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Centre Consultation

Following a transport strategy review for the Warwick and Leamington area carried out in 2014/15, Warwickshire County Council's Transport Planning have produced proposals for the improvement of traffic management in Warwick town centre.

These proposals have now been published on their website (see link below) and the Council are seeking comments from local residents.

Amongst others, the plans include wider pavements and new crossing points, cycle lanes and one-way traffic routing. It is also proposed to alter key junctions such as

Eastgate, Westgate and Northgate and have a 20mph speed limit zone.

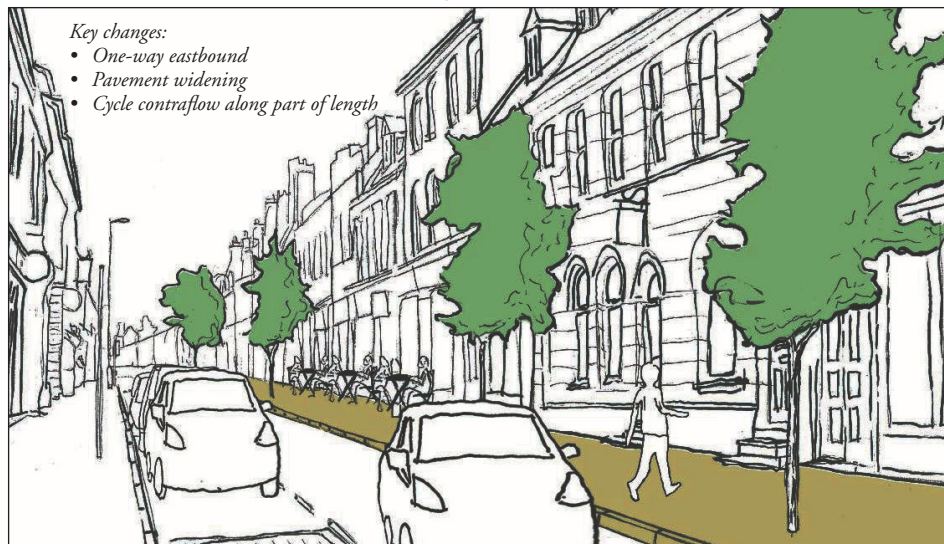
The town centre proposals are a first step in this strategic review but also considered were:

- *Park and Ride services for Warwick and Leamington,*
- *Area wide improvements to walking and cycling,*
- *Working with employers and schools to encourage walking, cycling and car-sharing.*

An exhibition was held on Friday 8 July and Saturday 9 July where Transport Planning representatives were present to answer questions.

The proposals are described in more detail and comments on them still sort on the Council's website at the link below:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/warwicktowntowncentre



'Going Places'

In the Sunday 17th July edition of the *Sunday Times*, Kenilworth got a 'hot' write up by their correspondent **Tim Palmer**.

He says it makes a convenient location for commuters, soon to be enhanced by the addition of a new rail station.

Local screen writer **Andrew Davies**, who has lived in the town since the 60s, is featured and he gives it a glowing recommendation.

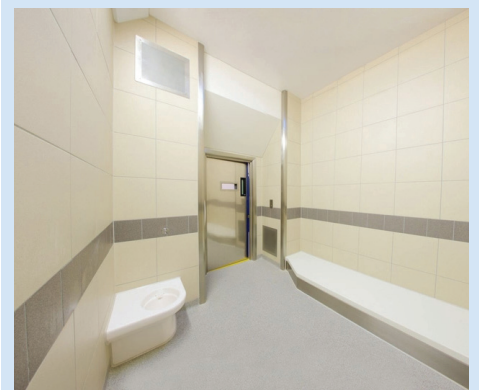
Palmer mentions the local schools as

one reason for its popularity as well as the restaurants, naming in particular the Michelin starred Cross.

However, **Chris Thomas**, Managing Director of estate agents Wiglesworth &



Co is reported by Palmer as saying Leek Wootton is a 'popular' close-by village with a large golf course. So anybody who is looking to sell knows where to go!



Arresting Advice

A new custody suite has been given a three-star rating after a detainee wrote a Trip Advisor style review during his overnight stay.

The man arrived at the new 60-cell facility in Perry Barr on June 29 after being arrested for criminal damage and, after requesting a pen and paper, outlined how he had found his 16-hour stay.

Despite being "disappointed" at the closure of Sutton Coldfield station to which he admits he was a regular visitor, the 24-year-old said he was "impressed by how modern and clean the building looks".

