



Haydn Burton

Funeral of children's campaigner

THE funeral of a controversial Winchester campaigner who fought for children's rights will be held this week.

The funeral will be held for Hadyn Burton, who was found hanging in his cell at Winchester Prison on July 15, at the South Downs Natural Burial Site, in East Meon, on Friday.

Since the news of his death emerged tributes have been paid on social media and even on temporary boards on one of the High Street's empty shops.

Mr Burton, who was often dressed as Superman, was due to be sentenced at Winchester Crown Court for possession of an offensive weapon, criminal damage to a police cell, and breach of a criminal behaviour order by being anti-social. His funeral starts at 12pm.

Offices set for rehab conversion

OFFICES in Southampton are set to be turned into a treatment centre for people with mental health conditions.

The Priory Group has won planning permission to convert Avenue House, in The Avenue, into a new wellbeing centre.

In their application the group, which is set to open two more centres, says it will provide tailored treatment for people with a variety of mental health issues.

Staff working there will include therapists, psychologists, doctors and other healthcare professionals, with about 10 people employed there in total.

Work to convert the property is set to begin after the current occupiers leave the building.

Advice on Big Lottery funding applications

ANY Southampton communities or organisations in need of cash can get advice on applying for funding through the National Lottery.

With the support of Southampton Voluntary Services, the Big Lottery Fund is offering one-to-one support sessions for organisations with a proposal or a draft

application form for the Reaching Communities programme.

It funds projects helping people and communities most in need. It funds

revenue and capital projects of £10,000 or more.

Four one-hour support sessions will be on November 18 at SVS offices in Kingsland Square. Call 023 8021 6013.

FOOD RATIONS RUNNING LOW AFTER THREE MONTHS AT SEA



Lawrence Walters and Tom Rainey on the River Hudson in New York set out on their cross-Atlantic challenge three months ago. Their aim is to raise £250,000 for the Brain Cancer Charity.

Pair break records in sailing challenge

THEY have spent three gruelling months rowing across the Atlantic in a tiny 23ft boat and are almost out of their food supply.

But Hampshire sailor Lawrence Walters, 23, and fellow adventurer Tom Rainey, 24, are poised to enter the record books today by becoming the youngest pair to complete the perilous crossing from mainland America to the UK.

The two friends will receive a heroes' welcome when they step ashore in Tom's home town, Salcombe in Devon, after 93 days at sea.

Chris Yandell

They have already made history after they covered 112.52 nautical miles on May 30-31, setting a new Guinness world record for the greatest distance covered in an ocean rowing boat in a 24-hour period.

The rowers are bidding to raise £250,000 for the Brain Tumour Charity, which helped Tom's father Luke in the final months of his life.

During their 4,000-mile voyage they have battled 80ft waves, suffered jellyfish stings, seen their fibre-



Lawrence Walters.

glass rowing boat encircled by sharks and have capsized twice but luckily they were strapped inside the cabin of their self-righting craft.

Last night they were on

the final leg of their voyage after spotting the Lizard peninsula.

Lymington-born Lawrence stepped in at the last minute after Tom's original partner was forced to pull out.

Lymington's mayor, Cllr Michael White, congratulated the pair on their "amazing achievement", adding: "What Lawrence and Tom have done is fantastic."

The two men are mentally and physically exhausted. Tom's sister, Sasha Perry, said they were "starving", having been forced to ration their remaining food.

She added: "I pray with all my heart that they're home in time."

Buses query

A HAMPSHIRE MP took residents' concerns about public transport to Parliament.

Government funding for bus services in Fareham and Gosport has been cut by £1.5 million causing problems in smaller areas such as Whiteley, Locks Heath and Warsash.

In Parliament Fareham MP Suella Fernandes asked Andrew Jones, Under Secretary of State for Transport: "I am concerned that private investment is not filling the gaps."

"What are central Government going to do to assist?"

Mr Jones told Ms Fernandes that the Government is set to make £250 million funding available to operators and councils through a bus service operators' grant.

Boost for area

CYCLE routes, improved play areas and a 'civic boulevard' are among the ideas which could shape the future of a Hampshire neighbourhood.

Proposals to improve housing, traffic, business and infrastructure in Winnall, Winchester, have been submitted to city bosses.

Extra cycle routes would include a link to the railway station, while Easton Lane would be recast as a wide 'civic boulevard' and gateway to Winchester.

The Winnall Planning Framework suggests splitting the neighbourhood's industrial areas into commercial 'zones'.

Start-ups would centre around Winnall Manor Road, with trade and retail at Easton Lane and Moorside Road providing core employment for larger firms.

It comes after months of data analysis and consultation to identify the needs of Winnall's residents and workers.

Cllr Mike Read, the city council's portfolio holder for built environment, said: "This is a useful study."

"However we have all seen action plans that are owned by no one and sit on the shelf gathering dust."

"These just cause disappointment in our communities."

"So as a council we will only adopt a framework that we know to be realistic and affordable."

"There are lots of excellent ideas here for us to work with," he added.

"I am looking forward to sharing them with colleagues at other agencies."

"I hope that we can all play our part in making Winnall an even better place to live and work."

City officers will discuss how to deliver the aims over the summer ahead of final approval expected to be given by the city council in early autumn.

Bookshop's gallery idea is a work of art

BOOK lovers in Hampshire can feast their eyes on some high quality paintings by Hampshire artists at a Winchester bookshop.

Waterstones in High Street has reached an agreement with Southampton art publicists Creative Coverage to host monthly galleries.

The first joint exhibition runs until August 17, featuring work by Eileen Sey, winner of The Red House Open Museum Award 2015, from

Lymington and Vivien Verey from Romsey.

Waterstone's manager Charlotte Keayes said: "Our customers crave more than just books."

