The future of a popular waterways festival which attracts more than 12,000 people to a Black Country canal has been thrown into doubt after this year’s event was scrapped.

Booza at Dudley Council this week admitted they had cancelled the annual Festival of Water and Light – which has been held at The Waterfront, Brierley Hill, for the past 12 years – as funding was increasingly difficult to find.

The announcement was met with deep consternation from boating fans who traditionally stage a parade along the canal as part of the evening.

But instead they rallied together and seven boats staged their own mini celebrations at the canal.

Council leader Lee Jones said they were working towards finding a way forward for the music festival, which also features fire, food, dances groups and a fun fair.

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“The appeal had a goodly handful of private event management companies interested in continuing and following last year’s festival,” he said.

“The event was run at cost-neutral for many years as it was supported through private sponsorship.

“In recent years due to the economic climate, this private investment has inevitably been harder to secure.

“The council is not looking to continue this in perpetuity.”

However, he added, a private company had shown interest and is currently in discussions with the council over taking on the running of the event in the future.

Waterways enthusiast Paddy O’Reilly – who is also director of the Black Country Boating Festival – said boaters had become increasingly concerned when he was unable to find out any information about the future of this summer’s festival.

He rallied other enthusiasts, including members of Dudley Canal Trust and Birmingham Canal Navigations Society, to stage a replacement event over the weekend.

Instead of the usual venue of The Waterfront, they moved their narrowboats from the Dudley Canal next to the Merry Hill Shopping Centre on Saturday night.

A FORMER police officer who gave up her working career as a hairdresser to helpeka her roots in Halesowen after suffering the brunt of government cutbacks has set up a new post.

Anita Dyson, of Forge Houses hair and nail, Shadwell Hill, appeared on The Chronicle eight years ago when she took part in a “Channel 4 reality show Apply Anywhere”.

The show followed her struggle to move from the force serving the Birmingham community and the difficulties in her own past.

But for the last six years she has tutored 14 to 18 year old pupils, at the point of release from school, at Quinsom Vocational Centre, which, due to lack of funding, was forced to close in April.

New Anita, aged 51, hopes to provide job opportunities to local entrepreneurs as she tries to rebuild her business.

Anita, of Hayden Hill, said: “It feels great to be back, the industry has changed so much but it’s an exciting place to be and I am looking forward to the next phase of business.

“I know how it feels to be out of work so I want to support other experienced hair and beauty operators get into business and offer them a chance to set up and build their own enter-prise."

Nail technician Andrew Rumford, who has treated stars from The Only Way is Essex, has recently joined the team to book an appointment or to find out more about offering a chair or beauty spot, contact Anita at the salon on 0121 270 4459.

Elderly residents at a closure-threatened care home have submitted a protest to Dudley Council, who have said they will close the house in a last ditch bid to sell the site.

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The petition has been presented to the council house in a last ditch bid to save the site.

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Multiple victims came forward to tell the court how they had suffered after their personal belongings had been taken.

A drunken burglar stole two frozen mice from a house before becoming very drunk.

Richard Scarrett, aged 28, broke into a property in Wallace Road, Wolverhampton and ransacked the property, leaving the property owner upset.

He admitted the offence when he appeared in court on 10 days later, and when confronted with the DNA evidence he claimed he had heard the victim and when he went to help him cut his lawn on the window.

Mr Howard, prosecuting, said: “It may have appeared that they looked like drugs, but that was part of action to protect poorly people independent and in their own homes for longer.

It’s a fur cop for mouse burglary

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**Cathedral’s campaign**

A new campaign to help raise funds for ongoing repairs needed at a historic Maldon cathedral has been launched.

Revitalisation of St John the Baptist dates back to 1968 and since then, the entire exterior of the building has been restored. Cathedral officials say that to ensure the site doesn’t need to undergo such work again, an ongoing programme of work needs to be continued.

On October 20 Voices Unlimited will be performing live at 6.30pm at the church to raise funds and money for the conservation and repair programme.

To book tickets for the concert, contact Huntington Hall on 01905 611427.

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Two drugged from vehicles by carjackers

Carjackers targeted three motorists within four hours in a Black Country braod - pulling off a flyover from his vehicle and speeding off with his dog inside.

The 43-year-old was one of two drivers drugged from their cars, while another two victims were robbed in the street in a crime which detectives believe may have been carried out by the same attackers. The robbers in Dudley began when a woman was knocked to the ground before having her bag stolen as she walked along grassed-off Wyche Road just before 1am.

