IN BRIEF

Appeal for witnesses to two collisions

WITNESSES are sought to collisions which happened last weekend in Midway and Newhall.

The incident involved a Black Honda Civic, which collided with a vehicle on Chatsworth Road, Newhall and then two vehicles on Elmsleigh Drive, Midway

It happened last Saturday (October 3) at approximately 7.30pm.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information is asked to get in touch with Derbyshire Police on 101 quoting the reference number 20*520944 and the name of the officer in the case, PC Morley.

Opportunities available at virtual jobs fair

A VIRTUAL jobs fair is currently taking place, with opportunities available across North West Leicestershire.

The event is taking place online until Monday, October 12, with companies including Amazon UK, Bosworth Homescare, Stephenson College and Insomnia Coffee Company all offering advice and opportunities for training and employment.

To see the opportunities available, visit: www.leices-teremploymenthub.co.uk/ nwldc

People struggling with mental health urged to seek help

ANYONE struggling on this year's World Mental Health Day is encouraged to seek the help of some of the UK's best services

Marked tomorrow (October 10), World Mental Health Day is the day for people to come together and be there for anyone who is struggling with poor mental health. In a year blighted by the Coronavirus, charities and organisations set up to help those struggling are seen as more important than ever before.

Among those are the Samaritans whose volunteer phone line ensures there's always someone there for anyone who needs help. They can be reach 24/7 by calling: 116 123 or by emailing: jo@samaritans.org.uk.

People can also call mental health charity Mind who offer support by calling: 0300 123 e-mailing: 3393 or info@mind.org.uk

People experiencing a personal crisis or who are unable to cope can also text the Shout Crisis Text Line by texting the word 'Shout' to 85258 or call the Rethink Mental Illness advice line on: 0300 5000 927.

Those seeking help closer to home are also encouraged to either speak to someone they trust or to their GP.

For a full list of organisations which can help, visit: www.mentalhealth.org.uk.

CONNECTING COALVILL F **DECLARED A SUCCESS**

By LEE GARRETT

A SPECIAL event celebrating the good that Coalville has to offer and become even better has been declared a success by all involved.

Connecting Coalville, which was held at Coalville Market Hall, saw special stalls galore join regular market traders. showing off the range of groups who want to get the best out of Coalville and make it even better.

Organised by co-op develop ment agency CASE and co-ordinated by the Coalville C.A.N





group, the event saw appearances from the Campaign to Re-Open the Ivanhoe Line (CRIL), NWL Veterans Community Support and the soonto-be launched Coalville Escape Rooms

For people keen to set up their own enterprises and businesses, CASE and the Sir Thomas White Charity were on hand to provide support to help fledgling ideas become success stories in the area.

For Fran Barney, of No Frills Refills, a business that brings simply sustainable staples to peoples' doorsteps, the event was a great chance to meet the public and spread the word. "As a new business owner, I

find it encouraging that the future development in the area will be positively influenced by such organisations [as Coalville C.A.N., and CASE] and this is welcomed. No Frills Refills is very much looking forward to more op-portunities to 'Connect Coalville' and support the many ventures being pursued.' The town's history was also

being celebrated at the event, with the Co-Operative Living History Project, delivered by CASE in attendance. With support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, CASE is collecting oral histories from people who have worked in, or lived with co-operatives in

Leicestershire.

Chris Boote, co-operative heritage project co-ordinator, said: "Co-operatives have a rich and storied history; this project will celebrate that by telling the stories of their members and communities.

"The project will culminate with the launch of a website. exhibition, and walking trails, archiving all of the gathered information. We are keen to hear from anyone who has photographs, objects, stories of any size, from a cooperative

TH!NK FC, who support the Coalville C.A.N effort, were also there and Deana Wildgoose from the group said the day was a great success.

"[It] was fantastic day at Coalville Market. Thanks to everyone involved, special thanks to Alison and Josh at the market and the existing traders that made us all feel so welcome.

"There are lots of examples all over the country of people doing great things," she said. "When people, groups and community organisations work together to do something they are interested in, there will be a lot more to celebrate. It will be no different in

To take part in the Living History project, call Chris Boote on: 07412 061963 or email: c.boote@case.coop.







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ALDI Ashby 20 will not return next year over COVID-19 fears

ANNUAL race through the streets of Ashby will not return next vear over continued fears of the spread of the Coronavirus.

The ALDI Ashby 20, which had been due to take place in March, was cancelled for only the third time in its 30-year history this year, with organisers hoping that it would return even stronger in 2021. However, continued rising levels of COVID-19 have put paid to that.

"With COVID-19 cases rising recently, and local lockdowns becoming more regular and totally unpredictable we believe that it isn't practicable to organise an event of this size in its normal format," said race director Richard Bebbington in a statement. "To stage an event of this size takes several months of planning and financial commitments to suppliers, something we simply cannot do in this uncertain environment."

However, organisers have said that despite 2021's cancellation, they will instead host a Virtual

ALDI Ashby 20 next year in its place.

Held over three days, starting from Friday, March 19, the virtual race will see runners allowed three days to run the 20mile distance in their home town. Each participant, who will receive the iconic Ashby 20 hoodie, will be able to upload their results to obtain their position. "[This] will allow so

many runners to raise vital funds for local and national charities. Something we all know is proving to be difficult in these surreal times," continued Mr Bebbington.

Despite the disappointment of next year's main race already falling victim to the Coronavirus, Mr Bebbington vowed the ALDI Ashby 20 will return in 2022. It is already pencilled in to take place on Sunday, March 20, 2022

"We will come bouncing back making it the best ever ALDI Ashby 20," he said.

For more information, visit: www.ashby20.co.uk/



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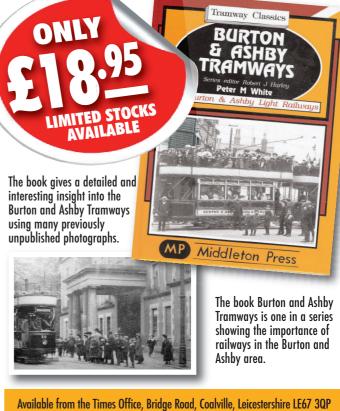
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