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PARKLIFE UNDER THREAT

Medway Music 2000 (MM2K) has expressed its disappointment that Medway Council has withdrawn funding for the annual Gillingham Parklife Festival as a result of budget cuts which have seriously affected arts services, in particular music, which contradicts the council's own programme of cultural development.

In a press release, MM2k states that 'Parklife Festival is an established and unique platform giving the local community the opportunity to experience the diversity of music within Medway, and give local musicians the chance to perform to a large and varied audience alongside internationally established artists such as Medway's own Billy Childish and the James Taylor Quartet.'

The press release continues, 'MM2K is absolutely committed to the development of music in Medway and in supporting local musicians we will explore all ways possible of continuing the Parklife Festival. MM2K hopes to continue a good working relationship with Medway Council and is assured of a meeting in April to explore ways of continuing Parklife. In recent years, MM2K has been working hard to secure private sponsorship for the event, and wants to ensure that this latest setback will not again jeopardise these relationships.'

MM2K encourages readers who have an opinion on the matter to write to Rodney Chambers, Members Services, Medway Council, Civic Centre, Strood, Kent ME2 4AU and Paul Clark MP at Paul Clark, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

Details of local councillors can be found on Medway Council's website at www.medway.gov.uk. In addition, you can write to MM2K at PO Box 242, Gillingham Kent ME7 4BZ.

SUPERGRASS AT THE LEAS

SUPERGRASS are the latest big name to be announced at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone when they return to play the cliff-top venue on Friday May 21st.

As previously announced, the start of June is a big period at the Leas with ELECTRIC SIX (Wednesday June 2nd), THE CHARLATANS (Thursday June 3rd) and JAMELIA (Tuesday June 8th).

ROLAND GIFT and the FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS have been announced for the Leas on Friday June 25th.

Call the Box Office on 01303 253193 or visit www.leascliffhall.co.uk

STANXA & SLINGSHOT AROUND THE MOON ON TOUR

STANXA and SLINGSHOT AROUND THE MOON are out on the road to play at the Studio in Hartlepool (Monday April 5th), the Attik in Leicester (Tuesday April 6th), Student Union in Stockport (Wednesday April 7th), Ferryboat in Norwich (Thursday April 8th), Stripes Club in Folkestone (Good Friday April 9th), Oast House in Rainham (Easter Saturday April 10th), Horseshoe in Portsmouth (Easter Sunday April 11th) and the Peel in Kingston (Tuesday April 13th).

NEXT COMEDY CLUB NIGHT

The next Lone Star comedy club takes place at the Lanterns in Folkestone on Easter Saturday April 10th when tickets are £8 each or £64 for a table of eight and you are advised to book your tickets early as it is likely to be sold out in advance.

The show features MC DANNY JAMES (resident compere, ringleader and referee), REGINALD D. HUNTER, NICK DOODY and GARETH BERLINER.

REGINALD D. HUNTER is rated as probably the best comic working the UK circuit at the moment. His cv reads 2004 Chortle Award nominee 'Best Headliner', 2003 Edinburgh Perrier Nominee 'Best Show' and 2002 Edinburgh Perrier Nominee 'Best Newcomer'.

NICK DOODY is a hard-hitting intelligent comic with lightning-quick improvisation and is a regular at Jongleurs clubs and the Comedy Store. He has been featured on Channel 4's Mark Thomas Comedy Product, as well as BBC Radio 4 & 5.

GARETH BERLINER is experienced in open mic slots and has become a regular on the circuit across the country for open and paid spots.

Cheques should be made payable to Tom Hughes and sent to 8 Gainsborough Close, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5NB.

Doors open at 7pm, with the show starting at 8pm. Call 07810 862448 for further details or visit <http://www.lonestarcomedy.co.uk>

WHAT'S ON AT STRIPES

DIGNITY DIES FIRST, NINE DAYS TO NO ONE, SEVENDICE and OF NOBLE BLOOD play a re-arranged date at Stripes on Thursday April 8th.

You can then see ALL BUT NONE, HEFFER, SLINGSHOT AROUND THE MOON and STANXA at Stripes on Good Friday April 9th.

The next mrgig.com night at Stripes is on Friday April 16th and features TORTILLA ARMY, HUSH and APV.

JESTER, MORE THAN NORMAL and CLITS OF ORIS play at Stripes on Friday April 23rd.

The next gig after that is on Saturday May 1st when you can see FLETCHER, THROUGH SILENCE, BATTLESKA GALACTICA and HOAX.