Just over an hour later police received two reports of carjackings in Dudley. In the first, two people tried to steal a Hyundai from a rival on Magdala Hill Street. They were unsuccessful and the couple left the car unattended.

In the second attack, also at around 1am, the car crashed at the junction of Baptist End Road and Cinder Bank in Netherton. The culprit fled on foot, leaving the dog, who was later reunited with its owner.

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Have-a-go-hero Michael Essom, with wife Sophie, praised community spirit

Mother-of-three Michael Essom was on an eight-mile jog with his wife Sophie when he was involved in the drama.

The couple were running around the corner of Hagley Road and the ring road in Stourbridge town centre when men ran past them laughing.

Moments later a member of the public started shouting to stop the men, telling them they had stolen an 84-year-old woman’s handbag.

Mr Essom, aged 43, from Stourbridge Fire Station, said: “It annoyed me.”

Mr Essom chased after them, managing to grab one and pin them down outside Stourbridge Fire Station.

“I was there to run,” he said. “It shows me where to run to.”

It was a real community effort with everyone shouting out “telling me where to run,” he said. “It shows a good community spirit.”

Mrs Essom stayed with the pensioner until police arrived and caught the second man.

The drama happened at 10.30am on September 26, with the theft happening near the Chequers Inn.

Three people aged 20, 21 and 37 were arrested and have been bailed. Witnesses should call police on 01384 345400.

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Workers sought for festive jobs

A former Royal Marine from the Black Country is preparing to publish his ending to an English poet’s most famous works. Russell Hawkins, who worked on his ending to Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s ‘Kubla Khan’ and ‘The Dark Lady over the Past Decade’.

The finished piece has been seen by the head of English Heritage, a dozen royal academies, the poet’s works and the English Heritage body backed down from its former position which forced churches to replace stone lead with more lead, leaving them vulnerable to repeated attacks.

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Scheme to restore glassworks delayed

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Work to restore a historic former glassworks in Stourbridge badly damaged by arsonists has been delayed.

Beacons are battling to start work before winter on the former Stuart Crystal factory in High Street, Wordsley, as the roof is resting where it fell during the blaze.

The repairs have been set back amid delays from insurance companies.

But developers want to secure the site as it is not damaged further.

They want to get it done “as soon as possible,” so planning continues for a £1 million glass museum linked to the nearby Red House Glass Cone, via an underground tunnel.

Although project chiefs say the delay will not affect the overall museum scheme in the long term, they admit it is “frustrating.”

They originally announced work was due to start six weeks ago but it stalled at the last minute.

Grinding

David Freer, director of site owners Complex Developments, said: “The process is grinding slowly forward. “My original timetable after the fire was six weeks but it has taken longer than expected to pursue the claim with the insurers.”

He added: “I want to get the building secure before the winter sets in and snow and ice start causing damage.”

There were fears the building would have to be demolished, throwing the scheme into doubt, but engineers declared the main structure could be saved.

The blaze in May also gutted the building and damaged some of the walls. Some then had to be repaired following attacks, including a fire in one of the other six units on site.

Mr Freer added: “With a good headwind we can get the building in four weeks, hopefully get it done before the end of the year.”

Under the plans the six listed buildings on the Stuart Crystal site would be transformed into a new glass museum with an underground link to the Red House Glass Cone.

Martial arts experts rolled into Balsall Heath, ahead of their performance with The Circus Of The Orient this week.

All the fun of the big top will come to Victoria Park from October 7-9, with a circus specially designed to visit locations beyond the reach of other productions of an international standard. Among the talents on show will be the Shaolin WuShu Warriors.

The group will show off stunning kung fu and kalaro skills and have been allowed to appear by permission of the Abbott of the Shaolin Temple and the Chinese Ministry Of Culture.
A hospital trust failed to meet its target of achieving a £500,000 cash surplus in revenue as expenditure rose over the past year, new figures have revealed.

Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust spent £241.4 million over the past financial year up from £228.9 million in 2010/11. And the trust had originally expected a surplus of £390,000 in this college at the end of the financial year. Instead it achieved £275,000. This was down from £3.8 million the previous year.

A supporter of Finance East党委书记 Mr Assinder said despite the challenging conditions the trust had still been a challenging year for the trust with austerity measures at national level and freezing conditions last winter taking their toll.

