

**HEART OF THE COMMUNITY: MARPLE, MARPLE BRIDGE, ROMILEY, BREDBURY, WOODLEY, HAZEL GROVE**

# Linda lights up the world

A SONG penned by a musician from Marple Bridge has reached the semi-finals of the UK International song contest.

Linda Lamon wrote Rainbow of Light in support of UNESCO's International Year of Light, and it features the vocals of soprano star Katerina Mina, who recorded it in London in January of this year.

It opened International Year of Light events in Cyprus, India, Italy, Russia, Poland, the USA, Rome, Barcelona, Brazil, Portugal, Greece, Hungary, and Canada, and there will be a live performance in Bristol on November 8.

It will also be used in

the International Year of Light closing ceremony, in Mexico in February.

Katerina and Linda are doing a live Skype interview at the Skylight a Global opera event in Athens, which is held on October 9 and 10, when the song will be played in 23 different countries.

Other songs penned by Linda include The Bells of Bere Regis, which was written to help the refurbishment of a 500-year-old bell tower in Dorset, and People Like You, which was inspired by her experiences volunteering on a soup run for the homeless in Manchester.

To listen to Rainbow of Light search for the song on soundcloud.com.



● Marple Bridge musician Linda Lamon

# Residents vote for top local businesses

RESIDENTS have named their favourite shop and restaurant in a campaign organised by Hazel Grove MP William Wragg.

More than 300 residents voted and over 30 local businesses were nominated.

The votes were counted and the four with the most in each category were announced as winners and invited to Parliament.

The in Best Local Shop category they were Lush Nail and Beauty, All Mobility, Archers Bakery and the Stationary Shop in Marple.

In the Best Local Restaurant category Pasha, The Italian, Indigo Indian and Red Peppers came out on top.

William said: "Thank



● MP William Wragg in Hazel Grove

you to all the residents who took part.

"The aim of this campaign was to show as much support for our high street as possible.

"With over 300 votes I think we definitely

achieved that, so thank you!

"All of the nominations were incredibly well deserved and I was sent some wonderful stories of customer care about members of staff going above and beyond.

"I hope next year we can have an even bigger campaign and support even more shops."

The MP is now launching a new campaign to find local heroes.

If you know someone who works hard for their community and deserves to be thanked e-mail william@williamwragg.org.uk or call 427 0660.

The deadline for nominations is October 16.

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● **Noticeboard**

● AN organ concert is due to be held at Romiley Methodist Church on Thursday (September 24).

It will be given by Matthew Owens, who grew up in Romiley and attended the church as a youngster.

He is now an organist and choirmaster at Wells Cathedral, and will include a couple of his own compositions in the concert.

The event will begin at 7.30pm and tickets will be available on the door for £10, or £9 concessions, including refreshments.

All are welcome.

● MARPLE Hall school is on the lookout for people to join its governing body.

The school needs people who have an interest in education, a passion for their local community and a desire to help the next generation.

Anyone interested can contact Elizabeth Faram at the school on 427 7966 or visit the website at [marplehall.stockport.sch.uk](http://marplehall.stockport.sch.uk).

● ROMILEY and Marple Lions Club are holding a quiz night at Marple Conservative Club on October 9 from 8pm.

Entry is £5 with a hot pot supper.