"I was pleasantly surprised by the cleanliness and décor, I mean it was neutrally decorated to please all parties but done to a high standard," he said.

Although generally positive, he did state that tea-making was an area in which the suite could be improved, saying he was still awaiting the arrival of two to three cups of tea at the time of writing.

He also expressed his disappointment that a detention officer called all the detainees 'chic' and that the nickname was not reserved for him as originally thought. "Needless to say I was broken hearted, we could have had something special," he wrote.

Chief Inspector Paul Minor, West Midlands Police Criminal Justice Manager, said: "We feel it's a five-star facility: it's designed to be safer for staff and guests and the more efficient check-in process means we can get arresting officers back out on the streets more quickly.

Police Oracle

Scrumptious Simmer

Saturday 23rd July saw the opening of a new kitchen showroom here in Leek Wootton.

Situated on the corner of Home Farm and Warwick Road, **Simmer Kitchens** is offering a quality kitchen design and installation service to meet the needs of discerning customers.

Rather than just fitting an off the shelf



package, **Sheena** and **Ian Jagger** try to reflect the lifestyle needs and individual tastes of their clients with a bespoke, craftsman built solution.

A range of examples of the fittings and appliances on offer are on display in the new showroom which is open Monday to Saturday from 10.00am to 4.30pm.

A launch event was held on the evening of Tuesday 26th July at which a talented chef, a runner up in the TV Master Chef programme your reporter was informed, gave a cookery demonstration using the latest equipment that is available, all of which clients can have installed.

Some of the AW members present were at the forefront of the queue to sample his efforts, it was noticed.



You can make an appointment to visit the showroom via the Simmer website. There your particular needs and preferences can be discussed and 'scrumptious' solutions made available which cater for your exact needs. If you're in the market for a new kitchen or just want to look at what's on offer, click the link below:

www.simmerkitchens.co.uk

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CRUMBLE CRIME



Your local Women's Institute is part of Britain's biggest organised crime group because its members pick wild berries and sell them for profit in jams, tarts and crumbles, according to Sergeant **Colin Norden** of Cambridgeshire police.

He was explaining to Cambridge City Council why the police did not always prosecute people for antisocial behaviour and gave the WI as an example.

The police website states that you can pick wild flowers and berries "as long as you are keeping them for your own personal use and are not selling them."

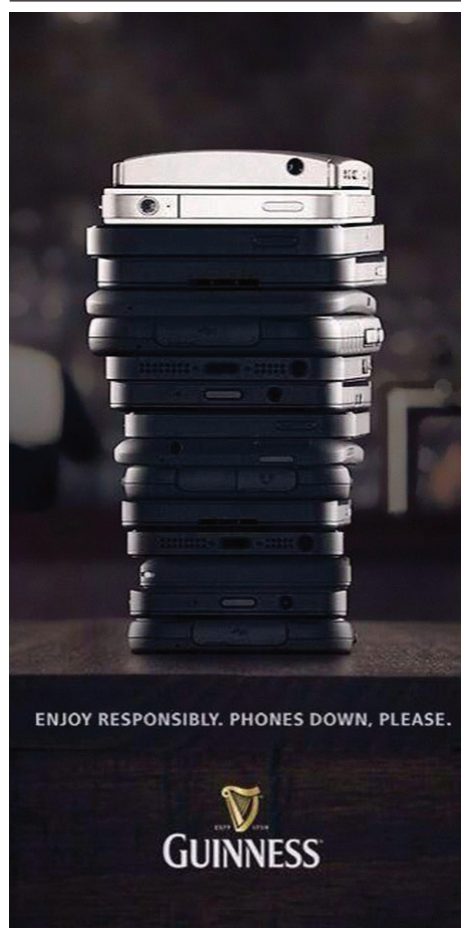
The WI pointed out that as it had been founded in 1915 to produce and preserve food during the First World War, the police had failed to enforce the law for more than a century.

Sally Kingman, chairwoman of the Cambridge Federation of Women's

Institutes, said: "The WI members probably consider that it is much better to pick fruit off the public hedgerows and turn it into delicious pies, tarts and puddings rather than leave it to rot. What a treat it is to finish a meal with a homemade blackberry fruit crumble; even better if washed down with a glass of homemade elderberry wine."

Anyone found guilty of the offence of selling wild berries for profit could be jailed for seven years.

