THISWEEK

Tearoom to feature on TV

A Dunmow tearoom is sharing its baking secrets with a global audience after being invited to film a TV show.

Malaysian chef Norman Musa chose Scrumptious Tearooms, in Market Place, for his programme on Radio Television Malaysia.

The award-winning TV chef, restaurateur and author spent a day with owner Jane Turton and filming English herbs and scones.

Jane showed how to make her tarragon, feta and sundried tomato scones before having a Malaysian cooking lesson as Norman prepared beef stir fry.

Jane, who lived in Malaysia for four years in the 1990s, said: "Norman says I'm the queen of scones as nobody makes them as well as us.

"I had never seen before just how much work goes into filming an episode like this." Norman, who wants to make Malaysian cuisine as popular as Chinese, Indian and Thai appeared on MasterChef Malaysia. The programme will be shown later this year.



Jane Turton, owner of Scrumptious Tearooms in Dunmow with chef Norman Musa. Picture: CONTRIBUTED

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Health

A public exhibition unveiling updated plans for a new GP surgery in Braintree will be on display next month.

The plans, presented by Braintree District Council, are for the area behind the town hall and look set to be for a modern primary healthcare facility to replace the existing Mount Chambers surgery, in Coggeshall Road.

A pharmacy, new bus interchange and high-quality public realm are also in the plans.

The existing surgery, which is one of Braintree's largest with 13,900 patients, has been campaigning for new facilities for more than ten years after outgrowing its current home.

According to the council, it has, on occasion, had to treat patients in converted broom cupboards.

The public exhibition will be at the town hall from 3-7pm on June 15.

A paper will then go to the council's cabinet to agree investment for the project, before an expected planning application is submitted.



A sketch from architects AHR showing the latest concepts for the GP surgery. Picture: AHR

Education

Children at several schools in the Dunmow area have become Reading Gladiators and will compete against each other this month.

This is a programme, designed by Just Imagine Story Centre for more able Year 4 readers.

The children read a challenging book a month with a teacher and are asked to answer questions about the author and the story. Schools including Felsted Primary, Rodings Primary, Great Easton Primary, Great Bardfield Primary, Stebbing Primary and St Mary's C of E Primary School Stansted Mountfitchet are taking part this year.

The programme ends in June when the children from each of the schools will compete in a series of challenges related to the books, pitting their wits against opposing teams in a contest of knowledge, performance and creativity. The Felsted Primary children have been reading this month's book, The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo.

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