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WELCOME TO EDITION 6 OF THE NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE CLIPPINGS NEWSLETTER.

COLLEGE GROWS GARDENING EXPERTS!



North Lindsey College can announce it is taking part in the BBC Neighbourhood Gardener Scheme as well as launching its brand new Gardening Club and we are the only College in the region offering our community this exciting opportunity.

There are three ways you can be involved in a Neighbourhood Gardener team:

- as a fully qualified BBC Neighbourhood Gardener
- as a Trainee Neighbourhood Gardener - currently taking one or both of the introductory courses
- as an Associate Neighbourhood Gardener - part of a team led by BBC Neighbourhood Gardeners but not undertaking any training

The BBC Neighbourhood Gardener is a new gardening mentor scheme, for enthusiastic amateur gardeners, who volunteer their time and experience to pass on their knowledge and passion to others in their local community. The idea is based on the widely popular Master Gardener program in the US.

Kevin Wheatley, course tutor at the College commented "This is a great opportunity for the College and the local community, to offer a programme in conjunction with the BBC and raise the profile of gardening in the region."

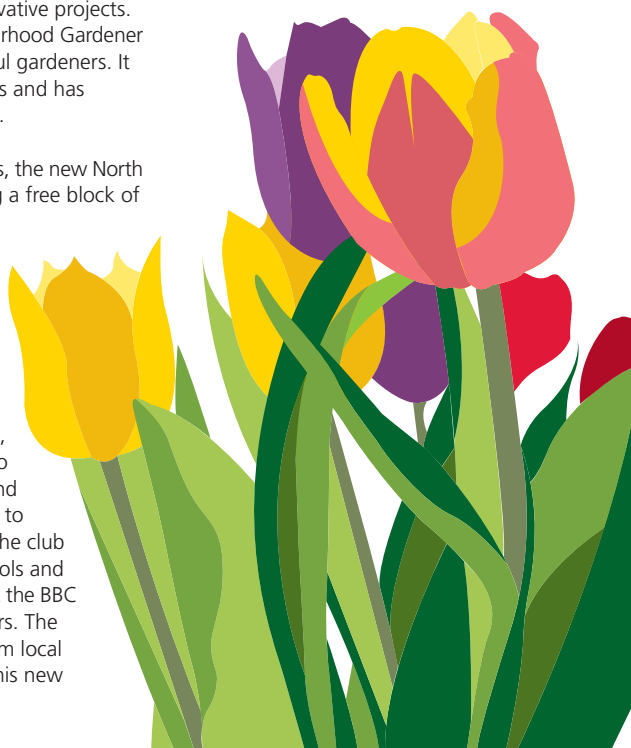
North Lindsey College is working in association with the BBC to provide practical support and coordinate the first local Neighbourhood Gardener Team for our area. Enthusiastic gardeners will be able to gain knowledge, practical skills and a level two award with the new "City and Guilds Certificate for the neighbourhood. Over 5040 affiliated colleges have joined the scheme throughout the UK.

North Lindsey College's gardening club is now up and running. For more information please contact Customer Services on 01724 294030, log on to the college website on www.northlindsey.ac.uk, alternatively visit the BBC website on www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/neighbourhood_gardener.

Qualified Neighbourhood Gardeners will pass on their knowledge about gardening to others, while running and actively shaping innovative projects. The principal aim of BBC Neighbourhood Gardener is to cultivate a nation of successful gardeners. It taps into people's existing passions and has horticultural education at its heart.

To add to this support for gardeners, the new North Lindsey Gardening Club is offering a free block of neopeat compost for the first 200 members and a membership draw for a Spear and Jackson proactive border fork and spade set.

Members can expect regular meetings with guest speakers, informative and fun newsletters, gardening workshops, plant swaps, discounted purchases and access to professional horticultural advice and information. Membership is open to gardeners of all types and ages. The club is particularly keen to involve schools and existing gardening clubs to support the BBC aim of a united nation of gardeners. The College welcomes any interest from local industry to support and sponsor this new scheme.



