Safety measures brought in after death of woman in care home fall

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A CARE home has put in new safety measures after a woman died when she fell down the stairs, an inquest heard.

Patricia Stroud, 83, was a resident at The Avenue Residential Home, in Spinney Hill, Northampton, when she fell, causing serious head injuries. She died on March 25 this year.

At yesterday’s inquest at Northampton General Hospital, Nurse Archana Gopalakrishnan described how she had bathed Mrs Stroud in the morning before seeing that she had her breakfast and coffee.

Nurse Gopalakrishnan explained how they discovered Mrs Stroud after the fall.

She said: “We heard a noise and went out and saw her on the floor. She was unconscious how high she fell”.

Jay Nair, a manager at St Matthews Care, which owns the facility in Spinney Hill, explained that since Mrs Stroud’s fall new gates had been installed at the gate which had key-pad access and could only be opened by members of staff.

Mr Nair said: “Since the fall, we have taken a number of measures to decrease the risk and prevent this from happening again.

“There are gates at the top and bottom of the stairs which have magnetic key-pad locks on them.

“Residents now request to go up and down stairs and are observed by staff when doing so.

“We have also built a lounge area on the first floor so that residents can socialise without the need to go up and down stairs, which we have found they prefer.”

Mrs Stroud’s daughter, Jennifer Vaughan, said at the hearing that she was pleased that something had come from her mother’s death.

She said: “I’m glad to hear that these new gates are in place because the old ones you could easily get over.

“They were always open and had a chair keeping them in place.”

Mrs Vaughan said that she believed her mother’s fall was caused by the drug Risperidone that she was taking.

However, Dr William Askew said that he believed that the death had come from her mother’s death.

She said: “When she wasn’t on the drug she was fine but when she took it she was like a zombie.”

Recording an accidental death, coroner Anne Pember said: “Mrs Stroud was an elderly lady who during her time at a care home fell down the stairs.

“The death was an accident.”

MP elects to spend summer holidays working at ‘coal face’

MOST politicians get a lot of stick in the press but Northampton North MP Michael Ellis has been doing a little extra work on the side during Parliament’s summer recess.

The MP, rather than sunning himself at some far flung exotic destination, is taking on a number of work experience placements which started yesterday with him stacking shelves at Morrisons supermarket on the Kettering Road.

Mr Ellis said: “I want to see and experience the sort of jobs my constituents do and the summer recess is the perfect opportunity to do it.”

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Bus users may be left ‘high and dry’

OPPOSITION groups have criticised new bus services which Northamptonshire County Council claims will allow public transport to run on a budget.

The authority has announced an approach that combines traditional bus services, community transport and demand response services to cater for people’s needs.

This includes stopping some subsidies to bus companies in the county. However, the Liberal Democrats have called for the Conservatives to take steps to ensure that residents are not left stranded by the changes.

Cllr Jane Hollis said: “The Conservatives’ plans for buses will have a major impact on Northamptonshire residents. There is a real danger for people who live in rural areas and rely on buses to get to work, particularly shift workers.

“Without regular services they could be left high and dry. The reduction in subsidies on those routes still running could see prices rise. Already in Northamptonshire a Stagecoach Weekly pass will set you back £25, whilst the same pass in Milton Keynes costs half of that, at £12. Removing subsidies will mean that Northamptonshire’s residents may have to pay even more.”

“The Lib Dems voted against major cuts to the bus services. We want to see rural communities and residents struggling to get by on low incomes protected,” Cllr Andre Gonzalez De Savage, cabinet member for infrastructure and public protection, said: “The county council has to save an enormous amount of money over the next four years, which has put tremendous pressure on us to examine how we run all of our services.

“There’s no doubt that the traditional way of providing public transport was becoming inefficient and an overhead of the system was badly needed. “When you look at the figures and the facts about how much some of these services were costing the taxpayer it is clear that in the current climate the current situation just could not go on.

“What we are proposing here is significantly reducing this spend and I think we have come up with better, more cost effective ways of providing transport where there is a need.

“We’ve come up with is a variety of solutions, as you’d expect when you have a diverse county with deep rural areas and large towns.”

A MAN died in mystery collapse weeks after his mum passed away

A man died after receiving serious head injuries when he collapsed.

Ian Edwards, 67, was loading a car on December 17, 2010 when he collapsed and hit his head on a pavement or concrete flower pot. He died nearly a month later at Northampton General Hospital on January 13.

