

Day of mass choir song

A FANTASTIC day of fun is promised at a singing day hosted by Whitstable Choral Society.

The group will welcome choirs from across the district to the day of song on Saturday, October 1, directed by David Flood, organist and master of choristers at Canterbury Cathedral.

The singers will rehearse a range of music from scratch, including Rutter's Wings of the Morning and Mozart's Ave Verum, performing it at St John's Church in Argyle Road, Whitstable, at 3.45pm.

Food heaven

A DELICIOUS array of tantalising treats will be paying a visit to Canterbury this month.

The city's three day Euro fair attracts hundreds of county and European food producers and boasts some of the best food, drink and crafts the South East has to offer.

Adding some crunch to the festivities will be Quex Foods' Kent Crisps, displaying their unique flavours varying from classic cheese and onion, and for the more daring crisp connoisseur, Oyster and Vinegar.

Quex Foods managing director Anthony Curwen said: "I am delighted Kent Crisps have a part to play in promoting our superb county."

■ The Euro Fair takes place over the course of a weekend at the Dane John Gardens in Canterbury from next Friday, September 23, to Sunday, September 25.

Cook for cash

FANCY hosting a dinner party on TV?

A brand new series of Channel 4's Come Dine With Me will be coming to Canterbury and TV bosses are looking for people to take part in the show.

Filming takes place over five days with five strangers taking turns to host the perfect dinner party with a £1,000 cash prize.

If you are 18 or over and passionate about cooking, call 0871 244 4142 or e-mail cdwm@itv.com

Laugh treat

COMEDY fans should make their way to the Gulbenkian Theatre Canterbury on Thursday, September 29.

Critically-acclaimed comedian, Daniel Sloss, who has been performing stand-up since he was 16, will be entertaining audiences with his half-man, half XBox show.

He is a regular on television comedy programmes including 8 Out Of 10 Cats and was named Best New Comedian at the Scottish Variety Awards 2011.

Daniel toured South East Asia earlier this year and appeared at the Sydney Comedy Festival, where he proved so popular that extra shows were added. He will be supported by Newcastle comic Kai Humphries.

■ Tickets cost £13 or £10 concessions from the box office on 01227 769075 or www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

Dance star is leading actor

by Laura Archer

HE CAN dance – and now Strictly Come Dancing star Brian Fortuna is to strut his stuff as a singer and actor as well.

Brian, best-known for waltzing his way to the semi-finals of BBC1's Strictly Come Dancing with former Hollyoaks actress Ali Bastian, has spent the last eight months training for his acting debut.

He will start in Over The Rainbow, The Eva Cassidy Story, in Ramsgate next weekend.

As a renowned choreographer and a sought-after mentor, Brian is used to being the tutor rather than the student.

However, the hard-working dancer said he enjoyed learning to add more strings to his bow.

The charming American confessed with a laugh: "I loved being a student – the pressure was off me."

"It was so great to be doing something that was for my own development and to learn the real artistry of singing and acting."

"This last year's been really cool for me."

Brian's dedication and determination has certainly



Dance Star: Brian Fortuna, known to millions as a top dancer on Strictly Come Dancing

paid off, landing him the role of Danny Cassidy, Eva's brother, in the show about the late singer's life.

She was an unknown singer until after her death aged 33.

The lead role is played by former Hollyoaks actress



Rainbow: Sarah Jane Buckley, playing Eva Cassidy in the Eva Cassidy story

Sarah Jane Buckley, who is praised by her co-star as doing "an amazing job".

Brian added: "She is on stage 90 per cent of the time and her performance carries the whole way through."

"The whole cast are

brilliant performers."

Over The Rainbow, The Eva Cassidy Story, comes to the Granville Theatre on Sunday, September 25, at 8pm.

■ Tickets cost £14 in advance from 01843 591750 or £15 on the door.

Mathematics and mystery on stage

A MYSTERIOUS notebook and a burgeoning romance make for an enthralling evening with the latest production by the Lindley Players.

Proof, by David Auburn, tells the story of Catherine, played by Cheryl Mumford, who has spent years caring for her father (Peter Bressington), a famous mathematician.

After his death, she is faced with her own volatile emotions and over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all, and question how much of her father's madness – or genius – will she inherit?

Cheryl, a full-time teacher, also sings in cover band Frogguggle, and proved popular



Strange notes: Hannah Rogers and Jamie Mount of the Lindley Players in Whitstable unearth a mystery in the Players' latest production of Proof at the Playhouse, Whitstable

when she appeared as Popsy Wopsy in the Lindley's Music Hall performance earlier this year.

The play, which was written 10 years ago, also features Hannah Rogers, who has been treading the boards since she was eight.

She is deputy head of Lorenden prep school in Faversham and has directed a range of productions with pupils there.

Removal man Jamie Mount, who took the lead in the group's production of Aladdin last year, also appears

and director Mandy Hunt is at the helm. Performances start on Thursday, September 27 at 7:45pm and run until Saturday, October 1.

