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School closes for the funeral of local teacher

STANWELL School in Penarth closed at noon yesterday (Wednesday) as a mark of respect to Mrs Lesley Lee, who died recently.

The funeral was at Llandaff Cathedral at 2pm, and pupils were given the choice of staying in the school for the afternoon, or going home.

Mrs Lee was due to take the post of acting headteacher, and a school spokesperson said: "We were all shocked and saddened to learn that Mrs Lesley Lee had died suddenly.

"Mrs Lee was a major influence in shaping Stanwell into the school it is today and it goes without saying that she will be sorely missed."



ABOVE:
Barry-born Mrs Eva Tyrrell proudly holds a picture of the Queen to mark a very special occasion. To find out more, turn to Page 5.

Barry call for warning signs after dramatic harbour rescue

A CADOXTON man is planning to launch a campaign for more warning signs at Barry harbour, after two young boys had to be rescued there.

John Barron was fishing at the old harbour with his nephew Christian on Saturday evening (September 11) at about 7.15pm when the dramatic rescue took place.

John, who is aged 64,

told The GEM: "We often see boys and girls jumping into the water from the harbourside, but on Saturday there was a really high tide and a big swell.

"This time, two boys decided to jump in, but they were soon in difficulty. They just could not make it to the side, and they could not find a way out of the water. They started to panic and there was no one around."

Christian, who is 42 and who these days

"only swims on holiday", dived in and, with great difficulty, managed to push the two boys to safety.

Christian told The GEM: "There wasn't time to think about my safety. In fact, I forgot to take off my fleece, and it was only when I was out in the water that I realised how much it was weighing me down."

The two boys, who were aged 10 and 11, were getting increasingly tired. Although they regarded themselves as good swimmers, they could not cope with the swell and the current.

Christian said: "One of them told me later that he had his 1,000 metre swimming badge, but that didn't stop him getting into trouble."

"Looking back, it was quite scary, but you have

Evidence still to be called in case against police

EVIDENCE has yet to be called in the case at Cardiff County Court in which the Vale 'Flying Vet' Maurice Kirk, is suing the South Wales Police.

If the case goes ahead, it is scheduled to last 10 weeks, with costs of up to £800,000.

Mr Kirk, 65, who lives in Barry and Brittany, is alleging that a conspiracy existed against him, dating back to 1993.

On one day this week, Mr Kirk was unable to attend court because he was feeling unwell.

Judge Anthony Scys-Llewellyn said: "He is in the passenger seat of a car outside the building.

"The court clerk has spoken to him and he has indicated he is extremely unwell, and could not reach the courtroom to deal with the matters."

South Wales Police deny Mr Kirk's allegations.

Their counsel, Lloyd Williams QC, has begun putting forward complex legal arguments and points as to whether such allegations can be heard.

At one stage, Mr Kirk had requested an adjournment because of his ill health. He later said he wished to withdraw this request, but the judge said it would nevertheless be considered.

Mr Kirk has complained that he had not received relevant correspondence and full disclosure concerning the case.

He said he had made 40 crown court appearances but had continually been refused details of the court log.

On a number of occasions in the county court hearing, Mr Kirk has made outbursts and has repeatedly been told to be seated by the judge.

The judge said that the matter of whether the case is "achievable" had yet to be considered.

AJ SICLUNA

Council offers reprieve for Remembrance Day parades

THE Vale Council believes that it has found a way to cut through red tape that was threatening events

sure. It was the cost of the notice that, said the council, would have had to be passed on to organisers.

The reaction from organisers of Remembrance Day parades was

before Remembrance Day, should come as a relief to the Royal British Legion, but the organisers of other events, such as the Cowbridge Reindeer Parade, can-

takeaway