Yesterday’s inquest heard how Mr Edwards, who lived in Alicante, Spain, had come back to Northamptonshire after the death of his mother, who lived in Weedon. He had been arranging her affairs when he collapsed.

The cause of his collapse is still unknown as Mr Edwards was a relatively healthy man for his age, although he had recently complained of suffering heart burn.

His wife, Carolanne Edwards, explained that the couple had moved to the Spanish resort in 1999. She said: “He worked in sales and travelled around the world because of his job. He often went to Saudi Arabia, Angola and to the United States of America to sell machinery.

“We had moved to Spain in 1999 but regularly returned to the UK on holiday. Ian would visit his mother in Weedon.”

“However, his mother became ill and passed away so he returned a few days later.

“He was in charge of all her affairs and finances.“He was sorting through it all.

“I, and all his friends and family, miss him very much.”

Recording a verdict of accidental death, Coroner Anne Pember said: “We do not know what caused Mr Edwards to collapse but his fall was an accident.”
Landlords’ anger as rent rules approved

EXCLUSIVE
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LANDLORDS across Northampton are to put in an official complaint against a council after it approved plans to regulate student homes, without telling them.

Last week, Northampton Borough Council said that new homes of multiple occupancy (HMOs) – a house where more than six adults live – would now require planning permission.

The new regulations will apply to Semilong, Abington, Kingsley, and Kingshorpe.

However, despite having handed in 68 letters from disgruntled landlords when the proposals were first mooted, the National Landlords’ Association (NLA) never heard back from the authority.

John Socha, from the NLA and a landlord in the town, said: “The council didn’t inform us once about this meeting or even confirm receiving our letters.

“There is supposed to be no taxation without representation and the last time I checked we didn’t live in a police state.

“They have said nothing to us at all and it feels as though they have brushed us under the carpet. We will definitely be putting in a complaint to the local government ombudsman regarding this issue.”

A spokesperson for Northampton Borough Council said: “All of our meeting dates and agendas are published online and available to everyone.

“Each agenda sets out the procedure for those wishing to attend or speak at our meetings.

“The recent report looking at the proposal to confirm an ‘Immediate’ and a ‘Non-Immediate’ Article 4 Direction followed an extensive period of consultation where we invited people to have their say. The consultation period allowed individuals and groups to fully express their view on the subject and present any evidence they felt the council should be aware of before making any decision.

“A summary of all correspondence and representations made during the consultation period was included in the report and full versions made available as an appendix.

“While we can appreciate that the NLA may be disappointed with the decision made by cabinet, we would expect anyone with a view to have presented all of their evidence in their response to the consultation to ensure our councillors have every opportunity to consider their opinion.”

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Let’s brighten things up before winter

The other week, I wrote to the Herald & Post about this serious matter of street lights being switched off.
I did not think about what other higher risks there would be besides road accidents until I read what other people have had to say about the higher risks of muggings and burglaries.

In the latest edition of the H&P I read a letter from a resident in Stanley Road – the area where I live – mentioning a mugger who they identified outside their house during a time when the street lights were still lit and the cars being vandalised.
I am one for walking alone every day and often early in the evening – especially after work two afternoons a week.
By this time it is dark during the winter months.
As it is, I always want to get home promptly and safely on a winter’s evening.
So I hope this business about the street lights will be sorted out by this coming winter, as it is just as important as keeping the roads clear of ice and snow.

Catherine Hart
Wellingborough

Get your cash back to make a difference

I’m urging everyone who took part in Tesco and Cancer Research UK’s Race for Life events across Northamptonshire to make every step count, by returning their sponsorship money as soon as possible.

Last year, just under half the women who took part didn’t return any sponsorship money.

Many don’t realise that their entry fee only covers the cost of the event.

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Mum’s torment over death of Natasha, 16

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THE mother of a talented teenage girl who was found dead in her bedroom last week has spoken of her pain.

Natasha Warnes, 16, a pupil at Northampton School for Boys and a keen violinist, was found in her room at her home in Broadway East, Abington, last Thursday.

Her mother, Emma Keasley, wrote on social networking site Facebook about the shock of Natasha’s sudden death.

She said: “I’m so sad, I can’t take on board the enormity of everything that has happened. There were no warning signs, Tash was helping with the packing and looking forward to college, music school and our holiday in France.

