

Glastonbury? Why go when we have 18 bands in one day right here!

Local talent will rival big names on big weekend of the summer

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THE bands may be a little less famous, but the tickets are definitely a lot cheaper at a local music charity event taking place the same weekend as Glastonbury.

Eighteen young bands are lined up to take part in the event at Portchester Community Centre on Sunday, June 27, which will be raising money for Hannah's Appeal.

Hannah Westbrook, from Waterlooville, died aged just 10 in 2004 from Hodgkin's disease. The appeal set up by her family in her name now runs a holiday home in the New Forest.

The day has been organised by volunteers between 16 and 25 from the Vinvolved project at the community centre in Westlands Grove.

James Cannons, the Vinvolved project leader, said the idea stemmed from a battle of the bands they put on in February.

He added: 'Hopefully it'll be a good day, it's the biggest thing we've attempted so far.'

The idea to back the appeal came from one of the young volunteers whose mother is a friend of Hannah's mum, Pam Marshall.

Pam said: 'Hannah would be 16 now, so it's definitely her age group and I've got a teenage son Adam so we're hoping to go along and get a few of his friends there as well.'

'It's a great idea. It's good to see positive things going on with young people. It keeps



ROCKING This is Atlantica with Tom Guildford, left, on bass, and Jordan Saxton on guitar, will play at Vinvolved

them busy, keeps them occupied and stops them from getting into any trouble.'

There will also be a barbecue, ice cream and refreshments, but the event is alcohol-free. Entry costs £1 or are available now from the

centre. The day runs from 4pm to 11pm. Raffle tickets are also £1 each.

For more information or to donate raffle prizes call (023) 9221 0070, email v@portchesterca.org.uk or go to portchesterproject.btik.com

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FUNDRAISER Hannah Westbrook, in whose memory the event is being held

Views are sought on city alcohol abuse

A FREE iPod Nano is on offer to people who take part in a quiz on alcohol abuse.

Portsmouth City Council will ask passers-by to answer six questions in a survey at Guildhall Walk.

The move comes after figures revealed Portsmouth has the highest rate of alcohol-related hospital admissions in the south-east at about 4,000 a year.

Up to 14,000 emergency department attendances are alcohol-related.

Everyone who takes part will be entered into a prize draw for an iPod Nano.

A city council spokesman said: 'The purpose of the review is to highlight the health and economic impact of alcohol misuse across the city and how we and the local health service can work in partnership with local businesses and the voluntary sector to improve the health outcomes for local people.'

The event is set to take place on July 16 between 11am and 11pm.

Alternatively visit survey-monkey.com/s/KHFH8K8 or call (023) 9283 4060.

Armed Forces ceremony

A COUNCIL will be holding a flag raising ceremony to mark national Armed Forces Day.

The Mayor of Havant, Councillor Yvonne Weeks will join pupils from Park Community and Warren Park schools, cadets, veterans, and service personnel at the event at Havant Borough Council on June 21.

The specially-designed flag to honour both former and current troops will be hoisted then visible until Armed Forces Day itself, on June 26.

The mayor will be presented with the flag by the Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire, Vice Admiral Sir Roy Newman at 10am. A short ceremony will then be led by the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev Steve Tancock, before the flag is raised by a five man team from HMS Excellent and HMS Bristol.

The public are welcome.

HEADLINER Paul McCartney is performing at the Isle of Wight Festival on Sunday



Hovercraft helps start party

REVELLERS can get the party started before they even get to the Isle of Wight Festival with the launch of HoverFest.

Hovertravel will be transporting thousands of people to the annual festival, which kicks off today and features stars such as Paul McCartney and Blondie.

To mark the special occasion the firm has joined forces with radio station Galaxy to host live DJ sessions at the Southsea terminal.

The events were due to be hosted at the Clarence Esplanade this afternoon and

tomorrow.

Hampshire Constabulary, which will provide policing for the four-day event in Newport, has also set up a special page on social networking website Facebook for festival-goers.

A spokesman said: 'The Isle of Wight festival is a well-policed, safe and peaceful event. Police will be working alongside organisers, security staff, fellow emergency services and partner agencies to keep this years event as safe as possible, both for those people attending the festival and the local community.'

No plea in cocaine case

A MAN accused of dealing cocaine has appeared in court.

Nathan Allen, 28, was arrested after police allegedly found 12.5g of the drug at his home in Lowestoft Road, Portsmouth. He did not enter a plea at Portsmouth Magistrates' Court and was released on bail.