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Swim swells fund

A sponsored swim at Waltham Abbey pool on Friday morning is expected to swell the scanner appeal fund for the West Essex and East Herts areas by around £300.

About 25 people took the plunge in the event, which was organised by Mrs Jean Mansell, a member of the Waltham Abbey scanner appeal fund-raising group.

The equipment will be housed at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, and some of the participants are pictured at the pool.

Theft from car

THIEVES got away with a radio cassette player from a car parked at the Anne of Cleves public house in High Road, Broxbourne, last week.

It belongs to Patricia Clements of Ware Road, Hoddesdon.

Open day for the 200th anniversary

TWO hundred years of continuous contribution to the Crown is being celebrated at the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment in Waltham Abbey.

The bicentenary celebrations got underway on Saturday with an open day for employees, their families and invited guests.

The establishment is not normally open to the general public because of the nature of the work, and this was the first open day for selected people since 1968.

There was an extensive turnout at the weekend, with a great deal of interest being shown in the various demonstrations and exhibits at the site in Powdermill Lane, and a spokesman said afterwards that it had been a "very successful day."

The varied programme included a band concert, a display of smoke and flares, a police dog display, a demonstration of an FH70 gun by

the 27th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, and underwater explosions at Newton's Pool.

In the evening there was a fireworks display and a barbecue. It is intended to make the open day display more accessible locally by staging it as an exhibition in the Epping Forest District Museum in Sun Street, Waltham Abbey, starting in December.

£200 donation

A donation of £200 has been made by Waltham Abbey Town Council to the town's scanner appeal organisation.

The decision was made by finance and general purposes committee members at their meeting last Thursday.

Halfway there!

HARLOW'S £600,000 scanner appeal looked set to rocket through the midway mark, this week, thanks to a £100,000 donation from the Essex CAT scanner fund.

The East Herts and West Essex appeal, based at Princess Alexandra Hospital, had been promised the bumper donation if a matching £100,000 could be collected by local fund-raising, between April and Christmas, 1987.

This week's total

Scanner appeal smashes £300,000 mark

stood at £209,212 with less than £2,000 to be collected in, before the donation could be handed over.

Dr Ruth Warren, the appeal chairman said discussions were being held about the siting of the body scanner and she hoped the machine

could be ordered in the New Year.

She added: "I would congratulate everybody who has done so well in raising the first half. We raised the first £300,000 in under a year, let's hope we can do the same with the second."