



CHEERS: Sir Nicholas Winton and Peter Sallis before the Christmas Concert at Eton College. Behind them are David and Carol Buckland – Mrs Buckland is president of Windsor St George Rotary Club – deputy mayor Cllr Catherine Bursnall, Helen Jackman, the chief executive of the Macular Degeneration Society, Rotarian Ossie Williams who organised the concert and Ray Brown, the past president of St George. Ref:105349-6

TV star's big fan – man who rescued children

BRITISH television legend Peter Sallis met a big fan when he was special guest at the 21st Festival of Christmas Music and Readings at Eton on Wednesday.

The 88-year-old star of *Last of the Summer Wine* who is also the voice of Wallace in the Wallace and Gromit films, was introduced to 100-year-old Sir Nicholas Winton, MBE in the library at Eton College where the concert was to be held.

Maidenhead resident Sir Nicholas, who became famous after it was revealed that he organised the rescue of 669 mostly Jewish children from German-occupied Czechoslovakia on the eve of the Second World War, told the actor: "You have given me a lot of pleasure over the years."

They chatted on the sofa before going into the main auditorium at Eton School Hall, where the Rotary Club of Windsor St George's 21st Christmas music festival was held.

This year the event was held in aid of the Macular Degeneration Society, which

helps people suffering from the degenerative eye disease.

Peter Sallis is a patron of the society. He is sight-impaired himself now and had to leave the introduction and opening reading to Helen Jackman, who is chief executive of the society.

But he was able to welcome the audience with a cheery 'hello' before taking his seat.

This year's concert included music by Shostakovich, Franz Lehar, Berlioz and Irving Berlin, performed by the Royal Free Singers, Maidenhead Choral Society, Rosies Rainbow Choir and Windsor and Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra.

It was the last time for a while the annual concert will be held at Eton College School Hall because major roof repairs are to be started soon.

It was also the last time the event will be organised by veteran Rotarian Ossie Williams, who started the concerts in 1989 and is stepping down at the age of 81.

Mr Williams was cheered by the audience as a special presentation was made in his honour.

TV chef loves schoolgirl's meatballs

A YOUNG chef from Ascot has been highly commended for her cooking skills by TV celebrity culinary expert James Martin.

Ruby Wyles, who attends The Marist Senior School, competed against a host of other budding young chefs to win the quality standard beef and lamb Young Chef Challenge 2009 contest in Reading.

Ruby wowed the judges with her meatballs served with noodles, coriander and broth served with pak choi and broccoli, which she cooked and presented in an hour.

Ruby was one of 40 finalists who took part in six cook-offs around the country, including Harrogate, Manchester, Bristol, Birmingham and London.

James said: "We were thoroughly impressed with Ruby's recipe. The food was innovative, nutritious and well presented."

"Everyone deserves recognition for their hard work and effort."

Club in bid to open longer

A GENTLEMAN'S club in Windsor has submitted an application to the Royal Borough to extend its opening hours.

Chiefs of the Pink Gentleman's Club in Oxford Road want to change its hours of service to punters from 3am to 4am.

The club currently opens at 6pm from Mondays to Sundays.

Planning bosses at the council will decide whether to grant permission over the next few months.

Trial over Windsor Wheel brawl collapses

By Francis Batt and Gareth McPherson

newsroom@baylismedia.co.uk

THE trial into the Windsor Wheel brawl, which left a councillor with head injuries, collapsed after a witness prejudicially identified one of the defendants in the dock.

Three teenagers stood trial at Reading Crown Court last week accused of assault occasioning actual bodily harm on a 16-year-old at the opening ceremony of the wheel in Alexandra Gardens on April 6.

One of those, a 17-year-old from Wraysbury, was also charged with assaulting Eton college schoolmaster Cllr Liam Maxwell (Con, Eton and Castle), who had told a jury on Thursday how he was kicked in the head after trying to break up the brawl.

The 17-year-old was identified in the dock by one of the witnesses on Friday, which was considered by Judge John Reddihough to be so prejudicial that it jeopardised a fair trial.

The case against the 15-year-old defendant, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was then dropped because the Crown Prosecution Service said there was not a 'realistic prospect of conviction'.

