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Brett Shohet, Editor

Hello and welcome to this month's edition of **VISION**Hornchurch.

We have been overwhelmed with the positive response from our readers. It has been a wonderful opportunity to

communicate with you directly and understand what Features you enjoy in **VISION**.

Our clients have also had a great response and understand the benefits of giving awareness of their business in a publication that takes care of how it is put together with the balance of fantastic editorial content.

We are proud to announce a new relationship with your **HORNCHURCH** Urchins, so **VISION**Hornchurch will be a place to see how the local team are performing. Also a huge thank you to John James Travel that is placing our publications on the seats of their weekly European coach tours.

This month we focus on Havering which may no longer be part of London, as a historic vote was due to be held as **VISION** went to press, and new homes are set to be built on the former St George's Hospital site. Local news is important to us, so if you have any stories please email editorial@visionmag.co.uk

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I hope you all enjoy the August edition of **VISION**Hornchurch.

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GRENFELL TOWER INVESTIGATION MUST GIVE VICTIMS JUSTICE

Every few years Britain is hit by a disaster, so horrendous that it becomes a national disgrace. It leaves bitter and deep wounds and divisions, not only on the victims and survivors but also on the whole country.

Hillsborough is one of those disasters when in 1989, 96 Liverpool fans died in a human crush at the Sheffield ground.

It is only in the last few weeks - 28 years later and after inquiries and inquests - that six people, including two former senior police officers, have been charged with criminal offences over the deaths and the alleged police cover-up that followed.

That news came as another disaster the dreadful fire at Grenfell Tower in North Kensington, London was taking up much of the newspaper and broadcast headlines.

But already controversies that surrounded the early days of Hillsborough appear to be happening around the 24 storeys of Grenfell.

It is known that 80 people died, but the final tally is expected to be much higher. It is also known there were 120 homes.

Amazingly though, what is not known is exactly who was living there. Some of the flats had been sub let and so the occupants would not be on any council list. The sub letters have not come forward to tell police or the authorities who were in their flats, as they themselves have been committing fraud.

A large number of people are still missing, believed dead. The survivors, most of whom have lost everything, are living in hotels and bed and breakfasts if they are lucky. The others initially had just a blue airbed in a leisure centre.

Retired Court of Appeal Judge Sir Martin Moore-Bick will lead the public inquiry into the Grenfell Tower tragedy as its chairman. He has already said he is "doubtful" the process will be as wide-ranging as some residents hope.

But his inquiry will investigate the theory that the fire started as the result of a faulty fridge freezer in a fourth floor flat which literally spread like wildfire because of the type of cladding used in the refurbishment of the tower block.

It has been alleged that fireproof cladding at Grenfell Tower was downgraded to save money. The exterior cladding, designed to improve the look of the tower and make it more energy efficient, has been blamed on contributing to the rapid spread of the fire.

Consultants for the refurbishment were placed under pressure to keep costs low, leaked emails reportedly show. Documents show the zinc cladding originally proposed was replaced with an aluminium type, which was less fire resistant, saving nearly £300,000.

A similar sort of cladding has been found on 181 tower blocks throughout the country.

Two council chiefs in Kensington and Chelsea have resigned over their handling of the disaster and police have not ruled out criminal charges at the end of their investigations.

The inquiry is expected to reveal an interim report in the next few months. But what ever happens the Grenfell survivors and families of the victims do not want to wait for the length of time that those Hillsborough families waited.

It would mean them not getting a final verdict until 2045.

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FASHION

PHARRELL FOR CHANEL



Considering his status as a leading music producer, composer and artist in his own right, Pharrell Williams' forays into fashion can get lost in his myriad other projects. But when he strutted down the catwalk for Chanel's Métiers d'Art show in December last year at the Ritz Paris, he grabbed the attention of the global fashion media.

No ordinary collection, Métiers d'Art honours the fine craftsmanship of the fashion house's artisan partners who are responsible for the exquisite embellishments we see on Chanel garments, like fine embroidery, lace and metallic-detailed buttons. It is apt then that notorious perfectionist Williams would make this his debut for the luxury French brand in a sophisticated tweed jacket, draped with strings of white and black pearls.

Having happily accessorised with Chanel's iconic costume jewellery in the past, Williams decided to break down gender barriers further by becoming the first male to appear in a handbag campaign for the brand in its 108-year existence, with head honcho Lagerfeld saying he wanted to show that the bag can be "worn in many different circumstances" – including, but not limited to, 11-time Grammy-winning hip-hop superstars.

In the short video, the cheeky superstar is larking about in an empty arena while toting a black alligator and lambskin Gabrielle Hobo bag, all the while bringing some serious cool to a brand that is more often associated with spoilt rich girls. But though few men can afford the bag (prices start at £2,650), it could mark a seismic shift towards fashion that is becoming increasingly androgynous. And let's be honest, if anyone can convince men that it's okay to rock a man bag, it's Pharrell.

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NINETIES FASHION: THEN AND NOW

It was the golden era of Britpop, grunge and Tamagotchis...but how far have we really come since the glorious Nineties?

THEN: BRANDED SPORTSWEAR

Casual clothes were the ultimate fashion statement – from Nike Airs to Reebok Classics and Adidas tracky bottoms.

Now: Athleisure

Sportswear has made a huge comeback, but brands are less visible and the lines are cleaner with skin-tight leggings and slim-fit hoodies in high-tech fabrics.

THEN: GRUNGE

Plaid shirts, band tees, ripped denim and grandad cardigans were all part of the grunge uniform made popular by Kurt Cobain.

Now: Hipster

The denim jeans may be skinnier and the plaid shirts more tailored, but there are definitely hints of grunge in the kind of fashion worn by today's hipster crowd.

THEN: UNITED COLORS OF BENETTON

It's difficult to forget United Colors of Benetton's assault on our global psyche through its controversial ad campaigns. Confronting topics such as race, politics, social issues and sexuality, it quickly became the brand of choice for the cool kids.

Now: Protest Fashion

From the 'pussy hats' worn by protestors at the recent Women's Rights marches to

Christian Dior's 'We Should All be Feminist' T-shirts, fashion for a cause is as hot as ever.

THEN: TAMAGOTCHIS

Back in the hazy crazy Nineties, no outfit was complete without an adorable digipet. Available in an array of colours, these cute critters would beep and chirp when they wanted feeding and you could even play games with your beloved pet. It felt like the future was finally here, and no technology could ever be as cool as this...



Now: iPhones

Probably the ultimate accessory of the 21st century, iPhones aren't just super-stylish, they have become an integral part of our day-to-day lives. And you can even get a digipet app if you really, really want to...



