



WHITEBRIDGE NEWS

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Peter Ball honoured by Hospice

Our very own Peter Ball, our 'resident builder' has been honoured by the Douglas Macmillan Hospice.

For the past six years Peter has taken part in the hospices annual charity bike ride in memory of his wife Freda and youngest son Stephen who both spent time at the Douglas Macmillan Hospice before they died of cancer within just over a year of each other. The care they received at the hospice left such an impact on Peter and the rest of his family that they have continued to support it through the bike ride every year.

After completing the 10 mile route, which started and finished at the Michelin Athletic Club in Trent Vale, Peter was presented with the Lance Trophy to mark his contribution and his efforts in raising more than £1000 since he started the annual bike ride.

The Lance Trophy features a piece of seven time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong's yellow cy-



Peter Ball with the Lance Armstrong Trophy

cling jersey encased in resin. Lance Armstrong himself fought a successful battle against cancer despite terrible odds. The trophy is awarded to a deserving cyclist taking part in the ride every year.

Peter said that he was "very surprised" to receive the award "but it is nice to be recognized. It has been a good ride and very well organised. It is quite a few miles for a 74 year old!"

Joining Peter on the ride was his son Chris, who has taken part in the event for the past five years.

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Peter Ball isn't the only one raising money for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice. Turn to page 7 to read about the work of the Robert Bickerton Foundation and their latest fundraising events.

THE HEALTH & SAFETY COLUMN from Phil Darby

Summer Safety & Security

We are all hopeful that we are going to get a lovely summer after the long cold winter we have endured and that temperatures will rise and the sun will shine.

When we do get nice weather our sense of priorities changes and sometimes this can lead to lapses in health and safety and common sense. How many times have you seen a manual worker who would normally be wearing hi-viz and protective clothes suddenly become a 'beach boy' wearing little more than a pair of shorts just because the sun has come out; or office workers doing anything they can to keep cool such as leaving electric fans with trailing cables all round the office or sitting on sills by open windows several floors up. If a work process requires personal protective equipment (P.P.E) to be worn to keep the operative safe it is a requirement for 52 weeks of the year.

The summer can also produce hazards which can affect all of us such as sunburn and dehydration or stomach bugs and ailments caused through poor hygiene and cooking standards. Barbecues are a particular nightmare with burns and food poisoning producing regular visits to doctors and hospitals.

But don't let all of this detract from your enjoyment of a great British summer if only!!

Changes to Whitebridge News Publication

As we mentioned in our Christmas edition of Whitebridge News we now plan to publish our Newsletter online via our website at **www.whitebridge.co.uk**

If for any reason you would still like to receive a printed version of the Newsletter please let us know.

Printed copies of the Newsletter will also be available from the Estate Office.



A reminder from our Security Team

In the summer months a lot more windows get opened, please make sure you close them before leaving the building.

NEW ARRIVALS.....NEW ARRIVALS.....NEW

WHITEBRIDGE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES LTD

Welcome to Julie Graham and Steve Knight, trading as Whitebridge Business Opportunities, our new neighbours, who are situated in Unit 1, Part1 next to the Estate Office.

MIDLAND PAINTWERKS

Welcome to Stuart & Drew Gillies and Midland Paintwerks who moved to the Estate in March. Drew specializes in classic car and camper van re-sprays and can be found in Unit 35C along the Canalside.

WHITEBRIDGE TILES

Also welcome to Whitebridge Tiles . James Hodson & Justin Barnett who, along with a huge selection of tiles, moved to the Estate in February. They can be found in Unit 20 in Centre Road.

PURELY PARROTS

A warm welcome to Pauline Fowler and Purely Parrots who moved onto the Estate in March. Pauline stocks a wide range of cages and accessories not just for Parrots but also many other animals. Purely Parrots can be found at Unit 32A along the Canalside.

And finally

Since our last Newsletter in December there have been a couple of departures.

