

IN BRIEF

Man faces sex offences trial

A 36-year old man from Deal accused of taking indecent photographs of a child among other offences will face trial in February.

Paul Atkins, of Dola Avenue, has been charged with taking indecent photographs and videos of a child aged between 15 and 16 years and a child aged between 14 and 15 years.

He is also accused of two counts of inciting a girl aged 13 to 15 to engage in sexual activity and one count of engaging in sexual activity with a girl 13 to 15.

He appeared at Folkestone Magistrates Court last Wednesday where he withheld his pleas.

He was released on conditional bail and sent for trial at Canterbury Crown Court on February 22.

Men arrested after drugs find

Four men from Deal have been arrested on suspicion of supplying drugs.

A search conducted in a home in Leivers Road resulted in the find last Wednesday.

Twelve wraps of a powder believed to be heroin and about £800 in cash were seized from the house.

The men were released on bail until Friday, March 17.



MP Charlie Elphicke signing the Holocaust Memorial Book

Holocaust victims are remembered

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A service at Deal Town Hall will be among the thousands of commemorative events arranged across the country as part of Holocaust Memorial Day tomorrow (Friday).

Holocaust Memorial Day marks the anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, where more than one million Jews were killed.

Deal Town Council has recognised the anniversary for more than a decade. This year it carries the theme of How Does Life Go On?

There will be lighting of candles, readings, poems and prayers in Deal Town Hall at 10.30am before the dedication of a new memorial outside at 11am. All are invited.

Rabbi Malcolm Weisman, from London, has been invited to attend.

The Mayor of Deal, Cllr David Cronk, will be laying flowers at the new memorial and others are invited to do the same.

There will be refreshments on offer in the town hall afterwards where there will also be a display



The Rev Chris Spencer and the Mayor of Deal, Cllr David Cronk

of 1,000 faces made of foil by pupils from Goodwin Academy.

Last week, Dover and Deal MP Charlie Elphicke signed a Book of Commitment to honour the millions murdered in the Holocaust and the thousands who survived.

He said: "Holocaust Memorial Day is an important opportunity for people from Dover and Deal and across the country to reflect on this tragic event."

"To think such evil slaughter took place within the last century is a truly solemn reality."

"As it moves from living history to the deeper past, it becomes more important than ever we take the time to remember the victims, and also pay tribute to the survivors."

Karen Pollock, chief executive of the Holocaust Education Trust, said: "We are very grateful to Charlie for signing the Book of Commitment."

"It signals a continued commitment to remembering the victims of the Holocaust as well as challenging antisemitism, prejudice and bigotry in all its forms."

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