

Pot Luck Quiz

- 1 Where was a woman taking an art class when she accidentally fell into a Picasso painting, The Actor, causing a vertical tear?
- 2 Which Iraq war drama scooped top prize at the Producers Guild of America (PGA) Awards?
- 3 Which last surviving cast member of long-running US western Bonanza died at the age of 81?
- 4 Which Croat held off an Andy Roddick fightback to win their quarter-final in five sets at the Australian Open?
- 5 Which footballer lodged plans to build an £8m ecofriendly 'Teletubby' house?
- 6 Which poet won the 2009 Costa Book of the Year for his collection of poems A Scattering, written as a tribute to his late wife, Lucinda Kane?
- 7 Who did Britain's Got Talent winners Diversity lose out to in the Dance category at the last ever South Bank Show Awards?
- 8 The merger of which ticket agent and concert promoter was approved by the US Department of Justice?
- 9 General Motors confirmed the sale of Sweden's Saab to which Dutch luxury carmaker?
- 10 Where was President Mahinda Rajapaksa reelected?



For solutions see pages 20 & 21

Initially yours

Which film, TV programme or musical number do these initials stand for? We give you a clue to help.

- RTM - Brian McFadden No. 1, 2004
 IDAFL(BIWDT) - Meat Loaf draws the line
 NBN - Hitchcock thriller
 SD - Hoffman movie, 1971
 PL - Milton classic

Get Dancing for the Spectacular Strictly Air Ambulance

The extremely popular Strictly Air Ambulance event is returning to Brentwood for a breathtaking show starring James and Ola Jordan, celebrity professional dancers from Strictly Come Dancing.

The Charity is calling on all dancing and 'Strictly' fans to join them for this fantastic night out! Join Essex Air Ambulance and celebrity guests at the Brentwood Centre on **Friday 2th March 2012** for a spectacular evening of dance and entertainment all to raise vital funds to keep the life-saving helicopter flying.

Hosted by Alex and Martin from Heart Breakfast, this fun filled evening will see six couples including our very own Air Crew Doctor Derek Hicks battle it out on the dance floor; performing two dances each to try and impress the judges. Working in partnership with Essex Air Ambulance, Chelmsford Dance Centre has been training the contestants in preparation for the event.

Special guests **James and Ola Jordan** will give a show-stopping performance on the night and will be judging the dance competition alongside Head Judge Phil Meacham of Chelmsford Dance Centre, Su Harrison from Heart Breakfast and Jane Gurney, CEO of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust.

Singing sensation Josh Dubovie will be providing the musical entertainment as well as taking part as one of the contestants.

This is a chance for 'Strictly' fans and Essex Air Ambulance supporters to enjoy some fantastic dancing and world class entertainment all in aid of a very worthy cause.

Wendy Marcon, Events Manager of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust, said "I am delighted to be putting on such a fantastic show and offering a great night out for our supporters, all helping to raise the vital funds needed for our Doctor/Paramedic Team to continue to save lives. Working in partnership with Chelmsford Dance Centre and the Brentwood Centre, we're looking forward to another thrilling dance show. Thank you to our team of professional dancers and our contestants who have generously given up their time to rehearse some exciting new moves. The show is really coming together and we can't wait to see everyone there."

Tickets are £12 (concessions £10) each. For more information and to book visit EssexAirAmbulance.uk.com. Alternatively, call Wendy Marcon on 0845 2417 690

Greenfields improves 7,500 homes a year ahead of schedule

Greenfields Community Housing has carried out £70 million of improvements to 7,500 of its homes one year ahead of schedule.



All 7,500 homes are now up to the Government's Decent Homes Standard, meaning new kitchens, bathrooms, central heating, doors, windows and rewiring, where needed. A celebration was held at Greenfields House in Braintree in December 2011, which was attended by staff, residents, board members and contractors.

The £70 million programme began in 2008 and was due to be completed by the end of 2012. However, thanks to the efficiency of Greenfields' two main contractors; Higgins and Apollo; and the Decent Homes team at Greenfields, this has been completed a year ahead of schedule.

Daniel Allen, Property Services Director at Greenfields, said: "Prior to transfer from Braintree District Council to Greenfields Community Housing, we made a firm commitment to our residents to bring all their homes up to standard by the end of 2012. We have managed to keep ahead of schedule and are very pleased to have completed the programme early.

We are particularly proud because one of our original contractors, Connaught, went into administration last year, and I would like to thank Higgins, Apollo and our staff here for making sure that the transition caused minimum disruption for our residents."

As well as enjoying a chance to network, Apollo and Higgins were also presented with cheques for £250 to give to their nominated charities, NSPCC and Barnado's. Local school children, Imogen Garbutt and Selina Moonshine, both from Braintree, also designed ceramic plates at Sioux Ceramic Café as thank-you gifts.

The Decent Homes Standard is a government initiative which requires properties to be in a reasonable state of repair, have reasonably modern facilities and services, as well as providing a reasonable degree of thermal comfort.

Mr and Mrs Sloat from Abels Road in Halstead live in the 5,000th Greenfields property to receive improvements and are very happy with their new kitchen, bathroom and central heating provided by Higgins. Mr Sloat said: "We have had no problems at all, the workmen from Higgins carried out the work to a fine standard."



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