



**RUN RABBIT:** Three members of staff from Austin Banks Ltd are walking to work dressed as rabbits to promote the "Bunny Run"; L-R are Chris Rumley, James Squires, and Darren Curtis. Picture: Liz Mockler D6093LM

## A very bunny business...

### THEY'RE breeding like rabbits!

A few weeks ago we reported that a six-foot rabbit wearing smartly polished shoes and carrying a briefcase had been spotted strolling to work from Sprotbrough to Bentley.

Now morning commuters are doing a double take because he has been joined by two other identical rabbits on the walk along Sprotbrough Road, York Road and Bentley Road.

But they are not hopping mad - the men work together at recruitment agency Austin Banks Ltd and are trying to raise awareness of a good cause.

James Squires, Chris Rumley and Darren Curtis, are promoting the Doncaster Bunny Run, which will see 500 participants dressed as rabbits running a mile around Town Field on

Easter Saturday for children's charity SaFE@LaST.

James, managing director of Austin Banks, said: "They both drive to my house. We get dressed in the kitchen, check our ears in the mirror and off we go."

SaFE@LaST helps children and young people who are at risk by running away from home. The proceeds from the run will help it launch an education programme and promote its 24-hour helpline.

The fundraiser is being supported by Kevin Gosden whose son Andrew disappeared from home two years ago.

To take part, visit [doncasterbunnyrun.co.uk](http://doncasterbunnyrun.co.uk) or contact James on 01302 822228.

## Inquest into ski tragedy

A HEALTH worker who died on a skiing holiday was killed after colliding with a tree, an inquest heard.

Experienced skier Brenda Smith, 56, from Whin Hill Road, Bessacarr, died in the French Alps resort Les Deux Alpes near Grenoble.

Mrs Smith, an occupational therapist at Doncaster Royal Infirmary, was at the resort with her husband Keith, a dental surgeon in Sheffield.

He was skiing with his wife on March 17 but when he turned around she had disappeared, the hearing was told.

Mrs Smith is understood to have hit a tree and died "virtually instantaneously," Doncaster Coroner's Court heard.

Last week Mrs Smith's mother-in-law Kathleen Barker described her as a kind and loving person and staff at DRI paid tribute to a "popular and well respected colleague".

The inquest was adjourned.

## Gas leak road delay

A MAJOR gas leak sparked traffic jams on one of Doncaster's busiest routes.

Engineers were called to dig up a section of Warmsworth Road in Balby causing disruption to motorists for around 12 hours.

The leak was reported near the junction of Warde Avenue and caused the closure of the inbound carriageway of the A630.

Work went on throughout Monday while traffic was diverted down Warde Avenue and back onto Warmsworth Road at the Laurel Terrace junction.

The work was completed by 10pm. A temporary road surface was laid and full repairs will be carried out by the council's highways team.

The outbound carriageway was not affected.

A spokesman for National Grid said: "The repair had to be started quickly because it was close to houses. The leak was due to wear and tear on a mains pipe."

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