a patio. Contact Wakefield Estate Agents on 01384 885894 or visit www.wakefield-online.com.

Modern town house in a popular location

Well presented and deceptively spacious, this modern town house in Back Road, Kingswinford, has all the benefits of a new build and lies in a popular residential area.

It is for sale through Select Property Management at £189,950 with no chain.

With gas central heating and double glazing, front and rear gardens and a garage, it has an entrance hall, large WC, dining room, well appointed kitchen/diner, lounge and bedroom one (en-suite) on the first floor and two further bedrooms a family bathroom on the second floor.

For further information contact Select Property Management on 01384 277091 or visit the agent’s website at www.selectsalesandsand女兒ts.co.uk.

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Spacious semi-detached home has wow factor

This spacious semi-detached house in Wolverhampton Road, Sedgley, comes with the ‘wow factor’.

It is for sale through Skitts Estate Agents at £199,950.

With secure off-road parking to the rear, central heating and double glazing, it has a porch, entrance hall with Minton-tile flooring, living room, dining room with a patio door, a sitting room, a kitchen with floor and wall tiling, utility area, three bedrooms (master en suite), bathroom and a rear garden.

Contact Skitts Estate Agents on 01902 686868 or visit www.skitts.net
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**Wall Heath 92 Albion Street**
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- 5 Bedroom (1 En-Suite) Family Detached
- 2 R voc Rooms, Big Family Dining Kitchen
- Re-appointed & Improved. EPC - D

**Kingswinford 22 Summerrcouch Square**
- €359,950 Kingswinford Office
- Improved & Extended Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, Dining Room, R/F Kitchen & Utility
- Conservatory, 3 En-Suite Bedrooms. EPC - D

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- €309,950 Kingswinford Office
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- 2 R voc Rooms, Open plan Family Kitchen
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- €140,000 Kingswinford Office
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- 2 Beds Master With En-Suite
- Designated Car Parking Space
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- Spacious Mezzanine Bedroom
- Lounge Area, Kitchen Recess
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Unique, gas centrally heated detached comprising; Entrance vestibule, cloaks/ utility room, hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, Four bedrooms, bathroom ( teas bathroom en-suite). Carport, EXTENSIVE PARKING TO FRONT, secluded garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

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DUDLEY, Yamer Close, Milking Bank
ENVIRONMENTALLY SITUATED; Gas centrally heated, double glazed detached upon favoured section of the development with NO UPWARD CHAIN comprising; entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom (principal room with ensuite & shower room en-suite), re-fitted bathroom, garage, garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

TIPTON, Oxford Way (close to Foyksards)
SPACIOUS, Freehold, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached in favoured 'Foxes Hollow' development comprising porch, hall, two storey, dining room, lounge with access to family room beyond (former garage), kitchen, utility section. Principle bedroom & ensuite, shower room en-suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom. Landscaped garden. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £214,950

LOWER GORNAL, Robert Street
Significantly modernised, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached in popular/convenient district. The accommodation includes entrance hallway, sitting room with Inglenook fireplace, dining room, kitchen, Three bedrooms, re-appointed bathrooms, garage, driveway to front & enclosed rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the Region of £169,950

SEDGLEY, The Priory
Gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed family home within the popular area of SEDGLEY comprising; entrance hallway, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, Four bedrooms, bathroom. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY

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SEDGLEY, Brownwall Estate, Brownwall Road
Attractive gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising: entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £159,950

COSELEY, Hurst Hill, Masiin Drive
A refitted freestanding, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached comprising; Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY

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COSELEY, Chad Road, Bromford Estate
An attractive conscientiously maintained freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, semi detached end terraced comprising; entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, two bedrooms, re-appointed en-suite, re-appointed bathroom, garage, driveway to front & enclosed rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the Region of £149,500

DUDLEY, Old Park Road
Attractive gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £116,950

DUDLEY, Bramble Green, Old Park Farm
Conveniently situated, newly re-modelled, gas centrally heated, double glazed end terraced comprising; entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, Three bedrooms, fitted bathrooms, off road parking. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £115,750

