Children meet up with dragon during fun day
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CHILDREN in Bewdley are meeting up with a dragon during a fun day this Saturday. The event is one of many that will be happening throughout the area.

Community group sends out warm welcome
– see page 8

Apples and Christmas cards are being sold at the Bewdley Library this week to raise money for local causes.

Carnival winds fill out windfall
– see page 13

A carnival with a difference has been held in Bewdley.

Phone box joy as £3 buys three for villages

A group of villagers has been able to buy phone boxes for their community after a scheme was launched by BT.

Christmas card sales at library aid two causes

BHIDAYELEY residents are being urged to help raise money for good causes and get into the Christmas spirit all at the same time.

CHAIRMAN of Bewdley Library has once again hosted its charity Christmas card sale, with beneficiaries including Kemp Hospice and Cancer Research.

Volunteers including Caroline McLachlan are running the sale in the library's gallery, which is currently playing host to Caroline's very own art exhibition, Highettland and Beyond.

Library manager James Rose said: “Both the sale and Caroline's exhibition have been very well received.

“They are part of our involvement with the local community, trying to encourage people to see us as a community resource rather than just somewhere to go for books.”

For more information about the cards scheme, call at the library in Load Street, Bewdley, or call 01938 522724.

Driver stops then attacks snowball girl

A DRIVER accelerated an 11-year-old girl after a snowball accidentally hit his car while it was in Kidderminster.

The girl was walking along Sutton Road with friends when one of the snowballs they were throwing hit the car at 3.30pm on Thursday, December 2.

The driver stopped in Greatfield Road, ran across, grabbed hold of the car and let it go a few times before pushing it. He caused her to slip on the roadway, but she was unhurt.

The man was white, in his 40s, with a bald head or very short hair, and was wearing blue jeans, check shirt and black work boots.

West Mercia Police urged anyone with information to contact Pc Gemma Hodgkins at 0300 303 3000, quoting 12-0.0-0213.0. or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Council alert as salt bins raided

Salt in Worcestershire's grit bins is being targeted by thieves, who are raiding salt bins nationwide around half a million.

The county council has warned.

The alert was issued after reports of thefts being removed during the cold spell.

The salt's getting homes has been working around the clock since temperatures plummeted two weeks ago to keep motorists and pedestrians safe.

Police in north Worcestershire have issued a fresh warning about the risk of car thefts after speaking to more than 100 motorists who had left their vehicles unattended with the engines being turned to defrost windows.

In Worce faulty half, dozens drivers were spoken to by one officer in an hour on Monday morning.

In one case the car was parked in a street around the corner and out of sight of the owner's home.

Affordable homes rule imposed on developers

DEVELOPERS will have to include affordable housing in Wyre Forest district under new council rules coming into force today.

The council's core strategy has been developed through consultation since 2007 and sets out to provide affordable housing.

The core strategy provides for 4,000 new homes, growth in retail and office floorspace and the re-mapping of sufficient land for businesses to develop and create jobs.

The main change relates to the requirement for developers to provide affordable housing.

For more information, contact Caroline McLachlan, left and Sheila Limbricker promote the Cards for Good Causes sale at Bewdley Library along with Kathy Braine and Diane Hickson.

By Sarah Hazelwood

T HE sub-zero temperatures have caused devastation for a Kidderminster nursery after frozen pipes resulted in £15,000 damage.

Staff at Hickory Dickory Dock Nursery, Warbler Place, Spennells, discovered floodwater up to their necks last Monday night. November 28 after two frozen pipes in the attic burst over night.

The good pub a damper on festivities after the water destroyed all of the Christmas decorations, Christmas tree and Santa's outfits.

Builder Beshwell & Miles, which erected the original building, fixed the leak and started the drying-out process with dehumidifiers.

Jack Beshwell and his team are now monitoring the nursery every day and staff hope to be back in business by Christmas.

Nursery owner Sara Cookson said: “It was a very emotional moment for me and my staff as we could see all of our hard work over the last years literally going down the drain. We were awarded the outstanding status in our June Ofsted inspection and had we been aware of the potential result we would have been doing the right thing.