The Age Game

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR SKIN AT ANY AGE

20s: Your skin is fresh, plump and loaded with collagen – so take care of it. As prevention is better than cure, this is the perfect age to begin taking anti-ageing measures, so use a light moisturiser with a broad SPF sun cream every single day (even in winter). Go easy on the harsh exfoliators and drink loads of water.

30s: This is the age to get serious about exfoliation. Help refine large pores and keep skin looking smooth by using an exfoliating acid (like glycolic, lactic or salicylic) every other night. Also invest in a good eye cream and load up on those antioxidants in your diet by eating berries and leafy veg.

40s: As oestrogen levels drop, so does your skin's moisture, which means you'll need to invest in a hard-working moisturiser to keep it looking youthful. Choose one that has a high level of glycerine or hyaluronic acid to feed thirsty skin and start using a weekly face mask with nourishing and hydrating properties. Another great tip is to massage skin deeply while cleansing to stimulate lymph glands and promote drainage.

50s: With the onset of menopause, collagen production can drop off sharply at this age, so it's important to focus on hydration and nourishment. To retain moisture, you can skip your morning face wash (assuming you cleansed the night before) and invest in a really good antioxidant serum. An exfoliant containing retinoids can also help properly slough off skin cells.

60+: Your skin care regime needn't change too much after this point, with a focus on hydrating, firming and keeping discolouration at bay. It may become more sensitive, so go easy on the harsh chemicals and choose cleansing oils and creams that are packed with nourishing and healing vitamins. In other words, show your skin the love it deserves.





Hair Rescue

THINK YOUR HAIR IS BEYOND REPAIR? THINK AGAIN...

When it comes to our beauty regime, we often give loads of attention to our skin, slathering it in SPF and lotions and oil, but pay far less attention to our long-suffering hair. And boy, do those follicles have it tough. Even if your locks don't have to endure a monthly onslaught of bleach or colour, they're still vulnerable to heat damage (from hairdryers and straighteners), UV damage (from the sun) and pollution damage (from life).

If your mane is garnering looks of disdain, don't worry, because nothing is beyond repair. A few simple products and daily routines can make all the difference. But first you need to be honest about its condition. If you're scissor-shy, your first stop needs to be the hairdresser to get rid of those split ends – an instant reviver for damaged hair.

Next you need to feed that barnet, so invest in a rich and nourishing weekly treatment. Choose a hard-working product that will nourish with oils like coconut or argan and strengthen with protein. Alternatively, make your own treatment by gently warming half a cup of olive oil. For extra intensity, place a shower cap over your hair after application and leave for 20 minutes.

Now that some of the lustre has hopefully returned to your processed tresses, focus on daily care and prevention. Over-washing can deplete hair of its natural oils, so avoid shampooing every day. You then need to find a conditioner that suits your hair. Finer hair will benefit from lighter formulas, whereas thicker locks can handle richer creams.

Finally, think about protecting against future damage. Even if you don't straighten or blow-dry, always spritz with a leave-in conditioner after washing – either containing UV protection, heat protection or both.

And remember, the best defence is always a physical barrier, so make like Greta Garbo and don your headscarf in the sun.



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Fed up drawing on your eyebrows? Striving for the perfect shape, only to watch them disappear through the day? Creating the perfect cat eyeliner to later resemble a panda and lip colour that ends up on your coffee cup? Then enter into the world of semi-permanent make up and microblading.


Face Forward

Browse through my website which covers everything you need to know about semi-permanent makeup and microblading. Please remember - whoever you choose to go with, do your research thoroughly; it's your face and these procedures are SEMI-PERMANENT, which means you'll be walking around with the results for years to come!

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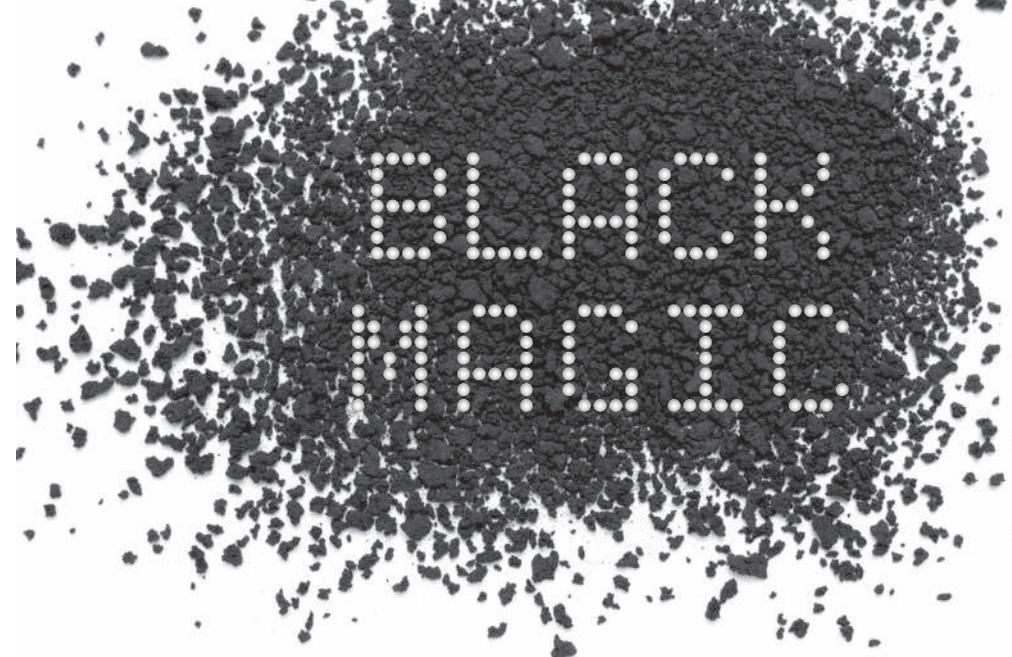
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If you suffer from embarrassing intestinal gas, activated charcoal supplements could be the secret weapon you need.

Everyone at some point in their lives will experience stomach distress like indigestion, gas or bloating, but for some of us these problems are chronic, with side-effects ranging from mild discomfort to huge embarrassment.

If this sounds like you, it may be worth considering taking activated charcoal supplements. Very different from the stuff you find in the fireplace, activated charcoal is a unique form of charcoal that has first been carbonised, then oxidised at very high temperatures to give it incredibly porous properties.

So how does it work? By travelling through your gastrointestinal tract, the charcoal absorbs toxins and impurities as it goes, meaning there is less to be expelled as unpleasant gas (charcoal can also absorb hydrogen sulphide, which creates those really unpleasant smells).

