

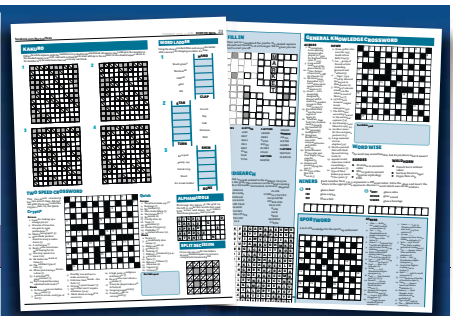
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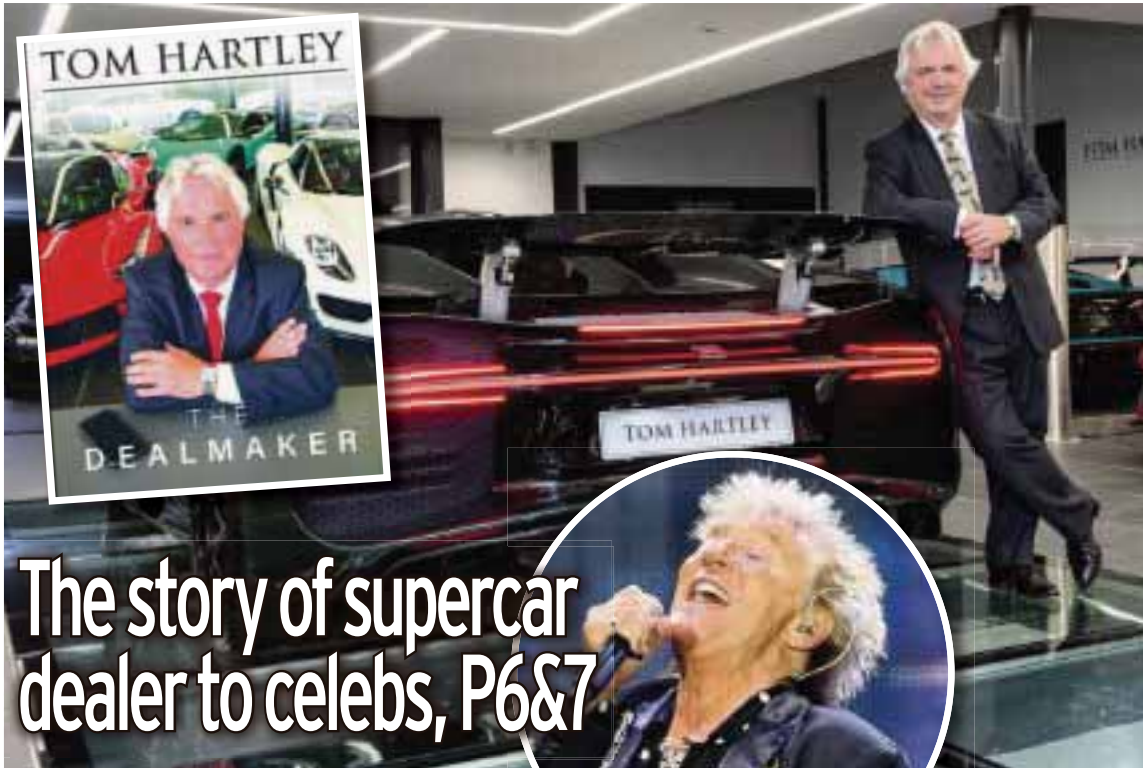
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Hundreds call for NHS staff to get pay rise

HUNDREDS of people in South Derbyshire and Burton have called for NHS workers to be paid more amid the Covid-19 emergency.

A petition has been put forward to Parliament entitled "increase pay for NHS health care workers and recognise their work".

This has so far amassed more than 132,000 signatures.

They include 177 people in Burton and 237 in South Derbyshire.

As the petition has nationally passed 100,000 signatures, Parliament will now consider it for a debate and Government will respond to it.

The description of the petition reads: "I would like the Government to review and increase the pay for health care workers to recognise the work they do."

Yesterday, it emerged that a further 563 patients with coronavirus have died in the UK, taking the total number of deaths in hospitals to 2,352.

The Department of Health said 29,474 people had tested positive for the virus, up 4,324 since Tuesday.

It comes as No 10 confirmed more than 2,000 NHS frontline staff in England have been tested for coronavirus since the outbreak began.

Hundreds have been screened since the weekend in a push to get healthy self-isolating medics back to work.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman said the Government was "working with NHS England, Public Health England and others to ensure that happens".

The latest increase in the number of people who have died relates to the 24 hours up to 5pm on Tuesday.

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A peek under the hood at Tom's life in the fast lane

RAGS-TO-RICHES STORY OF THE SUPERCAR DEALER TO THE STARS WHO COULDN'T READ AND WRITE AS A KID

By **BEN WALDRON**

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HE is the multi-millionaire supercar dealer who has helped put South Derbyshire on the map – but did you know he walked out of school at 11 unable to read or write?

The fascinating life of Tom Hartley, 59, has been laid bare in his first autobiography detailing his astonishing rise to the top to become one of the world's most successful luxury car dealers.

Dubbing himself 'The Dealmaker' which is also the title of his book, Tom tells his story of life growing up with a traditional Romany family in Glasgow, to making his first million by the age of 17.