“We were going to eat cake in the car on the journey home in B roadway East, Natasha was a popular member of the County Youth Orchestra and Zingaresque and had recently appeared with both groups at the finals of the National Festival of Music for Youth.

“She began her musical career at Weston Favell Music Centre on Saturday mornings where she made a massive contribution through her continuously enthusiastic and vibrant participation in all aspects of centre life.

“Natasha’s contribution to the Music Service went beyond her playing and in 2009 her composition, Un Attimo, was performed by the County Training Strings of which she went on to become co-leader.

“Her violin playing and her singular skills on the mandolin mean that her memory will live with us all for many years. She will be deeply missed.”

Northamptonshire Police have confirmed that they are preparing reports for the coroner.

Troubled Samuel took the decision to take own life

A PARANOID schizophrenic, found dead in bed at his mother’s home, took his own life, an inquest has heard.

Samuel White, known as Ashley, was 24 when he was found dead at Landcross Drive on March 23 this year.

The coroner’s court heard how the former Northampton School for Boys pupil had suffered from mental illness since 2003 and had previously smoked cannabis from the age of 14.

His sister, Caroline Harper, explained how Mr White had a history of mental illness. She said: “When he was 14 he started smoking cannabis.

“Aafter he did his GCSEs the family went on a cruise of the Mediterranean but he did not want to take part in any activities, preferring instead to stay in his cabin.”

“After that he saw a private psychiatrist.”

The inquest heard how Mr White had also spent some time at St Crispins hospital to treat his condition.

However, at the time he was well enough to volunteer at Pitsford reservoir where he helped out at a charity which assisted disabled children sail.

Ms Harper said: “I don’t think he was depressed but I think he made the decision to end his life.”

Recording a verdict of suicide, Coroner Anne Pember said: “He was a young man with a history of mental issues.

“He no longer wished to live and killed himself whilst the balance of his mind was disturbed.”
The Big Society debate reminds me of a string of letters that, many years ago, appeared in one of the national newspapers, concerning the then British Railways.

A reader wrote in to complain about how inefficient, expensive and grubby was our railway system. He went on to suggest it was a 19th century mode of travel, with an early 20th century mode of management and should be chopped altogether.

The railway lines could then be tarmacked and used exclusively for lorries, which would make their journeys easier and also free up the other roads for car users. They are straight and connect to major cities, so there should be fuel savings too.

This idea received a lot of support, and one reader suggested that as they were lorry only and straight roads, these lorries could pull trailers a lot easier, thereby increasing the efficiency.

This idea received support and one reader suggested that to further increase fuel efficiency and pull even more trailers, the lorries could be put on tracks...

For more than 100 years the working classes of this country, often excluded from much of the social, educational and financial services the country provided, did it for themselves.

Friendly societies, mutuals, guilds and co-operatives were established where people saved collectively, which allowed them to build their own houses, schools and cottage hospitals. Forward thinking councils, such as the one in Birmingham led by Joseph Chamberlain, helped provide decent education, clean water and sewage, street lamps and much else. It was all done locally. But with the expansion of the state and the growth of corporate capitalism, local and non-accountable bodies became unpopular.

The right did not like them because they challenged the free market and a profit could not be made from them. The left did not like them because they challenged the all-pervading power of the state, and were pluralist and local rather than corporate and central.

The right under Thatcher weakened trade unions and co-operatives and facilitated the switching of many friendly – or building societies as they had become – societies to private capital banks. They even told us there was no such thing as societies, let alone a big one. The left ‘nationalised’ education, health and social services, as nanny state knew best.

Many distrust the present Government’s Big Society idea as no more than a money-saving gimmick. We pay taxes for these services we are now being asked to do ourselves, for nothing. But why not take them at their word?

What is wrong with local ownership, and local democracy which will break down, or at least mitigate the worst excesses of multi-national capitalism and the state. Schools could have different ethics, mutual and friendly societies could be allowed to grow again and cottage hospitals to fill the gap left by the inevitable rise of regional super-hospitals.

As historian AJP Taylor once said, before the First World War the only time most British people came in contact with the state was when they visited the Post Office. Perhaps it is the time for the rise of localism and pluralism, two words once hated by left and right. The little Big Society.

The present Mrs Lowe and I were sitting having lunch in Rovinj, Croatia when my eldest daughter called to tell me two planes had just crashed into the twin towers of New York.