‘All of my staff have been wonderful and the parents have been very understanding.

‘We are as grateful for the support of the council as we are for the help of our friends and families who have generously donated to us.

‘We are looking forward to being back at our original site.

Operating

Sara is appealing for anyone who may have any spare decorations or toys to get in touch and help get their Christmas celebrations back on track.

To make a donation, contact her at 07716 647862.

Worcestershire County Council moved the nursery into Spennells Youth Centre, which it is now operating temporarily until repair work is complete.

By Sarah Hazelwood
The fire started in one of the factory’s three units but firefighters, called in at about 9am, were able to stop it spreading to other areas.

A furniture store in Kidderminster suffered £300 worth of damage when a精神文明 struck twice within 24 hours.

Levin’s, on Market Street, first requested police after a metal framed single bed and mattress, worth £200, was taken at around 5.30pm on Saturday November 17.

It is believed two men carried the bed away before loading it into a vehicle.

This was followed by an attempted burglary on the store overnight between Saturday November 17 and Sunday November 28.

A window was smashed during the incident which is believed to have taken place at around 4.40am when the alarm was activated.

There was £300 worth of damage caused to the shop frontage.

Graham Hurley, manager of Levin’s, said: “I have spoken with police and the CCTV footage is being investigated.

“Last year we suffered a spate of broken windows and hope that the culprit can be found.”

“We are all working together very closely with police to ensure that incidents like this don’t happen again.”

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### Turning out gifts at course

A FESTIVE course is on offer at Bishop’s Wood environmental centre, Stourport.

Visitors can learn traditional woodworking skills and create gifts such as candlesticks, stick holders, egg cups and rolling pins using a foot-powered pole turning tool.

All materials and locally-sourced lunch are included in the cost of a hot drink and a mince pie.

Additional festive snacks can also be ordered from the restaurant.

To book a place on one of the courses call Bishop’s Wood Centre on 01299 250513; email bishopswoodcentre@worcestershire.gov.uk.

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Bishops Wood Centre on 01299 250513; email bishopswoodcentre@worcestershire.gov.uk.
Man, 35, cleared over rape charge

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FIVE steel tanks together worth up to £15,000 have been stolen from a Kidderminster company.

It happened at Hard Anodising Ltd on the Five Industrial Estate in Kidderminster between Wednesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 11.

Worcestershire Police were called to the现场 on a Police officers said they were told by a member of the public that a lorry had been stolen.

On Saturday, November 13, they were called to the same address on a complaint of an incident where a lorry had been stolen.

Operation Pave - Kidderminster was established as a result of these incidents.

Police said they were working with the premises owner to establish the extent of the theft and in particular to identify what items may have been taken.

A police spokesman said: “The stolen items are of some interest to us and we are working to establish what exactly has been taken.”

The spokesman said the investigation into the thefts was continuing.

The thieves gained access to a neighbouring fenced yard and stole five stainless steel plating tanks. They were of various sizes but on average were eight feet long and four feet high.

Together they were valued at a total of between £12,000 to £15,000.

A lorry would have been needed to take them away and it is thought likely that the tanks, which were used for storing chemicals, were taken for their scrap metal value.

Witnesses or anyone with information are asked to contact PC Lee Wycherley of Kidderminster Police on 0300 333 3000 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Kidderminster College is planning a £1 million expansion of its Market Street site.

Plans have been submitted to Wyre Forest District Council following confirmation of a grant from the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) to assist with the project.

Space has been at a premium for the last four years following an increase in student numbers.

The scheme would bring an additional 600 square metres of space, allowing the college to provide extra student social space, more staff workrooms and larger and more flexible teaching/learning spaces.

Second robbery at park

Police are investigating possible links between two robberies at Brenton Park in Kidderminster.

The initial attack, on Tuesday, November 23, saw two men walking through the popular park who approached a man in his 30s and attacked him by striking him in the head.

The victim sustained a facial graze but did not require medical treatment.

DC Keith Higgins said: “We are obviously looking to see if these incidents may be linked.”