DUDLEY, Garrick Close, Earl's Keep
MAGNIFICENT VIEWS, double glazed, CENTRALLY HEATED, 2nd Floor Apartment with "interlink" system comprising hall, two bedrooms (one with en-suite), bathroom. Dining room, kitchen. Communal grounds, parking. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £109,999

QUARRY BANK, Groversowr Way
THREE BEDROOM HOME WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN and would make an IDEAL FIRST HOME or IDEAL INVESTMENT comprising hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Generous Bedrooms, Shower Room, Rear Garden, Garage, EPC: E

Offers in the Region of £99,950

DUDLEY, Hospital Lane
EXTENDED gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed semi detached to improvement hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. OFF road parking to front & completely lengthy garden. Mining history available. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £95,000

TIPTON, Oual Road
Comparatively spacious, Freehold, mostly double glazed, gas centrally heated (comb boiler), semi detached with potential occupying larger than average plot with off road parking comprising. Canopy porch, reception hall, lounge, through dining kitchen, Four bedrooms, bathroom, Lobby. Large garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £94,950

UPPER GORNAL, North Oval
This well presented freehold, uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated semi detached property is in the popular Upper Gornal area benefits from: TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, long room, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, utility area, 22'5" garage, driveway to front, level walking distance of Bullring. Acommodation: entrance hallway, Lounge, reception hall, cloak, sitting room, inner hallway/ store, upgraded utility room, first floor landing with balconies off, kitchen, 'L's hape living/dining room. Second floor landing with three bedrooms and bathroom. Garage, garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £90,999

COSELEY, Cwood Close
An attractive freehold, newly re-modelled, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, semi detached in popular/convenient district. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, Two bedrooms, re-appointed bathroom.Garage, driveway to front & enclosed rear garden. Offers in the Region of £89,950

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COSELEY, Chead Road, Bramford Estate
An attractively presented semi detached comprising; entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, Good sized front garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE
ENVIABLE LOCATION! Backing onto fields and with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS a conscientiously maintained gas centrally heated detached with tremendous potential in through living/dining room, kitchen, utility room. Three bedrooms, bathroom, generous garage, gardens. EPC. C. SEDGLEY

SEDEXLEY, Sunningdale Road, Northway

Wall Heath, Foundry Road

Superbly located within this sought after location, this DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE offers a spacious THREE BEDROOM layout which requires some updating plus DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and landscaped low maintenance rear garden. EPC D.

Gornal Wood, Hopyard Lane

SPOACIOUS, ENLARGED gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed THREE/FOUR bedroom detached within walking distance of village comprising entrance vestibule, through living-dining room, kitchen, fourth bedroom (grannys uite?) with toilet en suite. Three further bedrooms, bathroom, garden. EPC. C. SEDGLEY
Beautifully presented Kingswinford semi-detached has three bedrooms

A beautifully presented and extended semi-detached family home, 37 Kingsley Road, Kingswinford, has spacious accommodation. It is for sale through The Lee Shaw Partnership at £214,950. With gas central heating and double glazing it has a porch, entrance hall with stairs off, a lounge with a feature fireplace, extended kitchen with a double oven, hob and cooker hood, a dining room/study with patio doors opening to the garden, inner lobby, three good sized bedrooms (one with a wardrobe) and a refitted bathroom and landscaped gardens. Contact The Lee Shaw Partnership on 01384 287622 or visit www.leeshaw.com

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PROPERTY
PROPERTY AUCTION – 9th JUNE 2015

CHAPEL COTTAGE
OLD STOWHEATH LANE,
WOLVERHAMPTON
Deceptively spacious Detached, Two Reception, Kitchen
Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas CH.
Outside: Stores, WC, Double Garage, several additional outbuildings, large plot.
epc: TBA
Guide: £145,000 / £155,000
VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 22nd & 23rd MAY @ 9.45 a.m.

