

Cox Green & the Walthams

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Boogying for new benches

DANCERS from as young as five were boogying away at Wessex Primary School's end of term disco.

The disco day, which was on Wednesday last week, saw the school's hall packed with children when three different discos took place.

Dads fulfilled the roles of DJ while mums lead the younger children with their disco moves.

Zena Harley, who is a joint treasurer of the PTA, said: "Well over half of the school attended - about 200 I would say."

"We raised about £300 which I hope will be put aside to get some outside benches in the playground."

PUT YOUR HANDS UP (from left) Ben Fortuin, seven, Christopher Franks, seven, Eden Harley, seven, Sophie White, seven, Emma Rigby, seven, and Reece Ferguson, five. Ref:98599-2



Cheese and wine

THE Cox Green Wives Group are due to hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday, April 14.

The meeting, which will be at Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, will begin at 8pm.

The meeting will be followed by a cheese and wine party.

All women are welcome. For details call Sue on 01753 853611.



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From schoolboy to sir

Former pupil returns to his old school as its new headteacher

IT is often said that it is a small world.

And for 34-year-old Nick Stevens, who has just been offered the job of headteacher at the same school he attended when he was a boy, the adage could not hold more truth.

Mr Stevens, who lives near High Wycombe, first attended Wessex Primary School back in the mid 1980s when he was just 10-years-old.

Several decades later, following a successful teaching career, he has returned to his old stomping ground and will take over from the current headteacher of the school in St Adrian's Close, Vanessa Preece, in September.

"It really is a small world," said Mr Stevens, who also attended Cox Green School, Highfield Lane.

"I have very fond memories of the school as a boy, and it is fantastic to return after all these years as the headteacher."

Following a BA in geography at the University of Chichester, and several teaching posts, Mr Stevens, who lives with his fiancée Fiona, has been the deputy headteacher of the Hamilton Primary School in High Wycombe for the past five years.

"I am ready and excited about my next challenge,"



STAR PUPIL: Former Wessex Primary School pupil Nick Stevens is the new headteacher at the school where he grew up. Ref:98599-4

said Mr Stevens.

"The school has obviously changed quite a bit since I was last there, but it is great because I already know the local community. For example, I still keep in touch with lots of people that I went to school with."

"It is a very community-driven school and I will be hop-

ing to continue that."

And what of his own school days? Was he a model pupil or a playground troublemaker?

"I was a very well behaved boy," he laughed.

"My favourite subjects were English and art and I used to play the piano."

He added: "I remember lots of things; building snowmen

and igloos on the playground when it was snowing, having tests in the school hall, school dinners, and all of my teachers - including of course my own headteacher, Mr Williams.

"I believe that somewhere there are even some dodgy pictures of me competing in the sports day," he added.

Sweet end for little Pudding

ALL'S well that ends well for a beloved pet who has found a new home thanks to an article in the Advertiser.

In February the 'Tiser reported that the 20-year-old stray cat Pudding, who had adopted the Christian Smith House in Woodlands Park as her home for the past decade, was looking for a new family to take care of her.

And in a happy ending to the tale, she has now successfully been re-located and has gone to live with a loving new lady owner from Staines near London.

Pudding was just a thin, timid stray when she turned up at the Heywood Road residency 12 years ago, and was adopted by elderly resident Grace Spindler.

But sadly 100 year-old Mrs Spindler felt she could no longer look after Pudding and handed her over to cat charity CLAWS.

Sue Collins, liaison officer at CLAWS, said: "We hear she's taken to sleeping on her new owner's bed already! We've been to tell Grace the good news and she's thrilled Pudding is being well looked after."

Diary

TODAY: (THURSDAY): Slimming World, Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, 7pm.

Service of Holy Communion, Church of the Good Shepherd, Highfield Lane, 10am.

F.L.A.P (Fun, Laughter, Activity and Praise) after school service, Church of the Good Shepherd, Highfield Lane, 3.30pm.

Youth Club, Woodlands Park Village Centre, 7-9pm.

Saturday: Weight Watchers, Woodlands Park Village Centre, 8.45-9.45am.

Sunday: Karate, Woodlands Park Village Centre, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Kick Boxing/Kung Fu, Woodlands Park Village Centre, 3-4pm.

Monday: Craft and Machine Knitting Club, Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, 10.30am.

Beginners and Intermediate IT Classes (all day), Woodlands Park Village Centre.

SMILE (for over 50s), Woodlands Park Village Centre, 1-3pm.

Aerobics, Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, 6-7pm.

Mobile Library, Woodlands Park Village Centre, 10am-1pm and 2-5pm.

Tuesday: Get Together Club, Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, 2.30pm.

Camera Club, Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, 7.45pm.

Bridge Club, Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, 8pm.

Mobile Library, Woodlands Park Village Centre, 10am-1pm.

Wednesday: Little Fishes Club, Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, 10am.

Questions and answers

A POLICE walk-in surgery is due to be held for Woodland Park residents on Thursday, April 24.

The session will take place at Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, from 6-8pm, and will continue to run on the last Thursday of every month.

If residents are unable to attend they should contact 0845 8 505 505 and leave a message for PCSO James Senior so that a member of the neighbourhood police team can respond.

Showing the red card



FAMOUS FOOTBALLERS: Herbie Stagg, 10, kicks the ball with team mates Sam Bennett, 12, Luke Patel, 11, Joe Norman, 12, Frankie Killoran, 12, Luke Sumner, 12, Jordan Redwood Pain, 12, and Tom Mcintyre, 12, all from the Sherlock Rangers. Ref:98627-1

YOUNG footballers will have five minutes of fame when they appear on The One Show tomorrow (Friday).

A BBC film crew turned up at the Sherlock Ranger's football pitch in Waltham St Lawrence on Sunday, March 30.

The boys from the under 12 team were filmed showing off their football skills, while their parents

spoke to the BBC about their views regarding verbal abuse on the pitch. Club secretary Heidi Dance said: "Obviously sometimes there can be bad language on the pitch, but we do not put up with it."

"The kids have to understand that they have lost and that's it."

The football fanatics will be appearing on the show tomorrow at 7pm on BBC1.

Reusable nappies

NAPPIES will be the topic of conversation at an event to celebrate Real Nappy Week in Woodlands Park.

Local nappy company Twinkle Twinkle will be hosting a drop-in session on Monday, April 21, from 10am to 2pm, at the venue in Manifold Way to show parents and mums - to-be how they can reduce waste by using reusable nappies.

Most UK government documents are 30 years old when they are released to the public.

An independent review commissioned by the Prime Minister is examining whether this should be changed, and would like to hear your views.

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Bitra is currently furthering her qualifications by studying for a university degree certificate in aesthetic dentistry at the reputed Eastman Dental Institute in London. She is also qualified in facial aesthetics (botox, restylane and chemical peels). Bitra has also trained newly qualified general dental practitioners at Bristol University.

She also works with her husband performing periodontal surgery:- surgery for advanced gum disease.

Dr. Craig is committed to provide the highest quality and latest technology in dental care and attends post graduate lectures and congresses at home and abroad.

She is a member of British Dental Association (BDA) and a Fellow of International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI)

In her spare time Bitra enjoys travelling, swimming and keeping fit.

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