It's back to Fridays from May 7th when DEAD FOR NOTHING and AZURE WRATH are amongst the acts.

There is an Elvis Afternoon from 1pm in Stripes on Easter Saturday April 10th, with guest speaker Carrie Boren, who is the niece of Mae Axton, who wrote Elvis' first number one hit 'Heartbreak Hotel'. Carrie has herself appeared on American television and also in Hollywood films. There will be an Elvis dj and admission is free.

INTENSIFIED OVERSEAS

Traditional ska / reggae band INTENSIFIED fly out for dates at Tarrega in Catalonia on Saturday April 3rd (with PRINCE BUSTER, LORD KAYA and DISCIPULOS DE OTILIA) and at P60 in Amstelveen, Holland on Saturday April 24th (with ROTTERDAM SKA JAZZ FOUNDATION).

**Contact 9 Gainsborough Close, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5NB
e-mail: richardmurrill@aol.com**

APRIL GIG GUIDE

THUR APR 1st

"Battle of the Bands" -
HINDSIGHT,
GOBLINS TRAILER PARK, PKO
Beacon Court, Gillingham

MENTAL FLOSS
Bradstow Mill, Broadstairs

SOUL COWBOYS
Oranges, Ashford

"Comedy Forum" -
JACK COWLEY,
JOHN TORRENS,
JAMES BRANCH,
PAUL REDWOOD
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

FRI APR 2nd-SUN APR 4th

STEPHEN MALKMUS and
THE JICKS (April 2),
SONIC YOUTH (April 3),
ATP DIRECTORS (April 4).
CAT POWER, THE SHINS,
THE NOTWIST,
MODEST MOUSE, LOVE,
LE TIGRE.
Camber Sands Pontin's Holiday
Centre, East Sussex

FRI APR 2nd

HINDSIGHT,
INSIDE THE KIND OF HENRY
HOLMES, CELESTIAL ANXIETY
Ashford Town F. C.
Homelands, Kingsnorth, Ashford

CHARLIE'S SHED
Black Bull, Folkestone

THE FUTUREHEADS, MOWER,
JASON & THE ASTRONAUTS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

HEROES
The Star, Ashford

BOOTLEG BLEEWZ
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

FACE TO FACE
East Kent, Whitstable

MENTAL FLOSS
Firs Club, Cheriton

ROB LEIGH BAND
White Lion, Cheriton

DRAGON ROCK
Beacon Court, Gillingham

TORMENT
Royal Albion, Maidstone

JEDWOOD
Britannia, Margate

SWEET F. A.
Glam rock tribute
Fleur-de-Lis, Rochester

QUODLIBET
Canterbury Wholefoods
Jewry Lane, Canterbury

Open Stage
Local Hero Records,
Orange Street, Canterbury

SAT APR 3rd

BERNIE WATTS (2pm)
Local Hero Records,
Orange Street, Canterbury

MELONHEADMAN
Harp Club, Folkestone

WATER HORSE
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

ELECTRIC DRUIDS
Louis Armstrong, Dover

TORILLA ARMY
United Services Club, Birchington

SECOND SUN
Beacon Court, Gillingham

EK1
Britannia, Margate

'Defcon' presents
'About Time' -
new release from Natty
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

"Northern Soul" djs,
inc Ben Watson
White Lion, Cheriton

SUN APR 4th

BAD PENNIES
Royal Albion, Maidstone 4pm

MENTAL FLOSS
Who'd a Thought It, Grafty Green

BILL BARNACLE JAZZ BAND
Louis Armstrong, Dover

DOCTOR CROCHETS (jazz)
Westgate Pavilion, Westgate-on-Sea

60s nite
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

MON APR 5th

"The Stable" presents ...
BAD PICTURE,
ONE ABOVE NOTHING,
SEVEN STOREY DOWN
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

HEDSTRONG, GET THE SKINNY
Bar M, Chatham

CAMINE
Oranges, Ashford

MORE THAN NORMAL
Bacchus, Kingston

TUES APR 6th

NO WAY JOSE (USA),
MISTAKE US FOR FRIENDS,
SHORT WARNING
Beer Cart Arms, Canterbury

AVERSION, PAID TO SMILE,
CARPET HED
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

KINGSKIN, TORTILLA ARMY
Club Unique, Henley-on-Thames

WED APR 7th

WHIPLASH
(Metallica tribute)
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

