A NEW report into services at Harlow’s Princess Alexandra Hospital reveals that PARKING is the number one gripe among town residents.

While cleanliness, waiting times and the quality of food all figured as concerns in the study, the problems associated with parking at the Hamstel Road site – and the charges for doing so - topped the list of moans.

Almost two-thirds of the 1,467 people who responded to the survey carried out by Harlow MP Bill Rammell said they were unhappy at the lack of parking provision and the cost.

That figure dwarfed other concerns of waiting times (381 respondents), cleanliness of wards (197), availability of information (186), cleanliness of public areas (154), quality of food (115) and cancellation of operation (74).

Other issues raised related to specific departments, while 129 said fear of closure or cuts at the hospital preyed on their mind.

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Lubbock Trust is axed amid row

By CHRIS MOSS
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A CAMPAIGN to establish the full facts in the death of Stuart Lubbock at the Royalton home of former TV star Michael Barrymore has been thrown into disarray by an acrimonious row.

The bust-up came as it emerged police are investigating allegations of “homophobic hate” on The Lubbock Trust’s website.

The trust worked for years to keep Stuart’s unsolved death in 2001 in the public eye but has now formally wound up.

Stuart’s father Terry, of Great Brays, Harlow, confirmed this week he has dropped Mr Bennett as his solicitor after Essex Police launched its investigation.

Events came to a head just days after the release of the book. Not only getting away with murder, co-authored by Mr Lubbock and Mr Bennett, but it is understood the latter wrote the majority – when Mr Bennett accused trust chairman Harry Cichy, the book’s publisher, of selling it on internet auction site eBay without permission.

“This book was never written for anyone’s individual profit”, said Mr Bennett. “In fact, it was always understood that all sales would go towards the benefit of the trust,” he said.

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School under fire over its non-competitive sports day

A DECISION by a Harlow primary school to axe sports day for a non-competitive replacement has come under fire. On Monday, Milwards Primary, in Parndon Wood, itertools traditional favourites such as the sack race, egg and spoon race, long jump and 100m sprint in favour of games of parachutes, rounders and outdoor curling – all with no winners.

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Council promise on £10m revamp work

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RESIDENTS in areas poised to benefit from £10m of Government regeneration cash have been reassured the work will still take place despite a perceived lack of progress in recent months.

Harlow Council’s policy and resources committee was given an update on the five schemes when it met on Thursday and told what should be achieved by next March.

The schemes include the regeneration of Old Harlow, Prentice Place in Porter Street, Clifton Hatch and Staple Tye plus the establishment of a small business start-up ‘incubation’ centre in Edinburgh Way. But there was concern from some councillors that a

PRENTICE PLACE

lack of work in recent months has led people to believe their schemes have been forgotten.

Simon Carter (Conservative) warned: “I think we need to be careful about raising expectations that something big and major is going to happen imminently if it then doesn’t. People now need to be reassured that what we said was going to happen is going to happen at some stage.”

Joint council leader Tony Durcan (Labour) agreed. “I think we need to keep people informed,” he said. “Even if it’s a case of saying we don’t have any more info at the moment but we haven’t forgotten about you.”

Work in Old Harlow will include the extension and refurbishment of the St John’s Arts and Recreation Centre and relocation of the community centre there. Garages in Wayne Street will go and a feasibility study will look at the possibility of re-aligning the road. Plans to revamp Victoria Hall Theatre have been scrapped.

At Prentice Place, modifications made as a result of public feedback mean there will be no residential units on Larkwood, although the demolition and rebuilding of retail units and flats will still go ahead.

Staple Tye is to have its library re-located, a new health centre and housing built, relocation of the tennis courts and a new road junction at Abercrombie Way and Southern Way.

Clifton Hatch will get up to 37 new homes, new shops and a community centre to replace existing shops and garages.

The re-named incubation centre – previously called an innovation centre – is due to be open by 2008. Harlow Renaissance is in charge of delivering the projects and chief executive Andrew Hramadge told councillors the change of title was requested by the East of England Development Agency, which is part-funding the facility.

Unanimous support for a blueprint to town regeneration

A REGENERATION strategy to pump life back into Harlow has been approved.

The final version of the report, amended to account for views expressed during a public consultation, was presented to Harlow Council’s policy and resources committee on Thursday.

The document, intended to collate a number of earlier policies, incorporates other strategies including the Town Park masterplan, town centre strategy, housing strategy, green infrastructure plan, community strategy, and area investment and renewal framework.

It identifies five “core objectives” for Harlow: economic prosperity, education, growth and regeneration, housing and community engagement, and its overarching vision is for the town to become “a sustainable sub-regional centre with a vibrant, diverse and high-performing economy and the infrastructure to support.”

In terms of implementation, councillors were assured that within five-to-10 years, the town would be enjoying the benefits of a regenerated centre, better employment opportunities, a better qualified workforce, better choice of affordable housing and upgraded neighbourhood centres.

The strategy was welcomed by representatives of all three political parties and was passed unanimously. It can be viewed at the Civic Centre.

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Drainage work eases threat from flooding

ACTION taken to safeguard residents against flooding after the flash storms of last year has been declared a success.

Harlow Council’s scrutiny committee heard on Tuesday that since the torrential downpours last summer when saw dozens of households flooded out, major progress has been achieved clearing gullies and drains.

Council emergency planning officer Joe McGill told the committee that there was a considerably higher level of rainfall in June of this year compared to that of last year but with no major flooding in the town.

“I think those figures show the impact of the work we have done,” he told councillors, adding that there were still issues to be addressed.

But Mr McGill also called on residents to do their bit, drawing particular attention to a gully behind Berecroft

“There is so much rubbish dumped along the ditch line,” he said. “If we can sort that out I think we will solve a lot of the problems in the Berecroft area, but people have got to recognise that it’s important to keep their ditch lines clear.

“If people dump rubbish they are increasing the risk of flooding for themselves and their neighbours.”

Summer read is keen on nature

A SUMMER reading challenge to promote environmental responsibility as well as reading is being launched at Harlow Library on Saturday.

The Big Wild Read, run in conjunction with the HBC’s Breathing Spaces campaign, will give children the opportunity to find out what they can do to save endangered animals and help protect the environment.

County Hall libraries chief Iris Pummell said: “Children really care about animals and environmental issues and the Big Wild Read is not just a summer reading challenge; it’s a call to action for children to make a positive difference to the environment.”

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Petition seeks resignation of college chief

A PETITION calling on Harlow College principal Colin Hindmarch to resign has been circulated around the town.

It has been started by the Harlow College Support Group in response to the restructuring which has resulted in more than 100 lecturers leaving the college.

Many lost their jobs or refused to reapply for their posts, claiming that Mr Hindmarch’s teaching and learning strategy may lower their salaries and increase working hours.

The petition states: “the principal had forfeited the confidence of the community and was putting at risk the future of local young people by his actions and imposing new contracts and making scores of teachers redundant.”

More than 50 people signed the petition within an hour in the town centre on Saturday.

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Dealer’s kiss hid drugs packages

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Kirton pushed it into her mouth with her fingers and walked away. She was then seen to remove two packages from her mouth and stow them in her underwear.

After police were alerted, Kirton was searched and two packages seized. One contained 10 wraps of crack cocaine and the other 19 wraps of heroin.

Following her arrest, Kirton told police she had no idea what was in the packages and had no involvement in drug dealing.

Manning gave a “no comment” interview.

Samantha Leigh, in mitigation for Kirton, said that although she had a previous conviction for possessing drugs, she would welcome the chance to put her life in order.

Chloe Barton, for Manning, said he passed the drugs to Kirton for her own use and never intended to supply them to anyone else.
Principal must go if college is to survive

SIR, Your headline “Harlow College in freefall” (Star, July 5) was both shocking and accurate. Under the leadership of principal Colin Hindmarch it has gone from a thriving and successful college with a good reputation to a basket case on the verge of collapse in 10 short months.

The latest instalment in the unfolding catastrophe – the announcement that more than 100 lecturers are being forced to a basket case on the verge of collapse – has sent shockwaves through the town.

