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Taking Stock of Cranfield Fun Day



Sheila in the stocks - her only crime was to enjoy herself at the Cranfield Fun Day ... more pix on Page 11

On the afternoon of Saturday 17th July, the annual Village Fun Day was held at the Crawley Road Ground. Once again the Football Club hosted and organized an event that the whole village could enjoy.

The weather was kind and a carnival atmosphere had soon built up around the ground with music playing over the P.A. system. With free admission for the children, families flocked in

their droves to savour the delights that had been assembled.

Traditional side show stalls such as Hook-a-Duck, Tombola, Name the Teddy and Bouncy Castle were complemented with newer attractions of The Bungee Run and Inflatable Sumo.

The Sumo suits were particularly popular with the children, who once inside these mammoth outfits, attempted to wrestle each other out of

a padded ring. The sight of small children in oversize comic outfits bouncing off each other and rolling on the ground, was funnier than any circus clown show. Happily they were perfectly safe inside the protective suits and they loved it.

The same cannot be said of the Bungee Run, this was strictly for adults only and carried a health warning. Imagine being tied to one end of a giant elastic band (bungee rope) and running for all you are worth, away from the tethered end. The object of the exercise was to place a bean bag on the wall at the side, as far along the run as possible. This naturally

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Letters to the Editor

Admiral Johnson RN

My name is Brian Sanders and I live with my wife Valerie, in Basingstoke. The 'Admiral' gentleman mentioned by Miss Florrie Bunkin of Portsmouth, is as I'm sure many of your readers will know, the Michael Johnson of Cranfield United foot fame. Michael is also my cousin, a little younger than myself - and we used to spend many happy days camping at Wharley Farm. I'm visiting Cranfield in the near future and hopefully, will meet up with many of my past friends at the village, including MJ. Keep up the good work with the Express - I always look forward to reading the news on-line.

Brian Sanders

And, that same old sea dog!

Dear Sir/Madam, I happened to see the "story of the athletic admiral in the July issue of Cranfield Express. It is obviously a wind-up as the athlete known as M. Johnson was the most unlikely to be described as such! I was a member of Stewarby School soccer team at same time as Mick, but as a striker or centreforward as they were known in those days he was very good. I can remember in a game against Sandy he scored 7 goals of a total 9!

The opposition centreforward was an England Schoolboy trialist called Lowe, surely there are 'nt any Cranfield residents he hasn't told! I must also say that at one time I was in love with Maureen Johnson, this was around 1955, now she was a looker and more of an athlete than Mick. I can still remember those days playing at C.U.F.C. around 1956 with Wilson, Pointon, Emmerton, Barrett, Phillips etc, this was after Eddie Peacock gave it away! (He may realise it was me that helped him deliver the milk from the Coop up the High St. round The Court, back down to the Coop again) It certainly gave me a chuckle to read the saga of Mick Johnson, an "admiral character" if ever there was one. If I recall it could have been the attraction of a certain vicar's daughter that was the reason for his playing around the Rectory! Regards to all in Cranfield,

Ian Buckingham (ex-Bliss Avenue)



Oh My - and there's more!

Dear Mr. Newspaper Editor.

We found your local paper on the computer, and the article 'Hallo Sailor' in your July issue sparked a lot of interest here in Adelaide, South Australia. My Ma said this person could be our long lost Uncle Mickey. Ma also remembers Uncle Mickey being a well built feller and having lovely wavy blond hair. She also remembers he said he came from a village in North Bedfordshire, so when our neighbours came around the other night and showed us your web site on their lap top with the picture of that good looking sailor boy, Ma went and sat down in her favourite rocking chair, and just broke down and wept.

Back in the early sixties Ma was living in Wild Horse Plains, just north of Adelaide, and on a Saturday afternoon the highlight was the local soccer matches. Ma always used to go down to the South Club for a few tinny's and one Saturday, so she tells me, she meets this good looking pommy boy; she thinks his name was Mickey Johnson or Johnstone, anyhow that's what sparked the interest in your newspaper article, this could this be the same feller.

Anyway, for the year he was here, he scored a hat trick every Saturday afternoon, and on quite a few nights from what us seven kids can gather; Ma said he had a kick like a kangaroo.

Every now and then, he would disappear for a few weeks and when Ma

asked him where he had gone, he always said on 'walk-a-bouts with the aborigines'. But Ma thinks he was attached to that nearby Woomer and Maralinga Rocket Range, but Uncle Mickey would never say.

Ma said, some weekends Uncle Mickey would take her and her friends in his four wheel drive jeep, down to the beach at Parham and play water polo. Ma said Uncle Mickey swam just like a freshwater croc.

Just after the twins were born, Uncle Mickey said he had to go back to England, and then Ma went back to her tribe, and that was the last Ma ever heard of him. When he left Ma gave him a few hundred dollars and said funnily enough, her best gum boots also went missing that same day, never to be seen again.

Ma said if this is the same person, remind Uncle Mickey that she's 77 this year, and you never ever did send her any money like you promised.

I enclose the only photo we have of Uncle Mickey, he's on the right hand side, with Ma's friends Kylie and Kev Watts, and Ma took the photo. I hope this is the same person, and would like to thank you Mr. Editor for your efforts in finding our long lost Uncle Mickey again.

Joann Powell ne: Obenko.
Adelaide SA 5000.
South Australia.

Is There To Be No rest?

Thanks to friends reunited who told me about your village paper which I received yesterday 14/6/04 many thanks. Reading 'Hallo Sailor' Im convinced that Johnson sailor man is the man I befriended for 30 day way back in the 1960s.

As a sheperd working near Exiball with over 5000 sheep I saw this man land in a canoe from what I thought was a submarine, he sank his canoe after landing a back pack. I confronted him he told me he was to spend 30 days living off the land, at nights he had a one man tent. He said his name was Johno (Im told this is short for Johnson) didn't mention his work but did speak of the present dispute the Cod War with Iceland. But this man is a cheat he threw away

all his survival rations and tent to spend the whole time eating my food (Lamb chops, lamb breast, leg of lamb, pheasants, rabbits, haggis. Slept in my croft using my bed, he told me this was the best training he had how did he treat me? Around midnight on the 30th March in a blinding snow storm he was picked by military people wearing red caps but he had taken my extra long green wellies and long white wollie smok. Could you tell him I have a few things to settle if he was that person.

Larry Lamb

Croft 75 Loch Eriban Scotland

Cranfield Critters

To all who came to the quiz night on the 15th July, the Cranfield Critters would like to thank all who attended the quiz night in the Cross Keys.

We managed to raise a hefty £130. Special thanks to Pauline the landlady for allowing us to use the Cross Keys and also the donation of the main quiz prize. Thanks also must go to Alliot's Chartered Accountants who donated the dvd player for the raffle. Also, Monty's Tandoori Takeaway, The Cop, Budgens, Fil's Hair Stop, Looks 'n' locks, Marshalls Hardware, Unwins and Claudine from the Art of Nails, all of whom generously supplied raffle prizes. Thank you everyone

The Cranfield Critters

Dog Doos

Sir, As I write on 29 June there are four new piles of dog mess on and beside the football area at Broad Green which is used daily by children of all ages. There is a dog mess bin nearby.

Not cleaning up after your dog is an offence under the Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996 and it is punishable by a hefty fine. 'Being unaware of the defecation or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the mess is no defence'. The main purpose of the law requiring people to pick up dog's mess is to control the public health risk posed by the parasite Toxicara which can cause blindness. Blindness resulting from toxocarasis affects around 100 people a year. The main group of people at risk are children who play where dog owners have allowed their dogs to foul without clearing it up afterwards. Fortunately the disease can be controlled if the faeces are disposed of immediately in a responsible manner. Roy Philips goes to a lot of effort to keep the Green tidy. Those who do not clear up after their dogs, expect to be photographed from afar, and named and shamed.

Catharine Eve

A. Downes

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Gary Denton 1963 - 2004



Tragically taken from his family and friends in a car accident in the early hours of Saturday 3rd July, Gary, had a long connection with Cranfield University. From leaving school, he worked and trained firstly in the Propulsion Test House before he went on to the College of Aeronautics' Department of Flight and FSML. Gary later became a contractor and was employed by Cranfield Aerospace Ltd under various hats including electrical design. As demand for his skills - and, yes, he was a perfectionist - changed within the company he left to work for Airship Industries at Cardington. Always associated with aviation, Gary, found time to extend his interest in many other pastimes and projects including, hill walking, biking, model aircraft - and in this we are talking the biggest model that could be built - and nearly all the sports (Badminton was a serious love affair) you could think of at some stage in his brief life.

