

NEWSfile

Police witness call

POLICE have re-appealed for witnesses after a collision left a 56-year-old pedestrian in a critical condition in hospital.

The incident took place on August 11 at approximately 9.15pm on the A55 Southwhey Bypass in Littleton, Chester.

The man was believed to have been walking along the A55 when he was hit by a vehicle.

He suffered serious injuries and was taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital where he remains in a critical but stable condition.

Police are asking for anyone who was with, spoke to or saw the man prior to the incident on August 11 to contact the investigating officers on 01244 613168. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Lorry crash on A51

A LORRY carrying 26 tonnes of glass shed its load causing massive tailbacks on the A51 on Friday afternoon. Traffic was at a standstill on the A51 towards Tarvin as one lane was closed for specialist vehicles to move in to unload the trailer.

Blaze near gardens

FIREFIGHTERS tackled a blaze near a garden centre. Crews from two appliances were at the scene on open land off the A51 near O'Kells Nursery, Dutton from 4.15am until 7am on Monday.

Ploughing contest

MALPAS Village Machinery Association will hold its annual ploughing and hedgelaying match at Old Hall, Broxton, on Sunday, October 11. Enquiries to Dorothy Benson on 01948 860860.

Missing cat plea

AN owner is asking for help to find her missing cat.

Kato, a Tonkinese which are not bred to go outdoors, disappeared in the early hours of Thursday on Castle Street in Chester city centre.

Kato is described as having shiny, grey, short fur and a slender build. Tonkinese look similar to Siamese cats with pointy ears and blue/grey eyes. He is a friendly cat and very vocal.

A reward is offered. Anyone with information should contact Donna Paterson on 07725330496.

Cyclists go the extra mile



RIDING CHALLENGE: Jon Shorter, David Perry, sales and marketing director of The Bike Factory, Boughton, and Andy Miller.

TWO good sports are harnessing pedal power to raise funds.

Cheshire Police sergeant Andy Miller and forensic computer student at Bristol University Jon Shorter are cycling 1,000 miles from London to Monaco to raise money for the Brain Injury, Rehabilitation and Development charity (BIRD), based in Ecdleston.

The sporty duo set off on August 31 and will cover a route including Calais, Amiens, Paris, Lyon, Avignon, Alzen-Provence Frejus and Monaco.

Andy 39, said: "We wanted to support BIRD as it is a local charity and we know people who have been treated there.

"I had a car crash last year so training for the bike ride is part of my recuperation.

"We have been training for the past two-and-a-half months and are averaging about 170-200 miles a week."

During the trip the pair will be cycling just under 100 miles a day and will need to take in 8,000 calories a day to maintain their energy levels.

They hope to complete the challenge in two weeks leaving them a week to recover and enjoy the French Riviera before flying back to Liverpool from Nice.

Andy and Jon, 32, have received a lot of support from The Bike Factory in Boughton.

The shop has helped by servicing the duo's bikes and staff have also provided servicing and roadside repairs training as well as spare parts and nutritional drinks for the trip.

Andy said: "We would like to thank general manager Steve and Andy for their help."

The men will be updating their blog and using GPS tracking so you can follow their progress on the website.

For more information and to support Andy and Jon go to www.london-monaco.org.

BIRD was founded in 1982 by Dr David McGlowin, for more details go to www.b-ir-d.org.uk.

Delis' taste of success



FINE MORSELS: Proprietor of the new Gastro Deli in Chester Ann Blundell with guest David Bawn, staff Catryn Devaney, Amy Johnston-Cree, chef Paul Fogarty, helper Andy Seale and Christian Burton of Patchwork Pate.

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CHESTER'S latest deli has enjoyed an enterprising first week.

"The breakfasts have also proved popular and we have had two businesses choose us to provide the food for their monthly networking meetings."

The deli will soon have room for 20 people to eat inside and is also selling freshly-made takeaway main meals such as lasagne and shepherd's pie as well as sandwiches.

For more details or to order food, call 01244 313414.

Summer fun time

PUPPIES at Theatretrain Summerchools in Chester and Mold have been having fun with make-up and face paints. As well as having a demonstration on how to create artificial cuts and bruises, pupils also had the opportunity to have a go themselves by creating animals, clowns and other characters.

The final session will be at Chester's Forum Studio Theatre this week with the theme of *Hairspray*. Information on Theatretrain can be obtained by calling 01978 311446 or at www.theatretrain.co.uk

Biker in hospital

A MOTORCYCLIST was taken to hospital after a city centre collision with a car.

The North West Ambulance Service was called to the traffic lights near Watergate Street in Chester at 1.17pm on Monday.

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