

LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

News from around the county

Make a date

The Nomad Trust Calendar for 2010 is now available, having been produced by students of Branston Community College. It features scenes of Lincoln and all proceeds will go towards the Christmas lunch for the homeless and people from the Women's Refuge. The calendar retails at £5 and is available from Ruddocks on the High Street in Lincoln and from Frank Connell Barber Shop on Burton Road, Lincoln. Alternatively you can telephone 07939 805073.



Major award win for local nursery

Caistor-based nursery Lincolnshire Montessori is celebrating after scooping a national award – the UK Nursery Design of the Year at the Early Years ‘oscars.’

Esther Rantzen CBE presented the award at a gala dinner, where the nursery was commended for its exceptional design, innovative features and pioneering, child-centred environment.

After being shortlisted by the Nursery Management Today magazine, the nursery beat off stiff competition from around the UK to win the coveted award. The annual awards acknowledge excellence in the sector.

Director Theresa Ellerby said: “Members of the team travelled to London to collect the award and had a fantastic night at the gala dinner.

To be acknowledged as one of the very best by our parents, by external judges and then by the sector’s leading magazine is very special. Sylvia and I pay tribute to a whole team’s dedication to the nursery design and ongoing commitment to a high quality service.”

Director Sylvia Archer said: “In designing our new nursery we wanted to say ‘we value children and childhood. Children deserve quality environments and experiences.’ Our architect Ric Blenkarn has exceeded these aspirations and has produced a child-focussed nursery. We feel it is a very special building in which to be cared for and educated.”



Red Hen Day Nursery wins award

The Nursery World Awards saw The Red Hen Day Nursery in Louth receive a Food award recently. A healthy diet and educating children about food and its production and preparation was an important consideration when David and Jane Harrison opened the nursery five years ago.

Initially Jane cooked all the meals but then other aspects of the nursery began to take up too much time and now employs two cooks as well as her daughter, who has completed a cookery course at Edinburgh School of Food and Wine.

Located on a working farm, the nursery is in an ideal position to educate youngsters about where their food comes from and how it is produced and they often visit the animals on the farm.

Not only do the children frequently help to prepare meals but Red Hen Day Nursery also offers parent-and-child cookery mornings, where the parents prepare lunch and everyone sits down together.



Halifax crew remembered

November saw the unveiling of a plaque at St Laurence's Church in Corringham to commemorate the six crew members killed when Halifax Bomber DT669 crashed in the village at about midnight on 16th December, 1943.

The aircraft was from a training unit, 1662 Heavy Conversion Unit, based at RAF Blyton and had been on a cross-country training exercise. On return to base, thick fog was widespread and the Halifax crashed in Corringham, about three miles from home.

Fittingly, as five of the six aircrew killed were Australian, the plaque was unveiled by Flight

Lieutenant Robert Burgess of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Musicians from the Air Training Corps played 'Waltzing Matilda' and the Standards of the Royal Air Force Association, the Air Training Corps and the Royal British Legion were paraded.

When the Halifax first took off from RAF Blyton there were seven crew on board, but soon after take-off the rear gunner reported to the pilot that he was ill and the bomber returned to its base and the rear gunner was taken to the station sick quarters and the aircraft took off again on its last flight.

Sportswoman of the Year

Congratulations to shooting legend Lesley Goddard for winning the Sportswoman of the Year award at the 2009 Lincolnshire Sports Awards. The event was held at The Epic Centre at the Lincolnshire Showground and sporting stars of the county gathered for the presentations. Lesley's award was sponsored by The Lincoln Sports Injury Clinic and was awarded in recognition for her achievements in the field of shooting, having won the English Open Championship, World Championships and British Grand Prix three times.