His character and his personality were infectious. He was a party animal - albeit always a late arrival - and also living his life to the full, never once ceasing to amuse and entertain all who had the privilege of knowing him. There are many famous stories of his antics but one favourite has to be from a recent end of the year Christmas Party when the Chairman who, to protect the author's day job, shall be called 'Sir Leslie Patterson', stood up to give his annual booster speech. Sir Les' first mistake that evening was having Gary, who was in everyone's view, just out of his own sphere of vision. As the speech droned on rev-

ellers sat patiently - un-revelled but still wearing their silly hats and watching Gary who, along with his own silly hat, had put on a pair of spectacles which were made up of two halves of a ping pong ball. Each of these were attached by a spring, which dangled and bounced as he nodded his own approval of the speech. No doubt, and to this day, Sir Les will not write another speech like it ... "It was so good, that members staff were blowing their beer down there noses in their obvious joviality at my well timed gaffs,"

Rest In Peace Gary

For the record ... I've written this just for Gary, knowing that the humorous anecdote that I have used is a fine example of his character. It is also just what he would have expected of me. To his friends and all his family - Mum, Nigel, Sue and his step daughter Helen - when they read this I hope that they will draw some comfort from a greatly shared loss and remember, not his tragic death but his energetic, full and very worthwhile life.

Peter Hinson

Steve Polyak



Many people in Cranfield will remember Mr Steve Polyak who ran the Cranfield Bakery. He died, early in July in Australia and his funeral was held on Tuesday 13th July. Brian and Ruth Judd knew Mr and Mrs Polyak well, Ruth having worked in the Bakery, and they were neighbours over the garden fence. Brian and Ruth had also visited the family in Australia, and kept in contact with them. After running the Bakery for about 25 years, Mr and Mrs Polyak retired to Australia, with two of their sons, Alex and Tibor, and their third son, young Steve, remained in the UK. Mr Steve Polyak was a fine baker and a very well-known character in Cranfield. Our condolences go to his wife and family.

Cranfield Methodist Church

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10 am Morning Service and Sunday School

Thursdays
6 pm Sunshine Corner (for children up to 8)
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(for children 8 to 12 years)

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Rev Gordon Sollis 751886
or **Nora Salisbury 750279**

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What's on Sun

Monday 2nd August to Friday 6th August 10am till 11.55am daily, Xpedition Force Holiday Bible Club at the Methodist Church. All school children welcome for stories, craft, drama, music, refreshments, fun and games

Tuesday 31 August Photography Session at the Football Club by Tempest Photography. Slots available from 10am to noon and 1 pm to 3.30pm. Phone Kerry on 750088 to book a time or turn up on the day. Update your family album, get a photo of the children or the whole family.

Wednesday 1st Sept Cranfield Parish Council - special planning committee to discuss development brief for Home Farm 8 pm (Village Hall)

Wednesday 8th Sept Cranfield Parish Council - committees 8 pm (Village Hall)

Saturday 11th September. 10am - 4pm. at Cranfield Methodist Church 'Nothing to do in Cranfield?' - come along and see just what does go on in our village. Exhibitions and displays by all the different organisations. Ploughman's Lunches 12.30 - 1.30pm. Refreshments. Raffle. Mini-market. This is a village event, for the village by the village.

Wednesday 15th Sept Cranfield Parish Council - full council 8 pm (Village Hall)

Tuesday 21st Sept Community Safety Group (Tel 01234 757689) AGM 7.30 pm Portnall Place

Every Monday in Term Time - Parent & Toddler Group, North Crawley Village Hall from 9.45 to 11.30. People from Cranfield are very welcome to attend.

At the Cross Keys - Every Sunday, lunches 750213 to book. Concessions. Every Monday, Games Night, Dominoes, Crib, Scrabble and Backgammon Relax and play to the sound of some Classic Gold. **Friday evenings** Family Barbeque 6pm onwards - come early to avoid disappointment

What's on at The Cross Keys starting shortly: Conversational French, Cross Stitch Club - exchange ideas, Food Hygiene Certificate... Emergency First Aid Tel 750213 after 5pm to express your interest.

1st Tuesday in each month... Book Club 7.30-9.30pm. August book - Silas Marner by George Eliott. Lively discussion in a relaxed setting. All welcome.

Every Tuesday 'Sounds Familiar' meets @ 7:30. Where? Cranfield Baptist Church, Bedford Road. Four part harmony choir, SATB, singing wide range of mostly sacred music, but some secular too. Fun, relaxing and rewarding. Come along and give it a try.

Lost Property at the Doctor's Surgery

There's nowt in the cupboard this month but - watch this space!

Jonathan Sayeed MP

Your MP, Jonathan Sayeed, can be contacted at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA - Telephone 020 7219 2355, facsimile 020 7219 1670, or at his constituency office: St Michael's Close, High Street, Shefford, Beds SG17 5DD - Tel: 01462 811992 - Fax: 01462 811010.

Contact number for the village diary
Sallie Stubbs -01234 752223
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Cranfield Parish Church St Peter & St Paul, (C of E)

Usual Sunday Services
8.00am - Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays only)
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2nd & 4th - Holy Communion
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'Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus'
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Grease is the Word!



Suzanne Carley (Sandy), Richard Hardwick (Roger) and Jonathan Wilkes (Danny)

Forty-five frustrating minutes at the Ticket Master Site on the Internet reduced me from a 'get me the best night and best seat' to 'please can I have any night and any seat'. Huh, somehow I'd got it into my head that a month before the gig was plenty of time to get tickets in the front row where I intended to watch for every stumble and 'tut tut' at every bum note. But more than that I wanted to see Cranfield's local actor Richard Hardwick in action

On the night - which happened to be the first night for Grease at Milton Keynes's Theatre - I shuffled cautiously along to my seat in row D and number 11 and the first thing I noticed was my excellent view of the stage. The fact that it was about twenty feet and almost a sheer drop below me did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of those in the seats around me but I did think I may have trouble spotting Richard.

From children to grannies a wave of hands spread infectiously through the theatre to the background of soft Rock n Roll music drifting up from the 'Grease is the word' motif. And when the cast hit the stage with the first number everyone started clapping and stamping their feet (including me) and, luckily, before I could leap into the non-existent aisle to jive - it was the interval where a trip to the bar also reminded me that loans can be arranged quickly these days.

Back to the seats and in the second half some really dirty guitar solo stuff in one of the numbers made me wonder if the David Gilmore (down as the director in the programme) was in fact actually playing in the band but, a quick look at his mug shot in the programme ruled out the Pink Floyd front man. The show crescendo-ed to a wild finale encouraging even more audience participation ... and I went home hyped on the Rock n Roll

When the weekend arrived I contacted Richard for some more information and he invited me backstage on the afternoon of their last performance at Milton Keynes. I met Richard at the stage door and he showed me round the complicated set for Grease and where things happened and how things were created to claim the maximum effect. It was electrifying!

The first member of the cast I met was Suzanne Carley, who was playing Sandy, and my memories of Olivia Newton John faded quickly before her delightful charm - that, and the fact she was carrying a squeeze bottle and making threats to other members of the cast. "There's been some water fights" laughed Richard and pointed me in the direction of the dressing rooms where I wanted to get a piccy of him looking at the girls fifties style dresses but he wasn't having any of that and we moved to the coffee bar set.

Suzanne Carley is not just a pretty face. She oozes talent from her theatre credits such as *Jesus Christ Superstar* where she played Mary and Nancy in *Oliver* along with leading parts in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Honk*, *Fame* and *Guys and Dolls*. Grease was Suzanne's professional stage debut.

Not far away, and happy to be photographed for the *Express* was Jonathan Wilkes who plays Danny and, well, I don't think there is room enough for



At the bar on stage - Richard chills with a Coke

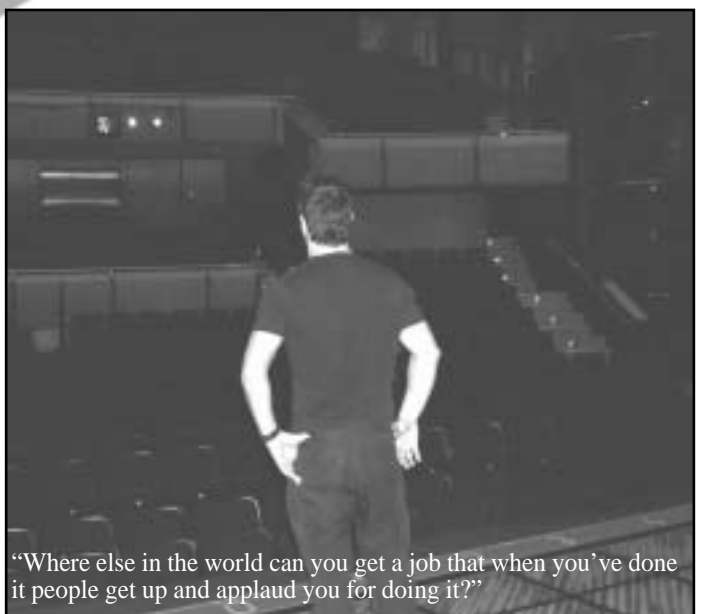
this fellow's credits - he is playing the leading part and showing no signs of being the show's Prima Donna. Fact is he was as keen to stay out of the way of Suzanne's squeeze bottle as anyone else.

Richard took me onto the stage and it was here that I could see his devotion to this, his chosen profession. Looking out into the empty stalls he did nothing to hide the love affair that he had with the theatre. It was in his eyes and in his whole attitude but compared to some actors he was a late starter. "I had been in the cub gang shows at the village hall but I was encouraged to audition for the Bedfordshire Youth Theatre. I got in and that year we went to the Czech Republic with Hair the Musical, I really started taking acting more seriously after that."