After the jury was discharged on Friday, Stefan Saunders, 18, of Albert Street, Maidenhead, and the 17-year-old pleaded guilty to lesser charges of threatening violence under the Public Order Act 1986.

A fourth person had already pleaded guilty to assault occa-

sioning actual bodily harm at an earlier hearing.

They are due to be sentenced on January 22.

After the case, Cllr Maxwell admitted he was disappointed by the outcome of the trial but said: "The police did a good job of investigation, getting the people involved into court."

"We should all continue to try to make Windsor a safer place."

His fellow councillor Phillip Bicknell, who was also involved in trying to break up the fight back in April, was in the court ante-room waiting to be called as a witness when the news reached him that the case had collapsed.

He said: "It was a bit like waiting to go on stage and finding the play had been can-

celled. How do I feel about it? I know that people who witnessed the incident were frightened at the violence they saw, seeing people behaving in pack mode.

"But at least those involved have had nine months to think about it. There would have been no point continuing the case for three more days if it was always going to come to the same point."

For breaking news all through the day see the new Express website at:

www.sloughexpress.co.uk

Identification of teen prejudicial, rules judge

Guess onions – and win the jar

DELICATESSEN manager Karen Phillips knows her onions.

She is running a competition to raise money for the Berkshire Air Ambulance and is using a 25cm round jar of onion chutney to do it.

The jar is prominently displayed in her shop Tastes Delicatessen in Eton High Street and she is inviting customers to guess how many onions went into it.

Karen, who has run the delicatessen in Eton for three years, was given the jar by the company Tricklements, which produced 350 limited edition jars to mark the 10th anniversary of its onion marmalade.

She said: "I immediately thought it would be a great opportunity to raise money for the ambulance."

"The person who gets closest to guessing the right number of onions will win the jar."

You can have a go until 6pm tomorrow (Saturday) when the shop closes.

Berkshire Air Ambulance provides an invaluable service rescuing injured people who cannot easily be reached from the ground – but it is not financed by the NHS and relies on public support.



SHE KNOWS HER ONIONS: Karen Phillips with the jar. Ref:105342-3

News BITES

Civic amenity site open again after finance deal

A CIVIC amenity site in Bagshot will be available to residents of Sunninghill, Sunningdale and Ascot once again from Monday.

People in the SL5 postcode will be able to use the site in Swift Lane, Bagshot, following negotiations between chiefs from the Royal Borough and Surrey County Council.

Householders have recently had to make the long trek to a facility in Stafferton Way, Maidenhead, after the site became out of bounds in September.

Borough residents were not allowed to use it after the closure of other neighbouring sites put financial pressures on the site.

The Royal Borough is to make a financial contribution to Surrey County Council's waste disposal costs for borough-generated waste as part of the agreement.

To use the amenities, people must show proof of Royal Borough residency.

Clock given by Queen raffled at festive party



PICKING THE PRIZES: Peter Dennis and Royal Borough deputy mayor Cllr Catherine Bursnall pick the raffle winners, watched by King George VI Club manager Louise Birch. Ref:105302-1

THE Queen gave her royal seal of approval once again to Windsor's own King George VI Club and day centre on Friday by donating a clock.

The clock was the choicest of all the prizes given out in the raffle when the club held its annual Christmas party at its regular venue in Clarence Road.

John Rowntree, one of the volunteers who runs the club and day centre which operates Monday to Thursday, was the lucky winner of the clock. But there were plenty of other winners as generous local supporters and businesses had donated a wide range of prizes.

Peter Dennis, who is chairman of Windsor Old People's Welfare Association, was there to see things went smoothly. A welcome guest was the Royal Borough's deputy mayor Cllr Catherine Bursnall who picked the winners' names out of the hat.

NAZMA



Come to Nazma Tandoori for a warm, friendly service and a great variety of high standard Indian Cuisine.

BOOK NOW FOR XMAS

Our chef has 35 years of experience and has certification in both Master Chef Guide and the Gourmet Guide.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK INC BANK HOLIDAYS
12 noon - 2.30pm • 6.00pm - 12 midnight
Fri and Sat 6.00pm - 12.30am

Tel: 01753 646211 / 646088

6 The Broadway, Farnham Common, Berkshire SL2 3PQ