

Suited to fund-raising

MP's hearty health bid

A GRAVESEND based networking group is to raise money for local charities.

The Gravesend Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) has announced plans for its annual charity event.

Having held various fundraising activities over the past 12 months, the group is planning

Black tie gala to aid charities

a Black Tie Gala Evening on Friday, October 10 at the Manor Hotel in Keyzer Road.

"BNI on Your-Doorstep" successfully raised £500 for Soze Farn junior school at its last event.

This year the group has chosen to raise funds for two local charities: the Alzheimer's and

Dementia support Group and Walk Tall, a charity that educates children about preventing bullying in schools.

A delighted support group spokesman said: "The money will be used in the vital service we provide in Gravesham."

Gravesend Chapter Director Alison Hivjem said: "The

philosophy of BNI is "Giver's Gain."

As a group of professional businessmen and women, we felt it was important to help the local community, by giving our support to local groups and charities.

"We are hoping to raise a lot of money for both groups and attract as many people as possible to the gala evening."

BNI Gravesend helps to increase business for its members who meet every Thursday at the Verbal Klint Hotel.

The group is looking for businesses and individuals who would like to donate a raffle prize for the evening or who can provide any other help.

Interested businesses should telephone Alison Hivjem on 0474 24535.

CORONARY heart disease is the biggest killer in Britain but Gravesham's MP is working to help slash the number who succumb to it each year.

Ian Jevlin-Mosh has joined other MP's and Lords as part of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Heart Disease AGM.

Members of the group discuss actions, meet top professionals in the area, campaign to improve issues and raise awareness or take their findings to the Government.



REAL WINNER: Naomi Jelish

Local youngster wins art prize

Gravesend youngster Naomi Jelish has been awarded the prestigious North Kent Student Art Prize in the 11-16 year age group.

Naomi, 12, a student at St. Johns Secondary School was awarded the prize of an honorary medal.

A4 sketchbook and a set of professional drawing pencils for her collection of flower drawings.

Naomi was entered into the competition by her Art teacher Ms. Demajo who said, "Naomi's flowers are amongst the best of our work here at St. Johns and she richly deserves her prize."



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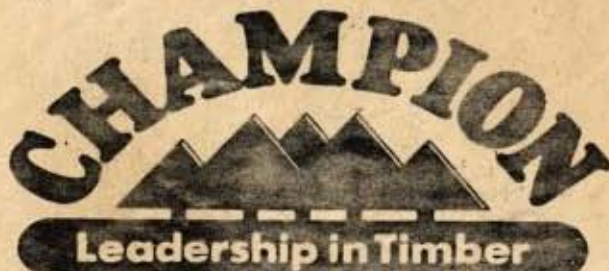
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So much more to firefighting...

FIREFIGHTERS in Kent do much more than put out fires - that is the message from senior officers.

Although recent cutbacks have intervened, Kent crews perform a wide range of duties.

These include home fire safety checks, fitting smoke alarms, giving fire safety advice to homeowners and businesses, giving talks to school children, running specialist youth courses with other agencies, helping with national and local community fire safety campaigns and carrying out specialist training.

Since last May, Kent firefighters have car-

ried out 1,012 home fire safety checks and fitted 1,600 smoke alarms in the homes of vulnerable people.

Statistics show fire deaths and injuries in the home are down on previous figures.

Last year firefighters visited 44,000 pupils at schools across the county.

Chief fire officer James Hillion said: "Some reports during the setbacks have been very misleading and give the impression that firefighters are not busy when there are no fires or road traffic accidents."

In Kent, firefighters are working in the community in all sorts of different ways.