



Let's help Patsy hit the jackpot

A CHARITY bingo event is being held to help a teenager whose life has been wrecked by meningitis.

Local girl Patsy Levick, 15, was at the start of what appeared to be a promising modelling career – and had even signed a contract with an agency – before she was struck down by the killer disease last year.

The Roding Valley High School main hall is the location for the bingo supper and raffle at 7pm on Friday, 17 November.

Tickets are priced at the bargain price of £10 and include a chicken and chips supper, a raffle ticket and a book of bingo games. Some raffle prizes have been kindly donated by Chingford shopkeepers.

Patsy is a Roding Valley High School pupil. She

contracted meningitis last November.

As a result of the illness, Patsy had to have her right toes, some of her fingers and the majority of her left foot amputated.

The funds are being raised for Patsy to replace her missing fingers and toes. Providing Patsy with top-quality false fingers will cost £25,000.

There is still a long way to go before her feet are improved so she can walk comfortably.

Meanwhile, Patsy's mother



Looking good: Patsy had a great modelling career ahead of her – before meningitis struck

Anita wants to raise awareness of meningitis.

Some parents are not aware

of the lasting effects that meningitis can have on those who have recovered.

Condition

As a result of the disease, Patsy now has a heart condition more common in 65 year olds and has to avoid lung and chest infections. Patsy is also totally deaf in one ear.

Anita would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated funds and helped to raise money, including Roding Valley High School, which has offered its hall free for any fundraising activity and which has given great support to Patsy.

Anyone who would like to make a donation for Patsy or offer any facilities for fundraising events or raffle prizes can call Anita Levick on 020 8502 0909.

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Loughton Rugby Club	020 8504 0065
Roding Valley Cricket Club	020 8506 1001
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Heathrow Airport	020 8759 4321
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National Express (Victoria Coach Station)	0990 808 080
Essex Traveline	08457 000 333
Thamesway	01245 353104
Arriva Herts & Essex	01279 426349
Arriva London North East	020 8595 3088
Tourist Information Centre	01992 652295

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Ongar	Mill Lane

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Editor's notes

During the autumn the Council is busy considering its activities, deciding on projects and drawing up its budgets for the following

year. By the time you read this the process will be well under way, with the meeting of the Finance and General Policy Committee on 29 November taking an overall view of the Council's spending. The final decision on the level of precept is

taken by the Council on 13 December.

We wish all residents and businesses in Loughton a very happy and successful Christmas. Take advantage of those quiet post-Christmas days to drop us a line and tell us about your organisation,

send us your "Dates for the Diary" or just to give us your ideas about Loughton – what you like about living and working here or how things could be improved.

Louise Fuller
Town Clerk

Schools and beat officers top forum agenda

LOUGHTON residents will once again have an opportunity to discuss local issues with Town Councillors and their staff at the next Community Forum on Thursday, 23 November.

Jo Wincott, Roding Valley High's new head teacher, will be giving a talk about the school's future, co-operation between Loughton schools, and his views on the practicality of youth councils.

In addition, Sgt Allison Campbell, of Essex Police Community Policing Team, is due to attend, accompanied by one of her community beat officers, to talk about local policing issues.

Card competition

The Town Council has been running a Christmas card competition for local residents and, with the entries judged and the winners picked, the prizes will be presented to the winners at the forum.

As usual, the event will be



Policing the streets: Do you have anything to say?

rounded off with an open forum, at which members of the public are invited to raise subjects for discussion.

This event is the perfect occasion for local people to get

together and air their views about their town.

The forum meeting gets started at 8pm in the Methodist Church Hall, High Road.

Refreshments will be available.

Campaigner for town's young loses fight for life

THE Town Council regrets to announce the death in September of former town councillor Peter Sare.

Peter Sare had represented the Debden Green Ward for the first four year term of the Town

Council, but did not stand for election again in May 2000 due to ill health.

He was particularly keen to promote facilities for local young people and was an active supporter of the Town Council's plans for a skateboard ramp.

