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HEADFUNK PLAY AFTER 6-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

YMWBB will be hosting a 6-a-side football tournament at Folkestone Sports Centre on Saturday July 12th between noon-4pm, with the Café Gleis from Munster in Germany amongst the eight sides competing.

That night, HEADFUNK will be playing at the Lanterns in Folkestone, with TICKLIN' THE PICKLE as part of the Melting Pot club night with distinctive funk, soul and beat for your sweaty little feet.

MAIDSTONE RIVER FESTIVAL

The Maidstone River Festival takes place on Saturday July 26th and bands will be playing on the Hospital Radio Maidstone Sound Stage all day.

Headlining the Hospital Radio Maidstone Stage this year are JOKIN' APART. Other confirmed acts include tribute band COOLPLAY, MEERKATS, PLATINUM, HANNAH PARK and the OAKWOOD PARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL STEEL BAND. See overleaf for a provisional running order.

The Hospital Radio Maidstone Stage first took place in 12996 as Maidstone Festival Radio, the county town's first and original commercial radio station, which had since its first inception in 1993 featured live studio performances from some of Kent's finest local bands and performers. The Hospital Radio Maidstone Stage is between the river bridges.

STEAM and COUNTRY FAIR

TORTILLA ARMY, ABINGER DRIVE, RIVERS and STONE JUNCTION are the live bands from 6-11pm on the Saturday night at the Kent & East Sussex Railway Steam and Country Fair on July 19th.

The fair begins on Friday July 18th with tribute band ABBA INFERNO, supported by BLUEGRSS BREAKDOWN. DARK HORSE and PLATINUM play from noon-5pm on the Saturday afternoon, with CRANBROOK TOWN BAND on the afternoon of Sunday July 20th.

It all takes place on a 45-acre site diagonally opposite Northiam Station on the A28 Tenterden to Hastings road, five miles from Tenterden. The nearest mainline station is Headcorn, 14 miles away. The No. 2 bus links Headcorn to Tenterden High Street. Northiam village is about 12 miles north of Hastings. Enquiries@kesr.org.uk Tel: 01580 765155.

BATTLESKA GALLACTICA ON TOUR

BATTLESKA GALLACTICA, REASON 69 and MINOR DEFECT are out on the road this month with dates at the Star in Ashford (July 18th, with SHORT WARNING); Lemongrove in Exeter (July 19th, with SPUNGE); TJ's in Newport (July 20th); Fish 'n' Fiddle in Cheltenham (July 21st), the Hop Pole in Aylesbury (July 25th, with SHORT WARNING); Racehorse in Northampton (July 27th); Flapper and Firkin in Birmingham (July 28th); Beer Cart Arms in Canterbury (July 29th); and the Peel in Kingston (July 30th).

FESTIVAL TIME FOR INTENSIFIED

Ska / reggae / rocksteady band INTENSIFIED return to the festival circuit when they play at Hoegaarden in Belgium on Friday July 4th, the Potsdam Festival in Berlin on Saturday July 5th and the Reggae Summer Jam in Cologne on Sunday July 6th.

LIVE MUSIC AT STRIPES

Punk band JESTER return to Stripes Club in Folkestone on Friday July 11th, with support from EIN STEIFEN and SURGERY WITHOUT RESEARCH.

A week later at Stripes on Friday July 18th, you can see BEECHER, JAIRUS, HONDO MACLEAN and EMOTIVEEXPOSED.

The next diydoughnut gig at Stripes is on Friday August 8th and features WINTER IN JUNE, SIX DOWN and ONE TIME CHAMPION.

CHARIVARI DAY

The seventh Charivari carnival takes place through the streets of Folkestone on Saturday July 12th. This year's theme is Worlds of the Ocean.

Last year, about 700 people paraded through the town, watched by thousands of spectators.

The event has again been organised by Strange Cargo, the arts company based at Georges House in Folkestone's Old High Street.

CREATE FESTIVAL

The Create Festival returns to Victoria Park in Ashford on Sunday July 27th for an all day programme of bands.

Amongst the bands playing are FUNDAMENTAL SKILLZ, WILDE, JONAS, #1 DEFENDER, EMBER, BIG WEDNESDAY, BAM BAM, THE KINKY CHIMPS and HINDSIGHT.

NEW NAME FOR IGNITION

Ignition is now ENGINEER RECORDS.

The mail order, distribution and record label site can now be visited on www.EngineerRecords.com or e-mailed via info@engineerrecords.com (or Label, Distro, David, Milo@engineerrecords.com)

The label site is www.engineerrecords.com/label and has loads of information on all the bands and releases.

