

Hundreds expected to enter charity quiz

RESIDENTS can put their brains to the test in a fundraising cryptic quiz.

The annual quiz from Bingham estate agents Hammond Harwood, Market Place, raises money for Childline and was launched in 2001.

Last year, the literature-based quiz raised a record total of about £1,000.

This year Mr Jonathan Hammond said they hoped to raise even more with the quiz entitled They All Had Number 1s.

"I am hoping to raise at least another £1,000 this year to enable 250 vulnerable children to have their voices heard," he said.

"It's the easiest quiz you will ever do because I give you all the answers you need, just not in the correct order.

"You do not need to be a pop star or a pop quiz expert to solve any of the clues as none of them ask who sang which song or when the song was number one in the charts.

"You just need to be able to work out how the cryptic clues can give you the name of an

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artist or group who had a number one single since 1954."

Nearly 700 people entered last year, with more than half getting all the answers correct.

"Many entries received last year were from those who took the quiz with them on holidays over half-term and New Year, hence numerous entries from all over Europe, seven from the States, France, Germany, Scotland and even an entry from New Zealand," Mr Hammond said.

To print a copy of the quiz visit www.hammondharwood.com

The closing date is noon on January 14.

Prizes include vouchers for M&S, Shapers Hair and Beauty, Bingham, and an executive hospitality package at Notts County FC for eight people.

Although the quiz is free to enter, residents are invited to make a donation to the Nottingham Branch of Childline.



READY to put their pop knowledge to the test in the annual Hammond Harwood charity quiz are, left to right, sales creators Anna Dowse and Katy Spray, principal Mr Jonathan Hammond and office manager Rebecca McCormick. 061011MW7-1

Would-be womb donor shortlisted

A WOMAN who plans to donate her womb to her daughter to enable her to have children has been shortlisted for an award.

Both Eva Ottosson, of Radcliffe, and her daughter Sara, who lives in Stockholm, have been shortlisted for the Ultimate Family Award at The Cosmopolitan Ultimate Women Of The Year Awards.

The ceremony is in London on November 3.

Eva Ottosson, 57, is set to be a part of a ground-breaking medical procedure next year when the womb transplant is due to be carried out.

Her daughter, Sara, 26, was born without a uterus because of a medical condition known as Mayer Rokitansky Kuster Hauser syndrome.

If the operation is successful, it will mean she will carry a baby in the same womb that carried her.

It will be the first time a mother has ever donated her womb to her daughter.

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Disabled riders need more help

MORE volunteers are needed at a riding scheme for children with learning difficulties.

The Riding For The Disabled Association group at Dovecote Farm, Orston, is one of 500 across the county.

The group uses six ponies for sessions on Wednesday mornings during term time. The aim is to bring a new dimension to restricted lives as well as encourage independence.

Instructor and group secretary Mrs Jane Payne, of Car Colston, said although on paper they had 12 volunteers, with sickness and holidays, sometimes not enough helpers could attend.

"There have been times where we have not been able to have the full number of children," she said.

"The sessions are so beneficial and it is nice to see kids getting out.

"Some of the children have physical disabilities as well as learning difficulties and being with the ponies helps them with their communication.

"Whereas some children find it difficult to chat with adults, they can't stop chatting and stroking the ponies.

"Teachers are sometimes amazed at the change in behaviour of some children and quite often there is not a dry eye in the house. It really is a rewarding thing to be able to do."

The two schools currently taking part are Ambergate Sports College, Grantham, and the Grantham Sandon School.

Volunteers wanting to help would need to give up two hours a week.

Mrs Payne said all that was needed was a cheerful disposition and enough energy to walk round in circles for an hour at a time — with a bit of jogging thrown in for good measure.

For more information email diane.farthing@ntlworld.com or visit www.northmidlandsrda.org.uk

Providing a smart way to travel

A TAXI service ideal for single passengers, particularly women, is aiming to keep its carbon emissions down.

Cabs4one was launched on Monday and will operate in Bingham, Newton, Shelford, Radcliffe and the surrounding areas.

With a fleet of environmentally-friendly Smart cars and another vehicle that can seat up to four passengers, the service will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The business was the brainchild of Joanne Higgott, of Radcliffe, who enjoyed driving her Smart car so much she thought they would be ideal for one-person taxi journeys.

With the backing of Nottingham entrepreneurs Anthony Smith and Michael Roberts, Rushcliffe Borough Council decided to support the idea.

Joanne Higgott said: "Cabs4one

aims to make taking a taxi extremely safe for both female passengers and female drivers.

"I have already hired six unemployed people to give them a chance and I hope to recruit more over the coming months.

"Our research shows that over 60% of taxi journeys are taken by single passengers who don't really need picking up in a five, six or eight-seater car, so we are trying to do our bit to keep emissions down."

Mr Eddie Fearon, chairman of the borough council's licensing committee, said: "I am encouraged to see a local business taking the lead in providing environmentally-friendly Smart cars, with female drivers available too.

"I wish them every success in their venture."

For more information visit www.cabs4one.co.uk



JOANNE HIGGOTT, of Cabs4one, with daughter Charlie Meldrum behind the wheel. One of the cars is named after their dog, Molly, who is also pictured.

A night for sportsmen

PREMIER league and international referee Howard Webb and former Forest and England international Steve Hodge will be guests at a sportsman's dinner next month.

The event will be at the Cedric Ford Pavilion, Newark Showground, on November 21.

Current Nottingham Forest stars will also attend.

Howard and Steve will talk about their lives and experiences before a question-and-answer session.

The event is in aid of Beaumont House Community Hospice, Newark. Tickets are £30 and include a two-course dinner.

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