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Wednesday 18th May
3.00pm - 7.00pm

Adult Learners Week

FREE Taster Courses
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May

Summer Fayre

Thursday 26th May
6.00pm - 9.00pm

Freshers Parent's Evenings

13th, 14th, 20th and 21st June 2005

Level 1 & 2 Awards Ceremony

Tuesday 28th June 2005
School of Arts, Leisure & Hospitality
School of Applied Learning, Skills & Technology

Level 1 & 2 Awards Ceremony

Wednesday 29th June 2005
School of Business & Information Technology
School of Health, Beauty and Care

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INTER COLLEGE CATERING COMPETITION

A team of eleven catering students from North Lindsey College came second in an inter-college catering competition run by the Army at the Prince William of Gloucester barracks in Grantham.

The competition pitted the students against other much larger catering colleges such as Nottingham, Leicester and Northampton.

The main competition was a Ready, Steady, Cook contest. The students were given a box of ingredients and had to produce a 3-course meal for eight people in 25 minutes. Our learners produced a Spanish style salad, Chicken curry with couscous and tranche de fruits.

The students were not just cooking, they were also given command tasks. These included dismantling a field gun, in the form of old tyres and planks of wood running under camouflage netting and reassembling it on the other side. North Lindsey College students did this task in 3 1/2 minutes with the other colleges taking up to 15 minutes. There was a logic exercise and a sprint across the camp where the team had to cross a minefield using three tyres and two planks of wood whilst retrieving equipment to make tea.

The Judges were impressed by the team effort and the quality and taste of the food and as a result we came first in this part of the competition!

At the end of the day North Lindsey College students only lost by two points to a team from Northampton College. Everybody enjoyed the day and each student was presented with a shield each plus one for the College. It was an exhausting but fun day and everyone involved gained something from the experience.



Team members include (left to right)- Michelle Fillingham, Colonel of the Catering Corps Andrew Steeples, Jenni Cunnah, Nathan Howard, Mark Grivil (captain), Sarah Straker, Adam Collin, Rebecca Gowler, Bev Davidson

THE CHALLENGE COMES TO NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

A region wide event has taken place recently at North Lindsey College. The Challenge For North Lincolnshire is a three day event brought together by the Garnett Foundation and tackles the issues surrounding diversity and equality.

The centrepiece of these practical, high impact events is a specially commissioned play, The Challenge by Lisa Evans, which explores the themes of prejudice which can divide communities.

The second half of the event allows for questions and answers to the actors, who remain in character throughout, followed by an additional short scenario to encourage further discussion from those who have attended.

The Challenge is supported by a number of local organisations and partnerships who have come together to address, embrace and value the diverse communities that live and work within our region.

It takes an innovative approach that joins professional theatre and training to provide a catalyst for change, bringing in positive approaches to diversity and good leadership practice into the mainstream.

The programme has been developed in consultation with a range of local organisations from the private, public and voluntary sectors. The multi-agency approach ensures that the experience is rich and diverse reflecting the wider community in which organisations operate.

The event was launched with an evening for the key management and personnel from the partnership companies and organisations.

Rachel Johnson, Diversity Standards Officer at North Lincolnshire Council commented "This is the starting

point for a Community Cohesion Strategy which will incorporate vital input from all those who have participated in this event. It is proving to be a real success and we hope that the information can be cascaded down through the local communities. The aim of the event is to make North Lincolnshire an area that embraces and values diversity, to help explore the opportunities for promoting diversity in the local community and to tackle issues surrounding discrimination, prejudice and communication."

Over 300 people will have attended the event over the three days, including community leaders and representatives, volunteers and representatives from voluntary organisations, local businesses, as well as training and education providers in the region.