We would like to wish Advanced Plumbing and Bacarel, who left the Estate in March, and Rose Cottage Basketware and Stove Yard, who will be leaving us at the end of the month, every success for the future.



Our newest tenants are Alison Pennington and Call Sense UK Ltd who can be found at the entrance to the Estate in FLAT 2. Call Sense can offer various solution to communication needs for Businesses.



Easy Animal will be joining the Estate in July. They stock a huge range of pet accessories and will be situated in Unit B2.

On the move

Due to a further expansion of the company, Judith Herrod and **HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE** have moved from Unit 25A to larger office premises on the Estate. They can now be found in Unit 8 in Sidings Road.

SIS BODY REPAIRS have moved from Unit 35C to Unit 35PT1&2 along the Canalside.



OFFICIAL OPENING



Multiple Sclerosis
Resource Centre

SAMS Centre, at 22C Whitebridge Estate, will be officially opened by Alastair Hignell CBE on Friday 09 July 2010. Alastair is patron of the Multiple Sclerosis Resource

Centre (NSRC) charity.

Alastair played rugby union for England and cricket for Gloucestershire before becoming a BBC Radio commentator on rugby union. He was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1999 and has since been heavily involved in fundraising for MSRC. Alastair will be accompanied by his wife Jeannie and Helen Yates, Chief Executive of MSRC.



Alastair Hignell

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Hello we are Whitebridge Business Opportunities.

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Whitebridge Lane, Stone, ST15 8LQ
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SAMS FAMILY QUIZ

SAMS popular annual family quiz event is back and will take place for the first time at SAMS Centre.

The quiz will be held on Saturday 18 September at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

We need teams of 4 to take part. The entry fee is £12 per team and you may bring your own food and drink.

To book your teams place please contact Dian on 01785 819374.



Festival Season is upon us once again!

As we go to press Stone's main Summer Festival is in full swing. Carnival Day is Saturday 12 June in Stone Town Centre & Westbridge Park but events run from Sunday 06 until Sunday 13 June. For full details go to the Stone Festival website at www.stonefestival.co.uk.

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Stone Book Festival it's good to read!

Following the success of last year's festival the second STONE BOOK FESTIVAL will take place over the same weekend of 17, 18 & 19 September.

The festival has managed to secure the following celebrities: Roy Hattersley, Carol Ann Duffy (the Poet Laureate), Freddie Jones, Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall & Ray Johnson.



Carol Ann Duffy

Various events will be taking place over the weekend and tickets will be on sale shortly. For further information go to the Festivals

website at www.stonebookfestival.co.uk or telephone 01785 619740.

The Swan Inn: 12th Beer Festival



The Swann Inn, Stafford Road, Stone will be hosting it's annual beer festival from Saturday 03 until Sunday 11 July. This years festival is entitled

'Bangers & Mash' and will feature open air food in the beer garden. Along with their own "Joules" ales brewed from original Stone recipes this years festival beers are being sourced from Cumbria. The Swan is a lively traditional pub for the over 18's. Live music is also a very important part of the pub, with original and cover bands playing four times a week. The publication are also very keen to support new local up-coming bands. For further details- see www.myspace.com/swaninnstone.

Stone Food & Drink Festival 2010

The annual Food & Drink Festival will run from Friday 01 October to Sunday 03 October.

The programme is still to be finalised but the highlight is bound to be the appearance of the Hairy Bikers on Sunday. For further details go to the Festival website at www.stonefooddrink.org.



The Hairy Bikers—coming to Stone soon

We understand that there is no Stone Music Festival this year but plans are already being made for the Festival to take place in 2011. For further information go to www.stonemusicfestival.com.



Good business is about good communication and what's better than to have your telecom provider on the doorstep? Call Sense UK has relocated from their offices in Crewe and Sandbach to Whitebridge, (you will see us on the right hand side as you enter the Estate). The business, now in it's 7th year, was started by Alison Pennington who now works alongside a growing team of friendly individuals.

