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## REVIEW OF THE YEAR

### MARCH

■ **WOKINGHAM'S** oldest man, Rhys Lewis, left a £10,000 bequest to his old university in Wales.

Mr Lewis, who died last July aged 108, left the money to Aberystwyth University to be spent on books for the main library.

A former miner and oldest Welshman, he enrolled at the university in west Wales aged 25 in 1928 and studied history and



economic history before training to be a teacher and later moved to London.

His eldest son John, also an Aberystwyth graduate, presented a cheque to the vice chancellor of Aberystwyth University on February 20.

He said: "Going to university meant a terrible amount to him and helped him a lot in life. It gave him a middle class job and lifted his self-being."

Mr Lewis, who had lived in Wokingham since 1949, was two months away from his 109th birthday when he died.

■ **THE** family of a young football fan who died of a brain tumour were touched after his club renamed its players' lounge in his memory.

Former Finchampstead Football



Club junior player Ollie Young died the day before his sixth birthday in February 2012.

In March his mum Sarah and brother Alfie joined the first team for

the unveiling of the Ollie Young Players' Lounge at the Memorial Ground clubhouse.

Mrs Young, of Wooshill, said: "It is just amazing what they have done. I don't think I can put into words what this means to myself and my family."

The Hellenic Division 1 East club has been raising funds for the Ollie Young Foundation (OYF), which was set up by his parents to help provide funds and support research into a possible cure for the illness.

■ **FUNDING** of almost £25 million was secured to create a relief road as part of a 2,400-home development west of Wokingham.

Wokingham Borough Council and the University of Reading successfully bid for the £24.7 million loan to build the Shinfield Eastern Relief Road.

The relief road is a vital part of the council's plans for development in Shinfield, Spencers Wood and Three Mile Cross, known as the South of M4 Strategic Development Location (SDL), and will see 2,400 homes built by 2026.

The investment was announced by housing minister Mark Prisk during a visit to Mitfords Fields, a 270-home development by Bovis Homes in Three Mile Cross.

■ **IT WAS** revealed supermarket chain Morrisons was believed to be in talks to take over the former Dorothy Perkins and Burton unit in the town centre.

The retailer was understood to be negotiating a lease with the landlord for the large Market Place shop.

Dorothy Perkins and Burton closed in January.