# Lloyds Pharmacy, 6 The Parade, Donnington, Mon to Fri 8.30am to 6pm, Sat 9am to 5pm.

Donnington Pharmacy, Donnington Medical Practice, Wrekin Drive, Mon to Fri 7am to 10pm, Sat 7am to 9pm. Jhoots Pharmacy, 32 Market Street, Oakengates, Mon o Fri 9am to 6pm, Sat 9am to 1.15pm.

Lloyds Chemist, Lion Street, Oakengates, Mon to Fri AS Kitching Ltd. Limes Street, Oakengates, Mon to Fr

30am to 5.30pm, Sat 8.30am to 2.30pm. Shires Pharmacy, The Shops, Teagues Crescent French, Mon to Fri 8.45am to 6pm.

Muxton Pharmacy, 9C Fieldhouse Drive, Muxton, Mon Fri 8.45am to 6pm (Friday closed 12.45pm to 2.15pm) Asda Pharmacy, St Georges Road, Donnington Wood,

Mon 8am to 11pm, Tues to Fri 7am to 11pm, Sat 7am to

**Boots the Chemist**, 21 New Street, Wellington, Mon to at 9am to 5.30pm (Sat closed 1pm to 2pm). Lloyds Pharmacy, Chapel Lane, Wellington, Mon to Fr 8.30am to 6.30pm, Sat 9am to 12.30pm.

Lloyds Pharmacy, 15a Market Square, Wellington, Mon Sat 9am to 5.30pm Morrisons Instore Pharmacy, Springhill, Wellington Mon 9am to 6pm, Tues to Wed 9am to 7pm, Thurs to Fri

9am to 8pm, Sat 9am to 6pm. Wellington Pharmacy, Wellington Medical Centre, Chapel Lane, Mon to Thurs 8am to 11.30pm, Fri to Sat

Tesco Instore Pharmacy, Wrekin Retail Park, Mon to Sat 8am to 9pm (Monday closed 2pm to 3pm, Tues to Fr closed 1pm to 2pm, Sat closed 2pm to 3pm).

Boots the Chemist, 4-10 North Sherwood Street, Mon Sat 9am to 6pm (Thurs 9am to 8pm) Asda Pharmacy, Malinsgate, Telford, Mon to Fri 8am to

Boots the Chemist, Forge Retail Park, Mon to Fri 9am 8pm, Sat 9am to 7pm

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Boots the Chemist, 52 High Street, Mon to Thurs 9am to 6pm, Fri 8.30am to 6pm, Sat 8.30am to 5.30pm (closed aily 1pm to 2pm) MR Clarke, 76 Upper Bar, Mon to Fri 9am to 5.30pm

(closed 1pm to 1.30pm), Sat 9am to 1pm SHREWSBURY

Your Local Boots Pharmacy, Mytton Oak Road, Mon to Fri 9am to 6pm, Sat 9am to 1pm. Your Local Boots Phar-macy, 129 Longden Coleham, Mon to Fri 9am to 6pm, Sat

9am to 1pm.

Conway Pharmacy, 238 Monkmoor Road, Mon to Fr Pam to 6pm, Sat 9am to 1pm. Lunts Pharmacies, 1-3 Hereford Road, Mon to Fri 9an

6pm. Sat 9am to noon. SC Rhodes, 28 Claremont Hill, Mon to Fri 9am

Rowlands Pharmacy, Severn Fields Health Village Sundorne Road, Mon to Fri 9am to 6pm, Sat 9am to 5.30pm, (closed 1pm to 1.20pm). Rowlands Pharmacy, Marden Medical Practice, 25 Sut-

ton Road, Mon to Fri 9am to 6pm, Sat, 9am to 1pm. **Taylors Chemists**, Radbrook Green Shopping Centre on to Fri 9am to 6pm (closed 1pm to 2pm), Sat 9am to

Co-op Pharmacy, 101 Mount Pleasant Road, Mon to Fr Asda Pharmacy, Old Potts Way, Monday to Sat 8am

Boots, 7-9 Pride Hill, Monday to Sat 8.30am to 5.30pm closed 2pm to 2.30pm).

Boots the Chemist, Meole Brace Retail Park, Mon to Fr

Pam to 8pm (closed 1.30pm to 2.30pm), Sat 9am to 6pm Sainsbury's, Meole Brace Retail Park, Mon to Fri 7am o 11pm, Sat 7am to 10pm.