Many parents have expressed justified anger that, in all likelihood, there will be no teachers to teach their children in September. And as the University and College Union, apparently the main promoter of this discontent, has quite a record as political agitators. There is surely no place for this kind of thing in our college.

Having said all that, I have to ask where was our minister for higher education while all this was fermenting? While there should be no place for Government in legitimate trade disputes, this one threatens to undermine the education of Harlow’s young people and is clearly political in nature. Why is this happening under his nose on his watch?

Councillor Joshua Jolles
Fir Park, Harlow

Concern to all

SIR, Our publicly funded tertiary college is in the midst of its worst crisis in its 45-year life.

As the most contentious town issue for a long time, I am amazed at the apparent complete silence from the council, councillors and prospective parliamentary candidates on the matter. It should concern them as it concerns a great many students, parents, lecturers and 50+ users.

They are, after all, our representatives and should be involved in seeking an equitable solution.

An older resident, my particular interest is the apparent ending of all the 50+ activities. There are more than 20,000 of us in the town (25 per cent of the population) and we should be part of the college programme.

Ron Bill
Upper Park, Harlow

We can’t pick and choose which laws we will obey

SIR, What did your anonymous correspondent expect from his letter about parking attendants (“Parking attendants drive shoppers out”, July 12)? Did he expect everyone to think he was hard done by because he was caught committing an offence?

He is honest to a point, but what else did he want, apart from a newspaper, that he had to go to WJL Smith when there are other shops closer?

Did he time how long it took him to get from The Rows to almost the other end of Broadway Walk, buy his paper and get back to his vehicle? If he did he would have been well in excess of five minutes.

We live in an age when, because of the laxity of the application of justice, people believe the law does not apply to them, only to other people. We cannot have a law-abiding society without rules and rules that are applied. We cannot choose which laws we obey.

Did your correspondent laugh a few weeks ago when an MP was caught parking in a disabled parking bay at a railway station, or did he say ‘serve him right’?

Go and pay your parking ticket with good grace. Have you thought that by parking there, causing an obstruction, another motorist who may have wanted to set someone down and drive away could not and has not decided not to come to Harlow again?

D.J. Croager
Felmongers, Harlow

Parking attendants drive shoppers out

The notion that parking attendants drive shoppers out is absurd. The council doesn’t want shoppers.

Parking fees are higher on Saturday, the very day in which our town should be full with out-of-town shoppers. If the council thinks anything about retailers, parking should be free.

But then when we have a greedy council prepared to drain the last penny, how can we expect people to come to the town?

Len King
Church Leys, Harlow

Make smokers pay

SIR, As a non-smoker I think it would be absolutely disgraceful if the clean-up cost of the smoking ban raised our council tax bills (Star, July 12).

I hope councillors do not let this enter their heads as I would refuse to pay any extra costs for people who smoke and cannot dispose of their cigarette ends properly.

A survey should be done of all households to find out where the smokers are so that just their council tax should be more. I am fed up with having to pay for other people’s habits.

Name and address supplied – Editor

Back in the swim

SIR, As part of Harlow’s 60th anniversary I am trying to organise a reunion for members of Harlow Swimming Club, to be held in the town on August 4.

If any Star readers were part of the club then it would be great to hear from them. So far we are in contact with around 60 people who were at the club from the 1960s through to the 1980s.

If you were a member of the club during that time and would like more details, contact me at kerryvapott@hotmail.com or telephone 07739715526 and we will send you more information.

Chris and Kerry McCarthy
address supplied – Editor

Bomb found at work

SIR, Thank you for the article about the television programme Legacy of War which will be featuring Harlow. May I just put right one fact – it was not my home that was burned down but the building where I worked in the shadow of St Paul’s Cathedral.

My boys found new premises in Newport Street and it was in the small yard at the rear of that building where I found and removed the incendiary bomb.

Elise Penny
Astorights, Harlow
Dog with huge tumour dumped at RSPCA clinic

ANIMAL welfare officials are trying to trace the owner of a dog with an enormous cancerous tumour after it was abandoned at an RSPCA clinic in Harlow.

A young woman walked into the clinic at The Stow and handed the Staffordshire bull terrier to a man waiting for his pet to be treated. She told him she had left something in her car but never returned.

The dog, thought to be about nine-years-old, had a large malignant tumour after it was abandoned at a vet surgery in Harberts Road, Harlow, in early March. It now weighs nearly 32kg.

The dog subsequently underwent surgery at the RSPCA clinic, where the tumour was removed but others may have been left behind. The surgery was performed by cats protection league representatives.

The RSPCA is trying to trace the owner of the dog for legal reasons. The dog is currently being treated at the RSPCA clinic.

A representative for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said: “This dog has a lovely nature and somebody must know who he belongs to. She should have been brought in for treatment much sooner.”

The cat and four kittens left in a box at the Toddbrook Veterinary Surgery, in Harberts Road, Harlow, are now in the care of the Cats Protection League. The RSPCA has since been removed but others may remain.

Marion Wellsman, Stort Valley representative for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said: “This dog has a lovely nature and somebody must know who he belongs to. She should have been brought in for treatment much sooner.”

In last week’s report the Star published an incorrect number for the surgery. We apologise for the error.

Town at wrong end of county’s recycling league

RECYCLING levels in Harlow are among the lowest in Essex even though the town has reached its official Government-set target.

According to new figures, Harlow comes 11th out of the county’s 12 district and borough councils in Essex with 21.29 per cent of all household waste recycled.

Only Rochford Council fares worse with a figure of 17.18 per cent.

However, a strong performance in Epping Forest, where more than 37 per cent of waste was recycled, placed the district council in second place. It was only pipped to the top spot by Uttlesford where almost 43 per cent of rubbish avoids landfill.

Across the whole of the county, about 36 per cent of all waste was recycled in the 12 months up to March of this year.

The figure for Harlow means the town failed to meet the Government’s 30 per cent target set for the town by the end of last year.

Eleanor Macy, chairwoman of Harlow Council’s environment and community committee, said: “Overall our figures are below average, but this is due to the availability of good recycling facilities at the local level.”

He said: “It is hugely important for residents to continue recycling with us to help reduce waste going to landfill and for those who don’t to start making it a daily habit.”

Residents can also help by reusing waste before recycling.

In contrast to the overall recycling rates, Harlow excelled when it came to the performance of its civic amenity site in Temple Bank, which recorded a 64.67 per cent figure for household waste for the 12-month period. It was the fifth most successful of the county’s 23 sites.

The centre took more plastics than any other site (11.1 tonnes), the most cans and scrap metal (1,132 tonnes) and came top of the pile for ceramics (61.1 tonnes).

County Hall environment chief Peter Martin said: “This is fantastic news. Recycling and reducing waste are key to our waste strategy and how we deal with waste in the future.

“We have recycled more than ever over the past year and this is something that every Essex resident should be very proud of.”

Pub ban on brawl pair filmed in punch-up outside nightclub

TWO men involved in a brawl outside a nightclub in the early hours of the morning have been banned from all licensed premises.

Oliver Read (19), of Scamore Field, Harlow, and Liam Morgan (21), of Spring Hills, Harlow, pleaded guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court on Friday to a charge of affray.

Stephanie Farrimond, prosecuting, told the court the defendants had thrown kicks and punches in the fight outside the Liquid night-club in Harlow town centre on May 13 last year.

The incident, which also involved a number of other people, had been filmed by security cameras and a sequence in which a man’s shirt was ripped off was shown to the court.

Miss Farrimond said that after police showed the film to Morgan he described his own behaviour as “awful” and said he was disgusted with himself.

Edward Culver, representing Morgan, said he was genuinely remorseful, while Christopher Whitehouse, appearing for Read, said his client had been so drunk he had no recollection of his actions that evening.

Morgan was given a three- month prison sentence suspended for a year and banned from pubs and clubs for three months. Read was sentenced to four months jail suspended for a year and given a four month ban.

Both men were also ordered to pay £200 costs.