In the second robbery a man in his 30s was walking through the park the next night and was attacked by four males who approached him from the cemetery side.

The men, who all wore dark clothing with hoods up and their faces covered with scarves, pushed him to the ground and demanded money. They took about £100 and ran off in the direction of Stourport Road. The victim suffered a facial graze but did not require medical treatment.

DC Keith Higgins said: “We would like to see if these incidents may be linked.”

Robbery

Police are investigating a robbery that happened in Kidderminster town centre.

The man in his 30s was walking through the town centre when two men approached him and demanded his wallet.

The victim did not have anything to give them.

The men left and the victim was not injured.

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DANCER attacked in pub

POLICE are appealing for witnesses and information after a woman was assaulted in a beer garden at pub.

The attack happened at 1am on Saturday, November 27, when the victim was grabbed and punched in the face while in the garden at the Hope and Anchor pub in New Street.

She sustained facial injuries and had to receive medical treatment.

PC Lisa Hornberger said: “There were a lot of people in the pub at the time who would have seen what happened and we really need them to come forward.

“I would urge anyone who knows anything about what happened, to call the police and get in touch.”

Call PC Hornberger on 01562 732763, Kidderminster Police Station or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Support

“We are working with the council and hope that this support and the pub hosts will reassure by the positive action being taken.

“Similar operations are planned or planned at random locations in the future, both in the run up to Christmas and over the new year.

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We urge anyone who believes they have information about those involved in dealing and supplying drugs to share this by contacting either of the police forces.

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Have a say on parking plan

RESIDENTS have their say on the Wyre Forest car parking review.

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On the spot drug test at town’s nightspots

Darling, it’s just what I want!

POLICE have launched a new operation cracking down on drugs in Bewdley pubs and nightspots.

Operation NoGo involves taking swabs from customers’ hands and checking for traces of drugs with a special analysing machine.

The gadget is said to be extremely accurate and capable of detecting minute traces of drugs including cocaine and cannabis.

It was used on November 26, when around 120 customers were tested by police officers at a town centre premises. Customers had to agree to be tested before they were allowed entry. The machine produces a result in just a few seconds.

Of those tested, very small traces of drugs were found on four people, who were questioned further.

As the readings were very low and trace drugs can be found on anything touched by many people, such as cash, no further action was taken.

Local Policing Officer PC Steve Yapp said: “It came to our attention that drugs were becoming a problem in some of Bewdley’s pubs and nightclubs.

“The initiative was part of a planned operation to tackle the supply of drugs in Bewdley,” he said.

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A MINISTER who passed through Kidderminster on a gruelling charity walk has completed his trek – all 178 miles in just 100 days.

Rev John Howard, who is based at Darlington Street Methodist Church in Wolverhampton, has raised £4,000 for the cause.

The 58-year-old completed the challenge over 10 days. It took him through Kidderminster, Newport, Stafford, Cannock and Walsall.

In 1994 the African country suffered the worst disaster in its history when 800,000 people were killed in just 100 days of fighting.

Mr Howard said he decided to do the walk to bring renewed awareness of the country and the work being done to educate and reconcile the different factions.

The money will help teach people useful skills such as sewing and English.

Training centres will teach people how to become youth workers, community advice workers and ministers.

Mr Howard visited 40 churches during his fund-raising fast to speak about his cause.

LOCAL children are being welcomed to the first Aggborough and Spennells Youth Centre Community Christmas on Saturday (December 11).

There will be craft and gift stalls as well as the chance to sample Rwandan delicacies and fresh waffles at the event, along with prize raffle and tazzas as well as a host of other activities.

To welcome in the New Year the society will host a talk by John Hodges entitled The Titanic.

This will take place on January 20 (7.30pm), also at the village hall.
Wheels are taken off new cars

THIEVES took wheels and tyres from two new cars at a dealer in Kidderminster.

It happened at Hills Ford on Worcester Road, Kidderminster, between 8.40pm and 9.05pm on Tuesday, November 23. Two men entered the site and, in full view of passing traffic, stole eight wheels and tyres from two new cars, a Ford Fiesta and a Ford Focus.