Their product portfolio and experience enables them to offer every client a solution to suit. The suite of products and services include:

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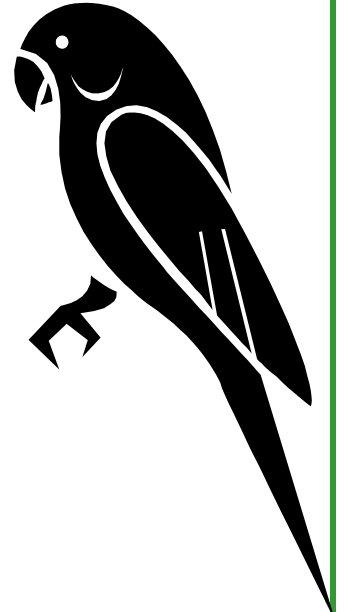
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PURELY PARROTS

Watch out the Parrot lady's about!



Just wanted to say a big hello to everyone. I'm Pauline from Purely Parrots.

I've met some of you already as there are a few people here on the Estate that have parrots.

For those that don't know about Purely Parrots we specialise in all parrot related accessories, cages, toys, perches and much more. We have also started to stock 'Kaytee' which is one of the best brands going.

We have been on Whitebridge for a few months now and things are working well, that's partly down to the pleasant, friendly and welcoming atmosphere here on Whitebridge.

Why no pop in as the saying goes (if it's not in stock it's only an order away).

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the Robert Bickerton foundation

THE RACE IS ON – AGAIN! THE TARGET IS £20,000!

Once again the Robert Bickerton Foundation supporters will be out in force on June 27th for the Stone 10k and 5k fun run. The trustees have once again joined with St. Michael's First School in providing this very popular event which features a NSRRA 10K race and a less demanding 5K race and fun run. Over 500 took part in the events last year's event and the Robert Bickerton supporters could be seen brightening the streets of Stone with their prominent yellow Robert Bickerton T shirts.

This year Robert's family and the trustees have decided once again to raise funds for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice. In addition to the NSRRA affiliated 10K for serious runners there is also an opportunity to participate in the 5K where you can run and compete for a prize or just join in the fun and walk!

Last year the Robert Bickerton Foundation presented a cheque for £4,000 to the "Dougy Mac". This brought the total donated to local charities to £16,500 since 2007. The target this year is to break through the £20,000 barrier.

The event starts and finishes at St. Michael's in Weavers Lane (off Lichfield Road) and a number of activities are taking place on the day to provide entertainment for all ages. Af-

terwards there will be a barbeque and refreshments as well as stalls and a bouncy castle at the school playing fields.

The chairman of the foundation is Alan Bickerton, Managing Director of G. Mondini (UK)

Ltd who have now been on Whitebridge for 5 years.

The Robert Bickerton Foundation was set up by Alan Bickerton and his family in 2007 in memory of their late son and this is one of a series of fund raising events in 2010. In addition to this event there is a Charity Cricket Match, a Pop Quiz and a Treasure Hunt and BBQ. The trustees will also tread the boards again in November in a production of Cinderella at Fulford Village Hall – not for the faint

hearted! Full details can be found on the website. Race goers will be able to identify the Foundation runners by their brightly coloured yellow "Robert Bickerton" T shirts, which can be purchased on the day! The race is still open to entrants in both 10K and fun run. Why not join in the fun and give yourself a fitness target – or just come along and enjoy the day. Further information is available from the Robert Bickerton Foundation at www.robertbickerton.com or contact info@robertbickerton.com or contact Alan Bickerton on 07917 760001



The Steer (pictured at last years race) family gets ready!



Rene gets a surprise!
From the trustees recent production of Allo Allo which raised £1500.



The Jacuzzi exhibition vehicle

Malibu Hot Tubs have just returned from a successful County Show. The Jacuzzi exhibition vehicle attracted a large number of visitors over the two day event which took place on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 June, with plenty of quality leads taken for hot tubs, swimming pools, swim spas and thatched roofed garden buildings. Now all that is needed is to convert the keen interest into sales!"