Police release stabbing suspects

TWO people arrested in connection with a stabbing in Epping town centre in April have been released without charge.

Essex Police confirmed this week that the 29-year-old man and 30-year-old woman, who have been on bail since the incident, will not be prosecuted.

A spokesman said the decision not to bring charges against the pair, both from North Weald, had been taken after consultation with the Crown Prosecution Service.

The 26-year-old victim was stabbed in the back in High Street. He was treated at Princess Alexandra Hospital and made a full recovery.

Police released the identity of the M25

The identity of the police officer alleged to have super..
WOMEN walked, wheeled and ran around North Weald Airfield when it hosted the annual Race For Life on Thursday.

The 5km fun run in aid of Cancer Research UK saw more than 2,600 women take up the challenge.

Epping Forest councillor Caroline Pond set the runners on their way on a beautiful summer’s evening.

Race organiser Kate Franclow said afterwards: “It was really exciting to see so many women taking part.”

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amazing this year and the weather helped. Everyone really enjoyed being out in it.

“Lots and lots of ladies always means that there is a brilliant atmosphere as well.”

The organisers set a fundraising target of £285,000 and Ms Franclow urged all participants to send in their money as soon as possible.
‘All he wanted to do was to help his dad’

The girlfriend of Frank Empson, the young man stabbed to death in the entrance of his Harlow home last year, has spoken publicly for the first time of how she witnessed the fatal attack.

Three months after Steven Pascoe and Jack Harrison were jailed for Frank’s manslaughter and attempted robbery, Emily Hawkins (20) said Frank was killed for selling cannabis.

Last September, Emily told the Star how she was struggling to cope with the impact of his death and her determination to see his killers brought to justice.

Now, in an interview with Pick Me Up magazine, she describes how talented basketball player Frank got into selling soft drugs to fund treatment for his father, who suffers multiple sclerosis. She also reveals her disgust at the sentences handed down to Pascoe and Harrison, both of whom were charged with murder but subsequently cleared. Emily recalls how Frank learnt about pioneering stem cell treatment in a newspaper but investigations revealed it would cost £13,000. She suggested fundraising but Frank replied: “It would take years to raise that sort of money and Dad doesn’t have years.”

Believing the idea to have been dismissed, she says she was surprised a few weeks later to see a safe in Frank’s room – and then horrified to discover he was using it to store cannabis. “I’d never heard of something so ridiculous in all my life,” said Emily. “Halfway through the film, there was a knock at the front door. Without saying a word he nipped downstairs. ‘It’s for me, mum,’ I heard him shout.”

“Then there were men’s voices and a strange muffled sound followed by a thud. I ran down the stairs and that’s when I saw the two masked men in the hallway. One was punching Frank over and over. ‘Get off him,’ I screamed, launching myself at him. His fist slammed into the side of my head. By the time I could focus, the men were gone.”

“Suddenly, Rose (Frank’s mother) appeared at the living room door: ‘He’s cut his neck,’ she screamed. Frank was coughing so much he couldn’t speak as he lifted his hand from the left side of his neck and I saw the gaping wound gushing blood.”

Emily said that the next day, after Frank’s death was confirmed, she decided to tell police about the drugs. A few days later, Pascoe and Harrison were charged. She tells the magazine how she and Frank’s parents were determined to realise his last wish to help his father and started an appeal. By September 2006, they had raised the £13,000 and Steve flew to Holland for the treatment. Referring to the outcome of the trial, she says: “Frank was stabbed four times in the throat – that was no accident. When I heard the sentences, I couldn’t believe it. Wasn’t Frank’s life worth more? ‘It’s still too early to know what effect the stem cell treatment has had on Steven, but hopefully it will help him to walk again and when he does, I know Frank will be smiling down on us.”

Read the full interview with Emily in Pick Me Up, on sale at newsagents from today (Thursday), priced 65p.
COUNCIL TAKING STEPS TO MOVE MOBILE HOME

DIRECT action is being promised by Epping Forest Council to halt the harm being caused by a mobile home illegally stationed in Roydon. The council believes damage to the Green Belt and appearance of the site is being caused by the structure in the Roydon Chalet Estate. It also believes the caravan poses a flood risk and could encourage similar mobile homes to be placed nearby.

An enforcement notice has not been complied with and efforts to prosecute the owner last year failed because it appears he has moved to Spain. A notice pinned on the property has also been ignored.

A report by council officers states: “It has been established that the mobile home and hardstanding is not acceptable in planning terms.”

Councillors on the west area’s planning subcommittee last Wednesday decided to refer the matter to another committee with more powers.

A MAN was airlifted to hospital after a fall through a roof left him suffering head and pelvic injuries.

The 36-year-old fell at least 15ft in the accident at premises in Canes Lane, Hatfield Wood, on Monday morning and had fractures to the hip and pelvis area and a cut to the head.

After reporting that he found it difficult to move, he was put on a board and fitted with a collar before being flown to Princess Alexandra Hospital for treatment.

ONE STOP SHOP CATERS FOR YOUTH NEEDS

A ONE-stop advice and information service for Harlow’s youth is open.

MP Bill Rammell cut the ribbon at Occasio House, in Playhouse Square, on Friday and an all-day celebration was held on Saturday.

The One Stop Shop is a joint venture between information service Essex Connexions, Occasio House owner East Potential, Essex County Council, Harlow Council, Harlow Welfare Rights and Advice, Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust and others.

It has confidential interview areas, computers and a health suite and aims to provide a wide range of information, counselling and support to people aged 13-25.

Two burglars who smashed a house and stripped it of all valuables have been jailed after a judge ridiculed their pleas for a community sentence.

Mark Rhead (19), of Collins Meadow, Harlow, and Steven Langton (18), of The Hides, Harlow, were sent to prison for eight months and six months respectively at Chelmsford Crown Court on Saturday, after admitting burglary.

Rhead also admitted two offences of obtaining property by deception.

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**AN attempt to block the full use of Stansted Airport’s existing runway has been made – by the airlines themselves:**

As the public inquiry into the future of Stansted entered its seventh week, it was the turn of operator BAA’s customers – the carriers who pay to fly to and from the airport – to give evidence regarding the expansion plans.

The airlines called for a 30 million passenger compromise between BAA’s assertion that the passenger capacity must rise to 35 million a year and the counter claim from Uttlesford District Council and Stop Stansted Expansion that the current cap of 25 million should be maintained.

Last Wednesday, Ian Clayton, who is both Easyjet’s regulatory affairs manager and secretary of the Stansted Airlines Consultative Committee, told inspector Alan Boyd: “The ACC supports expansion at Stansted provided it is timely, efficient and subject to consultation and agreement.

“However, it cannot support BAA’s application to remove the passenger limit or to increase it to 35 million passengers per annum.

“The ACC proposes a passenger limit of 30 million. This would ensure that capacity would not be constrained while future development could be considered fully and properly.”

*Cost is at the centre of the airlines’ misgivings. Mr Clayton added: “A 30 million limit would protect airlines and passengers from further excessive airport charges and would prevent inefficient capital expenditure, while any future development of Stansted would not be prejudiced by decisions that do not yet need to be made.”

The airlines have cast doubt on BAA’s forecasts and warned that increasing charges to cover the cost of expansion will drive down demand for air travel – defeating the object of the planning application.

Earlier, on Tuesday, York Aviation’s Louise Congdon also gave evidence on behalf of the SACC and cast doubt on the facts and figures at the foundation of BAA’s case for expansion.

She told the inquiry: “The ACC considers that BAA’s proposals are unsound. BAA has a poor track record in projecting growth requirements at Stansted.”

She said the operator had failed to demonstrate there would be sufficient demand to justify its plans and said its projections were unrealistic.

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Memories of war veteran

KINGSMOOR PRIMARY: Tales of wartime bravery were shared with children when a Royal Air Force veteran gave a talk at the school. Gary Godfrey, who is also one of the Playters Road school’s governors, arrived wearing his uniform and the medals he was awarded while serving in the RAF. He told the children what it was like being evacuated in the Second World War and how it felt fighting in the Korean War during the early 1950s.

