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Tom Watson's amazing day at The Open **P44-45**



He scored how many?

Captain Strauss goes on and on at Lord's **P48**

NEWS Swine flu death toll hits 29

The death toll from swine flu in Britain has leapt from 17 to 29 since Monday, with a warning that the virus could kill up to 65,000 people this winter. Among the latest victims was an apparently healthy six-year-old boy from Kent **P5**

NEWS Helicopter crisis 'costs lives'

A shortage of helicopters is putting British soldiers' lives at risk in war zones, ministers were told yesterday. The problem, along with a lack of training for crews, meant battle operations were being hampered, a committee of MPs warned **P7**

Facebook police raid family BBQ

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'Caught one of the dealers trying to burn his stash, Sarge'

SHOWBIZ Fancy seeing you here...

Rivals Dannii Minogue and Cheryl Cole are locked in a battle Stateside. The X Factor judges crossed the pond within hours of each other looking for a job on American Idol. Geordie Cole may lose out because audiences can't understand her accent **P28-29**

MOVIES We're not so potty on Harry

Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince failed to cast a spell over our film reviewer. It felt more like a diverting precursor to the last two movies in the series, writes Sharon Lougher. But Frozen River, a double Oscar nominee, was magical **P30-31**



Grilling within tent: A gazebo police said was intended to be part of a rave. Andrew Poole, right, said it was for a family barbecue Picture: SWNS

By **Miles Erwin**

RIOT police stormed a 30th birthday party for just 15 people and shut it down, thinking it was a rave because it was advertised on Facebook.

Four police cars, a riot van and a helicopter were involved in the swoop on Andrew Poole's gathering for his family and friends.

He was just about to light the barbecue and had not even turned on the music when the gazebo suddenly started flapping wildly and the sound of chopper blades filled the air.

Eight officers wearing camouflage trousers and body armour jumped out

Helicopter, four cars and a riot van break up party for 15 people

and demanded that the 'rave' be shut. Mr Poole said: 'We were nowhere near anyone. We weren't even playing any music. What effectively the police did was come in and stop 15 people eating burgers.'

The party was organised using the 'create an event' facility on Facebook.

Mr Poole, a coach driver, said he invited 17 family and friends, and two

had not even arrived by the time the helicopter was whirring overhead.

He added: 'All of a sudden there was this noise in the sky. The thing then hovered over us for about 25 minutes, watching 15 people eat. They told us to take down the sound system and said everybody's got to leave.'

'It was 4pm and we hadn't even plugged the music in yet. We tried to

reason with them but they were having none of it.' Mr Poole said he spent £800 on food and a generator.

Yesterday, police insisted they were right to end the party. 'We were extremely concerned how the event had been advertised on the internet as an all-night party,' a spokesman said.

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