1 MOUNT ROAD, PENN
Well located Detached, Porch, Hall, 26ft Through Lounge, Kitchen
Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas CH, upvc windows, off-road parking
Rear Garden approx. 120ft. depth.
epc: E.48
Guide: £130,000 / £135,000
VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 22nd & 23rd MAY @ 11.30 a.m.

33 MARTIN STREET
WOLVERHAMPTON
Well presented Mid Terraced, enclosed Porch, Two Reception, smart Kitchen, large Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas CH., upvc windows long Rear Garden, epc: C.68
Guide: £68,000 / £73,000
VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 22nd & 23rd MAY @ 10.45 a.m.

19 EASTCROFT ROAD
PENN
Established residential area – set well back from road Porch, Hall, Two Reception, Kitchen, Lobby, WC., Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, upvc windows, Large 18ft. workshop area, pleasant Rear Garden with open outlook beyond. epc: E.42
Guide: £58,000 / £63,000
VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 22nd & 23rd MAY @ 12.15 p.m.

19 WEST PARK COURT
CONNAUGHT ROAD,
WOLVERHAMPTON
Conveniently yet discreetly situated
Ground Floor Flat, Hall with fitted cupboards, Lounge overlooking grounds, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Gas CH., upvc windows, Garage, epc: D.63
Guide: £58,000 / £63,000
VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 22nd & 23rd MAY @ 1.00 p.m.

PARADE OF
LOCK-UP GARAGES
r/o 19-29 MARNEL DRIVE, WOLVERHAMPTON
Parade of 16 + two additional parking spaces
15 currently let producing £3,888 p.a.
Potential gross income £4,176
Guide: £48,000 / £53,000

GOOSEY END, SEDGELEY
Excellent Barn Storage
approx. 1,400 sq. ft. (14’6” to eaves)
Steel truss framed unit built of brick with profiled clad upper section, pitched roof with lights, roller shutter to 14’ – Freehold
Guide: £18,000 / £23,000
VIEWING
FRIDAY 22nd & TUESDAY 26th MAY @ 12.00 noon

PARCEL OF FREEHOLD LAND
31 UPPER VILLIERS STREET,
WOLVERHAMPTON
Formerly the site of a property – an area of open land having frontage of 42ft approx. to Upper Villiers Street – estimated site area of 500 sq. yds. or thereabouts
Guide: £15,000 / £20,000

BUILDING LAND WITH PLANNING PERMISSION
r/o 44-48 GOLDTHORN HILL, WOLVERHAMPTON.
Rectangular Site currently having a parade of 8 Lock-Up Garages. Planning Permission granted for erection of Four Flats – three 2 bed + one 3 bed / 2 bath
Guide: £70,000 / £80,000

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New Volvo XC90 T8 in a class of its own

By Sharon Walters

The XC90 T8 Twin Engine, the world’s most powerful and cleanest SUV, has exceeded all expectations when it comes to the no-compromise equation of power and low fuel consumption, coupled with world class low emissions – and all in a 7-seat luxury SUV.

The XC90 T8 Twin Engine delivers 49 g/km CO2, a combined 407 hp*, 640 Nm of torque, 134.5mpg and up to 26 miles pure electric range.

The improvement over the earlier announced figures were achieved thanks to the continuous innovation cycle at the Swedish company.

The result of further tuning is a drop of 10 g/km from the initial prognosis, for up to 134.5mpg (combined) fuel economy, while also adding horsepower. This makes the XC90 T8 Twin Engine the clear leader in its segment, with an exceptional combination of low fuel consumption, emissions and pure power.

No other SUV in this class can deliver 26 miles of pure electric range, 0-62mph in 5.6 seconds and provide combined power of 407 hp – all in a 7-seater configuration. All figures are based on the NEDC driving cycle for hybrids*.

There’s a Driving Mode for every need. The XC90 T8 Twin Engine can go from 0 to 62mph in 5.6 seconds, delivering all the driving pleasure customers have come to expect from a Volvo SUV.

