



■ Ms Menon ... quiz master

Quiz chance for students

STUDENTS are being invited to take part in a nationwide quiz contest that is taking place next month.

Quest 2009 is being organised by the Indian Academy in association with Synergy Middle East Bahrain and is targeting pupils aged 12 to 18.

It aims to forge cultural and education exchanges between Bahrain and India through quizzing, said organisers.

Teams of three children from schools, educational institutions, clubs and associations

will first take part in a written qualifying round and semifinals on May 8 at the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam Diamond Jubilee Hall, Segaiya.

Keralite quizmaster Rekha Menon will host the grand finale on May 14 at the hall.

Entry to the audience is free for all rounds, but teams must pay a registration fee of BD5 each.

Entry forms are available at the Indian Academy office, Umm Al Hassam, while people can request them online through bahrain-

indiaecf@gmail.com.

The deadline for entries is April 30.

The title sponsor is the academy, while supporters include Mega Mart, Babasons, LIC International, Siyarams MSD, the KIMS Bahrain Medical Centre, Bahrain India International Exchange, Kalavara restaurant and UAE Exchange.

Anyone wishing to sponsor the event should contact Quest 2009 organising committee members on 39662281, 36358257 or e-mail tmas@batelco.com.bh.

St George's base flags off

VISITORS to Bahrain will enjoy a Red and White start to the Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix this weekend at a charity event being organised by one of

the country's oldest expatriate clubs.

More than 200 people are expected to attend the Royal Society of St George's Red and White Ball at the

Sheraton Bahrain hotel's Al Taj Ballroom, Manama, tomorrow.

Tickets, priced at BD28 for members and BD30 for guests, are inclusive of a welcome reception

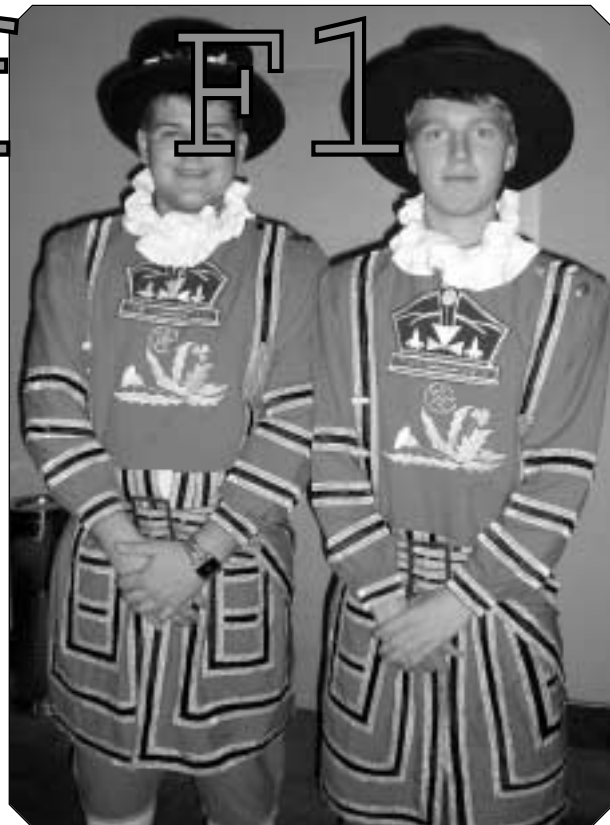
with canapés, a four-course meal with selected refreshments, a door prize and entertainment by the Bahrain Public Security Chamber Orchestra and DJ Crazy Kevin.

"This year's event is particularly poignant as it is being held on the actual St George's Day," said a society spokeswoman.

"It will hopefully will attract many residents who have returned after the Easter break or visitors who have arrived for the F1.

"Everyone is most welcome. The aim of the society is to raise funds for charity and have fun at the same time.

"This basically black tie event becomes predominantly red and white, which can be achieved by simply adding a touch of the appropriate



■ Celebrants at last year's ball

colour.

"It all adds to the fun of the evening."