Headteacher Bridget Pratt said: “The children were absolutely fascinated about his stories of evacuation. It’s important for the children to hear these stories firsthand and I think they were really spellbound.”

BURNT MILL: Pupils at the First Avenue school had a wheelie good time when special guests arrived for a talk and demonstration. Representatives from Ride Guide visited to show Years 7 and 8 how to stay safe on their bikes and how a healthy diet can help biking. Road safety was also discussed and the students’ bikes were even given their own MOT by the representatives.

A spokesman for the school said: “The pupils were also entertained by some thrilling stunts designed to keep them engaged with some of the more serious messages. Throughout the entertaining bike acrobatics they were careful to emphasise how important it was...”
Sculpture’s rich with symbolism

**STEWARDS:** A wall has proved to be right at the art of the Parnall Road school with the unveiling of a sculpture.

Local artist Philip Melling visited the school for a day and worked with students on their sculpture, which is based on the letter ‘S’ for ‘Stewards’ and includes circles featuring designs inspired by scientific images and symbols.

They then spent two days visiting Mr Melling’s workshop where they were taught how to use metalworking equipment such as gas cutting torches, power tools and the forge.

Mr Melling said: “Each student made an individual piece of the artwork using traditional forging techniques as well as modern processes.”

Pictured unveiling the sculpture they helped to make are, left to right, Hoi Ming Man, Georgia Duncels and artist Mr Melling.

(poto: LBGIVGMD/08)

Very fine day for artful dodgers

**POTTER STREET PRIMARY:** The school’s summer fete was right on target as the sun shone and activities hit the bull’s eye.

Alongside the stalls, a highly competitive dodgeball tournament was taking place in which seven other local schools took part.

“The children chose to play dodgeball because it was different and there has never been a primary school festival for this sport in Harlow before,” said a spokeswoman. “Everyone taking part had a great day and really enjoyed themselves.”

The fete was buzzing, with stalls selling arts and crafts as well as those offering face painting, a barbecue and a tombola.

Pictured above are, left to right, Charlotte Morton, Jack Perryman and HonKit Lee.

(photo: L988F6D/03)

Rocket day aim to get sky high

**ST JAMES’ PRIMARY:** It was ground control for major fun at the Paringdon Road school when extra-terrestrial exploration was investigated.

During a science workshop, Years 5 and 6 designed and built their own structures which could withstand the atmosphere on Mars.

Various materials including paper tubes, nuts and bolts were used to create the structures.

Pupils then designed their own rockets, which were launched hundreds of feet into the air using a high pressure pump.

Headteacher Emma-Jane Wilkinson said: “The children really enjoyed a NASA interactive game which allowed them to simulate survival on Mars and had great fun designing their own aliens.”

Pictured, left to right, are Yasmin Butler, Paul Gardiner, Ben Gritton, Georgia Aldous-Blind, Connor Browne, Sinead Wiseman and Anna Turnbull.

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Family Announcements

Deaths

LILY FOX
Passed away on July 9th, 2007 aged 94 years in hospital. Will sadly be missed by family and friends. Service at Poulton Funeral Directors Monday, July 23rd at 2.30pm.

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JUNE MEAD
Passed away suddenly on her 100th of July on Monday, July 9th, 2007. She will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Monday, July 23rd, at 12 noon. All enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd, Harlow 01279 426990.

LEN ROBERTS

WINNIE THOMLINSON
Passed away peacefully on her 100th of July 11th, 2007. She will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Mary’s Church, Sawbridgeworth on Tuesday, July 24th, 2007 at 11.30am followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow.

LEN ROBERTS
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Beloved Grandfather and great grandfather.

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**GAVIN GOODGER AND KELLY PAGE**
Saturday, July 21st, 2007
Best wishes on your special day, wish you both good luck for the future years as husband and wife.
Love BAD

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Samantha and Liam Congratulations on your Wedding Day, July 21st. Enjoy your special day. Have a brilliant time in Cyprus. Love always Gemma, Martin, Lisa and Paul. xxx

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COOMBE : MARTIN LAUREN and DANIEL
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**MATHS**
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Happy Birthday Rose Lucas
Bet you thought we would all forget.
Enjoy your very special day.
Lots of love David, Sarah, Martin, John and all the family.
Jail reprieve for man who stole from Jade

A MAN who helped himself to more than £12,500 from the bank account of former Big Brother contestant Jade Goody has narrowly avoided a jail sentence.

Luke Rustem (29) had admitted the theft and was given an eight-month prison sentence, suspended for 18 months, at Chelmsford Crown Court on Friday.

Judge Anthony Goldstaub told him he was ungrateful, dishonest and exploitive.

"Unemployed Rustem, of Soper Square, Harlow, was also put on probation to help him overcome drug and gambling problems and was banned from licensed premises for six months," the court had heard Miss Goody (25) only realised the money was missing when an Abbey National clerk pointed out abnormalities in her transactions.

Catherine Bradshaw, prosecuting, said that Rustem, who was a friend and babysitter for Miss Goody, was found to have written nine cheques to himself from her cheque book between February 2005 and April 2006, totalling £12,565. The court also heard Rustem had a previous conviction for stealing money from Thomas Cook travel agency when he worked at the firm’s Bishop’s Stortford office in 2001.

Mark Gatley, mitigating for Rustem, said his client was ashamed of his actions and genuinely remorseful.

He considered Miss Goody to be his friend and he realises he has betrayed the trust placed in him," he said. "When she didn’t notice money going missing from the account, he felt a sense of security and detachment from what he was doing."

Mr Gatley added that Rustem had believed he could eventually pay back the cash through gambling winnings.

"That’s what lies at the root of these offences," he claimed. "His gambling was fuelled by his addiction to amphetamines."

Sentencing Rustem, Judge Goldstaub told him: “You have admitted nine counts of theft from Jade Goody. You were a trusted part of the life of her household, as a friend, helper and occasional babysitter.

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Dane/Newfoundland cross the three-year-old Great

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Samson, pictured alongside a doggy friend of more than a week when people realised he just likes the quiet life.

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Get back in the swim for pool reunion

WATER babies who were part of Harlow Swimming Club any time from the 1960s through to the 1990s are invited to a reunion next month.

The event, which is being organised by Kerry and Chris McCarthy, aims to bring together as many former swimmers as possible for reminiscences of happy times at Harlow Pool, pictured here in 1962.

Anyone wishing to join in should call them on 07739 713526 or email kerrypos1@hotmail.com – and don’t forget to also send interesting memories to Nostalgia too!

Stern regime at the old council

THIS week we have more on Harlow Council engineer and surveyor Bill Webb – plus some other colourful council characters of the 1960s and ’70s.

Nostalgia is grateful to reader Ron Bill for his old press cuttings, which reveal that when Mr Webb retired in 1971 he was calling time on a 44-year career in local government.

Starting out in 1934 in a divisional surveyor’s office in Brentwood, he was promoted to deputy engineer and surveyor before wartime service as an Air Ministry civil engineer.

In 1946, he joined Epping Rural District Council before moving across to the new Harlow Urban District Council in 1955, where he led major projects including the construction of The Playhouse, Harlow Pool and the crematorium while overseeing the growth of his department from 60 staff to 600.

Mr Webb was succeeded in 1971 by his deputy Paul Chester. Northbrooks resident Avron Cooper-Gray worked under both men and recalled: “Mr Webb’s secretary was a lady called Mrs Joan Stone who protected him staunchly and you had to work very hard to get to see him. She was very, very strict and was an absolute fanatic about punctuality. I found her quite frightening as a school-leaver.

“I used to take post from our department at Nettswell Hall to the clerk’s department and down to the treasurer’s department at Nettswell House. I used to enjoy these little walks down the lane.

“The clerk to the council was Mr Doug Bull and his secretary was Miss Kay Jarvis – she was also very strict. The telephonist was a man called Mike who was blind and Mr Jack Cook was the housing officer. My boss when I worked in the cost office was Mr Freddy Crabb and he could be a fearsome man too – you had better not be late!”