They loaded them into a silver estate, believed to be a Subaru or a Mazda, which they had left with its hazard lights on. The haul was worth between £2,500 and £3,000.

PC Lee Halford said a large number of cars were driving past on the Worcester Road at the time.

At about 10pm the same evening, a window was smashed at nearby National Tyres and Autosave and an office searched. Police are looking into whether these incidents are linked.

Strange noise alerted neighbour to break-in

A BURGLAR was caught after a neighbour heard strange noises coming from the garage of a nearby house at 2am and took the registration number of a car parked outside, a court heard.

The neighbour rang police, who were able to arrest the driver Curtis Arnold a few minutes later.

He had been attacked with a knife and had tools in the car. Damage costing £450 had been done to the garage in Bewdley Hill, Kidderminster.

Mr Alex Warren, 21, of Shakespeare Drive, Bewdley, pleaded guilty to burglary and breach of a suspended jail sentence.

STOURPORT firm Thomas Vale Construction is contributing to a new era in firefighting.

Burslem fire station in Stoke-on-Trent is being demolished with Vale building a new £2.2milion station on the site.

The old station is being removed after 54 years. Its replacement is due to open in August 2011.

Meanwhile, the 14 retained firefighters there are operating out of temporary accommodation on the site.

Stoke-on-Trent area commander Wayne Worrack said: "The new community fire stations are now becoming a reality. The demolition work does signify the end of an era but also the start of a new one."

Funding for the new station has come from a multi-million pound private finance initiative (PFI) project.

Vale director Paul Clarke said the firm was "extremely proud" to be involved.
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From Wyre News with the latest road works

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Top Ten Playlist of the Week

As we roll closer to Christmas, my fiancée Rosie and I have reversed roles this Christmas. No, I haven’t taken to wearing her skirts thank you... too cold this year! You see, last year I was really on the ball with Christmas shopping. I had got everything bought, wrapped and ready to send by the 5th and Rosie didn’t even think about starting till the 20th. This year, she’s been amazing and finished all her Christmas shopping, whereas me, I’ve bought two presents. I have wrapped them though, so I’m not totally useless this year! Nina, on the other hand, was boasting on the show about finishing her shopping in 14 minutes! But it was online, so that’s cheating. We will no doubt continue the great Christmas shopping debate in the run-up to Christmas on The Wyre’s breakfast show. Before I toddle off, I want to tell you about Local Children’s Charity Mentor Link. They have a charity shop at 24-25 High Street Stourport. They are seeking donations of furniture, small electrical items in working order as well as clothes, bric-a-brac and children’s toys. The shop is open Monday to Saturday so please contact the manager, Kieron, for further details on Stourport 823537. If you can, please help the children’s charity which supports children in local schools. That’s all for now. I’m off to buy a few more Christmas presents and feel less guilty about my lack of gifting so far. Don’t forget to join me, Nina and the rest of the Breakfast Show team on The Wyre every weekday from 6.

DANI WOZENCROFT FROM WYRE NEWS WITH THE LATEST ROADWORKS

Things looking Rosie in present-buying race

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KIDDERMINSTER CANTERBURY ROAD has temporary traffic lights at the Truro Drive junction until December 17.

HARTLEBURY A449 WARELEY TO Torton Road has a speed limit of 40mph and contra flow by the Old Worcester Road until April 1, 2011.

BOWDWAY B4194 Red Hill has temporary traffic lights on opposite Redhill Farm until December 11.

Richmond Road has temporary traffic lights opposite number 10 until December 13.

Stourport Princes Street footpath to Dunley Walk is closed until tomorrow (December 10). A411 Vale Coaches has lane closures from Milton Close to the Gidgah until tomorrow (December 10).

Bewdley B4194 Red Hill has temporary traffic lights opposite Redhill Farm until December 11.

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Carnival time with cash boost

GIRL GUIDES have plenty to celebrate following a £1,500 windfall from Kidderminster Carnival to mark their centenary.

The Kidderminster division was chosen as the main beneficiary of the town’s annual fun day in June.

