



HELP AND ADVICE: Pauline Herring of Windsor and Maidenhead mental health services, Theresa May MP, the trust's website editor Krzysztof Bocz and borough mayor Cllr Asghar Majeed. Ref:111574-7

Maintaining a healthy mind

TOWN CENTRE: Home Secretary Theresa May turned up to support the county's mental health trust on Friday when managers set up a stall in the Nicholson's Centre.

The Berkshire Health Care Trust had set up similar stalls all over the county, offering help and advice

to sufferers of mental illness, their friends and family.

Maidenhead's MP Mrs May and Royal Borough mayor Cllr Asghar Majeed were among supporters who popped in to say hello.

Pauline Herring, the Windsor and Maidenhead area manager for the mental health trust, and its web

editor Krzysztof Bocz helped man the stall.

The trust's communications manager Virginia Robbins said: "It all helps break down the stigma, having a stall in the middle of Maidenhead's shopping centre in the public domain offering help and advice to people."

Raising funds for dementia nurses

Town centre: Tuesday Singers hold concert to support charity

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A FUNDRAISING choir is holding a concert to raise money for people living with dementia. All proceeds from the Tuesday Singers' gig will go to Dementia UK, which wants to introduce dedicated mental health nurses to visit people at home.

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MELLOW memories is the theme of a concert later this month performed by a choir raising money for a dementia charity.

The Tuesday Singers will perform in aid of Dementia UK with money going to the Admiral Nurses project, specialist mental health nurses who provide support for carers and patients with dementia in their own homes.

Choir secretary Janet Martin said: "Dementia UK is trying to get Admiral nurses into every area of the country.

"This is something we need to put right so we decided to try to raise some money for them."

The nurses are employed by the NHS but Dementia UK sets up the service in each area.



MEMORY LANE: The Tuesday Singers' concert Mellow Memories will support Dementia UK. Ref:111601-3

Victoria Lyons, the charity's lead on development for Berkshire, said she is 'absolutely delighted' the Tuesday Singers are supporting the charity.

"Because there's no care and no treatment for the disease, living well with dementia is so crucial," she said.

"Without positive support the carers aren't really able to live well."

She said the charity has started its first steering group in Berkshire to try and implement the nurses in the area.

The choir's concerts usually raise around £1,000 to £2,000 and pro-

ceeds will be boosted by a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses.

"The mayor has kindly allowed us use of the town hall, meaning that all of the profits can go towards the charity," Janet added.

The Mellow Memories concert, starting 7.30pm at Maidenhead Town Hall on Sunday, October 23, will feature The Rockaholix, a barbershop choir, and pianist James Church, a Norden Farm regular.

For tickets, costing £10, call 01628 522854.

Call Dementia UK's carers' helpline on 0845 2579406 for information about Admiral nurses.

■ The Tuesday Singers have a guest conductor, Graham Barker, for the concert but are looking for a new conductor to help with their rehearsals at St Mark's Methodist Church, Allenby Road, on Tuesdays at 10am to noon.

'There's no care and no treatment so living well is so crucial'

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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD

Community spells out crime priority

BOYN HILL, COX GREEN AND WOODLANDS PARK: Metal thefts, speeding vehicles and obstruction by badly parked cars are the area's biggest crime headaches and need to be tackled, a collective of Neighbourhood Action Groups have warned.

The group has vowed to 'nag, nag, nag' authorities for action after the issues were identified by the community survey, which received 459 responses.

Boyn Hill residents were concerned that cars blocking pavements and road junctions were creating reduced visibility for pedestrians.

Woodlands Park residents were keen to see more speed checks and signs to tackle dangerous driving.

A 'spate' of metal thefts has also raised concerns.

Meanwhile, Cox Green Neighbourhood Action Group has been tackling the problem of dog mess, identified as the top target of a 2009 survey.

"We have now got a process where officers carry dog bags to offer dog walkers who may have forgotten to bring one, and proper signage warning of the penalties for not clearing up," said Keith Bell, the NAG's co-chair.

A public meeting is being held at Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, October 25, to discuss the issues raised in the survey.

Hunting for ghosts

BISHAM: A psychic medium is leading a ghost hunt around Bisham Abbey in search of spirits on Saturday, October 29.

Barbara Giordano, who has worked on the TV show Most Haunted, is hoping to meet Lady Hoby, who is said to have haunted the abbey since 1609.

The tour runs from 9pm until the early hours. To book, call 07831 559183.