Mrs Cooper-Gray also recalls the first female councillor: “Her name was Vi Drace and she was a friend of my parents. I remember thinking as a young girl how important she must be.”

Do you remember any interesting characters from your workplace? Write to Nostalgia and share your memories with our readers.

Helping to landscape the masterplanner’s garden

MANY readers will have enjoyed visiting the Gibberd Garden, in Marsh Lane, Old Harlow, but Moor Tower resident Clive Enders can claim a hand in its beauty.

“I remember many of the families in the local aristocracy – the Swires at Hubbards Hall, the Drakes and Fitzwilliams at Churchgate Street,” he writes.

But the biggest name young Enders knew was Harlow masterplanner Frederick Gibberd.

“I remember him and his first wife at their Marsh Farm rambling garden and horribly ‘modern bungalow!’ he recalls.

“As children, Sir Freddie, as he became, used to get us to do hedging and digging around his property in reward for lemonade, cakes and sweets. Thus he slowly landscaped the contours and waterways of the terrain into the garden it has evolved into today.

“When I last visited the garden a couple of years ago I met Lady Pat, riding her buggy, and told her of my early gardening experiences there. But she was her usual somewhat curt self and dismissed me with ‘That was long before my time’!”

Mr Enders also remembered criticism of Sir Freddie’s decision to live outside his new town creation: “Many older residents saw it as the Gibberds living in splendid isolation well away from the little boxes he designed for the proletariat.”
RECOLLECTIONS of outfitter Savage and King prompted another customer to get in touch.

East Park resident Janet Snell remembers visiting the shop, in Market Street, Old Harlow, in the 1970s and ’80s.

“Mr King would always greet us, tape measure around his neck, in a really friendly fashion and would ask what we needed,” she said. “He would look at the person and immediately know what size shoes they wanted – he was never wrong. When you entered the shop it was like going back in time. He sold anything from spats to cravats and shirt studs to cufflinks.”

Mrs Snell also recalled taking her teenage daughter to the shop in 1980. “The fashion at the time was for girls to wear men’s caps,” she explained. “Girls being girls, my daughter insisted on trying various styles, but needless to say we left the shop with the cap first suggested by Mr King! “People came from miles around to visit this wonderful chaotic shop and always went home happy.”

Rodeo-riding Sid

CHIGWELL Row resident Pamela Everett, who recently remembered the noted Harlow equestrienne Joy Sewell in these pages, writes about another character from the world of horses.

“I wonder how many other people remember Sid Wright,” she asks. “He lived on Harlow Common and had a skewbald horse. He dressed as a cowboy with a hat, leather chaps, etc, and did rodeo riding shows at local fetes. But he wore his outfit and rode his horse daily, so was a well-known eccentric.”

Mrs Everett believes a picture postcard of Mr Wright was once on sale locally. Do you remember him?
Signs are good at club for the deaf

A NEW centre for Harlow’s deaf community is proving to be a great success. About 30 people with varying degrees of hearing impairment turned up when Harlow Deaf Association opened the club at the Barn Mead Pavilion, in Partridge Road, for the first time last Saturday.

It is thought there are more than 50 profoundly deaf people living in Harlow and many more with less serious hearing problems. The new club aims to cater for as many of them as possible, providing a chance for them to socialise, meet new friends and learn new skills.

Harlow Deaf Association also wants to raise awareness of the number of people with hearing problems living in the town and the help available to those who find themselves losing their hearing.

Sign language teacher Emma Somerville, the association’s founder and backbench of the club, said: ‘We want to help alleviate some of those problems and difficulties experienced by the deaf community in and around Harlow and provide a centre for people to go and not be isolated.

“We hope to get more than 50 members. Everyone is welcome but all must be willing to learn sign language or at least make an effort to communicate – everyone will help each other.”

At present the centre is self-funding but fundraising events are being planned for the future and the association is also looking for sponsorship.

The next meeting takes place on Saturday at 7pm. The club will be open fortnightly on Saturdays thereafter. Admission is £1.50 for individuals or £4 per family. Anyone wishing to find out more about the club and potential sponsors can contact the association c/o 103 Shawbridge, Harlow or by sending an email to harlowdeaf@hotmail.com.

Cadet high-flyers on crest of an (air)wave

TALKATIVE Harlow air cadets wore reading each other loud and clear in a high frequency radio competition. The team of six from 2317 (Harlow) Squadron Air Training Corps proved themselves the pick of the bunch when they beat rival units from across the south east to take first place in the competition at a training camp in Folkestone.

The weekend exercise featured a morning of classroom-based training followed by deployment into the field to set up radio bases. They were then marked on the speed and efficiency with which they set up, as well as the accuracy and knowledge of their operating procedures and map work.

Flying Officer Simon Pankhurst, a member of staff at the squadron, said: “It was a great result for our team and really reflected their skills and teamwork. We also had two other cadets seconded to Wickford Squadron’s team which came third.”

Pictured, left to right, are Kathleen Eales (16), Andrew Gibbes (16), Lucy Smith (16), Nick Woodfin (15), Charlotte Taylor (15) and Maria Lynch (15).

It’s party time for beach girls

BROWNIES and Rainbows in Church Langley got ready for the summer break with a seaside party. But the celebration was tinged with sadness when the girls said farewell to Rainbow leader Valerie Jess, who is moving to Leicester with her clergyman husband the Rev Martin Jess. She was presented with flowers and a card to thank her for four years of service.

During the evening many of the Brownies received badges, including road safety badges which all of the girls from the 2nd Church Langley group have been working towards this year.

New volunteer staff are now needed to help run the Rainbow and Brownie units. To find out more, call Valerie Murphy on 07831 153857 or email vlg@hotmail.co.uk.
Harry Potter activities begin Friday at 10pm (probably somewhere around aisle 9¾).
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Police join fete visitors for Army’s special day

IT was sunshine and laughter all the way when Harlow Salvation Army held its summer fete on Saturday.

A bouncy castle, face-painting and French cricket were among the many attractions. Even the police turned up to give a fingerprinting demonstration while members of the Royal British Legion joined in with a performance of line dancing.

The SA’s young people’s band also played throughout the day and there was a barbecue and lunches for those in need of sustenance.

Organiser Dave Smith said: “It was a fantastic day and the weather held out. I think I need a break before I start on the next one though!”

THUMBS UP: Above, PCSO Louise Webb shows Josie Harrison how police take fingerprints (photo: XPOTF@J05). Below, Louise (6), Caitlin (4) and Leah (12) Bridges try their luck on the frog hoppers (photo: XPOTF@J05).

Final farewell for ITeC

AFTER almost a quarter-of-a-century, a Harlow computer and business administration training provider has closed.

ITeC held a farewell party in its Latton Bush Centre on Thursday.

The service started in 1983, providing training for school leavers and the unemployed as well as those wanting to further their careers.

Marketing manager Amanda Johnston said: “I think it was a sad but happy occasion and a nice opportunity to reflect on the achievements of ITeC.

“How made us such a good training provider was the personal touch and there was something for everybody from the school leaver to the general public.”

The reasons given for the closure were increased competition and funding issues. Pictured are ITeC president John Winterbotham, managing director Anna Kennedy and former president Mike Danvers. (photo: PHlTHFF@801)

Chemist rota

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Back on form with a slice of pure theatre

WHEN written in 1959, Sir Arnold Wesker’s portrayal of the meaning of perceived metropolitan ideals in post-war Norfolk was innovative and passionate — so doing it justice in the 21st century was a tough call for an amateur group.

But after several hit-and-miss productions, the death of the group’s dramaturge Jack Mitchley two years ago, Moot House Players’ integrity and perseverance has finally paid dividends.

REVIEW

ROOTS
Moot House Players, Moot Hall, Harlow

The renaissance came when a glorious set was seen — complete with that quintessential Angry Young Man prop, the kitchen sink.

And, thankfully, the dreadfully awkward tiered seating and dreary fourth wall staging have now been deep-kicked in favour of performance in the round.