Tesco, Cattle Market, Battlefield Road, Monday 8am to

10.30pm, Tues to Fri 6.30am to 10.30pm, Sat 6.30am to

# OSWESTRY Boots the Chemist, 5 Church Street, Mon to Sat 9am

Station Pharmacy, The Old Station Building, Mon to Wed 8am to 8pm, Thursday 8am to 6am (Fri morning), Fri 8am to 8pm, Sat 9am to midnight. Cambrian Pharmacy,

Cambrian Health Centre, Mon to Fri 7am to 11pm, Sat 8an Caxton Pharmacy, Oswald Road, Mon to Fri 8.30am to

**BRIDGNORTH** Murrays Healthcare, Northgate Health Centre, North ate, Mon to Fri 9am to 6pm, Sat 9am to 1pm. Boots the Chemist, 30-31 High Street, Mon to Sa

.45am to 5.30pm (closed 1.30pm to 2pm). Bridgnorth Pharmacy, 2 Mill Street, Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm, Sat 9am to 1pm.

### WHITCHURCH

Boots UK Ltd, 10-14 Watergate Street, Mon to Fri 9am o 5.30pm. Sat 9am to 5.30pm. Rowlands Pharmacy, 11 High Street, Mon to Fri 9am to .30pm, Sat 9am to 5pm

Green End Pharmacy, 11-13 Green End, Mon to Fri 3.45am to 5.30pm, Sat 8.45am to 5pm

LUDLOW Boots The Chemist, 34 Bull Ring, Mon to Sat 9am to

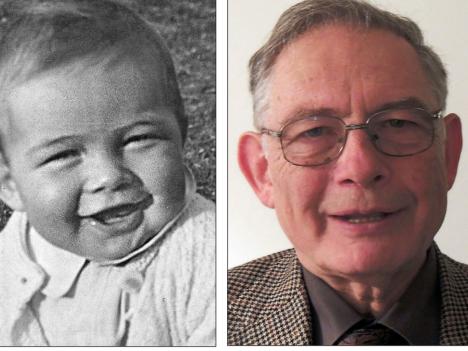
Brown & Francis, 49 Bull Ring, Mon to Fri 8.30am to 5.30pm. Sat 9am to 5pm. Lloyds Pharmacy, 1 & 2 Upper Galdeford, Mon to Fr am to 6.30pm. Sat 9am to 5.30pm.

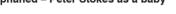
#### CHURCH STRETTON

Rowlands Pharmacy, 40 Sandford Avenue, Mon to Fr 9am to 5.30pm, (closed 1pm to 1.20pm), Sat 9am to 5pm. RE & CO Alman, 18 Sandford Avenue, Mon to Fri 9am

## MARKET DRAYTON

Murrays Pharmacy, Maer Lane, Mon to Fri, 8.45am to opm, Sat 8.45am to 1pm. Boots The Chemist. 48-50 Cheshire Street. Monday to











**SPECIAL REPORT** 

# Tragedy unveils pilots' pact

Peter Stokes has just learned how his parents died when he was a

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SHE was young and beautiful, an aspiring actress and dancer, with many London friends connected with the film world. Her husband was a dashing fighter pilot, who had been decorated for his courageous exploits in combat.

Of course he shouldn't have taken his wife up in his Mosquito fighter. And of course it was unwise to do aerobatics below 1,000ft,

They lie together in Wellington cemeters Daphne Stokes, 20, and Flying Officer had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, had been married only eight months. "Hand in hand they went together," says

1943 as the aircraft plunged out of control into the ground in the centre of RAF High Ercall airfield.

deaths is another extraordinary story – of a 'dead man's shoes" pact between two fighter pilots in love with the same young woman. For despite her tender years Daphne was already a widow when she married Peter. Her first husband, Flying Officer Ronald Pe-

While they were both colleagues in 23 Squadron, he and Peter had made an agreement that if one of them should die, the other one would look after Daphne.

Among those who mourned her death was actor Donald Sinden, who had known her from the days when they were both in theatrical circles in the Brighton area. He would ccasionally visit the bereaved family.

There was too, an orphan, for in the termath of that terrible accident at High Ercall, a local landlady was left literally holding the baby. Young Peter Stokes was only five nonths old when his parents died. He is now 72, and it is only now that he has learned the full story of what happened that day, as while he was growing up he was shielded from the details.

