



**SNAP HAPPY** The well-known David Bailey in the brown leather jacket and the 140 other namesakes. Bury's David Bailey is seen to the famous man's immediate right

## 142 David Baileys at world record bid photo shoot

A BURY businessman followed in the footsteps of his namesake to appear in a unique advertising campaign.

David Bailey took part in an attempt to break the world record for the most people with the same name in one place, as part of the launch of a new Samsung NX camera.

He joined renowned photographer David Bailey (pictured front, centre, in a checked shirt) and 141 others with the same name to learn how to use the new camera.

Photographs were taken during the day and

they were filmed for future adverts.

Mr Bailey, owner of online pharmacy Medical Specialists in Knowsley Street, Bury, was contacted through website Linked In and invited to join the event in London.

He said: "We were all given one of the new NX 1000 smart cameras, worth around £500, and received photography tutorials. It was a long day but we had great fun, taking pictures and running around for camera and video shots. There were 60s-style models, a

chrome Vespa scooter and a contortionist."

Despite their efforts, the group was short of the 164 people needed to break the Guinness World Record set in 2005 by a group of Martha Stewarts in New York.

Mr Bailey said: "We were all gutted that we did not make the record.

"My little boy was especially looking forward to me being in the Guinness Book of World Records."

## Some A&E patients treated in waiting ambulances

by Saiqa Chaudhari

THE trust which runs Fairfield Hospital in Bury has struggled to cope with a huge influx of patients, forcing some to be treated in waiting ambulances.

A report says ambulances have been forced to queue at hospital accident and emergency (A&E) departments governed by the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust as they attempted to admit patients.

Figures have been released by the Department for Health to show how hospitals are coping with winter pressures.

The statistics show that, between December 21 and 26, 30 ambulances were had to queue and between December 28 and 30, 13 ambulances were delayed in handing patients over.

Bosses have admitted that a "very small number" of A&E patients had been treated in ambulances by doctors and paramedics, particularly at North Manchester and Oldham.

It was also revealed that 154 unoccupied beds had to be closed by the trust after an outbreak of the winter vomiting illness norovirus between December 17 and 30. On December 17, 30 unoccupied beds were closed by the trust — amongst the highest number in the country. The trust had already been forced to shut North Manchester Hospital to visitors following a significant outbreak of the virus on

December 20.

The visiting restrictions have since been lifted.

Steve Taylor, divisional director for medicine at The Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust — which manages Fairfield, North Manchester, Rochdale Infirmary and Royal Oldham hospitals — said 7: "Like many NHS trusts across Greater Manchester, our recent waiting time figures reflect the great pressure being placed on our A&E departments. "Our priority is to ensure that

"Staff are working extremely hard to meet a significant increase in demand"

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patients get the treatment they need and our staff are working extremely hard to meet a significant increase in demand."

He said in a two-week period, more than 9,500 patients had attended the trust's three A&E departments, which includes Fairfield Hospital, with a significant number having "minor injuries and illness, mild flu symptoms and Norovirus.

Mr Taylor added: "Our staff have coped well. We have robust plans in place and extra doctors and nurses were booked and additional beds opened to cope with the demand.

"All patients brought to A&E by ambulance over the Christmas period were deemed a clinical priority and escorted by paramedic staff inside the emergency department before being handed over to staff."

Dr Jimmy Stuart, clinical director for A&E at North Manchester General, said: "We often find ourselves dealing with patients who turn up to A&E with minor illness and complaints and could have been seen and treated elsewhere. These patients will usually be low priority."

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