Back in the dressing rooms Richard introduced me to another co star, Graham Tudor who was playing Doody. Graham had been a professional for some years and he recently played the title roll in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. My trip behind the scenes was an amazing experience. To see the set and feel the energy coming from these very talented young performers was as good as watching the show itself. Thank you Richard for your hospitality and I for one wish you all the best for a great future. And on that note did he feel he is on the right track and doing the job that is meant for him? His answer said it all...



Graham Tudor - Doody



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A History of Cranfield

Changes of Ownership : A Holy Well

When the monasteries were dissolved, the main manor reverted to the Crown and in 1542 was attached to the honour of Ampthill. In 1542 William Hutton was appointed bailiff and collector of the manor. In 1550, Edward VI granted the manor to his half-sister, Princess Elisabeth, who ten years later leased it to one Fysher.

James I granted it to his consort, Queen Anne, as part of her dowry, in 1603. She died in 1617, and in 1621 the manor was granted to Sir Lionel Cranfield, who was raised to the peerage as the first Baron Cranfield of Cranfield. The following year he was created Earl of Middlesex.

He died in 1645, and was succeeded by his son James, on whose death, in 1651, his brother Lionel succeeded to the title and estates as heir male. He made a settlement of the Cranfield Manor in 1653, in 1655, and in 1660-1, and again in 1663. This family, as far as is known, had no direct association with Cranfield. There are no records which suggest that they ever visited the manor.

In 1672 it became the property of the Moneaux family, who owned the manor of the nearby village of

Wootton. This family held it until 1729, when it was purchased by the Duke of Bedford. Another change of ownership occurred when a Mr Joseph Ashby Partridge acquired it in 1837, and he held it until 1847. A further change took place before 1864, to Captain Drake, whose widow devised it, by will, to her husband's kinsman, Mr Alfred H. Tarleton.

The last owner does not appear to have had any connection with the village, and none of the older people now living in the village have any recollection of this man.

After the dissolution of the monasteries various Lords of the Manor started to sell the land, and made it "freehold". In the middle of the 19th century they owned very little land. This may account for the lack of interest shown in the village by the successive Lords of the Manor.

Situated in the field called Millside Furlong is Holy Well (Hollowell). The large saucer-shaped depression at the top of the hill at Millside Furlong may have been the site of a mill. The manorial mill was a very important source of income in early times. Everyone had to have their grinding done at the mill, and pay in kind or money.

Holy Well, with its peculiar water, and the old thorn which grows above it, is typical of the medieval holy wells. Here is no doubt that in the Middle Ages it was a noted spring. In the records there is mention of "Ralf, parson of the Church of Haliwelle, 1225-1250."

The water was at one time used by the village folk for the cure of inflamed eyes. The pond into which the spring flows was cleaned out about 1873, and it was revealed that the sides of the well were lined with bricks.

The Enclosure Award of 1840 records the pond as a "public washing place. Sheep to be washed between 1st April and 14th July." It may be the place referred to as "Midsummer Pond", where John Bunyan is said to have preached. The very ancient Bowling Green Lane leads to it, and continues on in front of the Rectory lawn through what is now a plantation, and to the back of the old school. Most of this ground was common land.

The well and pond are now in a very dismal state, being very much overgrown. It is impossible to see the well.

100 Years ago...

On Tuesday 11 April 1905 the School presented its yearly attendance awards. This money was given to the parents whose children made over 95% attendance.

The money came from the estate of the Stephen John Harter Charity and was distributed by the Rev. Campbell.

£18/5/0 (£18-25p) was distributed to the lucky parents.

At the Cranfield School Prize giving on Friday 5 May 1905, a selection of books from the Nelson & Sons catalogue were chosen.

The 1905 Cranfield head scholar prize went to Miss Jessie Pulley.

The remaining prizes were as follows:

Class 1

Miss Ethel Anstee, Mr Joe Coleman, Miss Emily Cox, Mr Edgar White, Miss Dorothy Stanford, Miss Sylvan Woodin.

Class 2

Miss Fanny Rowe, Miss Florence Clarke, Miss Cecilia Perrin, Mr William Thomas.

Class 3

Miss Doris Whitehead, Miss Alice White, Miss Norah Stanford, Mr Thomas Harbin.

Class 4

Miss Doris Coleman, Mr Ben Cox, Miss Hilda Anstee, Mr Ronald White.

Class 5

Miss Aimee White, Miss Edith Bennett, Mr Archie Harpur, Mr William Young.

During June 1905 the old village Doctor Dr. Milligan, moved from De Parys Avenue Bedford, into Broughton House.

A 'Sale of Work' was held within the Rectory grounds on Wednesday 21 June 1905. The stalls were arranged around the tennis lawns and it turned out to be a fine day.

The work stalls were attended by Mrs Campbell, Mrs Street, Mrs Scarlett, Mrs A Sanders and Miss Bliss.

The jumble stalls were helped out by Mrs Bedford, Mrs H Lovell and Miss J Kelly, and the bran tub was organised by Miss Ingrey, Miss L Phillips, Miss S Noyes and Miss E Stanford.

Mr Howe brought along his gramophone and played a selection of popular tunes. The whole day made over £20.

Roger Thompson

207 (Cranfield) Squadron News

Gone by Air Mail

On Thursday 15 July, Flight Sergeant Stephen Lambourne handed in his uniform and left the Squadron, having been an air cadet since 9th September 1997. In the time-honoured tradition of the Squadron, Stephen was presented with an engraved tankard, marched out onto the Parade Ground and showered with shaving foam. Stephen has joined the RAF Regiment, and reported to his base on 18th July.

Stephen was also very well known as the cheerful and reliable postman whose round covered the top end of the village. He will be greatly missed by a lot of people in Cranfield and we all wish him success in his future career.

Thank You, Mark

The Squadron would like to thank Mark Ambridge for the generous loan of his large lorry to transport all the equipment. Without Mark's support the Squadron could not have participated in the competition.

Support for 207 Squadron

In June, Marston Parish Council generously donated £300 to the Squadron for equipment. This is the second year that Marston PC has supported 207, because there are now a number of cadets from the Marston area. The support is much appreciated.

Fundraising for charity

Barbados meets Bedford was the theme of a 24-hour marathon beach volleyball event for Christian Family Care who provide sheltered housing for single-parent & abused families and children. The event was held at Hastingsbury Upper School, Kempton. Organiser, Dennis Taylor, did not do things by half, when he transformed the school fields into a beach, with 30 tonnes of sand and four palm trees provided at cost by Gemstone, and other local businesses



Presentation by Flt Lt Paul Sucksmith CO of 207 Sqn to Flt Sgt Stephen Lambourne

and organisations helped in many ways. Sainsbury's provided bottled water for competitors and 207 Squadron Civilian Committee provided catering facilities. The day featured Biddenham Upper School Steel Band. Although the weather wasn't Caribbean, all the participants had a good time.

The following air cadets and staff also took part in the event and raised several hundred pounds between them..

Cpl A. Bennett, Cpl L. Feeley, Cdt C. Williams, Cdt N. Reilly, Cdt I. Briscoe, Cdt H. Pecorini, and Cdt B. Smith
Staff - Flying Officer S. Nicholas, Warrant Officer R. McLeod, and CI M. Dolton

The Squadron raised approximately £750 out of the total of £10,000 for CFC which provides emergency accommodation for victims of domestic violence. The money will help fund days away for the women and children at the Bedford refuge.

207 Squadron News ... Extra



Wing Adventure Training Week-end

The Squadron Team competed in the Wing Adventure Training Exercises and Drill Competition in June. The Squadron has a large number of very young cadets and they did extremely well competing against teams from very large Squadrons with more experience.

The team had to fill perforated tubes with water in order to retrieve ping-pong balls from the tubes. This involved the whole team working together, plugging the holes, carrying water and getting soaked! This had to be done against the clock. ... The cadets all gave one hundred per cent effort, and on the Tuesday after the competitions, when the Squadron held its annual BBQ for parents and friends, the CO congratulated the cadets on their performance.

Cranfield Childminding Association



It was June so it had to be National Childminding Week. This year's theme was Storytelling. Cranfield Childminding Association got together with the children to celebrate. First of all everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch then the children decorated their own T-shirts with a character from one of their favourite stories. Mrs Harris from Cranfield Lower School came along to read a story to us. After that we all went for a stroll around the Churchyard of St Peter and St Paul's in Court Road. The Rev Hugh Symes-Thompson joined us and kindly gave the children a guided tour of part of the Church. We went back to the Village Hall for a slice of our special Three Bears cake made for us by Debbie Tomlinson and a well-earned drink. By the time we had finished the children were rather puffed out but happy. We also used the afternoon to raise funds for Barnardo's as part of their annual charity event, Barnardo's Toddle. The final total isn't known yet but as usual Barnardo's will receive 75p of every £1 raised with the other 25p going to our group's own funds. The childminders would like to thank Mrs Harris, Reverend Hugh and Debbie for their help as well as all the people who have sponsored the children.

