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**WELCOME TO EDITION 1 OF THE NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE CLIPPINGS NEWSLETTER.**

## NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE IN STYLE

**North Lindsey College recently celebrated its 50th birthday in grand style, with a special Golden Jubilee celebration evening hosted at the college on Friday 20th June.**

Believe it or not, it has now been 50 years since the first students came through the doors of what was then North Lindsey Technical College, marking the beginnings of what was to become one of England's top providers of Further Education for school leavers and mature students.

The event was accompanied by live music from the Mike James Sound, one of the most respected bands in the business with over 20 years experience of playing to audiences around the world, along with top quality food and drink provided by Scolarest Catering Services.

The evening saw the college's main hall bedecked with gold ribbons and balloons, with special lighting equipment creating a perfect celebration evening atmosphere, and the evening proved a perfect opportunity for ex staff and students to catch up with old friends and acquaintances, and for current staff to relax after one of the college's busiest and most successful years in recent times. In the past few months alone, the college has been awarded a government Charter Mark award, has been reaccredited with the Investors In People award, and has undergone another very successful OFSTED inspection.

Overall, the Golden Jubilee celebration evening was attended by over 150 people, including a number of ex staff and students who attended the college in its first year of opening. Other party goers included many of the college's current staff, including the College Principal, Dr. Roger Bennett.

To further mark the occasion, a commemorative plaque was unveiled by Howard Walker, Director of Infrastructure & Business Development at Corus. This has now been mounted in the Beacon Centre, which was one of the first parts of the college to be finished back in the 1950s, and is therefore one of the college's oldest buildings.

In addition, in time for the celebration evening, a large chronological montage was mounted in the college's reception area. This colourful display will be a feature of the college for the next two to three

years. The display includes copies of many of the fascinating news stories about North Lindsey College that have appeared in the Scunthorpe Telegraph over the last fifty years, including the 'hush-in' for underprivileged children, the college's efforts to help a leper colony in Nepal, and many more! The college would like to say that anybody who would like to come along and take a look is more than welcome.

The college would like to thank all who attended the celebration evening and made the night such a success, and would like to say that it is already looking forward to the 100th birthday celebration, which will be in June 2053!



Celebrations in full swing at the Golden Jubilee ball



The Mike James Sound providing the entertainment.

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### WHAT'S ON

**Tuesday 30th September 5.00pm - 6.00pm**  
Launch of "North Lincolnshire Centre for HE and Professional Development"

**Thursday October 2nd**  
Music Workshop with The Beautiful South's Gary Hammond

**Tuesday 21st October 6.00pm - 8.00pm**  
Lindsey Suite Open Evening

**Monday 24th November**  
Blood Donor Session

**Thursday 27th November 5.00pm - 8.00pm**  
Annual Open Evening

**Saturday 6th December**  
Level 3 Awards Ceremony

**Wednesday 10th December**  
Student Association: Clothes Show Trip

**Wednesday 17th December**  
Student Association: Xmas Disco

**Wednesday 7th January 3.00pm - 6.30pm**  
Advice & Enrolment

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**MANAGEMENT and staff at North Lindsey College are celebrating the news they have won a prestigious Government award. This sees North Lindsey joining an exclusive group of world-class British organisations who have been awarded a 'Charter Mark' and becomes one of only 12 out of 450 general Further Education colleges in the UK to reach the standard. Even more impressively it is also the only provider of post-16 education and training in the Humber region to be recognised by the government in this way.**

The Charter Mark, which is awarded by the Cabinet Office, is the government's long running award scheme for recognising excellence in service standards and encouraging continuous improvements in service quality. It is unique among quality standards in the way that it concentrates on results - the service that customers actually receive.

The report from the Cabinet Office states that the Charter Mark is not easily won and is a 'tribute' to North Lindsey College's exceptional levels of service to its users.

A college spokesperson, Peter Worrall, explained how the Charter Mark proves that an organisation puts its customers first, that it delivers a first class service and that it goes the extra mile to deliver quality.

Mr Worrall added that Charter Mark assessors analysed the college's procedures, publications and documents, and spoke to staff, students, local employers, schools and other education providers to get a complete picture of how the college interacts with its customers. "The interviews verified that North Lindsey College lives up to its own high service standards, which are set out in the College Charter," he said. "After an intensive assessment process the independent panel was satisfied that North Lindsey College provides an exceptionally high quality of service to its customers."