But driving pleasure is only a fraction of what the XC90 T8 offers: the car has five different driving modes that deliver a range of performance and efficiency-enhancing characteristics.

Using either a scroll wheel on the centre console or a touchscreen on the dashboard, drivers can choose from five different options.

‘Hybrid’ is the default mode suitable for everyday use. Here, the vehicle will automatically alternate between drawing power from the 2-litre, 4-cylinder Drive-E engine and the electric motor to deliver the best overall fuel consumption.

With ‘Pure Electric’ mode, when the high-voltage battery is fully charged, it serves as the car’s sole energy source, powering the electric motor over the rear axle. Efficient

The XC90 T8 has a range of up to 26 miles using just electricity, which covers the total distance many people drive in one day.

And thanks to the regenerative braking system, this mode is super-efficient in the stop-and-go traffic of city environments. If more power is needed, the Drive-E combustion engine starts up automatically.

‘In power mode’, drivers get the combined performance of the combustion engine and the electric motor. On start-up, the SUV takes advantage of the electric motor’s superior response and instant torque curve, while the combustion engine gets up to speed.

This combination offers better torque at lower revs, equivalent to that of a large displacement engine like the V8. ‘AWD’ mode offers constant all-wheel drive on demand. The advantage of being able to select AWD manually is that the driver can use it when needed, or choose to save energy for later.

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New Volvo XC90 T8 in a class of its own

By Sharon Walters

The XC90 T8 Twin Engine, the world’s most powerful and cleanest SUV, has exceeded all expectations when it comes to the no-compromise equation of power and low fuel consumption, coupled with world class low emissions – and all in a 7-seat luxury SUV.

The XC90 T8 Twin Engine delivers 49 g/km CO2, a combined 407 hp*, 640 Nm of torque, 134.5mpg and up to 26 miles pure electric range.

The improvement over the earlier announced figures were achieved thanks to the continuous innovation cycle at the Swedish company.

The result of further tuning is a drop of 10 g/km from the initial prognosis, for up to 134.5mpg (combined) fuel economy, while also adding horsepower. This makes the XC90 T8 Twin Engine the clear leader in its segment, with an exceptional combination of low fuel consumption, emissions and pure power.

No other SUV in this class can deliver 26 miles of pure electric range, 0-62mph in 5.6 seconds and provide combined power of 407 hp – all in a 7-seater configuration. All figures are based on the NEDC driving cycle for hybrids*.

There’s a Driving Mode for every need. The XC90 T8 Twin Engine can go from 0 to 62mph in 5.6 seconds, delivering all the driving pleasure customers have come to expect from a Volvo SUV.

But driving pleasure is only a fraction of what the XC90 T8 offers: the car has five different driving modes that deliver a range of performance and efficiency-enhancing characteristics.

Using either a scroll wheel on the centre console or a touchscreen on the dashboard, drivers can choose from five different options.

‘Hybrid’ is the default mode suitable for everyday use. Here, the vehicle will automatically alternate between drawing power from the 2-litre, 4-cylinder Drive-E engine and the electric motor to deliver the best overall fuel consumption.

With ‘Pure Electric’ mode, when the high-voltage battery is fully charged, it serves as the car’s sole energy source, powering the electric motor over the rear axle. Efficient

The XC90 T8 has a range of up to 26 miles using just electricity, which covers the total distance many people drive in one day.

And thanks to the regenerative braking system, this mode is super-efficient in the stop-and-go traffic of city environments. If more power is needed, the Drive-E combustion engine starts up automatically.

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**Putting on the style at bargain price tag**

By Ian Donaldson

Add style to most cars and you add cost too, sometimes paying a small fortune for something that stands out in a crowd.

And we don’t seem to mind, a fact the car makers know only too well. It means they can bump up the bottom line and we keep smiling.

Well, here is a car that trades on its look to sell over the more mundane machine it’s based on – but doesn’t ask for extra for the privilege of a bit more style.

