

Career day for carers

WANT to find out how to juggle your caring responsibilities while pursuing a career?

Herts County Council is offering 40 carers of working age the chance to attend a free seminar at the Fielder Centre at Hatfield Business Park on Tuesday.

Organisers are expecting a lot of interest from the more than 70,000 carers of working age in Hertfordshire.

Councillor Sally Newton, executive member for adult care and health, said: "As a working carer myself, I know the importance of getting support, information and advice to help juggle work and caring responsibilities."

The event runs from 10am to 12.45pm.

For booking forms and to enquire about support with travel arrangements email cheryl.whitcombe@hertscc.gov.uk

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Let there be light,

say 'The Cods'

By Lauren Bell and Simon Wesson



Hoping local supporters will pitch in with offers of help, first team coach Dan Kennoy (left) and first team manager Rob Kleiser.

FLOODLIGHTS which once shone down on the pitch of Charlton Athletic could soon be coming to the home ground of a village team.

And Codicote FC are hoping they will light up the path to promotion from the Herts County League.

But there's one small snag standing between the club and their dream of moving up to the South Midlands League – having bought the lights, they now need to raise £17,500 to erect them.

So far they've raised £1,000.

The floodlights have been described as a "great piece of footballing history" by Dan Kennoy, first team coach at "The Cods".

They were formerly owned by Championship outfit Charlton and were used at their old Valley ground before the club was forced to temporarily move out in the 1980s.

They were snapped up by non-leaguers Biggleswade United, who have since decided to sell them on.

Dan told the *WHT* that so far the costs of buying and removing the lights had come to £5,000.

"We have taken part in

With a little help, village side looks forward to a brighter future

social events such as the Codicote fete as well as a casino and video horse race night, we have also been sponsored with a few small donations, but now we need a lot more money to actually get the lights up and running."

He said that under league rules the club cannot be promoted until the lights are installed.

"The lights became available after Biggleswade United decided to sell them; we then jumped at the chance to buy them.

"But we desperately need them up and running so that we can step up to the next level."

Currently the lights are sitting at the John Clement Memorial ground in Bury Lane.

Fund raising events include a comedy night at Codicote village hall early next year.

For more information visit www.codicoteffc.co.uk



One of the lights, in its previous home at Biggleswade

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School reunion reaches across the world

OLD pupils from a secondary school travelled from across the globe to remember their days as pupils.

More than 30 people attended the reunion for old boys and girls who went to what is now Sir Frederic Osborn School in WGC from 1964.

Former students travelled from some far-flung places, including Spain, the United States and Canada, to meet at the Fairway Tavern in WGC.

In their time the Hems Lane school was called WGC High School.

One highlight was the presence of English and history teacher Sybil Marcus, who came from San Francisco.

Sally Fitz-Gibbon (nee Hards) came from Canada, Andy Machen came from Spain and Jennet Treharne and Hilary Shepherd (nee Evans) travelled from Wales.

And not even the Rugby World Cup final last Saturday could stop the former classmates from catching up on old times.

Diane Hillyer, a former pupil, said: "The reunion was very successful and enjoyed by all – despite the fact that it



had to compete with the rugby.

"But the reunion won the day as many of us were still talking in the

bar at 12.30am when the manager had to ask us to leave so that the cleaners could come in!"