



**▲ GIG FOR JOE** Peter Kind Kay in charity cheer-up

**EXCLUSIVE** by BRIAN ROBERTS  
COMIC Peter Kay surprised a black tie charity audience for murdered 11-year-old Joe Geeling by turning up and asking: "Do you mind if I give you my support."

The 400 guests had no idea he was appearing and welcomed him warmly.

Peter, 35, had been touched by the savage 2006 stabbing of cystic fibrosis sufferer Joe, 11, who lived near his Bolton home.

When he saw an ad for the Manchester fundraiser, he just decided to help.

Peter arrived, had a word with delighted organisers, and then gave a hilarious 15 minute stand-up routine.

He also raised £16,000 of the £100,000 proceeds for cystic fibrosis by auctioning a prize for four people to go to his new TV spoof Britain's Got The Pop Factor plus dinner with him.

One guest said: "What a gesture. And he was funny."

Michael Hamer, 14, got 15 years for murdering Joe.

**Sex slave gang raid**

POLICE believe they have smashed a sex trafficking ring after arresting 12 people in dawn raids.

The vice squad said the gang used an escort agency website as a front for a network of brothels.

They rescued 60 foreign women, mostly Thai, thought to have been kept as sex slaves after the gang paid their fares to Britain.

More than 100 police raided addresses across London after a four-month investigation. They said: "Some were forced to pay the largest debt bondages we've seen, about £28,000."

**Dan: My lost love**

ACTOR Daniel Radcliffe fell in love with a fan... who vanished before he got a chance to speak to her.

The 18-year-old Harry Potter star spent an hour searching for the girl after spotting her at an awards ceremony in Melbourne.

Daniel, worth £50million, said: "There was one girl, oh my God, her eyes just looked at me like she wanted to pounce on me."

"She was stunning. I went to get her number but couldn't find her."

Daniel split with girlfriend Laura O'Toole in January.

# SUICIDE COUNTY HIT BY TRAGEDY **No 19**



▲ SCENE Flowers and cards left at spot in Bettws where Sean died



▲ POPULAR Sean Rees, 19, found hanged yesterday

## Fun-loving Sean, 19, found hanged in Bridgend

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**A COUNTY** plagued by the suicides of its youngsters was yesterday mourning the 19th victim.

Popular Sean Rees, 19, was found by his dad and brother hanged in a lane.

They had gone to look for him when he didn't return after storming off during a row with pals on a night out.

Family friend Christopher Michaelides said: "Yet again here in Bridgend we are mourning the loss of another young life. We just keep on asking why."

"This is so tragic

but I cannot work out why this happened. He had everything to live for and was always so cheerful.

"He had just passed his driving test, had a decent job working in Sainsbury's and was a very popular young man."

Sean, who had passed his A-levels and was planning to go to college, is the 19th

person under 27 to be found hanged in Bridgend County, South Wales, since January 2007.

He was discovered hanging from a tree near a friend's house in Bettws, Bridgend, at 7.30am yesterday. His parents Tracey and Byron, who have two other children, are being comforted at home.

Flowers and messages have been left at the spot where their "happy go lucky"

son died. One note from Sean's girlfriend Charlotte Richards, 19, read: "Going to miss you loads. Love you always, Charlotte XXX."

Another read: "You never failed to make us smile... until today. Rest in Peace. Eryl

and Stuart." Shocked Sainsbury's colleagues also left a tribute.

Sean had written on his Bebo webpage: "I live for the nights I will never remember with the friends I will never forget."

Friend Emma Bullock, 19, said: "Sean was always really happy, always smiling."

"I'm really shocked, he wasn't the sort of person who would do this. He had loads and friends and was really popular."

"Everyone is in complete shock because we just can't believe Sean is gone."

Labour councillor Mr Michaelides said: "We keep on asking why these young people are dying but we are not getting any answers. This is a young man who went out with a drink with friends on a Saturday night like many other young people yet he is dead by Sunday morning. What is going on?" Police said there were no suspicious circumstances.



▲ COUPLE With Charlotte and her tribute



**ROLL CALL OF DEATH**

THE other victims are: Dale Crole, 18, David Dilling, 19, Thomas Davies, 20, Zachery Barnes, 17, Gareth Morgan, 27, Anthony Martin, 19, James Knight, 26, Jason Williams, 21, Andrew O'Neill, 19, Leigh Jenkins, 22, Liam Clarke, 20, Allyn Price, 21, Natasha Randall, 17, Angie Fuller, 18, Kelly Stephenson, 20, Nathaniel Pritchard, 15, Jenna Parry, 16, and Michelle Sheldon, 23.

Natasha Randall, Dale Crole

Leigh Jenkins, Jenna Parry