Sold in powder, tablet or capsule forms at health food shops, the recommended dose is 500 milligrams* taken one hour prior to a typical gas-producing meal with a big glass of water (staying hydrated helps the charcoal pass through your body once it has done its job). It is also fast-acting, making it perfect for those big nights out when the only gassing you want to be doing is witty repartee with your friends.

* Check with your doctor before using activated charcoal on a regular basis. Charcoal tablets may not be suitable if you are currently taking other medication because the charcoal could absorb the medication, making it less effective.

Tips to prevent gas:

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HOME & DIY

Ceiling the deal with pastels



Are you gearing up for a spot of DIY? Is your room suddenly looking a little on the small side? The secret to keeping your rooms looking optimum in size is actually quite surprising: look up.

Your ceiling can hold the key to the perfect room resize – and it all depends on colour. Even if you're not blessed with the biggest of spaces, ceiling colour can trick the eye in a way that makes the most of any room. It's no good being stuck in a small box with a low ceiling that can feel cramped and stuffy. Light colours on your ceiling can make these spaces feel bigger, but it's got to be done right.

The trick to opening up a small space is to keep the colour contrast between the walls and ceilings to a minimum. For example, a dark blue wall with a white ceiling may not work to enlarge the space, but pale yellow walls with a cream or off-white ceiling will feel light, airy and larger.

This is because enlarging a room with lighter colours enables the eye to travel continuously around the space, making the room appear more spacious. When you use different colours, your eye stops at the line where the colour changes. This makes the edges (and therefore the actual size of the room) more apparent.

White is often used as a ceiling colour because it complements almost every shade on the colour wheel and works well in most colour schemes. It also reflects light, which brightens the room and, in turn, makes it appear larger. Furthermore, white reflects the other colours in the room, so if you paint the walls deep red, the ceiling will appear to be a slightly rosy hue, which provides a slight contrast without becoming too overpowering.

Check out next month's edition for ceiling the deal with big, bold colours...



HOME & DIY

LINEN *Lovers*

From tablecloths to bed sheets, why it's worth investing in good fabrics to adorn your home.

With cheap throwaway fashion becoming ever more ubiquitous, it can be easy to take the same approach to buying linens and fabrics for your home. But here's why you shouldn't... sticking to the logic that we spend a third of our lives in bed, the sheets we swaddle ourselves in ought to be super-cosy and non-irritating. Good quality fabrics actually get softer over the years, making them a worthwhile investment – and they just look and feel much nicer.

When it comes to bedsheets, a lot of emphasis is put on thread count, but the quality of the yarn is equally important, which is why Egyptian cotton is up there with the best. Originally grown in Egypt where the warm, dry climate offers ideal conditions for the cotton plant, this produces extra-long staple fibres which are thinner than other cotton varieties, and despite being thinner are actually more durable than standard cotton, so your bedsheets become more

luxurious and softer over time.

When it comes to other fabric items for your home – tablecloths, napkins and curtains – you'd do well to seek out some classic Irish linen. Traditionally made from the cellulose fibres that grow inside of the stalks of the flax plant, this cloth is not only seriously hard-wearing, but also looks beautiful, adding a rustic charm to your kitchen or lounge.

Fortunately, you don't need to find a flea market in Donegal or schlep to a bazaar in Cairo to get hold of these fabrics. Most high street stores have an abundance of both. But if you still find yourself baulking at the hefty price tag, just think of all the dreamy nights and delightful dinner parties you will have with them.



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DESIGN Guru



He's the editor-at-large for *Grand Designs* magazine and has dedicated a lot of his time to the world of design, however, Kevin McCloud is probably best known for his television role on Channel 4's *Grand Designs*, which he has presented since its debut in 1999. The presenter even received an MBE for services to sustainable design and energy saving property refurbishment in the 2003 New Year Honours. But how did the Bedfordshire-born man become a national treasure?

The home that he grew up in was built by his parents but fell apart within 10 years, which could be where his love for design and building came from. Years later, he went on to study the history of art at Corpus Christi College in Cambridge. McCloud now lives in Somerset with his wife and two children.

It's claimed that McCloud wrote an entire *Grand Designs* episode himself after he found out the public had made a drinking game for when they watched the show. The game, that many were tweeting with the hashtag #granddesignsbingo, was based on his script and the public drank every time he said a certain word or phrase. In the script he allegedly wrote for the show, he made sure that the episode he wrote would have the public continuously drinking.

McCloud isn't just popular on our television screens, he has also written several books including: *Kevin McCloud's Colour Now: An Expert Guide to Choosing Colours for Your Home*, *Kevin McCloud's Grand Tour of Europe* and *Grand Designs Abroad*.

Despite his lengthy career in the lime light, the 58-year-old shows no sign of stopping as he continues to film *Grand Designs*. He has inspired many over the years and there is no doubt his work will have a lasting effect on the world of design and architecture.

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LOCAL NEWS



Established family business opens new showroom in Brentwood

You may have seen a new addition to Brentwood High Street recently with the appearance of Broadway Kitchens, an exciting and diverse new kitchen showroom. The owners are certainly not new to the industry, and can boast over 40 years experience. Broadway Kitchens were established in 1974, by Satt and his father, with their first showroom opening in Birmingham. Now, following on the family tradition, Satt's son Sunny runs and looks after the Brentwood showroom. All of Broadway Kitchens products are manufactured at their cabinetry workshops in Walsall near Birmingham.

Sunny explained: "We offer world class furniture at affordable prices. Our pricing is very transparent and easy for customers to understand. It has been this transparency and value for money that has enabled us to grow. The designs are done on a state of the art cad system, displayed on a 42 inch screen inside our Brentwood showroom, an immersive experience that will show the customer almost exactly how their new kitchen will look in their own home."

Most companies charge high deposits but Broadway believe customers should pay an absolute minimum deposit, and then pay no more until they can see their kitchen fully assembled.

The showroom displays Victorian, Edwardian, Georgian and Regency style Kitchens and Broadway are sure you'll cherish the high quality materials and

time honoured skills their craftsmen use to create the heartbeat of your home.

Broadway Kitchens seem to have it all – a luxurious showroom, manufacturing base using local kitchen fitters and more importantly they pride themselves on keeping the customers in the loop the whole time and getting them involved in the process from start to finish.

They almost insist on every customer visiting the Walsall workshops to see their bespoke kitchen in progress, with the opportunity to make adjustments. Customers that travel are gifted with a stay at one of Birmingham's top hotels.

From what we have seen here at **VISION** they seem like they really know what they are doing when it comes to kitchens. They made us feel really welcome, offered us lunch and wouldn't take no for an answer.