He told the meeting, held at Dudley's Russells Hospital, the trust had to act quickly to deal with higher patient figures over the winter months because of the severe weather.

He said £600 had been committed to the trust and £6m had been in brought in to ensure patients were treated to a high standard and efficiency.

“Last year was a challenging year but we have achieved and in some cases exceeded all of the major targets that we had been set. We had originally expected to achieve a surplus of £500,000 for the last financial year and the final figure is less. However we know that it was going to be a smaller figure than last year.”

Mr Assinder said despite the challenging conditions the trust had still been able to spend £2m on improvements and new equipment.

He said £4m had been spent on a new multi-storey car park at the hospital along with £2m upgrading equipment and a further £1m of capital for staffing.

He said “As a group overall we had achieved £2.5m and not only that we had also been able to spend £9m on improvements and new equipment.”

A university student from Dudley has launched a series of new Zumba classes at Club Dudley in Waterloo Road.

Fitness fan Stacey Flynn, who is studying graphic design at Birmingham City University, says she has started the sessions because anyone can do it, whatever size they are or age.

It is fun, not like exercise at the gym can feel like. You don't even realise you are exercising.

Miss Flynn said she has people between the ages of 12 and 60 attending her sessions.

They take place on a Monday and Wednesday between 7.15pm and 8.15pm and cost £3.50 to attend.
Pupils are seeing stars

Even the sky is no longer the limit for pupils at a Dudley school - who now have their own observatory.

The glass-reinforced plastic dome observatory at The Kingswinford School houses a Meade Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. Anna Pinto, director of Kingswinford School, said: “We are very proud to be the first state comprehensivemen.

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The project to build the observatory was led by science teacher Spencer Willis.

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Emotional reunion for former pupils

Former pupils of a Kinver school got the chance to exchange memories about life in the classroom at a reunion organised for them.

More than 50 people who went to Kinver Secondary Modern School, which is now called Edgcliff High School, attended a get-together at the Enville Road school.

Among them was Murial Crump, aged 74, from Bobbington, who was one of the school’s first pupils when it opened in 1951.

Little did she know then that she would go on to marry another pupil at the school — a boy called David whom she started courting after she left.

“I did not really know David that well at the time,” she said. “You didn’t think about going out with boys at the age of 13 or 14 in those days.

“I do remember it being a good school though. I remember playing netball and going on school trips.”

Names

The grandmother-of-four added: “It’s been great to see everyone again. You don’t realise who they are until you hear their names.

Another pupil who started at the school in 1951, grandfather-of-two Howard Jones, 75, of Junko Road in Wombourne, said: “It was a good school.

“We had a good canton that served decent food — fish and chips sometimes.”

Howard Jones from Wombourne, David Crump and David Thomas from Wordsley with a football team picture.
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Complaints about adult social care in the Dudley borough shot up by more than 50 per cent in a year, according to new figures.

The number of formal complaints from service users in the borough during 2010/11 was 223 – an increase of 49 from the year before, when the figure was 174. In 2008/09 Dudley Council registered 189 complaints, and 224 for 2009/10.

Nearly half of all complaints in the last year were linked to issues around reduced or withdrawn services, transfer of services or change to services.

Among the complaints made, 20 per cent were about the quality of care provided. The number of complaints about the quality of care increased by 14 from 2009/10 to 2010/11.

A report to the health and adult social care scrutiny committee said: “We are increasingly addressing issues of reduced services or change of services and the impact on the individual concerned.

“It is also the case that the scope for resolving complaints satisfactorily and speedily is becoming more difficult for managers due to available resources and the criteria for resolving services.”

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Playground to grow as numbers rising

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A Dudley adventure playground is to be extended to cope with demand after the number of children using it soared.

The Sycamore playground, between Gornal and Woodsetton, opened in July last year as part of the Government’s £2.4 million Play Pathfinder project. Bosses say the playground at Sycamore Green on the Old Park Farm, is proving a hit with youngsters and they are now looking to expand the car park because of the extra numbers attracted.

Dudley councillor Liz walker, said: “We are increasing the maximum number of children allowed at daytime play sessions from 30 to 40, which will see a significant number of extra children visiting Sycamore.

In addition, 450 new children registered to use the facility in August, compared to 200 the previous month.

And she added: “The overfill car park will help to relieve congestion around the green and provide additional parking for visitors to the centre.

“Centre is proving very popular and numbers accessing the service has increased.”