The postal address remains 1 Chandos Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2NY.

They are always up for working with any labels, zines etc. and are looking for new trades and partners.

SUICIDE SPLIT

Heavy mental band SIX STAGE SUICIDE have finished, but a new project is underway with a new name, new songs and a more extreme stage show. The second phase of the band is looking for a new guitarist – call Vic on 07951 132840 or e-mail vwp.sounds@virgin.net

BROADSTAIRS FOLK WEEK

The Broadstairs Folk Week takes place between August 8-15, more details next month, but you can visit www.broadstairsfolkweek.com for the latest line up details.

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

JULY GIG GUIDE

TUES JUL 1st

FOUR DUMB KIDS,
SEVENTEEN STITCHES,
THE NUKES
Beer Cart Arms, Canterbury

PHIL BEER,
DEB SANDAND
Central Theatre, Chatham

"Global Forum" –
DAVE LAMBERT
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

WED JUL 2nd

JAIRU, JOSKI, RAN.FOR.DAYS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

HEAVY MENTAL
Barge, Gillingham

CHARLIE'S SHED
Seahorse, Greatstone

LOVE BROTHERS
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

ELECTRIC DRUIDS
Britannia, Margate

CLAUDE BOURBON
The Anchor, Sevenoaks

THUR JUL 3rd

HEROES
Neptune, Dymchurch

HEAVY MENTAL
Beacon Court, Gillingham
* Battle of the Bands *

MORRIGAN'S FANCY
Chambers, Folkestone

PAUL YOUNG
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

STONE PONIES with
ROGER HUBBARD,
RICHARD STUDDALL
Oranges, Ashford

ONE LOVE
Thistle & Shamrock, Folkestone

MORRIGAN'S FANCY
Chamber's, Folkestone

"Comedy Forum" –
ROB DEERING,
ADAM ETHAN CROWE
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

FRI JUL 4th

TRANSGRESSION (USA),
THE DEAL (Belgium),
xCANAANx,
DAYS IN DECEMBER,
THE xBREAKx IN,
SLINGSHOT ACROSS THE
MOON
Scout Hut, Sturry, Canterbury

ALL BUT NONE, STANXA,
FIRST DAY, FASTLANE
Lanterns, Folkestone

HEAVY MENTAL,
BONSAI RESERVOIR,
GOBLIN TRAILER PARK
Beacon Court, Gillingham

TORTILLA ARMY
East Kent, Whitstable

ZAMBU
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SHIVER
Fleur-de-Lis, Sandwich

RED EYE,
THE BITCH PROJECT
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

JOE COOL
Britannia, Margate

HOAX
Louis Armstrong, Dover

GIN HOUSE
Royal Albion, Maidstone

FAIRISLE
Three Horseshoes, Great
Mongeham, Deal

"Big Mick's Rock and Roll Hop"
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

SAT JUL 5th

DIGITAL FISH (ambient rock)
Local Hero Records
Orange St, Canterbury 2pm

KARNATAKA
Astor Theatre, Deal. £7.50 adv.

HEAVY MENTAL, FUZZ
Command House, Chatham

* for Human Relief Foundation *

KEVIN IVERSON BAND
Rotunda, Folkestone (2pm)

CHAOS,
SWINGING ALLIGATORS,
PEARS,
OFF THE RECORD ROAD
SHOW, DON'T ASK,
FACE TO FACE,
JENESAISQUOI,
MAN DOWN
Cinque Ports, New Romney
* From 2pm - with B-B-Q *
* for Cancer Research *

BIG WEDNESDAY
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

TORTILLA ARMY
Birchington United Services,
Birchington

HALO FRIENDLIES,
DYSURIA, ZUCCHINI
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

LIMEHOUSE LIZZY
Beacon Court, Gillingham

BLOW
Britannia, Margate

PUMP ACTION
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

RHYTHM DOCTORS
Dolphin Inn, Lydd

FAT RIVER BAND
Louis Armstrong, Dover

YEAH WOT ... EVER
Prince Albert, Ashford

SULTAN
Seahorse, Greatstone

ELIZA CARTHY BAND
The Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks

SUN JUL 6th

CAR THIEVES
Royal Albion, Maidstone 4pm

#1 DEFENDER,
SLINGSHOT ACROSS THE
MOON,
ONE TIME CHAMPION
Scout Hut, Sturry, Canterbury

FACE TO FACE
Bar Elle, Dover

TRASHKAN MONKEYS
Two Brewers, Rochester

ALL BUT NONE
Railway Inn, Winchester

"Forum Funday Barbecue"
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells
2pm start

60s Nite
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

MON JUL 7th

"The Stable" presents ...
MELALEUCA,
THE IMPECCABLES,
WORDS BEGINNING WITH X
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

JEM TURPIN & SIMON SHAW
Oranges, Ashford

BULLET
Walnut Tree, Maidstone

TUES JUL 8th

THE POLYPHONIC SPREE
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone. £15 adv.

