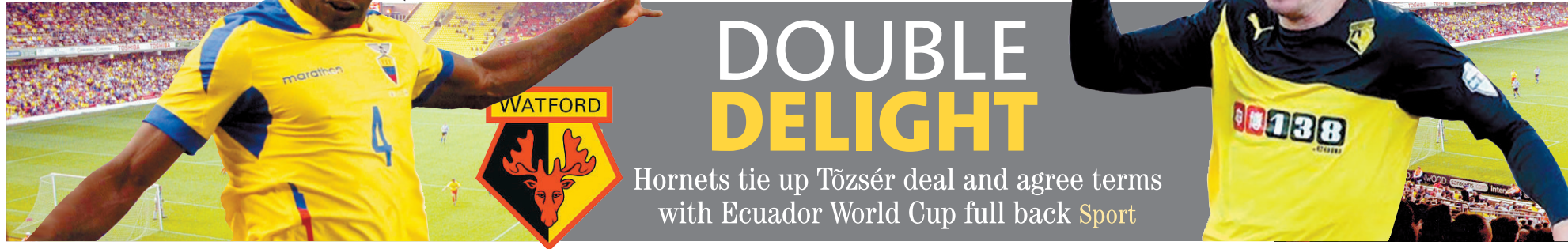


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## DOUBLE DELIGHT

Hornets tie up Tözsér deal and agree terms with Ecuador World Cup full back Sport

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Hundreds of people enjoyed dance displays, fun fair rides and watching ex-Hornets players in action as the sun beamed down on the Watford Observer funday. Were you there? See Page 24 for your chance to win £100 with our Face In The Crowd competition and a report and pictures from Page 22. Pictures: HOLLY CANT

# £4.5m revamp for park

by **BETH CHERRYMAN**

CASSIOBURY PARK is in line for a lavish makeover after the National Lottery granted more than £4.5million to revamp the nation's third favourite park.

New facilities planned include refurbished

paddling pools, a new bandstand, plans for a new community centre and improvements to the Cha Cha Cha cafe.

Watford elected mayor Dorothy Thornhill was jubilant the £6.6 million restoration was on track after securing £4,542,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to Watford Borough

Council this week.

However, the changes also come with the possible introduction of parking charges at the park.

Mayor Thornhill promised a consultation on charging for the car park in a bid to deter all-day commuters taking up the spaces.

She said: "There will be two important big consultations on the parking and the kind of activities that happen in the park. A massive expansion of the parking area was not acceptable, but we felt that it was important

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## Richard Harrington MP Working Hard for Watford

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### Inside

## Ying is 111

A SMALL glass of sherry every night has helped Watford resident Ying Ho make it to her 111th birthday. Relatives and staff at the Brunswick Court Nursing Home, Stratford Road, were on hand to help the great grandma see in the impressive landmark. Originally from Hong Kong, Ying moved to Britain in 1947.

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Kalpesh's K'z Dance Entertainment got the audience involved.

# Hundreds enjoy our second Funday

THE Watford Observer's Family Funday proved a big hit at the weekend, with crowds flocking the event held in partnership with Bushey Sports Club.

The paper's second funday was held at the sports ground, in Aldenham Road, between 1.30am and 5pm on Sunday.

The event attracted hundreds who enjoyed the many activities on offer.

A charity football match between the Arsenal Legends and the Watford FC OFPA (Official Former Players' Association) was one of the highlights, with the Eclipse Majorettes leading the players out onto the pitch.

The Arsenal Legends charity team, made up of ex-professionals from the Gunners and

a host of stars from television, music and other sports, secured a 5-2 victory.

For those who wanted to be a part of the action, there were plenty of chances to get involved.

The penalty shoot-out proved extremely popular, with dozens of children eager to test their skills against Watford Observer sports reporter, Tom Bodell, who was goalkeeper for the day.

A variety of performances were held throughout the event, including Morris, Bollywood and swing dancing.

Morris dance group, Wicket Brood, got the crowds going with a range of traditional dances, before being joined by the Pump House Clog Morris dancers.

The eclectic mix of performances continued as Irish dancers, Celtic Heart, took to the stage, followed by 1940s-style dance group, JiveSwing.

To wrap things up, Kalpesh's K'z Dance Entertainment performed Bollywood routines and held short tutorials to get the audience involved with the specially-choreographed routines.

Youngsters enjoyed the range of fair-ground rides on offer, which included the spinning teacups, as well as two bouncy castles and a children's bungee trampoline.