The father of four had bought and sold his first car by the age of 12 when he purchased the much sought-after new Range Rover for £2,100 with money loaned by his father, selling it on within 24 hours for a £150 profit.

He tells how he later had his fingers burned when he was caught driving illegally after buying a Rolls-

Royce in Aberdeen and taking it to Glasgow to meet customers when he was just 14.

Despite his success in his teens, he soon went bust – but bounced back while living in a mobile home with his wife Priscilla and working from the back of a car.

Fast-forward more than 40 years and weathering the storm of three recessions, Tom now boasts a massive base with showrooms near his gated home, in Overseal.

He has sold cars to the super rich and famous for decades.

He rocked up in the village after visiting Measham Car Auctions looking for deals – and liked it so much he decided to settle down there.

Star customers include Sir Rod Stewart, Sir Elton John and golfing ace Rory McIlroy. He has even sold a Ferrari that once belonged to Hollywood movie star Nicholas Cage.

“He is a great guy with a great business and he deserves this book to be his day in the sun.”

Frank McArdle

Firefighters respond to crisis call as retired police rejoin

FIREFIGHTERS have agreed to deliver food and medicine, drive ambulances and retrieve bodies during the Covid-19 pandemic, as former ambulance staff and police officers were urged to come back to the front line.

Under a new crisis agreement, firefighters will be able to deliver essential items such as food to vulnerable people, drive ambulances and assist ambulance staff, and collect bodies in the event of mass casualties.

The plan, agreed by the Fire Brigades Union (FBU), fire chiefs and employers, will see



firefighters maintain core services such as attending fires and road traffic accidents, but also providing extra services as coronavirus

continues to spread. The plan will run for two months but can be extended if necessary and could affect the UK's 48,000 firefighters and control staff.

It comes as the Metropolitan Police Service and London Ambulance Service urged former workers to return to the service or come out of retirement.

Met Commissioner Cressida Dick is writing to all former officers who retired within the last five years to ask them to rejoin the force, either in a paid or voluntary capacity.

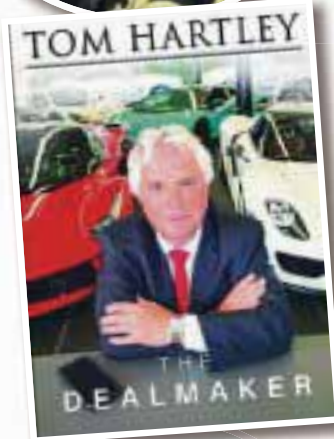




Tom Hartley in his showroom and, right, some of his star customers and the cover of his book



Sir Rod Stewart



Rory McIlroy

Suspected cannabis factory discovered at house in town

POLICE discovered a suspected cannabis factory at a home in Swadlincote.

During the coronavirus lockdown, Swadlincote Police Safer Neighbourhood Team have been executing warrants in a bid to rid South Derbyshire of drugs.

Yesterday, they searched a home in the Midway area and discovered 29 suspected mature cannabis plants (above) in a room. The room contained several heat lamps, electrical wiring and a fan on bare wooden floorboards. The

window had also been covered. Photos of the haul were posted by police officers on their social media page, alongside a post which read:

"This morning, our team has been involved in carrying out a warrant in the Midway area. Twenty-nine mature cannabis plant were recovered and a male is currently helping police with their enquiries.

"This investigation was led by a multi agency approach, with the help of South Derbyshire District Council."

Police have been asked for the precise location of the suspected cannabis factory.



able to achieve whatever you can and I am an example of that. It is a real life story - nothing is held back.

"For me because I am so energetic it was nice to take a chance to sit back and reflect on my life. It was quite emotional."

Tom's story is written with the collaboration with award-winning motoring journalist Ken Gibson.

Frank McArdle, a long-time

friend and chief executive of South Derbyshire District Council praised on the businessman. He said: "Tom Hartley's story is not only about one man's personal success and achievement, it is also about a business which has raised the profile of the district, which has been reinvesting in the locality, providing much needed leisure services which have benefited many people in South Derbyshire

for many years. He is a great guy with a great business and he deserves this book to be his day in the sun."

The Deal Maker, by Veloce Publishing, will be published on April 16 and is available to pre-order from Amazon Books at £15.99.

Mr Hartley is offering to sign copies of his book for anyone who emails him at booksign@tomhartley.com to arrange a time.

A fortnight of road closures for works

A NUMBER of busy South Derbyshire roads are set to be hit by two weeks of closures.

This will impact the A511 Burton Road, the B586 Midway Road, Sandcliffe Road and Springfield Road, all in Midway, between Tuesday, April 14, and Friday, May 1.

Night-time closures will see parts of the routes shut from 7pm through to midnight on

weeknights only.

The A511 closure will be from near the junction with Springfield Road to near the junction with Midway Road.

Midway Road will be closed for around 50m from the junction with Burton Road.

Sandcliffe Road will also be closed for roughly 50m from the junction with Burton Road, while Springfield Road will be affected

between the junctions with Lime Tree Avenue and Burton Road.

This is to allow Derbyshire County Council to carry out carriageway resurfacing on the A511.

An alternate route has been suggested by the council, taking motorists along Coventry Close, Winchester Drive, Salisbury Drive, Dunsmore Lane and vice versa.

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