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● A personal message from Cllr Ann Lucas OBE, Leader, Coventry City Council.

Thriving despite the changing landscape

Coventry has always been a city that has embraced change and this issue of *Citivism* has plenty of great examples of how we're doing this by working with people and organisations that have their sights firmly set on making us a top ten city again.

The city centre is key to our future success, so the news that Cathedral Lanes is set to become our new restaurant quarter, with some top names already signed up to take their place in the revamped development, is really welcome.

And with work set to get underway for a major facelift for the railway station, alongside more improvements to key city centre sites like Gosford Street and Lidice Place, there's plenty of reasons to be optimistic about the city's future.

All this work is happening as we face further cuts to many Council services that we've come to take for granted. While we continue to make sure we focus on our most vulnerable residents, as councillors we've had to face making the kind of decisions around this year's budget that none of us came into politics to make.

So, the next year will be both exciting and challenging. Our city will continue to grow and prosper, but tough decisions will still need to be made. You'll have plenty of opportunities to work with us as we tackle these challenges – I hope you'll join us in this work.

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In this issue, we are keen to publicise the Coventry Cohesion Awards 2015 (see page 6). We want to celebrate what people do at a grassroots level to build positive relationships in communities, and I would really encourage local groups to enter.

In early March, we are also looking forward to the Coventry Partnership conference. We will be focusing on how best to ensure that as the city grows and develops, people from all

backgrounds can share the benefits.

Ensuring Coventry's growth while securing maximum benefit for all is key. The task is our opportunity to harness all that our partners can offer to create the right conditions for growth and prosperity so that all the city's residents can flourish.

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* Ken Sloan, chair of the Coventry Partnership.



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City facing another £24m in cuts

Coventry city councillors have approved a package of measures aimed at tackling a £24million cut in government grant for 2015/16 - the biggest ever year on year reduction in mainstream funding.

Council tax will rise by 1.9 per cent for residents – the equivalent of between 30 and 40 pence a week for the typical Coventry household.

The Council's pre-budget report outlined more than £15million worth of new savings in services on top of savings of more than £13million agreed in previous budget reports and a £13million cash injection into services for vulnerable children next year.

But following consultation with residents, business and community groups a £300,000 a year proposed cut to school crossing patrols has been avoided through using reserves in the short term with an agreement with schools to take over the funding in the long term.

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The Council has also committed to keeping all city libraries open in 2015 but will be consulting with the public to develop plans that will enhance the service. In the future libraries in some areas could be merged with other services in existing local authority buildings

Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, Councillor Damian Gannon, said: "By 2017 our funding from government will have halved. Next year's government grant will be £135million, compared to £214million in 2010. This budget shows the stark reality of having to deliver services with at least £250 per head less to spend on every man, woman and child in Coventry than

we had in 2010, and the aftermath of the recession to deal with. We're continuing to focus on making sure our most vulnerable residents – children and old people alike – continue to be protected, but many other services that Coventry people have come to take for granted can't be protected in the same way."

More than £6million a year will be saved through reductions in staff costs, such as employees taking voluntary redundancy or early retirement, including more than £2million a year being saved through cutting more managers' posts. Since 2010 the total number of managers has halved.

Cllr Gannon added: "Clearly, many people are very concerned about the future of our libraries, and we do understand that the uncertainty over their future is difficult for everyone.

"We're a compact city, so it makes sense for us to reduce the number of buildings we own and work from."

Scheme paves way for canal cycle route

A £470,000 Cycle Coventry scheme to improve the Coventry Canal towpath has got underway. The scheme will see the 2.5km stretch of towpath improved from Coventry Canal Basin towards Stoke Heath via Foleshill. The scheme will provide a missing link with a

previously improved section of towpath from Hawkesbury Junction, in total offering an 8km route into the city. The scheme is being carried out in partnership between the Canal & River Trust, the Council and Centro and forms part of the £7 million Cycle Coventry project.

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University's student placement service is voted the UK's best



■ Mike Grey (centre) and the EC Futures team collect their award at this year's National Undergraduate Employability Awards.

Coventry University's efforts to enhance the career prospects of its students have been recognised at a national awards ceremony.

The Faculty of Engineering and Computing's Employability and Placement Service - EC Futures – was crowned the 'Best University Placement Service in the UK' at the National Undergraduate Employability (NUE) Awards

2015, which took place in London last week.

Now in their sixth year, the industry-sponsored NUE awards celebrate the wealth of student work-placement opportunities across the country and recognise the efforts that universities, employers and the students themselves put in to making placements a rewarding experience for all concerned.

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The sky's the limit for jobs and business



The Council's Leader has welcomed the news that Coventry is one of the top 10 cities in the country for jobs growth, patents granted and business growth over the past decade.

The influential Centre for Cities Annual Outlook report is an annual healthcheck on 64 cities.

Coventry is ninth for highest business growth (up 22.2 per cent), seventh for highest jobs growth (up 8.4 per cent), sixth for highest private sector jobs growth (up 8.4 per cent) and fourth for patents issued per 100,000 of the population.

During the past year the city was ranked 10th highest for housing stock growth with 1,000 more homes in 2013 than in 2012, second for private sector jobs growth with 7,800 more in 2013 than in 2012, and first for population growth – up 2.1 per cent. The research showed Coventry was also one of only four cities outside the south east where people earn above the national average wage – the average Coventry wage is £518 a week, making it 11th highest in the country.

But only Birmingham is ranked below Coventry in the percentage of people with no formal qualification, with Coventry's at 15.8 per cent and the city is 59th out of the 64 cities for overall employment rate.

Councillor Ann Lucas said there was some good news for the city, but there was still a lot more to do. "Our drive to deliver more jobs is paying off, and the growth of jobs in the private sector is particularly important for the city's future."

Cllr Lucas said that the city had to continue its drive to deliver more growth and support local people to develop their skills.

Explore historic manor house

The refurbished Cheylesmore Manor House, part of Coventry Register Office, opens its doors to the public on Saturday, March 21 from 11am-3pm. Organisers will be highlighting the rooms available that can be booked for wedding and other civil ceremonies. The building has its own distinct Tudor character and is the oldest register office in the country. It also holds all the original birth, marriage and death registers from 1837 to the present day.

Top trainee Laura lands £1,000 prize

Laura Ascroft, a teaching assistant at Moseley Primary School, has been crowned Apprentice of the Year 2014 at the prestigious City of Coventry Freeman's Guild Awards.

Laura was presented with a certificate and trophy, as well as a cheque for £1,000 by the Lord Mayor and the Guild Master.

She was appointed as a teaching assistant at the school in September 2014 after completing her apprenticeship with the Council.

Laura, who is studying part-time at the University of Warwick to become a teacher, said starting an apprenticeship was the best decision she has ever made. "It gave me a route into working at a school and provided me with an opportunity to prove myself," she said. "I love my job and would recommend an



■ Y4 pupils from Moseley Primary School are joined by Cllr Damian Gannon to celebrate Laura's achievement. Pictured left to right are Hassan Ahmed, Laura, Libby Johnson, Cllr Damian Gannon, and Freddie Hardy.

apprenticeship to anyone."

Cllr Damian Gannon, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, who has responsibility for the apprenticeship scheme at the Council, said: "The Council apprenticeship scheme has enabled 122 people to get permanent jobs since October 2011, which is a great achievement."

Still treading water over swimming pool plan

The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) says the refurbishment of Coventry Sports and Leisure Centre in Fairfax Street is not worth pursuing.

The facility is said to be unable to meet the technical requirements required without extensive and prohibitively expensive remodelling.

Work is therefore ongoing to continue to explore and model other options which could more effectively provide a 50m

competition facility to serve Coventry and the wider region.

The Council has agreed to continue to support the ASA with this feasibility work, and the ASA will report back on its findings.

Councillor Kevin Maton, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Employment, said that the ASA had concluded that the 50m pool was not financially viable. "Even if cash could be committed, the facility still wouldn't meet competition standards."

Top names among those honoured by the Council

Coventry City Council has honoured six people for their outstanding contribution to Coventry

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, international industrialist Ratan Tata from Jaguar Land Rover, and Royal Shakespeare Company Board Member David Burbidge were among those awarded Coventry's prestigious Award of Merit.

Also receiving the Award of Merit were Betty McGlinchey, who has fostered more than 1,200 Coventry children over the past 40 years, Coventry City Council leader Ann Lucas OBE and former leader Ken Taylor OBE, for their services to the city, the region and the Local Government Association.

The Coventry Award of Merit was first held in 1966 as a way



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■ Lord Mayor Hazel Noonan with Award of Merit winners (back, from left) the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Cllr Ken Taylor, David Burbidge, Ratan Tata, (front) Cllr Ann Lucas, Betty McGlinchey and Ralf Speth, CEO at Jaguar Land Rover.

"of recognising and honouring personal behaviour that reflects the highest ideals of citizenship or outstanding performance in any field of human endeavour and which improves the good name of Coventry and inspires its residents."

Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Phil Townshend said: "The Award of Merit is a very special

award; it's given after much careful deliberation, debate and only to honour those who have really made a significant difference to life in the city."

The Award comes in the form of a citation under the Common Seal, together with a presentation of a gold medallion pendant from a ribbon in the city's colours.

