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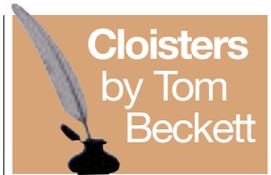
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Cloisters by Tom Beckett

Build a bypass

I WAS stunned to read about the traffic chaos at Westgate Towers ("Worries over pollution and road gridlock", April 26). You don't know the half of it.

As a result of the changes in the city, traffic is now being affected on the A28 road to Margate.

I have been a cabbie for ten years with Canterbury Cars and have never seen anything like it. I am lucky because as a taxi driver I can use the bus and taxi lane. But other drivers aren't so lucky. These changes have just made a bad situation worse.

Motorists don't see the signs and I don't see any sign of enforcement.

I had one passenger get out of the cab and run to catch his train at Canterbury West because we weren't moving an inch.

If it was me, I'd reopen the towers to normal traffic. If they really wanted to solve Canterbury's traffic problems they should build a A28 Sturry bypass, but that will never happen. We have been waiting 35 years for the A2 slip roads at Wincheap - and the slip road at Thanington has made virtually no difference. Pin Hill at 4pm still grinds to a standstill.

David Ayris, cab driver



STUNNED: Taxi driver David Ayris

disputes council claims that the Westgate Towers traffic ban will work that 20 + 3 = 23, and not 16 as implied in the article.

There seem to have been a problem as this latest mission flew over Times Towers! The fifth paragraph of the story begins: "The rocket left Earth on St George's Day" while the sixth paragraph states: "the spacecraft launched on April 16 and landed on the moon on April 20."

It was the ascent stage of the lunar module Orion that lifted off from the moon on St George's Day (April 23), as stated in my press release. The list of manned moon landings included in the article omitted Apollo 17, the final manned lunar mission, which took place in December 1972. Apollo 18, 19 and 20 were subsequently cancelled to save money.

The Apollo 16 mission was commanded by John Young, who had previously been the command module pilot of Apollo 10, and stayed onboard orbiting the moon during that lunar landing. He was subsequently appointed Chief of the Astronaut Office in 1974 until 1987, during which time he commanded the first space shuttle mission in April 1981.

Astronaut Charles Duke was previously the Capsule Communicator (Capcom) during the Apollo 11 first moon landing, the only person allowed to talk to the crew during their mission.

Thomas Mattingly was the pilot of command module Casper on Apollo 16, orbiting the moon during the mission to await the return of the lunar module ascent stage.

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of this penultimate lunar mission, the Chaucer Education Project has compiled a set of interactive teaching resources, produced a prototype course unit from them and made it publicly available free of charge, together with other resources being developed for the Level Seven Engineering course Aerospace Design and Engineering.

Visit the Virtual Learning Environment at www.vle.tcep.org.uk and click on the course title. On the next screen, login as a guest. On the third screen, enter enrolment key Engineering1 and then click Enrol Me In This Course. The aim of The Chaucer

Did the neighbour not visit the pub to establish what kind of pub it was? Did she not ask her estate agent what the pub was like? It is all very well for a resident to ask for the licence to be suspended while sound-proofing is installed, but at whose expense? If you want a quiet peaceful life, don't move to a student city and then next door to a pub with a reputation for being a music venue!

Mat Butler, White Hart Inn, Canterbury

Appeal outrage

I CANNOT believe Gareth Jones appealed against his three-year sentence for causing the death of Tom Brechley ("Death crash jail sentence upheld", May 3).

I think he should have got 10 years. For him to have the audacity to try to get the sentence reduced is just terrible. And for his solicitor to say the sentence was too harsh is absolutely disgraceful.

I can't imagine what the boy's parents are going through. I'd be going mad if he had been my son.

Oliver Gosnell, Herne

Time and space

THANK you for publicising the launch of The Chaucer Education Project's Apollo 16 moon landing mission resources to mark its 40th anniversary ("It's lift-off for moon landing education site", April 19).

However, I would like to point out



Sign it properly

YOU asked us to comment on how the new pedestrian system at Westgate Towers was working.

Well, the two pictures show cars still going round the towers from St Peters. The reason is clear. I came round by Rheims Way and saw just one small sign warning of the change in layout.

Why is it that all the other roads have big clear signs? If it is not marked properly, how can the city council expect motorists to get it right?

Nigel Collins, Canterbury

Absurd delays

UNTIL the recent traffic changes I was able to drive my aged aunt along London Road to her doctor's appointments.

Now, following the absurd traffic changes, it takes nearly 20 minutes to drive her less than a quarter of a mile to keep these appointments.

What next in St Dunstons? Stacking?

Tim Banks, Canterbury

See for yourself

THE council thinks it has the Westgate Towers sorted, so why are cars still coming from St Peter's roundabout and all other directions? The towers are now covered with big bold sign posts. Why not the St Peter's side?

Nicola Hirst, Canterbury

Support for pub

I WAS so incensed by the comments from the frustrated student living near the Maiden's

On the web

THIS week's top Facebook page is:

Canterbury Cakes make homemade celebration cakes for all occasions. Each cake is unique and made to the individual's taste.

You can consult Canterbury Cakes to create a celebration centre-piece that suits your needs. With a wide range of large cakes,

cupcakes and cookies available there really is something for every occasion. To find out more, search for Canterbury Cakes.

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Tweet of the week

@loise_hg tweeted: "If I go to Canterbury I'll have to go into town, which means looking in shops. Don't know if I'll be able to stop myself buying something."

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turn", April 26).

This is so obvious to all except the politically correct of the city council, who glory in the dysfunctional eyesores that include the new Marlowe Theatre and Starbucks coffee shop next to the Cathedral Gate.

The new eyesore will be the Beaney Institute library extension.

The only reason the council removed the PC curry kiosk was because of public pressure from sane citizens.

Ian Dickinson, Hackington Road, Canterbury

Sign language

DURING Deaf Awareness Week (this week), we are highlighting the problems deaf patients have when dealing with the health service.

We want to improve access and ensure only appropriately qualified sign-language interpreters are used for deaf patients.

Our research shows 41 per cent of people who use British Sign Language have left a health appointment feeling confused about their medical condition.

Sixty-eight per cent said they asked for an interpreter to be booked for a GP appointment, but did not get one. To sign our petition calling for local health services to use only interpreters registered with the National Registers of Communications Processional, visit www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/deafaccess

Rebecca Griffin, Head of Campaigns, Action on Hearing Loss (new name for RNID)

Not spice of life

ASIAN turbans and curry fumes do not go with medieval English towers ("Curry kiosk closed by council U-

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