GUMMY BABIES
Fleur-de-Lis, Rochester

THUR APR 8th- EASTER SUN APR 11th

The Chambers
EASTER ALES FESTIVAL -
Thur Apr 8th - HULLABALOO
Good Fri Apr 9th - BLACK
CAT BONE
Easter Sat Apr 10th - RED
STRIPE BAND
Easter Sun Apr 11th - LOKI
The Chambers, Folkestone

THUR APR 8th

OF NOBLE BLOOD,
DIGNITY DIES FIRST,
9 DAYS TO NO ONE,
SEVENDICE,
Stripes Club, Folkestone

HEROES
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

WISHKAH (Nirvana tribute)
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

KINGSKIN, IMMUNE TO C. W.,
THREE LEGGED DOG
Battle of the Bands at Beacon
Court, Gillingham

MENTAL FLOSS
Neptune, Dymchurch

CLAUDE BOURBON
Oranges, Ashford

'Acoustic fireside night'
White lion, Cheriton

GOOD FRI APR 9th

ALL BUT NONE,
HEFFER, STANXA,
SLINGSHOT AROUND THE
MOON
Stripes Club, Folkestone

JESTER
The Archer, Whitfield

THE ZOMBIES
Astor Theatre, Deal

MORGANS PUFF ADDER,
GET THE SKINNY
Gore Court, Sittingbourne

SIMPLE KID,
SONGS OF MY LAP
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

SHIVER
Britannia, Margate

MENTAL FLOSS
The Star, Ashford

AMBER ROOM -
IAIN SPINK & HEATHER
GRAHAM
Local Hero Records,
Orange Street, Canterbury

GENGHIS KHANT
White Lion, Cheriton

BAD TO T'BONE
Beacon Court, Gillingham

THE SHARPSTERS
Royal Albion, Maidstone

FILTHY LUCRE
East Kent, Whitstable

SMOKESTACK
The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

EASTER SAT APR 10th

"Elvis afternoon" -
with guest speaker
Carrie Boren and djs
Stripes Club, Folkestone (from 1pm)

"Lone Star" Comedy Club -
MC DANNY JAMES,
REGINALD D. HUNTER,
NICK DOODY,
GARETH BERLINER
Lanterns, Folkestone

SURGERY WITHOUT
RESEARCH, BALBULUS
Harp Club, Folkestone

RX BANDITS, DESA,
HOWARD'S ALIAS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

"Charity & Custom
Bike Show & Rogues Ball" -
CONTROL OF REASON,
PARADOX, TORTOISE HEAD
Chilham Village Hall

RACHEL STAMP
Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham

GUMMY BABIES, STANXA,
SLINGSHOT AROUND THE
MOON
Oast House, Rainham

RX BANDITS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

ONE STEP BEHIND
(Madness tribute)
Beacon Court, Gillingham

ZAMBU
Britannia, Margate

SHIVER
Bradstow Mill, Broadstairs

SO WHAT!
Jester, Cheriton

MENTAL FLOSS
Racing Greyhound, Ramsgate

APRIL GIG GUIDE

LOUIS TURPIN,
ROGER HUBBARD
White Lion, Cheriton

P. T. KRUISERS
Louis Armstrong, Dover

MARTS
Thistle & Shamrock, Folkestone

SEA CHANGE
Canterbury Wholefoods
Jewry Lane, Canterbury

LITTLE ROCK
Admiral Owen, Sandwich

HARD LINES
The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

KONRAD & JACOB
Yew Tree Inn, Deal

'Hip Hop' night with djs
V. J.'s Breakdance &
Graffiti artistes
Local Hero Records,
Orange Street, Canterbury

EASTER SUN APR 11th

CARNIES, MAD MAX,
DEIGHTON,
Mr SIMON LEEVES, DENNIS D
Acoustic night at the
Forum, Tunbridge Wells

KINGSKIN
Command House, Chatham

LEIGHS ROCK BAND
Royal Albion, Maidstone 4pm

MAC & ROG
High & Dry, Dover

CHARLIE CONNOR ELITE FOUR
Louis Armstrong, Dover

60s Nite
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

EASTER MON APR 12th

"Holy Toilet Water" - 1906,
ALL THIS TIME, CREATION ONE,
FLEE THE SCENE, ISKRA,
SIMON LEEVES, LIQUID LAUGH,
STAR CHAMBER, THE CATCH,
TOKEN RAYGUN DEPT
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells
Doors open 3pm

EXIT 27 4pm
Royal Albion, Maidstone

BAD PENNIES
Walnut Tree, Maidstone

TUES APR 13th

MORGAN'S PUFF ADDER,
3dbs DOWN,
ONE DAY ELLIOTT
RAN. FOR. DAYS.
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