Peace awards celebrate the cohesive works of city people

Coventry is once again inviting people and community groups to take part in the Coventry Community Cohesion Awards 2015.

The city has a worldwide reputation for peace and reconciliation and awards organisers want to build upon the good community relations in the city.

Applications are welcome from the voluntary and community sector, young people and the public and private sectors.

The Coventry Community Cohesion Awards celebrate people and activities that have contributed to building cohesive communities, and recognise the significant contributions they make towards cohesion in the city.

This year, a new peace and reconciliation award will recognise what Coventry people do at grassroots level.

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We're all geared up for new care service reforms, users told

New care reforms are set to be introduced from April 1 to support people who receive care and those who provide care.

The Care Act is the most significant reform in social care for over 60 years and is being introduced throughout England.

The Council has launched a new website to help people understand the reforms at www.coventry.gov.uk/careact.

Councillor Alison Gingell, the Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services, said: "I wish to reassure people who currently receive care and support in Coventry that they will continue to receive support where appropriate. We are as confident as we can be that we will be ready to implement the changes from April 1 when the Care Act becomes law.

"We will ensure we make the most of opportunities to help people stay healthy and live as independently as possible for longer."

To find out more about the Care Act reforms in Coventry, visit www.coventry.gov.uk/careact or www.gov.uk/careandsupport, call 024 7683 3003 or email careact@coventry.gov.uk

Manageable loans service on the move

A Coventry Credit Union is hoping a move to Ball Hill in Stoke will boost its uptake.

The organisation was previously based in Willenhall and has recently relocated to 144 Walsgrave Road, with the aid of £15,000 annual funding support from the Council.

Managers at the credit union hope that the move will enable more customers to access the service, and to improve its profile and membership. The credit union will still retain a community presence in Willenhall, Wood End, Stoke Aldermoor and Cheylesmore.

Coventry and District Credit Union is a member run organisation which offers loans starting from 15 per cent APR – 30 per cent APR. The Credit Union has around 2,500 members while 1500 people have savings with the credit union. The organisation relies on 14 volunteers but is always

keen to recruit more, and training is offered for anyone interested.

Isabelle Osborne, chief executive officer at Coventry and District Credit Union said: "We have put a lot of work in to help set up the new venue but we would not have been able to open the shop without the injection of cash from the Council. We have great volunteers but there is always a need to recruit more."

Clr Gannon, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources at the Council, said: "Credit Unions encourage people to save and borrow money without charging them exorbitant rates of interest like pay day lenders. As a Council we want to signpost low-income and vulnerable groups to organisations who can provide constructive advice and support."

For more information about volunteering at the credit union, call 07779 794351.



■ Tonya Hodges (centre), Whitefriars Customer Involvement Officer giving advice to two Whitefriars customers, Diane Powell and Mark Hill.

Housing team's keeping tabs on energy costs

Whitefriars Housing residents are being encouraged to get an energy 'health check' to make sure they are on the cheapest energy tariff, and to get help to switch if they are not. Opportunities to save on their water bills, advice on the best use of storage heaters and checking eligibility for grants are amongst some of the help on offer. Eighty residents have

received help through the scheme and Whitefriars is keen to encourage more. In 2013, the Council estimated that 21 per cent of households in Coventry – 28,000 homes – are deemed to be in fuel poverty compared with the national average of 19 per cent. The Towers Talks project is supported by Severn Trent and National Energy Advice.

...and help's at hand to keep warm

Staying warm at home can be expensive when the weather turns cold. But it's not just about the financial cost of keeping warm at home either, every year people's health suffers because they can't afford to keep warm.

The Council's Affordable Warmth Team can help by:

- Giving advice on keeping your home warmer, saving money on gas and electricity bills, and reducing energy use.
- Supporting you to get the best deal on gas and electricity.
- Checking whether you can get help with grants, or financial support.
- Assisting with fuel debt problems.

FREE INSULATION

Until the end of May Groundwork West Midlands will be supplementing the work of the Affordable Warmth Team as part of a programme of free insulation and heating repairs for eligible households – but hurry, because limited funds are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Councillor Damian Gannon, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, said: "I'm pleased that so many people are benefiting. Help may just be a phone call away, so I'd encourage anyone to think about using these services."

If you need some help, visit www.coventry.gov.uk/energymatters or call the Affordable Warmth Team on 024 7683 2330.



■ Clr Damian Gannon (back, centre) with Credit Union chief executive Isabelle Osborne (right) and the team at their new offices in Walsgrave.

Building on success



Students try out bricklaying at a hands-on Insight into Construction Day at Barratt Homes' City Wharf site in Coventry. The Council is working with the firm to encourage work-related learning and recently students in Years eight and nine from

Foxford School and Community Art College, Ernesford Grange Community Academy and Whitley Academy spent a day at the new homes site learning about the construction industry and gaining practical, supervised experience of building walls and

other construction work. Kevin Maton, the Council's Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Employment, said that it was a great opportunity for young people to see the sorts of opportunities available in the construction industry.

Little Heath thinking big after major expansion

Big things are on the cards at Little Heath Primary after Coventry Lord Mayor Councillor Hazel Noonan joined staff and pupils to open the school's new extension.

The school is set to double its capacity, moving from one to two form entry. The first double-entry reception class began in September 2014 and this increased intake will continue year on year.

The extension is providing eight new classrooms, two new small teaching rooms, a studio hall, toilets, cloakrooms and offices. And to mark the opening, every pupil at the school received a commemorative mug inscribed with the motto *Little Heath Primary, New Beginnings 2015*.

The Council's Cabinet Member for Education, Cllr David Kershaw CBE, said: "The new building at Little Heath is really outstanding. It is a



'It is a splendid learning environment and will support the excellent teaching at the school...'

splendid learning environment and will support the excellent teaching and learning that already happens at the school."

Headteacher, Gill Mulhall, said: "The children have been fantastic throughout the whole build and have coped well. We have made changes so that our pupils have more space to

move around and more opportunities for exciting learning."

Associated Architects held their first planning meeting with the school almost two years ago, and Wates started digging in February 2014. Pupils moved into their new classrooms after the February half term.

Lord Mayor Hazel Noonan is joined by children, staff and civic leaders as she cuts the ribbon to officially open the Little Heath Primary School extension.

New secondary school on cards

Finham Park 2, a new secondary school in Coventry, is set to open its doors in September to 120 Year 7 pupils.

Although the exact location of the new school is yet to be confirmed by the Education Funding Agency, it is most likely to be situated between Broad Lane and Charter Avenue, west of the A45.

Staff at Finham Park have received an overwhelming level of interest in the new school, with nearly 200 applications for places.

Offers of a school place will be made this month (March).

Russell Plester, currently deputy headteacher at Finham Park and recently appointed headteacher designate for the new school, said: "We are working closely with the Education Funding Agency and plans are forging ahead for Finham Park 2.

"Together, we are looking forward to building on the success of Finham Park by creating another outstanding school for Coventry's young people."

Finham Park was rated as outstanding by Ofsted for the second time in January 2015.

For further information about Finham Park 2 visit www.finhampark2.co.uk

Record A-level joy for students

Coventry students in sixth-forms and colleges have achieved record results, latest performance figures have revealed.

Meanwhile, Coventry secondary schools are 4.3 per cent below the national average for the percentage of students achieving five GCSE passes at A*-C, including English and maths, at 52.3 per cent. Last year, the gap was four per cent.

Students set to benefit from new city centre accommodation

A new student village for the city is due to be opened in Coventry city centre ahead of the new academic year.

Study Inn, which is based in the city, provides high-quality accommodation for students by bringing tired buildings back to life.

It has also established its UK headquarters in Coventry and employs 65 staff in the city.

The transformation of the former AXA building in Well Street will bring the company's

total number of bedrooms in Coventry to 684 in seven

city centre locations. It also has centres in Nottingham and Sheffield and is rolling the concept out across the country.

Councillor Ann Lucas, leader of Coventry City Council, who was recently given a guided tour of the new development and the Study Inn headquarters in Corporation Street, said the accommodation gave students a very positive impression of the city.

She said: "It is really encouraging to see what Study Inn has created and the impact it is having on the city centre."

"Buildings which have outlived their use as offices have been transformed. I'm sure that the students who stay here will have

■ Council leader Ann Lucas and Study Inn director Kieran Leahy reflect on the prospect of new quality student accommodation for the city centre.



'It is really encouraging to see what Study Inn has created and the impact it is having on the city centre...'

Young ones live college high-life

good things to say about Coventry.

Study Inn director Kieran Leahy, who was born in Willenhall, said:

"We created and developed the Study Inn concept in Coventry and have continued with that commitment to the city.

"The Well Street project will

complete our new student village concept, which has already attracted international attention."

Creating new student accommodation in the city centre is expected to bring around £10 million into the city centre on an annual basis.

Trainee Zara's engineering a great career, with help from Tata

A Coventry University scholarship programme designed to increase the number of women studying engineering and computing has received the backing of manufacturing industry leader Tata Technologies.

The Coventry-based engineering and product development specialist – whose UK headquarters are on the University's Technology Park – is providing £15,000 for the scholarship scheme.