Splashes of colour for the summer

THANKS are due to local traders who brightened up our environment in the summer with hanging baskets outside their premises.

These thanks especially go to two local pubs – The Standard and the Last Post, both of which put on very striking displays.

Any readers who know of others deserving a special mention are asked to write in.

Light up a life for Christmas

THE festive season will begin in earnest on 25 November when the Christmas lights in the High Road will be turned on.

At 4.15pm on the same day, the lights on the Town Council's tree on Kings Green will be turned on by the Chairman of the Town Council as part of St Clare's Hospice "Light up a Life" scheme sponsored by local people in memory of a friend or relative.

There will be a short ceremony round the tree when the lights are switched on.

Deadline dates

Edition	Copy deadline
March	26 Jan
June	20 Apr

Further copies of *Think Loughton* may be obtained from the Town Council Office, Traps Hill, or from Debden or Loughton libraries.

Sainsbury's decision 'due in New Year'

NO DECISION is likely to be made on whether Sainsbury's will be given the go ahead to build a superstore in Old Station Road until early next year.

The delay comes as Epping

Forest District Council, the local highways authority, discusses the findings of a recently-completed traffic impact study with Essex County Council.

A further independent study is also being carried

out to assess the scope for retail developments elsewhere in Loughton.

Until the outcome of these two studies is known, the future of the Sainsbury's supermarket plan is likely to remain uncertain.

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Tribute to First World War hero

THE Town Council's latest blue heritage plaque can now be seen on the wall of 164 Torrington Drive in honour of Sydney Frank Godley VC, the first private soldier to be awarded the Victoria Cross in the First World War.

He lived at the address with his wife Ellen until his death in 1957 aged 67, when he was buried at Loughton Cemetery. Pte Godley was awarded the Victoria Cross in recognition of his bravery on 23 August 1914. Lt Dease fell mortally wounded during a battle at Nimy Bridge, Mons.

Pte Godley pulled him to a safe place and took over the gun.

Pte Godley then took over control of the bridge and held it for two hours under heavy fire. He was wounded and taken

prisoner after disabling the gun and making it useless for the enemy.



The plaque in Torrington Drive

A welcome for Wendy

JAN Fox relinquished her post as Assistant Town Clerk on 30 June and Wendy Gilbert took over on 14 August.



Wendy had been working as Finance/ Office Manager of a large Secondary School in Walthamstow for the past three years.

Previously, she had spent many years at Thames Water in two different roles, firstly as an Engineering Technician (covering the Loughton Area from the Buckhurst Hill Office), and latterly as a Business Support Assistant to an Area Manager.

Wendy is full time and her responsibilities cover the Loughton Cemetery, administering the finances and daily queries arising from the Council's properties.

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The mystery of the 'Class of 27' is solved!

YOU will remember that on page 7 of our autumn edition of *Think Loughton*, there appeared a picture of a group of children from Class IV at Staples Road School in 1927.

We challenged you to pick out the

child who is now a Loughton Town Councillor both in that photograph and the picture of Town Council members on page 3.

Well, the answers are that the councillor in question is Monty Juniper, and he appears in the front row, fourth from the left, in the

school photograph and in the middle row, third from the left, in the photograph of current councillors.

Mrs M Proud, of Meadow Road, was the only person to spot Monty in both pictures.

She wrote to tell us that both she and her twin sister attended Staples Road school in 1927, and that their mother used to stop and talk to

Monty's mother whenever they met.

Mrs Proud also remembered a violent storm which flooded Staples Road when she was in the infants school, and had happy memories of teachers taking the pupils for walks in the forest and other places of interest when she was in the junior school.

Mrs D Chappell, of Loughton High Road, spotted Monty in the photograph on page 3, but could not pick him out as a schoolboy. She sent us a photograph of her class at Staples Road school taken in 1928 (above).

The photograph certainly stirred memories – and not only from around Loughton. John Walstow, from Waltham Abbey, telephoned to tell us that his brother Colin appeared in the photograph too. He's the boy with black hair standing in front of the teacher.

