

legacy

THE death of *Thunderbirds* creator Gerry Anderson, who lived in Nuffield, in December saddened his legions of fans.

However, his son Jamie tells me to expect more work from the great TV puppeteer.

Jamie, who is now head of production at his father's company, said: "Dad was working on a number of projects which, sadly, he was unable to complete, so we're proud to be seeing these through to completion.

"We hope that we'll be introducing genuine Anderson productions to a brand new generation, while at the same time carrying the legacy torch for the classic shows *Thunderbirds*, *Captain Scarlet*, *Stingray* and *Space: 1999*. One thing's for sure — there will be no strings attached!"

Celebrity guests

IT is not unusual to spot a famous face around the Henley area.

But the Olde Bell in Hurley welcomed not one but two household names over the Easter weekend.

Sadie Frost, actress, fashion designer and former wife of actor Jude Law, tweeted that she had the best Easter ever at the hotel while her friend and Radio 1 DJ Nick Grimshaw tweeted a picture of a Monopoly board with two glasses of red wine.

The pair said they spent their bank holiday running, relaxing and "hanging out by the river".

Not first

JUDITH YOUNG tells me she was not the first secretary of the Henley and Palaise Twinning Association, as I stated last week, but probably about the fourth.

However, she did join the committee at the outset in 1973 before becoming secretary in 1986 and serving in that position for 18 years.

"I just thought I'd get the facts straight as a previous secretary is still around and might object," she adds.



Good turn: Minnie Duxbury with Ian Hargreaves and the patterned rug she donated to raise money for diabetes research

Minnie donates rug to help marathon runner

THE old saying that one good turn deserves another is certainly true in the case of Minnie Duxbury.

She knew Ian Hargreaves as he was the landscape gardener responsible for War Memorial Gardens in Henley, where she lives.

They had spoken about his plans to run in the London Marathon later this month to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

So after reading about Ian's nephew Harri Douglas, 12, who has type 1 diabetes, in the *Standard* a few weeks ago, Mrs Duxbury decided to help.

She says: "I read the article the week after it was published and when I was in bed that night I thought, 'I must find a way of making some money to help'.

"I make quilts all the time and thought about giving one of those so that it could be raffled and was trying to work out which one."

She chose her most recent creation, which measures 6ft by 6ft and she says is probably the most valuable creation. The quilt features irises, her favourite flower.

"It is handmade and a one-off because I did not work from a pattern,"



Recovered: diabetic Harri Douglas

said Mrs Duxbury. "It probably took me around 400 hours to make but I really enjoy quilting," she said.

"Like painting, it is all about putting the right colours together. I started

when I was in my thirties." Ian was thrilled at the gift. "When we went round to pick up the quilt I could not believe how wonderful it was," he said.

"It is huge but there is so much detail and every flower is different. It is amazing that she has donated it to us."

Lady Sew and Sew, which has a warehouse in Farm Road, has offered to exhibit the quilt during the Henley Arts Trail, which starts on May 4, and will sell the raffle tickets. The draw will take place in June.

Mrs Duxbury said: "I hope to get £1,000. I have put several smaller quilts in a Harpsden raffle and they made £500 each."

Harri, from Binfield Heath, was staying with Ian and his wife Kelly at their home in Newtown Gardens in 2011 while his parents were away when he fell seriously ill. He was rushed to hospital, where he was diagnosed as diabetic.

He has since made a full recovery and will be cheering on his uncle and aunt when they run in London on April 21.

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