Coventry University will use the funding from Tata Technologies to award a grant of £1,500 to each of the 20 female recipients of its Ada Lovelace Scholarship, which supports women

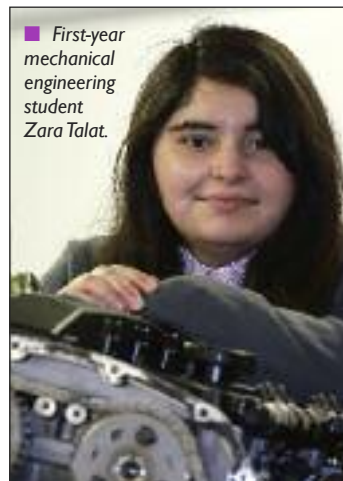
studying courses in its Faculty of Engineering and Computing.

Among the recipients is 18 year-old Zara Talat, who is in her first year of a mechanical engineering degree at Coventry University.

Zara, who is originally from Kingston-upon-Thames and was a science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) co-ordinator at her secondary school, said:

"It's great to be awarded this scholarship, I feel like we're being recognised and encouraged for being women engineers in a field of study which traditionally lacks female representation."

■ First-year mechanical engineering student Zara Talat.



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Uni spreading wings further

The Council is set to approve the sale of a series of offices near the new Council House Square in Little Park Street for use by Coventry University.

The move has been made possible as the Council looks to move from several sites around the city to new central offices at the Friargate Development, which is transforming the area around the railway station and creating a new business quarter.

For the University it is the latest step in an ongoing development which has seen it named as one of the top in the country and student numbers soar.

The University plans to demolish the current Council buildings and create a new headquarters and an International Centre, along with research and commercial areas. There will also be some short term accommodation units.

Cllr Kevin Maton, Chair of Business, Enterprise and Employment at the City Council, said: "The Council is heading for a new future at Friargate, which will help revitalise that part of the city, and now we have assured a great new future for the sites we are leaving behind. The new Council House Square and the plans Coventry University has for the area will mean it continues to play a vital part in city life and that it is enjoyed by students, visitors and university staff for years to come."

"The University is committed to investing between £100m and £125m in the site over the next five years, and in doing so they will be generating about £100m a year for the city's economy through this new development from 2020.

"The city is in for some exciting times ahead with these developments."

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Charities boost aid to the vulnerable

Five local charities that deliver specialist support services to some of Coventry's most vulnerable people have been awarded additional funding through Coventry Police and Crime Board.

Voluntary Action Coventry is overseeing the commissioning process with board members.

The Council supported the process and is also using the funding for promoting and delivering hate crime training so that more voluntary organisations can become reporting centres for victims of hate crime.

The service providers include:

■ **Kairos WWT**, which piloted new work aimed at women aged 18-24 who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation and built connections with other agencies.

■ **Coventry Law Centre**, which developed publicity materials for Safeplace, a dedicated service where victims of domestic violence and abuse can access free legal advice.

■ **Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (CRASAC)**, which has expanded its premises due to rising demand and used the funding to upgrade telephone and IT equipment to reduce waiting lists and provide a new counselling service for men.

■ **Coventry Haven**, which has updated its IT and case management systems.

■ **Valley House**, which has delivered Power to Change courses with childcare, promoting self-help and self-esteem for victims of domestic violence and abuse.

Contact details for each group are given below:

■ **Voluntary Action Coventry**
– 024 7622 0381

■ **Coventry Community Safety Service** – 024 7683 2118

■ **Kairos WWT**
– 024 7655 9550 and/or
admin@kairoswwt.org.uk

■ **Coventry Law Centre**
– 024 7622 3053

■ **CRASAC Helpline**
– 024 7627 7777,

Mon to Fri 10am-2pm,
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■ **Coventry Haven**
024 7644 4077

■ **Valley House**
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There's something Special about these city students

A group of Coventry students will swap lectures for law and order after landing a year-long placement with West Midlands Police.

In a UK-first initiative, 12 undergraduates from Coventry University and Coventry University College will be sworn in as Special Constables and handed a gap-year working with the city's police force.

The placement winners – selected from 64 students who expressed an interest – are set to join the force in September working with the busy St Michaels (city centre) and Hillfields Neighbourhood Police Teams.

Cllr Philip Townshend, deputy leader of Coventry City Council and Chair of the Coventry Police and Crime Board, instigated the scheme. He

said it was a fantastic scheme and one that will really benefit the students and the city.

He said: "This is another great example of partnership working in the city."

Coventry Police Inspector Hasson Shigdar was on the interview panel. He added: "The students come from a variety of courses including policing, criminology, psychology, planning, law and geography...they all showed great enthusiasm during the selection process and I'm

excited by the project."

Sandra Maynard, programme area leader for Law and Policing at Coventry University College, said: "As well as developing skills beyond the classroom to help with their

career aspirations, they will have the opportunity to make a real contribution to policing in the city where they study and provide a visible and reassuring presence on the streets."

'This is another great example of partnership working in the city. The students all showed great enthusiasm during the selection process...'



■ West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson welcomes two of the student placements to Coventry police, along with (back row, centre) Sandra Maynard, Cllr Phil Townshend, and two senior police officers.



Top award for crimebuster

A student who has led the fight against crime in Coventry has been honoured by the region's most senior police officer. Raluca Mocanasi, from the Foleshill area of the city, was presented with a Community Service Award by Chief Constable Chris Sims for her leading role in the Student Street Watch scheme. The 22-year-old was one of the first to sign-up to the scheme and has clocked up 250 hours on the beat, offering students safety advice, managing the volunteer rotas, training others to safely undertake patrols and more. For student specific safety advice, visit www.saferstudents.co.uk

All aboard! We're goi

The construction of the first section of the new pedestrian boulevard between the railway station and city centre is now underway.

The photo below shows the first stretch of tarmac for the newly-realigned Warwick Road being laid and once completed, the public

boulevard will provide a clear, open, wide landscaped pathway for pedestrians to travel between the railway station and Bull Yard in the city centre, while new roads will form a completely new layout to the junction.

Construction has been taking place on the project since March last year, with the largest part of the work – the bridge deck itself – now in place

ready for the resurfacing of Warwick Road, back to its old historic route.

When the boulevard, deck and the new approach roads are in place, the old raised area of Junction 6 will have been replaced with a 100m wide bridge, spanning the Ring Road below.

Landscaping work has also begun with the planting of the first replacement trees, with the Council

having previously pledged to plant two new trees for every one that had been removed, on all of the projects taking place across the city.

CLlr Rachel Lancaster, Cabinet Member for Public Services, said: "This is a really exciting time in what has been a very challenging project, but we are on track for our planned completion date of spring this year."



■ The boulevard development gathers pace (above), and (right), Councillor Rachel Lancaster: "We're on track for spring completion."

Station upgrade is just the ticket

Coventry's railway station is set for a major facelift to cope with growing passenger numbers and the creation of the Friargate development.

The work will include a brand new entrance, car parking and a new bus interchange. The plan is a boost to the regeneration of Coventry as it aims to become a top 10 city. The station, built in 1962, has seen the highest growth in passengers of any station outside London in the last five years and is one of the busiest stations on the West Coast Mainline after London and Birmingham New Street. Passenger numbers have doubled in the last 14 years to about 5.4 million a year.

The Council has been working closely with Network Rail, the wider rail industry and Coventry and Warwickshire LEP to come up with the improvements plan and secure funding.

Councillor John McNicholas, councillor for Transport on Coventry City Council, said: "These planned works will mean the station fits in with the new developments around it and with the many improvements taking place across Coventry."

The works will be delivered along with the Nuckle scheme, which will provide a new platform '5', associated track and signalling works, and an improved train service between Coventry and

Perfect platform for restaurant quarter

The new owner of Cathedral Lanes has agreed deals to bring three major national brands to the development.

Shearer Property Group has submitted a planning application to transform the largely vacant shopping centre into a vibrant new restaurant and bar quarter, with outside seating in Broadgate Square. The company, which bought the 65,000 sq ft complex from Hammerson in October 2014 for £5.5m, has signed deals with Wagamama, Las

Iguanas and Cosy Club to open late in 2015, and applied for planning consent to create the new complex.

Wagamama offers pan-Asian food and has outlets in 17 countries, including one in Leamington Spa, while Las Iguanas offers Latin American-style food using British produce. It was established in Bristol and is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2015.

The Cosy Club has nine venues across the country. It is operated by Loungers Ltd, which is behind The Lounge chain.

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Coventry City Centre is changing and people are being encouraged to have their say on how they want their city to look in 20 years' time.

The Council is preparing an Area Action Plan (AAP) to make sure any changes and new buildings are the best possible fit for

the city centre, and that they protect its history at the same time as helping Coventry to thrive.

The plan will cover the city for the next 15-20 years and includes development plans for Friargate, the City Centre South shopping area and the growth of Coventry University.

To have your say, check out the www.coventry.gov.uk/aap and fill in the survey by April 17. Alternatively, you can complete a questionnaire from Civic Centre, 100 Broadgate Street or from any library in the city.