He was brought up by his maternal grandnother Florence Woodbridge at the family nome in Hove, and an early childhood memory is of her weeping for the loss of her beauiful daughter, an only child.

"My mother was very good looking and wanted to be an actress, and got a place at the US Army Air Force. Her maide a war unine job uriving trucks for the US Army Air Force. Her maiden name was Daphne Woodbridge," said Peter, who lives in Surbiton, Surrey.

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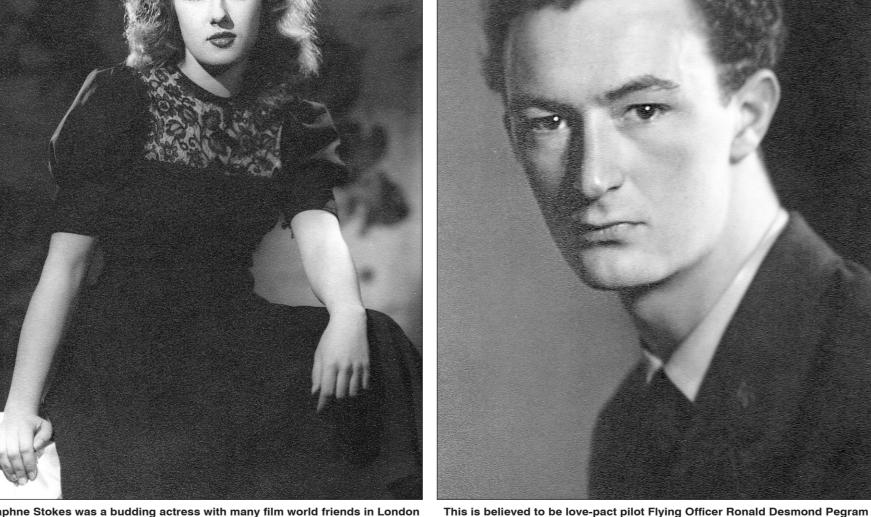
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Daphne Stokes was a budding actress with many film world friends in London

working in Brighton."

"She was married, widowed, remarried, a to him "in affectionate remembrance of his "I think my father's family lived at that had crashed into a Welsh mountainside.

"She had appeared at the Theatre Royal at became well known actors. "Donald Sinden "My grandmother hinted that she thought

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Were stokes. They was my father's fault it may mother that the stand used to visit us occasionally. I remember him coming a couple of taken my mother up for a flight when he was shouldn't have done, which obviously he grandmother to tell her about Peter being of the fatal crash. had. She and my maternal grandfather were killed. It was an even worse shock to get one well have been "Bunny" Stokes as that name her about it, but it was that if one of them should succeed in winning her hand and be should succeed in winning her hand should succeed in winning her hand and be should succeed in winning her hand should should be should should be should should be should should be shoul

"Peter's brother had heard about Peter's time has passed, and I can now see him as

can be seen to be written on his flying kit in older Peter's two surviving sisters, who lives "Because my grandmother had been so one of the photos of him, was a war hero, in Upton St Leonards, Gloucestershire. Peter did not ask many questions growing young when Daphne was born and Daphne awarded the DFC in April 1943 for his strike involving attacks on airfields, marshalling be able to read the account of somebody who

father's family were happy about that."

The details of the accident are in a book called 'Pancakes & Prangs' by Shropshire air crash researcher Tom Thorne.

s mentioned first which is a bit unusual.

"There was another problem. My father's family were Roman Catholic and my moth-

er's family were Anglicans. I don't think my

Peter Stokes was an instructor with 6 perational Training Unit based at RAF High Ercall, which flew a fighter version of the famous Mosquito. "After being ordered o test an aircraft, prior to its being used later that night by a pupil, the instructor used the opportunity to take his wife up in the aircraft and perform some aerobatics

the book says. It describes how he made low pass, and completed a perfect roll. "Moments later he began a similar roll but this time his initial speed was slower and it is thought that the engines cut while up side down, due to 'upsetting of the mixtur by the attitude of the aircraft'. The aircraft consequently lost speed, completing the rol in a stalled condition, and then 'flicked ove into a spin from a height of less than 1,000 feet. After completing little more than one turn it struck the ground on the Tarmac and burst into flames'

There is at least one person alive toda who has first-hand knowledge of the story He is 96-year-old Alf Harris, who worked a a civilian foreman on the airfield, and was known at the time as Jim Harris. "It was all hushed up," recalled Mr Harris, who lived then in Wellington, but lives now

in Cricklade, near Swindon. "These chaps were on conversion fro other aircraft onto Mosquitoes, and they did have quite a few crashes because it was a

nowerful machine.

