

# MUM'S FURY OVER SHY ALICIA, 6



Targeted . . . 6st Alan

## Tiny Alan mugger hated the disabled

By PAUL SIMS

MUGGING victim Alan Barnes was singled out by a drug addict who hated disabled people, a court heard yesterday.

Frail Alan, 67, had his collarbone broken when he was "specifically targeted" by Richard Gatiss.

The thug, who has admitted assault, wept at Newcastle crown court as prosecutor Nick Dry argued that the attack was a hate crime.

He said Gatiss deliberately went to an area "off the beaten track" because he knew the disabled and elderly would be there.

Alan, only 4ft 6in and 6st, was left too afraid to return to his home in Gateshead. Well-wisher Katie Cutler, 21, helped raise £329,000 for him.

Jamie Adams, for Gatiss, 25, told the court he was "deeply ashamed".

Judge Paul Sloan warned a jail term was "pretty well inevitable". Sentencing is in April.

## Hol killer flees jail

THE killer of a British couple is on the run after being let out of prison on day release.

Jorge Real Sierra, 65, was jailed for 62 years in 2006 for kidnapping and murdering Linda and Tony O'Malley near Benidorm, Spain.

The Venezuelan lured them to a villa as they searched for a Costa Blanca retirement home.

The couple, from Llangollen, North Wales, were held in the basement for three weeks while their savings were withdrawn.

It is believed Linda, 56, died of a heart attack after seeing husband Tony, 42, being suffocated.

Sierra was being held at a jail in Granada.

## TV Jamie No1 chef

JAMIE Oliver has been named the top celebrity chef of all time.

His recipes were voted easiest to follow – and The Sun's Saturday columnist was the chef most mums would like to cook for them on Mother's Day.

The poll of 2,000 Brits marks the DVD release of restaurant-based film The Hundred-Foot Journey.

Top 10 TV chefs: 1. Jamie Oliver, 2. Delia Smith, 3. Gordon Ramsay, 4. Keith Floyd, 5. Nigella Lawson, 6. Heston Blumenthal, 7. Mary Berry, 8. Fanny Cradock, 9. James Martin, 10. Raymond Blanc.

## PLANE HITS SKIER

A skier was injured by a light aircraft landing on a beginners' run yesterday in Avoriaz, France.

# Sir blasted for calling bad eye kid 'Pirate Girl'



Foolish comment . . . deputy head Mr Davies



Eyepatch . . . Alicia covers right eye to help the weaker left

# PLONKARRR!

By ROB PATTINSON and SAM CHRISTIE

**A DEPUTY headteacher has been slammed for calling a youngster wearing an eyepatch "Pirate Girl" in front of her whole school.**

Jona Davies didn't know six-year-old Alicia Blanco-Clements' name as he shouted to her at the end of assembly.

Shy Alicia has to cover her right eye to help the vision in her weaker left one and is terrified of being teased by classmates.

Mum Aimee, 30, now fears Mr Davies's ill-judged comment will be copied by bullies.

She said: "Alicia is so, so,



Row . . . Springfield Primary School



Bullying fears . . . Aimee and Alicia

vulnerable because of her eyepatch. It has made her very self-conscious and timid anyway.

"To have that comment said in front of the whole school was the worst thing imaginable.

"It could make life so much harder for her. She said, 'Mummy, it's made me feel scared and sad'.

Children will have heard what he said and think it's acceptable to behave like that."

Her sister Olivia, 11, heard the comment as Alicia queued with pals at Springfield Primary School in Chelmsford, Essex.

When midwife Aimee and her partner Liam Blanco, a 29-year-old

HGV driver, found out they demanded to speak to the head. Instead Aimee had to settle for meeting Mr Davies.

She added: "He said he did not know her name and did not know whether to call her 'Patch' so instead called her Pirate Girl. I just could not believe I was hearing this from a deputy headteacher.

"I would not want him to lose his job as he has a family to think about but he should undergo some kind of awareness training to make him understand his actions."

Alicia was diagnosed with a severe lazy eye aged two and can see only about a metre in front of her.

Experts prescribed an eyepatch for six hours a day to maintain the 20/20 vision in the weaker eye.

If it does not improve by the time she is eight Alicia will be stuck with impaired vision for life.

Private operations could help rectify the problem but can cost tens of thousands of pounds, which the family cannot afford.

Headteacher Sharon Tyler said: "We accept what was said was inappropriate and we have apologised unreservedly to the pupil and her parents.

"While the comment was not malicious or intended to cause offence, the teacher in question has been reminded of our expectations."

Mr Davies – shortlisted for a local Teacher of the Year award in 2010 – was unavailable for comment.

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# NAUGHTY? I'LL RING GOD

By ALEX WEST

**A PRIMARY school head made pupils lie face-down and pretended to ring God on her mobile to say they had been naughty, it is claimed.**

Sheila Jones is said to have imposed the "punishments" in a prayer room at her Catholic school.

Furious parents wrote to governors and complained to education watchdog Ofsted following the accusations.

Tammy Brimble's son Cyrus, 11, was among pupils who reported the alleged actions at St Joseph's Roman Catholic primary in Devizes, Wilts.

She said: "She humiliated them but wouldn't say what they'd done

'Calls' . . . head Sheila Jones

wrong." Ofsted asked Wiltshire Council's safeguarding panel to investigate.

Chairman of the governors Colette Culligan said: "We are aware of an allegation against one of the teaching staff."

A council spokesman said: "We've received a letter from Ofsted and we are looking into the concerns raised."