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ON REFLECTION...Charles Rae

Former royal correspondent looks back on his Diana Years

There isn't a day goes by for the last 20 years that I do not think about Diana, Princess of Wales.

I miss her dreadfully.

Before her untimely death in 1997 in a car crash in a Paris tunnel she was a major part of my life for 16 years as a reporter covering the Royal Family.

In July this year she would have been 56 years old – a grandmother and mother of two young princes whom she moulded into two fine young men.

There is no doubt Diana had her demons and tried hard to fight them – but her problems were exacerbated by a largely loveless marriage.

But on the other hand she restored the magic of the Royal Family and paved the way for it to be dragged into the 21st century.

Every so often we would talk on the phone, usually for her to tell me what was happening. If it was not her, then it was one of her close chums who would be on the other end of the line speaking on her behalf.

One time in 1994, the phone on my desk rang. Diana's voice said: "Hello

Charlie, are you going to Sandringham on Sunday?"

But she refused to go into detail except to say: "I won't be there long."

Christmas Day was the day for royal correspondents like me to travel to the Queen's Norfolk estate to cover the royals going to church.

The year was also at the height of the marriage problems of Diana and Prince Charles – they separated and divorced two years later.

Diana's green Jaguar left the estate shortly before lunch. On the M11 Diana roared down the motorway touching speeds of 120mph. I wrote about Diana's fast getaway from the royals but did not mention the 120mph figure.

During a royal trip to Japan, months later, I had a chat with the princess and told her that I hoped she realised that I had done her a favour and not used 120mph.

"I know," she said. "Thanks for that, I could have got into a lot of trouble."

I had to ask however why she had to get back to London at such a speed. "Oh, I wanted to get back for the omnibus edition of EastEnders."

We laughed, but sometime later I thought her reply was actually quite sad, that she would prefer to be watching a soap opera rather than spend Christmas with the Royal Family.

Our last chat was in St Tropez a week or so before she died.

She came over to a boat I had hired and started chatting about her future.

She hinted that she might move to America but left me with an enigmatic comment: "You will be surprised with the next thing I do."

Diana never explained what she meant and there are times even now I try to work it out but can't.

Most of my memories of her are happy ones.

She was a great lady and the world is a poorer place because she is no longer in it.



LOCAL NEWS

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Local lad is crowned winner of Love Island

Kem Cetinay, who worked at Boy About Town Barbers, Hornchurch, and girlfriend Amber Davies were crowned the winners of *Love Island* 2017. The pair chose to split the £50,000 prize, when Caroline gave Kem the option to steal all the cash or to share it with his other half.

During the final show, viewers were able to watch on as the finalists gave speeches vowing their love to one another. Despite this being the first time that the 21-year-old has fallen in love, he is sure that he will get married to Amber in the future.

During his speech, he said: "When we talk about our lives and the things that we've been through, it's mad to meet a girl who's so caring and true.

"The relationship got rocky and we both started to fear. The problem was we were scared to show we care.

"The thought of being vulnerable was pushing

each other apart. But when you find a girl that special, you have to follow your heart."

It's no secret that *Love Island* wasn't plain sailing for the pair. They had several rocky moments, especially when the boys were sent to Casa Amor, a separate villa, for a three-day period.

Kem struck up an unlikely romance with newbie Chyna Ellis and even chose to take her back to the main villa, much to Amber's disappointment. However, Amber luckily also chose to recouple so they both stayed in the villa.

Within hours of the boy's return, Kem and Amber were very much back on and have been together ever since - the pair even made it official.

Couple Jamie Jewitt and Camilla Thurlow were runners up, Chris Hughes and Olivia Attwood finished in third place and Marcel Somerville and Gabrielle Allen finished in fourth place.

School praised for its work around the world



A school in Hornchurch has been praised by Julia Dockerill MP for its work with children from around the world.

Scotts Primary School, on Bonington Road, was applauded by the Hornchurch and Upminster MP for reaching beyond the UK borders as we prepare to leave the European Union.

In July, the MP met four of their young Global Ambassadors who have begun to build new friendships with children they have been meeting in other countries.

Last year, the Global Ambassadors programme saw the school link with pupils and teachers in Bangladesh.

This year, children welcomed staff and students from a school just outside Shanghai.

The children visited the town hall where the Mayor, Linda Van den Hende, gave a speech about her role and allowed them to try on her ceremonial robes.

Hornchurch families also welcomed the Chinese children into their homes for a traditional afternoon tea.

Julia Dockerill MP said: "Thanks to headteacher, Jan, and her dynamic team at Scotts for the fantastic work they are doing."

Meeting held to reassure residents

A meeting was held in Hornchurch to reassure residents that measures were being taken to protect the community against moped gangs who have been causing chaos locally.

The meeting, held at Elm Park Baptist Church on July 15, was organised by the police to discuss residents' concerns and for the police to answer any questions relating to the issue.

More than 150 people attended the public

meeting led by Sgt Ian Handley and dedicated ward officer for Elm Park PC Michael Shepherd.

Moped crime has increased significantly in Hornchurch recently and residents have been fearful to leave their homes as a result.

There have been stories of masked thugs robbing mopeds, causing havoc on the roads and stealing from pedestrians.

Many of the terrified residents wanted action to be taken immediately.

Speaking at the meeting, PC Shepherd said: "We understand and we completely emphasise we are not standing here ignoring what you're saying.

"We're standing here trying to give you as much crime prevention advice as we can."

He added: "You ask us what we are doing about it? What we can."

Contact Julia Dockerill MP, the Hornchurch and Upminster MP, on email julia.dockerill.mp@parliament.uk

'Hexit' vote to be held



As **VISION**Hornchurch went to press, a vote, A which is being referred to as 'Hexit', will be held to determine Havering Council's relationship with the London Mayor and City Hall.

The vote, which was to be held at the next full council meeting on Wednesday, July 26, at the time of **VISION**Hornchurch going to press, will enable councillors to decide whether or not the borough, which is on the London-Essex border, should attempt to renegotiate Havering's role within the capital.

The proposal was put forward by UKIP councillor Lawrence Webb.

If the vote is successful, it will allow Cllr Webb to discuss the next steps in the legislative process.

LOCAL NEWS



NHS wins appeal to build 290 homes



The NHS has won an appeal to build 290 homes as part of a multi-million-pound health centre on the former St George's Hospital site. The former hospital was closed in 2012.

The NHS Property Services will build 204 new homes and 86 conversion units on the site in Suttons Lane, Hornchurch.

Plans were originally submitted in 2015 for permission to partially demolish and convert the derelict building, but this application was refused.

