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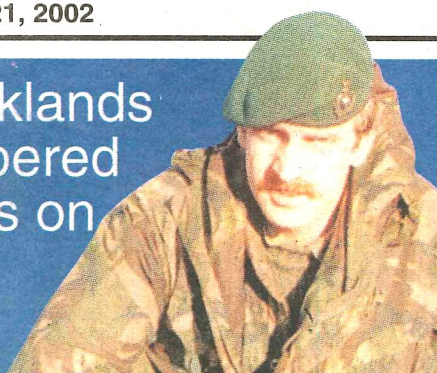
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WIFE GIVES KIDNEY TO SAVE HUBBY

Janet proves her devotion for childhood sweetheart

SELFLESS wife Janet Cyster lay by her childhood sweetheart's side in a hospital ward after performing the ultimate act of love — putting her life on the line to give her husband a second chance.

Martin and Janet Cyster of Whinney's Road, Loudwater, both went under the knife at Oxford's Churchill Hospital three weeks ago.

Almost 50 years since the couple struck up a pen-friendship, Mrs Cyster sacrificed one of her kidneys to save her husband.

Mrs Cyster, 61, a pre-operative steriliser at Wycombe Hospital, said: "I always said I would do it if doctors said I

By MICHELLE FLEMING

could. It is very rare that partners are suitable."

Mr Cyster, 61, a store worker, suffered kidney failure last year and since then has travelled to Wycombe Hospital three times a week for dialysis.

A kidney transplant was his only hope and after months of tests doctors showed that his wife was compatible.

She said: "I didn't think twice about doing it. I knew what to expect as they told me that I would probably feel it a lot more."

"My only dread was if it would reject. I am in a little discomfort and have a 12 inch gash across my stomach. It's been worth it though — after 40

years of marriage to a wonderful man."

Mr Cyster had his operation on April 25.

The couple were in twin beds for some of their stay.

Mr Cyster added: "It would have been nice to be together the whole time but naturally there were worries about catching infections before and immediately after the operations."

The couple met one another after answering a pen-pal advert prompted by a shared hobby.

Mr Cyster described their first meeting, when he was on leave from the army, as 'love at first sight'.

The couple celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 10 this year.

Man is charged with murder

A MAN has appeared in court charged with the murder of 51-year-old Chesham resident Wendy Holmes.

Paul Flinders, 48, of Deansway, Chesham, appeared at Aylesbury Magistrates' Court on Saturday, where magistrates arranged another hearing at Aylesbury Crown Court tomorrow.

Wendy Holmes, who had learning difficulties, was found dead at her ground floor maisonette in Deansway, Chesham, on May 4. A post mortem revealed she had died from stab wounds.



Wendy Holmes

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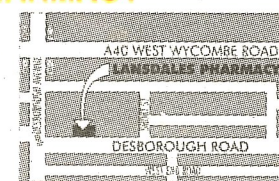
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Wasps decision hangs in the balance

WYCOMBE Wanderers and Wasps' groundshare plans were hanging in the balance last night as Midweek went to press. After two hours of discussion

councillors were still debating whether to give Wanderers planning permission to groundshare with the rugby giants whose team includes England

skipper Lawrence Dallaglio. The two-year-deal is worth at least £1 million to Wanderers. For the decision log onto www.bucksfreepress.co.uk

Important dates in the Blues/Wasps groundshare plans

THE WASPS AND WYCOMBE SAGA



Vision of the future: How Wasps would look at Adams Park

THE discussions between Wasps and Wycombe Wanderers to share Adams Park from next season have been going on for more than six months.

Sports reporter **JOE SLADE** takes you through the key dates and moments of the on-off talks and events, as recorded in the Bucks Free Press and Midweek newspapers.

December 11: News breaks that Wycombe Wanderers have been in talks with Wasps to share Adams Park from next season.

Wasps currently share Loftus Road with QPR but are being forced out by Fulham in the summer and are looking at bringing Premiership rugby to Bucks.

January 3: A poll for the Bucks Free Press reveals that Wycombe fans are overwhelmingly against Wasps coming to Adams Park.

Out of 816 people who voted, 666 fans (81 per cent) voted against the proposed groundshare and only 82 in favour.

January 10: Wasps director of rugby Nigel Melville is cautious about the proposed Wasps move to Adams Park.

He says there is a big rugby following in the area but moving out of London would be a problem for Wasps' fans.

January 25: Wycombe chairman Ivor Beeks admits that the two parties are discussing a two-year groundshare deal.

He confirms that Wycombe would install undersoil heating and a continental-style Desso pitch if Wasps come to Wycombe.

February 8: The Bucks Free Press reveals that Wasps have formally asked Rugby England Ltd permission to play at Adams Park next season and that the financial side has been all-but agreed.

Wycombe is now Wasps' first choice plan, though a groundshare with rivals Harlequins is a back-up plan.

March 27: The groundshare proposals suffer a setback when Wycombe District Councillors reject Wanderers' bid for a

certificate of lawfulness, which would have allowed rugby to be played at Adams Park.

Betty Lay, chairman of the development control committee, uses her casting vote against Wanderers' application following legal advice.

An argument then breaks out after council officers claim that Wanderers were advised to submit a planning application.

Blues chairman Ivor Beeks angrily denies ever receiving this advice.

April 18: Wycombe submit a formal planning application to the council for Wasps to groundshare at Adams Park.

The application will be heard on May 29.

May 3: The groundshare deal is in danger of collapse after Wasps enter talks with Oxford United to share Kassam Stadium.

Wasps director Charles Levison tells the Bucks Free Press that the May 29 hearing could come too late for Wasps and they need to look at alternatives.

May 7: Wycombe take a £500,000 gamble on Wasps coming to Wycombe when they start work on a Desso pitch.

May 10: The council brings forward the development control meeting to May 20 in a lifeline to the Wycombe/ Wasps groundshare deal.

Wasps owner Chris Wright thanks the council but still warns Wasps could go to Oxford.

May 17: The Bucks Free Press exclusively reveals that Wasps will share Adams Park with Wycombe if the planning application goes through.

Wasps chief executive Alistair McLean tells the BFP that the deal is done subject to council approval.

The two clubs submit a comprehensive Green Travel Plan to the council which they hope will erase objectors concerns over traffic and parking.

May 20: D-day for Wycombe Wanderers as the council discusses the issue at a special meeting of the development control committee.

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