



Kids Aloud impressed audiences with their performance of Oliver (s)

## Pocketing the pick of the praise

AUDIENCES were left wanting more after a spectacular rendition of the stage show Oliver.

Kids Aloud, a children's choir based in Little Comberton, took to the stage for the production, which included solo performances from Fran Neal as Oliver, Will Sharp as

The Artful Dodger and Laura Farr as Nancy. The company is set to start again in September and is free for anyone aged between six and 11-years-old.

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# Rat run drivers causing headache

NOISY drivers using some of Evesham's residential streets as a rat run are making life a misery for homeowners.

Evesham town councillor Martin Hammon, who lives in Albert Road, said cars were speeding down his street towards the sharp bend before speeding off down Bewdley Street in the early hours of the morning.

Other councillors reported similar problems occurring in Rudge Road, Briar Close and Brick Kiln Street with youngsters reportedly using the linked roads as a race track.

Coun Hammon said it was an increasing problem at Evesham's town council meeting on Monday (July 12).

**Gary Smee**

"They come screeching down here wake us all up with their noisy exhausts and it's an absolute nuisance and pain," he said.

"I've even seen one guy standing outside the entrance to the car park with a stop watch appearing to time one of his mates as he does a circuit."

Evesham Mayor Jim Bulman said they would speak to the police to try and get some traffic officers down in the early hours of the morning to catch speeding drivers.

"I think we should start making life unpleasant for those who are making

life unpleasant for everyone else," Coun Bulman added.

He said they would also write to the county council and ask for a speed impact assessment to be held so they could look at whether or not traffic calming measures would work.

But Coun John Smith said if any speed assessment took place it needed to be done outside the scout hut on the junction of Albert Road and Bewdley Street.

"If there is not an accident outside there in the next six months I will be shocked," he said.

"Cars park right up to the corner and every time I go down there I think what am I going to hit. It petrifies me."



Debbie Williamson, owner of Broadway Manor Cottages, celebrates her success (s)

## Two awards

BROADWAY Manor Cottages has beaten off stiff competition from more than 40 businesses in the county to pick up two prestigious awards.

The business has received two Worcestershire Welcome Awards, winning both the Stunning Self-Catering category and the Sustainable Tourism Award.

Debbie Williamson, owner of Broadway Manor Cottages, said the awards meant so much because it was the guests that had voted.

"We are absolutely thrilled and honoured," she said.



Revd Mark Jennings, Ian Baldry from Help for Heroes, Revd John Walsh, mayoress Jan Parsons, mayor Chris Parsons, West Worcestershire MP Harriett Baldwin and Revd Kenneth Crawford all attended the Hymns for Heroes concert (s)

## A grand total

A UNIQUE Hymns for Heroes concert has been staged at Pershore's historic Abbey raising more than £1,000 for an armed forces charity.

Churches Together in Pershore, the Pershore Midsummer Brass Festival and the West Mercia Police Band all joined forces to organise the event, which raised money for Help for Heroes. The performance included a

variety of hymns and poetry readings while special guests attending included West Worcestershire MP Harriett Baldwin and the mayor and mayoress of Pershore, Chris and Jan Parsons.

All money raised will go towards the charity's individual recovery plan programme which is designed to help servicemen and women who cannot stay in the armed forces due to injury.

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