A further £500 went to the Severn Area Rescue Association for life-saving equipment and £100 for the Wyre Forest Club for Blind Christmas party.

Girl Guide division commissioner Mandy Brighten said: “This donation has meant everyone – Guides, Brownies and Rainbows – could take part in celebrating the centenary.”

Paul Stanley, executive chairman of the Sefton Park showground, who retired from his role after the carnival, was presented with engraved goblets.

Mr Hill, who is staying on the committee to help organise the next show, said: “As my last duty as outgoing chairman, I am very pleased to be able to hand over these cheques to such deserving causes.”

New chairman Steve Walker added his thanks to Mr Hill and his three colleagues for their years of hard work.

Burglars rip up house boards

BURGLARS ripped up floorboards and stole copper piping from several rooms after breaking into a house in Kidderminster.

Police are now appealing for witnesses and information after the burglary at Cobham Road.

It happened between Tuesday, November 23, and Monday, November 29, while the occupier was away.

The cost of repairing the damage and theft of the piping has been estimated at around £5,000.

The thieves also took a quantity of 1p and 2p coins which were being collected in a whisky bottle.

PC Sarah Knight said: “Substantial damage has been caused by the thieves.

“The householders is naturally distressed about what has happened. We would like to hear from anyone who may have seen or heard any suspicious activity.”

Call PC Knight on 0300 333 0000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

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Kit manager at Harriers dies aged 61

THE Kit manager at Kidderminster Harriers Football Club has died, aged 61, the club has announced.

Graham Davenport had worked at Aagborough since 2006 after joining to help out friend and former manager Mark Yates.

He had previously spent two decades working in the racing business. Mr Davenport, who leaves his wife Mandy, died at home on Friday, November 26 after a year-long illness.

He had been working at Aagborough as recently as September, tackling his illness with what the club described as “amazing courage”.

Harriers manager Steve Burr said: “I only knew Graham for a short time, but he was a smashing guy and someone who was well liked by everyone around the club.

“Nothing was ever too much for Graham when it came to his duties. He was very much part of the team,” added Burr.

“He was always the first face you’d see at the ground in the morning — and he’d always be wearing a smile.

“He’d also give me plenty of tips on the horses from time to time that almost always failed to come up, but that’s another story!”

Harriers were remembering Mr Davenport with a minute’s silence before their home game with York City on Tuesday, November 30.

Necklace stolen in bank

A thief snatched a bag containing a silver necklace from a customer in a Kidderminster bank.

Police are appealing for witnesses and information after the theft at the HSBC Bank in Church Street at about 2pm on Thursday, November 11.

The victim, in his 40s, went into the bank and put down a small Pandora bag while using a self-service machine. As he was completing the transaction a male grabbed the bag, which contained a £92 necklace, and ran off.

PC Lisa Hornberger said: “We are still studying CCTV footage from the bank but need witnesses to come forward.

“Unfortunately, if anyone saw what happened or noticed this male running from the bank, or indeed knows who he might be, then we would urge them to call us.”

Phone police on 0800 333 3000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

It’s in the bag for hospice

Tesco store manager Wayne Barker and youngster Ronan Gough at the bag packing event with hospice volunteers, back from left, Deborah Robinson, Ele Millward, Debbie Browfield and Trudy Gough.

VOLUNTEERS at a charitable event in Kidderminster were delighted to get bags of help from supermarket shoppers.

Kemp Hospice held a bag packing afternoon at Tesco on Castle Road, Kidderminster on Friday, November 26 and raised £194.75 from customer donations.

The charity holds regular bag packing events and is appealing for more volunteers to help.

Ele Millward, community fundraiser at Kemp, said: “Thank you to the staff at Tesco for a warm welcome and a big thank you to the kind and friendly customers who gave so generously.

“It certainly put us in the festive spirit packing all the mince pies and turkeys!

“The money raised is very valuable and will go towards continuing the dedicated care at Kemp Hospice for seriously ill people in the local area.”

Anyone who can spare an hour or two at future bag packing and street collection days should email fundraising@kemp-hospice.org.uk or call Ele on 01562 861217.
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Casually stuffing her face with penny chews, she was completely oblivious to what was coming next!