Colin emigrated to Australia, where sadly he later died. Mr Walstow's father was an Inspector in charge of special constables, who also repaired organs and tuned pianos.



THIS photograph of Lopping Hall and surrounding shops was taken some time between 1902 and 1907.

The shop nearest the camera is Wickersham's, Loughton's main grocery. Indeed, Harry Wickersham made enough from it to build a fine house in Uplands.

Next to it is Frederick Gingell's dairy – Gingell was the tenant of North Farm. Then comes the Lopping Hall, without the shopfront which was added in the 1930s, and next to that the imposing building that housed the London Joint Stock Bank and, upstairs, the Loughton Urban District Council. Then follows Trimby's the florists and Tee's the solicitors over and, at the corner, Hutchins the chemist. Holmdale, the imposing house of Dr Pendred, can be seen on the far corner.

These are some of Loughton's oldest shops. All those shown still exist today and, remarkably, four of them still serve the same purpose and trade as a century ago.

■ This photo is from the collection of the Loughton & District Historical Society which meets on the second Thursday of each month, October to May, at 8pm at the Methodist Church. For details, ring 020 8508 0776.

Dates for the diary

■ **23 Nov, 8pm:** Loughton Town Council's Community Forum, Methodist Church Hall. The speakers include Jo Wincott, head teacher of Roding Valley High School, and Allison Campbell, of Essex Police. Public meeting, and all are welcome.

■ **9 Dec, 7.30pm:** Classical and popular music with a seasonal theme at the Roding Players Christmas Concert, Loughton Methodist Church, High Road. Tickets on the door priced £4.50, £3.50 concs. Children under 11 free. Details: 020 8505 4329.

■ **9 Dec, 7.30pm:** Epping Phoenix Choir Christmas concert with music for choir, audience, organ and brass. Admission £6.50/£5 concs/£2 children, or by advance booking on 020 8508 7702.

■ **18 Dec, 10am-1pm:** Royal National Lifeboat Institution Winter Fayre, Wesley Hall, Methodist Church, High Road, Loughton. Lots of stalls. Admission free, but donations gratefully received.

■ **11, 12 & 13 Jan, 8pm:** "Amy's View," by David Hare - Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society, Lopping Hall, High Road, Loughton. Tickets £5. Bookings: 020 8502 5843.

■ **22, 23 & 24 Mar, 8pm:** "Make Way for Lucia," by John van Drucen. Loughton Amateur Dramatic Society, Lopping Hall, High Road, Loughton. Details: 020 8502 5843.

■ **First Sunday of month at 3.30pm:** Church Service, St Michael's Church, Roding Road, Loughton. Friendly, informal service, welcomes those who have learning difficulties and their friends. Includes a number of modern Christian songs, a talk and a few

prayers. Lasts about half an hour and is followed by tea. All welcome.

■ **Every Monday, 7.15-9.15pm:** Roding Players Orchestra rehearses at Roding Valley High School, Alderton Hill, Loughton. New players welcome. No audition. Call Miles Howood on 020 8505 4329 for details.

■ **Every Monday, 8-10pm:** Epping Phoenix Choir meets at Epping Methodist Church Hall. New members welcome, especially tenors and basses. Details: 020 8508 7702.

■ **First Tuesday in the month, 8pm:** Royal British Legion Branch and Club meetings, 118 Church Hill, Loughton.

■ **Second Tuesday of month from 7.30pm:** The Forest Philatelic Society meets in the Centenary Hall, Loughton Methodist Church, High Road. Call Margaret Browning on 020 8508 1244 for details.

■ **Every Thursday, 12.45pm:** The Rotary Club of Loughton meets at The Roebuck Hotel, North End, Buckhurst Hill. Membership enquiries on 020 8504 6367.

■ **Every Thursday, 7.30-10pm:** Modern Sequence Dancing at St John's Church Centre, High Road, Buckhurst Hill. All welcome. Details: 020 8508 7201.