The final day is geared towards young people in the form of The Great Youth Debate. These students from all the local Secondary Schools and Colleges are able to benefit from the full "Challenge" experience, watching the play in the morning followed by discussion groups and questions and answers in the afternoon.

Scott Wilson, Equality and Diversity Coordinator at North Lindsey College added "This event has come about thanks to the partnership of so many local organisations who have supported the project and made it such a success."

Besides North Lindsey College and North Lincolnshire Council the other partner organisations include the North Lincolnshire Strategic Partnership, The Children's Trust, North Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust, Youth Forum, Safer Neighbourhoods North Lincolnshire, Resurgo SRB6, Humberside Police, Clugston and Pell Frischmann Consultants.



Photo - left to right:- Simon Driver - Deputy Chief Executive, North Lincolnshire Council, Andy Garnett - The Garnett Foundation, Inspector Neil Pattison - Humberside Police, Scott Wilson - Equality and Diversity Coordinator, North Lindsey College, Ronnie Wilson - Dare 4U, Jawaid Ishaw - Chair of South Humber Racial Equality, Karen Barnard - Director of HR at NLPCT, Mike Hunter - Deputy Chief Executive, North Lincolnshire Council, Dr Roger Bennett - Principal, North Lindsey College

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

Students from the Advanced Diploma in Business Management raised £88 for the Cancer Research Campaign with a raffle and a sponsored fancy dress at the Christmas Fair in December.

Mrs Rita Atkinson, Treasurer to the local group visited North Lindsey College recently to receive the cheque.



Photo - Left to right: Robyn Brain, Jessica Burns, Mrs Rita Atkinson, Salmon Gul, Laura Jacklin

RED NOSE FEVER STRIKES YET AGAIN!

Staff and students at North Lindsey College have yet again raised a staggering amount for Comic Relief 2005, totalling over £700 in all.

Members of the Student Association took part in a wide range of activities from litter pick up, swimming a mile, being handcuffed for a day, a sponsored walk, and a 24 hour silence. Their combined efforts raised over £400 - Pete Langford, Enrichment Coordinator at the College commented "I would like to congratulate all the learners for their tremendous efforts, and thank staff and students for their support."

In addition to the above the Personnel department, Kingsway Children's Centre, Study Support and Images Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Salon raised over £300 collectively.



Debbie Barnard, Chair of Student Association - during the sponsored "Litter Pick Up"

MAVIS IS SWEEPED OFF HER FEET!

Mavis won the hearts and votes of a panel of judges at the recent NMT Nursery Awards 2004 scooping the most prestigious accolade of the evening, that of Lifetime Achievement Award 2004.

The special guest and compere for the evening was all round popular comedian and entertainer Brian Conley, who having presented Mavis with her award promptly swept her off her feet, literally, with a song and dance on stage in front of the audience of over 1500 guests.

Mavis who is the retired Manager of the Kingsway Children's Centre at North Lindsey College in Scunthorpe was nominated for this National Award by her colleagues at the Centre. She had spent 17½ years at the College working with the young children and left behind her hundreds of parents and children ever grateful to her for her kind support and commitment to her job.

The Nursery Management Today Awards are the highlight of the year in the childcare industry and are an opportunity to recognise a wide range of nominees. Mavis faced stiff competition from the three other finalists, who were whittled down from many nominations throughout the country.

After a gruelling process that included an interview with the judges back in October, Mavis and her family attended the Award ceremony in November, held at the Hilton Metropole Hotel in London, where Mavis's tremendous success was announced.

The judges had nothing but praise for Mavis adding, they were looking for someone who has sought to make a difference in their community in the childcare field. Someone who has been totally committed to quality practice at all levels including hands on practice, planning at a strategic level and management of staff or projects and someone who showed that they had embraced change and was well respected in their local community.