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Signals at go for host of other schemes



Improvement schemes are set to begin in Gosford Street and Lidice Place/Queen Victoria Road and at Belgrade Square. The planned work will see improvements made to pedestrianised areas and some alterations to road layouts, tying in with the improvements in Broadgate and at Council House Square, and with recently completed work at 'Gosford Gate' around Junction 3 Sky Blue Way/Far Gosford Street. Transportation experts will be working with



contractors to ensure there is as little impact on local residents, businesses, the environment and local roads as possible. Work has already started on Gosford Street, funded by Coventry University and a grant from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The Lidice Place/Queen Victoria Road



scheme (pictured above) is due to begin this month (March), while Belgrade Square improvement work is scheduled to begin in the spring. The latter will be funded with a combination of ERDF, Growth Deal and private investment. Updates on progress and road/pedestrian restrictions are available at www.coventry.gov.uk/yourcity

Nuneaton. The first phase of that scheme is underway with new stations being created at Ricoh and Bermuda and improvements to Bedworth Station. Now extra funding has been secured to create an extra platform at Coventry with track and signalling to allow two

trains an hour between Coventry and Nuneaton. The improvement work is being funded through £21.3m of Growth Deal and Integrated Transport Block funding and there will be extra funding from Network Rail to improve the existing station buildings.

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- The plan will also be discussed in neighbourhoods in the city on the following dates:
- **Willenhall** – Thursday, March 26 (9-11am).
 - **Finham** – Tuesday, March 31 (3-5pm).
 - **Arena Park** – Wednesday, April 1 (10am-1pm).

- **Allesley Park** – Thursday, April 9 (4-6.30pm).
- **Willenhall** – Monday, April 13 (3-5.30pm).
- **Finham** – Thursday, April 16 (9-11.30am).
- **Allesley Park** – Thursday, April 16 (4-6.30pm).
- **Arena Park** – Friday, April 17 (9-11.30am).

Much ado about drama as theatre hits milestone

The Belgrade Theatre will be hosting a year-long programme of events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the birth of Theatre in Education and the role that drama and theatre can play in inspiring young people.

In 1965 the Coventry's Belgrade Theatre, established a company of actor-teachers dedicated to using theatrical performance and drama workshops to explore issues of cultural, social, political and moral significance. Since that time the theatre has continued to pilot ground-breaking initiatives within the field of participatory arts and is currently home to one of the most active community and education programmes in the UK.

Hamish Glen, artistic director at the Belgrade Theatre, said: "Theatre In Education not only positioned the Belgrade's work at the centre of the social and economic life of the city, it provided a spark for a revolutionary new theatre movement which spread across the UK and the world."

The 2015 anniversary programme will consist of a two-week July Festival of Theatre from Wednesday, July 8 until Tuesday, July 21, which will showcase some of the best new work by young people, for young people. The festival will include performances, workshops, talks and interactive events, from artists and companies from around the UK such as Frantic Assembly, the Royal



■ **Above:** Former TiE workshop leader Brian Bishop, now education director at Warwick Arts Centre, and Justine Themen, associate director in charge of community & education at the Belgrade Theatre, join young participants at the theatre's 50th anniversary of Theatre In Education. **Left:** A TiE workshop in progress back in 1965.

Shakespeare Company, Vamos Theatre Company, Gateway Studio Project, Curious Directive and Highly Sprung.

From Monday, October 19 until Saturday, October 31, the Festival of Theatre for Children and Young

People curated by the Belgrade Theatre's multi award-winning associate artist, Tony Graham, will showcase some of the best professional theatre produced for children and young people across the UK and further afield.

...and Warwick Uni marks its 50th in style

The University of Warwick, *The Times* and *Sunday Times* University of the year, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year with a range of events looking at what happens next.

The Festival of Social Sciences, from May 6-15 will provide a unique opportunity to view social sciences through the years. A series of events, will take place on and off Warwick's campus, including a day of activities at Coventry's new creative hub,

FarGo Village, on May 9.

The Warwick Music Festival will run in May, with some of the world's best musicians playing at Warwick Arts Centre. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, joined by The University of Warwick Symphony Orchestra, open the festival on May 21 with a supersized helping of American music. Mercury-nominated Scottish four-piece Django Django will perform songs from their acclaimed debut album as well as their new

second album on May 22. And after four decades performing across the globe, Joan Armatrading brings her first solo world tour to Warwick Arts Centre on May 23.

The Festival of the Imagination, from October 16-17, will be a fresh, fun way for the academic institution to present its most forward-thinking ideas.

To keep up to date with the university's plans for the 50th, go to www.warwick.ac.uk/warwick50.

Were you wed at Coombe?

Coombe Abbey Hotel is to celebrate its 20th anniversary this year and is set to mark the milestone with commemorative events and new activities.

As part of the anniversary celebrations, the hotel has put out a call to couples who were married at the hotel in the last 20 years to come forward with their photos, memories and experiences. Organisers are looking to create a 'montage of marital memories' which will be turned into an online gallery available on the hotel's website and social media channels.

Coombe Abbey is also looking at using the photos and testimonials to form a static display at the hotel, with participating couples invited to attend a reception event on the day of the exhibition.

With the wedding exhibition dipping into the hotel's past, the present is represented by an impressive new line-up of events and activities for visitors to enjoy this year.

The dazzling lights of Broadway and the West End will come to The Abbeygate on the last Friday of each month as the new Night at The Musicals event takes centre stage.

Another new addition to Coombe Abbey Hotel's events schedule is *Murder at the Abbey*, updated with a new script, which will see guests taken back to the 1920s to uncover who is responsible for the murder of Lord Panthem's valet, killed in the main house.

Dermot Deloughry, general manager at Coombe Abbey Hotel, said: "It's incredible to think the hotel first opened 20 years ago and reaching this milestone has brought back some wonderful memories. We are delighted to be celebrating our 20 year anniversary and we want to include all our guests and visitors in those celebrations as much as possible."

For further details of all the Coombe Abbey Hotel events including the popular medieval banquets, visit www.coombeabbey.com/coombe-events



■ Thrust SSC drive Andy Green chats with Culture Coventry chief executive Gary Hall at the opening of the World Land Speed Exhibition.

Speed shrine Thrusts ahead

A spectacular all-new permanent World Land Speed Record Exhibition has opened at Coventry Transport Museum, as part of the museum's ongoing £9m transformation project, which is due for completion in June.

The Biffa Award Land Speed Record Exhibition is one of the first parts of the redevelopment project to be completed, and forms a stunning new home for the current 763mph Land Speed Record holding car Thrust SSC, along with its predecessor Thrust 2. For the next few weeks, the exhibition also includes a full scale model of Bloodhound SSC, the vehicle that will be aiming to break the 1000mph barrier in 2016.

This new exhibition gives visitors the chance to get up close to the record-breaking vehicles, and learn about the land speed pioneers who have pushed the boundaries of engineering through the ages.

Opening the record breaking exhibition was 'World's Fastest Man' Andy Green, who drove ThrustSSC to its 763mph world record in 1997 – a record that still stands today.

The exhibition also includes an all-new 4D Land Speed Record Simulator, in which visitors will be able to experience smashing through the sound barrier and travelling at 763mph in the world's fastest car!

Angela's vintage triumph

A Coventry woman has revealed how she turned her home-based business into a dream career.

Angela Prior-Kimball began selling vintage clothing from her bedroom before taking her thriving business around the world and to the big screen when she worked on a number of famous films including 'Mona Lisa Smile' and 'Trainspotting'.

With an impressive career spanning well over three decades, Coventry's queen of vintage says that her childhood hobby was her inspiration.

"When I was little, I had a dressing up box which was full of old clothes from my grandma, mum and sister.

"Then at university, I spent all my time in the vintage clothes shops. When it came to doing my finals I couldn't move in my room or do any work, so I started having sales from my bedroom.

"On the day of the sale, I opened my door and there was a huge queue going down the corridor and all the way down the stairs."

When an enterprise scheme gave Angela the opportunity to start her vintage business, she couldn't refuse. Over 30 years later, she says that a lot has changed but her instincts have helped her through.

"My customers have become my friends and I am happy to be their personal shopper, I know their style.

Angela has recently introduced her vibrant boutique 'Heaven Vintage' to Fargo Village and with a number of vintage shops opening around the city it seems as though Coventry is becoming a vintage shopping hotspot.



■ Hat's off to Angelor Prior-Kimball for her vintage clothing enterprise.

Severn Trent backs fostering initiative

Leading council members have enlisted the backing of Severn Trent Water to help spread the foster and adopt for Coventry message.

The city-based utilities giant has joined with the Council in a bid to get more people to consider fostering within the city.

Rob Salmon, from Severn Trent Water, said: "We're a local employer with many of our staff also living in Coventry, so we were pleased to be able to support this initiative and hopefully encourage more people in the city to foster and adopt."

Over 600 children in Coventry need a secure, loving, stable home and with the Council, prospective foster carers and adopters will be allocated their own social worker, a quality training package, 24-hours support plus generous allowances. Cllr Ken Taylor, Coventry's Fostering and Adoption Champion at the Council, added:



■ (From left) Cllr Ed Ruane, Fostering and Adoption team's Rachel Brown, Council leader Ann Lucas and Severn Trent Water's Rob Salmon help spread the word.

"I'm very keen to engage the local business community. I hope we will be out visiting other companies in the future."

To find out more text CHILDHOOD and your name to

07950 081216 (texts will be charged at a standard rate), or call the friendly team on 024 7683 2828.

For the latest information, www.coventry.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering

Drive to boost work training

The Council has committed to increase the number of looked-after children joining its apprenticeships.

