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DEATHS

WILLIAM WALLWORK
 Peacefully passed away on 10th September 2011.

Funeral service to be held on Thursday 22nd September at Chelmsford Crematorium, South Chapel at 1.15pm.

No flowers please but donations if desired payable to Saffron Walden Hospital League of Friends c/o Chelmsford Star Co-operative Funeral Services, 78 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1SS.
 Tel: 01245 353978.

DISTRICT DIARY

STEBBING VILLAGE FETE
 Mill Lane 1.30pm. Sunday 25th September 2011
 Arena Events * Stalls * Side Shows * Games
 Displays * Raffle * BBQ * Bar * Teas * Refreshments
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

Caught in the act...



Stephanie and Carrie have over 20 years experience

A NEW after school drama class is to be launched in the area.

The class, for children aged eight to 16, comes on the back of a successful five years of bringing acting lessons to local junior schools by co-founders of The Drama Club, Stephanie Barry and Carrie Cooper.

The classes are not musical theatre based, but for children interested in developing their acting skills.

Mrs Barry said: "Although some people might call it 'straight' acting there's a lot of fun involved.

"Most classes are based around games and we always try to include comedy. It's about children gaining confidence and making new friends just as much as performance".

Mrs Barry and Mrs Cooper have over 20 years of professional acting experience. Both are members of Equity and are fully insured and CRB checked.

Classes cost £5 per session and begin on Monday September 19 at 5.30pm at Stage Stars Studio, Canfield Moat, Little Canfield.

For more information or booking call 01371 870781 or e-mail carriethebag@google-mail.com

Honour for policeman

A POLICEMAN who risked his life to drag a Newport man from a blazing overturned car less than a minute before it exploded into a fireball has been awarded one of the country's top bravery honours by Royal Approval.

Pc Matthew Hammill, from Suffolk Police, is to receive a Royal Humane Society Testimonial on Vellum, personally approved and signed by the society's president, Princess Alexandra, for saving the life of Stuart MacFarlane on April 22.

Pc Hammill was off duty and travelling along the eastbound carriageway of the A14 near Bury St Edmunds when he saw an overturned vehicle on fire on the opposite carriageway. He stopped, moved the people present to a safe distance, and went to carry out a check on the car.

After spotting Mr MacFarlane in the rear passenger seat, Pc Hammill ran over, pulled him out of the window and then dragged him to a safe distance.

The car then exploded within a minute of him doing this. Seconds later and both could have been killed.

In addition to the award, Pc Hammill also won the personal praise of the society's secretary, Dick Wilkinson. "Pc Hammill's actions were selfless and courageous, and without doubt saved he saved Mr MacFarlane's life. He is a credit to the force and richly deserves this award," he said.

Three air options

STANSTED based bmibaby has become the only low cost airline in the UK to launch three new services aimed at both business and leisure customers, and designed to provide flyers with a wide range of added extras, benefits and savings for one set price.

The airline will now offer customers three options when booking a flight:

- Fly** - a the standard 'no frills' package.
- FlyPlus** - offers business travellers the flexibility to change their flights, as many times as they need to, take an extra piece of hand luggage and use airport executive lounges.
- FamilyFly** - benefits include 22kg of luggage allowance, seat assignment and priority boarding.

Managing director Julian Carr said that the new products have been designed "specifically with our customers in mind".

"The total price of each product is less than the cost of all the individual elements included, so this represents great value for our customers, as well as making the booking process much simpler," he said.

For information visit bmibaby.com

Best possible taste



Around 50 guests attended the wine tasting evening at Spains Hall

DOORS at Spains Hall were opened to businesses from east Anglia and London with a special wine tasting evening to launch the new corporate facilities.

The evening, sponsored by Waples Wines and the Cambridge Dining Company, was attended by 50 chosen guests with the aim of giving guests a taste of the hospitality at the house.

Managing partner at Spains Hall Estate, Archie Ruggles-Brise, said: "We have decided to market Spains Hall as a unique venue for all types of corporate functions.

"We can host any type of event from conferences, board meetings to team building."

Guests enjoyed tasting wines from all over the world. Owner Justin Waples said: "What could be better than tasting these fine wines in such beautiful surroundings."

Simon Day from the Cambridge Dining Company, which laid on the canapés, added: "We are delighted to be associated with Spains Hall and look forward to developing the corporate side of the business."

The write stuff

RESIDENTS are invited to take part in a new course taking place at the Essex Record Office (ERO) which looks into a historical form of handwriting.

"Secretary Hand", commonly found in early parish registers and wills, can be tricky to read. This course will provide a basic grounding in how to approach it, which can be of great use to anyone tracing their family history.

The four-week course takes place on Thursdays commencing October 6 from 2-4pm, ending October 27. The four-week course fee is £50. Places are limited and advance booking is essential. Call 01245 244620.

Meanwhile, the ERO is hosting a one-day conference with the aim of introducing residents to the history of fashion.

The event, on September 24 from 10am-4pm, will see expert speakers talking about the history of fashion starting from early Elizabethan times right up to the 1980s.

There is a fee of £15 per person including a buffet lunch and tea/coffee. Advance booking is essential.

A feel for reflexology

A DUNMOW-BASED practitioner is offering free reflexology taster sessions. Lorraine Senior is offering 15 minute sessions at Dunmow Library on September 20, from 9am-5pm, to coincide with World Reflexology Week.

For more information visit reflectivesole.co.uk