Proceeds from the event will go to local charities, in particular Bahrain's needy children.

The event will also feature a draw for prizes including a Dell laptop, F1 tickets, mobile phones and other items.

Main sponsors to the event are Gulf Brands International and Hilal CTS.

It begins at 7.30pm tomorrow.

Contact Tracy on 39726329 for last-minute tickets.

A weekend of Tech music at Cocoon

TWO international DJs will perform at the Cocoon Lounge, Juffair this weekend.

British DJ Gavyn Mytchel will spin the discs at the Gallery @ Cocoon Lounge tomorrow night.

He is the resident DJ at the weekly Gallery event that takes place at the Ministry of Sound in London, where he supports some of the world's biggest DJs.

He has worked professionally with top names, including Danny Howells, Sister Bliss, Above



■ DJ Airo ... popular

and Beyond, Timo Maas, Hernan Cattaneo, Armin van Buuren and Paul Oakenfold.

Fans can expect a mix of electronic-inspired deep house, progressive and tech music.

Resident DJ Damian D'Costa and the UK's Dave Hayes will also perform.

The event begins at 9pm. Tickets are BD8 for men,

while entry is free for women.

Meanwhile, the lounge has organised a Czech it Out party from 9pm on Friday.

Prague's DJ Airo will get behind the decks and play high-tempo blends of tech-house, electro, electroclash and acid house music.

A DJ since 1995, he has performed in Austria and Slovakia and shared the stage with DJs and producers, including Dimitri, Slam, Justin Robertson, Pete Heller, Terry Francis and Joost van Bellen.

During his more recent performances, his DJ sets have been accompanied by female vocalist Tomato.

He will be supported by DJ Milan during the event.

Entry is free for women, while men will pay BD5.

Contact 36500114 or visit www.cocoonlounge.net for more information.

■ Steve Angello ... a date with Bahrain



Angello in Bahrain debut

TOP Swedish DJ Steve Angello will make his Bahrain debut when he performs at the Marina Club, Manama, during the Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix weekend.

The 22-year old is popular in Europe for his preference for bass-heavy, funk-fuelled electronic house sets that have been the hallmark of his performances during successful residencies at London's Ministry of Sound and Ibiza's Pacha outlets.

His performances have gained appraisals from his country's own house music proponents, including Sebastian

Ingresso and Axwell, and he has remixed the likes of Moby, Goldfrapp, Royksopp, Eurythmics and Deep Dish.

Angello first released a single *Woz not Woz* alongside fellow Swede Eric Prydz in 2004, the same year in which he was nominated for the Best Producer category at the House Awards.

He has also won the Best Newcomer award at the DJ Awards in Ibiza and appeared on *Radio 1* with Pete Tong.

"I'm just lucky to be doing what I'm doing," said Steve.

"If I didn't have the music I don't know where I would be today.

"I'm just happy and trying to enjoy life!" he added.

The concert will take place from 8pm on Friday and will feature an opening set by the UK's Jimmy Turner.

Entry is restricted to those above 18 and regular tickets are priced at BD15, while VIP tickets are BD35.

They are available at the Virgin Megastore in the Bahrain City Centre Mall and at HavaJava in the Seef Mall.

They are also available online at www.avlconcepts.com.

Contact 36119871 or e-mail info@avlconcepts.com for more information.

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Sixth EME party set

THE music of Arab Electronic DJs will be the focus of this year's Shifting Gears - the Electronic Music Experience (EME) party at the Coral Beach Club, Manama.

The event, now in its sixth year, aims to showcase a marriage between the high-tech world of Formula 1 and the electronic music community in Bahrain.

Beirut's DJ Jade will headline the show, supported by Bahrain-based DJ Mazen, a regular on the European scene and Mr K, one of Bahrain's iconic DJs.

Previous events featured house and techno artistes, including London-based Trevor Rockcliffe, Portuguese DJ Jette Lady CC, British underground star Luke Solomon, and local DJs.

The event begins at 9pm tomorrow. Entry is free for invited guests only. Call 39649590 for details.



■ Jade