BLACK UMFOLOSI
Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks

WED JUL 9th

ALL BUT NONE
Gossips, Soho, London

MY FAVOURITE CO-PILOT,
IM.MUNE,
CAUGHT IN THE
HEADLIGHTS, RAN.FOR.DAYS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

HEAVY MENTAL,
JACUZZI 9mm,
MOTION PICTURE
SOUNDTRACK
Beer Cart Arms, Canterbury

TONY HADLEY
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

FACE TO FACE
Seahorse, Greatstone

SITUATIONS VACANT
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

4 GO FISHING
Britannia, Margate

JOE COOL
Fleur-de-Lis, Rochester

THUR JUL 10th

HEAVY MENTAL,
THE MEEK, COW SI,
OPUS BRIDGE
Beacon Court, Gillingham

Battle of the Bands *
YELLOW SNOWE,
MAN HAS IT,
GLADFLY, BROADVIEW
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

VICTORIA BOLAND
Astor Theatre, Deal. £5 adv.

IT DON'T MEAN A THING
Oranges, Ashford

PAUL BRISLEY
Thistle & Shamrock, Folkestone

FRI JUL 11th

JESTER, EIN STEIFEN,
SURGERY WITHOUT
RESEARCH
Stripes Club, Folkestone

HEAVY MENTAL, DOGCAT
Louis Armstrong, Dover

SHIVER
The Vine, Tenterden

PRANOS PRANOS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

RHYTHM DOCTORS
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

SAT JUL 12th

"CHARIVARI DAY"
Folkestone's street carnival

AMBER ROOM
(lo-fi americana),
SUPER TUESDAY
Local Hero Records
Orange St, Canterbury 2pm

HEADFUNK,
TICKLIN' THE PICKLE
Lanterns, Folkestone

CHARLIE'S SHED
The Fountain, Tottenham
Battle of the Bands semi final*

JESTER
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

SIZEN
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

JULY GIG GUIDE

PARASITE,
SOFTLY SPOKEN VOICE,
SYSTEM OF A FROWN,
THE GILT TRIP
Oasthouse, Rainham
(all ages 4.30 - 7pm)

THE GILT TRIP,
HEAVY MENTAL, FUZZ
Oasthouse, Rainham (over 16s)

BLEACHED
The Leather Bottle, Wimbledon

TORTILLA ARMY
Bradstow Mill, Bradstow

3 INCHES OF BLOOD, COVE
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

"London Ska Festival" -
THE BEAT,
PAMA INTERNATIONAL,
TOO MANY CROOKS,
STRIKE OF 59, THE BIG
Camden Underworld

SUN JUL 13th

LIAM MAGILL
(anti-folk) 2pm Local Hero Records
Orange St, Canterbury

"Gothic Summer"
EIN STEIFEN, SKINFLIX,
SCARY BITCHES,
THE GHOST OF LEMORA
Dublin Castle, Camden, London

"Acoustic Lounge"
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

60s Nite
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

WED JUL 16th

HEROES
Seahorse, Greatstone

THE SKY BEACONS
feat. DIALOG, DJ KOG
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

MAYZE
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

THUR JUL 17th

"Saga Battle of the Bands" -
18th EMERGENCY,
BEAMER, DON'T ASK,
EIN STEIFEN,
GENERATION GAP, LOKI,
ONE TIME CHAMPION,
THE EMBROOKS
East Cliff Pavilion, Folkestone
7.30pm-1am. First band 7.45pm

"Comedy Forum" -
HILS BARKER, KEITH FIELDS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

FRI JUL 18th

BEECHER, JAIRUS,
HONDO MACLEAN,
EMOTIVEEXPOSED
Stripes Club, Folkestone

THE STARLINGS
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

BATTLESKA GALLACTICA,
REASON 69,
MINOR DEFECT
The Star, Ashford

"Unlabel" presents
JOEYFAT, STANTON,
JASON & THE ASTRONAUTS
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