Since that fateful day, disasters and my holidays have been getting much closer. Last Spring we were trapped in Madeira due to the Icelandic volcanic ash cloud.

Then in December we were in Egypt, just as swimmers in the Red Sea were being eaten by sharks and social unrest was rising. We have just returned from Norway, which until now looked to be one of the most peaceful, trouble-free nations on earth.

So to warn you, this autumn we are off to Sicily. Expect mayhem.

There could be a big future thinking on a smaller scale.
Man could lose job after staying behind at work bar

A 36-YEAR-OLD man from Sywell was given a 20 month driving ban after being found to be more than twice the limit. Mark Previn Bolar, 36, of Ecton Lane, Sywell, was seen by police on July 9 at 9:50pm driving his Ford Focus along Orlingbury Road. When he took the breath test at the police station it was found he had 79 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. On Monday, Bolar appeared before Wellingborough Magistrates’ Court where he pleaded guilty. Defending Bolar, Gill Walker said: “This has had a devastating affect on him and he could lose his employment. He works for Northamptonshire County Cricket Club and before he left had spent too long at the bar. He had drunk more than he wanted.” Bolar was fined £260 and disqualified from driving for 20 months. He was also offered the opportunity to take the drink-driving rehabilitation course.

Cops make progress in US murder probe

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POLICE in Florida investigating the shootings of a Northampton man and his friend have made a breakthrough in the case, according to new documents released last week. James Kouzaris, from Kingsthorpe, and his university friend James Cooper were shot while on holiday in Sarasota and 16-year-old Shawn Tyson was arrested shortly after on April 16.

Officers had been searching for a second man in the case, who they have now identified but not charged. However, according to the interview records, some of Tyson’s friends have claimed that the teenager bragged that he had tried to rob the tourists.

Sarasota Police have said that they believe Tyson had given one man seven or eight .22-caliber shell casings, the same ammunition used in the shooting, and had later buried the evidence.

However, prosecutors in the sunshine state are still thought to be building their case on witnesses who saw Tyson before the shooting, saw him fleeing from the scene or heard him bragging about the shootings the next day.

Tyson is next expected in court for the murders in October.

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MORE than £132 million of Government funding will be made available to improve street lighting in Northamptonshire - as the county council continues turning off lamps in a bid to save cash.

Local and Regional Transport Minister Norman Baker announced on Friday that Private Finance Initiative (PFI) funding will allow Northamptonshire County Council to carry out vital improvements and maintenance to its street lighting.

The scheme will fund the maintenance of the lights for the next 25 years. In the next five years the authority will replace about two-thirds of its lighting stock with the remaining third having lamps and electronics changed.

The Liberal Democrats have hit out at the proposals, which they believe will ‘saddle taxpayers with debt’ as the overall cost of lighting the county will rise by 48 per cent.

Cllr Chris Stanbra said: “These figures really are astonishing. Yet again we see the Conservatives’ blind love affair with PFI obscuring value for money for the hard pressed taxpayers of Northamptonshire.

“The facts are clear. Firstly, the annual cost of the PFI to the county is £3.85 million per annum which is 48 per cent higher than the current street lighting budget. Secondly the total cost of the PFI is £225 million for which the council will get £36 million worth of streetlights.

“Thirdly even after adoption of the PFI there will still be 20,000 fewer streetlights than there were before the switch off started.

“The Conservatives have completely botched this deal.

However, the council maintains the lights will be value for money and environmentally friendly.

Cllr Andre Gonzalez De Savage, county council cabinet member for infrastructure and public protection, said: “I’m delighted that we have received final Government approval for this very important scheme, which is a great opportunity to replace the lighting stock in the county with street lighting which is fit for purpose.

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Town’s uni to get £2m cash boost

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FACILITIES at the University of Northampton are to be upgraded with a £2 million injection of cash. Twenty-five projects will benefit from the money including a new-look library, refurbished Students’ Union, more computers and extra campus walkways.

Vice-chancellor Professor Nick Petford said: “Changes are well underway and this exciting programme of investments is just one of the ways we are looking to improve university life for our students and staff.”

One of the programme’s projects has focused on the main library at Park Campus which is being transformed into a new and up-to-the-minute ‘Learning Commons’-style library. For a number of years, the university has been growing its e-journals, e-books and multimedia.

The concept is beginning from the ground floor, which is being completely transformed and will be finished by the autumn.

