

COUNTY BRIEFS

Anger after 30 sheds broken into

THIRTY allotment sheds have been broken into in three days. On Saturday night, three sheds were broken into at Brook Farm allotments in Hillside Road, Wellingborough, and tools and equipment were stolen. In the early hours of Monday, another 16 sheds were broken into and it is believed that about the same number were targeted in neighbouring Ladywell allotments.

WORKERS at the British Heart Foundation in Rushden are devastated after thieves stole a luxury Christmas hamper from their shop window on Saturday. The hamper, which was the top prize in the shop's Christmas raffle, was worth about £100 and was made up of Christmas treats including mince pies and champagne.

AN RAF nurse is to visit Westminster today to pick up a national award for his life-saving efforts for air-lifted troops. Gezz Van Zwanenberg, aged 43, of Barton Seagrave, Kettering, treats critically injured troops on their way back from Afghanistan to military hospitals in the UK. He will receive an Ambulance Service Institute Military Award at the House of Commons.

Romantic pair never miss a cuddle

70 years of love and red roses

SWEETHEARTS Ruby and Neil Alibone, who were married during the Second World War, have defied all odds to be with each other to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.

Diagnosed with lung cancer in September last year, Mr Alibone, aged 91, was given three months to live, but he was determined to celebrate the special day with his true love, Ruby aged 89. They celebrated their platinum anniversary yesterday at their home of 30 years in Kingsthorpe, with family and friends. Mr Alibone said: "On Sunday nights, you used to get dressed up to go to the bandstand in Abington Park, that is where I met my jewel - Ruby." After they met, Mr Alibone was called up to serve in the army as an anti-aircraft gunner but that did not

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stop the couple from tying the knot. The pair married on October 28, 1939, at Queens Grove Methodist Church in Kettering Road, Northampton. Bride-to-be Ruby was "very nervous, because I knew the war had started". The engagement ring cost just £4.50 and Mr Alibone said: "I married and the next month went back out. "The army would not allow me to wear a suit, so I had to wear my uniform. In your marriage vows you say, for better for worse, in sickness and in health; we have come through it together." Romance is still going strong for the couple and Ruby said: "I have had



Ruby and Neil Alibone celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary
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red roses every year since I have been married to Neil. "I have kept all the cards from the roses each year." Neil even managed to send his love a bouquet when he was serving in the army in New York. When asked the secret to a happy marriage, Neil said: "We always have a five-minute kiss and cuddle on the bed, every evening. We never miss it. "Last October, this day was the goal. Now next August is the goal as Ruby will be 90." The couple bought their home for £16,000. Ruby worked in the shoe industry and Neil for an electronics company

in Towcester. Daughter, Gail, aged 68 and son Rob, aged 66, six grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild due in January, along with many other family and friends, will celebrate with the couple at a party tomorrow night. They are hoping to celebrate Ruby's 90th birthday together next year by cruising around the Canaries.

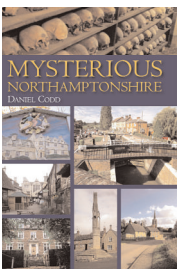
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