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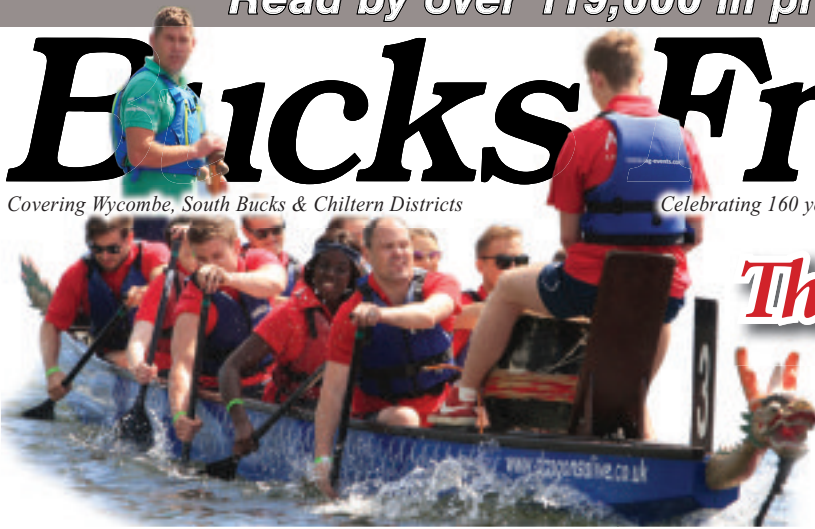
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MURDER PROBE AS 'CHEMICAL ATTACK' VICTIM DIES



Care home nurse, 47,
'caught up' in daylight horror

By Jasmine Rapson

A MURDER investigation has been launched following the death of a Marlow carer after she suffered serious chemical burns when she was "caught

up" in a daylight attack in High Wycombe.

At 4.48pm on June 3, Joanne Rand was sitting on a bench in Frogmoor when she was sprayed with a chemical, believed to be an alkaline substance, af-

ter a group of men allegedly became involved in a fight. Joanne was rushed to Stoke Mandeville Hospital with serious burns and later discharged. However she was readmitted on Friday and sadly passed away

five days later.

Police have now issued a fresh witness appeal in a bid to find the bottle containing the liquid believed to have been kicked over the 47-year-old.

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RUGBY

CHINNOR RFC are delighted to have captured prolific try machine Phil Chesters whilst retaining the services of key man Kieran Goss.

29-year-old Chesters made his Ealing Trailfinders debut in 2009 when in National 2 and has played a major part in the clubs meteoric rise to the Championship playoffs this season.

Playing over 150 games and scoring over 220 tries, Chesters is an out and out finisher.

He currently holds the record for most tries scored in one season at National 2 and National 1; a massive 70 tries in National 2, a record that will never be broken, and 42 in National 1.

Only this season did Chesters score an impressive brace at the Madjeski Stadium against eventual league winners London Irish.

Matt Williams, Chinnor director of rugby, commented, "Phil's record speaks for itself. He is deadly in space, rapid, and knows how to finish."

"He is one of the first players I targeted several months ago when Ealing announced he was moving on. Every team craves a winger that knows how to score and can change a game on its head."

Success
sparks fan
frenzy

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

THE success of Wycombe Wanderers last season has been enhanced by the fact that the club have sold over 1,000 season tickets already.

Michael Davies, General Manager said: "We are delighted that so far, over 1,000 supporters have taken advantage of the incredible value of the early bird offer before the deadline on July 3."

"It's a real positive to be ahead on where we were at this time last year and we hope that continues."

"We urge all supporters to introduce a new member to the Chairboys and grow the Wycombe family. The football in recent years has provided fantastic high levels of excitement; with our run to Wembley in 2015, and our cup classics against Villa here at Adams Park in 2016, and of course the incredibly close game away at Spurs last season."

"We are working hard to keep improving our match day experience with the development of the Fan Zone with the introduction of live music and a Blues BBQ."

Ladies team now a
part of Blues family

By Nicholas Tunney

WYCOMBE Wanderers have announced they are to take over the management of Wycombe Wanderers Ladies with immediate effect.

The women's team was first established in 1989 but has been managed independently for a number of years, playing its football last season in the Southern Region WFL First Division, which is the fourth step of the winter women's football pyramid.

Club chairman Andrew Howard, who is to move into a new role as sporting director of Wycombe Wanderers from August 1 will take over all responsibility for the operation of the women's team, and says this is the first step on an exciting journey:

He said: "Women's football has always been on the agenda for me since I became chairman three years ago but it has taken time for us to stabilise the whole club and set up the right infrastructure which enables us to branch out into new areas."

"We're a supporter-owned club which means that inclusivity is key for us; everyone in the community must have the opportunity to engage with their local football club and be a part of it."

"The women's team has done extremely well to sustain itself over many years with very little input or support from the club, but now the time has come for us to take them with us on our path forward."

"Women's football has come a long way forward in recent times, receiving fantastic support from the Football Association, and the success of the national team continues to inspire many young women to take up the sport."

"Just last year we hosted the Li-

onesses for a friendly in front of 6,000 fans at Adams Park and also welcomed Arsenal Ladies and Manchester City Women for the FA WSL Continental Cup Final in 2014, which were both fantastic occasions and proved the growth in popularity of the women's game."

"What we are seeking to build is a sustainable model which is financially neutral but provides the opportunity for more and more women to play football and become part of Wycombe Wanderers."