The aim is to increase the number applying for Council apprenticeships to 20 per cent by 2017, with an interim target of 10 per cent by the end of 2016.

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Cllr Ed Ruane, said: "We already have a number of our looked-after children accessing the well-established apprenticeship scheme, and we want to widen the opportunity. We'll also be introducing a 'Buddy' system, where looked-after children who are well-established in their apprenticeships will be able to support new starters, and I'll be calling on other major employers to make a similar commitment."

There are currently six looked-after children accessing the scheme. To find out more, visit www.coventry.gov.uk/apprenticeships



Childhood memories last a lifetime

Together we can give children a childhood.

Over 600 children in Coventry need a secure, loving, stable home. Adopt or Foster for Coventry and we will provide you with your own allocated social worker, quality training package, 24 hours a day support and generous allowances, helping you to make a **real difference** to children's lives.

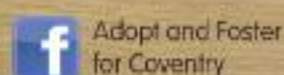
To find out more text **CHILDHOOD** and your name to **07950 081216** (*) or come and chat with us on:

Tuesday 24th March	6:30-8:30pm	Asda Walsgrave Triangle Asda Coventry Supercentre, Brade Drive, Coventry, CV2 2PH
Monday 20th April	6-8pm	Alan Higgs Centre Allard Way, Coventry, CV3 1HW
Saturday 25th April	10am-12	Queens Rd Baptist Church Queens Road, Coventry, CV1 3EQ (Please note if using a Sat Nav then use CV1 3ET which will bring you into Grosvenor Road where the car park is)
Tuesday 19th May	7-9pm	Xcel Leisure Centre Walsall Avenue, Coventry, CV4 8DY
Tuesday 7th July	7-9pm	Centre AT7 Sail Green Road, Coventry, CV6 7QP

For more information call the friendly team on **024 7683 2828**

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www.coventry.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering



Lottery boost aims to empower people to tackle everyday issues

A £1.53million funding boost for Coventry Law Centre will help it build legal knowledge, confidence and skills in people across the city.

The funding, from The Big Lottery Fund, Comic Relief and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, will see support for an early action project in Coventry which aims to

reduce demand on services like children's services and housing and shift how resources are allocated in Coventry. The city is one of just three in the country to get the funding from the Early Action Neighbourhood Fund. The fund aims to reduce future demand for public services and to prevent more people reaching crisis

point. Law Centre director Sue Bent said: "We've been working on the proposal for 12 months and are thrilled to be given the opportunity to show the value of expert legal advice in preventing problems growing, and to work with our public sector partners to help Coventry be a city where need is avoided."

Job Shop finds work for 1,700

A city centre venue that has been helping people to secure employment since opening in 2013 recently welcomed its 10,000th customer

Antoinette Howe signed up to the Council-run Job Shop and with the help of staff has since gone on to full time employment.

So far this year the Employment Team has registered a further 5,920 customers, of which over 1,700 have progressed to employment, including 245 'NEETS' – those who were not in education, employment or training and has assisted 95 local companies in recruiting new staff.

Antoinette said: "It's amazing the time and effort they put in to help in any way they could. It's made an enormous difference and totally turned mine and my family's life around. I couldn't have done it without them"

The venue includes a Youth Zone for young people aged 16-24 which provides details on placements for six months or more with a range of local employers. Other opportunities include apprenticeships, traineeships and work trials.

The Job Shop also has an Employer Hub, which acts as a single point of contact for any employer in the city and can help with recruitment and training needs, while the award-winning Employment Support Service (TESS) works with people who have learning disabilities, autism, physical or sensory impairments and severe and enduring mental health difficulties.

The Job Shop in Bull Yard is open from Monday – Friday. For further details please call Karen Booret, Job Shop Manager on 024 7683 5751 or email karen.booret@coventry.gov.uk

Rugby ace Harry's the oldest winger in town... ...or, more precisely, a former leader of the pack?

The Council's Design Team helped a Coventry legend celebrate a very special birthday.

When Council leader Ann Lucas heard Coventry and England's oldest surviving rugby player, Harry Walker, was about to celebrate his 100th birthday, she wanted to do something to mark the occasion.

So she asked the Design Team – part of the Communications Team in the Council House – to come up with a card that could sit proudly alongside the one from the Queen.

And Harry was delighted with the result when Ann visited him on his birthday.

Harry, a former tighthead prop, left school at 14 and formed his own team John Gulson Old Boys before being asked to turn out for Coventry in 1932. He spent the rest of his career with his beloved club, relishing the derby games against Leicester, Rugby and Northampton. He retired in 1952 and later became the second team coach, bringing through talent including Peter Rossborough and David Duckham.

Harry won nine England caps – a total



■ Harry's birthday card (right), Harry on England duty (top) and (above) with Council leader Ann Lucas.

Happy 100th Birthday Harry



which would have been more but for the fact that his debut was delayed by the Second World War. He was the only ever-present in the 1947 and '48 Five Nations and he also played for the Barbarians against the Australians in 1948.

The card shows Harry playing for the Barbarians and proudly wearing his England shirt and has the badges for Coventry, England and the Barbarians.

City leads way towards age-friendly target

Coventry will be one of the first cities in the UK to adopt the Age Friendly Cities programme – part of a wider World Health Organisation run initiative.

It means that Coventry is focused on preparing for the rapid ageing of the population by creating inclusive, accessible urban environments.

Cllr Alison Gingell, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services and chair of the Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board, said:

"We already have lots of fantastic work going on throughout Coventry. It is important that we build on that and acknowledge the impact that older people have on all of our lives, and the significant contribution that they make to our city."

The Council has been working with Coventry University and Age UK Coventry to develop the Age Friendly agenda for the city.

Professor Guy Daly, Executive Dean, Faculty of Health and Life

Sciences at Coventry University, said: "The number of older adults living in Coventry will rise over the next 20 years. To prepare for this demographic ageing, Coventry University is working alongside the Council, Age UK and other partner agencies to make Coventry an age friendly community, where older adults are actively involved, valued and supported."

For more information, visit www.who.int/ageing



■ Age UK's Michael Vincent, Cllr Alison Gingell, Age Friendly lead officer Kam Kaur and Professor Guy Daly, championing the city's Age Friendly status.

Helping you beat smoking habit

Smoking is not allowed on planes and trains ... and now at Coventry and Warwickshire hospital sites.

From January 1, smokers have been prohibited from lighting up on the Trust grounds and buildings at University Hospital in Coventry and the Hospital of St Cross in Rugby. Signs have already been added to remind everyone, including staff, patients and visitors that they have to stub it out when on site.

Will Overfield, Trust Stop Smoking Services Manager said: "Anyone seen smoking will be politely asked to stop by our specially-trained staff until they are off site. This is to ensure we minimise the health implications for smokers, but also those breathing in other people's smoke."

The move comes as the Trust reinforces its duty of care, as outlined by NICE guidelines, to protect the health of staff, patients and visitors to UHCW. Trust chief executive Andy Hardy said: "As a hospital Trust it doesn't seem sensible that in one building we treat people for the health effects of smoking and yet just outside they are lighting up cigarettes. As one of the largest employers in the region we have to set an example to everyone that there's no need to smoke while at hospital. But if people want help quitting we have staff that can help with that too."

To help patients and staff who want to give up smoking, the Trust's Smoking Cessation Team will continue to provide stop smoking support and can be contacted on 024 7696 4760.

■ This year's No Smoking Day is Wednesday, March 11, and the team at Smokefree Coventry has developed a calendar that, if you smoke and were to quit, details a list of holidays you could book with the spare cash!

The Smokefree service in Coventry has all the expertise and support that you need to help you on the way to a smokefree life ... and possibly a holiday!

So why not start planning your own journey now and join this year's No Smoking Day pledge 'I'm Proud to be a Quitter'? Call 024 7696 1590 for more information. If you are ready to book your first appointment, call 0300 200 0011, text QUIT to 07768 867987 or email smokefree.coventry@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Brake on car smokers

Coventry is backing plans to introduce new government legislation that will make it illegal to smoke in cars carrying children to protect them from the effects of second hand smoke. The change that comes into force in October will mean that anyone lighting up in a car with a child under 18 present will be breaking the law. Second-hand smoke from cigarettes can be responsible for a range of health problems, including bronchitis, asthma and glue ear, and is especially dangerous to children. Coventry has already trialled a number of schemes that encourage people not to smoke outside school gates and in children's play areas. A senior councillor and lead spokesperson on Smokefree Coventry said plans are being put together to reduce the negative impact of smoking on other people - in particular children who are most vulnerable to the impact of second hand smoke.

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■ Dr Surinder Chaggar checks out the health of a patient. Dr Chaggar is at the heart of the new patient care project.



United front in improving patient care

Health and social care professionals in Coventry and Rugby are joining forces in a new way to improve patient care. Sharing information in new Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs), care professionals including social workers, district nurses, health visitors and mental health nurses and doctors are working with GPs to strengthen the way they respond to patients they see. It also means that patients will only have to tell their story once, rather than numerous times to different health and social care professionals. The project has begun by targeting people aged over 75 who might be at risk of being admitted to hospital in a crisis. By sharing information better, acting sooner and in a more proactive manner, the teams believe they can help stop frail elderly patients ending up with a spell of hospital care.