"Furthermore, Charter Mark obliges holders to continuously develop and improve their service levels, and therefore complements North Lindsey College's own internal policy of continuous improvement."

North Lindsey College Principal, Dr Roger Bennett, commented: "I am particularly pleased for all our staff who have played such a pivotal role in the achievement of this award.

"Their commitment to service standards has been tireless over the years and this award recognises the standards of customer service they aspire to.

"I am also pleased to receive this award in our Golden Jubilee year as it provides the college with even more reasons to celebrate its successes over its 50 year history."

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE STUDENTS

**North Lindsey College will soon be offering state-of-the-art training to the motor vehicle industry, thanks to a grant from The Humber & North Yorkshire New Technology Institute. The £100,000 grant is linked to an exciting pilot project, called "NETCAR", and will be used to purchase the "AT-2000 Diagnostic System Laboratory", which will be installed on-site at North Lindsey.**

Degem Systems will supply the technology which enables vehicle technicians to be trained on the very latest technologies, which are required for modern car repair and maintenance. Training will cover servicing and diagnostics of faults in vehicle electrics and air conditioning systems.

The New Technology Institute awarded the grant, and staff at the college were delighted when they heard the news. Janice Elliott, Assistant Director of Projects and Partnerships at North Lindsey added, "It is a great achievement and a reflection on the expertise and commitment already demonstrated within the motor vehicle area. We were up against many other applicants for this grant and we are very proud to have come out as one of the successful recipients."

Brian Turner, Curriculum Area Manager for Motor Vehicle Studies, explained that a number of local enterprises have already purchased the latest repair and maintenance systems but haven't been able to use them because of a lack of training facilities. North Lindsey College will therefore be instrumental in raising the standards of motor vehicle repair and maintenance throughout the region.

Degem Systems have chosen North Lindsey College as only one of three centres in the UK to offer the pilot scheme for the NETCAR programme. With the other centres in Portsmouth and Bridgewater, North

Lindsey College in Scunthorpe will be the only centre in the North of England.

This equipment will be used by both major dealerships and smaller companies for staff training, thereby helping smaller companies to become more competitive. Mr. Reuven Orr, International Marketing Director at Segem, added "With the AT-2000 lab and its associated products and, most important, with the commitment and drive that the staff convey, North Lindsey College will establish a vibrant and viable training centre."

New courses will be offered for those within the industry to meet the specific needs of each company as appropriate and it is estimated that over a hundred enterprises will benefit from this retraining opportunity in the first year.

For more information on training courses please contact Brian Turner on 01724 294042 or Customer Services on 01724 294030.



**Brian Turner** - Curriculum Area Manager, North Lindsey College  
**Reuven Orr** - International Marketing Director, Degem Ltd  
**Clive Parkinson** - Lecturer, North Lindsey College  
**Jon Winter** - AT2000 Production Line Manager

## SUGARCRAFT EXHIBITION

**North Lindsey College recently held their successful annual sugarcraft exhibition once again.**

The exhibition celebrates the tremendous success of the students' final work for the City & Guilds Creative Studies in Sugar Flowers, which is a course designed to produce original and innovative arrangements of sugar flowers to true botanical standard. North Lindsey College is the only establishment in the Yorkshire, Humberside and Lincolnshire areas to offer this course.

Throughout the year the students and tutor, Ruth Wyld have received both regional and national accolades for the quality and range of work produced.

Their achievements include gold awards and prizes at the last regional Salon Culinare, as well as the Group Gold award for the Table of Honour at this event. A combined display at the National Cake Decoration Show in Birmingham also won Best College in show.

Ruth Wyld has also been presented with a Certificate of High Commendation from City & Guilds. This award is in recognition of high standards of teaching and learning and was presented by Mandy Smith from City & Guilds and Mr Colin Foster, a City & Guilds external verifier for sugarcraft from Edinburgh.

In addition to this, Ruth achieved a Silver Award for Innovation in sugarcraft at the National Cake Decoration Show 2002 and was one of only 26 people nationally invited to display work at the Bowes Museum Exhibition, "Royal Sugar Sculpture 600 Years of Splendour," an exhibition of historical and contemporary work. This is in addition to having been featured in Cake Craft & Decoration magazine.