But as any schoolboy knows, brilliant sets and imaginative and brave staging count for nothing unless the direction and performances are worthy.

Returning to her farming family in Norfolk from the London home she shares with her communist boyfriend Ronnie, Beatie Bryant (Claire Quyle) soon gets up their noses.

Spouting Ronnie’s philosophical mantras and berating her mother (Biddy McAlpine) for her enjoyment of third-rate music and gossip, it becomes obvious Beatie is out of her depth and deeply unhappy.

Awaiting Ronnie’s arrival, the whole Bryant family is gathered around for tea, all disliking him (despite having never met him) due to the effect he has had on his heraldic Beatie. A letter arrives but no Ronnie, and Beatie’s innocence is complete when the massive slates he is dumping her.

Quyle shone as the vulnerable yet pious Beatie, her talents being brought to the fore in her closing ‘epiphany’ when she realises she can think intellectually without Ronnie. David Schacht was perfect and very funny for the allegorical figure of Stan Mann, whose off-stage death signalled the start of modern British thinking, even in Norfolk — well, some parts of it.

McAlpine and Geoff Leeds as the parents were often so rushed the work they put into bringing pure theatre deserving recognition for the evident hard work they put into bringing pure theatre back to their audience. Norfolk may be flat, but this certainly wasn’t!

Jim Tanfield

WHO WILL CLICK WITH YOU

MRS ROBINSON SEEKS GRADUATE FOR FUN TIMES

Mrs Robinson seeks graduate for fun times...

ON a beautiful and warm summer’s evening, the sound of laughter echoed across the gardens of Copped Hall mansion as Pals retold the famous legend of Robin Hood in a most amusing burlesque fashion.

Based on the well known version of the famous outlaw, four of the company’s actors (Alan Parker, Laura Clark, Kate Corrie and March Cary) took the roles of some 10 characters ranging from King Richard to Robin, the Sheriff of Nottingham, Little John and Will Scarlett.

Robin in this production was christened Robin Winkle Bottom and the other characters were given similarly naughty pseudonyms — even Maid Marion was not spared.

The cast did well to cope with so many costume changes which were often so rushed the headgear became dislodged, much to the delight of the children in the audience.

In fact, audience participation, as in traditional pantomime, was an important part of the play and helped to make it a thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

The company is based in the Leicester area and specialises in re-enacting histories, myths and legends — it is hoped they will return to Copped Hall soon.

Trevor Roberts

Met Gala Kids

Giant robots slug it out on Earth

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The clash of metal

TURNING a Japanese puzzle toy into a summer blockbuster sounds as unlikely as turning a lorry into a robot saviour – but it’s happened nonetheless!

Director Michael Bay is well versed in action and gives a bombastic grandeur to this live action successor to the toys, cartoons and animated film.

Somehow the American executive producers, Steven Spielberg included, have managed to squeeze in “wild sexual references and humour” and “intense sci-fi battle scenes”, making it a moral dilemma for parents whether to take their young children to a film inspired by toys!

OPTIMUS PRIME (voiced by Peter Cullen) narrates the story of how a mysterious cube known as Allspark, which creates life wherever it lands, triggered a war between alien robots on Earth. One of the villains, Decepticons, Blackout, destroys a US military base in Qatar and downloads some major secrets. It releases Scorponok, a scorpion-themed Decepticon – and starts hunting down and attacking survivors before firing on the heels of an air strike. US Defense Secretary Keller (Jon Voight) soon realises what’s hit the fan and begins to fear the future.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles Sam Witwicky (Shia Lebouef) has got $4,000 to buy a car and when a strange yellow model emits a pulse that shatters the windscreen of every other car on the lot, he buys it. The car is actually the friendly robot Transformer Bumblebee which can only communicate via the car radio and helps Sam pull Mikaela Banes (Megan Fox).

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Forget the shoddy script and flaky acting – the refined and beautifully produced yet over-the-top special effects make it worth the admission money at the Odeon.

At the end, Traci Lords makes an appearance and it’s all about in the summer, so bring it on!
HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX. Teen wizard Harry Potter is due to start his fifth year at Hogwarts and, like his mugwimp counterparts, that means exam time. He’s desperate to get back to school to find out why his friends Ron and Hermione have been so secretive all summer. When a missing Memory of Magic employee, Dolores Umbridge (Imelda Staunton), takes the Defence Against The Dark Arts lecturer position, she uses it to usurp power away from headmaster Albus Dumbledore (Michael Gambon). Harry engages in a personal battle with her while dreaming of a strange door at the end of a corridor which hides his parents’ murderer Voldemort wants desperately.

DIE HARD 4.0. John McClane has to collect hacker Farrell for questioning by the FBI. Farrell has unwittingly helped a team of cyber-teors with the software they need to bring the US economy to its knees. In the background is McClane’s daughter Lucy who wants nothing to do with her ‘loser’ of a dad. The stakes are raised when McClane discovers Farrell has been dying through explosions on their computer, convened by villain Thomas Gabriel.

SHREK THE THIRD. Shrek and Fiona are performing regal uninspiring story of Otis – a male schoolboy errors (that boy in The Simpsons). At the big summer holiday the Princes Charming Arthur back. Scheming Prince Fiona are performing regal coronation. To dialogue to the prospect of possible alternative heir – the unwilling Arthur. Desperate to rejoin with the princess and with his feet on his head, Shrek sets off on another mission with Donkey and Puss in Boots to bring Arthur back. Scheming Prince Charming, however, has other plans.

BARNYARD. With the most basic of schoolboy errors (that boy and girl cows all have udders) this animation tells the unimpressive story of a male cow with udders – a fight to control his stupid friends.

TMIT. After going their separate ways, the missile-firing nutter vultures Donatello, Raphael, Leonardo and Michelangelo are reunited to take on the nefarious industrialist Max Winters.

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Harry Potter and The Order of The Phoenix

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life and art in the daze of absinthe

Moulin Rouge (Network, PG, retail)

John Huston’s sumptuous Technicolor recreation of the gaudy fin de siècle Parisian nightspot of the title and the lewd Montmartre district around it provides a vivid backdrop for this 1932 biopic of hard-drinking artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec.

It’s a testament to the power of the outrageous, energetic riot of colour in the opening dance sequence and the often striking visuals which follow that the film overall works as well as it does, given some of the obstacles in its way.

Casting tall Jose Ferrer as the short crippled artist whose legs never grew past childhood was an odd, surprisingly distressing choice since we’ve all been overexposed to comedians playing the role for laughs by shuffling around on their knees in a long coat. Ferrer designed his own leg braces to allow him to briefly walk around on his knees for some scenes, but the different kinds of camera trickery utilised elsewhere do unfortunately draw attention to themselves and away from a solid performance as the artist variously hobbles behind a prop only for a differently proportioned short stand-in to emerge on the other side. Stands in hole or, if necessitated, is, is shown sitting with clearly fake legs dangling from his waist.

It doesn’t help, either, that the famed Jane Avril is played by the extremely limited, grating Zsa Zsa Gabor and, consequently, gets too much screen time. But never mind, because there are a lot of good performances elsewhere to make Moulin Rouge fun, particularly Collette Marchand as self-destructive prostitute Marie Chazel, whom Toulouse-Lautrec loves but cannot salvage, and Ferrer’s secondary turn as the artist’s father, not to mention a wealth of well-sketch performances (including a blink-and-you’ll-miss-it uncredited role for a pre-stardom Paul Newman) serving equally well as a mystery and an examination of the different kinds of camera trickery utilised briefly walk around on his knees for some scenes, but doesn’t this way.

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GET IN LINE

The Runners (single, Weekender)

Like a saxophonist BLUES, this has crisp, clean lines and a whoshs of summer with a hint of Deny’s Midnight Runners. The soundtrack of suburban sausage cooking and fire, fire, too, much is never quite enough – vintage stuff.

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Medium – Allison – Patricia Arquette is believed to have been captured by Russian eco-terrorists.