This meeting was our last before the summer break. Meetings will start again on Thursday 2 September (the first day of the autumn term). The meetings are the first and third Thursdays of each month (term-time only) from 1.30pm to 3.00 in the Village Hall. The cost is still only £1.50 per carer including refreshments. The sessions are open to all registered childminders and any family carers, including grandparents, aunts etc who care for children from their own families.

Membership isn't limited to Cranfield as we have members from many of the surrounding villages. We are always pleased to see new members so if you are a new childminder or have just started looking after a new member of your family please come along. If you require more information please give Maureen (01234 750809) or Kim (01234 752323) a call

Help Kidz Get on the Move



National children's society, Whizz-kidz, changes the lives of disabled children and teenagers by giving them independent mobility, often for the first time ever. By providing customised mobility equipment, like wheelchairs and tricycles, wheelchair skills training, advice and information, Whizz-kidz gives disabled children the chance to join in with their family and friends at home, at school and at play.

The charity was founded in 1990 and since then has changed the lives of over 3,800 disabled children. However, there are still an estimated 70,000 across the UK whose lives would significantly benefit from their support. Whizz-kidz income is virtually 100% voluntary, so it relies on donations to ensure it can carry on changing children's lives for the better.

Whizz-kidz aim to give as many young disabled people as possible the chance to live their lives to the full by raising much-needed funds. That is where we stepped in.

On 27 June, the Parker's and the Deason's did a 10-mile walk around the main attractions in London. We started at the Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park next door to the Imperial War Museum. We then walked across Westminster Bridge, down to Buckingham Palace where we stayed to watch the Changing of the Guards. On into Hyde Park to Park Lane, then through to Oxford Street, new Bond Street (great spots for shopping!), then past Charing Cross Station along The Embankment working our way to St Paul's. We then crossed the river on the (non-moving) Millennium Bridge past the Globe Theatre up to the Golden Hinde, then back along Southwark Street down Blackfriars Road, eventually arriving back at the Imperial War Museum five hours later. We were all very exhausted, but very pleased with ourselves. In total the two families raised about £535.

Twins are us!



Bob and June at nine months old and now at seventy two years young

Bob and June Minards were born in a house along Court Road from which they were bombed out of in 1944. They both went to the village school and later remained in the village until Bob joined the Army and went to fight in Korea. The last birthday party they enjoyed together was their twenty first. They later married and both left the village.

On June 6th of this year the twins were 72 and Bob gathered all the family - some thirty in all - and surprised June (her girls had told her they were taking her for an outing in the car) with a big party that had been kept a secret from June. When they arrived at Bob's house June was overwhelmed with the surprise of it all. They had a terrific day and June, who suffered a stroke six years ago, would like all her friends from Cranfield to know that she is doing okay. Readers may remember that Bob featured in an article where he recalls the Korean conflict of the fifties... under the heading 'The Forgotten War'

The 2nd Cranfield Brownie Pack



Setting off on the walk

The 2nd Cranfield Brownie Pack have enjoyed a good term with varied and enjoyable activities, many with a keep-fit theme.

Brownies had finished before Easter with a meeting where 5 new Brownies made their Promises, 9 others had gained their Collectors badges, and 4 their Hostess badges. Emily Dove told us that the Blue Peter Sale the Brownies had organised had raised £37. Also Mrs Pat Peat had been awarded her 30-year long-service bar, and been presented with this at the County Guide Association AGM.

We began the summer term with swimming at Middleton Pool, and then spent four weeks doing Agility and Writer badges with all the girls. Mrs Julia O'Keeffe kindly came to train and test the agility badge syllabus.



Pat Peat with Lyndsey Indge, Woburn District Commissioner, at the County AGM.

After half-term a talk was given by John Peat about walking. He brought along his rucksack with everything he takes when he goes hill-walking. He unpacked it and each item was discussed. The following week John, and his friend Andrew Pearson led a fund-raising walk, when Brownies and parents paid £1 each to come, and healthy snacks, which had been donated by Budgens, were sold. This was a very enjoyable evening, and £45 was sent to Keech Cottage Children's Hospice, and £15 to the Parish Church, as our yearly contribution for Edwin, an African boy who is supported by Tearfund. We had a Brownie, Georgia Lichfield, whose great-grandma, Ivy Dixon also came on the walk. It was lovely to have them both, and just goes to show that walking is good for you, whatever your age!



After the train trip at the Magical Day

On June 19th, 12 Brownies went on a 'Magical Day', based on the Harry Potter theme, and held at Pages Park in Leighton Buzzard. There were many Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Leaders from the South Bedfordshire Guide Division, and we enjoyed games, crafts and some very messy challenges! The highlight of the day was a trip for everyone on the steam train. The carriages were decorated and the staff dressed up, and we all did have a 'magical' day.

The term ended with an evening at Perry Hill Farm, the home of Nicky and Jonathan Billington, when the Brownies enjoyed games and a picnic in their lovely child-friendly garden. The giant trampoline was definitely the favourite activity. Sadly, four of our Brownies are moving, to Kent, Scotland, Lancashire and Turkey. Several others have left because they are over ten years old, so we do have some spaces. If you have a daughter, or know of someone who would like to start Brownies in September, who is 7 or over, please contact Pat Peat on 01234 751421. There are two packs in the village, one meets on Mondays and one on Thursdays. We also have a waiting list for younger girls - also contact Pat Peat with names.



Ivy Dixon with her great grand-daughter Georgia Lichfield

Hare Today but, Tomorrow?



Taken from about two metres away, Hartley, wonders why I am sliding towards him on my stomach. He is also probably wondering if the 'red eye reduction' is selected on my digital. Hartley is a very switched on hare.

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting him, Hartley Hare is alive (still) and on enjoying life on Campus.

I first encountered this unusually friendly creature when I was working airside at the Airport. At the time he had wandered too close to where a couple of crows were seemingly protecting their gaff and, although he was more interested in eating the stuff that they were hopping from foot to foot on, they didn't like the possible threat of this hairy critter - feathers was their scene. True to the creature's norm, Hartley, reacted to their effin and squawking by taking up a pugilistic stance against the noisy twosome and boxed their ears. Have crows got ears?

Later that month I, and lots of others, saw Hartley (to be frank I don't think he is related the VC - hare to the position perhaps?) sunning himself on the grass area outside Cranfield Press. I walked up to him and told him that he was on very dangerous ground and that he could be mistaken for a disease carrying pigeon and splattered by gun toting Butch Cassidy or, his oppo, the Sundance Skid. But Hartley just shrugged his shoulders and carried on eating so I gave him some survival advice "Look, if you have to stay around here, and you see the dynamic duo with their pop guns, then get as close to their feet as possible and they won't even know you are there." I just hope he was listening!

Those Magnificent Men... and Woman, of Course!



Pilot - Cindi Pettit

As part of their Preliminary Year studies at Cranfield University this class entered the International Bognor Birdman Competition (say that when you've had a few) on July the 4th.

The requirement was to design and build a human powered flying machine which will be launched off a fifteen foot pier - ten metres high and fly it 100 metres across the water.

The Bognor Birdman Competition (sounds like a Monty Python sketch) is a chance to raise money for charity and the team decided to win it and donate the prize money to Cancer Research UK and the Willen Lake Hospice in honour of a former lecturer, Ken Griffin. The team aimed to fly the course and the £25,000 jackpot for the ones to break the 100 meter barrier was not far from their thoughts.

What, of course, this project did was to give the students a hands on opportunity to incorporate an accumulative knowledge in structural design, aerodynamics, propulsion, ergonomics, manufacturing and many other fields. The team have been very busy in the design and manufacture of the machine and any donations and help with the project have been really appreciated along with the biggest booster of all, words of encouragement.



The Complete Project Team

Sadly, the Cranfield Swan - as it was called - achieved a distance of 1.4 metres (coincidentally the approx length of the craft) and an air time of 1.285 seconds - which could be the approx time for the craft to hit the water just below the pier head. But never mind... The buzz is there and next year will be so very different with everyone using the knowledge and lessons learned to get that baby flying...

If anyone would like to donate to either of the Cranfield Swan charity selections, namely Cancer Research UK and the Willen Lake Hospice, please feel free to contact the Cranfield Express and we will put you in touch with the money collector - who has already been through the pockets of the *Cranfield Express* reporter and found a donation that could have been for a glass or two of beer or, a chinese nosh on the way home.

The Last of the Three



G-AXFV arrives sometime in 1970 whilst the first two G-AXUI and G-AXUM sit out on the grass in front of Hangar 2 - The author also remembers the miniskirted legs seen just below FV's belly and hopes that she spots this piccy and remembers the author

Another sad tale ... The College of Aeronautics, or School of Engineering as it is now called, Jetstream G-NFLC has flown for the very last time.

Bound for Scotland, G-NFLC has run out of airworthy life and is up for retirement. Retirement in this case is to the Air Service Training (Engineering) Ltd at Perth where her tired old body will become part of a project to encourage and develop the skills of aeronautical engineers.

G-NFLC belonged to the National Flying Laboratory Centre - which sprouted from the original College of Aeronautics stable back in the early 90's.

G-NFLC was one of three purchased in 1970 from the receivers at the Handley Page factory. Handley Page originally proposed a twenty seat commuter aircraft in 1965 and considerable interest was shown. The type that emerged was of basic design but with great detail to streamlining and the small Turbomeca Astazou engines chosen as the powerplant.