The sugarcraft exhibition was later moved to the "The Foundry" in Scunthorpe town centre where it was available for the public to view, free of charge.

For more information regarding sugarcraft courses at North Lindsey College please contact Customer Services on 01724 294030.



## OFSTED REPORT ROUNDS OFF OUTSTANDING YEAR

In May OFSTED, the government's education watchdog, published its official report following a week long inspection of Scunthorpe's North Lindsey College in March this year. A twenty-strong team of government inspectors examined every aspect of the college's teaching practices and management infrastructure, and once again North Lindsey College emerged with a glowing report.

During the week, the inspection team especially commended both the attractiveness of the campus and the professionalism of staff. The success of the inspection followed the re-accreditation of "Investors In People" in November, confirmation of Charter Mark, and the Golden Jubilee celebrations marking the college's 50th birthday in June this year.

The OFSTED inspectors, accompanied by inspectors from the Adult Learning Inspectorate (ALI), examined eleven curriculum areas, three of which were effectively examined twice in order to cover both their general provision and their Work Based Learning courses. Work Based Learning, which includes the Modern Apprenticeship scheme, is a key part of the government's medium-term education strategy.

Overall, nearly half of the inspected curriculum areas achieved Grade 2, or 'Good', with one area - Childcare, Education and Counselling - achieving Grade 1, or 'Outstanding', the highest grade possible. This places the department amongst the top 6% of Childcare, Education & Counselling units across the country.

The manager responsible for this area, Jill Fenwick, commented, "We're ecstatic. This really is a true reflection of all the hard work from staff and students over the past four years. We pride ourselves on training students who are well prepared for the world of work, and who will be a real asset to the childcare industry".

The college as a whole also achieved an exceptional grade profile for the provision of Work Based Learning. Three of the college's WBL areas were inspected, with both Construction and Motor Vehicle achieving Grade 2, or 'Good'. The college's overall grade profile for Work Based Learning placed North Lindsey in the top 15% of WBL providers nationally.

In a further confirmation of North Lindsey College's efforts to deliver high quality education, not a single curriculum area at the college was graded below 'satisfactory', unlike 70% of all other general FE colleges in the country. This means that whilst seven out of ten colleges across England are facing the prospect of a time-consuming re-inspection, North Lindsey College can concentrate on what it does best - delivering high quality education for young adults, mature learners and businesses across North Lincolnshire.

North Lindsey College Principal, Dr. Roger Bennett, commented, "The results of the OFSTED/ALI inspection were extremely good, especially given the amount of positive change the college has experienced in recent months related to other inspections, including Investors in People and the recent Charter Mark award from the Cabinet Office. We are all extremely proud of what we have achieved at North Lindsey, and I am proud of all our staff and students, and I look forward to building on our successes in the coming years."

## NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE - RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT!

North Lindsey College held their first annual Level 1 and Level 2 Awards Ceremonies in a series of presentations held over four nights, between Monday 30th June and Thursday 3rd July 2003. The ceremonies recognised the efforts the learners had put into their studies since enrolment the previous September. All eligible learners received Certificates of Completion from the college, whilst a number of students were honoured with special awards, and were presented with trophies and gift vouchers as a reward for their hard work and achievement.

In total, around 400 people attended the five ceremonies, which were the first ever held by the college specifically celebrating learners' efforts at Levels 1 and 2. Courses at these levels include GNVQs, NVQs and BTEC First Diplomas. At North Lindsey College these are represented across the full range of curriculum areas including Construction, Engineering, Art & Design, Music, Catering, Sports, Leisure, Business & Administration and Health, Beauty & Care.

Five special guests presented learners with "Certificates of Completion" at the ceremonies, and made the evenings even more special for the learners. The special guests were Sheridan Smith, from the BBC's The Royle Family, Nigel Wilson, the local star from the BBC's Fame Academy, Alex Calvo Garcia, from Scunthorpe United Football Club, Sandra Simmons, an Adviser in Early Years Education for North Lincolnshire Council, and Karen Hughes, who recently won a prestigious Adult Learners Award and who now teaches at North Lindsey College.

