

Synth fans can find out if friends are electric at a tribute to the electronic music icon.

Gary Numan tribute act Nuway Army will perform at the Charles Cryer Theatre in September. Fan Simon

Godfrey got told he looked like Numan and decided to set up his own tribute act in 2001.

Godfrey says: "We are hoping for a good turn-out and want

the audience to really feel they have had their money's worth."

● **Nuway Army**; Charles Cryer Theatre, High Street, Carshalton; September 14; £13; 020 8770 6990.

NUWAY ARMY

THE ELECTRIC ARMY

ECO FAIR

The date for one of the biggest events in Sutton's summer calendar has been announced.

Attractions at this year's Carshalton Environmental Fair include music and performances on three stages, hundreds of stalls, local produce, children's activities and more.

Everything will be themed around saving the environment and showcasing local sustainability initiatives.

Organisers are looking for people to help out at this year's festival. If you are interested you can contact tansy@ecolocal.org.uk.

● **Carshalton Environmental Fair**; Carshalton Park, Ruskin Road; Monday, August 26, 10am to 8pm; children free, adult tickets to be confirmed; fair@ecolocal.org.uk.

GOING OUT OF TOWN?

FESTIVAL

Relax this summer by attending one of south-west London's premier art festivals.

● **Abbey Fest**; Merton Abbey Mills, Merantun Way; until August 26, times and prices vary; colourhousetheatre.co.uk.

Feast at Battersea Park is a summer celebration of food and drink.

● **Feast at Battersea Park**; Albert Bridge Road; August 16-18, 11am-9pm; adults £22, children £10; foodies festival.com.

THEATRE

Bond legend Sir Roger Moore is set to discuss his illustrious career.

● **An Afternoon with Roger Moore**; New Wimbledon Theatre, the Broadway, Wimbledon; November 17, 3pm; 08448 717646, atgtickets.com.

After the success of her children's fantasy novels an author is stepping into the world of paranormal activity for her latest effort, writes *James Pepper*.

Not only that, but Debbie Edwards is tackling a whole new age bracket, and a notoriously difficult one – teenagers.

Marvin's Curse is a young adult paranormal novel about a 17-year-old who finds out he can see and talk to the dead.

The author, who lives in Carshalton, says she has always had a fascination with ghosts and – following the success of children's fantasy novels, the Aggie Lichen; Pilp Collector trilogy – had designs on trying something new.

She says: "I've been a huge fan of all things paranormal for a very long time. I was brought up on the Addams family and the Munsters and over the years I have been an avid viewer and reader of the paranormal, watching things like Most Haunted to Buffy the Vampire Slayer and reading books like Shiver and Twilight."

The intrigue does not stop at her novels either – she has even dragged her spouse into it.

She says: "I'm so into it all that my honeymoon was a

Count Dracula tour of Romania. We visited the infamous Bran Castle, went to where Vlad Dracula was born in Sighisoara and to the island in the monastery where his tomb lay.

It was fascinating." It comes as no surprise that her latest novel is based around a cemetery. She says: "The

first part of the novel is set in contemporary England. The main character has moved from a big house in a large town to the country after the death of his father. They now live in a small run-down house that backs onto a disused cemetery. The second part of the novel is set in Moghador, an evil underground world which serves as a gateway to Hell. It's a place for spirits that can't or won't cross-over."

Currently the best-selling local author at Waterstone's in Sutton, Marvin's Curse has received a ringing

endorsement from multi-million selling author of Faerie Wars, Herbie Brennan.

He says: "This is a teen novel like none you've ever read before – unusual, archetypal, compelling, thrilling, action-packed, satisfying, and, if

you'll pardon the pun, haunting. A marvellous book full of unexpected twists, turns and high imagination. I couldn't put it down."

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● **Marvin's Curse**; out now; £1.98; Sutton Waterstone's or amazon.co.uk

TEEN ANGST

STREET CINEMA

The country's first high street-based open air cinema is now open.

Sunset Cinema is screening classic films in Sutton High Street this summer. It is thought to be the first time an

open air cinema has been staged in the middle of a high street.

● **Sunset Cinema**; Sutton High Street; Saturday, August 3, Wednesday, August 7, and Wednesday, August 14, 9pm; free.



STREET CINEMA



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Vibe SHORTS

NATURE WALK: Families can hire one of Nonsuch Park's nature discovery backpacks and go to find out about the wildlife on their doorsteps.

● **Nature Discovery**; Nonsuch Park Cafe; August 5, 10am; £2 per activity booklet (£10 deposit); email biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk.

BEETLE MANIA: Children aged three and up can find out more about beetles through story, games and craft in Sutton Ecology Centre's Meadow.

● **Beautiful Beetles**; Sutton Ecology Centre, the Old Rectory, Festival Walk, Carshalton; August 12, 10.30am to noon; £3.50 per child; 020 8770 5820.

PUPPET POWER: The Honeywood Museum is holding a puppet-making session where children can make riverbank-themed toys.

● **Tales of the Riverbank Puppet Making**; Honeywood Museum, Honeywood Walk, Carshalton; August 11, 2pm to 4pm; 020 8770 4297.

CLIMBING UP THE WALLS: Sutton Life Centre is offering people with a head for heights taster sessions on its climbing wall on several dates this month.

● **Sutton Life Centre Climbing Wall**; Alcorn Close; August 7, 14, 21, 28; £5 for 30 minutes; 08453 631177.

MAD CLASS: The MAD Academy for children under four years old who can walk is holding a free trial class.

● **MAD Academy**; Holmwood Hall, Holmwood Gardens, Wallington; August 30, 9.30am to 10.15am; free; 01372 372942.



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