■ **Alternate Fridays: 1.45-3pm:** Toddler Time, St John's Parish Hall, Church Lane, Loughton. Mums, dads, carers with children up to school age - all welcome. Contact Carol on 020 8502 4739 for more details.

■ **Second Saturday in month, 10am-12 noon:** Acorns Junior Group of the Essex Handicrafts Association, Trinity Church, Mannock Drive, Loughton.

LABOUR COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES:
First Saturday in each month:
 ■ **9.15-10.15am:** Oakwood Stores, Longcroft Rise
 ■ **from 10.30am:** The Broadway shopping parade (under the walk-through)
Second Saturday in each month:
 ■ **9.30-10am:** outside Londis, Valley Hill
 ■ **10.30-11am:** outside the Mother Hubbard pub, Valley Hill

Copy date for next issue: 26 Jan 2001. Dates in next issue will cover mid-March to mid-June

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS		
2000		
November	1	Wednesday Environment, Heritage & Leisure
	6	Monday Planning
	15	Wednesday Finance & General Policy
	20	Monday Planning
	23	Thursday Community Forum‡
	29	Wednesday Finance & General Policy (budgets)
December	4	Monday Planning
	13	Wednesday Full Council
	18	Monday Planning
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January	8	Monday Planning
	17	Wednesday Community
	22	Monday Planning
	31	Wednesday Environment, Heritage & Leisure
February	5	Monday Planning
	14	Wednesday Finance & General Policy
	19	Monday Planning
	22	Thursday Community Forum‡
	28	Wednesday Full council±
March	5	Monday Planning
	14	Wednesday Community
	19	Monday Planning
	28	Wednesday Environment, Heritage & Leisure

All meetings at Kingsley Hall, Kingsley Road, at 7.30pm unless shown otherwise.
 ‡ Methodist Church Hall, at 8pm * Meeting Room, Loughton Library
 ± Venue to be arranged

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings.

Copies of the agenda and minutes of meetings are held in the library, and can also be seen at the Town Council offices which are housed in the Information Centre, Traps Hill.

Christmas 2000 Best Dressed Window Competition ENTRY FORM AND RULES



Shop:

Manager/contact:

Address:

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Class: (please tick as appropriate)

Local/independent []

Multiple/chain store []

Please state the name and address of the charity you wish to nominate to receive any winning prize donations from the Town Council:

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CHRISTMAS 2000 BEST DRESSED WINDOW COMPETITION RULES

1 ELIGIBILITY
All shops and businesses within the Town Council's boundaries may enter the competition.

2 CLASSES OF ENTRY
Entrants will be split into two classes:
(i) Local/independent businesses
(ii) Multiples/chain stores (three or more branches)

3 ENTRIES
All entries must be on the Council's official entry form (photocopies are acceptable).
The closing date for entries is Friday 24 November 2000. Window displays must be in place for judging by Monday 4 December.

4 JUDGING
Judging will be carried out by a panel consisting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Community Committee and Chairman of the Council (or substitutes if circumstances dictate).
Judging will take place during the period Monday 4 December to Sunday 17 December.
Results will be announced the following week.

The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

5 THEME
Entrants may base the window display on any Christmas theme.

6 JUDGING CRITERIA
The window displays will be judged on a range of criteria, including: Overall impression/visual impact; Creativity/ideas; artistic merit; inventive use of materials.
EFFORT: Window displays relying primarily on considerable expenditure to achieve their impact will not be favoured in the judging. There is no maximum or minimum size for the display.

7 PRIZES
All entrants will receive a certificate indicating their participation in the competition.
The first prize-winner in each class will receive an engraved cup to retain for eleven months (to be awarded again the following year) and a certificate to keep; also a donation of £100 to be made to the charity of their choice.
The runner-up and highly commended entries in each class will be awarded a certificate.