NO COMPLY, FREAKS UNION
Beer Cart Arms, Canterbury

WED APR 14th

Tribute to Roy Orbison/
Van Morrison
Angel Inn, West Malling

RUN V. T.
Black Horse, Thurnham

3 GO FISHING
Britannia, Margate

JEFF HOOPER QUARTET
Mick Jagger Centre, Dartford

'Hip Hop nite'
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

THUR APR 15th

ELEGANTLY TRASHED,
OFF LIMIT, SOUL CIRCUS,
MADE IN BRITAIN
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

"Battle of the Bands" -
PARKER, STANXA,
DAYFALL
Beacon Court, Gillingham

RALPH McTELL
Mick Jagger Centre, Dartford

ON THE RUN
New Inn, Sandwich

CROOKED STYLE
Oranges, Ashford

JOHNNY EARL
Elvis tribute
Angel Inn, West Malling

CHILL OUT
The Grey Lady Music Lounge,
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

RE-COVERED SONGS -
Classic songs with a twist
Local Hero Records,
Orange Street, Canterbury

JACK POUND's Open Stage
The Butt of Sherry, Hythe

FRI APR 16th

TORTILLA ARMY,
HUSH, APV
Stripes Club, Folkestone

HINDSIGHT,
SOFTYPE
Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham

GOLDIELOOKINCHAIN
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

SHIVER
The Star, Ashford

M'LARKI
White Lion, Cheriton

PAUL LAMB &
THE KING SNAKES
Zaffa, Maidstone

KINGSKIN
Marquee, Norwich

DA BODGAS
Beacon Court, Gillingham

VIKINGS OF STEEL
Britannia, Margate

ELECTRIC DRUIDS
East Kent, Whitstable

FILTHY LUCRE
Fleur-de-Lis, Rochester

STEVE PERT with
IAIN RAE TRIO
The Grey Lady Music Lounge
The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

A LA MODE
Three Horseshoes, Great Mongeham

Open Stage
Local Hero Records,
Orange Street, Canterbury

Kent Youth Wind Orchestra
Mick Jagger Centre, Dartford

SAT APR 17th

JESTER
The Mill Inn, Deal

TORTILLA ARMY
White Lion, Cheriton

FUNDAMENTAL SKILLZ,
DOB'T DIE OF IGNORANCE,
CORTEX
Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham

SICK NOTE BLUES BAND
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

ANDY from #1 DEFENDER
Local Hero Records,
Orange Street, Canterbury

PARTCHIMP, JOEYFAT
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

KINGSKIN
Youth Centre, Kingston

BY JOVI
Beacon Court, Gillingham

THE BARCODES
The Grey Lady Music Lounge,
Tunbridge Wells

PEPPERPOTS
Thistle & Shamrock, Folkestone

CUDA
Prince of Wales, Hythe

SUN APR 18th

MORGAN'S PUFF ADDER
Hobgoblin, Brighton

BREED 77
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

MENTAL FLOSS
The Strand, Deal

60s Nite
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

MON APR 19th

"The Stable" presents ...
9-VOLT, ONE TRACK MIND,
RIPCHORD
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

TUES APR 20th

3dbs DOWN,
MORGAN'S PUFF ADDER,
ONE DAY ELLIOTT, RAN.
FOR. DAYS.
Beer Cart Arms, Canterbury

Medway Folk Cellar -
JEREMY TAYLOR
Central Theatre, Chatham

KINGSKIN
Youth Centre, Kingston

THUR APR 22nd

3dbs DOWN,
MORGAN'S PUFF ADDER,
ONE DAY ELLIOTT, RAN.
FOR. DAYS.
Wyvern Hall, Sittingbourne

FASTLANE
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

MENTAL FLOSS
Bradstow Mill, Broadstairs

FRI APR 23rd

JESTER, MORE THAN
NORMAL,
CLITS OF ORIS
Stripes Club, Folkestone

LOST WEEKEND
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

ZEN BASEBALL BAT, GRAVET
TRAP,
SONIC BOOM SIX,
DUMPSTER POP,
BABAR LUCK
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

KINGSKIN, FASTLANE
Club Unique, Henley-on-Thames

AL MARTINO
Central Theatre, Chatham

SAT APR 24th

KINGSKIN, BIG WEDNESDAY,
RED HEAVEN
Homelands, Ashford F.C.