■ Tickets are available online at www.playhousewhitstable.co.uk, or phone 01227 272042.

Winner in town Bicycle bell band

PREPARE to have your funny bones tickled by Show Me The Funny winner Patrick Monahan.

The Irish-Iranian comic beat other hopefuls on the ITV1 stand-up talent show and walked away with a prize of £100,000, his own nationwide tour and a DVD release.

The tour will stop off at the Gulbenkian Theatre in Can-

terbury on Thursday, September 22, giving Patrick and fellow finalists Dan Mitchell and Tiffany Stevenson a chance to meet their fans.

Patrick said: "I'm really looking forward to doing the tour show so that I can get to see the audience voted for me on Show Me The Funny."

■ Tickets cost £17.50 from www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

A CANADIAN group who play everything from bicycle bells to bass guitars will perform in Whitstable next Saturday.

Po'Girl will stop off at The Royal Native Oyster Stores on Saturday, September 24, as part of a European tour and the evening promises to be a vintage night in the calendar.

The gig is organised by Whitstable Folk Club and

promises an evening blending a range of musical influences, sweetness, grit and soul.

They released their fifth album, Follow Your Bliss, last year, and launched a DVD in August to coincide with the tour.

■ Tickets cost £12 from www.whitstablefolk.co.uk or Rock Bottom Records in Harbour Street, Whitstable.

Astrology with Claire Petulengro



♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 Call now on 09062890610

You have got to stop this situation from getting any more out of hand. It is quite simply ridiculous the way that you are both carrying on. It takes a braver man to stand down so come on, do the right thing before a close one starts to think this is the real you that they are seeing. Phone to hear about your finances in detail.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 Call now on 09062890611

You are approaching a very important time in your life and the majority of you bulls are going to be feeling that you can at long last lay down those roots without fear of them being pulled from under your feet. Call my starline to find out how your ruling planet Venus can help you get what you want for keeps this time.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Call now on 09062890612

You finally feel as if you are justified to put your time and heart into the person that has obviously had such a dramatic effect on you. It is all very well saying that you don't care about a work issue that has gone to pot if that were true, but the point is that you still have time to turn events round. Ring me so I can help you.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 Call now on 09062890613

The stars are filling you with solar energy and with the confidence that last week you prayed for but which just seemed to mysteriously evade you time and time again. The funny thing is Cancer that the mention of that person's name from your past no longer seems to be having such an effect on you. Call now to reveal your destiny.

♌ **Leo** July 23-August 23 Call now on 09062890614

You must not judge a close one so harshly for the events that have recently taken place in their life. You of all signs should know how it feels to lose control of what you are doing and if you were to look a little closer then you would see that they have handled life very admirably given the circumstances. Ring me now for focus.

LIVE PSYCHIC

Find out your future with a one-to-one consultation call 0906 174 1018

LIVE MEDIUMS

Contact a loved one with our gifted consultants call 0906 174 1019

♍ **Virgo** August 24-Sept 22 Call now on 09062890615

You must not think that you have done a bad job of your work, especially after all of the hard work that you have put into your life of late. Each sign has its own style and all you need to do is to find the correct niche for your work my friend. Phone now to hear why Librans play such a key role in happy events approaching.

♎ **Libra** Sept 23-Oct 23 Call now on 09062890616

Family have been proving hard work of late and you don't seem to be too sure how you can or should handle a difficult close one. Give them some time and distance and you'll soon see it was their own problems they had to deal with and not anything to do with you. Ring me now to hear why career changes are blessed.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct 24-Nov 21 Call now on 09062890617

You may think that a loved one is purposely trying to upset you but you are wrong. All they are trying to do is to get to the bottom of your very strange behaviour Scorpio. Where there is a will there is a way so sit down and tell them where the real problems lie. Call now to hear why miracles wait for you this week.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov 22-Dec 20 Call now on 09062890618

Come back down to earth my friend, you're so much nicer when you're normal. Why not invite a few familiar faces round to yours and talk about the normal things in life for a change, you may just find yourself having a good time and letting 'that' person on your mind fade into the past. Ring now for focus and direction.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec 21-Jan 20 Call now on 09062890619

You may have to tell a lie in order to save face in business but that does not mean you need to tell many lies. Why not go for the straightforward approach for a change. Admittedly it has been a while since you have, but just think of how easy it will be to speak without having to lie. Ring now for your love scope.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan 21-Feb 19 Call now on 09062890620

This very dramatic stage you have been experiencing over recent weeks, is coming to an end, and event though you may miss the theatrics, you are sure to find yourself with far more energy in the long run. Call my starline to find out why the most lucrative offers in business this week are not necessarily the best.

♓ **Pisces** Feb 20-March 20 Call now on 09062890621

News of a wedding or engagement brings surprise. Try to plan something special for the weekend so that they know they are still prominent in your heart and thoughts. Gemini's link to naughty offers, which can rock an otherwise stable boat. Call my starline to find out why order and honesty are essential in love today.

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