

LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

News from around the county

PROFESSOR DAVID SLEIGHT



Lincoln through a lens

A picture of Lincoln painted through film, photography and art was explored in a free public lecture at the University of Lincoln.

Professor David Sleight, who was recently appointed Dean of Faculty for Media, Humanities and Technology at the University, gave his inaugural lecture in the first date of the Lincoln Academy 2009-10 season.

The Lincoln Academy is the collective name given to the cultural outreach activities of the University of Lincoln.

Professor Sleight, who was born and

raised in Lincoln, gave a lecture entitled 'Representations of Lincoln – A Media Collection'. It offered a personal perspective of Lincoln shaped by his upbringing in the city, examining its representation through a wide range of media including film, photography, paintings and engravings.

Members of the public were welcome to attend and admission was free following registration.

Professor Sleight studied Photography, Film and Television Production at Salisbury College and

from there gained a place on the prestigious BBC Film Trainee scheme at Ealing Studios.

Working first on sound, then film, then video-tape and finally non-linear computer editing systems, he worked on a wide range of broadcast programming from drama series such as Miss Marple and Bergerac, through to documentary and factual programming.

He moved to media education at the University of Lincoln in 2000 and is committed to the development of a creative industry sector in Lincolnshire.

North East Lincolnshire Tourism Awards

Following the recent success of Cleethorpes in Bloom, North East Lincolnshire Council has now launched its very first Tourism Awards Scheme, which is intended to encourage excellence, innovation and quality in the local tourism industry. Chris Jones, Head of Tourism for North East Lincolnshire Council explained: "While the area has award-winning landscapes, gardens, restaurants and so on, we want to encourage even higher

standards in all aspects of tourism. The higher the standard the better for our many visitors and the better for everyone concerned. These are exciting times for Cleethorpes and the whole of the North East Lincolnshire area and we want to make the most of it and make sure that everyone enjoys both working here and visiting here." Nominations close on Monday, 22nd February and forms are obtained from chris.jones@nelincs.gov.uk

Painting of the 2009 Royal Review



THE COMMANDANT OF THE RAF COLLEGE, AIR CDRE ASHLEY STEVENSON, AND THE COLLEGE SECRETARY, MR KEVIN DOWLING, STOOD NEXT TO THE NEWLY-HUNG PAINTING

The annual Royal Review at the Royal Air Force College Cranwell is always a special occasion and this year was particularly memorable as Her Majesty The Queen, in her role as Commandant-in-Chief of the College, visited for the first time since 1995. Consequently, a new painting was commissioned to mark this historic event. The painting

depicts Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh in front of the Royal Air Force College with the Commandant and the Chief of the Air Staff completing her inspection of the graduating cadets. Art, especially military art, can evoke many thoughts and feelings and this painting by Anthony Cowland is no exception, serving as a tremendous source of inspiration to the cadets; it is a constant reminder of where their allegiance lies and also of the rewards and honour that lies ahead on Graduation Day if they successfully complete their training. It is no coincidence that the painting has been hung in the main corridor opposite the cadets' ante-room.

Anthony Cowland is a well known and respected artist, illustrator and designer and is a past Chairman of the Guild of Aviation Artists. Over the past fifteen years he has been heavily involved with painting for the British Forces, undertaking visits to major exercises, peace-keeping zones and theatres of war, often 'roughing it' on location.



Scouts return home from German Adventure of a Lifetime!

A formal presentation of the prestigious Explorer Belt award was made to seven Explorer Scouts and Scout Network Members by their two Leaders at a function in Caythorpe Village Hall near Grantham. The event was attended by more than eighty people including Ian Henderson, the County Commissioner for Scouting in Lincolnshire, and Alan Scott, the Chairman of the Lincolnshire Scout Council.

Deputy County Commissioner and co-organiser of the expedition, Steven Hartley said: "The Explorer Belt is the challenge of a lifetime, which is open to Explorer Scouts aged over 16 years and members of the Scout Network. It is a chance to take part in a ten-day expedition. It allows young people to develop a real understanding of another country by travelling through that country, completing surprise projects, working as a small team and meeting local people."

The group left Grantham on 9th August 2009 and travelled by train to Titisee in the Black Forest. Their Expedition began a couple of days later, covering towns and villages that would help them complete their projects, as well as meeting local people and working through various highs and lows along their way. Midway through the expedition the whole group met at Schluchsee before heading back to Titisee. They travelled home on 22nd August.

Local Spa nominated for Professional Beauty Award

The family-run Grange Spa in Pointon, near Bourne, has just received news that it has been nominated for The Professional Beauty Awards – Day Spa of the Year 2010.

The spa was set up by Matt Craven and his wife Emma in a converted barn, in February 2009. The barn retains its rustic charm and offers traditional spa treatments in a relaxing environment. There is a 100m² gym on site, equipped with Matrix fitness equipment, a twelve-metre swimming pool, as well as a tranquil lounge and farm shop bistro, which supplies local produce.

The award, which will be announced in March, is judged throughout the year with assessments from a panel of spa and salon judges, with extensive visits and interviews and a mystery shopping programme. Judges aim to make sure that the most deserving candidates win this coveted award.

Owner Matt Craven said; "We are so thrilled to be nominated, especially as we are a small, family run business going up against some of the spa industries giants. As a family we have invested heavily in the spa and it looks absolutely fantastic and we are so proud of what we have achieved.

For further information on the Grange Spa visit www.thegrangespa.co.uk