Councillor Walker said that w ould still be the case despite the work taking place at the centre. She added: “No increased charges for group bookings will be made and the public access play sessions for Dudley children will remain free of charge.

Features at the site include a desert island with boat, hammocks and a palm tree, a curved dragon where children can enjoy storytelling sessions, an indoor play barn and cantilever swing.

The public play sessions, which are free, are held every week.

Residents in a Black Country borough will be able to get money off goods and services while raising cash for charities with the launch of a new discount card.

People will be able to buy the card from charities across the Dudley borough for £10 – with half of the money going directly to the good cause to support projects.

The card contains 64 vouchers offering money off meals at diners including Pizza Hut and Frankie and Benny’s. Other vouchers can be redeemed to get money off our servicing and maintenance. The card was launched by the borough’s branch of the Peel2Save charity at Bradley Hills Copthorne Hotel. It was attended by representatives from the Dudley Group of Hospitals, Sedgley’s Beacon Centre for the Blind and Stourbridge’s Mary Stevens Hospice. Charities can call Sally on 01902 896914.

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Mother allowed to keep fighting dog, says court

A mother admitted keeping a fighting dog at home with her children – but was told by a court she could continue looking after it.

Toasts by vets showed that the animal was 70 per cent pitbull and subject to restrictions under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

Its owner Samantha Whiley, aged 34, has been ordered to pay £1,500 towards the £2,700 cost of keeping the dog in kennels since it was seized by police in February.

Dudley magistrates told her she must micro-chip and tattoo the dog so it can be identified, neuter it, enter it on a national register, and keep it on a lead in public.

Her garden must also be kept secure when it is off a lead and she must get public liability insurance.

Mr Gerry Valbay, defending, said Whiley did not recognize it as a pitbull. He added the animal had caused "no problems whatsoever" at the home.

Punished

Whiley was given a 12-month conditional discharge, meaning she will be punished if she commits another offence.

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MI5 now recruiting telephone call spies

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People who speak Arabic and other foreign languages are being recruited to listen in on phone calls in the West Midlands to try to spot potential terrorists.

Security service MI5 is offering £22,000 a year to ‘foreign language analysts’ who can pick out information and disrupt threats to national security.

The role will become particularly busy next year during the Olympics with staff asked to work in shifts.

MI5 wants people who speak Arabic, Bengali, Pashto, Punjabi with Pathawi, Somali and Kurdish Farsi. The jobs are also available in Greater Manchester and London.

But applicants have been warned the job is ‘not glamorous’. The security service has declined to comment further on its job offer.

Intercepted

But the description on its website reads: “Part of our work involves listening to legally intercepted telephone calls. That’s where you can play a part — using your language skills to listen for vital clues in what seem like everyday conversations.”

Applicants must be born in naturalised British citizens and at least 18.

They are being told that “discretion is vital” and that they must not discuss their applications with anyone other than a partner or close family member.

On Monday, six men were detained in Birmingham. They were detained on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism in the UK.

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How your money helps in a drought

By Sarah Hazelwood

A DUDLEY mum has travelled to Ethiopia to find out how money raised in the Black Country is helping those caught in one of the region's worst droughts for 60 years.

Julia Hool, a volunteer at the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (Cafod), jetted off to Ethiopia on September 19 to see how funds were aiding a community on the brink of survival.

Cafod is the Catholic agency supporting overseas development, working with more than 50 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to fight poverty and injustice.

This year parishes and schools across the Black Country have helped raise almost £15,000 for the East African appeal alongside a staggering £141,000 from the Birmingham Catholic Archdiocese, which Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton are all members.

Encourage

After spending a week with Cafod and its partners visiting various communities overseas Julia, of Dudley, who has worked for the agency for the past 13 years, said the money had so far helped produce crops and deeper water holes, mend a well which had been out of order for 27 years, and aid in the clearance of land to encourage cattle grazing.

“Julia was extremely lucky to be able to go and see the ways donations from the Black Country are helping those living in such hardship. The money we collect is crucial to helping communities get through this extremely difficult time. They haven’t had any rain since last March so it was a real shock to see the effects first hand.”

Julia travelled with Elemaw, 60, who is from Borana.

Julia Hool with some of the Borana helpers in Ethiopia

Julia with Elemaw Wario, 60, who is from Borana

Sarite watering hole provides a vital source of water for the region’s cattle

Sarite watering hole provides a vital source of water for the region’s cattle in the next few weeks to tell them about her trip and the ways in which their donations are being spent.

