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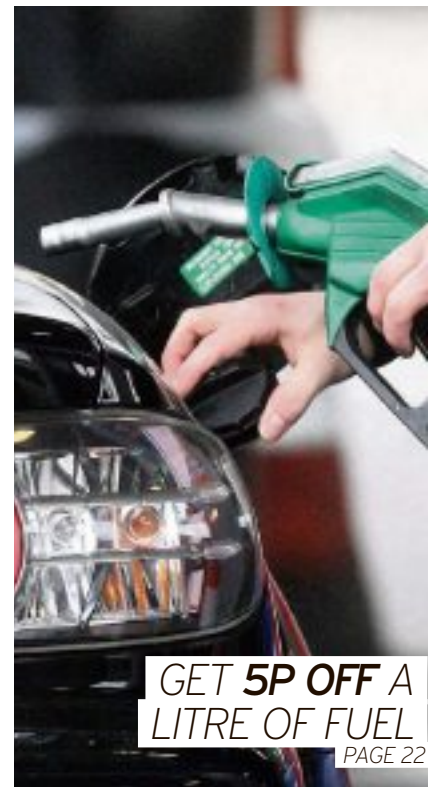
TOWN 'A 24/7 TAKEAWAY FOR ADDICTS'

War on the 'cuckoo' drug dealers

By HELEN KREFT

EIGHTY drug-related arrests have been made in Swadlincote in the past 18 months as the town has become a "24/7 takeaway" for addicts - say police from a special task force targeting 'cuckoo' dealers.

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IN BRIEF

Drug charges men is held on remand

A 22-year-old man has been charged with possession of crack cocaine and heroin at an address in Stanton.

Zachary Bamba appeared at Southern Derbyshire Magistrates' Court where he faced three charges in total.

He is charged with possession of 14 wraps of crack cocaine and 15 wraps of heroin and a quantity of cannabis at an address in Woodland Road, Stanton, on June 26.

He is also charged with possession of criminal property, namely £385 in cash, at an address at the same address on the same date.

Bamba, of Lindbridge Road, Nottingham, is now due to attend Derby Crown Court on July 26, where he is expected to enter pleas to the charges.

He has been remanded into custody until the crown court appearance.

Police cordon following sudden death

POLICE were called to a Church Gresley home after a person died suddenly.

The person was yet to be formally identified by family and full details were not yet known, said a police spokesman.

A spokesman from Derbyshire police confirmed officers were called to an address in Church Gresley at around 9.40pm on Tuesday.

He said: "It was a sudden death in Church Gresley. Full details are not yet known and there has not been a formal identification."

A witness said there was a police presence overnight and an ambulance was seen outside the home on Tuesday, with one road closed off by police tape across it.

By BEN WALDRON

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GUESTS at the glamorous Burton Mail Heroes Awards have hailed the evening as "inspirational" as the red carpet was rolled out for the town's finest.

People from across East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire were invited alongside their families and sponsors of the 2018 event to celebrate those who go the extra mile for others or who have shown incredible courage or skill as they help others.

A total of 32 finalists turned out to find out who had won in the 10 categories before the Hero of Heroes was crowned from among them.

That was the person judges felt went above and beyond to help others.

The award was given to Jyoti Shah, a Burton hospital surgeon who set up the Inspire Health - Fighting Prostate Cancer Campaign. This sees hundreds of potentially life-saving cancer checks carried out on men in the area on a regular basis.

Mrs Shah said: "It was a fabulous evening, we'd had such a busy day. I'd like to thank whoever nominated me, it really is just so humbling. There were so many amazing people there and to be given the Achievement Against All Odds Award and then the overall one, I was deeply honoured."

Brian Storer was another of the victorious few at the awards, held at the Pirelli Stadium, home of Burton Albion, last Wednesday.

Mr Storer was crowned Fund-raiser of the Year for the incredible near £100,000 he has raised over the years for a number of good causes, including the cancer unit and children's ward at Queen's Hospital in Burton.

He said: "It was brilliant. I was honestly really taken aback by the whole occasion, I certainly wasn't expecting to win anything."

The winners were picked by a panel of judges, with at least three nominees for each award. However, the award for Inspirational Youngster had to be whittled down from five worthy nominees. The winner was Clarissa Greenfield, who



The winners of a Burton Mail Heroes Award 2018.
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used the internet to show how much she loved her gran - and it went viral.

Effie Bowman was one of the runners-up. The five-year-old from Castle Gresley ran, swam and cycled a triathlon and raised more than £1,100 for Burton YMCA and her school, St Wistan's School, in Repton.

Her mother, Donna Reid, said the pair thoroughly enjoyed the evening and having the chance to meet so many inspirational people.

She said: "It was such a lovely and inspirational evening. We were sitting at a table with such good people. We were with Russ Fisher [whose baby daughter died from meningitis] and heard all the good things he's done after something so horrible. It's so nice hearing good things come from negatives."

"It was really nice. Effie absolutely loved it and, of course, the food was absolutely delicious."

Uttoxeter father Russ was named Dad of the Year after raising almost £20,000 in three years since the death of his baby daughter Rubie in May 2015.

Rubie died from meningitis at just six weeks old and Russ and his wife Kerry have since

raised money for meningitis charities in the hope no other family has to go through the same ordeal.

Further awards were handed out for carers, courage, volunteers and more.

The evening was hosted by Touch FM radio DJ and Hilton resident Mark O'Sullivan and the keynote address was delivered by Burton Mail editor Julie Crouch, who labelled the event "truly inspiring and humbling".

She said: "What really makes the awards so special is the people who receive them. Their stories of courage, determination and selflessness make us feel so proud to live and work in East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire."

"What a night it was too. At the ceremony the audience heard in detail about what the winners had done - and they all thoroughly deserved their awards."

"In fact, all the nominees and the runners-up in each of the categories deserve high praise in my book. The nominations were of such a high calibre and I know it was a very hard for our judges to chose the final winners."

■ A 16-page supplement from the evening is inside today's Burton Mail.

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