KINGSKIN
Louis Armstrong, Dover

ABBA INFERNO,
BLUEGRASS BREAKDOWN
Steam and Country Fair, Northiam
On A28 Tenterden to Hastings road

"Blues in the Park" -
THE BLUES ONEY,
ZOOT MONEY,
THE BIG ROLL BAND
Goodnestone Park, nr Canterbury
01227 378188 * £19.50

KINKY CHIMPS
South Eastern tavern, Ashford

SAT JUL 19th

Noon-5pm
DARK HORSE,
PLATINUM
6-11pm
TORTILLA ARMY,
ABINGER DRIVE,
RIVERS,
STONE JUNCTION
Steam and Country Fair, Northiam
On A28 Tenterden to Hastings
road

THE PSYCHOTIC REACTION
Local Hero Records
Orange St, Canterbury 2pm

"Street Level Festival"
Local Hero Records
Orange St, Canterbury 7.30-11pm

JESTER
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

KINGSKIN
Betherstone Festival, Betherstone

FALLEN TO
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

BLEACHED
The Waverley, Margate

BAD PENNIES
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

ALL BUT NONE
The Hiorshoe, Portsmouth

SUN JUL 20th

SHIVER
Greyhound, Maidstone 12.30pm

CRANBROOK TOWN BAND
(2-5pm)
Steam and Country Fair, Northiam
On A28 Tenterden to Hastings road

ROB LEIGH
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

HUMPHREY LITTLETON
plays jazz by the sea 7.30-10pm
Amphitheater, Lower Leas,
Folkestone

60s Nite
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

"Street Level Festival"
Local Hero Records
Orange St, Canterbury 7.30-11pm

TUES JUL 22nd

ERIC BOGIE,
BRENT MILLER,
JOHN MUNRO
Brook Theatre, Chatham

WED JUL 23rd

SPUNGE
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

DOWN THE JETTY
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

"Street Level Festival"
'Frat noise' - 10 acoustic acts
Local Hero Records
Orange St, Canterbury 7.30-11pm

THUR JUL 24th

"Friends of the Forum"
present QUIDS INN
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

FRI JUL 25th

"Household Records summer
tour -
FIVE KNUCKLE,
RED LIGHTS FLASH,
THE FOAMERS, YE WILES
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

ALL BUT NONE,
NOWHERE FAST
The Lido, Margate

JESTER
Mill Inn, Deal

BLEACHED
The Pleasure Unit, Bethnal Green,
London

SHIVER
Park Inn, Folkestone

CELL BLOCK 9
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

MENTAL FLOSS
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

KEVIN IVERSON BAND
Red Lion, Ramsgate

ALAN PRICE
Astor Theatre, Deal. £15 adv.

"Street Level Festival"
Local Hero Records
Orange St, Canterbury 7.30-11pm

SAT JUL 26th

MAIDSTONE RIVER FESTIVAL
Hospital Radio Maidstone Stage -

11am OAKWOOD PARK
GRAMMAR SCHOOL STEEL
BAND
noon t. b. a.
1pm t. b. a.
2pm BUTTERFLY PEOPLE (tbc)
3pm PEPPERFISH
4pm HANNAH PARK
5pm KRY (tbc)
6pm PLATINUM
7pm MEERKATS
8pm COOLPLAY
9pm JOKIN' APART
10.15pm fireworks

HEROES
New Beach Holiday Camp,
Dymvurhuch

COUNTERFEIT NOTES
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

"Defcon presents"
SKINNYMAN
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

BLEACHED
Nottingham Castle, Westgate,
Margate

CLINTSTONES
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

"Street Level Festival"
Local Hero Records
Orange St, Canterbury 7.30-11pm

SUN JUL 27th

"CREATE FESTIVAL" -
FUNDAMENTAL SKILLZ,
WILDE,
JONAS,
#1 DEFENDER,
EMBER,
BIG WEDNESDAY,
BAM BAM,
THE KINKY CHIMPS,
HINDSIGHT
Victoria Park, Ashford

TORTILLA ARMY
Walnut Tree, East Fareigh
ACOUSTIC EDGE
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

NAKED ANGLE
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

60s Nite
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

MON JUL 28th

"Forum Summer Ball"
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

TUES JUL 29th

SPUNGE
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

BATTLESKA GALLACTICA,
REASON 69, MINOR DEFECT,
ALL BUT NONE
Beer Cart Arms, Canterbury