ENTRIES TO BE RETURNED TO:

Loughton Town Council,
Traps Hill, Loughton, Essex IG10 1DP
Tel: 020 8508 4200

More forms are available from the Town Council.

Closing date for entries:
Friday, 24 November

Window dressings...

LAST Christmas, many local shops and businesses took part in our Best Dressed Window Competition.

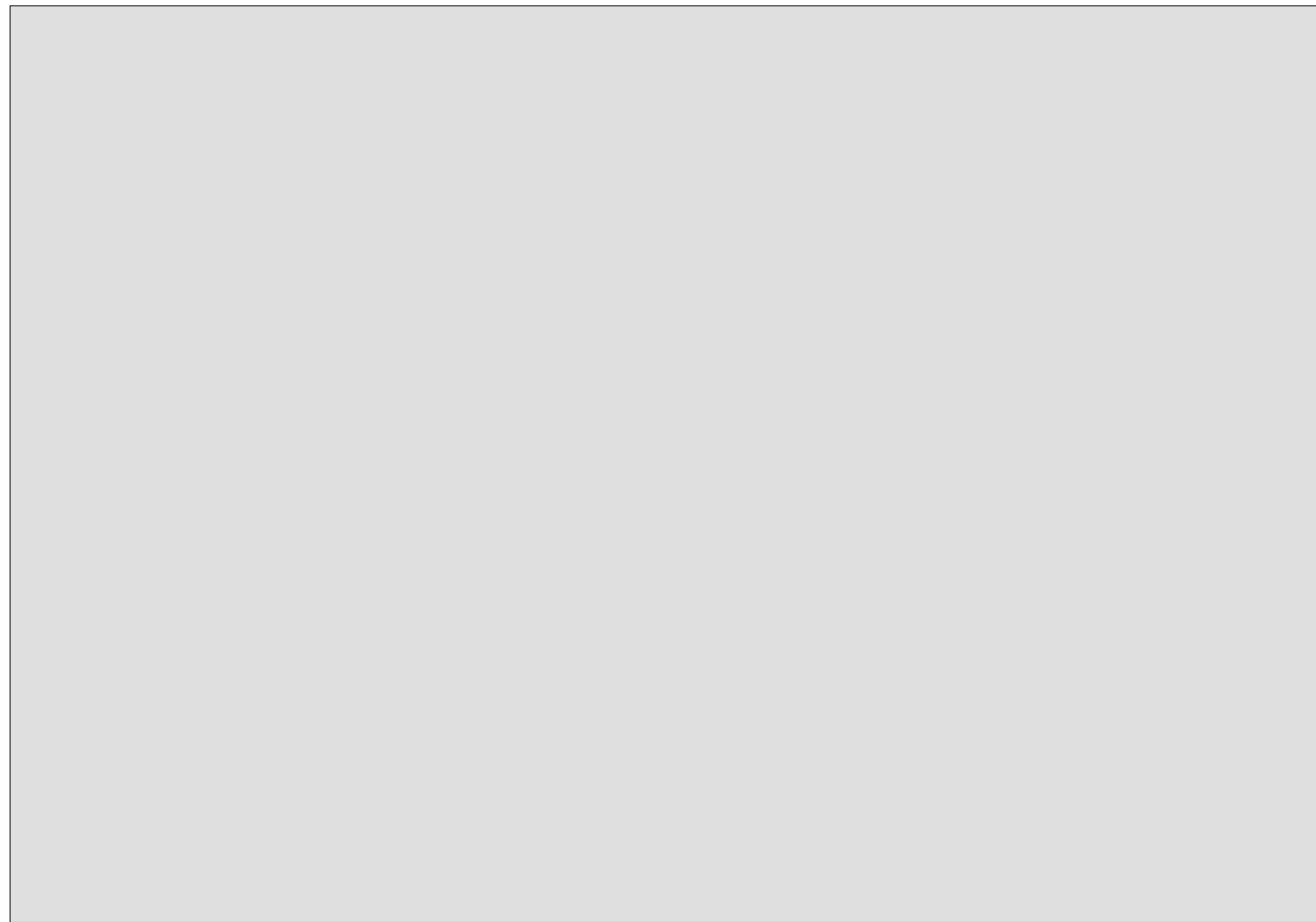
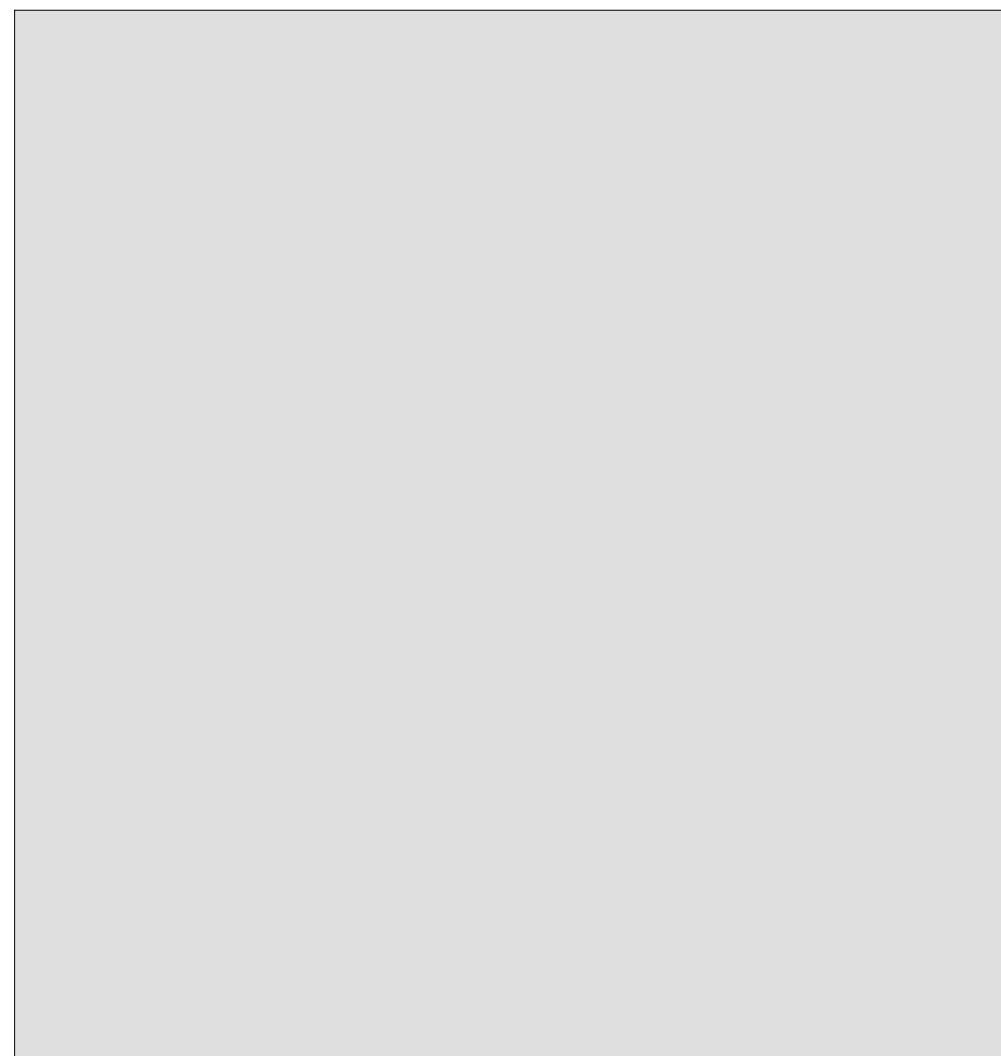
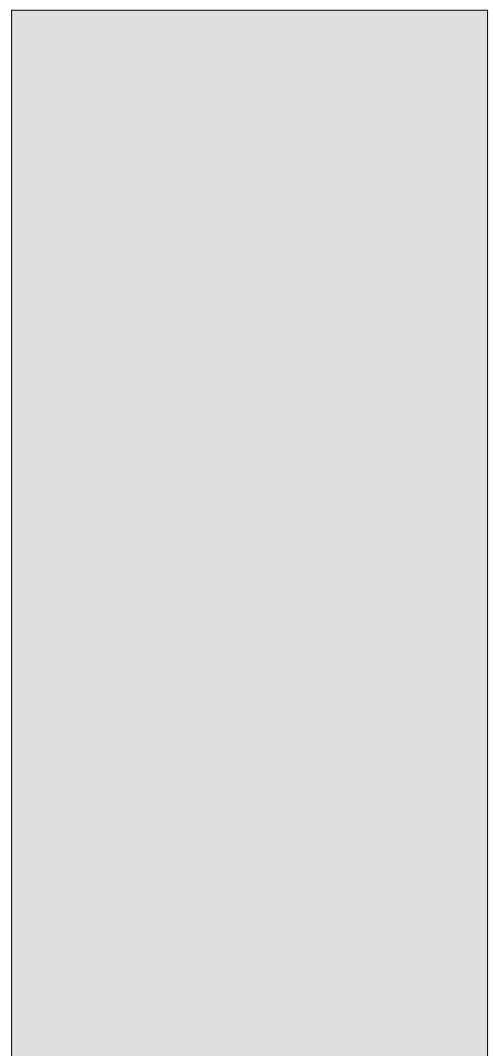
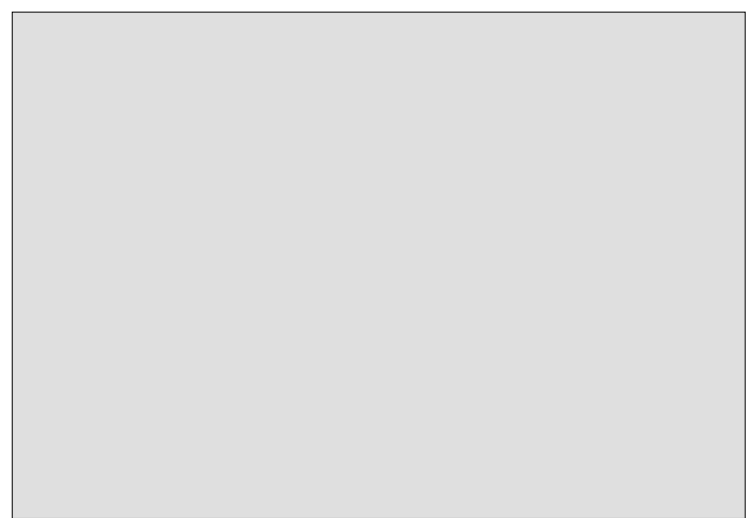
Some stunning displays added to the sparkle created last year by the decorations and lights along the High Road, King's Green and The Broadway.

