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Moped death of student remains unexplained

The parents of 18 year old Central Academy student Liam O'Brien left court today still lacking a clear explanation as to why their son died in a tragic accident on his moped.

It is 5 months since his death and the hearing today returned a verdict of accidental death, Liam was driving under the old railway bridge which carries the cycle path over Fishlakes Road at 10.30pm when he swerved to avoid a pedestrian and lost control of his moped. His helmet was found on the other side of the road and he died from head injuries. There were no independent witnesses

Fishlakes Rd Bridge

MESSAGE PARLOUR RAIDED IN SEX SLAVES SWOOP

Westland Police staged a dramatic swoop on the Central Massage Parlour in North Street, Stilwell yesterday, amidst allegations of illegal immigrants being forced to work there as sex slaves.

Police remain tight-lipped about the raid but it is understood that 2 women along with a male client were detained for questioning. Central Massage has operated on North St for 5 years and is one of 4 massage parlours in Brigstow.

'Human trafficking to meet the needs of the sex industry is a very serious offence' police spokesperson Jane Dowell told the Herald. 'I cannot comment on the details of this case at present but we are inves-

tigating allegations concerning Central very thoroughly and will be speaking to quite a few more people before we are finished. The UK Human Trafficking Centre is part of the Serious Organized Crime Agency and we may be using their expertise to get to the bottom of these allegations.

Further down North St is a lap dancing club and only last week a planning application was submitted for converting a 3 story property in nearby Wilson Street to a massage parlour.

A resident who has asked not to be named told the Herald that she fears North St is turning into Porn Street. Many other residents feel the



Central Massage; North Street or Porn Street?

same way she told us.

Councilor Wesley Little stated 'This is symptomatic of the decline of South Brigstow and underlines why urgent action is needed to improve this area... *Contd. p2*

Brigstow physiotherapy phone service could cut waiting times

A research study carried out by Brigstow University has found that 47% of patients who had an initial telephone consultation did not need a subsequent appointment with a physiotherapist.

The PhysioDirect tele-

phone service was originally set up in Cambridge, then the Midlands before being trialled in Brigstow. The research was carried out by Dr Jane Pewsey and researchers at Brigstow University Centre for Applied Health Research

It showed a substantial reduction in waiting times as a result of the telephone service.

'Given the growing number of elderly people who need physiotherapy this is a highly significant finding' said *Contd. P 5*

