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Couple's wedding gift for tragic TV star Doves helped make Jade's day special



● Jade Goody and Jack Tweed who were married on Sunday

THE owners of a Hornchurch business helped create Jade Goody's fairytale wedding by releasing a flock of doves.

The White Feather Company in Hyland Way, Hornchurch, set 12 doves free at the end of Jade and Jack Tweed's wedding ceremony on Sunday at Down Hall country house hotel, in Hatfield Heath, Hertfordshire.

Owner, Debbie Herbert, 47, said: "Doves symbolise eternal love, but at this wedding they seem to have an extra special meaning because of Jade's condition, so I feel that I have really helped to make it a special day."

Debbie who runs the business with her husband Danny, 52, from their home, offered to provide the service free of charge when she heard the couple were going to tie the knot at the 14th century mansion.

She said: "It was something I really wanted to do. We did not feel that we could charge because all the money that Jade has, she is leaving to her boys."

Jade was diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2008, but was told just weeks ago that it had spread and that she had only a few months to live.

Debbie has been following her struggle with cancer, which is being filmed on Living TV.

She said: "I think it is tragic and I feel very sorry for the family so I am really glad we could help in some way."

The company, which has been running since 2006, also provides doves for christenings, funerals and other celebrations.

Debbie said: "This will be one event that I will always remember. All weddings are special but this one was extra special because of who Jade is and her terrible situation."

By LEE-ANN RICHARDS



● Debbie and Danny Herbert with their doves and cages

Go green

GARDENING enthusiasts have put out the call for keen green fingers to sign up and enjoy an upcoming excursion.

The Squirrels Heath Garden Club will be heading to Blickling Hall, Norfolk in early April.

Outings Committee Co-ordinator Chris Cole said: "Blickling Hall is a historic Jacobean house with fantastic gardens. Our trips are leisurely and friendly. Gardening people have an easy going approach to life."

Club membership is £2.50 or £2 for pensioners. Call Cynthia Flack on 01708 471498.

Kath is Labour candidate

LABOUR'S prospective Parliamentary candidate for Hornchurch and Upminster has been announced.

Kath McGuirk, 45, will be stepping up for the Party hoping to win votes at the next General Election.

Kath has been a councillor in Barnet since 1994. She has also worked as a constituency assistant to Rudi Vis MP in Finchley and Golders Green since 1997.

Kath said: "I am thrilled with the opportunity which has been given to me by Labour Party members in Hornchurch and Upminster."

"I hope over the next few months to have an opportunity to meet as many local people as possible on the campaign trail, listening to their concerns and making plans to win this important seat."

Kath, who is a mum to a

teenage daughter, has a background in arts and retail management, has been a school governor and a volunteer at the Chicken Shed Theatre.

Kath added: "As the Labour Party candidate I would continue to fight for the policies I believe in – more social housing, including allowing councils to build houses again, better public services and a fairer taxation system."

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