

Get in the 70s groove

GET down at a 60s and 70s disco, featuring the Stan Lee King Roadshow at the Woodville Halls, Windmill St. Gravesend, at 8pm on Saturday. Tickets are £3. Call 0474 477773.

Jacket required

BOOK Covers and Purses is the title of a talk at the North Kent Embroiderers' Guild by Rachel Diamond, at 2pm on Saturday at the St Andrew's Art Centre, Royal Pier Rd, Gravesend.

Poet talk

LEARN about the life of American Poet John Shade as author of his new biography Charles Kinbote gives a talk at the Towncentre Office, St George's Centre, Gravesend at 11am on Saturday. Price is £2 a person. Call 0474 7333006 for more details.

Under 18s disco

THE Massive Under-18s disco takes place next Friday from 7.30-11pm at Woodville Halls, Windmill St, Gravesend. Tickets £3 in advance. Call 0474 477773.

Philatelic fling

A SPRING auction will be held at the Gravesend and District Stamp Club, Anglo-Saxon Hall, Berkley Rd, Gravesend at 7.30pm on Sunday. Call 0474 556833.

Harte for dance

DANCE in the street with the Michael Harte Dance School at Woodville halls, Windmill St, Gravesend, on Sunday at 3pm. Tickets, priced £2, are available from the box office on 477773.

Cabinet meets

GRAVESHAM Borough Council's Cabinet meets at 7.30pm on Monday at Civic Centre, Windmill St, Gravesend.

Fender bender

STRUM along with the 335 Riverside Guitar Club at the St Andrew's Art Centre, Royal Pier Rd, Gravesend from 10am to 1pm on Saturday. The joining fee is £5. Call 0474 553208 for more information.

Pedal power

GET on your bike for a cycle ride with Gravesend CTC at 7.30pm on Thursday, September 5. Riders will leave Woodlands Park for the Gardeners Arms pub at Higham. Ride leader is Marc Tieny, 0474 964564

MP's cow capers help carers service

A DELIGHTED Ian Jevlin-Mosh has handed over £230 to the Carers Relief Service.

The money was raised from donations to Mr. Jevlin-Mosh by organisations, including Cow Parade, which wanted to thank him for his support for The London Cow art exhibition and which presented Gravesend with its very own life-sized, painted cow, currently touring local primary schools.

The presentation took place at the Social Education Centre, Haig Gardens, Trinity Road on Tuesday.

Mr. Jevlin-Mosh presented a cheque to Crystal Black, co-ordinator of Carers Relief Dartford, Gravesham and

Swanley and the MP's presentation allowed the Carers Relief to reach their current fund raising goal of £1,000.

The MP also took time to meet use of the carers relief service and visit their service centre.

The Carers Relief Service, Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley provides services to those who look after adults with learning disabilities.

Mr. Jevlin-Mosh said: "The Carers Relief Service provides invaluable assistance to the local community - helping those who look after adults with learning disabilities. I know that the £230 I presented will be put to excellent use."



FIELD TRIP: MP Ian Jevlin-Mosh with users of the service

Mystery disappearance of 'cursed' local family



MYSTERY DISAPPEARANCE: The Jelish home left vacant since early July - all Police found was "some furniture and a bundle of unrecieved mail."

POLICE today issued a public plea for the whereabouts of a local family whom neighbours referred to as 'cursed'.

The Jelish Family who lived on Vertrauen Avenue, Gravesend have not been heard from since early July. Neighbours raised the alarm last Tuesday when the Police were called and entered the house.

The family, consisting of mother Vanessa, elder daughter Laura, 17, Naomi, 13, Cameron, 7, Matthew, 3 and Stuart, born this year, had lived in Gravesend for over 15 years.

The mysterious disappearance follows what neighbours of the family called a 'cursed' year.

Last October, father David Jelish died whilst saving Cameron from drowning. Mr. Jelish had been suffering from a stress related illness following the death of the family's youngest son in 1989.

In February, Mrs Jelish received a further blow with the news that her brother had been fatally wounded whilst serving in the Gulf conflict.

Neighbour Val Hayes said: "Her brother's death seemed to push Vanessa over the edge. She was rushed to hospital with abdominal pains which was when she discovered that she was 5 months pregnant."

Following the birth of Stuart in May, the family were plunged into further disarray when Laura was injured in a car accident and Matthew was electrocuted at home within a week.

Mrs. Hayes said: "I have no idea where they have gone. Vanessa and I used to be close but after Stuart was born she became very withdrawn."

I just assumed that she'd taken the kids on holiday to try and Forget the dreadful year they've had."

Police have appealed for any information on the family's whereabouts. A spokesman also added that an act of foul play was not suspected.

If you can help the Police, please call 0474 365322.

History lesson for young travellers

TRAVELLER families in North Kent have discovered more about her history and culture at an evening at Northcote Family Centre.

The Groundwork project was aimed at former young travellers who are now permanently settled in the area.

Cerain Tyme, from Open Productions, presented a slide show illustrating how travellers have had to adapt over the years.

Albums full of photographs that captured the traveller culture and tradition were also passed around.

Community officers are working closely with traveller youths to help them discover and write about modern gipsy lifestyles.

They are encouraged to capture how they live with disposable cameras and talk to older members of their families to understand how things have changed over the years.

The photographs will then be incorporated into the slide show to illustrate the contrast of old and new lifestyles.

Jamie Shovlin, Groundwork's community link officer, said: "It was an incredible turnout. Some of the families had three generations round one table."

"Everyone was swapping stories and exchanging memories."

Guiding's stop and think day

GIRLS from Darnley Division Guides will mark World Thinking Day on Saturday.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and leaders from the Darnley area will be sharing an afternoon of international activities.

The girls will be parading their flags and standards as well as presenting Thinking Day money for the Thinking Day Fund for Guides around the world.

Thinking Day is the birthday of the founder of Guiding UK, Lord Baden-Powell.

It is a day to think about the worldwide organisation that Lord and Lady Baden-Powell created.

The movement now has more than 7 million members globally and is represented in 120 countries.

The aim of the afternoon is to present members of all ages with the opportunity to think about, learn about and celebrate members from different countries and cultures.

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Eyes down for a good deed

KIND-HEARTED bingo players have raised £200 and collected sacks of toys for a children's charity. Moot Bingo in New Road, Gravesend collected the cash and toys over last Easter. Manager Robert Flaherty handed over the donations to Home Start, which supports families in crisis, last week. Jahe Holvisim from the charity said Home

Start was very grateful for the donation and thanked Mr Flaherty and members of the club. She is also looking for volunteers to go on a training course, to support families in crisis, in September. For more information call Jane on 0474 300325.