The first prototype flew on August 18, 1967 and although the first four aircraft featured the Astazou, American influence saw the Garrett-AirResearch TPE331 fitted to the fifth aircraft. This re-engining led to an order for eleven which was cancelled in 1969 on the grounds of late delivery. The Jetstream 1 had entered production by this time but only 39 aircraft had been completed by the time of Handley Page's collapse in 1970. Of the remaining stock at HP three aircraft came to Cranfield. One of them being...



G-NFLC in her new livery in the early nineties

The Jetstream aircraft replaced the De H Doves, which replaced the original Avro Anson as flying laboratory facilities for the College of Aeronautics' student requirement. The Flying Labs were unique in that they gave the students an inflight example of the effects of airflow etc over the flying surfaces of their class room - a teaching facility that was responsible for drawing many students to the UK and indeed to the Cof A.

But all is not lost! The Handley Page Jetstream may be a part of aviation history but, the future is has been taken care of. A new Flying Lab (a BAe Jetstream 31) is currently being modified to cater for the student requirements of the immediate future and soon we can expect to see a new flying lab at the threshold of the future of teaching and, the threshold of runway 22.

University Vice Chancellor's visit to Cranfield Lower School

Professor Frank Hartley, Vice Chancellor of Cranfield University visited the Lower School recently, to present them with computer software donated by Cranfield Student Community Action. He was welcomed by Mrs Stubbings, the headmistress, who showed him around the school.



The computer programme, called Clicker4, is specifically designed to help children with speech and language development- ideal for the children from University families with English as a second language but a valuable resource to all the Lower School children, especially those with special needs. Professor Hartley spent time with a group of children, who demonstrated how they use the software to help with their speech development. He was then shown examples of the children's work and looked at how non-English speaking children from University families have progressed at the school since the beginning of the year.

The University helps to fund a dedicated member of staff, Mrs Julia Mitford, whose role is to help the children with English language development. She said "We were delighted to welcome Professor Hartley to Cranfield Lower School. We have many children coming to the school from all over the world; this programme will be a huge benefit to them in learning English but will also be used by children throughout the whole school."

Mrs Mitford spends time each day with small groups of children who have English as a second language and her work there is invaluable. She helps the children integrate quickly into school life at a very daunting time for them and she does an essential job. Cranfield University values the commitment to campus children from the Lower School and was happy to be able to help them by providing the software to benefit the whole school.

Sarah DaCosta

Sport Relief Fun Run at University

As part of Sport Relief 2004, Cranfield Student Community Action organised a 1 mile Fun Run on Fri 9th July, just before the annual Cranfield 5k road race. Almost 130 runners took part in the Fun Run, which although not an official Sport Relief Mile, as it was held the day before the main event, nevertheless was an opportunity for local people to be a part of this massive national fund raising event.



The Fun Run

All those who took part received a commemorative T-shirt, presented by the Student Community Action group and everybody seemed to enjoy the event which took part on one of the only dry evenings that week.



The Fun Run

After the main 5k race, in which over 500 competitive runners took part, there was a party atmosphere at the CSA bar, with a barbeque and band. Volunteers had made cakes and donated prizes for the tombola, which helped to increase the total amount raised a total of over £1000 with money still coming in.



Caroline and James at the Finish

Sarah DaCosta

A Thank You to Lucy and 'Help!'

We would like to warmly thank Lucy Klemencic of Bowling Green for her valuable help delivering the *Cranfield Express*. Lucy has decided to have a well earned rest from the job and so we are looking for a deliverer for 51 -95 Partridge Piece and Bliss Avenue. Any volunteers will be welcomed and handed a bag of papers on the last Thursday in every month. Willing victims may contact us on any of the numbers on the front of the paper



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Book Your Place at the Community Planning Day - Saturday 7th August

Have your say in helping to plan the new neighbourhood proposed at Home Farm, Cranfield!

You may be aware that Home Farm has been allocated by Mid Beds District Council, following consideration of the Local Plan Inspector's report, to create a new residential neighbourhood in Cranfield.

The Council's Local Plan ensures that prior to planning permission, a detailed brief must be prepared to guide what the new neighbourhood should include and look like.

As a crucial part of preparing the brief, we wish to gather as many views as possible from local people to understand how we can best plan for the development.

To this end, the Council would like to invite you to a Community Planning Day on Saturday 7th August. Sessions will take about 3 hours and will begin at 10 am and 2 pm in the School Hall, Holywell Middle School, Red Lion Close, Cranfield. The sessions will specifically consider issues such as additional community facilities needed locally, the design of the new neighbourhood and ideas for solving traffic and transportation issues etc.

If you would like to attend please give me a call, write or e-mail me at the address below before 6th August indicating which session you would like to attend. PLACES ARE LIMITED, SO BE SURE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE IN ADVANCE.

The outcome of the sessions will feed into the production of the draft development brief which will be subject of further public consultation in early Autumn this year.

Duncan Jordan, Planning Officer, 23, London Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8ER.

Tel: (01767) 602334

Email: duncan.jordan@midbeds.gov.uk

If you have any questions either regarding the allocation or the Community Planning Day - please feel free to give me a call.

Look forward to seeing you there!

PC Reacts with Indignation

Parish Councillors have reacted indignantly to the timing of stakeholder meetings organised by Mid Beds District Council. The Council has allocated land at Home Farm for future residential development (see Cranfield Express, October 2003) and must now develop a detailed design brief. To this end, the views of local residents and groups will take place.

Stakeholder discussions will take place with: local schools, local voluntary groups, local businesses and the Parish Council

Parish Councillors have been invited to a meeting on 4 August and a further Stakeholder Day will take place on 7 August at Holywell School (see notice above..)

Parish Council Chairman, Phil Bates commented:

"Unfortunately for us, the timing of the consultation coincides with annual holidays, making it very difficult for people to take part.

The parish council asked Mid Beds to delay these meetings so that more people get involved but they refused. I understand the dates are to suit their facilitator. Nevertheless they altered the date for consultation with parish councillors from August 3rd to August 4th for their own convenience.

'This development will affect Cranfield for a generation and more. MBDC's haste is disgraceful.'

Upon adoption of the final plan, Cranfield University has confirmed that it will be making a statutory challenge of the District Council's decision to override the Inspector's recommendation of the University site in favour of Home Farm, (see Cranfield Express, August and October 2003).

Margaret Rooney

Stolen From Holywell School

On Wednesday 21st July, at approximately 4.30pm, a digital camera was stolen from the Art room at Holywell school.

The camera was a silver Fujifilm Finepix A403 with an XD picture card.

Not only is the camera valuable but it contains evidence of pupil's large scale and 3-D work which is irreplaceable.

If anyone has heard or seen anything suspicious please contact Mrs Pugh at Holywell School on 01234 750381 or the police.

UK and US Unite!

Jo Williams and Dave Costura were married on June 5 at the First Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois, USA, followed by a reception at the Illinois Valley Yacht Club. The picture was taken on their boat. Both Jo and Dave are engineers with Caterpillar Inc, Peoria. 17 friends and family were able to join in all the celebrations in the States.

A big wedding celebration party is planned for September at Perry Hill Farm in Cranfield.

Jo was born in Cranfield and went to school in Cranfield and Wooton. She then studied for her Degree in Mechanical Engineering at Loughborough University (sponsored by Allens in Bedford). Jo worked for Perkins in Peterborough and from there went out to the States

to work for Caterpillar, where she met Dave. Jo is the youngest daughter of Chris & Dave Williams, sister to Nicky, sister-in-law to Jonathan and Auntie to Thomas, Rosie and Ben Billington.

Our thanks to everybody who was able to join us in America and help make it such a wonderful occasion. Thanks also for all the good wishes and gifts from so many friends and family.

Chris & Dave



A Thought for August

'Like a mighty river flowing' Words by Michael Perry (1942-96)

Like a mighty river flowing,
Like a flower in beauty growing,
Far beyond all human knowing
Is the perfect peace of God.

Like the summer breezes playing,
Like the tall trees softly swaying,
Like the lips of silent praying
Is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended,
Like the scents of evening blended,
Like a friendship never ended
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Cranfield Express Website - an Update

by Andy Perrett, Webmaster

The Cranfield Express Website (<http://www.cranfieldexpress.co.uk>) has changed a fair bit recently and is set to keep on changing with new additions on a regular basis. As you know, (or maybe not), the website was introduced for the benefit of the villagers and ex-pats to keep up to date with what's going on within the village and act as an extension to the printed paper. To this end the website is constantly growing and evolving.

So, what's on the website and how on earth can a website be useful to villagers? Well, the printed paper may not always be to hand and you need to find a local business, (because you always try to support your local businesses don't you...). The website has a list of all the paper's regular advertisers with a link to one of their recent adverts so that you can contact them easily. There is also a PDF copy of every edition of the printed paper that can be read directly from your web browser dating back to May 2000, this is a very popular resource with visitors to the site. There's a history section which draws people from all around the world to the site, including stories and facts about Cranfield and it's airfield - this section is set to grow and grow. There's also a section for the local clubs and groups which I am keen to expand upon and will provide information about local groups and how you can participate and learn what they do since it is the local groups which form a vital part of the backbone of any community.

