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Ladies' Night at Face and Eye



Didsbury-based surgeons at The Face and Eye Cosmetic Clinic recently held a lively Ladies' Night in the clinic's state-of-the-art premises in Northenden.

The evening combined good food and champagne with fascinating talks and demonstrations. The clinic specialises in eye and facial surgery for bags, wrinkles, lumps and bumps and vision correction; the ladies were talked through these procedures by the consultant-led staff. Ladies also experienced some of the clinic's non-surgical facial treatments for wrinkles and sun damage with microdermabrasions and peels. There were demonstrations of Botox and Restylane filler injections, watched intently by all. A donation was made to Breast Cancer Research.

Drink and be driven home this New Years Eve with Gusto



Gusto Restaurant and Bar is driving home the safety message this New Year's Eve by offering all its diners a free lift home after their party celebrations.

New Year's Day is renowned for a shortage of taxis, which makes it difficult to plan a celebration to remember. And trying to get home at the end of the night is the biggest problem for revellers, which can lead to an increase in drink driving.

Tim Bacon, Managing Director of Gusto's parent company, Living Ventures, explained: "Drink driving is

Reds give a helping hand

Owen Hargreaves helped launch Manchester United's new partnership with Christie Hospital recently, offering books, tea and friendly banter to Christie Hospital's cancer patients.

The Reds midfielder was joined by Danny Simpson and Tom Heaton at Christie, which treats over 40,000 cancer patients, assisting the hospital's army of volunteers. The visit attempted to highlight Christie's constant need for helpers to make new patients feel welcome, run the ward tea bar and deliver library books to patients at their bedside.

The partnership's other key aims include raising funds for the recruitment of a full-time physiotherapist and occupational therapist to work solely in the Young Oncology Unit. United's first team players are taking an active role in encouraging young people to exercise during their recovery. Exercise can play a big part in the treatment of cancer; the stronger and fitter a patient is the better they cope with the treatment.



an issue all year, an issue that all bar and restaurant operators should take seriously. With the more relaxed atmosphere during the festive season, the temptation to offend becomes greater. At Living Ventures we are always looking at ways to help prevent this, therefore we are driving all our diners home."

Simone Annette, Manager of the Didsbury Gusto Restaurant and Bar added: "We always place a strong emphasis on ensuring our customers have a truly memorable time. Everybody knows how busy and difficult it can be to organise transport over New Year, so providing our diners with free transport home is a small gesture to thank our customers and ensure they get home safely."

An elegant dining experience, sumptuous food, superior wines, an abundance of champagne and cocktails, live entertainment and a free ride home. What more could you ask for?

If you book before the end of November, Gusto Restaurant and Bar is offering free champagne! So what are you waiting for?

For further info email didsbury@gustorestaurants.uk.com

NEWS

Thank you!



Dear Editor,
The British Heart Foundation would like to thank all your enthusiastic readers who signed up to join our team of volunteers working across Manchester during our autumn recruitment drive.

Without volunteers the nation's heart charity would not be able to raise vital funds to invest in our groundbreaking research into heart disease, provide vital care and support for heart patients in Manchester, or help people keep their hearts healthy.

We still have vacancies in the area for volunteers. For more information about volunteering at the British Heart Foundation, please call John Brown on 0161 292 5225 or visit bhf.org.uk/volunteer

John Brown
Community Fundraising and Volunteer Manager for Manchester

Hundreds and thousands campaign



Can you remember first being introduced to United? Or how you celebrated seeing your first goal at Old Trafford?

The Children's Society is driven by the belief that every child deserves a good childhood, and that's why they want United fans to add their voice to the Hundreds and Thousands campaign.

The national charity wants to hear about your treasured childhood memories to build a clearer picture of why growing up in the UK has changed so much.

United legend Wilf McGuinness and Reds' Chief Executive David Gill have already added their favourite memories.

You can help create better childhoods for children in the UK by adding your own memories to the website: hundredsandthousands.org.uk/manutd. Your memories will aid the Good Childhood Inquiry - the UK's first such independent inquiry.

The Children's Society - one of Manchester United's six preferred charity partners - provides vital help and understanding for children who face the greatest danger, discrimination or disadvantage.

Have a look at the collection of memories and add yours too. United we can all help to create a better childhood for our children.

Feeling creative? Win £1,000

Write a poem about your home town and you could win £1,000 in a free poetry competition.

Entry is free and any UK poet, young or old, can 'have a go'. All you have to do is send a poem about someone or something in your home town or area to Local Poem, United Press Ltd, Admail 3735, London, EC1B 1JB.

You can send up to three entries, which must be no more than 20 lines and 160 words each. The best poem will win £1,000.

For further info call Peter Quinn on 0870 240 6190. The closing date is 31 December 2007.

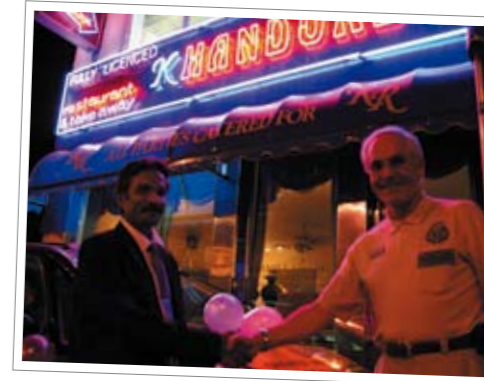
Pensioners eat free (again)



The Khandoker Restaurant on Kingsway, Didsbury is offering senior citizens the opportunity to eat for free again this Christmas. Proprietor Sufi Khandoker said: "It is something we've been doing for many years, and it's my way of giving something back to the community. I'd hate to spend Christmas alone; we're all going to grow old one day." This generous offer is open to all pensioners on Christmas Day, 1pm to 11pm, and Boxing Day, noon till 5pm.

For further enquiries and to book call 0161 434 3596 or 07790 772 849. All bookings must be made by 15 December. Please quote Didsbury Magazine

Local heroes



Well done to Kirsty Howard and Sufi Khandoker who recently received a nomination for The Manchester City Council Community Award. Guests were invited to Manchester Town Hall's Great Hall with Gordon Burns and Annabel Tiffin from North West Tonight presenting the much-coveted awards showcasing unsung local heroes.

Kirsty won the young citizen of the year award and Sufi was a finalist in the 'Individual contribution to the community'.

Also, a special mention to The Friends of Fletcher Moss Park and Gardens who were finalists in 'The Group Contribution To The Community'. Well done to everyone who was nominated.