The competition was a great success and we are looking forward to seeing the entries for this year's competition.

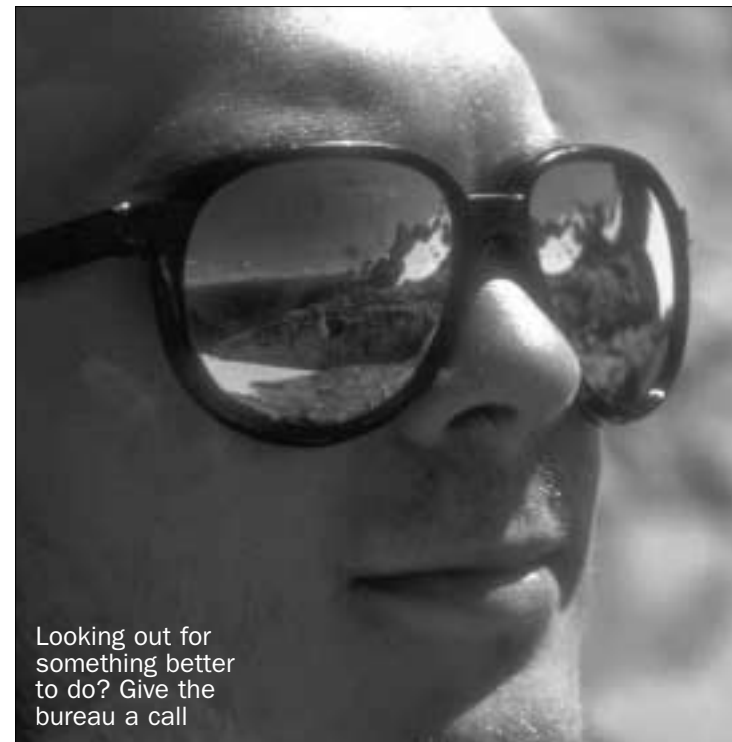
As before, there will be two categories: locals/independents; and multiples/chains.

