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LARGEST SALES IN COUNTY DOWN

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Canoeists plan mountain climb to raise awareness of Weil's disease – Page 6



Two candidates left in race for Ritchie's MLA seat – Pages 28-29



Safety fears for schoolchildren . . . Parents, Governors, Sacred Heart Primary School's principal, politicians and residents have called for urgent action to increase pedestrian safety along Main Street in Dundrum where schoolchildren are daily being forced to "run the gauntlet". At last week's District Policing Partnership meeting in the village, road safety concerns were raised by school crossing patrolman Gerry Kelly, principal Pat McParland and Governors Deborah Boden and Monica Doran on behalf of pupils such as Tom, Faye and Joanna Boden, Shane Pollard and Shea Doran. Full coverage on Page 12. **Photo: Chris Halpin.**

Services hit by strike

■ By Elizabeth McGivern

SOUTH Down faces widespread disruption due to the industrial action taking place today.

Schools, public transport, refuse collections and leisure centres will be among the many services affected as trade unions stage a one-day stoppage.

The decision to strike was taken due to proposed changes to public sector pensions by the Government.

Newry and Mourne District Council and Down District Council have both warned that services provided by the local authorities – including refuse collections and leisure centres – would be affected.

Both councils have said every effort will be made to ensure essential services are maintained on the day.

Down District Council warned that refuse collections may be affected whilst Newry and Mourne Council will have details of their collections on their website (www.newryandmourne.gov.uk).

Translink has advised it will not be

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Crash victim is laid to rest

■ By Claire McLaughlin

A CROSSGAR family will be without their loved one this Christmas following a fatal road accident at the weekend.

Father of three Dermot Morris (42) lost his life when his motorbike was involved in a collision with a jeep on the Belfast Road near Saintfield.

The tragic accident happened at around 5pm on Friday evening.

He was rushed to the Royal Victoria Hospital but died later that night.

Mr Morris, who was employed by Royal

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He was a friend to all who came into contact with him and someone who was genuine in all of his actions.

Mail since he was 16, was on his way to work at the Mallusk sorting office when the accident happened.

He leaves behind his wife Andrea and children Gareth (19), Natalie (15) and Oonagh (9).

A black belt in karate, Mr Morris was a

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Family man and karate instructor Dermot Morris who was tragically killed in a road accident at the weekend.

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