With fundraisers throughout the year the next big event for Cafod is the Harvest fast day appeal, this Friday (October 7).

Collections

A host of schools and parishes take part with special collections and fundraising efforts to help fund the group’s projects.

Julia, who travelled more than 500km from the capital, Addis Ababa to Yabello in the Borana region of South Ethiopia, said: “We are very lucky to have so many committed supporters so without them our work wouldn’t be possible.

“The money raised has given the community hope that they can get through this and they are just praying now that rain will fall this month.

“Livestock numbers are dropping fast but the well, which serves more than 3,000 cattle each day, puts them one step closer to saving their lives.

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Applications flood in for Tesco jobs

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Both men’s and women’s fashions, shoes and accessories will form part of the sale held by student Clare Robinson and Dudley-based Aston’s Auctioneers.

The 25-year-old fashion and retail management graduate struck on the idea for the sale after seeing a boom in vintage clothing stores in recent years. Among the lots on sale will be a yellow 1980s Emanuel Ungaro jacket at around £80 and 1960s Mary Quant kitten heel shoes.

The auction will be held at The Custard Factory, in Townsend Street, Digbeth, on November 19. Viewings are from 10am for a 12pm start.

The auction house will be hosting a valuation and sale event on October 21 at Blythes’ Hall, in Tower Street, Dudley. People are invited to bring any items they feel could form part of the auction and also meet Clare to talk about the event between 10am and 4pm.

Famous glass vase is reborn

The court heard Whyte, of Downfield Drive, Stourbridge, was seen on a roof at the back of the Madina’s curry house in New Street at about 9am on July 18, loading pipes, pots and pans into a bag. When arrested he told police he had been given permission to take the scrap – but the owners denied this.

Whyte was also given a four-week prison sentence to run alongside the term he is serving for the church theft in June.

Ian Dury checks the progress of the Portland Vase copy at The Ruskin Glass Centre.

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Expansion may see end to free parking

Multi-million pound expansion plans have been unveiled for Dudley’s Merry Hill Shopping Centre – and could see the introduction of parking charges in as little as two years.

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“The expansion might not be immediate but it’s something we are currently working towards,” he said.

“If all goes well, hopefully it is only a couple of years away. Whether it is done in one phase or a few smaller phases is hard to say.

“It is a very complicated process – we will need to get plans drawn up, have planning permission approved and get businesses interested in moving in before we could go ahead. A requirement of the expansion is that we need to start charging for car parking,” added Mr Rosa.

Shoppers

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The Action Plan states the new areas would be built on under-used land surrounding the centre and hopes to create better connections with the High Street as part of the scheme.

According to the plan, around 985,557 sq ft of new retail spaces – including a new “anchor” store – would be created by expanding the centre towards the canal, along with almost 70,000 sq ft of office space and 1,350 new homes.

“One way this could be done, the report suggests, is by converting current car parks to multi-storey buildings flaring around it,” Deputy council leader Tim Wright said in the report.

“The council had developed the policy alongside other Black Country councils.

“As set out in the Black Country Joint Core strategy, a condition of any significant extra retail space is that we need to start charging for car parking,” he said.

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Expansion may see end to free parking

Multi-million pound expansion plans have been unveiled for Dudley’s Merry Hill Shopping Centre – and could see the introduction of parking charges in as little as two years.

Bosses at the centre revealed they had started working towards drawings up plans to include new shops, leisure facilities and hotel. Centre director Lazara Rosa said parking charges were a formal requirement of expanding the popular indoor shopping mall.

“The expansion might not be immediate but it’s something we are currently working towards,” he said.

“If all goes well, hopefully it is only a couple of years away. Whether it is done in one phase or a few smaller phases is hard to say.

“It is a very complicated process – we will need to get plans drawn up, have planning permission approved and get businesses interested in moving in before we could go ahead. A requirement of the expansion is that we need to start charging for car parking,” added Mr Rosa.

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Television’s lead ladies on the magic of Merlin

Angel Coulby as Gwen in the hit TV series Merlin

Katie McGrath at the launch of The Dragon Tower

Katie starring as the dark sorceress Morgana

POPULAR fantasy drama Merlin, which has returned to Saturday night television screens for its fourth series, has made stars of its two leading ladies, Katie McGrath and Angel Coulby.

