

Charity night to net cash for trek

A charity night to raise money for Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice will be held in The Slide Rooms in April next year, it has been announced.

On July 30, Louise Wilson from Stafford is set to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, in aid of Compton Hospice. In order to raise money for the Mount Kilimanjaro Challenge, she has got together with Wolverhampton Civic Hall to put on a pop-up themed concert which is a genre close to her heart.

This will be held at the Civic Hall's new venue on Broad Street, The Slide Rooms on April 30, 2011, and doors open at 6pm.

The show will consist of local bands such as headlineers Sunset on Suburbs and From the Get Go, with support from All Thought Out from Dudley and Stafford's own Platypus Duck and Diamonds & Dynamite.

There will also be an array of more local supports yet to be announced.

Louise Wilson's Just Giving site is available at www.justgiving.com/LouiseWilson2011. Tickets are £5 and are available on 01927 3207000 or www.wolverhamptoncivic.co.uk

Holocaust survivors are portrayed in moving exhibition

Pictures tell story of wartime horrors

An exhibition about Holocaust survivors has opened in Lichfield. Portraits for Posterity is being staged at three different venues in and near the city.

Magda Bloom, an 80-year-old survivor from Birmingham, yesterday helped launch the photographic exhibition and spoke about her experiences at the Lichfield Campus of South Staffordshire College and at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas.

Report by John Corser

Hungarian-born Mrs Bloom survived both Auschwitz-Birkenau and Belsen but lost her entire family in the Second World War Nazi concentration camps. As well as displays at the Wedge Gallery at the Lichfield campus and the National Memorial Arboretum, more photographs are on show in Lichfield Cathedral until November 14.

Debut

Portraits for Posterity features studies by photographer Matt Writtle of survivors who made a new life in Britain. His portraits are accompanied by a short biography drawn from the sitter's own words.

Portraits for Posterity made its debut in London in January last year after which it was decided to include Holocaust survivors living in other areas of the country.

It is dedicated to educating both young and old about the Holocaust which claimed the lives of at least six million Jews and a

million Jewish children. The exhibition was formally opened by Graham Mackley, chief executive and principal of South Staffordshire College.

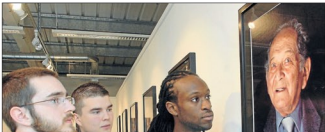
Matt Writtle, who used to work for the Shropshire Star and Express & Star, has been based in London since 2003. He has also worked in Australia and Hong Kong and for several national newspapers.

He was named young photographer of the year at the Beata's Midlands Photography Awards in 1997.

Viewing times are: South Staffordshire College, Lichfield campus - until November 12, 9am to 9pm weekdays and 10am to 6pm Fridays and during half term and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Lichfield Cathedral - until November 14 from 7.30am to 6.15pm on weekdays, 9am to 6.15pm on Saturdays and 7.30am to 6pm on Sundays.

National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas - until November 14, 9am to 5pm.



Magda Bloom when she was aged 16

Matt Writtle with Magda Bloom

Film and television students Graham Hayward 21, Peter Cudd-Valley 21, and Ore Okonedo, 27, take a look at one of the pictures on show at the college campus



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Tribute plaque on way at club

The son of a man who founded a Black Country boxing club has raised the cash needed to buy a memorial plaque in his father's loving a charity event.

Eric's imperious son Joe Wood Jr, aged 44, of Rosewood Street, Walsall, sang at the event in Pleck Working Men's Club, Scarborough Road, on Saturday. He raised funds for Cancer Research UK and a memorial plaque for his father Joe Wood.

Father-of-three Mr Wood, of Jerome Road, Walsall, a self-employed road building worker, died of cancer in 2002, aged 68. He won 30 of 32 fights as a professional boxer and formed Pleck Amateur Boxing Club.

After forming the club more than 30 years ago he coached for about 20 years. Singer Dewi Cullum, local band Reform and DJ Lee Knowles also gave up their time for the cause.

The night raised £602, which will be split between the charity and a plaque at Pleck Working Men's Club, where Mr Wood was a regular customer.

Wood Jr, a former amateur boxer, said: "It went very well."

Town calendar makes return

A 2011 charity calendar featuring old photographs of Brownhills is now on sale.

The calendar, which is put together by Brownhills Local Committee, is making a return after a year away. It is on sale at Greenings card shop in Ravenhill, at the Shopping Centre, and R Downes Newsagents, in High Street, Brownhills, and costs £4.

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