

Ludgate

Man with a van proves that he can

In the run-up to Glastonbury three weeks ago I wrote about a worrying email I received from John Linton, a director of Mayfair-based agency Wright & Partners, which said that the camper van he and his wife had agreed to hire for the festival was "no longer available".

Naturally, I was concerned that they would miss Snoop Dogg on the main stage.

I'm delighted to say that the Linton family made it to the festival in good time. John tells me: "I

thought that your readers might want to know – as I'm sure they've all been worrying about me – that my email campaign did work.

"We did manage to borrow a camper van and had a wonderful time at the festival, even though we didn't get to see Snoop Dogg.

"By way of proof, I'm attaching a photo of me with my two daughters at the West Holts Stage enjoying Bonobo, on the Friday ... that's a band by the way!"

All's well that ends well.



Hats off: the Lintons enjoy the scorching Glastonbury sun thanks to an unnamed van provider

Branson had it coming

Ping! An email arrives from Marc Franks at Ereira Mendoza with the sales details for a health club in Essex.

The £15.8m asking price (a net initial yield of 6.75%) gives you, says Franks, "the only virgin in Chigwell".

How much extra time?

Kiran Raichura, senior analyst in Colliers International's research team, is aiming to get his name into the record books next month by taking part in the longest-ever hockey match.

Raichura and his team-mates from West Hertfordshire Hockey Club in Watford hope to play a 30-hour match over the August bank holiday.

You can sponsor him at www.justgiving.com/kiranraichura.

A slave to property

For someone purporting to be a "slave", Jonathan Ward of Collingwood Rigby looks remarkably relaxed.

He was "sold off" by Nurton Developments' Rupert Young at a charity summer party at the Plough in Harborne, Birmingham, on behalf of the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine Fund and Property for Kids.

The party was sponsored by First Industrial Developments, Nurton, Bruntwood and Highcross, and was hosted by the Office Agents Society, Industrial Agents Society and Investment Property Forum.

Simon Quantrill of Q Squared Design, who co-ordinated the day, tells me: "We are still open for bids for the 'slave'."



Going to best bids: Ward (right) faces slavery with good cheer



Oliver round here now ...

Why am I not surprised that as soon as Jamie Oliver opened his new Italian restaurant next door to Colliers International's Glasgow office, they would spot a PR opportunity?

Alex Burnett (commercial lease consultancy) and Chris Humphrey (out-of-town retail) got up close and personal with the man himself.

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