In addition to this £2m investment programme, the university is also managing a further £8m in project works. Several major building and re-modelling projects are already underway at Park Campus and these will be complemented by further refurbishments at Avenue Campus, set to take place over the summer.

Park Campus projects include a £1.6 million extension to Cottesbrooke, home to the University’s Northampton Business School, while work already completed includes the refurbishment of the Ashton building for the School of Health.

Laboratories across three buildings have been upgraded and will improve capacity and quality for midwifery, biosciences and research.
AS OLDIER from Towcester took part in celebrations to mark a year until the start of the London Olympics.

Lance Corporal Peter May, 28, was one of four State trumpeters from the Band of the Blues and Royals who joined The Princess Royal, the Mayor of London Boris Johnson and dignitaries from the world of sport and politics for a special televised ceremony in Trafalgar Square to mark the 12 month countdown.

LCpl May said: “It’s an honour and a privilege to be at this momentous event. It’s fantastic to be involved in the final countdown to the Olympic Games coming to London.

“I was desperate to be here because it’s the biggest thing to happen in this country in my lifetime and I just so much wanted to be a part of it.

“This is my contribution and I’m so proud to be here at the heart of it. “Being a State trumpeter is a very special thing that very few people get the chance to do. We get to be involved in amazing events like the Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall and all the big Royal Occasions.”

LCpl May, who has been playing the trumpet since he was three, played a fanfare at the climax of the event when the new Olympic medals, which will be presented to victors at the Games, were unveiled.

THREE MEN ATTACK MALE
A 28-YEAR-OLD man was assaulted on Queen’s Park Parade in Northampton.

The attack took place on Tuesday, July 26 between 10.30pm and 11pm. The victim was set upon by three unknown men and sustained minor injuries which were treated at the scene. Witnesses should call police on 03000 111 222.

BIKE RIDER INJURED IN CRASH
A MOTORBIKE rider was seriously hurt in a crash.

It took place at the entrance to Silverstone circuit on Saturday at about 7.40am.

It involved three motorcycles all travelling to the racetrack. The first bike, a blue Kawasaki ZX-6R Ninja, turned left into the car park, the second, a black Kawasaki Ninja slowed to make the turn, when for unknown reasons the third motorcycle, a blue Yamaha FJR 1300, collided with the second.

All three riders are from the Swindon area and one, a 20-year-old, was taken to Northampton General Hospital with serious injuries.

GROWERS FAIL TO PROTECT HANDS
GARDENERS in Northampton are putting their green fingers at risk of serious skin disease, research shows.

In a study of the town’s growers, despite 24 per cent suffering from skin conditions such as hand eczema, 71 per cent admitted failing to protect their hands adequately in the garden. Problems were so serious in 67 per cent of gardeners, they had sought professional medical treatment. The research was carried out by www.myhandeczema.co.uk
Police pair up to share services

BY LAWRENCE JOHN
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NON-FRONTLINE services are to be shared between Northamptonshire Police and Cheshire Constabulary.

The decision, agreed on Thursday by Northamptonshire Police Authority, will result in parts of human resources, finance and procurement being shared between forces and delivered from a single location.

This means the Authority will now proceed to the contract stage with Cheshire Police Authority and technology provider Capgemini.

Shared services mean working differently behind the scenes and there will be no change to the way people access frontline services in the county.

Chief Constable Adrian Lee said: “Policing is a people business which is why we will continue to do everything we can to protect frontline services through listening to our public and becoming more efficient in the way we respond to their needs.

“Last year we were able to make savings, deliver excellent crime reductions and return officers to the frontline; while maintaining this becomes increasingly difficult as the budget reduces year-on-year, this innovative approach to sharing services will put us in the best possible position to continue building the trust and confidence of our communities.”

Northamptonshire Police has already made savings of more than £4 million and has plans in place to deliver a further £7m required this year.

Chair of Northamptonshire Police Authority, Deirdre Newham, said: “The proposals agreed mean a number of ‘back office’ functions can be delivered at a significantly reduced cost – essential if we are to balance the budget in the months and years ahead.”

The Force is also working on a number of regional projects with other forces in the East Midlands, among which is the creation of a regional team for major crime and serious and organised crime, generating savings of more than £1m.

Volunteer cadets boost numbers

A GROUP of budding young volunteers are hoping to make their mark on Northamptonshire Police.

The 25 police cadets will be taking part in the new scheme that was officially launched at the force’s open day on Saturday. The recruits, aged between 16 and 18, will learn and take part in policing activities and contribute to the force’s events and successes.