They represent good and evil in the action-packed retelling of Arthurian legend, with McGrath as the dark sorceress Morgana and Coulby as Gwen, the future Queen Guinevere.

During a break from filming in Wales and at a French castle, both actresses visited Warwick Castle to help launch The Dragon Tower, the castle’s new attraction for 2011 in which fans of the TV show can meet the dragon from Merlin, which is voiced in the series by John Hurt.

And while they enjoy the roles and drama of Merlin, a worldwide hit made by Shine, for the BBC, they both revealed they hoped their high profile will win them roles in American TV and film.

“I would really love to do something set in modern times,” said raven-haired Irish actress Katie McGrath, who is aged 28. “I wish my next role could involve site seeing, drinking cars and lots of big explosions. ‘I would like to go to America’, added 31-year-old Londoner Angel Coulby. “But I would also love to work on something as big as The Royal Court or the Alhambra.”

Both are fervent supporters of their characters. Katie says Morgana was not born bad but pushed towards the dark side by the prejudices of others, not least King Uther Pendragon, Arthur’s father, played by Anthony Head.

Coulby said: “I like that she is going on this journey. She had very humble beginnings as a serving girl and goes on to become a queen. She is a peasant’s woman who fights for the underdog. I like to think that if she was in modern society she would be a human rights lawyer, or something like that.”

“I was how she has grown in strength and how she nurtures Arthur’s good heart and brings that good quality out of him.”

Angel wanted to be an actress from childhood and attended drama school in Edinburgh, getting her big break on TV in Johnny Vaughan’s sitcom ‘Dribble’. Katie took a more unusual route. After graduating in history from Dublin’s Trinity College, she aimed for a career in fashion journalism and after a magazine job became wardrobe assistant on the set of The Tudors.

After being told by friends and colleagues that she should try acting, she finally went on a role in front of camera on the very same show. Vegeful

There are few actresses who look better in medieval period and her minor role helped win the County Wicklow woman the more substantial role of wronged and vegeful Morgana in Merlin. Not having had formal acting training makes Katie nervous of appearing in theatre “stage” – but maybe a Chekhov drama would finish her day one because she has a passion for Russian literature, especially Tolstoy.

Both actresses were kept in the dark about their character’s story arc as they made the fourth series but both seem likely to figure prominently in the plot, as Gwen’s royal destiny approaches and Morgana gives the young Merlin his toughest challenge when she summons demonic creatures to battle Arthur and his loyal knights.

With a fifth series likely and the show being a success globally from China to the US, it seems likely that Katie and Angel may not have too long too Hollywood to come calling.

The fourth series of Merlin, featuring Colin Morgan as the young wizard, began last Sat- urday on BBC1 with The Darkest Hour, and that episode is still available to view online until October 15.

Meanwhile, pink and perky American musical Legs Aloud, introducing Faye Brookes as not-so-dumb Elle Woods with Claire Saxevy as her hairdresser Paulette, continues at Birmingham’s New Alexandra Theatre until October 15.

At the same venue on Tuesday, Rumput Theatre presents a spooky tale by Charles Dickens, The Haunted Bride, and on Wednesday, Two Gents staging Kupeunga Kwa Hamlet, an African tale on the Shakespeare classic, with the action moved from Scotland to Zimbabwe.
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Whitcliffe Road is a highly sought after private road in the idyllic setting on the eastern outskirts of Kidderminster and renowned as the picturesque 1930s built property lies discreetly set back from the road behind an enticing drive - view s to the rear over countryside, with sweeping double garage and is newly double glazed throughout.

The extensive ground floor accommodation includes an impressive reception hall with feature staircase and guest cloakroom, while features a generous en-suite bathroom. 

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The lounge leads on to rear conservatory, which provides a fine vantage point looking over countryside views, with feature staircase and guest cloakroom, while leading to downstairs cloakroom with low level flush WC and wall mounted wash hand basin, and a semi-detached in Marshall Road is well-presented and has a large rear garden too.

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The dining room is 13ft by 9ft, while the breakfast kitchen – 14ft 5in by 9ft 8in – comprises base cupboards and drawers with work surfaces above, sink, matching wall cupboards, integrated appliances to include dishwasher, fridge and freezer and wine rack.

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“Our new show homes are perfect for families who would like to see how the company has created a home that looks fresh and are delighted to offer housebuyers a first glimpse of Barratt’s new range of property styles,” comments Grzegorz Wielki, Sales Director for Barratt West Midlands.

