

# LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

*News from around the county*

## READY, STEADY, COOK

Students from colleges around the East Midlands gathered at Prince William of Gloucester's Barracks in Lincolnshire on 13th and 14th May to take part in the Army's 'Ready, steady, cook' style catering challenge. Throughout the two days, twelve teams competed to show off their best cooking skills by producing a three-course meal in just 45 minutes. The team from New College, Stamford were awarded the winning title.

## HOT DATE WITH LINCOLN CHICKS!

The Lincoln cathedral peregrines are the proud parents of two new chicks.

Angi Davies (RSPB) said, "our nest camera was in place as the new chicks hatched so we are really looking forward to going back over the footage. It's really exciting to be able to see the birds swooping through the sky above you and then be able to see the same birds at the nest through our cameras – it's like a peregrine reality TV show!"

RSPB staff and volunteers will be on hand at the cathedral throughout the summer watching the peregrine family as their story unfolds. Visitors to the viewpoint can learn all about the birds and what has happened so far.

Angi continued, "It's really important that people understand how crucial it is that we help protect birds of prey such as these peregrines. Visit us at the cathedral and pledge your support for birds of

prey by signing up to our bird of prey campaign!"

Peregrines suffered a global population crash in the 1950's and 60's when popular pesticides weakened the bird's eggshells causing them to crush in incubation. These pesticides were banned and since then numbers have slowly recovered but there is still a threat to peregrines in the UK from illegal persecution.

## FAIRTRADE TOWN STATUS MOVES ONE STEP CLOSER

For the residents of Sleaford, Fairtrade Town status is getting closer thanks, in part, to the pupils of St George's College of Technology. They have just been awarded Fairtrade School status for the second year running. Jordan Day, 14 years old, commented

that "It was hard work but worth every minute as more people know more about Fairtrade now".

The Principal, Mr Watson said: "Fairtrade is not only good for those farmers involved with the scheme, it is good for our children too. Helping and supporting those in need through practical action is an essential part of our students' education. Fairtrade activity in the College has grown over the years and it is great to see that activity being extended into the town. We are a Fairtrade school and I hope we become a Fairtrade town."

"Weekly sales have increased but it's not profit we are about as we give all the proceeds back to Fairtrade so the producers get a chance for a better life," said Philip Ingram-

Jannetta, aged 13 years old.

Philip is a member of the Sleaford Fairtrade Group, the initiative



SSGT EMMA KEMP OFFERS THE STUDENTS COOKING ADVICE

whose aims are to bring Fairtrade to the Town and get Fairtrade Town status for Sleaford.

The Town Council met and agreed to fully support the movement. Debbie Scott, the Sleaford Town Development Manager said, "I was delighted that the Councillors agreed to adopt the Fairtrade Resolution. They appreciated that it is the right approach to take. One Councillor did question how supporting overseas producers squared with supporting local producers and I was able to explain that, in the main, the Fairtrade goods are those that cannot be produced locally, such as cotton, chocolate, bananas, tea and coffee, due to our climate and growing conditions. The Sustainable Sleaford campaign does emphasise that local produce should be supported wherever possible. Sugar is perhaps the obvious case, where we would encourage support for sugars produced locally from sugar beet rather than abroad from sugar cane. The sugar beet seed was one of the key products of Sleaford's seed industry and the sugar beet is depicted on the Sleaford Pride street furniture in the town centre." The Sleaford BID is also supportive of this project and will be encouraging participation from the businesses in Sleaford.

This meeting follows events at the Hub Education Centre where three pupils (Laura Batten, Charlotte Caves and Philip Ingram-Jannetta) from the College explained why they felt so concerned about Fairtrade and then at St Denys' Church last Saturday where Debbie

Scott, Mick Hart, the Manager of Sainsbury's in Sleaford, and Sam Turner, the Community and Membership Manager for the Lincolnshire Co-operative Society, gave away Fairtrade chocolate and bananas to those who watched the spectacular Choir Invisible Concert. Cannon John Patrick, Vicar of Sleaford Parish Church, also supports Fairtrade.

The Group will be having a stall at the July Sleaford Farmers' Market – look out for them there.

More information about this initiative can be found at [www.sleaford-fairtrade.btik.com](http://www.sleaford-fairtrade.btik.com).

### FUNDING BOOST FOR RARE GRASSLAND WILDLIFE

The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust is delighted to have received a £89,055 funding boost from SITA Trust to help secure the future of the rare limestone grasslands of Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Rutland.

SITA Trust provides funding through the Landfill Communities Fund. Funding is available for community and environmental groups to carry out a range of improvement projects.

The funding allocated to the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, on behalf of the project partners has enabled the purchase of two sets of mini-baling equipment which will facilitate the appropriate management of roadside verges. The funding will also pay for contractors to cut and bale the verges targeted for management, and to remove scrub from some verges, to maintain and restore limestone grassland habitat. The project is also supported through Natural England's Countdown 2010 Biodiversity Action Fund and a contribution from the Ringway Group.

### QUEEN VISITS RAF CRANWELL

Royal Air Force College Cranwell recently played host to The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of the Graduation of No 14 Initial Officer Training Course, No 10 Specialist Entry and Re-entrant Course and No 46 Reserve Officers Initial Training Course.

The annual Royal Review took place outside College Hall where, on arrival, she was met by the Commandant of the RAF College, Air Commodore Ashley Stevenson. Following a fly past by the Red Arrows, the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy were invited by the Parade Commander, Officer Cadet Matt Jewers, to inspect the cadets.

The Queen then presented the annual and course prizes including the inaugural International Sword of Honour to Lt Mustafa Al-Henkawe IqAF (currently undergoing flying training with 16 (Reserve) Squadron at No 1 Elementary Flying Training School, RAF Cranwell). She then presented The Queen's Medal to Flying Officer David Taudevin (currently undergoing flying training with 72 (Reserve) Squadron at RAF Linton-on-Ouse) and the Sword of Honour to Officer Cadet Chris Shone from No 14 Initial Officer Cadet Training Course.

Addressing the cadets in front of their proud families and friends the Queen congratulated them on their turnout and ceremonial and added that they had marked the moment of their graduation in style.



FAIRTRADE IN SLEAFORD



THE QUEEN MEETING LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN ON HER RECENT VISIT