She, like any other five-year-old, had a sweet tooth, and in her eagerness she bit off more than she could chew, or indeed swallow.

Suddenly, my little cousin was gagging, turning red, and unable to dislodge the brightly coloured sweet. My cousin was choking and I didn’t have enough time to fetch help.

By then, my unorthodox version of the Mrs Doubtfire Heimlich Maneuver soon had her breathing again.

This was my first and only real experience of administering first aid.

Embarrassed at the thought of being unable to help somebody in need because of a lack of basic first aid knowledge, I decided to book myself onto a St John Ambulance course. Gareth May, St John Ambulance trainer at Wolverhampton’s Wharf Street centre, said: “Over half (56%) of people in the West Midlands wouldn’t feel confident trying to save a life.

“A quarter (25%) would just wait for an ambulance, while 18% (one in five) would try first aid even though they are not sure what to do, and just over a quarter (28%) say they’d know what first aid to do.

“But sadly, our research shows that many would do the wrong thing and could worsen things.”

This April St John Ambulance launched The Difference campaign, which aims to encourage people to learn basic first aid skills which could make the difference between life and death.

According to statistics released by St John, 150,000 people die each year in situations where first aid could have given them a chance to live.

Gareth said: “We believe that anyone who needs first aid should receive it and yet, as our latest research shows, that’s not happening. ‘We can’t rely on other people to have the skills – everyone should take the responsibility to learn first aid themselves.

**Surprised**

“We can all be the difference between a life lost and a life saved.

The course taught me many life-saving essentials, particularly how to keep an unhelpful or ill person comfortable and alive until help arrives.

I was surprised to learn that nearly everyone has placed somebody in the recovery position, usually to shove somebody on their side to stop them from snoring.

When learning CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) I was faced with a lifeless manikin and at first I was at a loss as to where to begin. Despite what you may have witnessed on Baywatch, often the injured party won’t come round during CPR but it is essential to perform 30 compressions at a rate of 100 per minute followed by blowing into the person’s mouth until their chest rises.

This should be repeated until the person begins to breathe unaided, paramedics arrive or if you are too exhausted to continue.

In the session I was also taught how to perform the Heimlich manoeuvre, now known as abdominal thrust, how to treat cuts and burns and how to clear someone’s airway.

Andy Griffiths, aged 24, from Penn, Wolverhampton, attended the course. He said: “I was in the cubs when I was younger and learned first aid, so I already knew the basics but it is useful to refresh because you don’t know what you might have forgotten.

**Choking**

“It’s hard to say if I’d be able to use my first aid skills but I’m sure if push came to shove and someone’s life was on the line I’d get stuck in. Everyone should have basic first aid training. It should be part of the national curriculum.”

Knowledge of basic first aid certainly made the difference to Christine Knight, a 59-year-old from Kingswinford who was out in Oldbury enjoying a meal with friends when she began choking.

Her friends could do little more than offer her some water. Luckily a fellow diner saw the danger and performed several abdominal thrusts and was able to dislodge the food.

When a woman collapsed at Wolverhampton train station recently there were three St John Ambulance volunteers on hand to take over. By using CPR the volunteers managed to get the woman’s heart beating and saved her life.

St John Ambulance teaches people first aid so that they can be the difference between a life lost and a life saved. As the nation’s leading first aid charity it teaches more people first aid than any other organisation such year, more than 500,000 complete a St John Ambulance training course.

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IT’S only November so no need to panic yet but we all have that annoying friend who announces that she has not only bought all her Christmas presents but has already wrapped them and hidden them away. You can go off people! One way to wipe that smile of their face is to go one better and do your shopping from the comfort of your armchair, either by catalogue or online and then just wait until it is delivered to your door. Who wants to lug back heavy bags after fighting through queues of shoppers. Yes, there may be some late bargains but is it worth the hassle? And there’s one catalogue that covers all categories, male, female, cooking, home, decorations etc. Check out these ideas from Lakeland. For more information go to www.lakeland.co.uk or call 015394 88100.

