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## News

### inbrief

#### Injured in car crash

A PENSIONER was injured when her car hit a tree as she swerved to avoid another vehicle in Stoke Poges on Monday.

It happened in Hollybush Hill at about 9am when the 65-year-old woman in a Ford S-Max estate avoided hitting a beige hatchback on the wrong side of the road.

The beige car failed to stop after the incident. The woman was taken to Wexham Park Hospital with cuts and bruises to her face, arms and legs.

#### Bat threat by robbers

THE owner of a newsagents in Iver Heath was threatened with a bat as robbers held up the shop. The robbery was at Martins Newsagents in Slough Road at 7.45am on Sunday, November 25. Two 6ft white men wearing dark track-suit bottoms, light tops and black gloves entered the store and forced the owner to open the safe. They took cash and cigarettes, then left in a grey Vauxhall Vectra.

#### Tidy burglars take TVs

TWO TVs, a camera and cuff link were among items stolen from a house in Bakers Wood, Denham. It took place between 8.30am and 7pm on Friday, November 23. The rear doors were forced and the thieves made a tidy search of most rooms.

#### Car hits man near pub

A MAN was seriously hurt after being hit by a car outside a pub. The 43-year-old was taken to Wexham Park Hospital with a serious leg injury after being hit by a black Vauxhall Vectra outside the Green Man pub on the A355 Beaconsfield Road near Farnham Common on Friday, November 30 at about 11.20pm.

■ Anyone with information about any of these incidents should contact the police on 08458 505505.

### Couple to share sale proceeds with charity

# Profit promise

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A HUSBAND and wife have pledged to donate a portion of their new company's income to a local hospice whose staff they describe as "courageous and selfless".

Having just agreed a deal for the exclusive UK distribution rights for a US baby bike seat called WeeRide, Mat Newman and his wife Jo intend to donate £10 to Iain Rennie Hospice at Home (IRHH) for every seat sold.

Having lost his father to cancer three years ago and inspired by the level of care given by Iain Rennie staff to his best friend's father, who died of cancer shortly afterwards, Mr Newman embarked on a series of fundraising challenges on behalf of the local hospice, of which the babyseat venture is the latest.

Mr Newman, who juggles the launch of his new business with his head of sales post at Demon Music Group, said: "My dad died of cancer three years ago and he was soon followed by my best friend's dad. We both said we would do an event a year for a cancer charity and chose Iain Rennie as they had helped my friend's dad. They are a small company and really make you feel like you are making a difference, which drives you on to support them even more.

"I cannot think of any job where people show more courage and selflessness."

In the meantime Mat and Jo, from Chalfont Road, Seer Green, were looking for a baby bike seat for their two-year-old son Max when they stumbled across WeeRide on the internet.

Jo said: "We had looked everywhere and didn't like the rear seats as we wanted to be able to see the baby and communicate with him.

"Then we found WeeRide, which is unique because it is centre mounted, meaning we could talk to our son and basically give him a cuddle as we rode the bike and pointed things out."

For the last two years the couple have been in negotiations with the US manufacturer and have just recently secured UK distribution rights. Throughout December they will give £10 of the £69.99 retail price to IRHH.

■ Visit [www.seatsforkids.com](http://www.seatsforkids.com).



Max Newman, two, in the WeeRide while mum Jo pedals. Picture: Tony Bell C3965-1

### Councils light way for festival future

THE future of the Beaconsfield Festival of Lights has been secured following crunch talks between town and county council officials.

The Advertiser revealed last month the traditional Christmas event was under threat by new government policy prohibiting peak road closures.

The Festival of Lights, which runs between 6pm and 9pm and sees the road closed from Station Road to a point north of Candlesmas Lane to the junction of the Waitrose roundabout, in Penn Road, falls into this category.

In a letter to the event organisers last month South Bucks District Council (SBDC) indicated the event could run for this year but with no guarantees for future events. This prompted a meeting between town and county councillors.

After the meeting the two councils issued a joint statement stating that the matter had been resolved and the festival could go ahead:

"Following guidance issued by the Department for Transport associated with the Traffic Management Act 2004, Bucks County Council (BCC) has a statutory duty to review all events such as the Festival of Lights with the event organisers and their immediate local authorities.

"This we have done and in a further review with BTC it has been agreed that while it would be preferable for the event to be held outside peak times for traffic, the fact that young children are involved does not make this possible. The organisers carry out the required risk assessments and employ trained contractors to facilitate all aspects of the road closure. The fact these conditions have been met means that we see no reason why this event cannot continue in the future."

The festival, on Wednesday, December 12, will see a procession led by reindeer, with stalls, children's rides and carol singing as a bonus.

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