The team currently targets patients cared for by two of Coventry's GP surgeries, Broad Street and Forum Health Centres, covering approximately 30,000 patients. But in future they hope their way of working can be rolled out across the whole city. Dr Surinder Chaggar, a GP at the heart of the new project, who sees patients at the Forum Health Centre, Farren Road in Walsgrave, said: "We meet each fortnight and discuss cases of patients who we feel we could do more for, if we were able to work together better. We are able to share information about patients much more effectively in this setting, continuing to ensure that we are only sharing information in an appropriate way." The idea is part of a drive to help make better use of care resources across the city.

Sam's in the running for £5,000 midwifery prize

A midwife from University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (UHCW) has been shortlisted for a prestigious Royal College of Midwives award recognising her work in bereavement support.

Sam Collinge, (pictured) from Stratford upon Avon, has been a Bereavement Support Specialist Midwife since 1999 and helps grieving families to cope following the death of a baby.

She has been shortlisted for the National Maternity Support Foundation (NMSF) Award for Bereavement Care, and is one of three midwives in line for the £5,000 bursary to improve the sensitive photography the hospital provides to bereaved parents and give her the honour of becoming one of Jake's Midwives, named after the son of NMSF founders Andrew and Rachel



Canter, who sadly lost Jake in childbirth.

Sam said: "I feel delighted to have been shortlisted and it is fantastic for the team I work with and the Trust as a whole."

The £5,000 from the bursary will support Sam's idea - 'Forever Photos' - to develop an in-house training scheme for midwives, using a specialist photographer to build skills and confidence in taking good quality sensitive photographs.

Sam said: "We have always offered keepsakes to parents, which are usually photographs and hand-

and-foot prints. However, I feel that the level of photography could be improved for parents."

Sam will give a presentation to a judging panel in December and attend an award ceremony at the Brewery in London next March, when the winner will be announced.

Who's your star?

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust would like you to help recognise the excellent NHS services delivered by staff and volunteers by nominating them for one of this year's Q Awards. Individuals or teams can be nominated by the public. Patients and carers will also take part in the judging process. The main awards categories are compassion in action, working together, respect for everyone, seeking excellence, corporate services, volunteer of the year, clinical leader of the year and non-clinical leader of the year. The closing date for nominations is Monday, May 4.

Nomination forms are available in all Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust buildings, and you can nominate online at www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Clear identity

Nurses and other frontline NHS staff are being encouraged to think about how they address patients, carers and family members and let them know their name. Staff at Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust took part through Twitter. Further initiatives are taking place to ensure that patient care is delivered with care, compassion and respect. If you would like to become involved in how services are delivered call 024 7636 8982 or email engagement@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Wellbeing on agenda

National and local health experts in Coventry will come together at the end of March to reflect on the state of the city's health. The Council is to co-host an event called Making a Difference, along with University College London Institute of Healthy Equity and Public Health England. This one day free event takes place at Coventry Transport Museum. Two years ago, Coventry became a Marmot city, dedicated to reducing health inequalities, as laid down by Professor Sir Michael Marmot, director of the Institute of Health Equity.

Sky Blue frontmen

Former Coventry City players Dave Bennett and Dietmar Bruck are fronting a campaign to encourage those aged between 40 and 74 to get their free NHS health check. The 30-minute check is part of the national NHS Health Check programme which aims to keep people well for longer. All adults aged between 40 and 74 are eligible and can get a check at their GP surgery or at one of several community venues. For more details, visit www.coventry.gov.uk/nhshealthcheck



Top marks for the champion school nurses

The school nursing team (above) has met with young volunteers from a variety of schools across Coventry to train them in their new role of School Nurse Champions. Every school in the city has a school nurse to provide help and support to pupils (aged five to 19) with every aspect of their physical and emotional health. The recruitment and training of young volunteers as School Nurse Champions will provide a service for pupils aged 11-18 years of age from their peers. Elsa Chadaway, services manager for School and Youth IPU at Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, said: "We understand that it isn't always easy for young people to discuss their worries, concerns or anxieties, but there is support and guidance

from the school nursing team. The pupils who volunteer as School Nurse Champions are a vital element to ensuring that young people are directed towards the right help and support." The training morning involved lots of interactive activities to provide young volunteers with the knowledge and skills to confidently signpost their peers to the correct service and support. For more information on School Nursing Services in Coventry and the School Nurse Champion Scheme, call 024 7696 1418, write to City of Coventry Health Centre, Paybody, 2 Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry CV1 4FS or email school.nursing@covwarkpt.nhs.uk You can also find out more by visiting www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Hospital's care of dementia victims scoops top award

The Frail and Older People's Team at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) NHS Trust has won a prestigious national award for the way it cares for people living with dementia in hospital.

At the fifth National Dementia Care Awards, the team came out on top in the Best Dementia-Friendly Hospital category. Rose O'Malley, clinical nurse specialist, said: "The winning of this award would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of staff at the Trust, who have helped provide a person-centred approach and compassionate care to those living with dementia."

The National Dementia Care Award comes after the Frail and Older People's team used innovative ways – including the Forget-Me-Not Care Bundle and the Sky Blue Pillow cases – to help create a more person-centred

approach at the hospital for those living with dementia.

The Forget-Me-Not Care Bundle focuses on critical elements of nutrition, hydration, communication and the environment, including safe personal space, for those living with dementia and their carers.

The Sky Blue Pillow Cases initiative helps staff to identify patients living with dementia, through the use of blue pillows. When staff see patients with these pillows they can tailor their care accordingly.

Mark Radford, chief nursing officer with UHCW NHS Trust, said: "I am delighted that the excellent work done by the Frail and Older People's Team has received national recognition. The award is also a tribute to the hard work and dedication of staff who have embraced the changes and who make a real difference to the lives of the patients in our care."

Sign language

Clinicians from Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust have provided tuition in specialist sign language, Makaton, to staff at Coventry Transport Museum. Makaton is a comprehensive range of symbols, together with a kind of sign language, that is designed to help improve communication with people with a learning disability. The training will ensure that staff at the museum are even better prepared to meet the needs of all kinds of visitors when they launch their refurbished attraction in the spring, following its £8.5 million transformation, funded by the National Lottery. Sue Cory, therapies lead for Community Learning Disability at Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, said: "Using the Makaton system of symbols and signs can help a lot to include people with a learning disability." For further details, visit www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk. For further information on Coventry Transport Museum, please visit www.transport-museum.com

Warmer days around the corner

Here are some of the things you can enjoy in and around Coventry during the spring season

MARCH

Every Friday – Tot Waddles, War Memorial Park (10.30am-noon, £3). Meet the Education Team for some fun in the park. Go on a little adventure before coming inside for some arts and crafts. Dress appropriately for the weather. Meet Education Room in the Visitors Centre (Suitable for 2-4 years. Younger siblings can accompany brothers and sisters but activities are aimed at 2 years and above). Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Call reception on 024 7678 6281.

Until April 26 – Recording Britain, free exhibition, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. In the winter of 1939 an extraordinary art project was begun. Beneath the spectres of invasion and aerial bombing, the Scheme for Recording the Changing Face of Britain rapidly commissioned artists to paint 'places and buildings of characteristic national interest'. The resulting collection of over 1,500 paintings created a remarkable, yet highly selective, snapshot of a fast-changing country. Exhibition organised by the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

Until May 31 – New Art West Midlands free exhibition, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. Showcases exciting new work from artists who have recently graduated from art schools in the region. For further details, visit: www.newartwestmidlands.org

7 – Spring Makes Craft & Art Fair, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum (10am-4pm). Be inspired by local craftspeople demonstrating their talents, be impressed with the artists' work and treat yourself or someone else to a unique treat.

12 (also April 9) – ensemble 1685, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum (12.30-1.30pm, free). Join the wonderful ensemble 1685 singers for a musical performance to uplift and inspire. Booking not required.

12 – Memories and Quilts, War Memorial Park (2pm). Come along and view the Memory quilts and blankets made by Our Artist In Residence Julia O'Connell. Feel free to bring along your own work or ideas to share. Refreshments will be available. Meet Meeting Education Room at Visitor Centre. Call reception on 024 7678 6281.

17 – Herbert Illumination: Recording Britain Curator's Talk, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum (12.30-1.30pm, free). Curator Gill Saunders from the V&A offers an insight into the Recording Britain exhibition. Booking is not required.

21 (until April 4) – Easter Bunny Trail Fun, Coombe Country Park (10am-4pm, £1 per sheet). Can you help the Easter bunny find her carrots? Prize for completing the trails in the visitor centre. Meet Visitor Centre. Booking not essential – for more information, contact 024 7645 3720.

21-22 – Spring Craft Fair, Coventry Transport Museum (10am-4.30pm). Local craftspeople, beautiful one-off gifts and a lovely day out.