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THE Wyre Forest Historical Research Group is holding an exhibition at Kidderminster Library throughout December featuring photographs from its previous three calendars.

The 2011 calendar was launched in November and is on sale for £7.50 at the library, as well as the Best Copy Shop in Worcester Street and the Elizabeth Mills Centre in Stourport.

The exhibition also features a number of mystery photographs donated to the group, which it is appealing to the public for further information.

Chairman Gay Hill said: "The exhibition highlights our photographic archives, from which the public can order prints, and, of course, our 2011 Calendar. But the exhibition is also an ideal opportunity to get more information on our mystery photographs. These photographs were donated to the group but very little information is known about them. We have provided a book for the public to use or they can phone me on 01562-746370 if they have any information for us. They can also email our secretary at wfhrg@hotmail.co.uk.”

The free exhibition, which also highlights the work of the group, is on during library opening times and is free.

Make date in your diary for calendar exhibition

PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY OF GAY HILL

MARCH: Form V, New Meeting Girls School, Kidderminster, photographed in 1917. On the far right of the middle row is Nellie Hopkins, age 11, the mother of Janet Lashford and Elizabeth Watts. Nancy Edmunds, age 12 at the time and later to become Janet’s godmother, can be seen second from the right on the front row. The New Meeting Schools had been built in 1786 at the expense of Nicholas Pearsall, a member of the influential carpet manufacturing dynasty, for 100 poor boys and girls. The original building was condemned in 1863 and a new school was opened in 1865 with a further enlargement in 1883, enabling it to hold 180 boys and 180 girls.

Photograph courtesy of Janet Lashford

MAY: A joint VE party between the residents of Leswell Street and Clarence Street, Kidderminster, held at the bottom of Clarence Street in May 1945. Beyond the corrugated fence at the back, known locally as “the tins”, can be seen the grounds of St Ambrose School. The dark haired child in the high chair on the right of the front row is Pamela Simmonds, then one year old. Her sister Valerie, then aged eight, is sitting on the left of the boy in the high chair in the centre of the picture. They had just moved to Leswell Street from Offmore Road to live with their grandfather Charles Herbert Simmonds, a Churchwarden at St George’s Church.

Others in the photograph include May Batchelor, Dulcie Edge, Carol Pugh, Sheila Price and Margaret Dixon, whose parents owned the laundry in Clarence Street.

Photograph courtesy of Val Yapp

MYSTERY: One of the donated photographs about which the society would like to find more details.

Photograph courtesy of Gay Hill
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AUDI's A6 Saloon has been redesigned from the ground up and benefits from the brand's most advanced lightweight construction techniques. With weight kept in check through aluminium and steel composite construction, despite enhanced equipment levels, the new A6 will deliver dynamically and in terms of efficiency – with 57mpg-plus economy potential and CO2 outputs of as little as 129g/km.

It also offers executive 'toys' such as self-parking, thermal imaging cameras and massaging seats.

**Aluminium**

UK A6 orders will be taken from January and first deliveries will arrive in the spring. Prices will start at £30,145 on the road.

Aluminium and high-tech steels make up much of the reworked body of the new A6. Combining the two materials reduces the shell weight by around 60kg compared with the old A6. Hi-tech design methods and materials mean extremely low interior noise levels, while precision tuning of all components and systematic hydraulic damping in the axle and drivetrain bearings provides excellent refinement.

The 2.0-litre TDI 177PS, 3.0-litre TDI 204PS, 3.0-litre TDI 245PS and 3.0-litre TFSI 300PS units all make use of advanced direct injection technology for the leanest possible fuel burn rate, and work in conjunction with important technologies from the brand's modular efficiency platform – the start-stop system, the energy recovery system and the innovative thermal management concept.

As a result, fuel economy has improved by up to 19 per cent compared to the previous model.

The drivetrain choice, based on the engine version, will include a manual six-speed transmission or continuously variable multitronic CVT for front-wheel-drive models, and the new seven-speed 'S tronic' twin-clutch transmission for quattros.

Each unit features a wide gear-ratio spread which makes a significant contribution to overall efficiency.

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