Malibu Hot Tubs

Unit C Whitebridge Estate

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email: info@malibu-hottubs.co.uk



Jacuzzi Hot Tub at the County Show

Congratulations to our new Mayoress

Many congratulations to Bev Kenney from Bev's Bakery at Unit 22A Sidings Road

Bev, on the appointment of her husband Rob as Mayor, becomes the new Mayoress of Stone.



Bev with her husband Rob.
The new Mayor and Mayoress of Stone

Bev has been on the Estate since 2004 and her baked products are now well established and can be found in many shops in the region. She is also a regular at the local farmer's market as well as having customers here on the Estate. For the last few years Rob has been working alongside her at the bakery.

Rob has been a local Councillor for the past two years and held the position of Deputy Mayor last year.

Good luck to you both!

The great duck race

“Do you know anything about ducks” was the question Richard Sewell from Impact China asked Andrea at the Estate Office on the afternoon of 28 May. “Pardon” was the response, Andrea having not quite understood the question. It appeared, that hearing strange noises from above their kiln. a member of staff from Impact China had ventured onto the roof and found three ducklings which were now residing in a box. “Um” was the next response. “how about Amerton Farm, I know they have a wildlife sanctuary”. Leave it with me—I’ll give you a ring back”. Having second thoughts, and realizing that there was something of a duck expert on site Andrea decided to contact Peter Arnold, from the maintenance crew. “Do you know anything about ducks?” was the same question to Peter this time. “? what do you mean” again the response. “Quack, quack” said Andrea and explained the situation. “I’ll go and have a look” said Peter.

Some time passed before Andrea contacted Peter again to find out that the number of ducklings had in-

creased to six with a seventh seemingly stuck down a drain pipe. It appeared that the ducks had been nesting on the Tecni-form roof near the Canal-side and mother duck had been trying to encourage her ducklings to take a leap of faith from the roof to reach the water. The ducklings, being intelligent or not depending on your point of view, had decided to get lost rather than take the leap.

Some more time passed before Peter came to report a successful outcome to the rescue mission. Having managed to find the mother duck Peter and Chris Johnson (from Tecni-form) had encouraged her down from the roof to the Canal. Unfortunately by the time Peter and Chris had got to the canal with duckling in tow, not being quite so quick due to the fact that they were unable to fly, the mother duck had disappeared again! Leaving Chris in charge of the ducklings Peter raced back in search of the mother only to find her back where the ducklings had once been. Using the same gentle persuasion as previ-

ously, she was encouraged once again to make her way to the Canal. This time Chris was waiting for her and as she called to the youngsters they responded and the family was reunited.

But what of the seventh duckling I hear you ask. We are assuming, as there was no sign of it in the drain pipe later, the duckling had made its own way to the canal via the storm drain. Perhaps this was the mother ducks bright idea in the first place.

Many apologies to Mondini and Voluspa for keeping you waiting during the rescue mission and thank you so much once again for your patience

“It’s not everyday you get a phone call asking if you know anything about ducks!”



One of many ducklings wondering what the fuss is all about



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Due to continued expansion and a new partnership with Dave Adams, SIS BODY REPAIRS have moved from Unit 35C to bigger premises at Units 35PT 1 & 2 along the Canalside, and are now known as SISDA.

As well as body repairs SISDA can also offer spray painting of machinery and other items as well as motorbike re-sprays.

To mark their move to the new unit SISDA are offering a 10% discount to tenants on Whitebridge Estate for minor body damage and accident repair.

Use the voucher below to claim your discount.

SISDA BODY REPAIRS

10% DISCOUNT

on minor body damage & accident repair

Please hand to a member of staff to redeem

Stonefield Park: Battle for Tennis Courts Lost

Many of you may have been following the campaign to save the grass tennis courts at Stonefield Park, the local park situated just the other side of the railway line in Stonefield Square. Last summer we reported that Stafford Borough Council were planning to rip up the grass tennis courts to make way for a tarmac playing surface.