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The second bedroom is a twin bedroom which has a Cinderella theme because of the development being on the old Cinderella Works factory site.

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Motor Market Expands With New Site

Cradley Heath based car dealership Motor Market Limited continues to buck the trend in these tough economic times and have invested heavily in further expanding its business.

Already well respected for its approach to providing excellent customer service and value for money, Motor Market recently acquired the freehold to the former Crown Works engineering site adjacent to its existing premises. The additional space has allowed the business to improve its preparation and storage facilities and increase its stock holding capacity to 120+ cars.

Over the past few months the development has transformed a small corner of Newtown Lane, Cradley Heath from a series of dilapidated outbuildings and disused wasteland, to a striking modern facility that complements their original site opposite. A challenging project involved the initial demolition of derelict buildings and then the excavation and removal of over 800m³ of subsoil to provide a level base. 60 tonne of basalt stone provides the floor covering all retained by new brick work boundary walls and wrought iron fence details, which provide a striking frontage to the Newtown Lane aspect.

Owned by local brothers Dean and Adam Bridge Motor Market specialise in providing quality used vehicles between the £2995 and £6995 price ranges. Partnerships with major finance companies such as Close Motor Finance, Barclays and Santander also ensure they can provide competitive finance whenever it’s required. As standard all vehicles are provided with a 72 point pre delivery inspection, clean HPI reports, 12 months MOT and comprehensive mechanical warranties.

When asked the secret to their success, Dean commented, “I don’t think it’s ever that simple or there’s a single ingredient to making a successful business. For us the key has been to focus on what’s important to our customers. We’ve never been in any doubt about this, their feedback tells us that excellent customer service, value for money and a comprehensive choice are the vital things that influence customers decision to buy. We have always made a great effort to service customers well, often going beyond what’s typical in the used car market, but the fact 70% of our business comes from repeat customers or personal recommendation shows us this policy is a worthwhile investment.

Also having been born, brought up and still living in the area we are well aware of peoples expectation when it comes to value for money, we work very hard to source competitively and combined with a no frills, lean approach to unnecessary overheads, we keep our prices extremely keen, without comprising on the quality of the finished car”.

Adam went on to explain “the real driver behind the investment in this new facility is additional choice for our customers. We have always held a good stock of Ford, Vauxhall, Renault, Peugeot and Citroen, also we have now been able to expand this with Volkswagen, Jaguar, BMW and more means with over 120+ cars on display we now offer customers the widest choice of used stock in the area.” So with the powerful combination of increased choice, great value and excellent customer service Motor Market look very well positioned to serve the local used car market for many years to come.
MASSIVE PART EXCHANGE CLEARANCE SALE NOW ON!

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Lost & Found

LOST

Sunday, September 25, black and white male cat, answers to name of Jonnie. George Street, Gornal,本领ed hair, wearing red collar. Very timid.
01902 610599 / 07721 303974.

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Furniture

Number P17320, Express and Star, Wolverhampton, WV1 ESB.

PRESENTABLE GENT LATE 40's

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We are looking for an individual with

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  - 11 months MoT, £2,800 ono.
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  - Contact 07581 487320.
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Colts are overpowered by Moseley

Hawks land on the eagles

Colts gave a good account of themselves against an experienced and well-drilled Moseley side, but their inability to take the game to the visitors proved their downfall. Moseley dominated the game from the outset, with their physicality and direct play proving too much for the younger Colts side. Despite some promising attacking moves from the home side, Moseley held their lead to maintain their victory.

Moseley Colts 4 Old Halesians Colts 10

The game started with both teams looking to establish their dominance in possession and territory, with Moseley looking to exploit the younger Colts side. Moseley launched an early attack, with a cross into the box being headed away by Colts goalkeeper toasted. The chance was quickly capitalized on by the opposition, with a second goal scored moments later.

As the game continued, Moseley maintained their control, with some impressive passing and movement creating numerous chances. The home side showed some signs of resistance, with some determined defence and pressing, but they couldn’t prevent Moseley from adding to their tally.

After the interval, Moseley continued to dominate, with some clinical finishing adding to their scoreline. The young Colts side showed some fight, with some promising attacks, but they couldn’t find a way past the Moseley defence.

Overall, it was a strong performance from Moseley, with their experience and organisation proving too much for the Colts side. The young players showed some promising signs, but they will need to improve their ability to compete at this level.