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BBC News; Regional News; Weather 94938

8:00 PM

The Chase. Mark’s performance impresses a local producer judging the battle of the bands competition, and offers to get her on the right side of the police – snapping Sean’s chances of coming second and persuading him to kill her. Drama, starring Liam Garrigan. 3736

9:00 PM

Waking The Dead. Part one of two. A millionnair businesswoman is found dead, having apparently committed suicide, a year after he first disappeared. Evidence suggests he was drugged and murdered immediately before his death. Trevor tracks the killer. Crime, drama, series six. 43645

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7:00 Medum, Allison is haunted by terrifying visions of a young boy’s death which seems to have forced her into a dream state. Starring Patricia Arquette and Jake Weber. 156953

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Live Wapping. Suzi Perry introduces live coverage of the US Grand Prix at Laguna Seca in California, where championship leader Alain Prost will start as favourite in the fifth round of the season. The American star struggles to compete against its former world champion Valentino Rossi. 93041

10:45 PM

Galore At the Open. Kurt Irvin presents the highlights from the fourth and final day of the Major at Carnoustie, Angus, Scotland. 866629

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Film: A Kiss Before Dying (1956). Classic love story, starring Robert Wagner as a psychopathic college student who murders his frident's girlfriend – only for her sister to begin probing the death. With Joanne Woodward, 99097

11:05 PM

Voyage In Space. With Tom O’Connor in a journey to distant worlds. Comedy, co-starring Dinna Savv. Includes five new episodes. 820666

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Disney Channel 11.05 Golf: The Open. Gary Lineker introduces live coverage of the fourth and penultimate day of play of the first event of the season, as the opening fixture of the three-match series continues. Commentary by Geoff Boycott, Simon Hughes and Ian Bishop. 330029

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Film: Accidental Hero (1993). Ned’s do-it-yourself efforts of a plane crash, but leaves a new rival in the race for the plaudits. Thought provoking comedy/drama, co-starring Genna Davis. 5891667

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Club lodge appeal as relegation looms

THE combination of injury and unavailability has certainly cost Harlow Athletic Club’s men’s team dear this season.

And the side desperately need to secure enough points from their last Southern League meeting of the season at Peterborough next month to avoid relegation from division three north.

Meanwhile, the Mark Hall based club even lodged an appeal over a decision which prevented them competing in the pole vault at a meeting at Bedford last month – and cost them several vital points.

That decision by an official at the Bedford International could be the difference between relegation and safety.

Harlow have spoken to an international standard referee and believe the Bedford officials did not act within the laws of the sport.

Harlow AC chairman Chris Clark told Star Sport yesterday (Wednesday): “We have lodged an appeal. A stadium pole vault could have been used. They refused to give us a pole vault.

“We could have got two or three points in that event. We had pole vaulters who would have broken the guys there.”

Harlow’s luckless campaign continued at Gloucester Park, Basildon, on Saturday when the club were forced to withdraw from a single.

Glan Paxon due to a groin injury, while Craig Snook was also missing.

Already without other key athletes, through injury, the team suffered delays on the M25 motorway and only arrived several minutes before the start of the meeting.

Despite this they still managed to finish third in the fours event, faring particularly well in the field events.

The team of seven excelled in both the high jump and long jump.

Phil Lodgey (1.70m) and Lloyd Ellis (1.55m) were respectively first in the high jump A and B string events, while Carl Paxon (5.65m) and Ellis (5.35m) won the long jump A and B strings respectively.

In the javelin, Paxon claimed a second on the A string (41.6m), while Lodgey did likewise in the B string (33.25m).

Vice-captain David Bauer performed creditably, claiming second spots in the A hammer — a new personal best of 55.05m — and A shot (10.32m). He came up against a strong opponent in Colchester’s Rob Earle, who won both events.

The most notable performances in the track events came from Paxon and Ellis.

Carl Paxon came second in the 400m A string (54.9s), while Ellis secured a second spot in the 400m hurdles A string (63.9s).

In the B discus, Clark recorded his longest throw for 15 years with second place.

Harlow scored 80 points.

On Saturday, Clark was meeting with Colchester Harriers second and Southend-on-Sea in last.

Harlow hope to have GB recruit Andrew Osagie available for the final league meeting at Peterborough on August 4.

“We would love to get a strong result in the last match we will be starring relegation in the face,” added Clark.

Results: Lloyd Ellis — 4th A 100m 12.7s; 1st B pole vault (11.75m); Carl Paxon — 3rd B 100m 12.4s; 2nd A triple jump 12.6m.

Carl — 3rd A 200m 25.3s; 1st A long jump 5.65m.

Ben Cotton — 4th A 800m 2:20.3; 1st A 1500m 4:37.1.

Paul Austin — 2nd B shot put 9.4m.

Five medals for karate kids at regional championships

FIVE medals were earned by Hanko-Ruyo Harlow members in the Midlands Open Championships in Birmingham.

In the boys 10/11 years kata section, James Davies (11) claimed gold with Sean Perry (11) taking the bronze.

Aaron Scott (14) worked hard in the boys 14/15 years kata category for a well-deserved bronze.

Rexee Taylor (18), the current European Kata Champion, took gold in the senior kata section.

Jack Perry (13) reached the final of the boys 12/13 years kumite section after two rounds and eventually gained a silver medal for his efforts.

Norman Jaddie, chief instructor and founder of Hanko-Ruyo, said: “This is a fantastic achievement for the young competitors from Harlow.”

“Jaddie was pleased with the whole squad and that their efforts and training are paying off.”

This was the first competition in England to use a new ranking system which has been introduced.

GB cox helps team to 4th

HARLOW’S Acer Nethercott performed well for Great Britain at the weekend’s third and final World Cup race in Lucerne.

In the Siemmans-backed men’s eight event, which former Mark Hall School student Nethercott coxed, there was a last-minute substitution in the boat which meant that Simon Fieldhouse replaced in place of Gregor Searle.

The team still managed to finish fourth.

With this fourth position and a bronze medal from the second and Cup event in Amsterdam last month, the right to no doubt go into the World Championships in August with increased confidence.

This, combined with other results, contributed to Britain winning the coveted World Cup trophy for the first time in 10 years, defeating habitual winners Germany.

The trophy is awarded to the country which has the most points at the end of the World Cup series.

Final selections for the Great Britain squad for the World Championships in Amsterdam will be announced today (Thursday).

Jessop Jacks up Hawks bid

AN excellent 20-point haul from Paul Jessop helped Harlow Hawks to a 78-54 victory over Leicestershire Jacks in the Summer Basketball League.

Harlow Hawks need to win their return game against Team Select to put extra pressure on Warwickshire who lead the last game of the league at the end of the month.

Other scorers: Sharma (11pts), Freeman (10), Snapett (9), S. Niazi (8), Jones (6), Nguyen (4), Ramadan (2), McIndoe (2).
Passmores secure Trophy win

King Harold 110-3, Passmores 111-3
Passmores won by 7 wickets
(Stort Trophy Final)

PASSMores School won the Stort Trophy competition for the fifth time in its 11-year history when they beat King Harold School (Waltham Abbey) in the final.
The competition started in 1997 and the trophy is named after Stort Cricket Club (now known as Harlow Town), which organises and hosts the annual event.

Thursday’s 16-over match at Ash Tree Field saw Passmores overhaul King Harold’s score of 110-3 with eight balls to spare.

The Harlow school owed much to an opening partnership of 70 between Mark Waters (40) and Jack Mappley (28), plus 40 extras. Earlier, Adam Lord had played well to make 37 in King Harold’s innings, which also saw 46 extras.

The high number of extras can be partly explained by the rules of the competition for wides. Two runs were awarded and no extra ball bowled for each wide apart from the last over of each innings.

Then it reverted to the traditional law where one run and an extra ball were awarded.

In the semi-final, King Harold posted an impressive 125-3, to beat the holders Mark Hall (96) by 29 runs, while Passmores (124-1) had defeated Stewards (75) by 49 runs in the last four.

These matches had been preceded by group matches involving eight teams with the top two from each qualifying for the semi-finals.

