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Thanks for finding our kitten Jerry

I JUST wanted to say a massive thank you to Richard and Liz Moulding of Beacon Road for finding our lost 5-month-old kitten Jerry. Since Thursday pm Jerry had got out of our front door and not returned home. We put various posts on Facebook, been searching local roads, fields, knocking on neighbours doors to no avail.



Jerry the kitten.

Then on Saturday morning I had an answer phone message from Jane at Vets4Pets with news we'd been needing to hear - Jerry had been brought to them.

So thank you once again to Richard and Liz and their boys for looking after him so well (and feeding him tuna!), and a big thank you to Jane at Vets4Pets for being on the ball with her social networking and finding my number! And of course a thank you to all the people that set up all the pages on Facebook for 'lost and found', spotted Loughborough etc - I don't think we would've been re-united with him so quickly if it wasn't for them.

Andrew and Naomi Martin

ALTERNATIVE: A circulatory system - effectively a bus hub Been no consideration of a very simple solution

IN ALL the discussion of the issues of buses running both ways, one way, or not at all through the Market Place there has been no serious consideration of a very simple solution.

Now that the line of the Inner Relief Road has been cleared one can see that a bus could travel along it in less than a minute. It should form part of a simple circulatory system. The diagram shows how all the buses that might use the Market Place could simply use the circulatory system provided by the High Street, Baxter Gate and the new Inner Ring Road. The key is to make the High Street one way into town and limit it to buses only. The whole of the left hand side of the road can then be used for bus stops, as well as the whole of Baxter Gate.

These two one way roads will become effectively a bus hub, with stops close to the Market Place and the Town Centre, and close to each other for those changing buses.

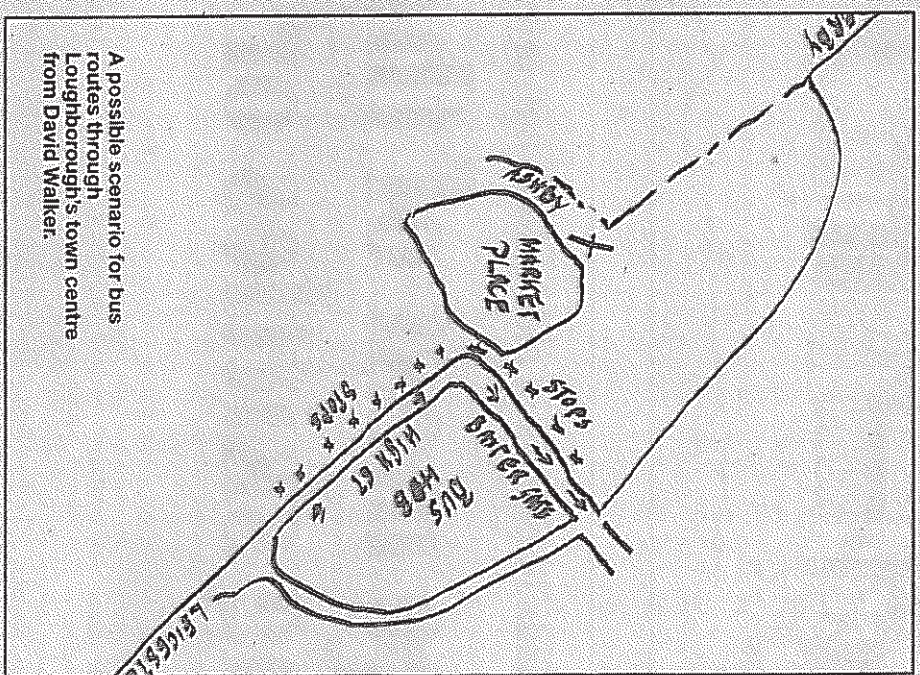
Buses coming from the Leicester Road towards the Derby Road would use the High Street and Baxter Gate, where they would find their stop and then proceed, turning left onto the Inner Ring Road towards the Derby Road.

Buses coming from Derby Road towards Leicester Road, Southfields Road etc would continue round the Inner Ring Road and turn right into High Street to their stop and then go on via Baxter Gate, turning right onto the Inner Ring Road and continue their journey along the Leicester Road or Southfields Road.

This covers all the routes that currently use the Market Place. The arguments that the bus companies are putting forward about the delays and costs are spurious. It is likely that the time and fuel costs would be little more than the delays waiting for oncoming buses and slow speed running on a one way strip through the Market Place.

