

Posties captured by pirates? A likely excuse for cricket

A SEEMINGLY ordinary day at the office turned out to be anything but for workers at Royal Mail in Rednal, after being captured by pirates – all in the name of cricket.

To celebrate this year's Friends Provident t20 season, Warwickshire County Cricket Club (WCCC) has launched a series of money-can't-buy 'Pirate Invasion' competitions. Open to businesses across the West Midlands region, workers from four lucky organisations can win the chance to get 'hijacked' from their workplace by pirates and shipped to Edgbaston to watch a t20 match. 25 workers from Royal Mail were the first lucky winners to be captured where they



witnessed The Warwickshire Bears just miss out to the Durham Dynamos in a big scoring match at Edgbaston.

Dan Whitehouse, postman at Royal Mail, said: "I have

enjoyed cricket for as long as I can remember and particularly enjoy the t20 games as they are fast-paced and really exciting to watch so when I heard about the 'Pirate Invasion' competition

I knew I had to enter."

James McLaughlin, commercial director at WCCC, said: "The 'Pirate Invasion' competitions have caused quite a stir."

Migrants tell their stories of Brum

MIGRANTS from around the world have told their stories as part of an exhibition for Refugee Week.

People who have come to Birmingham from China, Somalia, St Kitts, Bangladesh, Poland, Iraq, and Pakistan are featured in the exhibition, called Birmingham is Our Home.

They told their personal stories of migration to the UK, while the project also looks at ways in which their arrival

has improved Birmingham – socially, economically and culturally.

One participant, Mashkura, is 32 and now lives in Perry Barr. He came from Bangladesh, and was helped onto the housing ladder by housing association Midland Heart.

Mashkura said: "Birmingham is Our Home gave me the opportunity to share my family's experience of living here after migrating from Bangladesh. "More importantly, it allowed

me to explain what I love about Birmingham; one of the most multi-cultural cities in Europe. It's vital that through opportunities such as this we share the positives and celebrate our diversity."

Birmingham Social Housing Partnership has organised the exhibition. It is believed to be the first of its kind in the city.

David Cusack, chief executive of Moseley and District housing association, a member of BSHP, said it was important

to raise awareness about the positive impact that 40 years of migration has had on Birmingham.

He added: "This amazing exhibition will show through first-hand accounts how people have contributed to the city and been largely welcomed by the people of Birmingham. "It also shows the crucial role social housing landlords and Birmingham city council housing department have in providing quality homes."

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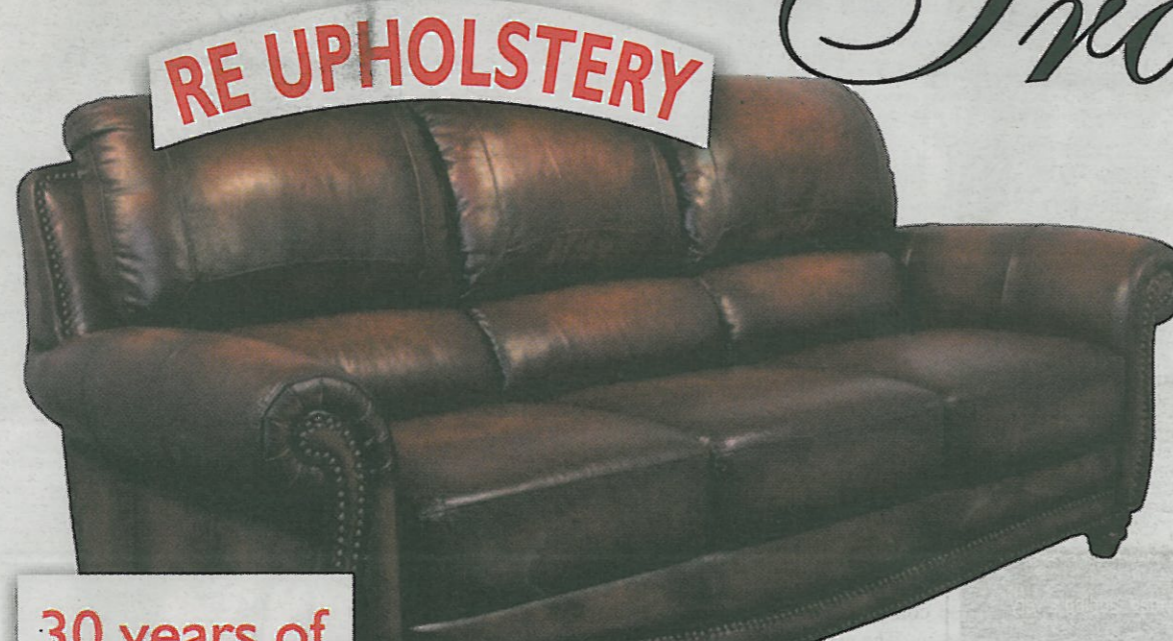
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