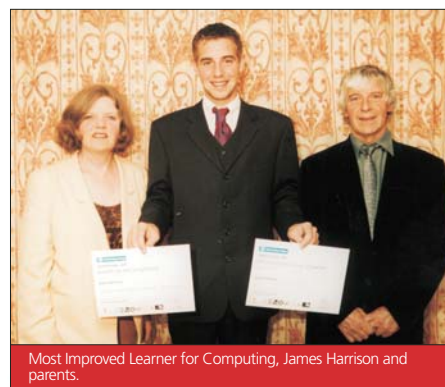
Special award winners were presented with shields and trophies from members of the college Senior Management Team, including Dr. Roger Bennett, the College Principal, and Helen Groves, Acting Vice Principal.

Outstanding Achievement Awards were presented to learners from each of the four academic schools within the College. The recipients of these awards were Lyndsey Walker, Sarah Lees, Katy Sharp, Sabikun Nahar and Adam Lynch.

Many of the learners who attended are already looking forward to taking their studies further by either progressing into the final stages of their qualifications or by moving up to more advanced courses.

North Lindsey College are proud of their track record in helping learners to reach their true potential, and are recognised by the Department for Education and Skills as a Beacon College. The college's facilities are constantly being developed to the highest standard, enabling local people to further their studies and develop skills much needed in the workplace and the local region.

For more information about the full range of courses on offer at North Lindsey College, please contact Customer Services on 01724 294030.



Most Improved Learner for Computing, James Harrison and parents.

## LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES REGIONAL AWARD

A local student from North Lindsey College has recently been presented with the ISTC Apprentice of The Year Award. Michael West, from Scunthorpe received the award in recognition of his efforts during the first and second years of his four year apprenticeship programme.

The Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC) are members of the North Lincs Engineering Employers Apprenticeship scheme which has been operational for a number of years and, in conjunction with North Lindsey College, provides a valuable training opportunity for local people.

The scheme enables local people to train whilst gaining valuable experience within a variety of companies.

Pete Cowling, tutor at North Lindsey College commented "One of the major benefits of the scheme is that trainees get the experience of working for all the member companies before making their final choice of employer at the end of the 2nd year. The companies also gain by seeing up to 15 trainees before offering employment. We would like to pass

on our congratulations to Michael for all his efforts during the last couple of years."

Michael has worked with Caparo, Rugby Cement, On Line Design as well as Corus Scunthorpe where he is now in full time employment.

Interviews for the apprenticeship scheme take place in early June ready for start in September. For more information please contact Customer Services on 01724 294030.



Steve Blackburn - Caparo Merchant Bar, Andy Graves - Corus, Roger Marsh - ISTC, Michael West, Bill Paterson - ISTC, Pete Cowling - Course Tutor, North Lindsey College, Steve Coppinger - Engineering Apprenticeship Manager, North Lindsey College

## COLLEGE STUDENT WINS REGIONAL AWARD

**A student (and now employee) from North Lindsey College has recently been awarded one of the highest accolades for adult learners.**

Karen Hughes of Scunthorpe was recognised as an individual award winner for Yorkshire & Humberside and was presented with her award at the Adult Learners' Week award ceremony in Harrogate. As one of only three recipients of this award in our region Karen's level of achievement is all the more remarkable.

Karen embarked on her return to learning only three years ago when her children started secondary school. "I decided to learn about computers so that I would be able to help my children," she explains. Her interest grew so strongly that soon she was considering a role as a tutor herself. With a host of qualifications under her belt including RSA Clait, IBT 2 and the City & Guilds 730 Teaching Certificate Karen is now working towards the University Of Huddersfield Certificate In Education.

Ann Harrison of North Lindsey College nominated Karen for this award and added "Karen has impressed all tutors who have worked with her because she has demonstrated the energy, imagination and creativity that Adult Learners' Week seeks to highlight. Karen has worked extremely hard, producing work of the highest quality throughout all her studies at this college and has worked through our teacher education programmes - impressing us all along the way. Karen has shown that it is possible to make a new start, even when things look overwhelmingly difficult."

Karen is now a full time tutor at North Lindsey College. "My story proves that learning can open doors to a new future and the excellent range of teaching courses on offer so locally has made this possible," added Karen.

