

news in brief

● BURSARY BOOST:

A job has been created at the BBC in memory of a former Luton schoolboy who kept the nation gripped with his no-nonsense accounts of his fight against cancer.



Ivan Noble, right, was only 37 when he died in January of a brain tumour.

The former Cheynes Infant School, Sandon Park Junior School and Lealands High School pupil started writing about his battle back in August 2002 on the BBC website.

Thousands of visitors followed his regular accounts over the last three years as he went through three brain operations, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

His reports have now been published in a book with proceeds going to charity.

And the BBC is now taking applications from science and technology writers to fill

its Ivan Noble bursary post. Over a period of six months the winner will work on the science/nature and technology sections of BBC news interactive, which produces stories for the web and other text platforms, such as Ceefax and mobile phones.

Applicants should have either a couple of years' experience as a journalist in print or broadcasting, or a minimum of one year's professional training in journalism with related work experience.

A degree in science, engineering or technology would also be helpful. Visit www.bbc.co.uk for more information.

● **VJ DAY DETAILS:** Details of a memorial parade through Luton on Sunday, August 21 to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War have been announced by organisers. For the full details, see this week's edition of the Luton News.

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Mitalee makes it easy to get the most out of the summer holidays

BOREDOM is not on the schedule at summer school.

But games, swimming, outings, workshops, martial arts and film making are.

Activities run until the first week of September from Maidenhall Junior School in Dunstable Road and are open to all eight to 25 year olds in the Luton area.

The programme was set up by Mitalee Youth Association and includes a martial arts movement project called Mela Moves that ends in a performance at Luton Mela on September 10.

There is also a Play And Be Creative workshop giving youngsters the chance to be in an educational film project being filmed in and around Luton. The film will be made by a professional film production company and broadcast on Sky Digital.

In addition there are residential programmes and subsidised outings to Alton Towers, Legoland, the cinema, ice skating and a family trip to the seaside.

Then there are educational workshops on community safety, health and drugs awareness and lots more that awaits those willing to leave behind the TV and Playstation and venture out.

The Mitalee Summer School Project 2005 runs weekdays and there is a one-off £2 registration fee.

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COME AND JOIN US: There's lots to do at the Mitalee summer school, which runs until the first week in September



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