"We will need help along the way from fans and sponsors but I'm sure everyone currently connected to the football club will welcome this development and step forward to support it in any way they can."

Charlotte Bagshaw, captain of the women's team, commented: "It's a really exciting time for me and my team-mates to be part of a new chapter for the women's team."

"We're impressed by the chairman's plans to help us progress on and off the pitch over the coming years."

"Wycombe Wanderers has a fantastic reputation as being a family club and for making everyone feel part of that."

"Together with Andrew and his fellow directors and staff, we're already making plans for the new season and beyond and can't wait to get the partnership underway."

The club and representatives of the women's team are currently working to finalise plans including locations for training and matches, management structure and player recruitment, all of which will be announced in due course."

The ladies will be hoping to emulate the success of the Gareth Ainsworth's side in recent years and it is hoped that this move will be a catalyst for some real success in the coming months and years. The future is definitely bright."



Andrew Howard will take over the running of the ladies team which was always high on his list of priorities. Photo: ARM Images

ATHLETICS: Bourne End star set for Euro debut
Collin receives deserved GB call-up

A BOURNE END pentathlete will be making her Junior European Championships debut in Barcelona this month.

20-year-old Sarah Collin made her first international appearance for over two years at the Milan Kadlec Memorial last month.

Barcelona will mark the first major Championships appearance at any age level for the Buckinghamshire athlete who finished third at the British Modern Tetrathlon Championships in April.

Collin will be joined by Plymouth's Myles Pillage and Hampshire's Bradley Sutton who will also

make their first Junior European Championships appearances.

First year athletes Pillage and Sutton, who both moved to Pentathlon GB's National Training Centre at the University of Bath in September, will complete the mens team in Barcelona.

Both athletes have made strong starts to their junior careers with former Plymouth College Head Boy Pillage making his World Cup debut in Los Angeles in February.

In addition to competing in the individual competition in the USA, Pillage competed in three World Cup Mixed Relays this season, the

highlight coming with a stunning silver medal alongside Jo Muir at World Cup 2 in Cairo.

In his latest international appearance, the 19-year-old finished sixth at the Milan Kadlec Memorial.

At the same competition, former Wessex Wyvern MPC athlete Sutton recorded his best result of the season with a ninth place finish.

The 18-year-old, who finished second in the junior competition at the British Championships earlier this month, has also competed at senior world ranking competitions in Hungary and Germany this season.

In the women's team, 20-year-old

Charlie Follett will be making her second major Championships appearance having finished 30th at the Junior World Championships last year.

Former Leweston Pentathlon Academy athlete Follett has already appeared at four international events this year, finishing as the top British athlete in two of those, including claiming a superb silver at the Swiss Women International in March.

Other debutants making their way to Spain include 20-year-old Holly Parker, Georgia Pipes and Jamie Harper

CRICKET: England suffer surprise hammering by Pakistan Hales and England sign off in dismal fashion after crushing

By Nicholas Tunney



England's Alex Hales leaves the field after being caught by Pakistan's Shadab Khan during the ICC Champions Trophy semi-final in Cardiff.
Photo: Joe Giddens/PA Wire

ALEX HALES hit just 13 runs as England were thrashed by Pakistan in Cardiff at the ICC Champions Trophy semi-final.

The 28-year-old started the innings positively for the hosts hitting two early boundaries before being caught by Babar Azam off the bowling of Rumman Raees early on.

The England battling line-up never really caught fire on a slow surface in the Welsh capital, with Joe Root top scoring with 46 and Jonny Bairstow 43 as the hosts scored a below-par 211 all out with one ball remaining.

The visitors then started aggressively as Azhar Ali and Fakhar Zaman both scored quick 50s to make their target look very easy.

Azam and Mohammed Hafeez then smashed a quick-fire partnership to ease Pakistan over the line with 13 overs to spare and give them a place in Sunday's final at the Oval.

They will face either India or Bangladesh as the sub continent teams dominate this year's Champions Trophy.

Hales began the tournament in sensational form scoring 95 against Bangladesh in England's opening game before a fluent 56 against New Zealand as England made a rapid start to the tournament.

However, Hales made a duck in England's win against Australia before his lowly contribution in yesterday's semi-final.

The former Chesham Grammar School is a key cog in England's ODI team and they will have a lot of success moving forward, despite yesterday's blip.

FOOTBALL: Pierre given chance to extend stay at Adams Park

Star offered improved contract by Wanderers



WYCOMBE Wanderers have confirmed that they have offered an improved contract to defender Aaron Pierre following further negotiations with the player and his representatives.

The centre-half joined the Chairboys from Brentford in 2014, and has gone on to make 149 appearances for the club in that time.

Manager Gareth Ainsworth said: "Aaron has been a fantastic player for us and has shown himself to be one of the best defenders

in the division.

"He has always given his all in a Wycombe shirt, and a player of his calibre is one that every manager wants inside his dressing room.

"Following lengthy negotiations, we have tabled a new deal to Aaron and his representatives which is now left for them to consider again.

"There is an opportunity here for him to help us achieve something next year and we would love him to be a part of that.

"Aaron is an ambitious person and

wants to play at the highest possible level and we know that he will be keeping his options open.

"All attention is on next season and we will have a squad raring to go when they come back at the end of June.

"Hopefully with a few additions to mould alongside the quality we already have, we'll be ready to go."

Pierre had a decent season last term, scoring two goals in 47 appearances as the Blues just missed out on the playoffs.