

LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

News from around the county

Royal visit

Photograph: Richard Picksley

Prince William visited St Barnabas day hospice on Hawthorn Road, Lincoln and spent time speaking to patients, staff and volunteers.

Prince William delighted patients by sitting down and helping them in the art and craft room before talking to other patients in the lounge.

Upstairs he was firstly introduced to fundraising staff and volunteers and asked how they raised the £2.9 million needed to run the services. He then went on to meet volunteers, from the Bereavement support service and representatives from the 1,000 volunteers before meeting clinical staff from around the county.



BRADLEY MCKELVEY, PRINCE WILLIAM, KELLY MCKELVEY

Going for Gold

Paul and Flora Bennett were delighted to announce that Brackenborough Hall Coach House Holidays has won Gold in the Think Family Category in the East Midlands Tourism Enjoy England Excellence Awards 2009.

Brackenborough Hall Coach House Holidays won the award as the most welcoming tourism business for families out of all types of accommodation and attractions at an Oscar style ceremony at the Athena, Leicester after being short-listed in a group of three. Des Coleman of BBC's 'The One Show' presented the award.

The Coach House at Brackenborough was converted into three luxury self-catering holiday apartments in 2007 and achieved Gold last year as the Best Self Catering Holiday in the East Midlands, before winning Silver in the national awards earlier this year.



BRACKENBOROUGH HALL COACH HOUSE HOLIDAYS, WINNERS OF THE THINK FAMILY AWARD.

On Target

Lincolnshire's Martin "Wolfie" Adams has won his second world darts crown following his victory at the Lakeside last month.

Adams lifted the Lakeside World Professional Darts Championship Trophy and became the oldest World Darts Champion at 53, after beating Dave Chisnall 7-5. Adams scooped the £100,000 winner's cheque and his second British Darts Organisation (BDO) professional title in four years.

The two and a half hour final took place at the Lakeside, proving an intense and drama-filled match for the local sportsman. Five million viewers from the BBC tuned in to see the England Captain, from Deeping St. James win the title.

In an interview with *The Mirror*, Adams said:

"I always said I wanted to get my name on this trophy once, and now it's there again I want to do it a third time.

"Like a good bottle of wine, I get better with maturity."

Dave Carter from the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership thinks that it's great to have another World Champion in the county:

"We have so many elite athletes in Lincolnshire, and it's great to see another World Champion. Wolfie had a great tournament, and a nail-biting final. We were gripped to see if a representative of our county could hold the title again, and he has. Congratulations!"



WOLFIE ADAMS WITH THE COVETED TROPHY

Freemason donation to a local charity

The Bolingbroke Castle Freemasons Lodge in Horncastle have donated £600 to the local charity, Lincolnshire Kidney Patients Association. The charity gives help and support to kidney patients and their families in Lincolnshire.

The Bolingbroke Castle Lodge supports local charities and in addition to the Kidney Patients Association they have also made a donation to the Wigwam appeal, a scouting charity.



MR PAUL DAUBNEY OF THE LODGE PRESENTING THE CHEQUE TO TONY PERRY CHAIRMAN OF THE KIDNEY PATIENTS ASSOCIATION AT THE DIALYSIS UNIT AT LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL

New chief for CLA in Lincolnshire appointed

Rural watchdog, the Country Land and Business Association (CLA), has appointed Simon Roughton as Chairman of its Lincolnshire branch.

Mr Roughton, a farmer from Alford, took up his role at the CLA in January of this year. He said: "Securing the future of the Lincolnshire countryside for those who live and work there is something I feel strongly about. The CLA East Midlands has a unique position from which to be the point of reference for rural affairs."

Helen Woolley, Regional Director of CLA East Midlands said: "We look forward to Simon helping CLA East Midlands safeguard the interests of those responsible for land, property and

business throughout rural Lincolnshire and beyond."

Simon started farming forty years ago and has been involved with agriculture and forestry for many generations. He is also a partner at Wazel Wood Floors, near Alford, which specialises in oak and ash floorboards, sourced from Simon's woodlands.



SIMON ROUGHTON