Plans were submitted again last year and have been accepted. The homes will be a mix of two to five-bedroom houses and one to three-bedroom flats, all with parking.

Fifteen per cent of the homes and flats must be affordable.

Four acres of the site will be kept for a new 32,300sq ft. health facility.

Senior transaction manager Dan Hotson said: "In addition to generating capital for the NHS, this development will help meet the government's targets for releasing public sector land for much-needed new homes in London."

Students discover new stars

Hornchurch students have had three stars named after them which they found during The Discovery Week project.

Children from Sanders School, on Suttons Lane, discovered three new stars and the children who identified them have now had the stars named after them.

The stars were spotted on the images from the 20-inch T31 telescope in Australia.

The first star was found by Hannah Cornwell, the second by Patrick Hynes-Hamilton and the third discovered jointly by Emily Wilkins and Alicia Farrant.

The stars are now officially registered in the International Variable Star Index AAVSO VSX.

Local man to be sentenced this month

A man from Hornchurch is due to appear in court this month to be sentenced for his connection with a rare metal scam.

Mark Sewell, 38, of Christopher Close, pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to defraud and money laundering at an earlier hearing.

He was released on bail and will return to Basildon Crown Court in August for sentence.

One victim parted with £33,929 while the other handed over £323,989.

The investigation had been passed to Essex Police.

Boy pleads guilty to sexual offence charges



A teenager has pleaded guilty to a number of sexual offences at two parks, one in Hornchurch.

The 16-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had previously pleaded not guilty to six offences at a hearing.

However, on Monday, June 26, at Barkingside Magistrates' Court he changed his plea.

The offences were committed at Harrow Lodge Park, on Hornchurch Road, and Raphael Park, in Romford, between November and January.

On Friday, November 11, he exposed himself at the park in Hornchurch.

On Wednesday, December 21, at Raphael Park he exposed himself again and inappropriately touched a 13-year-old girl.

On New Year's Day at Harrow Lodge Park, a woman was subject to sexual assault by the teenager. He also exposed himself again.

At the hearing, he was granted bail and subjected to an 8.15pm to 6am curfew.

He was also banned from entering the parks unless supervised by a youth offending support worker. He must also wear an electronic tag and will be sentenced at a later date.



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JUNE is the perfect fit for royalty

What June Kenton doesn't know about bras probably isn't worth knowing. June and her husband Harold bought Rigby and Peller in 1982 and it was during this time that Rigby and Peller evolved into one of the most talked about British brands and June was coined by the UK media as the 'Queen of Bras'.

June said: "I bought Rigby and Peller in 1982 and took over the Royal Warrant from there. The lady before had it since 1960. A Royal Warrant is given to a person. I had to go and meet the Queen. I was obviously very nervous and she thought it was ideal that I should have the Royal Warrant. She's just lovely and a super person."

June has also been entrusted by other members of the Royal Family – but there is one person who sticks in her memory above all others.

She revealed: "I was good friends with Princess Diana. She was absolutely gorgeous. She used to phone up and say 'I'm coming to visit headquarters, will you be there?' I was completely devastated when she died. We used to go to Kensington Palace for lunch and all sorts of things. It was a great honour."

"I used to do Cherie Blair. Kim Kardashian came in and bought bras because she needed them. It's a wonderful thing to be able to do to meet all these wonderful people."

Does June have any advice or tips for normal ladies? She warned **VISION** readers most women are not wearing the right size of bra and added this could be damaging to their health.

She said: "85 per cent of women are wearing the wrong size. It doesn't cost anything to have a fitting. Women do it themselves which is very unfortunate because they get it wrong."

"Have a fitting and talk to a human being. It's essential that every woman should be wearing the right size. It affects your back. It affects your neck. Your health will become so much better if you are wearing the correct size bra."

Earlier this year June published *Storm in a D-Cup*, her remarkable story.



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Glorious Gardens

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There are 10 acres of gardens to explore at Aberglasney, one of Wales' finest gardens. A unique and instantly recognisable Elizabethan cloister garden lies at its heart, and the Penelope Hobhouse-designed Upper Walled Garden features a circular arrangement of conical yews and beautiful borders. The Lower Walled Garden encloses a kitchen garden full of fruit, vegetables and cut flowers. There's also the dappled shade of Bishop Rudd's Walk and the new Jubilee Woodland, where a wide range of unusual woodland plants thrive.

Helmingham Hall



The Tollemache family has lived at Helmingham Hall in Stowmarket, Suffolk, for more than 500 years, but most recently, garden designer Xa Tollemache has been at the helm of the gorgeous gardens around the hall and its atmospheric moat. Find a classic parterre surrounded by musk roses, a walled kitchen garden and wonderfully planted herbaceous borders.

Kew Gardens



The world-famous garden at Kew is London's largest UNESCO World Heritage Site offering unique landscapes, vistas and iconic architecture. From the 18m high treetop canopy walkway to the humid rainforest climate in the Palm House, Kew's collection of living plants is the largest and most diverse in the world.

The Eden Project



One of Cornwall's most popular attractions, the bulbous domes of The Eden Project house a plethora of unusual plant species, simulating the dual environments of a tropical rainforest and a Mediterranean paradise. Then there's the newest attraction, The Core, which provides the Eden Project with an educational facility, incorporating classrooms and exhibition spaces designed to help communicate Eden's central message about the relationship between people and plants.

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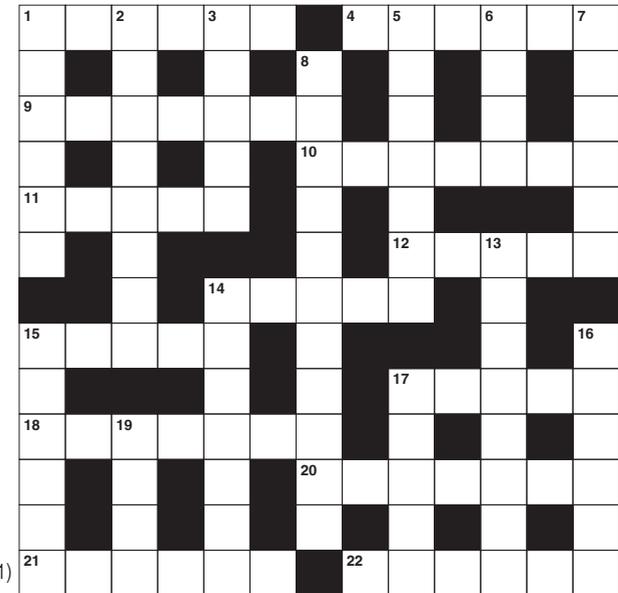
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1. Flipped a coin (6)
4. Fiery particles (6)
9. Model of excellence (7)
10. Brings to effective action (7)
11. Loses colour (5)
12. Bring on oneself (5)
14. Young boy or girl (5)
15. Cowboy exhibition (5)
17. Happen again (5)
18. Vivid purplish-red colour (7)
20. Open-minded; given freely (7)
21. Adjusts (6)
22. Unfastened (6)