Mark Hall topped one group, while Stewards led the other going into the semis.

Other schools competing in the tournament were Burnt Mill, St John’s (Epping), St Mark’s and John Warner (Hoddesdon).

Harlow Town wish to thank sponsors GUD (Eps) and umpired Gordon Mascall and David Waller.

TROPHY JOY: Back from left: Kurtis Bond, Jack Mappley, Jeffrey Wiltshire (captain), Sam Gifford, Mark Waters, Tom Pardoe, James Sinfield, Robson Mitchell. Front from left: Matthew Hull, Ben Povey, Simon Hanscomb, Joe Elton

Harlow top Bill to ease drop fears

The Harlow skipper and Akhtar put on 100 in 13 overs before the latter was dismissed for a mature 69, while Butler put the part-time spin of Billericay captain Paul Southgate for 46.

Some late runs gave Harlow a score of 200+ for the first time this season as they declared on 207-8.

In reply, Mike Smith and Southgate put on 38, before the former was trapped lbw by Green. Southgate then fell to Brad Winger.

First change bowler Heskett then took control. He bowled beautifully, seaming and swinging the ball for a well deserved five-wicket haul.

He was aided by outstanding fielding by Winger at long leg and also by wicket-keeper and captain James Butler, who took one smart catch down the leg side.

Only Pryke’s huge blows and a cultured innings from David Cole (35) held Harlow’s progress.

With two more wickets to take, the Harlow skipper reintroduced Winger and got out the defiant Pryke and then the number 11 in two balls to secure the win.

Butler added: “I’m really pleased. We did the basics well and the bowlers were outstanding.

“A special mention must go to Luke Heskett. He has only played six games this season, but he has two five-wicket hauls and has made several other valuable contributions with the bat as well.”

Batting collapse costs Epping

A LACK of runs cost Epping as their miserable Shepherd Neame Essex League division three side went down in a six-wicket loss against Old Southendians at Lower Bury Lane.

Having won the toss the hosts decided to bat first on a good track on Saturday.

Dan Taylor and Dan Majed opened up an unbreakable partnership of 162 that was not long before Old Southendians got their first scalp.

Taylor was dismissed lbw for two by South’s impressive bowler Oz Jordon.

Majed (21) was stumped off the bowl.

Epping finished with 6-34.

This wicket sparked a collapse as Epping were reduced to 61-5.

Dan Sibley batted through to get 82. This sparkling knock included an astonishing six sixes.

Epping’s tally of 189 did not look enough — and so it proved.

The visiting batmen got off to a good start thanks to Sawyer (46) and Lucas (28).

A couple of wickets fell, but the Southend boys got home with 16 overs to spare.

Town loving life down on the Farm

HARLOW Town share top spot with Bengeo in division four of the Ten-17 FM Herts & Essex Cricket League after they thrashed hosts Farnham seconds by 83 runs.

The visitors lost the toss and were put in to bat.

Ron Yates and Scott Alderson put on 64 for Town’s first wicket but the visitors were in danger of squandering the small boundaries and a flat pitch, slipping to 160-7.

However, an explosive knock from Karl Scatcharman (54) plus good support from Marc Lowers ensured Town eventually reached 225-8 from their 45 overs.

In reply, Farnham lost early wickets.

Resistance came from Tom Prowse who made 35, but they were bowled out for 143.

In the same division, Potter Street (110-4) overcame Hockering (109) away six wickets.

Charlotte Voden (34 not out) and three wickets) started with bat and ball as Harlow Town seconds 173-9, Paul Calver 48) beat Matching Green (127) by 46 runs in division six.

Antony Gardner (4-21) also bowled well for Town.

Felsted’s fastest

RICK Ricketts was the fastest Harlow Running Club member to complete the Felsted 10K race.

The Veteran 40 runner sprinted home in 26th place in a time of 37 mins 35 secs.

He was followed by Roy Stevens (39:30, 37:50) and Steve Mackenzie (41:39).

Jennifer Spelling was the fastest Harlow woman, clocking 45:11 for 142nd.

Other results: John Tarrant 39:19; Jamie Luck (50th, 40:53); Colin Moody (50th, 42:56); David Ayling (49:24); Graham Pugh (50th, 44:47); Paul Bailey (50th, 45:12); Graham Thomas (51st, 45:34); Patrick Ayling (52nd, 46;28); Dionne Jones (160th, 46:52); Graham Savage (162nd, 47:07); Karen Mair (253rd, 53:21); Sarah Saville (254th, 53:46); John Smith (384th, 1:13:49).
TWO rising stars of Harlow athletics overcome the disappointment of a disqualification to help Essex clinch the gold medal in front of Sky TV cameras at the All England Schools Championships.

Mark Hunt (16), from Passmores School, and Mark Hall School’s Aidan Lee (15) both represented Essex.

Having been banned from the 4x100m relay final on Friday after Hunt, who had thrown the baton to the ground, the team was reinstated and finished an excellent fourth in the final in 43.36 seconds.

Both boys played a major part in ensuring the county accrued enough points to secure the overall trophy.

On Friday morning in driving rain Aidan was 3rd in his first round for the inter boys 200m in 22.75s, which qualified him for the semi-final the next day.

At lunchtime the same day in better conditions Mark was 3rd in his first round for the inter boys 400m in 50.10s, which qualified him for the semi.

Later that afternoon the two boys ran in the inter boys 4x100m relay along with James McLean and Emmanuel Okpokori. The team came second in the first round in 43.32s, but officials disqualified Essex after claims Aidan threw the baton to the ground.

However, video evidence proved Aidan’s innocence and Essex were reinstated. There was no such luck in the boys’ individual events where Mark ran 50.51s in his semi-final, coming 4th and Aidan was 6th in his 200m semi heat (22.92s).

All-England Championships duo in Sky TV debut

RYAN Kirby’s most pressing items in his summer shopping list for Harlow Town are two new strikers.

This requirement comes after the news of Sammy Winston’s departure to join Leyton, and follows Marc Salmon’s retirement in the summer.

Craig Williams due to go in for an exploratory knee operation next week, it leaves the Hawks player-manager desperately short of forward options, with just James Bunn and Dean Williams available.

Kirby said: “We are looking for a striker if not two. We have to keep an eye out and we may have to wait a week or two for people who are available. We have to keep an eye out for a striker if not two. Williams available.

Kirby has been most impressed by central midfielder Jordan Fowler and Alfie Hayes.

“Sammy had been good for us and he received a very good offer. We have always said we would not stand in his way,”

Winston will face his old team-mates straight away as the Hawks try to join Leyton in Division Two with a game at Boreham Wood.

Harlow’s pre-season campaign begins with a game at Tiptree United this Saturday and Kirby has been most impressed by central midfielder trailists Jordan Fowler and Alfie Hayes.

Fowler is a combative player who is not afraid to get stuck in and can pass well, but he could not hold down a regular first-team spot at Bishop’s Stortford last season while Hayes has been with Dagenham & Redbridge.

Kirby said: “Jordan has looked good in training and you can see Alfie has played with better players.”

Defender Beckett Holbenah, right wing-back Mark Taylor, midfielder Kenny Davis, keeper James Haselli and centre-half Danny Chapman have all re-signed for the club after helping the Hawks to promotion from division one north last season.

After Tipperlee, the Hawks entertain Blue Square Premier (formerly Conference) clubs Grays Athletic and Stevenage Borough on Tuesday and Thursday respectively.

The Hawks player-boss feels his side’s two opening premier division games will give a good idea of what his team will be up against.

After Leyton, Harlow host Heybridge Swifts in an Essex derby on Tuesday August 21.

“They have both been in the division for a number of years and finished mid-table last year,” said Kirby.

Kirby feels that Chelmsford City and AFC Wimbledon are two sides who will be challenging for the title and added: “Chelmsford have a good following and money. It’s a pity we are playing AFC Wimbledon on a Tuesday rather than a Saturday as they have a good following.”

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On the Move: Hawks striker Sammy Winston has joined Leyton

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