The judges said that they had found all of these qualities in Mavis and added that they believed her to be a very humble person who did not recognise her own achievements as anything special. They said that they could see that Mavis was passionate about quality childcare, gave of herself unstintingly for the children in her care, supported the parents, respected and encouraged her colleagues and staff members and worked closely with other professionals involved in all aspects of childcare at all levels.

Mavis added, The event was fantastic and I was honoured and delighted to receive such an award. My family were so proud and excited for me and we really had a great time.

Mavis has additionally supported many childcare students over the years. Colleague Ann Hume commented "I cannot think of anyone else in North Lincolnshire who has developed relationships with parents and children at the level that Mavis has".



Photo accredited to Tony Attile of Black Ink Photographic.

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO TSUNAMI APPEAL

Both learners and staff at North Lindsey College have put in a tremendous effort recently in response to the Tsunami disaster that occurred on Boxing Day. Members of the Student Association decided themselves that they would like to do something to help and offer support for all the thousands who have been affected by this terrible disaster.

The Student Association organised a tombola trolley, raffle and bucket collections, the Kingsway Children's Centre received donations from parents and with the addition of staff donations the total raised was £785.01.

Dr Roger Bennett commented "This is a fantastic sum of money to raise in such a short space of time and reflects the generosity of people within the College in the face of such a terrible tragedy, our sincere thanks go to all who contributed and helped over the last week."



Rob Temperton - Student Association (SA), Scott Wilson - Equality and Diversity Coordinator at NLC, Debbie Barnard - Chair of SA, Pete Langford - Enrichment Officer, Toni Corby - SA, Corrine Turner - SA, Dr Roger Bennett - Principal of NLC, Andrew Lord - SA

ENVIRONMENT FAIR

An Environment Awareness Day was held recently at North Lindsey College. Students were challenged to think about various aspects of the environment both globally and locally.

Groups with displays included Friends of the Earth, Cover Sands Heath Lands Project, North Lincolnshire Council, Lincolnshire Council and Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Issues raised included :

- Waste and recycling
- Climate change
- Sustainable energy
- The local environment
- The global environment

Susan Walker, College Chaplain commented "This event raises issues relevant to us all and it was super to see the event so well supported."



Learners speaking to Liz Coe at the Friends of the Earth stand.

"TERRY SPRINGER" DEBATE FOR STUDENTS

Students recently enjoyed a dramatic production highlighting the dangers of road traffic accidents. Aimed at young people the play is designed to bring home the enormous impact that a road traffic accident can have on young, blossoming lives, and portrays the importance of passenger responsibility and the need for a mature attitude to car driving.

The event was organised by the Student Advisers at North Lindsey College as part of the College's approach to raising awareness of issues relevant to young adults.

"Walking Forward" the company who performed this production are a group of experienced professional actors. Operating since 1992 the company have performed to tens of thousands of adults and young people in locations as diverse as Lancashire, Bosnia, Cardiff, Dagenham and even Hong Kong.

The performance was followed by a lively "Terry Springer" debate, giving the audience a chance to enjoy and take part in the main points raised through this dramatic theatrical event.

Tacey Mumby, Student Adviser added "It was a very entertaining event which highlighted key issues and the debate that followed proved to be equally as effective in stimulating discussion about this very relevant topic. Our thanks go to the Walking Forward production company and those who supported the event."

This forms part of the service offered to all learners at North Lindsey College, which offers support, advice and information on issues and topics relevant to the learner.

For more information please contact Customer Services on 01724 294030.



Back : Actors from "Walking Forward". Front: Far left - Rita Mullen, Student Adviser, Centre - Linda Macintosh, far right - Tacey Mumby, Student Adviser (and learners at North Lindsey College)



North Lindsey College

Summer Fayre



Thursday 26th May 2005 6.00pm - 9.00pm

- College Campus Open To All
- Displays
- Workshops
- Tasters
- Entertainment
- Refreshments

If you are interested in full time, part time, apprenticeships or higher education come along and have a look round, take part in the tasters and see the College's first class facilities.

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