DOWN

1. Embody (6)
2. Finely chopped (8)
3. Borders (5)
5. Settled in advance (7)
6. Repeat an action (4)
7. Snores (anag) (6)
8. People with distinct identities (11)
13. Piece for a soloist and orchestra (8)
14. Spouse of a reigning monarch (7)
15. Type of palm tree (6)



16. Screen of metal bars (6)
17. Bird (5)
19. Caribbean country (4)

DID YOU KNOW

- ▶ Your skin's outer layer sheds every two to four weeks, amounting to roughly 0.7kg of dead skin in a year.
- ▶ You spend 10 per cent of the day blinking.
- ▶ Without your pinkie finger you would lose about 50 per cent of your hand's strength.
- ▶ Human decomposition begins about four minutes after death, a process known as 'self-digestion' where your enzymes and bacteria eat you away.
- ▶ If all the DNA in your body was uncoiled it would stretch out to about 10 billion miles, which is from Earth to Pluto and back.
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Choc bars for energy balls

We all need a pick-me-up at some point during the day, but often the chocolate treats and biscuits you buy are packed with so much processed sugar that they will cause you to crash and burn. For a healthier treat, consider making some delicious coconut date balls. Soak 12 medjool dates in water, drain and throw in a food processor with one cup of ground almonds, half a cup of desiccated coconut, one-third cup of coconut oil, one-third cup of cocoa powder and one tablespoon of chia seeds. Once processed, roll level teaspoons of the mixture into balls, then dip in more shredded coconut before chilling.



Sarnies for soup or salad

Those shop-bought sarnies may seem good value, but they are hiding some serious nasties. With just a little bit of planning you could be chowing down on some delicious homemade health food instead. Using a simple vegetable or chicken stock, boil your favourite veggies with some spice until soft, then blend for an easy soup. Sweet potato and chipotle, carrot and cumin seeds or roasted cauliflower and garlic are all cheap, easy and delicious. If it's too summery for soup, a tin of tuna, boiled egg, olives, lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber make an instant protein-packed salad niçoise.



Check out next month's edition for four other swaps



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Keeping Baby Cool

As well as making your baby grumpy and stressed-out, overheating in infants can lead to an increased risk in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). With temperatures soaring at this time of the year, here are a few tips for keeping your little one cool and calm during the night.

Remove unnecessary bedding: If your baby is wearing a nappy, vest and sleepsuit, they'll only need a sheet as bedding if the temperature in their room is 24°C, and they can even sleep in just a nappy. In warmer weather, it is also worth removing any waterproof sheets from your child's cot.

Cool it during the day: The recommended room temperature for a baby to sleep is 18-20°C, which may feel a bit chilly to adults, but research has shown this to be ideal for tots. With this in mind, ensure the little one's room is cool in the day by keeping curtains closed and windows open, and

invest in a room thermometer for your nursery.

Wash the warm away: Every parent knows that nothing quite relaxes an infant like a nice bath before bed, and in the summer this is still the perfect way to soothe and refresh, but just make the water slightly cooler than usual.

Compress and refresh: The best way to tell if your baby is overheating is the temperature of its skin, particularly on the back of the neck. A cool flannel gently dabbed on this area will comfort them and bring their temperature down.

Relax: A frustrated baby is much harder to calm down, and a stressed-out parent sometimes doesn't help, but when you have a young infant (particularly your first), parenting can be hugely demanding. So, if you find yourself becoming flustered and your baby is hot and agitated, just take a moment to breathe, take them into a cooler room if it's too hot and give them slightly chilled water. Cool baby, cool parent.

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People from all over Great Britain pray for the sun to come out in the summer months. But when it does occasionally make an appearance, what can we do to keep our skin protected? Because, let's face it, no one likes the tomato look or the peeling skin you get when you've burnt.

Everyone knows that they should wear sunscreen, but there's so many on the shelves that it's difficult to know which one you should buy. It's best not to look for the cheapest, or the one on offer, but to choose one that is suited to your skin type and will give you the most protection.

When buying sunscreen, the label should show a sun protection factor (SPF) and a UVA protection. You should aim to buy a sunscreen with a four or more-star UVA protection and an SPF of at least 15,

however the higher the better.

Although sunscreen will protect your skin from the sun, it's important not to rely on it alone. The NHS recommends that between 11am and 3pm you should stay in the shade as the sun is at its strongest. You should also wear suitable clothing and protect your eyes from the sun by wearing sunglasses with UV ray protection. When it comes to children, extra care should be taken.

There are some people who are particularly prone to burning and should take extra care in the sun. For example, people with freckles, people who have pale skin and people with medical related skin problems.

To make sure you're as safe in the sun as possible, ensure you buy and apply the correct sunscreen and follow the guidelines. That way you will get to enjoy the sunshine and be confident you aren't doing any damage to your skin.



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A SWEDE DEAL

What if you could get into work at 10 and be done by 4? In some Swedish cities, this fantasy became reality as part of a two-year-long experiment to see whether a shorter working day would create a happier workforce and provide a draw for future workers to come to the country. The scheme saw 68 nurses at an old people's home in Gothenburg have their eight-hour days cut in a bid to improve staff satisfaction, health and patient care. During the first 18 months of the trial, the nurses working shorter hours logged less sick leave, reported better perceived health and boosted their productivity by organising 85 per cent more activities for their patients, from nature walks to sing-alongs.

But in spite of these achievements, the city had to employ an extra 17 staff, costing 12m kroner (£1.4m), and the project faced tough criticism from those concerned that the costs ultimately outweighed the benefits.

Earlier this year, the idea of transforming the traditional working week also appeared elsewhere in Europe, with French presidential candidate François Fillon pledging to change the usual "damaging" 35-hour week. Though the results of the Gothenburg experiment point to an inability to suitably marry job satisfaction with cost, the benefits of a shorter working week are plain to see.

It appears Sweden – whose Toyota service centre cut shifts 13 years ago to spark an immediate boost of productivity – will continue to be at the forefront of the debate, and while it may be too expensive a model for the public sector to adopt, there is certainly a chance that shorter hours will benefit Scandinavia's burgeoning start-up community.



