

## Van driver badly hurt in accident



A man was seriously injured after a car crash in Bradford. The 56-year-old motorist was taken to Bradford Royal Infirmary after the accident (pictured). His condition was yesterday believed to be improving. He had been driving a Vauxhall Vivaro van which collided with a parked silver Seat Ibiza, a parked green Volvo and the wall of a takeaway after turning into Allerton Road towards Bradford on Monday at about 3.50pm. No one else was injured during the collision and the road was closed for several hours. Anyone who witnessed the collision who has not already spoken to police or who has any information is asked to call 0845 6060606.

### IN BRIEF

#### Cab destroyed

An electrical fault caused a fire which engulfed the cab of a lorry at the Flappit Pub in Haworth Road yesterday. The lorry had turned off Halifax Road when the driver started to experience problems. Steve Moorhouse, watch manager at Keighley Fire Station, said a fire had begun in the engine and spread to the rest of the cab. Crews from Keighley and Haworth were called to the scene at about 3pm.

#### Shogun on fire

Arsonists are believed to be responsible for a car fire in the car park of Whetley Mills, in Hockney Road, Bradford. Fairweather Green firefighters were called to the car park at 1pm yesterday, where they found a Mitsubishi Shogun on fire. West Yorkshire Fire Service said the fire, which was contained to the car, was believed to have been started deliberately.

#### Diamond joy

June and Maurice Widdop of Royds Park Crescent, Wyke, will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding anniversary tomorrow. The couple were married on the April 1, 1950, at St Mark's Church, Manningham.

#### Health debate

Bradford Council's Health Improvement Committee meets tomorrow at 4pm in City Hall, when they will discuss alcohol as a health issue and out-of-hours services.

#### Race night plans

Idle Cricket Club, in Cavendish Road, Idle, Bradford, will be holding a race night on Saturday from 8pm. Call (01274) 612820 for details.



**CHEERS:** Brian McDermott (left and right) at work on the windows

Pictures by Andy Garbutt



## Time, gentlemen, for a new window!

A Bradford firm has taken on a specialist job to create a traditional pub window. Staff at Yorkshire Decorative Glass, off Cutler Heights Lane, are creating the window – etched with the word 'saloon' – to adorn The Tangier, an historic pub in Portsmouth. The panel will be French embossed – a method of etching glass using acid – to match the original as closely as possible. "We are very specialised – we are only one of

a dozen firms in the country that can do this kind of work," says Kevin Joy, who is working on the project with expert glass etcher Brian McDermott.

"There are different depths of etching. We are using the broken pieces as a template."

Built in 1912, The Tangier contains a number of mosaics and glazed tiles depicting scenes from the market in the Moroccan city of Tangiers.

# Pupils' free meals plan wins backing

## Council will apply to join pilot scheme in big national effort for primary-age children

by James Rush T&A Reporter

Free school meals could be provided for all primary schools for one year starting in September as part of a Government pilot scheme.

Bradford Council's executive yesterday approved a bid to be made to the Department for Schools and Families for Bradford to become a pilot authority to provide free school meals to all primary schools.

Councillors approved the Council's participation in the pilot, in the event of Bradford's bid being successful.

But Bradford Council leader Councillor Kris Hopkins said council tax would have to rise by five per cent if the electorate expected free school meals following the initial funding, which would be for one year only.



**CONCERN:** Coun Kris Hopkins

He said: "I don't have a problem about endorsing this, but I think we have to have an honest conversation with our public about what expectations there are for year two. The people of the district will effectively have to increase their Council Tax by about five per cent to accommodate that."

A report to the executive said: "Due to the tight timescale prescribed by the DCSF, Bradford has submitted a bid subject to the Council executive's approval; participation in the pilot would also be subject to consultation with individual schools on their capacity to support the pilot."

"The Government has indicated that decisions on the bids will be received by Easter."

The objectives of the pilot are to

establish whether extending the provision would reduce obesity, change eating habits at home, impact on behaviour and academic performance at school, improve school standards and improve general health and well-being.

The report stated: "It is expected that participation in the pilot will bring district wide benefits in terms of improvements in measures of educational attainment and health indicators."

Councillor Dale Smith, deputy leader of the Council, said the effect the pilot had on pupils should be monitored.

The report stated in 2008 the Government announced the intention to run pilots from September, 2010.

The pilot is to run for one year only and a key criteria for successful bids is that the authority is able to match-fund the scheme.

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# Sports village ideas to be explored

Councillors have approved the transfer of £1.2 million feasibility funding to allow a case to be drawn up for five alternatives to the original Odsal Sports Village.

Bradford Council's executive approved the transfer at a meeting at City Hall yesterday, and requested a report to be

submitted on the proposals.

Last week the Telegraph & Argus reported how the Council's plans for a £75.5 million Odsal Sports Village had been damaged by a funding crisis.

A report to the executive stated how five scaled-down options for Odsal,

lion to £39.6 million, had been drawn up.

The options vary the amount of seating, indoor cricket, sports courts and parking.

At the meeting Council leader Councillor Kris Hopkins said Council money was on the table. He said: "What is important is that we actually

create a first class sporting project up at Odsal which our citizens can be proud of and we have delivered."

The executive agreed that council officers should evaluate the proposals and funding partners and to investigate possible sources of funding.



**STADIUM:** The home of the Bulls

## Plans for libraries unveiled

Haworth will become the "library hub" for the Worth Valley in a scheme, councillors have been told.

Members at the Executive committee have accepted a report which details plans for new libraries at Haworth, Idle and Wyke.

Bradford Council's executive referred the review of the service to the next meeting of the Regeneration and Economy Improvement Committee at its meeting yesterday in City Hall.

Councillors praised the move at yesterday's meeting.

They approved the creation of multi-function community hubs in Haworth, Idle and Wyke, as pilot schemes. A new building would be needed in Haworth.

Meanwhile, in Idle, the plan is to relocate the library to the Thorpe Methodist Church, which is up for sale, to create a new community facility.

And a library for Wyke could be located at the Appleton Academy. The old library in Huddersfield Road could be sold.