Laser tag and martial arts demonstrations also proved a big hit with the energetic youngsters.

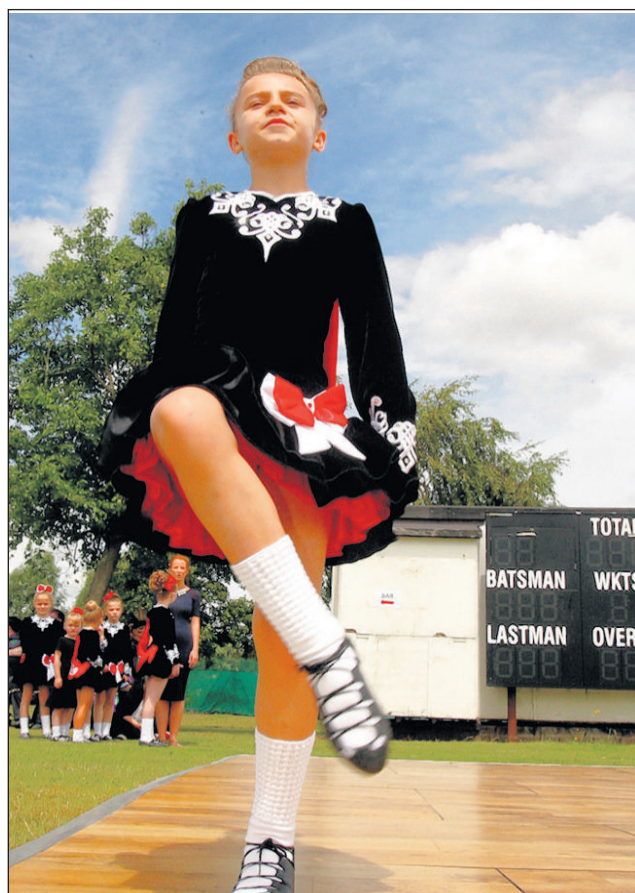
Entry for the day was £2.50, with children

under 16 getting in free. The proceeds, which are still being counted, will go to the Watford Observer's charity for the year, Signpost.

Signpost provides confidential counselling, coaching and other support to troubled 10 to 25-year-olds in south west Hertfordshire.

Motor enthusiasts were also drawn to the event as there was a range of classic cars on show. The Watford Observer would like to thank venue, Bushey Sports Club, as well as sponsors Palmers and match sponsor, Steven Eagell.

In addition to this, Blue Check supplied strawberries and cream, only requesting a donation to charity, and sterling work was done by ATC parking the cars, who worked tirelessly all day.



An Irish dancer from Celtic Heart



A Morris dance group member from Wicket Brood.



A youngster takes part in the penalty shoot-out.



## WATFORD OBSERVER FUNDAY



Onlookers enjoy the fun.



A laser tag competitor.



Arsenal Legends FC triumphant after their 5-2 victory.



Ishin Ryu Ju Jutsu student shows what he can do.



Bungee jumping on the trampolines.

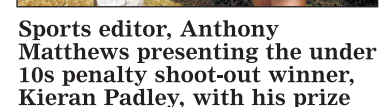
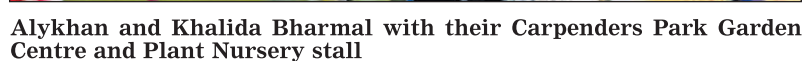
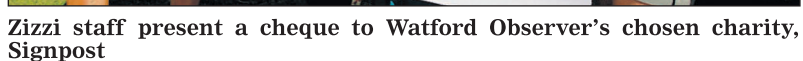
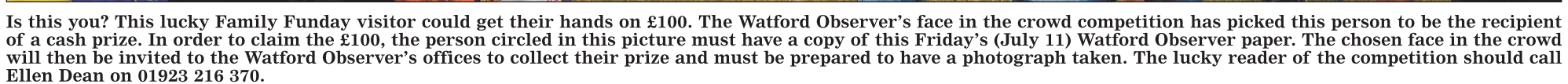


Wicket Brood Morris dancers.



Children enjoyed the bouncing castle slide.







## WATFORD OBSERVER FUNDAY



The crowd gets involved with the dancing.



Sports reporter, Tom Bodell, with the penalty shoot-out contestants.



Luis Boa Morte holding the Watford Observer trophy.



Dancers from local group, JiveSwing.



Pump House Clog Morris dancers.



Enjoying the ride.



Samra Malhotra at her Truly Crafted stall.



Children join in the dancing.



Laser tag challenger