"This particular fellow, they had a baby, and his wife came down to stay with him for a few days. This fellow got a lady who lived in one of the houses on the road there, near the main gate, to put his wife up and she used to look after the baby for them if they wanted

"They waited until the Saturday morning actually, it was Friday evening), and smug-

"Then off they went. I was not there the actual day. But when I came in on Monday

here was a big heap of ashes and everything at the crossroads of the runway. They were both killed. Nobody said anything about it." Alf's account and that in Tom Thorne's book have been a revelation to young Peter

And similarly for Pat Ferguson, one of

She said: "After all these years. I neve thought I would know any more about it. To

Shropshire Chamber of Commerce will hold its Oswestry

# **Broiler sheds** and the many hurdles that need tackling

n the number of broiler sheds being built across Shropshire and adjoining counties, largely because of the proximity to one or more poultry processing facilities.

All new poultry sites have their individual challenges when applying for planning consent. At Halls we have encountered flooding, access, noise issues and potential visual impact when working on different sites across

I am delighted to report that to date we have achieved a 100 per cent success rate with planning applications for broiler sheds. As we handle the complete planning process, includ-

ing environmental impact assessment and environment permit application, we are happy to advise potential applicants on proposed sites. The planning process is just one issue faced by poultry

ing supply of quality meat for public consumption. Broiler sheds in the UK generally have a proportion of their birds duction cycle, allowing those remaining to finish at large

about 20 per cent of birds thinned at day 33/34 to maximise production efficiency.

In recent years, food poisoning caused by campylobacter in chicken meat has had an increasing profile and, naturally, the Food Standards Agency wishes to reduce the causes. There are a number of potential contributory causes within broiler production, including the thinning process, which involves machinery and staff moving between sites.

It is suggested that adjusting the production cycle, so that thinning is no longer required, could reduce campy-lobacter. However, to meet consumer demand for poultry meat, more poultry sheds will be needed if thinning

eases at some point in the future. The major disadvantage of stopping the thinning process is that production costs per bird will increase. I hope the industry works hard to sell the associated health benefits to retailers and consumers who will be asked to pay more for chicken. There is no justification for the broiler producer being squeezed on price when benefiting pub-

We are all well aware of the supermarket price war and the pressure imposed by the likes of Aldi and Lidl on larger supermarkets. They are all looking after their own commercial interests. Fortunately, Tesco has finally been reprimanded for unfair practice with producers. Let us hope common sense now prevails with price fairness for broiler producers.

Shaun Jones is rural professional director at Halls

# **STAR BRIEFING**

# Youngsters remember victims of Holocaust

Shropshire Council has thanked children for taking part n recent Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations. Children at Mereside Primary School in Shrewsbury and t Woodside Academy in Oswestry have been thanked by

Shropshire councillors for taking part in the cherry tree remonies that marked the day of remembrance. Youngsters at Mereside measured a cherry tree that had been planted to mark the commemorative day last year, while those at Woodside planted a second tree. The tree at

the Shrewsbury school is now two metres high. Cecilia Motley, Shropshire Council's cabinet member with responsibility for equalities, said: "The children at Mereside and Woodside schools are clearly an absolute

credit to their schools and to their families. "It is particularly pleasing that two of the Mereside chilto go out. She wanted to see what it was like dren who helped plant the first cherry tree in 2015 helped to measure it this vear."

# Seminar puts spotlight on awareness of death

A seminar looking at death education will be held tomorrow led by the founder of Cedar - Community Education in Death Awareness & Resources.

Dr Judith Wester will cover topics including what is death, why talking about death is important, myths about death, understanding grief, cultural aspects of loss, legacy and remembrance, and a celebration of life.

The seminar will take place at Qube in Oswald Road, Oswestry, from 10am to 4pm and will cost £120. For booking details contact Qube on (01691) 656882.

## Business talk at breaktast

Breakfast Club on Thursday at 8am to network over coffee The meeting will start at 8am and include a chance to meet other husiness people from the town testimonials and success stories. It will finish at 9.30am. Further meet-



Flying Officer Peter Stokes was a highly experienced pilot and a war hero

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thought what a stupid young man he was, Unusually, he does not have a military

ging among his memorabilia and has come across a photo he is sure is him. "There