Bus companies adjust routes and timings to deal with road changes in road layouts in towns all over the UK. It is surprising that they claim not to be able to do so in Loughborough. We have the prospect of a completely traffic free Market Place. It would be ridiculous to compromise this when there is a perfectly good alternative, making use of the new Inner Ring Road. Here is shortly to be a consultation. I hope that people will make it very clear that you do not want buses running through the Market Place when there is a perfectly sensible alternative.

David Walker



A possible scenario for bus routes through Loughborough's town centre from David Walker.

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Happy Birthday - join the club!

HAPPY Birthday to all this week's Newshounds! Have a great day!

October 19
Samuel Barrett, aged 12, of Shapley Road, Loughborough

October 20
Amelia-Rose Lakin, aged 11, of Conway Drive, Shepshed
Jessica Yates, aged three, of Hawker Close, Loughborough

October 21
Sophie Abell, aged 11, of Alan Moss Road, Loughborough

October 24
Lexie Willoughby, aged six, of Kings Avenue, Loughborough

Do you want to be a Newshound like all these special boys and girls? The club is free to join. Just call 01509 232632 and we will add you to our list.



Ella Sutton, of East Avenue, Syston, turned five-years-old on October 16. Pictured with her rabbit Alfie.

Animal loving Ella's big day

THIS Week's Very Important Newshound is Ella Sutton. Ella Sutton, of East Avenue, Syston, turned five-years-old on October 16. Her mum Vicky said: "She loves animals, anything to do with them, netball, reading and music." She was due to celebrate the special day with a sleepover with friends.

SPOT THE SOCK-MAN AND WIN £25

LOUGHBOROUGH'S famous Sock-Man has been hidden somewhere within an advert in this week's Echo. And it could be anywhere.

If you do spot it, send in your name, address and a daytime contact number to us, along with the number of the page and the advert it is in.

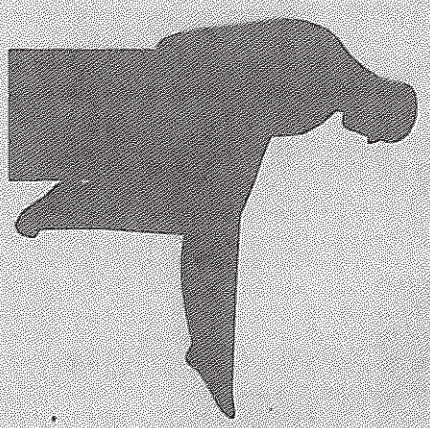
Send your entry on a postcard or the back of a sealed-down envelope to Sock-Man Competition, *The Loughborough and Shepshed Echo*, Princes' Court, Royal Way, Loughborough, LE11 5XR.

Closing date for entries is first post on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2013.

One lucky reader will be chosen at random from the correct entries. Normal Trinity Mirror competition rules apply. The editor's decision is final.

No alternative prize will be offered.

A full list of competition rules can be found at www.trinitymirror-midlands.co.uk/rules



Last week's winner was Mrs J.Bexley at Anson Road, Shepshed.

Poem of the week

THIS week's submission, is by B J Kinsella of Long Eaton

Mist

The track rose ever higher
From the foothills
The swifling mist bringing stillness
Complete, to the countryside.
Here and there, cattle and sheep
Stood or reclined silently.
Like carved monoliths
The dew soaked grass
Trodden beneath our feet
As we climbed upwards
Towards the golden orb.
Showing ever clearer
Dispersing the now receding mist
With its warming rays
As the new day awakened.
Our journey had commenced
Its destination to be achieved
Before night's curtain descended
The day passed swiftly, and with
The last ridge scaled
We looked down the final slope
There, in the near distance
Standing boldly against the sky
Was the object of our pilgrimage.
The Church in the valley
Standing as it had been
For the past thousand years.
As we drew near,
Lichen encrusted tombstones
Crowded Gods acre
Surrounding the Church.
Here and there, ornate table tombs
Stood in silent vigilance
Now only equal to lowly villagers
In death.
We made our way
To the oak door through which
The sound of ethereal voices
Could be heard
Raised in hymns of praise
Sleeping forward, I gently pushed
open
We had arrived at God's house.
Our journey's end.

The £5 prize can be collected from the Echo offices in Royal Way between Monday and Friday. Normal competition rules apply. Send those verses to: First Verse contest, *Loughborough and Shepshed Echo*, Princes' Court, Royal Way, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 5XR. Please include a contact number.

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