

LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

News from around the county

Awarding Success

The High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, Lady Sarah McCorquodale was at Lincoln Cathedral to help celebrate the achievements of more than fifty exceptional young people who have helped change lives of others.

Lady Sarah presented young people from Lincolnshire and other regions with the Diana Award, set up in memory of her sister Diana, Princess of Wales. The Diana Awards are lifetime accolades given to young people who challenge the negative stereotypes of young people and who improve society and the lives of others.

At the event, Lady Sarah said: "I warmly congratulate all the young people receiving this award. I hope today's ceremony encourages nominators from Lincolnshire to highlight the inspirational work of many more young people in their schools and communities."

LADY SARAH MCCORQUODALE WITH AWARD WINNER JAMES DRURY



YOUNG ACHIEVERS



Grantham DIY WI celebrates a very happy 'first' birthday

A 'SALSA' party marked the first birthday of Grantham's youngest Women's Institute group.

Dozens of members of the Grantham DIY WI joined together to celebrate a successful first year, and ended the party with a slice of birthday cake.

Special guest was High Sheriff of Lincolnshire Lady Sarah McCorquodale, who talked about her role and cut the cake.

The WI group prides itself on being

modern and fresh. The 1st Birthday Party included a full one hour 'Salsa' dancing lesson, which the members thoroughly enjoyed!

President, Debbie Young and Vice President Catherine Davidson have had a very successful first year at the forefront of Grantham DIY WI and are both looking forward to a second year in office, with many fun events planned into the new programme.

"DIY WI takes the best bits of traditional WI and gives them a makeover. It's WI, but a modern version. Our reason for being is to have fun, try new stuff, make friends and live life."

Over the past year, members have learned about bee keeping and breast cancer awareness and held a 'booby night' and beach party.

To find out more about Grantham DIY WI, visit www.granthamdiywi.org

Lincs to Mongolia

A team of three from North Kelsey are set to partake in this year's Mongol Rally. This involves driving to Mongolia from the UK for charity. The team are currently fundraising for the Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF) who run a range of projects in Mongolia to help and protect homeless and abandoned children and also for the costs of participating in the rally, such as vehicle costs, spare parts etc. They are hoping to raise enough funds to drive an ambulance to donate in Mongolia also.

If you would like more information on the rally or would like to donate, visit <http://mongolrally10.theadventurists.com/index.php?mode=teamwebsites&name=lincs-to-mongolia>

INNER MONGOLIA



Golden Boy

Local Explorer Scout James Blackburn of the Nomads Explorer Scout Unit has gained the DofE Award Scheme's top Gold Award.

The award is only gained by those showing the highest possible level of personal commitment, with holders having demonstrated extremely high standards of self-discipline and achievement in community service, activities and interests. Self-reliance and personal initiative are also key aspects of the award.

James was invited to St James' Palace to receive his Gold Award from the Duke of Edinburgh.

Adam Jacklin, District Senior Sections Commissioner said: James provides a true inspiration to our young people and leaders alike. Through completing this award

he has shown a high commitment to self-development, leadership, service, but most importantly the fun and adventure which is scouting."



JAMES AND PROUD MUM DAWN,
OUTSIDE ST JAMES' PALACE

The Bee's knees

The Leslie Thomas Award, made by the Thorne family of Wragby in memory of the late Leslie Thorne, former President of the Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association was given to thirteen-year-old Georgia Sellers of Stickney, near Boston. The award is presented in order to encourage and support young beekeepers within the Association and takes the form of a hive. In addition to receiving a hive, the winner will be supported by a mentor from the District which will also supply Georgia with a nucleus of bees.

Georgia first became interested in beekeeping when she was at a smallholding exhibition with her father in 2008. The interest grew and she joined the Horncastle branch of the LBKA at the beginning of 2009. She attended a beginners' course then got her first hive of bees in April and has been helped and supported by other local beekeepers.

At her first AGM of the Horncastle branch, Georgia was elected Junior Representative on the branch committee and has contributed to the committee meetings. She is also a member of the LBKA Education Committee.