Picture galleries are forming a large part of the website and will continue to expand but one gallery worth mentioning is the Holywell Spring Fayre that was held earlier this year. There is another gallery featuring the Cranfield Air Cadets receiving awards and training, well worth seeing their proud moments. Each month the website is updated with a "what's on" list for the village so that anyone can plan their entertainment - it is planned that you can register your email address with the site and receive automated reminders by email of the events that are on each day so as not to miss anything. One of the most recent additions to the site is a message / guest book section where visitors are urged,

no pleaded with :-)) to leave a short note as to where they are from. It was not known how this resource would be used but it appears that people from around the world are beginning to use it to ask questions about the village or to keep in touch with people they went to school with so we'll develop this section as its use becomes more apparent. The guest book has thrown up some very interesting messages that are well worth reading and by the time you read this there should also be a Parish Council section and in the not too distant future a section to gauge villager's opinions on various issues such as housing and traffic calming in the form of online voting. The website and the Internet in general can have a positive influence on a local community in an age where traditional community activities are slowly changing and has the ability to go far beyond the restrictions of a printed paper, for example the printed paper could not possibly print 30 photographs of the Holywell Fayre whereas the website can not only accommodate all the pictures but also keep them there for as long as necessary. The website is also useful as a show case for your local group where the group's activities can be detailed with as much information as you need so if you run a group and wish to share the groups activities then please get in touch. Also, please let us know what improvements can be made to the site and what information / services the community needs since the website is only limited by imagination.

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Community Safety Group – Update

The Community Safety Group has been in existence for a year. Many of the problems we face are deep rooted but the group is working closely with police and Mid Beds crime reduction officials to tackle these. Everyone has a part to play from the parish council to retailers and licensees, parents and the public at large. One of the biggest difficulties is getting residents to report offences or anti-social behaviour.

The Annual General Meeting of the Group will be at 7.30 on Tuesday 21st September. Location to be confirmed (see September issue of Cranfield Express). We will publish our annual report. At present however, here is some of the current progress.

Home Safety: Door chains are easy to forget even though they provide protection while you check out the meter reader. But Bedfordshire police have another handy device, the so-called 'Granny Boot'. Like all our grandmothers it is much tougher than it looks and will make it very difficult for your door to be pushed open against your will. Just push the wedge under the door and keep hold of the handle.

Good health: Beds police are also providing 'medicine boxes' which provide vital information for health personnel if you are taken ill suddenly and live alone. The small plastic tubes contain information about any serious illness you suffer from and any medication you may be taking. It could mean that the correct treatment is given far faster. Display the sticker on your window and paramedics will know they can find the box in your fridge... The boots and the boxes are available from Parish Councillor Delise Ball tel 750436. Parish Councillor Ken Bridges is also promoting the new equipment to his neighbours. He is pictured with a 'Granny Boot'

Pubwatch: Cranfield Pub Watch has been formed following talks between Mid Beds Licensing officer PC Paul Allen, local beat manager PC Khrys Gissoni and landlords.

The group will meet once a month and act as a forum to discuss good practice within the trade and ways to discourage drink-related anti-social behaviour.



Ken with
Granny Boot

Members will display posters highlighting their involvement and will warn drinkers that if they commit an offence at one pub, they can expect to be banned from all member establishments.

PC Allen will act as the final "adjudicator" on blanket bans and will keep the

group up to date with those convicted of criminal offences and other important issues facing the trade. This initiative follows similar schemes in Shefford and Ampthill. The Traders Charter is being rolled out across Mid Bedfordshire and aims to educate retailers about the law and prevent the sale of alcohol, cigarettes and other products to children. Traders get a membership pack, complete with a handy reminder for staff about age-restricted products and a large yellow window sticker that reads 'Traders' Charter, No Under Age Sales'... Anyone interested in learning more about Pub Watch, or The Traders Charter, can contact PC Allen on 01234 841212.

The Community Safety group is also planning to relaunch Homewatch in the village in conjunction with Bedfordshire police. If you would like to get involved or would just like to know more about the scheme please contact Susan Bartlett on 01234 757439 or email suebartlett@tiscali.co.uk. We are planning to hold an information evening later in September. We would like to hear from those who were previously street coordinators but also those who are new to Homewatch. Everyone has the right to live without fear of crime and this is your chance to make a difference and to help strengthen the feeling of community. Visit www.bedfordhomewatch.co.uk (local) or www.neighbourhoodwatch.net (national).

The Community Safety Group is also working with the parish council, beat manager Khrys Gissoni, Community Support Officer Roy Danaher and Mid beds Council to tackle damage and antisocial behaviour in the recreation ground.

PS: And don't forget...it's the holiday season and burglars go checking out the deserted properties. Tell your neighbours that you will be away and whether anyone is likely to be on your property (maintenance perhaps). Ask a friend or family member to check out your house or perhaps even housesit. A time alarm can switch lights and radio on and off to create an impression of occupation.

Laurence Pollock



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Cranfield Fun Day continued from front page

enough, stretched the Bungee rope to its limits. At this point your strength runs out and you are propelled backwards through the air at great speed, as if being shot out of a gun, with arms and legs flailing wildly until you come to an undignified stop against the back wall. The visual pleasure was heightened further, by the fact that there were two of these runs, side-by-side and people were competing against each other. Fortunately the floor and walls of the bungee run were giant inflatable air beds, so no broken bones, just a few bruised egos.

Along the side of the pitch, was what could best be described as a racing car, cunningly disguised as a train engine. This was pulling a wheeled cage behind it, which contained screaming children... It was moving very fast and extremely erratically. My first thoughts were that this was "The Child Catcher" from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang who had come to take the children away. On closer inspection I was delighted to find out that it was the Leighton Buzzard Lions



I'm Jake the Peg diddle, iddle, diddle etc

Club, who were entertaining the children with rides on "Lionel the train". The children's screams were of delight, not fear, as far as they were concerned, the faster the better.

Food was an important factor on the day and a hog roast had been organized. The pig, which had been specially bred for the occasion, met a dignified and peaceful end before being lovingly prepared and cooked to perfection. Professionally trained staff flew in from the next county to cut and serve the succulent meat which was available with salad and pasta... We also served burgers.

A number of events took place throughout the afternoon to entertain the assembled throng. Both children and adults sat in the clubhouse and were enthralled and thoroughly entertained by *Gerald* who made model animals



A bit of a scramble in the change over in the egg and spoon race

out of balloons, and told funny stories that had the youngsters screaming with delight.

The colts put on an excellent display of football, by organizing a 5-a-side tournament across the centre of the pitch. A number of future England Internationals were playing according to the announcer and no penalties were missed (Mr Beckham take note).

After the athletics competition on Saturday at 3.00 pm we now have several Cranfield-ians who have qualified to represent Great Briton at the Athens Olympics. We should be proud to have local people who are able to excel in

both "Egg and Spoon" and "Three -legged" racing. There must be something in the water here, or maybe it was the effect of that terrific hog roast.

The last event was an excellent display by the local Tae Kwon Do Club. With commentary from Dave Rawle they were put through their paces and ended up with the spectacular destruction of building slabs using only their hands, feet or elbows. Thanks Dave, you are always ready to support village events and it is very much appreciated.

So much went on during the day it is going to be impossible to include everything and everyone, but I must mention the Acorn Playgroup, who ran three of the sideshows and we are very grateful for their help. The memory of Sheila (*in the stocks and on the front page*) being pelted with water laden sponges, will live long in the memory of her term time charges. Who says young children cannot throw straight?



Sophie always goes back to the bungee dash

The Colts committee members also made a great contribution by providing side shows, helping with the organizing as well as putting on the football tournament.

We were kept audibly entertained and informed throughout the afternoon by Paul our announcer, who with his laid back style and smooth talking patter made sure that we all knew what was going on.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you all.

From the small team of committee members who organized the event, to the tens of helpers who man-ed (and woman-ed) the side shows on the day. The visiting contributors, to the hard working bar staff. From the local helpers, to those who traveled from afar to assist, From regular club members, to non members who helped on the day... Thank you, we could not have done it without you.

So with aching backs, slight sunburn and very tired bodies, we cleared up after the event with the knowledge that it had been successful.

Worth it? Of course it was, but more help next year ... Please.

Alan Martindale... On behalf of the Football Club Committee

Read the Small Print

On a regular basis houses in Cranfield are receiving plastic bags pushed through their letter boxes asking for unwanted clothing etc. I am perfectly happy to fill those bags from British Heart Foundation, Mind or other known charities but I am very concerned about the leaflet that says "Your bag of clothes can wage war on poverty by providing clothing for people worldwide who are less fortunate than ourselves" and then further down the world tell us that all goods donated will be sold to Third World Countries and in smaller print inform us that they are a commercial organisation.

How many of us have assumed that we are making a charitable contribution? I, for one, will not be putting out bags for these collection agents but would rather make a trip to the Oxfam or Willen Hospice shops in the knowledge that my unwanted items will really make a difference where it is needed albeit in a very small way.