WED JUL 30th

WEAVE, 9-VOLT
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

SICK NOTE BLUES BAND
South Eastern Tavern, Ashford

THUR JUL 31st

KEVIN IVERSON BAND
Penny Theatre, Canterbury

"Comedy Forum"
The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

FRI AUG 1st

BLOW
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SHIVER
East Kent, Whitstable

KEVIN IVERSON BAND
The Archer, Whitfield

SAT AUG 2nd

SHIVER
Eagle, Dover

CARL VERHEYEN
(from Supertramp),
RHYTHM OF BLUES
Astor Theatre, Deal

CLINTSTONES
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

"African & Caribbean Day"
Amphitheater, Lower Leas, Folkestone 2-5pm

MR MOON and
THE ACOUSTIC DREAM SHOW"
Local Hero Records
Orange St, Canterbury 2pm

SUN AUG 3rd

60s Nite
Happy Frenchman, Flokestone

WED AUG 6th

SHIVER
Seahorse, Greatstone

FRI AUG 8th

WINTER IN JUNE, SIX DOWN,
ONE TIME CHAMPION
Stripes Club, Folkestone

BATTLESKA GALLACTICA
Centre Spot, Dover

SAT AUG 9th

EIN STEIFEN,
SURGERY WITHOUT RESEARCH
Louis Armstrong, Dover

LOKI
Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SAT AUG 16th

GILLINGHAM PARKLIFE FESTIVAL
Gillingham Park, Gillingham

HEAVY MENTAL – LIVE FROM CHICAGO

Chicago-based band HEAVY MENTAL are in Kent for a series of dates which started at the end of June and continue at the Barge in Gillingham (Wednesday July 2nd), the Beacon Court in Gillingham (Thursday July 3rd - Battle of the Bands - and Friday July 4th, with BONSAI RESERVOIR and GOBLIN TRAILER PARK, the Command House in Chatham (Saturday July 5th, with FUZZ), the Yacht Club in Sheerness (Sunday July 6th), the Beer Cart Arms in Canterbury (Wednesday July 9th with JACUZZI 9mm and MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK), the Louis Armstrong in Dover (Friday July 11th, with DOGCAT) and the Oasthouse in Rainham (Saturday July 12th, with GILT TRIP). The final date is for over 16s - earlier in the day (4.30-7pm) there is an all ages show at the Oasthouse with PARASITE, SOFTLY SPOKEN VOICE, SYSTEM OF A FROWN and THE GILT TRIP.

The band's new album "Brain Damage" will be released whilst they are over here. The tour has been organised by Vic Wintergreen, who came across the band by chance when he typed in the phrase 'heavy mental' into the web as it was the way he described the recently defunct Kent band Six Stage Suicide. That brought him into contact with HEAVY MENTAL's main songwriter Wayne Kusy, who is said to be very keen on the British scene, particularly the music, humour and, especially, the beer.

What exactly is "Heavy Mental". It's not something easily put into words .. but if you can imagine the musical offspring of Jimi Hendrix and Frank Zappa, you're getting close.

A Chicago-based band with diverse influences, HEAVY MENTAL is an irreverent, fun and wholly original rock group. It features the jazz-orientated bass riffs of David Bernstein, solid pocket drumming from David Kohn, and frenetic, blazing leads by the band's guitarist Wayne Kusy. Wayne puts a song together like a puzzle, incorporating his favourite influences (The Who, Sex Pistols, Nirvana, Sweet, and many others), into his own brand of guitar rock. Completing the group is Sara Hollister, a powerful vocalist who delivers the band's humorous, satiric lyrics with compelling style and presence.

HEAVY MENTAL's songs attack the idiocy, materialism and nonsense of modern society. With song titles such as "Mind Heroes", "Rich Kids", "Caller ID", "Silicone Valley", "Trophy Wife" and "I Like Girls Who Smoke", HEAVY MENTAL lampoons the conventions of modern rock while delivering a rhetorical strike on people who cannot see beyond their own little world.

The band has been engaging Chicago audiences for 20 years and is ready to leave its mark on the music industry ... or at least have a few beers in the process. After all, it's only rock 'n' roll ... and they like it.

Vic Wintergreen can be contacted at 8 Albion Terrace, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 2EQ. Tel: 07951 132840. Vwp.sounds@virgin.net



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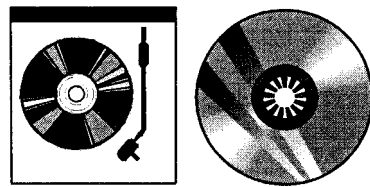
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