Say hello to the new Hyundai i20 coupe, closely based on the latest i20 hatchback, but lacking a couple of doors and with the body subty redrawn to give it a sleek look from the side.

The result is a car that won’t frighten the horses but might just draw admiring glances as it attempts to park in the daily school run jamboree – looks that will turn to mild astonishment when the price is disclosed.

Because here is a car that seems a genuine bargain. No, make that a steal if you compare it with something like a Ford Fiesta with the same sized engine and a near equal price tag.

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Not only is the coupe the same price as the equivalent Hyundai hatch (which admittedly gains rear doors over the coupe) but it’s so well equipped compared to the Ford you wonder if the latter has lost a page of the brochure.

So before we take the i20 Coupe for a drive, let’s examine its standard kit in some detail. For the less than £13,000 price tag you’ll find alloy wheels, electrically-adjusted heated mirrors, heated door mirrors and front fog lights on the outside.

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Dig deeper, to discover tyre pressure monitoring, hill start assist and a pace saver, spare wheel, not to mention just about every other extra for the privilege of getting a bit more style.

Make that stylish and sensible.

By Ian Donaldson

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Skipper Clegg leads team into crucial phase

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**Hospital Cup winners Hope Tavern celebrate their triumph over Coseley Tavern**

**Portsmouth 6 Villa 1**

**AS Tim Sherwood sat in a corner of St Mary’s Stadium, struggling for words to explain a 6-1 drubbing, the unmistakeable bassline from Chic’s seminal hit Good Times could be heard from the stands.**

For an entirely unintended piece of juxtaposition, it was devastatingly brutal.

Put to the sword on the south coast thanks to Sadie Mana’s record-breaking two-minute second hat-trick, Sherwood’s men were soon celebrating after Hull’s defeat at Tottenham confirmed Premier League safety.

A battle had been lost – and badly too – yet the war very much won.

Mana was two-thirds to his record thanks in part to fortunate ricochets which provided him with tap-ins, while another lucky bounce allowed Shane Long to net his first, before a second of rare brilliance.

This was unquestionably Southampton’s day and for a period in the opening half it seemed everything they tried came off.

But Sherwood would be feeling himself if he marks it down as just a bad day at the office.

**Fixing**

The Saints ruthlessly exposed the frail lines in Villa’s defence which have been present for years and will continue to require fixing, if the endless cycle of relegation battles is indeed to end.

Mane opened the scoring on 13 minutes when when Manchester United loanee Elias Kachunga wrote his name in the record books by netting a second-career goal for the club.

Two minutes later, the Senegalese striker no doubt relished his luck as Villa’s defence provided him with another open goal.

But the hat-trick goal, 90 seconds later, was a brilliant finish, before fortune intervened again as Pelle’s shot was saved by Givon and fell straight to Long to roll home the fourth.

Another mistake this time by Wootton then gave the former Albion man the chance to lob Givon from a full 35 yards as Villa cruelled.

Barely had the home side stabilised stoppage time at least provided some comfort but the visitors could not even claim the second period as a moral victory, thanks to Pelle’s strike.

The ups and downs of life in the ranks of non-league

In the West Midlands Premier, Lion and Tawy AFC Wulfrunians took on Leamington, both teams looking for a positive result. The Robins were 1-0 up at half time but could not hold on as the visitors equalised with 10 minutes remaining.

Wolves will play Shrews in a friendly

WOLVES have confirmed a second friendly for the club this summer with a visit to Shrewsbury Town.

Kenny Jackett’s side will travel to The Valley Ground on Tuesday, July 25 (3pm), a week after traveling to Dublin.

The squad are to be based at the Shelbourne Hotel in the capital and will enjoy a training session at Seapoint Park, the venue for their game against Limerick.

The game will be a pre-season friendly for the Wolves squad and is expected to be a full strength side.

The squad are to be based at the French National Football Centre in Clairefontaine, just outside of Paris, and regarded as one of the best football academies in Europe.

The team are set to play two friendlies in France provisionally set for July 8 and 10.

