

# Probe into death of Polish man

A PROBE has been launched into the death of a Polish man who died after he was released from police custody.

Jakub Przyborowski, 40, was found in Northgate Playing Fields, Northgate Avenue, Crawley, at 2pm last Wednesday.

He was suffering from a head injury and was later pronounced dead in hospital.

Mr Przyborowski had been arrested at Gatwick the previous day as he attempted to return to Poland after a short trip to the UK. He was taken to Crawley police station and charged with being drunk and incapable in a public place.

It is unclear whether he was released from custody on Tuesday or on Wednesday morning.

Sussex Police automatically referred the incident to the Independent Police Complaints Commission, who directed that the force should carry out its own inquiry.

Sussex Police spokeswoman Vanessa Castle said: "It is policy that if somebody has died and they have been in custody some time in the previous 24 hours they automatically get referred to the IPCC."

Poppy Turner, spokeswoman for the IPCC, said: "The details of when he was released and exactly what happened are the details we are investigating."

Neither Sussex Police nor the IPCC were able to confirm the name of the hospital he was taken to.

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**TOP CLASS:** Creative pupils have been modelling some top hats during lessons. Children at St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Sullington Way, Shoreham, designed and made their own headwear, themed on poetry and nursery rhymes. Some of the offerings included hats styled on The Owl and the Pussycat, Little Bo Peep and Dr Seuss's Cat in the Hat. Headteacher Catherine Walker, along with other teachers and teaching assistants, joined in the fun by sporting their own creations.

# Triangle notes down disharmony

A NEW community group has been asking residents what changes they want in their neighbourhood.

The Triangle Group, representing Brighton residents bounded by the Level, Lewes Road and Upper Lewes Road, is trying to find out what issues need prioritising.

It delivered surveys about life in the area so it could draw up an action plan.

Since it was established in February, members have already campaigned against noise, nuisance, litter and graffiti.

Linda Saltwell, Triangle community development worker, said: "This group has already made a difference in the area and I am looking forward to supporting their work this year."

"Now the detailed survey has been conducted in the area, we can accurately prioritise the needs and issues to tackle together with the council and the other relevant organisations."

"We hope that increasingly, local people will feel they can get involved and have their say."

Everyone who filled in the survey received a gift donated by businesses in the area.

# Call for blood

PEOPLE are being urged to do their bit to help save a life and give blood as stocks across the county dwindle.

The National Blood Service is holding dozens of sessions across Sussex throughout October and organisers need as many volunteers as possible to replenish stocks.

One of the earliest sessions is at the Clarendon Centre in New England Street, Brighton on Monday from 11am to 1.15pm and from 3pm to 5.45pm.

Another is taking place at St Peter's community centre in Church Street, Bexhill the same day from 1.30pm to 4pm and from 5pm to 7.30pm.

Similar sessions are taking place next week in East Grinstead, Bognor, Burgess Hill and Worthing.

To donate people must be aged between 17 and 59 and weigh more than 7st 12oz.

For details of your nearest session visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) or call 08457 711711.

# A new era for nursery

A 30-YEAR-OLD nursery school has launched itself into a new era.

Scaynes Hill pre-school has appointed a full-time manager and expanded its hours to 9am to 3pm each day.

The facility for two to five-year-olds, based at the Millennium Centre in Church Road, Scaynes Hill, near Haywards Heath, had previously been a playscheme run by parents. Details on 01444 831095.

# Tribute to respected academic

A BELGIAN man is due to appear in court tomorrow accused of causing the death of a 40-year-old university lecturer.

Sasha Spinelli, of The Course, Lewes, died after her Nissan Micra was involved in a collision with a lorry on the coastbound carriageway of the M2 between Sittingbourne and Faversham on Thursday, September 7.

Her four-year-old son, who has not been named, was taken to the intensive care unit at King's College Hospital, London, in a critical condition.

He was later moved from intensive care but is still recovering in hospital this week.

Under her professional name of Dr Sasha Roberts, Ms Spinelli worked in the School of English at the University of Kent for nine years, specialising in early modern literature and Shakespeare.

She was promoted to senior lecturer this year.

Head of department Professor Abdulrazak Gurnah paid tribute to her.

He said: "It's tragic. "We are very, very sad about what has happened and many colleagues have written to express this.

by DAVID WELLS

"She was very popular, very lively, very likeable and we admired her professionally too."

"She got students really quite excited."

He said Ms Spinelli had been on the verge of a successful career in her chosen field.

Prof Gurnah said: "We have had condolences and messages from people all around the country, even from the US and Japan."

"She was a highly respected young academic."

A spokesman for the university said: "Our thoughts are with her family and friends."

Ms Spinelli's family were unavailable for comment yesterday.

Yvan Vandermeulen, 54, faces a charge of causing death by dangerous driving.

A plea and case management hearing for the case was listed to take place at Maidstone Crown Court yesterday but His Honour Judge Jeremy Carey adjourned the hearing until tomorrow.

Vandermeulen was remanded in custody. [news@theargus.co.uk](mailto:news@theargus.co.uk)

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