Each entrant will be given a certificate to display in their shop window. The closing date for entries is 24 November.

The winning entry in each category will be given an engraved cup to keep for 11 months and a donation to the charity of their choice. The runner-up and highly commended entries in each class will be awarded a certificate.



Too much peace and quiet? Join the volunteers



Looking out for something better to do? Give the bureau a call

NOW that the kids have gone back to school, you may be finding it hard to fill your day.

So if you have some spare time on your hands, how about trying volunteering?

Volunteering provides an opportunity to meet people and make friends while, at the same time, make a significant difference to the local community.

Volunteering can also help build up self-confidence and learn new skills, or simply rediscover skills not used for a while.

There are many organisations across the Epping Forest district which need help in a variety of ways.

Among the volunteering opportunities currently available are driving, IT training, DIY,

conservation, advising, befriending, working with families and children, and helping the elderly.

This is not an exhaustive list – there are many more options available.

Any spare time you have would be appreciated and can make a big impact.

Choosing

Anyone considering volunteering should not worry about choosing which vacancy may be right for them.

Epping Forest Volunteer Bureau will provide the support and advice to help decide which is the best placement for you.

Anyone who wants to know more about volunteering should telephone Marina at Epping Forest Volunteer Bureau on 01992 564256.

Former AA man becomes town recruit

PHIL Kingham joined Loughton Town Council on 9 October as cemetery attendant based at Loughton Cemetery.

A resident of Epping for more than 15 years, Phil



Confident: Phil

took early retirement from the breakdown service side of the AA after 22 years on the road. This was followed by work as a civilian driver at Loughton Police station, a stint which finally ended in September.

He is confident that his acquired manual skills will be of benefit to the town.

Bank of England offers a little boost to registered charities

DOES your charity fit the criteria? The Debden-based Bank of England printing works wishes to support local charities.

It holds a small charity pot and would like to share it out among charitable organisations.

Requests for grants will be considered from any charity which does not fall into any of the following categories:

- expeditions;
- churches;
- personal appeals;
- overseas beneficiaries;
- holidays;
- animals;
- choirs;

- third party fundraisers;
- orchestras;
- political organisations;
- theatres;
- religious activities;
- conferences.

Registered charities seeking a donation of below £250 should contact Elaine Fellows on 020 8508 6221.

Sharing it out: the Bank of England wants local charities to come forward with grant applications



Golf day nets local hospice £16,000

A COLLECTION of local firms has banded together to help raise £16,000 for the new St Clare Hospice with a golf day.

And this brings to over £83,000 the cash raised by local businesses for the charity over the last six years.

Daniel Robinson & Sons funeral directors have been the main organisers of a series of events for the Loughton-based hospice.

This year's golf day was held at Canons Brook Golf Club in Harlow and netted a total of £16,878.

Company director Gary Neill said he was "amazed" and pleased with their efforts over the last six years, and added: "The St Clare Hospice is so important to our community.

Hard work

"Now it is open, the hard work really begins because it needs over £1m a year to function.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors, players, advertisers and many small family businesses and local people for their support in helping us to raise this money."