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James William Chandler Wanden
To our darling son, Happy 4th Birthday on 21st August 2004 and have a great time at BIG School in September... With lots of love and kisses from mummy, daddy and little sister Lily XXXXX



Look who's 60
Happy Birthday **Brian Phillips** on 27th July ... Lots of Love from LindaSteve, Julie, Dawn and Clint
Congratulations To Darren, Sharon and Freddie on the safe arrival of Stanley Alfie Charlie. Love from Mum and Dad XXX

Ross and Chris (White)
Congratulations on your 25th Wedding Anniversary on 28th July 2004. Love from ALL the family X X X X

Joseph Hyndman, congratulations on winning the Under 11's Clubman of the Year award. We are really proud of you. Good luck for the new season ahead. Lots Love Mum, Dad and Rosie XXXXXX

Happy 18th Birthday to Matthew Britton. 12th August. Love from all your family and friends. XXX

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Mid Beds Introduces Alternative Week Waste Collection

From 4 October 2004 Mid Beds District Council will be collecting your waste a different way. Following the successful introduction of our RECYCLE NOW! scheme our new contractor Verdant will collect your recyclable waste one week and your non-recyclable (residual) waste the next week.

Mid Beds is not alone in making this change to alternate week collections. Over eighty other authorities are operating alternative week collections or intend to do so, including many in this region. The switch will help cut the amount of waste going into landfill and control the increasing costs of waste disposal. Everyone now has the opportunity to use a green-lidded recycling bin for their paper, plastics and steel and aluminium cans. To get one, call 08452 304040.

We know this is a big change for people and we are asking everyone to be patient with the council and our contractors while the new scheme settles down. Verdant are working closely with Mid Beds to plan for the smooth introduction of this new alternate waste collection and recycling scheme.

We are implementing this scheme to encourage everyone to start taking responsibility for reducing the amount of waste we create. Every year household waste increases by 4% and if that trend continues the amount we throw away will double by 2020. We have to meet Government set targets for recycling - 12% now and 18% by 2005/2006. Mid Beds has also set its own target for recycling of 24% by 2005/2006. By moving to an alternative week collection system we hope to encourage more householders to recycle more and throw away less.

The change will also mean that Mid Beds will save around £700,000 a year - which helps reduce further increases in your council tax.

How It Works

The alternate weekly waste collection scheme is very simple. One week you put out your green lidded wheeled bin for collection in the usual way. This bin should contain only recyclable waste - newspapers, shredded paper, aluminium and steel cans, certain plastics. You can also recycle your garden waste in a white, biodegradable plastic sack. You can put out up to five each fortnight for recycling with your green-lidded bin. You can also take glass bottles and jars to one of our 60 bottle banks and clothes and bric-a-brac can be taken to charity shops, who are always pleased to receive these in good condition.

The next week you should put out your black wheelie bins for collection in the normal way. These should only contain non-recyclable (residual) waste like food, nappies, used tissues. You can double wrap food and nappies to help reduce smells. Please remember our contractor will only collect waste from your wheeled bin - extra plastic sacks left by the bin will not be collected.

We have produced a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions which is available on our website - www.midbeds.gov.uk/recycling or by calling 08452 304040.

To recap - the most important points are:

- 1 The new system starts on 4th October 2004.
- 2 Only properly separated waste - residual (black bin) or recyclable (green lidded bin) will be collected
- 3 Help will be available to those householders that find the new system particularly difficult. e.g. the elderly or infirm, very large families and flat dwellers.
- 4 Extra residual waste in sacks or boxes will not be collected.
- 5 If you have not asked for a green lidded bin or garden waste sacks yet call 08452 30 40 40.

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CUF Club's joy tempered by death of Brian Griffiths

This month's episode in the history of the Club should have covered the 1980s and early 90s but its preparation was abandoned because of two unexpected, yet loosely linked events in the last weeks, that should not be allowed to pass without comment. The first of a sadder nature being the death of Brian Griffith a key member of the club throughout the above period and, the second being the unexpected last minute promotion of the Club to Division one of the South Midlands League for the 2004-05 season.

Brian Griffith

Brian was already well known in Bedfordshire Footballing circles before he came to live in Cranfield in the late 1970's and it was not long before he was recruited by Mick Johnson to join him in managing the 1st Team. With his astute tactical knowledge proving a useful complement to Mick's ebullient enthusiasm they proved to be a very successful partnership during a period of 10 years which took the Club into the Premier Division of the South Midlands League, the Final of the SML Cove Windows Trophy and the winning of the Stantonbury Charity Cup. Brian also served for many years on the Clubs committee, initially as an ordinary member. He then managed the Club's U14 youth side for two years then became fixture secretary. When due to growing busi-



ness commitments he reluctantly retired from this post in 1991 his contribution to both the club and the league were recognised by the South Midlands League who presented him with the prestigious Fred Crain Award for Club Secretaries. During this latter period he was also a key member of the small-dedicated group which had the foresight and drive which led to the installation of the floodlights at the Crawley Road ground. Ironically their presence turned out to be the key factor that lead to the Clubs unexpected promo-

tion.

Away from the footballing side of the Club he, along with Steve Childs and others laid the foundations for the present Cranfield United Golfing Society and was also well known in Bedfordshire General Knowledge and Sports Quiz circles. Many at the Club will recall his encyclopaedia like knowledge of sporting facts and that during the mid-eighties he along with Chris Thomas, David Williams and John Kay formed a formidable CUFC quiz team which for three consecutive years reached the finals of the "Beds On Sunday" General Knowledge Quiz competition. a trophy which they eventually won at the third attempt.

Promotion

Following an extraordinary turn of events at the South Midlands League Annual General Meeting held at the start of July the Club will next season be playing in Division One of the South Midlands League.

This all came about as a result of the restructuring of the FA Pyramid by the introduction of two new divisions in the Football Conference and to the enforcement of more rigorous facility requirements in the FA feeder leagues. The immediate impact of this was an upward movement from the Premier Division of Beaconfield to the Southern League, Brook House to the Ryman League, with no Clubs moving down. This was followed by

the demise of Greenacres (Hemel Hempstead) FC and the rigid enforcement of the ruling that all Clubs at Division One level had floodlights. The outcome was that 61FC (Luton), Kings Langley, and Pitstone & Ivinghoe were all relegated from Division One to Division Two, whilst Langford, Haywood United, Welwyn Garden City and Tring Athletic were promoted to the Premier Division. The first three by virtue of their final league positions, whilst the latter to replaced Greenacres FC. This left a proposed 2004-05 constitution for Division One comprising 15 teams only and the possibility of these Clubs having to play each other three times. This constitution was flatly rejected by all Clubs and a motion tabled that those Clubs in Division Two which had floodlights (Cranfield United, Amersham Town & Kentish Town) should all be promoted to Division One. This motion was voted on and carried unanimously. Promotion to this Division whilst generating new interest brings other issues that will need to be addressed. Amongst these will be the need to produce a match programme for all home games and to charge a nominal admission fee for all home games. If a programme is to be produced then the Club will need to find advertisers to help pay for its production. If you would like to advertise your business in the new match programme please contact Larry Corkrey (01908-618371) or Roger Thompson (01234-750174)

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Cranfield United Centenary Celebration...

by Mick Johnson



Cranfield Colts



Cranfield Sunday Team



Cranfield Saturday Side



Cranfield Golden Oldies

The end of season saw four teams from within the club compete for the Pete Woodin/L. Seamark trophy. For the first time two teams, Cranfield Colts and Cranfield Sunday had female managers in Nicola Pashley

and Sam Seamark, it was thought they would attract better players. Jermie Hall took charge of the Saturday sides. The Golden Oldies just turned up to win the trophy as usual, but unfortunately it wasn't their

year... All matches were decided by the odd goal and the final between Cranfield Sunday v. Cranfield Saturday had to be postponed and will be played in August. This was the best tournament the club

had held thanks to the spirit of all players involved. Thanks also to Tony Beale who took charge of most of the matches but could you call him a ref? Thanks Tony.

MJ

A Letter From Canada...

The 1953/6 Cranfield United team photo reminded me of a group of teenagers who kept the village footballing tradition alive at least during the late 1939-43 era. We used the same goal posts and nets etc. that appear in the photo, playing at the Crow field. The nets and supporting tackle were stored, at that time, in Tom Hillson's barn at the bakery in the High Street. We had to ask Tom if we could use the nets for a game. Tom invariably said "Yus". The nets and tackle had to be carried to the Crow field, where the goal posts laid, and both nets and posts put up. Then, after the game, taken down and returned to Tom's.

We wore those same red/white 'Arsenal-like' shirts as in the photo. There were just nine shirts plus a faded pink jersey, the latter generally worn by the smallest or weakest player, usually myself!

The players included, as I remember them: Pete Woodin, Ken Wooding, Ron(?) Wooding, Alf Harper, "Cutter" Harper (John), Bill Howe, Lal Seamarks, Sam (Maurice) Robinson, Rex Whittington, Ralph Benett, and myself (George Richardson).

We played many "friendlies" including Newport; Bletchley, Crawley and Bedford. Also RAF Cranfield, where John Wilson, in goal, saved a penalty taken by Sneddon of Brentford F.C. We continued playing until early 1943 when most of us entered the services.

