

# uth fun week plan

association is organising an event comprising dance, entertainments for chil-

ust 17 and will last a week. Artists from Bangladesh. to Euro-Disney for a group footballers in the first week

include a trip to India this to Bangladesh in 1993 successful visit.

alee Y.A is very active g and cultural events munity in Luton.

p a Bengali football ged from 13 upwards. Bad- y Wednesday (10pm - 12) 2pm) at Youth House and munity Centre.

at 80 Oak Road holds ses- ek between 4pm and 7pm e pool, dárts, video games

advice and counselling for for work and through their tering and restaurant trades many locally.

Cultural events are organised three or four times a year with music, dance and magic. Some guest artists from Bangladesh perform.

Mitalee is actively involved in fund raising for disaster causes and raised many thousands of pounds for the Bangladeshi flood relief in 1988 and the cyclone disaster last year.

■ **Help is at hand for Asian women being held back by lack of qualifications.**

Special evening classes are being run at Beech

**"It's a bridge for establishing links between school leavers and further education."**

There is also a pre-school playgroup class running every Wednesday evening.

Every effort has been made so women and girls can get to the classes.

There is a creche at each class so children are no problem and there is an escort available so no-one has to travel home alone.

Anyone wishing to get details of the courses should contact Suby on Luton 429448.

■ A 40th anniversary celebration of the Bengali language gaining independence was held at Denbeigh High School on Friday, February 21. Guest of honour was Luton's Mayor Mick Ghula, himself a Bengali.

He praised the work of organisers of the event, the Mitalee Youth Association, and presented Ashuk Ahmed with a cheque from the Mayor's fund.

Speakers talked of the struggle to gain recognition for the Bengali language and of the importance of people knowing the history of their language and culture.

Entertainment was provided by a group of musicians from Bangladesh playing traditional songs and by local star Al' Hassan, much to the delight of the girls in the audience.

## NEWS ROUND-UP

**Hill Community Wing in Luton to provide Asian girls and women with qualifications in English and Maths.**

The classes, which run twice a week and are currently attended by 29 students, are designed to help those who left school with no qualifications.

Educator Suby Nandin said the classes were proving so popular, a follow-up course is planned for later in the year.

Mr Nandin said: "There was a great demand, the number of students speaks for itself — this was long overdue.

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## Youth worker meets leader

A YOUTH worker for a Luton-based group met the Prime Minister of Bangladesh on her recent visit to London.

Ashuk Ahmed, of the Mitalee Youth Association, was invited to a special dinner where PM Begum Khalida Zia met repre-