Police line-up of Beckford Women's Institute members Angie Davies, president Briony Coupe, Pam Grice and Yo Yates with illegal fruit cake.





Valiant Valet



P. G. Woodhouse

Sir,

One of the professional cricketers killed in the Great War was **Percy Jeeves**, who played for Warwickshire. He was a talented all-rounder and considered a future England prospect.

He was killed at High Wood on the Somme on July 22nd, 1916, whilst serving in the 15th Battalion of the Warwickshire Regiment.

P. G. Woodhouse saw him play and borrowed his name for his stories.

Gordon Elliot
Burford Oxon



COP CASH LATEST

As first reported over four years ago in our November 2012 edition, the small matter £113,000 which went missing from the then Warwickshire Police Headquarters at Woodcote House still drags on.

After having two trials, due to the jury being unable to reach a verdict in the first, retired police officer Paul Andrew Greaves has been found not guilty of stealing the cash from a 'secure' evidence locker at the HQ.



Paul Greaves

After a four-week trial of the 57-year-old officer, who had 25 years' experience in the force, Det. Supt. NICK Tomkinson has still failed to live up to his name but said that they will take every opportunity to review the case.

Presumably the tax payers have had to reimburse the rightful owners of the money. After the hundreds of thousands of pounds wasted on the abortive plans for a retirement village on the site, this is yet another example of the police's cavalier attitude to public money.

However, it's all probably small beer compared to Mr. Greaves' police pension pot.

THE ANCHOR WANKERS CLUB CORNER

Jesting Jethro



On Thursday, 30th June, a contingent of AW members managed to organise themselves to make an evening visit to the Assembly Rooms in Leamington Spa to see the famous Cornish stand-up comedian **'Jethro'** (aka Geoffrey J Rowe).

Following a light pre-theatre meal and the odd beverage or two at the excellent Cricketers pub in Archery Road, we ambled around the corner to the Assembly Rooms venue.

As we ascended the stairs to take our seats in the auditorium, we were of course greeted by the star himself, as shown here with two Club members. He had obviously heard the AW's Club were to attend his performance and wanted to thank us personally.

Several of our members had seen his act

before but, nonetheless, all agreed it was an entertaining performance and up to the usual requirements of an AW outing.

After the event, some of our more adventurous members went off to enjoy the cheap drinks and eye candy to be found in some of the less salubrious haunts in the town whilst the more responsible (older?) went home to bed, not able to cope with any further excitement.



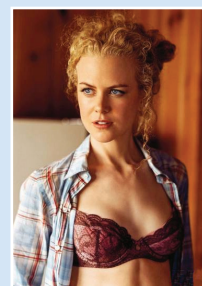
tantalizing trivia

Answers from Issue 60

1. Othello
2. Hamlet
3. Pericles
4. Antonio
5. Cordelia
6. Macduff
7. Capulet and Montague
8. Titania
9. "The Tempest"
10. Julius Caesar
11. Theda Bara

God's Own Country Quiz

1. In what year did the States federate to become Australia?
2. What's the State capital of Queensland?
3. Oz has an independent capital, Canberra. It's surrounded by a small independent area in NSW rather like Washington's District of Columbia. What's it called?
4. The third largest territory in Australia, (521,000 sq. miles), has a population of only 244,00 and consists mainly of desert. It is not a Federal State as the other six are but has its own legislative capital, Darwin. What's it called?
5. Almost in the middle of Oz is a huge sandstone rock called Uluru. What was it originally known as?
6. The main professional winter sport in the Southern States is Australian Rules Football. How many players in each team?
7. Which is the only State not originally settled as a penal colony?
8. Which is the only State not part of the Mainland?
9. At 7,310 feet and situated in The Snowy Mountains in NSW, name Australia's highest peak.
10. It flows 1,558 miles, what's the longest river in Oz?
11. Which Aussie actress won an Academy Award for her portrayal of author Virginia Wolf?



Quick Quips



"When I came here 17 years ago, you all laughed at me. Well you're not laughing now!"

Nigel Farage to the European Parliament.

"My wife takes longer choosing a wedding outfit."

Quentin Letts on the speedy installation of the new Tory leader and PM, Theresa May.



Eleanor Roosevelt had a rose named after her. The catalogue description read:
'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE WHISPERER

If you fancy yourself as the next Sarah Vine or Quentin Letts, the Whisperer is always looking for contributors, especially ladies out there.

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