

# LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

*News from around the county*

## RAF Waddington celebrates its freedom of the city of Lincoln

Image courtesy of RAF Waddington Station Photographic Section

Friday 30th April 2010 marked the celebration of fifty-one years since the Station was granted the Freedom of the City; an honour to receive and testament to the enduring relationship between the City, its population and RAF Waddington. Led by Parade Commander Wing Commander Simon Prior personnel of RAF Waddington marched through the City accompanied by the RAF Waddington Pipes and Drums and RAF Waddington's Voluntary Band.

Parade participants have spent the last week practicing hard under the watchful eye of the Parade Warrant Officer Paul Coll MBE whose exacting standards are infamous. As the parade halted at the War Memorial those standards were closely inspected by The Right Worshipful, The Mayor of Lincoln, Councillor David Grattrick and the Station Commander RAF Waddington,

Group Captain Richard Powell.

Parade Commander, Wing Commander Simon Prior, on his last day at RAF Waddington before he takes up a new appointment at the Ministry of Defence in London said:

"The Freedom of Lincoln Parade is a very special day in our calendar, as it cements the close bond that exists between RAF Waddington and the local community. It is a relationship that has been forged over many years, and one which is as strong today as it has ever been.

"Among the men and women on parade today, many have recently returned from operations in Afghanistan. It means a great deal to us all to know that we are supported by the local community, and we are all very proud to be able to exercise the right to march through the City.

"On a personal note, this has been

a very proud but poignant occasion for me, as I leave RAF Waddington today after a very happy three years in command of 54 Squadron. It is a privilege to lead the parade, and a great way to end my time here."

The Parade was accompanied by a flypast of RAF Waddington's E-3D Sentry and Sentinel R1 aircraft.



## Straw houses open to great excitement

Photograph: Mick Fox

The Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire has opened the country's first strawbale council houses in Brumby Crescent, Waddington.

The official grand opening ceremony took place on Friday 14th May, with the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Karl McCartney, MP for Lincoln, Council members, builders from Taylor Pearson Construction Ltd and designers from Amazonails in attendance.

Also at the opening were members of the East Midlands Development Agency and Government Office of the East Midlands.

A harpist and a Hammered Dulcimer player provided musical entertainment, ahead of a speech by Leader of North Kesteven District Council, Councillor

Mrs Marion Brighton, OBE, and the cutting of the ribbon by Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire Tony Worth to officially open the houses.

Councillor Mrs Brighton said: "The opening of the straw houses

was a huge success. The invitees enjoyed the experience, and for us at the Council, it was the culmination of months of work and excitement.

"Ever since this revolutionary project was announced, there has been nationwide interest, and we at the Council have been eager to see the houses completed. Now that they are officially open, there is a great sense of accomplishment."



# Classic cars at RAF Cranwell

Cranwell hosted the start of the seventh annual Tour of Lincs 100 classic car rally recently, an event that featured over 100 cars covering 100 miles to raise money for Rotary Club-sponsored charities.

The drivers set off from the front of College Hall for the 100 mile tour of the county and after a lunch-time stop at Tallington, near Stamford, they made their way back to Cranwell where a well-deserved cream tea awaited them.

The day was a great success and John Elkington, who co-organised the event with David Leech and Flight Lieutenant Charlie Brown of 16 Sqn, RAF Cranwell, said the event had raised in excess of £1,000 which will go to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance and Rotary charities.

"The day was absolutely fantastic," he added, "and I am very grateful to RAF Cranwell for allowing us to start the event outside College Hall."



# Art for all

New to the county of Lincolnshire is Midlands based Berrington Fine Art, a diverse and varied gallery which has opened at Hemswell Antiques Centres.

Most art dealers/galleries tend to specialise in a particular discipline or period; Berrington, however, does the opposite and stocks a wide range of art including Victorian watercolours, oils, mixed media and engravings.

Owner Sarah Hall says "We like to offer as much choice as possible and so carry stock from early Victorian, through Modern British to Contemporary. Most of the items are by known and recognised artists, but we wouldn't turn away something by a lesser known artist if it were special; we like to offer a large selection of both traditional and the unusual, and this variety is something we find commented upon year after year by new customers.

Fine art is also a popular form of investment at present - and something that can be enjoyed on a daily basis - but for most people Sarah advises "buy what appeals to you and you will never be disappointed." All items are presented in top quality frames; watercolours are always remounted in acid free materials to conserve the work and there are prices to suit all pockets.

charity thanks to our listeners generosity."

Lincs FM is the flagship station of the Lincs FM Group. Launched in March 1992, the station has entertained and informed Lincolnshire and Newark for eighteen years. Lincs FM stretches from the Humber in the north to the Wash in the south and from the east coast to the market town of Newark-Upon-Trent.

# Lincs FM award nomination

Lincoln's radio station is celebrating after scooping yet another award nomination.

Lincs FM has landed a nomination in the shortlists for this year's Arqiva Commercial Radio Awards for their popular Band Camp feature.

The Arqiva Awards are designed to recognise the very best of the commercial radio sector. The winners are announced at a glitzy award ceremony in London next month.

Lincs FM is one of just three stations from across the country shortlisted to be named as producing the best radio feature.

It has been named in the top three alongside Heart 102.3 broadcasting to the Dorset and Poole area and Radio City 96.7 covering Merseyside and the surrounding counties.

Lincs FM's Programme Manager Katie Trinder is delighted at the news:

"We hear a lot about radio stations who are struggling at the moment and how local radio is fading out - Lincs FM has remained true to its original agenda of being a truly local radio station for Lincolnshire and Newark, and to be recognised with this nomination is great."

"The Band Camp has been such an enjoyable project for all involved let alone the fact we raised a substantial amount of money for