21 – Recording Coventry Photography Workshop, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum (11am-3pm, free). Workshop exploring the principles of street photography. Booking required on 024 7623 7521 or go to www.theherbert.org

22 – The Mee Club Workshop, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum (2-4pm, free). Discover more about real-life storytelling. There will be guest slots in The Mee Club on **March 29** to share your own tales with a live audience. Check out www.themeeclub.com Booking required on 024 7623 7521 or go to www.theherbert.org

24 – The Life and Loves of Queen Bess: Elizabeth I in the Coventry History Centre

Archives, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum (1-2.15pm, £10). An opportunity to see original documents from the Coventry Borough Archive related to Elizabeth I. Children aged 15+ may find this interesting, but it is primarily for adults. Booking required on 024 7623 7521 or go to www.theherbert.org

29 – Painty: Recording Coventry, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum (2-4pm, £10). Artist Craig Gilman will help you get Painty just for fun! Come and plan in a relaxed and fun environment, and create a masterpiece of your own to take home. All materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Suitable for adults. Booking required on 024 7623 7521 or go to www.theherbert.org

29 – Sowe Valley Bike Ride. Enjoy a free family guided bike ride along the new Sowe Valley cycle route to Wyken Slough with Bike Right! Meet at Moat House Leisure Centre at 2pm. Bikes available to borrow on request. Sky Ride Local Guided rides will resume on Sundays from May to October.

APRIL

7 – Tea Time Treats, War Memorial Park (1-3pm, £3 per child). Join the Education Team in the Visitor Centre to decorate your own ceramic tea plate and coaster. Booking not essential. Call reception on 024 7678 6281. Allow at least 45 minutes to complete all activities on offer.

7 – Easter Egg-stravaganza, Rangers Park activities, Longford Park, Windmill Rd (1.30-3pm, free). Easter crafts and quiz with prizes. These events are open access, all under 8s must be supervised and all over 8s must have a completed parental permission slip (available on the day). Rangers are not responsible for young people leaving the event. Meet near play area. No booking required.

7 (also 10, 13 and 17) – Museum Detectives, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. Investigate news ways of working with art materials, examine clues in archaeological finds, and help to solve a crime that has taken place in one of our galleries. Drop in. Content suitable for 5+ but all are welcome. Individual workshop charges may apply. For full daily detail, visit www.theherbert.org

8 – Easter Egg-stravaganza, Rangers Park activities, Allesley Park, Allesley Old Rd (1.30-3pm, free). Event as described above. Meet near play area. No booking required.

8 – Teddies' Easter Party, Coombe Country Park (10-noon, 1-3pm, £4 pp per session. Booking for picnic also required). Calling all teddy bears. Bring your young person and join Coombe Ted for some storytelling and arts and crafts in the park. Meet Visitor Centre, advance booking and payment essential on 024 7645 3720.

9 – Easter Egg-stravaganza, Rangers Park activities, Caludon Park, Farren Rd. Event as described above. Meet near play area. No booking required.

9 – Willow Bird Feeders, Coombe Country Park (10-noon, £10pp). Have a go at some willow weaving and make a bird feeder for your garden. Meet Visitor Centre, advance booking and payment essential on 024 7645 3720.

9 – Big Birds Breakfast, Coombe Country Park (1-1.45pm, 2-2.45pm, £2 per child per session). Make a pinecone feeder and a bottle feeder for garden birds. Meet Visitor Centre, advance booking and payment essential on 024 7645 3720.

9 – Twitter Walks, Coombe Country Park (noon-1.30pm, £2 per child per session). Join in the team to seek out the birds within the park, as the spring migration will be in full flow. Meet Visitor Centre, advance booking and payment essential on 024 7645 3720.

10 – Dynamic Dinosaurs, War Memorial Park (1.30-3pm, £3 per



■ Coombe Abbey and Country Park, the glorious setting for a host of events this springtime.

child). Join the Education Team in the Visitor Centre to make Dinosaur Themed Arts and Crafts. Booking not essential. Call reception on 024 7678 6281. Allow at least 45 minutes to complete all activities on offer.

11 – Sketch Coventry Workshop, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum (10am-3.30pm, free). Meet in the Herbert Café and join friendly people for a day of sketching around Coventry city centre at this informal and supportive event. Please bring own materials. Suitable for adults. Booking required on 024 7623 7521 or go to www.theherbert.org

13 – Easter Egg-stravaganza, Rangers Park activities, Dogberry Close, Willenhall Brookstray (1.30-3pm, free). Event as described above. Meet near play area. No booking required.

14 – Easter Egg-stravaganza, Rangers Park activities, Sandhurst Grove, Radford (1.30-3pm, free). Event as described above. Meet near play area. No booking required.

14 – Spring Has Sprung, War Memorial Park (1.30-3pm, £3 per child). Join the Education Team in the Visitor Centre to make Spring Themed Arts and Crafts. Booking not essential. Call reception on 024 7678 6281. Allow at least 45 minutes to complete all activities on offer.

15 – Finger Puppet Theatre, Coombe Country Park (10-noon, 1-3pm, £4 per child). Make a finger puppet theatre, puppets and staging. Meet Visitor Centre, advance booking and payment essential on 024 7645 3720.

15 (also May 20) – Volunteer Days, venues to be confirmed (10.30am-3pm, free). Join the Park Service Rangers on the third Wednesday of every month and help look after and develop Coventry's green spaces. All volunteers must register in advance on 024 7683 3372.

16 – Easter Egg-stravaganza, Rangers Park activities, Red House, Stoney Stanton Rd (1.30-3pm, free). Event as described above. Meet near Play Area. No booking required.

17 – George and the Dragon, War Memorial Park (1.30-3pm, £3 per child). Join the Education Team in the Visitor Centre to celebrate St George's Day. Booking not essential. Call reception on 024 7678 6281.

Allow at least 45 minutes to complete all activities on offer.

21 – Herbert Illumination: Harping On talk, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum (12.30-1.30pm, free). The history, culture and future of the harp. Booking is not required.

MAY

19 – Herbert Illumination: New Art West Midlands Curator's Tour, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum (12.30-1.30pm, free). Join Lisa Beauchamp, Birmingham Museum's curator of modern and contemporary art for a tour of the exhibition. Booking not required.

26 – Pirate Adventure, War Memorial Park (1.30-3pm, £3 per child). Follow the treasure map to find the hidden treasure then join our friendly pirates to make some arts and crafts. Fancy dress optional. Meet at Education Room at Visitors Centre. Booking not essential. Call reception on 024 7678 6281. Allow at least 45 minutes to complete all activities on offer.

26 – Half-term outdoor fun with the Rangers, Longford Park, Windmill Rd (1.30-3pm, free). Events are open access, all under 8s must be supervised and all over 8s must have a completed parental permission slip (available from the Rangers on the day). Rangers are not responsible for young people leaving the event. Meet near play area. No booking required.

27 – Half-term outdoor fun with the Rangers at Allesley Park, Allesley Old Rd (1.30-3pm, free). Event as described above. Meet near play area. No booking required.

27 – Hopping Mad, Coombe Country Park (10-noon, 1-3pm, £4 per child). Paint a frog to take home and help create a community piece of art work for the park. Meet Visitor Centre, advance booking and payment essential on 024 7645 3720.

28 – Half-term outdoor fun with the Rangers at Caludon Park, Farren Rd (1.30-3pm, free). Event as described above. Meet near play area. No booking required.

28 – Recycle Grand Prix, Coombe Country Park (10-noon, 1-3pm, £3 per child). Get ready to rumble! Build your own model racing car from all sorts of junk and then put your cars to the test in the Coombe Grand Prix. Meet Visitor Centre, advance booking and payment essential on 024 7645 3720.

29 – Up, Up and Away, War Memorial Park (1.30-3pm, £3 per child). Celebrate all things that can fly. Make themed arts and crafts to take home. Meet at Education Room at Visitors Centre. Booking not essential. Call reception on 024 7678 6281. Allow at least 45 minutes to complete all activities on offer.

JUNE

21 – Colour Blast Dash charity run, War Memorial Park (open 9am). 2.5k run at 10.15am, 5k race 11am. A happy, healthy and ridiculously fun 5k and 2.5k colour race. Wear white and prepare to be colour blasted with coloured powder, paint and foam. 5k, ages 10 and above, 2.5k, ages 3 and above. Event in aid of The Laura Centre which offers bereavement counselling to parents whose child has died and to children or young people who have been bereaved. Visit www.colourblastdash.org for tickets and more information.

Cycle Training

Saturday cycle-training for beginners age 16+ is available at Coventry Sports Centre and Woodlands Academy until March, before moving outdoors at Xcel and Moat House Leisure Centres from April. If you want to build your confidence riding on the road, there are improvers and advanced training sessions too. Child cycle-training courses are also available. For more details, go to www.coventry.gov.uk/cycling or sign up for the cycling e-news.

I BABLAKE

Cllrs Galliers and Kershaw hold regular surgeries: Coronation Club, Keresley Rd noon-1pm on the first Saturday of the month, Good Honest Food Company, Gardenia Drive, Allesley Village, 10.30am-noon on the last Tuesday of the month or contact them directly as below:
Cllr David Galliers: 07973 780871 e-mail david.galliers@coventry.gov.uk twitter @davidgalliers www.facebook.com/AllesleyCoundonAndKeresley www.bablakelabour.com
Cllr David Kershaw CBE, JP: 024 7671 1107 or 07850 664576 or e-mail david.kershaw@coventry.gov.uk
Cllr Jaswant Birdi: first Monday of month from 5-6pm, Allesley Village Hall, Birmingham Road. Second Tuesday of month from 10.30am-noon, Good Honest Food Company, Gardenia Drive, Allesley Village. Call 024 7644 9698 or e-mail jaswant.birdi@coventry.gov.uk

I BINLEY & WILLENHALL

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Cllr John Mutton: Call 024 7683 1039 for an appointment or advice.