George Richardson
Canada

Cranfield's Olympic Swimming Team

With the countdown to the start of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, the Cranfield Olympic Swimming Team (COST) are fine tuning their training programmes for the opening events on the 11 August.

I was pleased to see that another satisfactory training session was completed by the COST team at the Bedford Robinson Indoor Pool on Sunday morning. The Bedford Robinson Indoor Pool has kindly set aside a few lanes for the

COST team to train and prepare separated and unhindered by the great unwashed and general hoi-polloi.

The COST teams endurance specialist Phil 'Tadpole' Rosin had trouble in his practice lane with the teenagers swamping the general pool play area. At one time on one of his marathon swims at around the 2000 metre mark, the watching team were dismayed to see one of his water wings start to deflate, but he managed to complete his full training programme without any further trouble.

Our main 50 metre sprint challenger for the gold medal is, Mick 'Torpedo' Johnson, who quickly took to the outside lane where he dominated it and refused anyone the chance to overtake. On one of his super quick turn-around's the Torpedo lost his swimming goggles but refused to slow up and went on to beat his personal best time, which remains a mystery to the time-keepers, him and everyone else.

Our high board diver Pete 'The Swallow' Nowitzay refused to look for The Torpedo's goggles as he claimed 'It's out of my depth', whilst the Swallow also claims to be an ex-Polish International Triathlon contestant. Now it may come as a surprise, but it's alleged in some circles that the Swallow cannot swim. This was explained as being due to the Polish lakes always being frozen over through the winter when Triathlon events generally take place in Poland, and therefore it's suspected that the Swallow never had to take part in the swimming part of the Triathlon.

At the COST team briefing after Sundays training session, the only reported problem being that our superstar, the Torpedo, had misplaced his 'David Beckham' hair gel and therefore refused to meet the public and awaiting reporters until it had been found. In future we will carry a spare, and this has already been packed into the suitcase, along with his spare extra large goggles for Athens.

We have also received a new application to join the COST training sessions from someone who looks like Duncan Goodhew, and lives in the Lordsmead area, he certainly looks the part, but we will inform you of his potential and progress in the next issue of the Cranfield Express.

A. N. DePlume

Sport Extra Extra... Colts

Opening Speech of the New Chairman of the Colts

For those of you that don't know me, please let me introduce myself. My name is Paul Stannage (otherwise known as Stan). Five years ago I took my son, Andrew Stannage, to Cranfield park to meet the then manager of the under 7's Colts. After a few tears and a bit of friendly persuasion, not by me, Andy agreed to join in. At the end of the training session, Tony Hooper presented Andy with the man of the match award. He has never looked back since, and is currently the captain of the under 12's. However, looking back then I would never have thought that not only would he be team captain, but also I would end up in the position of Chairman.

Although I realise that the task I have taken on is a huge responsibility and a big commitment, I am proud to be the new Chairman of what I consider to be one of the best-run youth football clubs in the area.

The fact that it is so well run is largely down to the hard work and dedication from the two previous chairmen, Paul Rawlins and Lionel Cooper. I also realise the time and effort put into running the club by all the managers.

Over the coming months and possibly years I have an awful lot to learn, however, being Vice Chairman for the last two years has given me some idea of what is involved.

I will make every effort at the start of next season to spend time with every age group, watching both training and matches. This will allow me not only to meet the players but also the parents and hopefully persuade at least a few of you to join the committee. Please don't run a mile when you see me coming.

My next objective will be to progress with the excellent work in attaining the standard charter and try to attain the development award for Cranfield Colts, as I feel this could open up even more avenues for funding.

If you have any questions or problems in the coming months please don't hesitate to contact me, and I will try to answer them.

I once again thank you for your support and look forward to leading Cranfield Colts into the 2004/2005 season.

Yours in trepidation, Paul Stannage - Chairman Cranfield Colts

Cranfield Colts U11's



On Saturday 19th June a squad from the U11's team took part in the MK City Youth tournament at Milton Keynes.

Twelve teams mainly from across the Milton Keynes area were involved in what was to be tough competition.

The teams were split into two league groups and Cranfield playing good attacking football throughout, recorded four victories and a draw to finish top of Group 1.

In the semi final a 1-0 victory over Southside United A saw the boys meet Sunnyside Warriors in the final. This was a hard fought game with Cranfield falling behind in the first half to a goal scored whilst one of our players lay injured in the penalty area. In the second half the Colts stormed back to equalise and were unlucky not to score the winner with a ball that bobbled agonisingly across the front of the Warriors goal.

Three minutes of golden goal extra time could not separate the teams and so to penalties where the oppositions nerve held to win the day.

A marvellous effort by all the squad to finish runners up and they are shown in the picture proudly displaying their plaques.

Squad : Jack Sharp, Callum Gordon, Matthew Cooper, Phil Alston, Michael Green, Andy Stannage, Nick Freestone, Rob Deason

Cranfield Colts... New Managers for the 2004/05 Season

Under 7's	Chris Hyde	01234 756175
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Under 11's	Paul Rawlins	01234 751789
Under 12's	Dave Green	01234 751759
Under 14's	Lionel Cooper	01234 751439
Under 15's	Garry Nunn	01908 617099
Girls	Trevor Dove	01234 750363

There are still spaces in most teams. Sign on early for the new season. All coaches hold an F.A level 1 coaching certificate or are under-going training.

Barbados meets Bedford ... in Volley Ball



Barbados meets Bedford was the theme of a 24-hour marathon beach volleyball event for Christian Family Care who provide sheltered housing for single-parent & abused families and children. The event was held at Hastingsbury Upper School, Kempton. Organiser, Dennis Taylor, did not do things by half, when he transformed the school fields into a beach, with 30 tonnes of sand and four palm trees provided at cost by Gemstone, and other local businesses and organisations helped in many ways. Sainsbury's provided bottled water for competitors and 207 Squadron Civilian Committee provided catering facilities. The day featured Biddenham Upper School Steel Band. Although the weather wasn't Caribbean, all the participants had a good time.

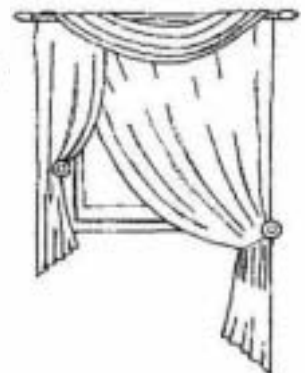
The following air cadets and staff also took part in the event and raised several hundred pounds between them... Cpl A. Bennett, Cpl L. Feeley, Cdt C. Williams, Cdt N. Reilly, Cdt I. Briscoe, Cdt H. Pecorini, and Cdt B. Smith Staff - Flying Officer S. Nicholas, Warrant Officer R. McLeod, and CI M. Dolton... The Squadron raised approximately £750 out of the total of £10,000 for CFC which provides emergency accommodation for victims of domestic violence. The money will help fund days away for the women and children at the Bedford refuge.

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Cranfield Tae Kwon do Club



Patrick O'Reagan Receiving his Second Dan Black Belt Award

Thanks to all those people who watched and supported our demo at the Football Club Funday. Unfortunately there were only a few of us due to holidays competitions and work commitments but hopefully we were able to show what we do. Obviously we could only give a brief overview of the martial art and if anyone would like to know more then come along to training nights to have a look and join in or just give me a call.

Well done to Jane Tamazon and Adam Cowley for passing their recent grading (watch out dad they are catching you up). We hope be holding our annual Bar BQ in August weather permitting. We will be recruiting for new members in September so if anyone is interested give me a call or watch out for the adverts. We have another grading coming up in august so good luck to all those involved . We continue training throughout the holidays.

Dave Rawle 01234 750716 mobile 07860 831729 e-mail david.rawle@bt.com

Cranfield Colts Girls Play Fair - It's Official



The first Bedfordshire FA fair play tournament was held on Saturday 3rd July at Leighton United Football club... In the U12 girls section, teams were entered from Cranfield Colts, MK City Colts, Luton Leagreave, Crawley Green, Flitwick, Stevenage and Leighton United.

The whole day was non-competitive and was based on fair play rules - not only of the players - but also the team managers and the supporting parents. The Cranfield Colts U12's squad of 8 arrived with its usual noisy support that cheered the team on through all the games in the sun and the rain.

All the games we played were close and the girls played very well. We didn't win any but that wasn't important and the whole team gave 100% often against older and much bigger opposition. There were excellent defensive performances from Emily and Lucie, superb goalkeeping from Amy and Jess and good midfield and attacking from Katie, Sophie, Liz and Claire.

At the end of the day the spirit, attitude and gamesmanship of the whole team, the managers and supporters had shone through and we won the trophy for the U12 girls section.

During the day the girls were also able to fit in a training session with the Adidas Training Team concentrating on "Passing like Gerrard", "Dribbling like Dyer", "Shooting like Duff" and of course "Bending it like Beckham"

We currently have girls ranging from 8 to 13 years of age training and next season we have teams entered in the Chiltern League and the Bucks development league. If you are in school years 3 to 8 next year and are interested in playing for us next season then contact either Trevor Dove (01234) 750363 or Kevin Howard (01234) 750890 for more details.

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