

What When Where? The Forester

16-track album recorded at Angel Studio

JAYL De Lara and the Band of Life have recorded a new album 'Roma' in the Angel Studio, Ruardean.

This 16 track CD has been three years in the making.

It features students at Jayl's own Harmony School, which he runs at the Angel.

The school specialises in vocal coaching and singing as a therapy.

The first single from the album, 'Somewhere', is also the opening track. It was composed by Jayl and one of his proteges, Shem Booth-Spain.

The single has been championed by Radio Six DJ Tom Robinson.

The Harmony School was formed in the summer of 1997 by Jayl De Lara – the great-grandson of world famous concert pianist and composer Adelina De Lara.

Jayl was opera trained by Hilary Western, a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and Member of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company.

A fully equipped professional studio has been set up in the former skittle alley of the ex-Angel pub.



MAKING MUSIC:
Jayl De Lara.



Clairvoyant signs for Cinderford Rugby Club!

INTERNATIONAL medium Bernice Scott (pictured) will be holding an evening of clairvoyance at Cinderford Rugby Club to raise funds for the Forest of Dean Children's Opportunity Centre.

The event on Wednesday June 11 has been organised by centre volunteer, Jenna Midwinter, who said that as a grandmother of two special needs children she has experienced first-hand the wonderful support opportunity groups give to families and children who struggle with disability.

The centre relies entirely on fundraising, grants and donations to run the facility. Tickets for the evening cost £8 in advance or £10 on the door and are available from the centre or their shop, the Opportunity Box, in Coleford.

Springboard for creative minds

ENTREPRENEURS Natasha and Nick Cadman are using the Redbrook Festival on June 6 and 7 as a springboard for testing ideas and feedback before officially launching their venture 'Creative Minds' later in the year.

They will run a Creative Minds family tent on the Saturday of the festival, featuring everything from an arts and crafts area to wire model making, facepainting, fancy dress, circus games and more.

Natasha said: "As local parents we often feel there should be more ac-

tivities aimed at engaging young people in the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean. We felt inspired to make a difference and hope our venture, once launched, will use creativity to improve the well-being of children in local communities."

Redbrook's Live on the Wye Festival has doubled the number of bands that will play this year, with

the emphasis on attracting up and coming Welsh talent.

Festival chairman Howard Hancocks said: "This year's event will put Redbrook on the map for showcasing original Welsh music and providing a great day out for families."

Tickets for the festival are available from liveon-thewye.co.uk

Animal lover's work on show in garden room

JENNIFER Lewis will be exhibiting her art work at Taurus Crafts until June 16.

The exhibition is called 'Soft Pastel Images of Pets, People and Wildlife'.

Jennifer said: "I have always been an animal lover, so it was almost a foregone conclusion that when I retired and joined an art class, painting animals would become my passion."

"I enjoy life drawing and portraiture, using all the mediums and having fun with texture, but when using high quality pastels on velour paper I am able to create a lovely soft image. By leaving a plain or subtle background the focus is always entirely on the animal itself, capturing every expression, especially the eyes which can tell you so much about how an animal is feeling, whether it is sadness, excitement or fear."

Jennifer's work is on display in the garden room from 10am until 5.30pm daily.

She added: "I recently travelled to South Africa and South America and was lucky enough to observe and photograph animals in their natural habitat, providing some inspirational material to paint."

Coalway singers at Baptist Church

THE Coalway Singers held their annual spring concert at The Baptist Church.

Performing with them were Bream Silver Band

and pianist and songmaster Michael Kennerley.

A sum of £200 was raised for the Children's Opportunity Centre.