



## August 2008 diary

### Who's scared?

Stone the crows... but that's against the law, so scarecrows it is then! It was another fantastic event to mark the 10th anniversary of the Rennington Scarecrow Festival - see the coverage of the weekend in video and photo form in the local media. Well done to the committee and helpers; as ever the good causes have done well from the event and the community is a little closer.



**Video:** <http://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/audio-video/Rennington-Scarecrows--VIDEO.4431306.jp>

**Photos:** <http://www.journallive.co.uk/videos-pictures-north-east/pictures-north-east/2008/08/25/gallery-rennington-scarecrow-festival-61634-21600611/>

### The Taste event proves interest

The month of August closed with a fantastic event at Linden Hall run by NCJ media (<http://www.journallive.co.uk/north-east-taste/news-and-features/2008/07/10/for-flavours-of-the-north-61634-21318805/>). Despite the imminent recession it is clear the population of the north east are interested in local food and drink and in celebrity chefs. The event went very well indeed, and of course I was there to cheer on my business partner Richard Sim... I noticed his proud parents (Gordon and Sheila) in the back row.

### Local Living looks to the future

With the Farmers' Market in Alnwick growing strongly, Local Living (<http://www.local-living.org.uk>) – which has its registered office here at the Lee Moor Business Park – has been considering its future at an away day held in the beautiful new community rooms at St James's Church in Alnwick (<http://urc-northernsynod.org/church/alnwick.htm>).

Thanks to Kate Welch (<http://www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/katewelch.cfm>) for facilitating and raising our ambitions.

### New Life Fitness

Pete Manion is introducing an offer to those who can use the New Life Fitness gym (<http://www.newlife-fitness.co.uk>) during the day – when all gyms tend to be quieter. Do ring him on 01665 577429. The new space on the site really is well suited and like the cafe it will be more and more popular as more people discover it. Lee Moor Business Park is taking on a great community feel and I'm looking forward to filling the rest of the units at Lee Moor in the next month or so.



## Toasty Heating burns even stronger

Toasty has completed the installation of an energy cabin for Crystal Scientific (<http://www.crystal-scientific.com/?home>), which heats their new production unit. They were at Lee Moor for five years, and then - as Eclipse Translation did a few years before that - they moved on to their own freehold premises.

The energy cabin is a turnkey solution and Toasty Heating ([www.toastyheating.com](http://www.toastyheating.com)) would like to see more installed in the area. With oil at well over \$100 a barrel we could see many rural people feeling over that proverbial barrel!

## Bong... winning ticket

Cruise two for the Brown family! No not the Med', but Keilder Water. Northumbrian Water kindly gave a raffle prize to the Scarecrow festival... Lindsay had bought some tickets one of which came out. (There was full and proper scrutiny... not all the winners lived in the parish!)

### Ian E Brown

*David Hogg of the Black Olive Sandwich Company, one of the Business Park's new tenants*



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