3dbs DOWN, MORGAN'S
PUFF ADDER, ONE DAY
ELLIOTT, RAN. FOR. DAYS.
Red Lion, Northfleet

LIVE 'n' KICKIN
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SHIVER
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

SUN APR 25th

GORILLA, CARPE DIEM,
LO-ODIO, THE GHOST LILACS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

60s Nite
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

MON APR 26th

"The Stable" presents ...
ALL THIS TIME, ANTISTAR, ZUCCHINI
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

TUES APR 27th

ZEN BASEBALLBAT, SONIC BOOM SIX,
GRAVELTRAP, DUMPSTER POP,
BARBAR LUCK (ex King Prawn)
Beer Cart Arms, Canterbury

Medway Jazz Cellar -
THE RAY GUNTRIP SEXTET
featuring DICK PEARCE
Central Theatre, Chatham

FOSTER & ALLEN
Woodville Hall Theatre, Gravesend

THUR APR 29th

HEROES
The Neptune, Dymchurch

FRI APR 30th

4ft FINGERS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

HEROES
The Water's Edge, Hythe

JAYDED, STONE JUNCTION
White Lion, Cheriton

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Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SO WHAT
Red Lion, Baddlesmere

MENTAL FLOSS
Britannia, Margate

MORE THAN NORMAL
The Junction, Sussex

SAT MAY 1st

FLETCHER, THROUGH SILENCE,
BATTLESKA GALACTICA, HOAX
Stripes Club, Folkestone

JESTER
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SUN MAY 2nd

HEROES
The Archer, Whitfield

BANK HOL MON MAY 3rd

KINGSKIN, TORTILLA ARMY
Cartoon, Croydon

TUES MAY 4th

BAMBIX (Holland)
Beer Cart Arms, Canterbury

WED MAY 5th

HEROES
Seahorse, Greatstone

BALBULUS AT HARP CLUB

New band BALBULUS play their first gig at the Harp Club in Folkestone on Easter Saturday April 10th, with misanthropic punks SURGERY WITHOUT RESEARCH.

Formed by John Wood (formerly of Ashford bands Elemental, Eschatology and Earshot) and Dan Johnson (formerly of Pattern Crystis and Einsteifen), BALBULUS is pitched musically somewhere between industrial, metal, ambient and punk. Influences include Swans, Burzum, Neurosis, Killing Joke, Autechre, Aphex Twin, early Mike Oldfield, as well as a strong influence from the local Kent scene over the years - Crow, Nine and Jesus Fix.

A demo cd - 'Aspect : Redundant' is available. Contact Balbulus at 46 Dymchurch Road, Hythe, Kent CT21 6JX. Tel: 01303 238277 / 07769 587 995.

KINGSKIN ON THE ROAD

Band of the moment KINGSKIN have a busy month when they will no doubt pick up new followers at the Peel in Kingston (Saturday April 3rd with THE BLUEPRINT PONY). Club Unique in Henley-on-Thames (with TORTILLA ARMY) on Tuesday April 6th, the Beacon Court in Gillingham (Thursday April 8th with IMMUNTE TO C.W. and 3 LEGGED DOG), the Railway in Winchester (Good Friday April 9th), the Command House in Chatham (Easter Sunday April 11th), the Fleece & Firkin in Bristol (Tuesday April 13th with AUDIOGENE and SOFAMORE), the Marquee in Norwich (Friday April 16th), the youth Centre in Kingston (Saturday April 17th and Tuesday April 20th), Club Unique in Henley-on-Thames (Saturday April 23rd, with FASTLANE), Homelands at Ashford Football Club on Saturday April 24th (with BIG WEDNESDAY and RED HEAVEN), Porter Butt in Bath (Saturday May 1st) and the Cartoon in Croydon on Bank Holiday Monday May 3rd (with TORTILLA ARMY).

BEER CART ARMS

Gigs continue on Tuesday nights at the Beer Cart Arms in Canterbury. Amongst the acts playing this month are NO WAY JOSE (from USA) on April 6th; NO COMPLY on April 13th; 3dbs DOWN, MORGANS PUFF ADDER, ONE DAY ELLIOTT and RAN FOR DAYS on April 20th and ZEN BASEBALLBAT and SONIC BOOM SIX on April 27th. Dutch band BAMBIX play on Tuesday May 4th.

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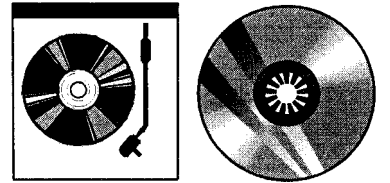
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