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IN BRIEF

Man assaulted expectant mum

A WITHAM man has been jailed for assaulting a woman who was 5½ months pregnant.

Bradley Lewis, 22, of Edinburgh Close, admitted the offence, on June 23, at Colchester Magistrates' Court.

Lewis, also known under the aliases James Lawrence and James Preston, was jailed for eight weeks and ordered to pay £170.

Singing for funds

A CHOIR will perform songs from popular musicals to raise money for a hospital cancer ward.

The Braintree Male Voice Choir will appear at St Botolph's Church, Colchester, to raise funds for the Cancer Centre at Colchester General Hospital on October 24. Tickets are available on 01206 745282.

PM presents prize to ace tennis teen Tom



WINNING STREAK:

Talented teenager Tom Bickers met Prime Minister David Cameron, inset, after winning a tennis competition at the Houses of Parliament.

A TALENTED Braintree schoolboy met the Prime Minister after winning a tennis competition in the grounds of the Houses of Parliament.

Tom Bickers, a student at Notley High School, won 17 out of 18 mini games of tennis.

The event was being organised as part of a Premier League 4 Sport programme with the Chelsea Youth Academy, which helps youngsters get involved in sport in the community.

The 15-year-old, who competes with Braintree Tennis Club, was selected to take part by PE teacher Antony Cunningham due to his love of tennis and his experience.

He hadn't realised that the Prime Minister was meeting the prize winner until he saw him turning up.



Tom, of Comma Close, Braintree, said: "I shook his hand and said hello and he asked me how long I had

been playing tennis and if I had been playing for a club.

"I said I had been playing for nine years and I asked him if he would come to Braintree. He only said 'maybe'.

"It was an honour to meet him. I didn't really realise it was that important until I saw the Prime Minister turn up. "I didn't expect him to be there, it was a big surprise."

Holly Sutton, Year Ten year leader at Notley High School, said: "David Cameron even asked Tom if he was good at tennis, considering he had won the competition.

"Tom also met the Minister of Sport and Andy Murray's mother, Judy Murray.

"Congratulations to Tom on this achievement."