

# Concert will help tragedy-hit duo

An opera company will be performing a special concert to raise cash for two of its members. Heritage Opera leading tenor Nick Sales who runs the opera company with his partner and leading soprano Sarah Helsby Hughes, was struck down by a brain aneurysm in January. All performances of the opera company had to be cancelled, and seven months later, Nick remains in a serious condition in hospital. Now Sarah, who is doing all she can to help her partner will be returning to Oswestry – where the company visits twice a year to perform a gala concert with other performers. The concert will be held at The Marches School theatre in the town, starting at 6pm. Mike Coppock, who is helping to bring the concert to the town, said he hoped local people would support the concert. Ticket are available from Rowanthorn, Chapel Court, at £18, and free for under 18s or by telephoning 01691 238227.

## Artists' summer exhibition

A group of artists have launched their summer exhibition. The Ludlow Art Society exhibition is open at St Laurence's Church until Friday, August 30. Opening times are Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 12pm to 5pm and on the last day 10am to 2pm.

# Run returns in honour of terror victim

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Hundreds of people will be splashing themselves with bursts of bright colour at this year's Smile for Joel charity fun run. Run for Joel will take place at Sandwell Valley Park in West Bromwich on Sunday, September 8 – officially launched by Black Country comedienne Doreen Tipton – and will see keen participants jog along a 5km race or 3km colour blast fun run. It will raise money for charity Smile for Joel – set up by Wednesbury mother and son pair Suzy Evans and Owen Richards after the death of three close family members. Suzy's son Joel Richards, age 19, her brother Adrian Evans, and father Patrick Evans – Owen's brother, uncle and grandfather – were all shot and killed in the Tunisia terror attacks of 2015. This is the fourth annual Run for Joel – those taking part throw bags of powered paint all over each other before setting off. Suzy said: "The run this year will be bigger than before with more stalls and entertainment. "We have BBC WM Daz Hale, who is patron of our charity, hosting it and Doreen



Joel's mother and brother Suzy Evans and Owen Richards are preparing for this year's run Joel Richards died in Tunisia

Tipton starting the race, with some surprises along the way. "Everyone taking part gets a limited edition Run for Joel 2019 wristband and can take part in the Colour Blast Party. The day is amazing and a real good fun feel factor. "This year our colour theme is white." To register and beat the queues on the day visit smileforjoel.com. Prices start from £5 and the fun starts from 9am – with the first race getting under way at 10am.



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# Orthopaedic site in double celebration

## Two 'Oscar' nominations for hospital

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IT is cause for double celebration at Shropshire's specialist orthopaedic hospital which has been shortlisted for two major national awards.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, near Oswestry, has been named as a finalist in the acute and specialist trust of the year category at the Health Service Journal Awards – which are widely regarded as the 'Oscars of the healthcare sector'.

### Category

It is the third year in succession that RJAH has made the shortlist in this category. The trust is also a finalist in a new category, where its efforts to work with the armed forces has seen it shortlisted for the reservist support initiative award.

Mark Brandreth, chief executive, praised the level of care and positive patient experience at the trust.

"I am very proud to see us shortlisted for trust of the year for the third year in a row," said Mr Brandreth.

"That must be a fairly unusual achievement, and is a testament to our consistently high levels of patient experience and outcomes. In the last



The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital

year we have been rated 'good' overall by the Care Quality Commission, and 'outstanding' for care.

"Our patients returned what were the best overall set of results in the country in the latest national inpatient survey and our staff survey feedback was impressive, too.

"We are lucky to have, in my view, the best staff in the NHS, and I consider myself fortunate to be their chief executive."

On being shortlisted for the reservist support initiative, he added: "Those who are reservists among our staff are given the time to train and serve their country, and we reap the benefits from

the skills they gain while on military service, which are then brought back and put to good use in helping us with our aspiration to deliver world class patient care. We recognise the sacrifices they make to combine a civilian and military life and career, and are proud to do all we can to support them."

Shortlists for all of the awards have been drawn up by a judging panel made up of a diverse range of influential and respected figures within the healthcare community.

The winners will be announced at a gala dinner in the Battersea Evolution Centre, London, in November.

# Solicitors praised by inspectors

A Market Drayton solicitors firm has been given a seal of approval from the Law Society.

Onions & Davies, based in Cheshire Street, was assessed by the Law Society and has successfully joined the society's Conveyancing Quality Scheme (CQS).

It means the firm meets high standards in the home buying process.

David Williams, director and head of property, said: "Onions & Davies

is delighted to have secured CQS status. Buying and selling a home can be a stressful time. By looking for a CQS firm like Onions & Davies the public can seek out a firm that has proved its commitment to quality.

"The overall beneficiaries will be clients who use Onions & Davies when buying a home. They will receive a reliable, efficient service as recognised by the CQS standard."

The scheme requires practices to

undergo an assessment, compulsory training, self reporting, random audits and annual reviews in order to maintain CQS status. It is open only to members of the Law Society who meet the standards set by the scheme.

Law Society president Andrew Caplen said: "CQS is the quality mark of the home-buying sector and enables consumers to identify practices that provide a quality residential conveyancing service."

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