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**Newcastle 6 Villa 1**

Mané goals give Villa hammering

Pulle’s fears over burnout for Berahino

ALBION boss Tony Pulis has admitted he is concerned about the absence of a key player for Premier League side.

With Nathan (Greaves) the heat-leader and he scored some big points for us tonight in the acid-test, albeit a narrow win away from home, and we were please.

We were quite comfortable in the end and we could have scored more goals. The boys played well and to Long to roll home the fourth.

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**Hope gets hands on historic cup**

HOPE TAVERN downed Coseley Tavern 3-0 to lift the Hospital Cup, which is one of the oldest cup competitions in existence.

The tournament was first contested for back in the 1885/86 season – just 14 years after the world’s oldest and most famous domestic cup competition – the FA Cup – kicked off.

Cosley broke clear just before half-time, but their effort was headed off the line by a Hope defender. After the break, Cosley brought on Ben Scriven. Hope doubled their lead when a Hope corner led to another goalmouth scramble that saw Jones grab his second.

The contest was over when a Hope shot was deflected into the net off a Cosley player.

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**Wolves line up move for £3m striker**

**WOLVES are being linked with a £3m move for Cardiff striker Joe Mason as Kenny Jackett looks to strengthen his strikers.**

The Millenium head coach is looking for another attacker to challenge Benik Afobe and Nouha Dicko after the departures of Kevin Doyle, Leon Clarke, Jake Cassidy and Ishmael Kofa.

Mason, aged 24, is under contract until 2018 and has scored 16 goals in 74 league games for the Bluebirds, who he helped to the Premier League in 2013 with six goals in 28 matches.

This is the second time in three years Wolves have targeted Mason, with the frontman scoring the winning goal in the 2012 League Cup final when Cardiff lost 3-2 to Liverpool.

But as Bluebirds boss Russell Slade looks to strengthen his squad this summer, it is thought a sizeable offer could force Cardiff’s hand.

***Villa are not on**

Whether Wolves will bid that high remains to be seen, with the staggered £2m deal for Afobe the most Jackett has spent on one player in his two years in charge.

After failing to file at all in Cardiff’s Premier League season in 2013/14, Mason had the last of three loan spells at Bolton earlier this campaign, netting four times in 12 games after six in 16 matches in two previous spells for the Trotters.

Mason joined Cardiff in July 2011 for £250,000 from his hometown club Plymouth and scored 19 times in 53 league appearances.

Slade brought Mason back from Bolton this season, giving him a run of games at the back end of the campaign and the frontman scored in a 3-2 win over Stoke and scored a second goal in a 3-2 loss to Wigan in the past month.

But it now appears he is ready to cash in on the frontman.

***Major changes at Villa are not on Sherwood’s list***

**TIM Sherwood believes any major changes in approach would be “mad” despite Villa’s Southampton shocker.**

The boss said he would not rule out five goals in the first half as they were “silly mistakes.”

But Sherwood is wary of reading too much into one performance, no matter how dire, and is vowing to stick by his principles.

“I don’t think the separations were the same because we’ve been winning games,” said the Villa boss. “You can’t really play. You’d be mad to do that. You’ve got to believe in the way we want to work and I know the way I want the players to play and in the main it’s worked but on Saturday it wasn’t.”

Sherwood has promised the performance on the south coast will not be forgotten and was planning to review the video nasty of his side’s opening 45 minutes.

“It’s hard for me to make too many judgements because we want to watch it and see it again. It’s really hard to dissect it at the moment.”

***Wolves under-21s are Gunned down***

**WOLVES’ under-21s endured a tough night against Arsenal as they went down 4-1 at Berehane Wood.**

Wolves effectively fielded an under-19 side such was the inexperience on display and Gunners took full advantage. Arsenal’s Alex Iwobi put Arsenal a goal ahead.

However, winger Jordan Graham also had his sights set on the first goal. The Molinsou youngsters were made to work hard for a second-half opener after the home side’s lead going into the break. Julio Fregueiras struck just six minutes into the second period before Graham grabbed his second.