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MOTORING

Even at seemingly serene moments behind the wheel, the red mist can quickly descend – but which driving habit did British motorists say annoys them the most?

We've all been there, stuck in traffic, temperature off the scale. It's been a long day and you just want to get home to see your kids and sit down in a comfy chair. Sweat is pooling at the back of your neck and the dip of your spine. And just as you go to pull away – the cool, inviting promise of your loved one's welcoming embrace hovering like a mirage on the heat-haze horizon – someone cuts you up and in a flash you're consumed by the hot wave of road rage.

But what do British motorists – people who pride themselves on maintaining proper queue etiquette – consider the most annoying driving habit? The good folk at the AA have polled more than 140,000 members since 2008 to find out what they think is the most irritating trait of other drivers. The results are in...

1. Tailgating (26%)
2. Talking on a mobile (25%)
3. Middle lane hogging (23%)
4. Swooping or cutting across lanes to leave a motorway at the last minute (10%)
5. Overtaking on the inside (7%)
6. Driving slowly (3%), speeding (3%), littering (3%)

Yep, that's the verdict: tailgating has been ranked the most irritating habit of drivers on UK roads for six out of the past seven years. Which is unsurprising really when you consider that it's really just failing to maintain proper queue etiquette when driving.

Talking on a mobile phone has consistently come second (apart from in 2014 when it clinched the top spot) and, despite being illegal, it continues to plague motoring happiness across the nation. So, next time you decide to get that little bit too close to the car in front while simultaneously chatting on your mobile and lobbing a sweet wrapper out your window, know this: you are officially the most hated person on Britain's roads.



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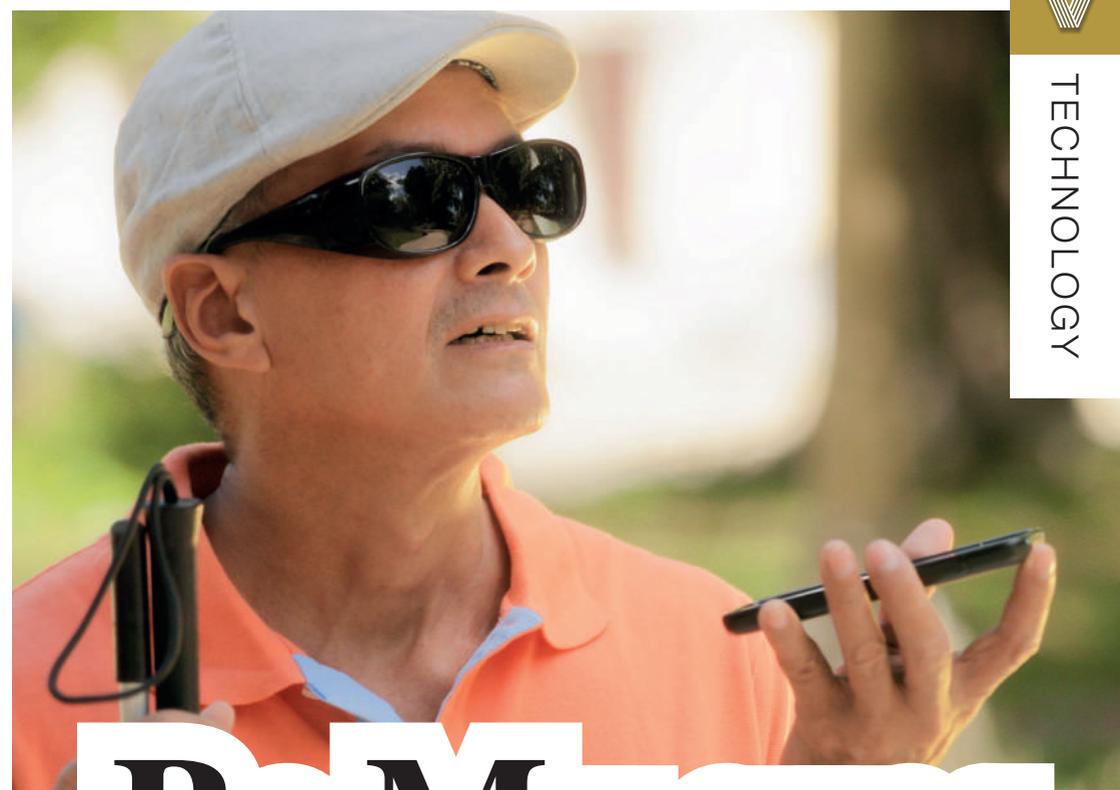
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Be My s

As the modern world continues to fill our pockets with futuristic technology, we look at one app that is paving the way when it comes to assisting partially-sighted people in their day-to-day lives.

These days, our phones have become an integral part of our everyday lives. Need somewhere to eat? There's an app for that. Want a cab? There's an app for that. Fancy a date? You get the drift...

But a new app called 'Be My Eyes' is different. The non-profit project was conceived by partially-sighted Hans Jørgen Wiberg; in the near future it is hoped that the app will be an easy way for partially-sighted people to get around the multitude of smaller obstacles they encounter – from reading the small print on a train timetable to checking the expiry date on a pint of milk.

Be My Eyes works by connecting blind and

visually-impaired people to sighted volunteers via a remote video connection. Through the phone's camera, the blind person is able to show the sighted individual what they are looking at in the real world, allowing the volunteer to assist them with any of their vision-related problems.