North Lindsey College offers a full range of teacher training courses from the first stage introductory course through to the post graduate Certificate in Education in conjunction with the University of Huddersfield. Mel Ashmore, Liaison Officer at the University Of Huddersfield added "North Lindsey College is considered by ourselves to be a centre of excellence for delivery of the teaching programmes."



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## CONSTRUCTION COMPETITION HELD AT NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE

**North Lindsey College recently held a highly successful National Building Exhibition and competition. The event was attended by a number of national building companies and suppliers. Local schools, industry representatives and members of the Guild of Bricklayers were also invited to take part. As well as exhibitions and demonstrations from industry, colleges were invited from across the region to enter teams into the Alan Beesley Rosebowl Brickwork Competition.**

This competition, which has been held for the last 13 years, enables brickwork students to put their skills to the test. Teams of two students were given the challenge to build, from start to finish, an ornamental wall in less than seven hours.

There were six teams rising to the challenge with Justin Gillman and Scott Mackay from Boston College scooping the first prize, and students from Lincoln College coming second. Andrew Fitzpatrick and Russell Atkinson of TG Sowerby Developments Ltd, second year students on the Construction Industry Training Board course from North Lindsey College took the third place. Other teams who took part were from Grimsby, Leeds, Bradford.

The competition was judged by members of the Guild of Bricklayers - retired lecturers Michael Pearce from Barnsley and Arthur Capewell from Nottingham, John Offilace from Bradford College and Peter Borrill from North Lindsey College. The Alan Beesley Rose Bowl was then presented by Simon Maddison from Jackson Building to the winning team. Jackson Building sponsored the event and provided the winning team with tools and their college some equipment.

Simon added "We were delighted to sponsor the event and I was very impressed with the overall standard from all the entrants. It was a pleasure to support the College and to continue our very good working relationship with them. We also realise that students of today are of course the future of our industry."

Companies who were represented at the event included Tilcon Mortar who provided the mortar for the competitors with the bricks provided by Hanson Bricks.

Bosch put on a power tool demonstration, Diamond Marcrist a diamond blade and core cutting demonstration as well as Jackson Building demonstrated power tools.

In conjunction with this event local school children have been invited in to the Building department at North Lindsey College to look, learn and very much take part in activities across a wide range of building craft occupations. As well as participating in the activities put on by the Construction Exhibition pupils have been able to get stuck in to painting, decorating and brickwork.

Pilot schemes have been running at the college over the last year in line with the Government's 14-19 initiative, to encourage flexible, vocational learning with the aim of achieving higher levels of participation and standards of attainment. Year 10 pupils from High Ridge Secondary School and St Bede's Secondary School, Scunthorpe are entering the second year of the GNVQ Built Environment course at North Lindsey College, enabling school children to benefit from the high level of facilities and teaching expertise on offer at this local Beacon College. This year sees the continuation and expansion of this course with five local schools participating. The construction GNVQ course is supported by the CITB Curriculum Centre Initiative, whose aim is to use Construction as "A Context For Learning."

For more information regarding the CITB Built Environment course at North Lindsey College, please contact Customer Services on 01724 294030.



## BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY

**North Lindsey College recently held a "Bring Your Children To Work Day" and it proved a real success.**

This unusual event ran in conjunction with the national event run by the Girl Guides Organisation where they encourage a "Bring Your Daughter To Work Day".

North Lindsey College went one step further and widened these parameters so that all children aged between 10 -15 could benefit from a rare opportunity to see what their parents get up to when they are at work.

A number of children took up the challenge and accompanied their parents into the work place at North Lindsey College. All areas of the college were open to the event and those from catering staff, premises staff and Senior Managers to Lecturers were all involved.

Their day kicked off with a general introduction to the college and in addition to this they were given a health and safety talk. Following a buffet lunch and a hard working afternoon all the children who took part were given the opportunity to meet the Principal, Dr Roger Bennett who took great pleasure in presenting them with a certificate as a reminder of their day at North Lindsey College.



Rachel Johnson - Event organiser, Jenna Tenynson with son Philip, Mark Robinson and son Lee, Louise Baxter and daughter Amber, Peter Langford and daughter Hannah and Hazel Ford, Personnel Manager.

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