Stonefield Park Tennis Courts June 2009

Despite a long running and vocal campaign by local residents, supported by many tenants on the Estate, Stafford Borough finally approved plans to re-develop the courts and work started at the end of May.

In theory the work is scheduled to take five weeks at the end of which the



Stonefield Park Tennis Courts June 2010

courts will again be available for tennis, all-be-it on a different type of surface, so you can still brush up your tennis skills during your lunch hour or after work.

Stonefield Park is well worth a visit even if you do not play tennis as there is also a bowling green (not yet tarmac!), aviary and children's play area as well as wonderful floral displays throughout the summer.

For more information about the campaign to save the courts go to www.stonefieldpark.co.uk.



This year Stone is once again going for Gold in the large town category in the Heart of England Bloom Competition after receiving the highest award in both 2008 and 2009.

Judging day is Tuesday 13 July and the judges route includes the Canalside and Whitebridge Way so look out for them. For more details of this years competition and the full judges route, which starts at Little Stoke and finishes at Aston Marina go to www.stoneinbloom.co.uk

WHITEBRIDGE COFFEE SHOP

an introduction from a new member of the team

Fancy a brew? How about a bit to eat? Then come on round to Whitebridge Coffee Shop!

My name is Vicki and I have been working here since February. After having my daughter just over a year ago I decided it was time to get back into work. Although I have a degree in Spanish, after graduating from Lancaster University last year, working at the Coffee Shop suits me down to the ground at the moment and I'm really enjoying it!

Our team is made up of Ken ("him in charge"), Diane, ("the boss' wife"), Christine our van driver, Kate and myself, plus our latest addition, Anne Marie. Unfortunately we will be losing Kate in June as she is going off to have another baby girl so congratulations to Kate and a big welcome to Anne Marie.

For what looks like such a small place, our coffee shop has a widely varied menu. From steaming tea and coffee to refreshing cold drinks, from bacon and sausage sandwiches with all the extras to jacket potatoes with various fillings, from almost every cold sandwich you can think of to pasta salads and stuffed jackets, as well as chips, burgers, hot-dogs and our delicious homemade chilli. All food and drink can be enjoyed inside, sat outside under the canopy or, of course, to take away and enjoy.

What many people perhaps don't realise is that on top of the usual service of the coffee shop, we also offer working lunches and private buffets. These can comprise of almost everything and anything. A typical working lunch could include sandwiches, savoury eggs, sausage rolls, pork pies, crisps, cakes and fruit. Other popular choices include pizza or quiche, Chinese or Indian bites and wraps or oatcakes. We also cater for private buffets for

parties, weddings and suchlike providing similar buffets to the working lunches plus much, much more!

Christine, our van driver, goes out every day to various locations in the Stone area to deliver food. She has a wide choice of hot and cold sandwiches, wraps, pasta salads, stuffed jackets, crisps, chocolate, cakes and drinks. We also take telephone orders which can be delivered to these locations.

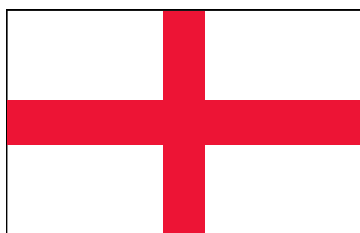
Whether you have a ten minute break or a longer lunch hour, Whitebridge Coffee Shop can cater for your needs. By telephoning your order through we can have your food and drink ready for you to collect whenever is good for you.

We are open from 7.00am until 3.00pm, Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays!

If you would like more information regarding our services please don't hesitate to get in touch on 01785 815902.



Whitebridge Coffee Shop—more than just coffee!



WORLD CUP 2010: England match fixture dates

England are in Group C with the USA, Algeria and Slovenia. Their first match, against the USA, will take place on 12 June.