I CHEYLESMORE

Cllrs Bailey and Noonan hold regular surgeries: Cheylesmore Community Centre 6.30-8pm on last Wednesday of each month (except December) or contact them directly as below:
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Cllr Richard Brown: Call 07983 383627 or 024 7683 1039 or e-mail richard.brown@coventry.gov.uk

I EARLSDON

Cllr Allan Andrews: Happy to help where I can. Will visit at home or the Council House. Please call for an appointment on 024 7683 1276 or 07534 972383 or e-mail allan.andrews@coventry.gov.uk or follow on twitter @allanandrews
Cllr Michael Hammon: (Deputy Lord Mayor): Call 024 7683 3048 for an appointment or e-mail rosemarie.potts@coventry.gov.uk
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Cllr Abdul Salam Khan: Call 024 7683 1030 (day) or 07903 847160 or e-mail abdul.khan@coventry.gov.uk
Cllr Malkiat Auluck: First and last Tuesday of the month 4.30-6.30pm at Indian Community Centre, Cross Rd or call 024 7663 7965 for an appointment.

I HENLEY

Cllr Lynnette Kelly: Call 024 7683 1039 or e-mail lynnette.kelly@coventry.gov.uk
Cllr Kevin Maton: Call 07941 827229 or e-mail kevin.maton@coventry.gov.uk
Cllr Ed Ruane: Call 07817 218137 or e-mail ed.ruane@coventry.gov.uk

I HOLBROOK

Cllr Joe Clifford: Every Wednesday, 6.30-7.30pm at Holbrook Community Care Assoc, Holbrooks Lane. Call 024 7646 5315 or e-mail joseph.clifford@coventry.gov.uk
Cllr Rachel Lancaster: Call 024 7636 0021, 024 7683 1002, or e-mail rachel.lancaster@coventry.gov.uk for an appointment.

Cllr Ann Lucas OBE: Call 024 7683 1103 for an appointment or e-mail ann.lucas@coventry.gov.uk Surgery on first Monday of each month 9.30-10.30am at Holbrook Health Centre, Wheelwright Lane.

I LONGFORD

Cllr Linda Bigham: First Friday of every month 3.30-4.30pm at Longford Primary Care Centre, Longford Rd, and 5.30-6.30pm at Scout Headquarters, Aldermans Green Rd. Last Friday of every month 6-7pm at St Thomas' Parish Church Hall, Longford Rd. Please call 024 7636 0898 to make a surgery appointment.
Cllr George Duggins: Second Saturday of every month 12-1pm at Bell Green Community Centre, Old Church Rd and 1.15-2pm at Royal Hotel, Old Church Rd. Second Sunday of every month 11.30am-1pm at Bell Green Club, Roseberry Ave or call 024 7683 1039 (day) or e-mail george.duggins@coventry.gov.uk
Cllr Lindsay Harvard: First Saturday of every month 10.45-11.45am at Scout Hut, Aldermans Green Rd and 11.45am-12.45pm at Bell Green Community Centre, Old Church Rd. First Sunday of every month 12pm at the Church Hall, St Thomas' Parish Church, Longford Rd, and 12pm-1pm at Bell Green Club, Roseberry Ave. Call 024 7667 5717, or e-mail lindsay.harvard@coventry.gov.uk

I LOWER STOKE

Cllr John McNicholas: If you have a problem, need help or advice. I can visit you in your home and be contacted on 024 7683 1039 (day), 024 7650 4037 (evenings) or e-mail john.mcnicholas@coventry.gov.uk "We'll be down your way soon"
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I RADFORD

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Cllr Keiran Mulhall: Every Tuesday at Radford Social Club, 226, Radford Rd, CV6 3BQ from 6.30-7.30pm. Also Radford Social Club on the first Sunday of the month 11.30am-12.30pm. Or call 024 7683 1039 for an appointment.
Cllr Tony Skipper: Available to see Radford residents at Jubilee Crescent Community Centre on the second Saturday of the month, 11.30am-noon. To make an appointment or to leave a message, call 024 7683 1039.

I ST MICHAEL'S

Cllr David Welsh: First Saturday of each month, 12-1pm at the Redeemed Christian Church of God (former Howitzer Club), Albert St. Third Friday of each month, 3-4pm at the Regeneration Office, 121-124 Far Gosford Street. Call 07956 307 437 or e-mail david.welsh@coventry.gov.uk
Cllr Naeem Akhtar: Surgeries every first Tuesday of the month, 5-6pm at Hillfields Youth Centre, Yardley St. For an appointment call 07747 003141 or e-mail naeem.akhtar@coventry.gov.uk.
Cllr Jim O'Boyle: Second Saturday of each month, 12-1pm at Zeenat Restaurant, Cambridge St, Hillfields, fourth Saturday of month, noon at Transport House, Short St. Call 024 7669 4873 or 024 7683 1039, or e-mail jim.o'boyle@coventry.gov.uk

I SHERBOURNE

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I WHOBERLEY

Cllr Dan Howells: If you require help or advice I can visit you in your home or at a time and place convenient to you. To arrange an appointment call 07540 083974 or e-mail dan.howells@coventry.gov.uk
Cllr Jayne Innes: Surgeries every fourth Saturday of the month except December; July and August from 12 noon at Allesley Park Library. Also you can ring 024 7640 5132 or email jayne.innes@coventry.gov.uk for an appointment or home visit outside these times.
Cllr Bally Singh: Regular Surgeries are held every third Saturday of the month 10am-noon at St Mary Magdeline Centre, Sir Thomas White Rd. Also morning chat every first Friday of the month 8.30-9am at Stoke Bakery, Allesley Park. Call 07779 256898 for an appointment, or e-mail bally.singh@coventry.gov.uk

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Cllrs Thay, Abbott and Sweet hold surgeries every third Friday of the month, 6.30-7.30pm at Wyken Working Men's Club, Ansty Rd, Wyken.
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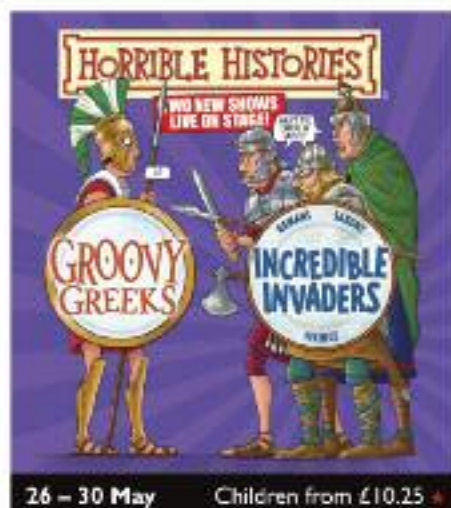
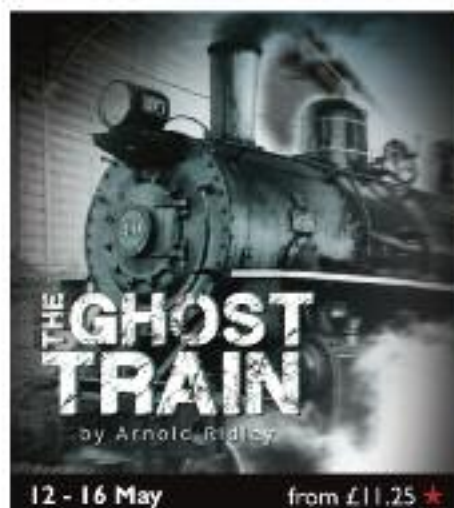
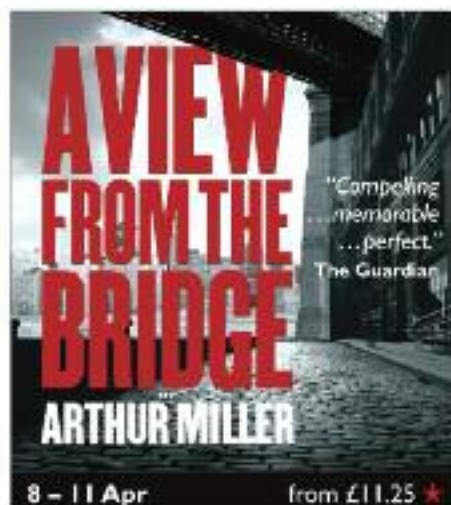
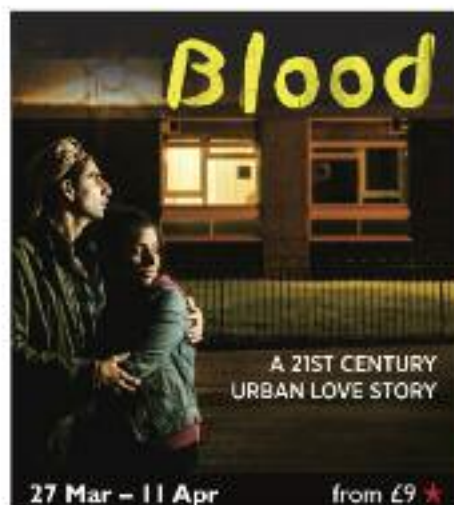
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