

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bicycle stolen

A YOUNGSTER had his bicycle stolen from the grounds of Cams Hill School, in Shearwater Avenue, Fareham.

The boy had secured his bicycle with a combination lock at the start of school, but found it gone at the end of the day.

Theft from car

ITEMS were stolen from the car of a British Gas employee.

The car had been left unlocked outside a property in Titchfield Park Road, Fareham.

Tools taken

TOOLS were stolen from a Peugeot Boxer van parked in Wainsford Road, Everton.

The thieves broke into the vehicle by forcing a padlock on the rear doors.

When cricket is more of a hit than football see page 11

Airgun attack

VANDALS armed with an airgun targeted a house in Waterford Lane, Lymington, leaving a hole in a window.

Graffiti vandal

GRAFFITI was scrawled on a shop in High Street, Lymington, and a house in nearby Madeira Walk.

Mobile phone

A MOBILE phone was stolen from a car in Main Road, Walhampton, near Lymington.

Fuel stolen

A CAN of fuel was stolen from an outbuilding in Setley, near Lymington.

HAMBLE: The John Merricks Sailing Trust is a charity winner

Stars shine for young sailors



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A STAR-studded charity cricket match at Hamble has given a big financial boost to young sailors and youth sailing organisations.

Regulars from The Bugle pub turned out in force to play against representatives from The John Merricks Sailing Trust, which was set up in memory of Olympic medal winning sailor, the late John Merricks.

The trust's team, which included Olympic gold medallists Ian Walker and Ben Ainslie, were the victors, scoring 122 for seven.

Former Hampshire County Cricket star Adi Ames scored a half-century for The Bugle, who were dismissed for 71.

Adi said: "It was good to play for a good cause. I still turn out for Hursley Park."

Sponsored by The Bugle and Linden Homes, the match was also backed by the *Daily Echo*.

Almost £2,000 was raised for the trust which was set up eight years ago following the death of John Merricks.

The aim is to help young people who have the same drive determination and commitment to sailing as John did.

Since 1997 the trust has supported youth sailing by awarding more than 45 grants, amounting to £70,000.

John Merricks won a silver medal in the 470 dinghy class at the 1996 Olympics at Atlanta. He died in a car accident while competing in the 1997 Melges European Championships in Italy.

Leicester born John, who was 26 and lived in Titchfield, worked at North Sails in Hamble.

In tributes to him he was described as a "shining star of sailing" with a brilliant future ahead of him.



HOWZAT: The Bugle team, and above right, the late John Merricks.



HOWZAT: The John Merricks team.

Shock over a second street robbery

A MANHUNT has been launched in Winchester to try and find a thug who robbed and beat a man in the street.

It is the second violent attack to have taken place in the area in two weeks. It happened next to the bus stop on the junction of Stoney Lane and the Stockbridge Road in Weeke.

The victim, in his 20s, told police he had been waiting at the bus stop at about 6.30pm on Tuesday when a man asked for the time. Then he demanded his mobile phone. The victim ran but the thief chased. He hit the victim with a wooden pole then escaped in a waiting car. He was a white male in his early 20s, who is stocky and was wearing a T-shirt and jeans.

Two weeks ago outside shops on Stoney Lane a man was beaten with a bottle in an attack which left him needing ten stitches in hospital.

Three teenagers were later arrested in connection with the attack, but so far they've not been charged. Detectives investigating both incidents are again appealing for anyone with any information to come forward, and can be contacted on 0845 045 4545.

Cathedral lift

VISITORS will be able to take a ride on a platform lift at Winchester Cathedral today.

The Hinowa Goldlift has been paid for by the Friends of Winchester Cathedral. It will transform the way in which maintenance and conservation work is carried out.

It has a unique capability which allows it to pass through narrow openings of 75cm in width enabling it to move relatively effortlessly throughout the church.

Simple jobs, such like changing one of the high spotlights over St Swithun's Shrine, which needed a tower scaffold, took a day. But now this job will only take five minutes.

Appeal lodged

AN appeal has been lodged after New Forest planners rejected proposals to build two houses beside an existing property at Main Road, Totton.

'THINK ENERGY'
and you could win a share of £2,000 with **British Gas**

Energy is our most valuable resource - we can do hardly anything without it! But our key energy sources will eventually run out, and using them causes other problems, including climate change.

We all use and waste far more energy than we realise which is why British Gas wants to help everyone use energy more wisely. By being more energy efficient we can not only help the environment, but also help reduce our household energy bills.

So British Gas is offering Echo readers prizes of £1,000 for the winner, £500 to the runner up and a bonus prize of £500 to the winner who finds the answer to question 3 by logging on to the website at www.think-energy.com

Hannah Moon, who manages the programme for British Gas says: "We want to help children, parents and teachers in Southampton learn about energy efficiency and the effects of climate change which are becoming increasingly alarming and are beginning to drastically affect the world we live in."

'Think Energy' is an educational website about energy efficiency and energy-related issues, for pupils and students from 7 to 18 year-olds and their parents. It also contains helpful curriculum information and planning tools for teachers.

The website offers a host of money-saving tips. Save money by turning off the lights when you leave a room and replace lightbulbs with energy efficient bulbs - lighting accounts for at least 10-15% of all household electricity bills! And by taking a shower instead of a bath, you could use 60% less hot water.*

Now that makes sense doesn't it? So why not answer the questions below for your chance to win one of the fantastic cash prizes.

Q1: What is the website address for 'Think Energy'?

Q2: How much less hot water could you use by taking a shower instead of a bath?

And for the bonus prize, visit the 'Think Energy' website and find the answer to:

Q3: Approximately how many tonnes of carbon dioxide do tumble dryers produce each year?

(Please note if readers answer questions 1 and 2 only they will be eligible to win the top prize of £1,000 or the runner up prize of £500. Only readers who ALSO answer question 3 will be eligible to win any of the THREE cash prizes).

* Source: Energy Saving Trust

HOW TO ENTER:

Call NOW to enter **0906 218 0145**

Calls cost 25p per minute. Calls cost less than a 1st class stamp! Or send answers on a postcard to: **Think Energy Competition, Southern Daily Echo, PO Box 543, Southampton, SO16 9ZQ.** Closing date is 19 September '05. Normal Echo rules apply.