In case you have been otherwise engaged for the past couple of months you can't have failed to notice that the Football World Cup 2010 is nearly upon us. For those of you who are interested we have compiled some useful information regarding this year's event. For those of you who are not at all interested the information may help you plan days out and shopping trips when it is likely to be quiet as most of the nation will be watching football!

Date - Time	Venue			
12 June 19:30	Rustenburg	England 	vs	USA
13 June 12:30	Polokwane	Algeria	vs	Slovenia
18 June 15:00	Johannesburg – JEP	Slovenia	vs	USA
18 June 19:30	Cape Town	England 	vs	Algeria
23 June 15:00	Nelson Mandela Bay/Port Elizabeth	Slovenia	vs	England 
23 June 15:00	Tshwane/ Pretoria	USA	vs	Algeria

Stage	Date
Last 16	26, 27, 28 & 29 June
Quarter finals	02 & 03 July
Semi finals	06 & 07 July
Third place playoff	10 July
Final	11 July

FIFA/Coca-Cola World Rankings

England is 8 in the FIFA World Rankings with their group opponents ranked below them with the USA at 14, Slovenia at 25 and Algeria at 30.

Brazil, Spain, Portugal, Netherlands, Italy, Germany and Argentina are all ranked above them. Japan, who England played their last friendly against narrowly beating them thanks to two own goals, is ranked 45.

Clues for Wordsearch Puzzle:
France, Serbia, England, Mexico, Slovenia, Ghana, New Zealand, Switzerland, Australia, Uruguay, Japan, Greece, Honduras, Denmark.

Ranking	Team
1	 Brazil
2	 Spain
3	 Portugal
4	 Netherlands
5	 Italy
6	 Germany
7	 Argentina

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Get together with friends, family and colleagues on Friday 24th September and raise some money (and a smile) for people affected by cancer.

Hold your own (traditional or with a twist) coffee morning event and make 24th September a good day for people affected by cancer. And if that date is not convenient remember you can hold your coffee morning on any date, any time, any how.

One good day leads to another. For people living with cancer, the difference between a good day and a bad day can often come down to really small things. Getting answers on something you're worrying about, finding out you can get some financial support, or just having a chat with someone who understands. With your help Macmillan can help thousands more people have a good day. Whether you're raising pounds or pennies, every little counts. So get together put a smile on your mugs, and help make a huge difference to people living with cancer.

Mugs make money, it doesn't matter whether you raise £20, £200 or £2,000 you will be part of a nationwide event that really does make a difference.

Register now at Macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 602 1246 quoting LA or alternatively call in at the Macmillan Cancer Support Office at Unit 26 or call 01785 816892 and we will be happy to register for you and help you with every thing you need to make your coffee morning a big success.

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**PUT A SMILE
ON YOUR MUG**

The Crossing Keepers Cottage 'on the move'

This time last year we reported that the Crossing Keepers Cottage by the railway line on Whitebridge Lane, which has been empty since 1998, was to be moved to the Churnet Valley Railway in Cheddleton and used as a visitor centre incorporating a café, toilets and a museum.

Originally it was hoped that the building could be moved further back from the line and sold as a residential property but these proved too expensive and now, because of the buildings close proximity to the railway line (the windows protrude up to six foot), it cannot be sold or put to any other use in its present location.

Funding for the move of the cottage to Cheddleton has now been secured and the site at Cheddleton Station has been cleared in preparation for the building imminent arrival. Stafford Borough Council have granted permission for the building to be relocated and it is now just a matter of waiting for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to approve the changes needed to comply with disability requirements before the building will be on



The Crossing Keepers Cottage—soon to be 'on the move'

the move.

Due to the fact that the building is Grade II listed it will be moved brick by brick, not an easy undertaking.

According to Margaret Mountford, the Commercial Manager for the Churnet Valley Railway, the BBC have also commissioned a programme to follow the cottage's unique

journey from Stone to Cheddleton so watch out for the TV crews!