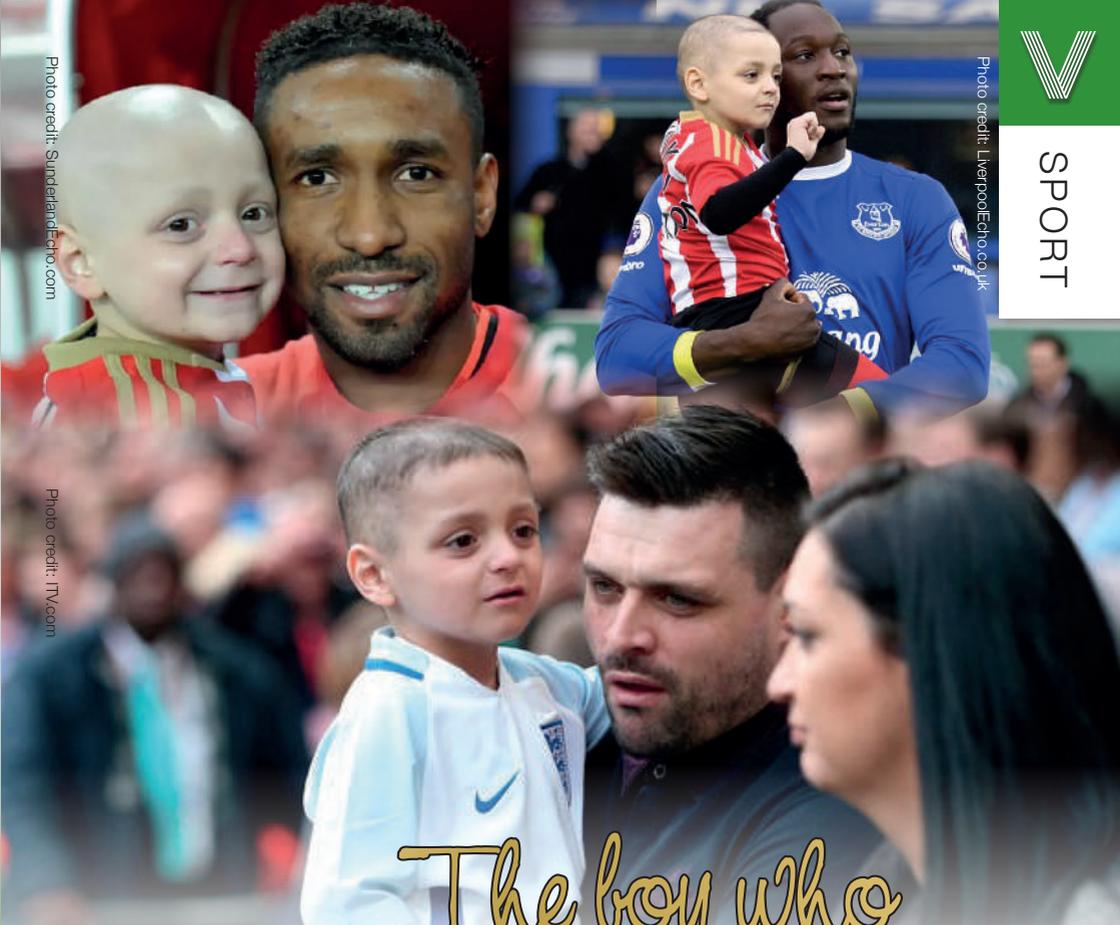
While currently in development to be made compatible with Android phones, Be My Eyes is just one of many burgeoning technologies being created to aid those with sight problems. Take for instance the \$12million start-up Aira, which combines Google Glass and a widespread team of human agents. By streaming everything the user is seeing to an agent who is sitting in front of a dashboard, Aira is able to assist with everything from reading signs to shopping, to navigating, to the numerous other mundane tasks that sighted individuals take for granted. Now that's quite an eye-opener.



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The boy who STOLE FOOTBALL'S HEART

Sunderland superfan Bradley Lowery sadly passed away following his battle with Neuroblastoma. Tributes have been flooding in from football fans around the world.

Bradley was famously known for becoming best friends with AFC Bournemouth and England player Jermain Defoe. He regularly visited Bradley both at home and in hospital and they formed an unbreakable bond.

The six-year-old also led out Sunderland against Everton in September where supporters of both clubs sang "There's only one Bradley Lowery" before a banner with the message "We're with you, Bradley" was paraded around the stadium. He also led out the England team at Wembley alongside Defoe for the World Cup qualifier against Lithuania in March.

A petition has now been started to rename the East Stand of the Sunderland Stadium of Light to 'The Bradley Lowery Stand' in his memory. It has

almost reached its 50,000 supporters target.

Everton was Bradley's second chosen club. The Blues donated £200,000 in September last year to Bradley's Fight to help fund treatment that was only available in the United States. They also auctioned off signed shirts from the game he attended.

Bradley's funeral was held on Friday, July 14 at St Josephs RC Church in Blackhall Colliery. Schools around the country allowed their students to attend in football shirts in return for a small donation to raise money for the Bradley Lowery Foundation and to remember the brave young boy.

Bradley has left a lasting impression on the world of football. He captured the hearts of football fans around the world with his strength, courage and love. A Facebook page named 'Remembering Bradley' has been set up for the public to post their messages of support so that Bradley's family and friends can have a forever keepsake of their angel.



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Family Fun Day

**Harrow Lodge Park, Upper Rainham Road, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 1JR
Wednesday, August 9**

After great success last summer, the family fun days are returning.

Hosted by Havering Council Housing Services Community Engagement team, these events include sports games, a bouncy castle, face painting, arts and crafts, games and much more.

The event is free but you must register online at www.havering.gov.uk/events/event/667/family_fun_days

Bat and Moth Night

**Parklands, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2YG
Monday, August 14**

A walk to detect bats at Parklands then onto Cranham Marsh to find moths will take place between 8.30pm and 10.30pm. Please bring a torch - pre-booking not required.

For more information contact Tony Loveless on 01708 442976. Suggested donation is £3.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

**The Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 1QT
Tuesday, August 15**



If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise.

Children (and mums and dads) can bring along their favourite teddies and meet the BIGGEST teddy bear in the whole world. Enjoy a mixture of games

with plenty of prizes, storytelling and sing-along songs in this enchanting interactive show.

Suitable for under 5s. Priced at £10 each or £35 for families of four. Book online at www.queens-theatre.co.uk/whats-on/show/teddy-bears-picnic/

Hungry Caterpillar Story Time and Craft

**Hornchurch Library, 44 North Street, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 1TB
Thursday, August 17**



Come and join story time and craft for those under the age of four. Make a hungry caterpillar and listen to the story between 2pm and 3pm. The cost for the event is £3/£4.50.

The Havering Show

**Harrow Lodge Park, Upper Rainham Road, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 1JR
Sunday, August 27 and Monday, August 28**



The Havering Show is the borough's biggest free event and takes place over the August bank holiday. The event will be open from 11am until 7pm each day and will showcase a host of acts throughout the day starting at around 12.30pm.

For more information, contact Nicola Bowen at nicola.bowen@havering.gov.uk

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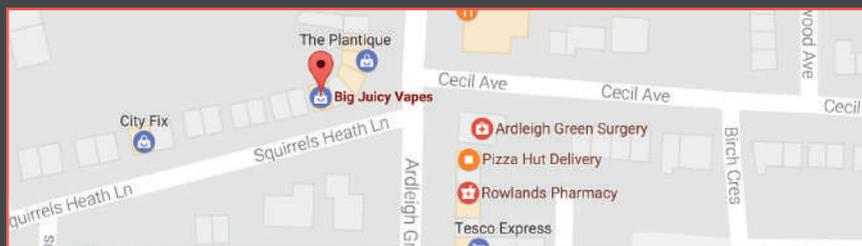
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