The group will meet once a week to carry out a full programme of activities that are associated with being in the police to gain a BTEC Level 2 Certificate in public service.

Assistant Chief Constable Martin Jelley said: “Northamptonshire Police is delighted to announce the launch of our Police Cadet Scheme. The programme will expose young people to a variety of elements of policing, encourage them to foster good citizenship and help to prepare those cadets who may continue on to university and careers after completing the scheme.

“The two year scheme will be exciting for both the Force and young people who will have the opportunity to take additional and relevant educational qualifications whilst serving as cadets.”

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Floral praise for college trio

MOULTON College competed in a budding florists to show off their skills. Floristry students Ellie Rose, Juliana Eaton and Laura Sibley represented the college at the Worldskills UK competition finals held at Tatton Park in Cheshire. The event was staged during the annual RHS flower show at the venue and the Moulton students were among a group of just 12 finalists from all around the United Kingdom. The task was a gruelling nine hour event during which each florist constructed four large pieces of floral design. Laura's work, The London Eye, was particularly popular and received a number of very positive comments.

Another learner has been celebrating making the Ricoh Women's British Open Golf Championships at Camoustie. Moulton College Golf Academy student Lauren Taylor played in the competition for the first time and was one of only six amateur players. In a field of 144 Lauren, 15, was competing alongside the best female golfers in the world. She qualified for the event after winning the Ladies British Open Amateur Championships at Portrush in June and is the youngest ever winner of the tournament. The college's golf academy programme allows Lauren to study for her academic qualifications and develop her sporting skills.

BY JONATHAN REILLY jonathan.reilly@HPnorthants.co.uk

SOME of the most rundown council homes in Northampton are set to benefit from brand new central heating worth £1.4 million.

Council’s Cabinet agreed last week to invest the money to improve the warm air-heating units in the worst-affected council homes across the Borough.

Tenants have long complained that the heat blowing system was often inadequate and expensive when it came to warming their homes.

As a result councillors have agreed to invest £1.4 million to replace some of the most out-of-date systems with new energy efficient gas central heating boilers.

Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Christopher Malpas, said: “We realise the importance of having a nice, comfortable, warm home to live in.”

“This investment is great news for residents of council homes that need an upgrade to their systems and a step toward helping to alleviate fuel poverty.

“We are looking at replacing the oldest warm air heating units with new gas central heating boilers to improve the homes of many families in the town.”

Northampton Borough Council have been in contact with the residents that will receive an upgrade.

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Shirley, 67, said: “It has been a lovely job and I have met lots of happy people. “It is not a job you can be sad in. “It is important to make the brides feel special so we are here to help them and give them our opinion of what will work for them and what won’t.

“A lot of girls come in knowing what they want and we let them try on what they want.

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“I have taken a long time to make this decision (to retire) but I think the time has come. “Lifting wedding gowns all day is not light work and it is making me tired. “So now is the time to call it a day.”

David works with the animals

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Previously, Mr Clarke spent 25 years organising major sporting events across the world, the most recent being Indian Premier League cricket.

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THE Spencer and Dallington Residents’ Association is back in business. For nine years the group had been disbanded but following a revival, it is up and running once more.

The ‘re-launch’ was organised by Cllr Gareth Eales, the borough councillor for the Spencer ward.

Cllr Eales said: “The reason for bringing it back together is everyone should have a vibrant residents’ association. There are a number of big issues in the area which concern residents.

“What I wanted to do was bring everyone together so they had a voice to hold people accountable. Together they will have a louder voice which will allow me to help them. I am delighted a new committee has been formed and there are many big issues for them to get their teeth into whether it is street lighting, the Gladstone Road changes or anti-social behaviour.”

“I look forward to working with the committee and local residents to help in any way I can.”

The new group is investigating the possibility of getting a main speaker at the meeting such as the chief executive of the county or borough council.

Cllr Eales added: “Overall everyone left with a spring in their step and the meeting was a step in the right direction about things which can be done in the future.”

The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Thursday, August 11 at The Spencer Dallington Community Centre in Tintern Avenue.

This gathering will identify the projects and priorities the committee will focus on. All residents of Spencer and Dallington are invited to attend.

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Lofty Ambitions

BEN Tozer has revealed that Northampton Town manager Gary Johnson wants his side to start playing the Barcelona way as they bid to secure promotion from League Two.