Churnet Valley Railway are updating their website on a regular basis as news comes in regarding the project. To keep updated with the latest developments go to www.churnet-valley-railway.co.uk.

"The BBC have commissioned a programme to follow the Crossing Keepers journey from Stone to its new home at Cheddleton"

London midland

Just a reminder that London Midland are still operating a train service from Stone. The Trent Valley Line runs from Crewe to London Euston and calls at Alsager, Kidsgrove, Stoke on Trent, Stone, Stafford, Rugeley Trent Valley, Lichfield Trent Valley, Tamworth, Polesworth, Atherstone, Nuneaton, Rugby, Northampton, Milton Keynes Central, Watford Junction and London Euston. For timetable details go to www.londonmidland.com

BUSINESS NEWS from Janet Darby

I hope you have been successful in filing your payroll year end and with the introduction of filing your VAT return on-line. Unfortunately I had a few teething problems with the VAT!

As you may know we have an emergency budget on 22 June 2010 under the new coalition Government, let's hope they help small businesses. Maybe this new Government will make Britain "live within its means".

As you may be aware plans to help small businesses with rate relief were announced on 24 March 2010. Hopefully anyone who at present receives small business rate relief, and has a rateable value of

£12,000 or less, will be eligible for the increased level of discount off their rates bill. They are doing this by increasing the level of small business rate relief for a temporary period. Eligible businesses with a rateable value of up to £6000 will be entitled to 100% relief on this bill. If your rateable value is between £6001 and £12,000 you will be

entitled to relief on a reducing scale between 100% and 0%

The new levels of relief will hopefully be available for 12 months from 01 October 2010 to 30 September 2011.

The changes still need to be agreed by Parliament and subject to Parliamentary approval Local Authorities will be able to issue revised bill for 2010/2011 before October 2010

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KEY DATES & DEADLINES

2009—10 Returns Filing Deadlines

06 July 2010	P9D, P11D and P11D (b)
31 October 2010	Self Assessment Tax Returns (paper version)

Payment Dates

2nd payment on account	31 July 2010
Class 1A NICs	19 July 2010

CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE

From 01 October 2009 the National Minimum wage was established at the following rates:

Age	22 & over	18—21	16 & 17
Rate	5.80 per hour	4.83 per hour	3.57 per hour

From 01 October 2010 the main rate applies to all those 21 and over and will be increased to £5.93 per hour

WORDSEARCH PUZZLE: The puzzle below is all about the World Cup. Hidden below are the names of 14 of the 32 teams that are taking part in the competition this year. See how many you can find. If you need a clue turn to page 13 for some inspiration!

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WORLD CUP TRIVIA

The first two countries to appear in the World Cup Final were Argentina and Uruguay in 1930—Uruguay beating Argentina 4–2.

England made their World Cup debut in 1950, the first World Cup to be staged since 1938. They sustained a shock defeat losing to the USA 0 –1 in their first match.

The smallest nation to qualify for the World Cup Finals was Northern Ireland in 1958 where they reached the quarter finals.

Germany and Brazil have made the most appearances in the World Cup Final, 7 times each. Brazil have won on 5 occasions in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002.



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THE BACK PAGE: *from Charles*

Having read our 1st proof of this newsletter I am reminded once again what a busy year we have had, 6 new tenants, 2 moved on the Estate and only 4 leavers. It all helps to keep our staff and contractors busy.

This newsletter seems to be packed with lots of local information and write ups by tenants too. I must thank once again the "girls" for all their hard work in producing "probably the best trading estate newsletter in the world" as a certain someone may say!

I hope in the next few weeks that our new coalition Govern-

ment not only limits spending but also manages to encourage small businesses to start and to grow too. As I have witnessed over the years at Whitebridge many companies start with around 1000 square feet and grow into far larger units. Come on Camlegg what have you got planned for us.

As always my mother and myself hope you have a wonderful summer and that we all manage to see a large amount of sun in the UK, let's spend our money here not overseas!

Charles

