

BRITAIN
TODAYShock as four
killed in blaze

THE family of a mother and three children killed in a house fire have said they are in "total shock".

Aneesa Umerji, 40, her two sons Hammad, 12, and Yusuf, 10, and five-year-old daughter Khadija died after a blaze took hold of their home in Rosamond Street, Bolton, at around 9am on Saturday.

In a statement released through the Bolton Council of Mosques, the family said the fire was accidental and was caused by a halogen heater.

They added: "We are aware that all the emergency services did everything they could to rescue the family members and we appreciate their efforts."

Remembering
naval disaster

RELATIVES of those killed in the Royal Navy's worst wartime accident have marked its centenary at commemorative events.

HMS Vanguard sank following an accidental explosion in Scapa Flow off Orkney on July 9, 1917, with the loss of 843 lives. Only two men on board survived.

Forty descendants took part in a wreath-laying service over the wreck site.

Three dead in
five-car smash

THREE people have died and nine are injured following a crash between five cars in Cornwall.

A woman and a child from one car sustained fatal injuries died at the scene on the A38 near Saltash. A second child in that car suffered potentially serious head injuries and was airlifted to Bristol Children's Hospital.

A male pedestrian also died at the scene.

Welcome vote
by the Synod

THE Church of England's ruling body has voted in favour of welcoming transgender people.

The General Synod backed a motion which said there was a need for transgender people to be "welcomed and affirmed in their parish church".

Bishops voted 30 to two in favour, while 127 lay members voted for and 48 against, and clergy voted 127 to 28.

Car show
sees record
crowds for
petrol head
pleaser in
city centre

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THOUSANDS of petrol heads and classic car enthusiasts got into gear at the weekend for a motor show with a difference.

Bringing old and new engineering together, everyone from grandparents to toddlers admired dream cars in the glorious sunshine at the NE1 Newcastle Motor Show.

And the event, which ran over the weekend, exceeded all expectations.

Hundreds of gleaming modified and classic car owners revved up the heat as they each showed off their pride and joy. And they used Grainger Town in the city centre as a classical architecture backdrop.

Cars from across the decades appeared side by side as cameras were at the ready to snap everything from vintage motors to the latest

Aston Marton, Porsche and hi-tech racers.

And a new element to this year's show was live action stunt driving, showcased by world-renowned stunt driver Paul Swift.

Stephen Patterson, director of Communications at NE1 Ltd said: "This year's event has truly exceeded all our expectations and early indications suggest that it has delivered record-breaking crowds, helped by the amazing weather we've enjoyed over the weekend."

"Paul Swift's stunt driving added a thrilling new live action element to the motor show and drew huge crowds desperate to see the tyre-burning stunt action."

"Across the whole weekend, motor-ing enthusiasts and car aficionados have been in awe at the range and quality of the exhibits while family day trippers have been entertained by the huge spectacle and by the events and activities on offer in the

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► The Newcastle Motor Show on Grey Street

into Eldon Square Fanzone. There has truly been something for everyone.

"Another huge bonus this year was that we were delighted to have been joined by GT4 race car driver Matty Graham from Hexham, fresh from his success at the GT4 endurance race at Spa race track in Belgium last week."

"Matty won his race, coming from last position to secure the win, and set the lap record for his classification of car in his Maserati."

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this year has really stepped up gear, with the best from Lloyd BM Newcastle, Bentley and Porsche together with Aston Martin and Infiniti's Formula 1 displays, and Le Mans racing cars lining the streets, alongside some of the most rare and exclusive privately owned motor cars. Everyone has pulled out the stops to make this the best yet - DFDS even brought a ferry part of their display on Northumbria land Street."

The Show returned to the city centre for the third year running.





Picture by Dave Charlton