Johnson certainly has some lofty ambitions for the club, and basing their game-plan on the side regarded as the finest in the world at present is a signal of his intent.

And if last Saturday’s 2-1 win over Wycombe Wanderers in the final pre-season friendly is anything to go by, then this weekend’s season opener against Accrington Stanley will be a highly entertaining affair. Tozer said: “I know it sounds a bit of a way off, but watching Barcelona last season - the way they play and their formation - he was saying ‘this is how I want you to play - I want you to play that formation and keep the ball and entertain the crowd’ because the crowd here like to be entertained.

‘It was just about that really and when we get into the final third take our chances, and no matter how we score just score the goals.

‘He wants us to play the formation, but we’re not as technical as them. You can see the 4-2-3-1 formation and that’s the way he wants us to play. ‘He wants us to be attacking and express ourselves, and he knows the footballer in us is good enough to do that.’

Tozer, who scored Northampton’s first goal against Wycombe, is adapting to playing a central midfield role alongside new signing Paul Turnbull.

He briefly filled that position towards the end of his loan spell last season and the former central defender has now been converted to that position full-time after signing a permanent deal in the summer.

It is something he is enjoying as it allows him to get forward more, and he is impressed by the skill level in the Cobblers side assembled by Johnson.

Tozer said: “Technically, we are the same as the best team in the league. Technically, we are probably better than some teams in League One, but it’s just whether we have got that winning mentality that he always points out.

‘The last few games have been tough, so this was where we needed to make our mark for the season. It’s just how we’re going to carry on playing.

‘I think we’ve definitely got the team to do it, as we showed in the first half [of the friendlies] against Nottingham Forest and Reading.”

Northampton Town 2011/12 Fixtures

Saturday, 6 August 2011
Accrington Stanley H
Tuesday, 9 August 2011
Ipswich R, Carling Cup A
Saturday, 13 August 2011
Aldershot A
Tuesday, 16 August 2011
Bristol Rovers A
Saturday, 20 August 2011
Cheltenham H
Saturday, 27 August 2011
Morecambe H
Saturday, 3 September 2011
Southend A
Saturday, 10 September 2011
Torquay H

Tuesday, 13 September 2011
AFC Wimbledon A
Saturday, 17 September 2011
Macclesfield A
Saturday, 24 September 2011
Dog & Red H
Saturday, 1 October 2011
Barnet A
Saturday, 8 October 2011
Crawley Town H
Friday, 14 October 2011
Port Vale A
Saturday, 22 October 2011
Bradford A
Tuesday, 25 October 2011
Hereford H

Saturday, 29 October 2011
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The Only Way is Up

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"You’re always happy with the win, but it’s nice to get a good win and a good performance just before the start of the season. We wanted to make sure that the supporters that turned up saw what we were trying to do, and then they might turn up in their numbers next week to give us a real good start on the terraces."

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We also wanted to know whether he gets sick of people constantly going on about his looks: “No, that sounds great, it really does. I don’t see what they’re talking about. I think it’s the people behind the camera obviously doing such an amazing job.”

So far he has resisted appearing on any of the social networks: “I do think it’s incredible but I just don’t partake. I’m a fan of the concept I just don’t do it. I just wouldn’t know what to write, I would be chronicling my day and discover I was actually doing nothing and that would depress me.”

Finally, with so much having been written about Bradley lately, we wanted to know what the weirdest story he has seen written about him: “I’ve read that I’m bald and that this is a hair-piece and that I took my dogs to the spa. Also the amount of women they attach themselves to, I just wouldn’t actually have the time, it’s all very flattering though.”

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Six-week KO for Holt

NORTHAMPTON Town have been dealt an injury blow on the eve of the new League Two season with the news that Andy Holt has been ruled out for six weeks with a broken collarbone.

Player/coach Holt was unlikely to start in the home League Two opener against Accrington Stanley, but would have undoubtedly been on the bench as experienced cover after taking on the utility role in the new League Two season with the news that he will be out for six weeks with a broken collarbone.

Northampton currently have six players involved, with Ben Foden, Chris Ashton, Dylan Hartley, Courtney Lawes, Tom Wood and summer signing Paul Doran-Jones, all aiming to be on the plane.

They will get their chance to impress in the home and away tests against the Welsh this weekend and next, while England’s final warm-up match sees them face Ireland in Dublin on Saturday, August 27.