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WEATHER UPDATE



Wednesday
Mostly cloudy
Max 10°C Min 4°C



Thursday
Showers
Max 7°C Min 7°C



Friday
Mostly cloudy



Duchess gives Royal approval to new centre

THE Duchess of Gloucester officially opened the Brent Birth Centre on Friday. Her Royal Highness was at Central Middlesex Hospital meeting staff, patients and newly born babies. The midwife-led centre has been up and running since September last year and already delivered 170 babies.

The Duchess met Sheika Chambers, the first woman to give birth at the centre, and joked that she was finding it very difficult to stop herself playing with baby Tayesha's curls.

She was shown around the centre's six birthing rooms which are designed to provide mums with a home from home.

After her tour of the building, Her Royal Highness unveiled a plaque officially opening the centre.

She said: "It has been a great pleasure coming here and seeing the great work which has been done. "I congratulate everyone who has taken part in this tremendous project and I wish you all the best in the future."

Colette Mannion, head of midwifery, thanked the Duchess for visiting and urged guests to encourage more people to use the centre.

She said: "Go out there and spread the news. This is a wonderful centre and we are looking for more business."

Area that has got everything you need

BY LORRAINE KING

WITH residents including a Premiership footballer, an actress and an award winning novelist, it comes as no surprise it has been named as one of the 'best' areas to live in the City.

According to a study conducted by Yellow Pages, Kilburn has been named in every one of the five categories for the best of... in London.

Its highest ranking at number three was as the best for London singletons.

With an eclectic mixture of pubs and original drinking establishments that can give the West End a run for its money, that will come as no surprise to its single residents.

It came fifth as the best place for teenagers, sixth for the city's 'empty nesters,' this is where parents find themselves 'child-free' after their offspring have flown the nest, with many having a reasonable disposable income.

However, it has also been ranked ninth for couples with young children and seventh for 'silver spenders'

thanks to its versatile choice of services and activities for older residents.

It also an impressionable who's who of celebrity residents including Angela Griffin, former Coronations Street and Holby City actress, who is now starring in hairdressing drama 'Cutting It', Zadie Smith author of 'White Teeth,' which was made into a televised drama, film director Jim Threapleton, ex-husband of Oscar nominated actress Kate Winslet, ex-EastEnders' actor and heartthrob Paul Nicholls and even Manchester City player David James lived in the area until his acrimonious split with wife Tanya.

Stephen Calding has lived in the

area for more than a decade, he said: "I'm glad Kilburn has been seen as the best for something."

"Too often enough it is slagged off for being run down and crime-riddled.

"Little do those critics know that houses around her can fetch £1 million. If it was so bad nobody would want to live here, would they?"

Cricklewood also featured as eighth best place for teenagers, and tenth for silver spenders and 'empty nesters.'

Camden was rated top for singletons fifth for 'empty nesters' and 'silver spenders,' sixth for teenagers and eighth for young families.

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Murder case au pair 'dropped' child

AN AU pair accused of killing a ten-month-old baby in her care wept while testifying that she accidentally dropped him on the floor.

The Old Bailey heard that the baby died after receiving a

claiming she stumbled and he accidentally fell at the family home on Alric Avenue, Harlesden.

Richard Whittam, prosecuting told the court how Jonathan's parents Sarah and

and after interviewing Nowakowska over the phone they decided to employ her.

Tracey Clarke, an employee of the Personal au pair agency, told the court that, as far as she was concerned, rel-

Through an interpreter Nowakowska said she got on well with the Adley family and on the fateful day she had been looking after him at home.

She said she had taken him

dropped out of my hands. I heard a bang, quite loud."

She denied throwing him.

He was admitted to hospital after she ran to a neighbour for help after she noticed had become 'floppy.'