

# CAMPUS

Round and about at Shrewsbury College  
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# SHOWCASE IN THE PARK!

**A five-day festival of music, fashion, drama, skills and technology – much of it free - will be a major highlight in Shrewsbury Quarry this summer. From June 28 to July 2 Shrewsbury College is taking over a large part of the Quarry to host an Arts & Skills Festival showcasing its students' achievements and its contributions to the town and county.**

Marquees are being erected in the Quarry for some of the events, including two fashion shows, performances of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream and a celebration banquet. They will also be used to host awards ceremonies including the College's annual Higher Education awards reception, plus demonstrations and workshops. Just a year from now the College will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the

opening of its London Road campus and the Quarry event will be the first stage of celebrating the success of the College's students and highlighting the variety of courses available as well as raising awareness of its significance to the local community and the wider community of Shropshire.

● **The competition for our Arts & Skills logo, below, was won by level three Art and Design student Reece Oglesby.**



## Shed Seven head line-up for concert in the Quarry

**Shed Seven will headline an open-air concert in the Quarry on Thursday July 1, with The Holloways in support.**

Shed Seven were among the leaders of the Britpop revolution of the 90s and have had 15 top 40 singles and four top 20 albums. Booking them to head the Quarry concert is a real coup for Shrewsbury College.

The Holloways released their critically acclaimed first album in 2007 and toured the UK to sell-out shows. "This will be a fantastic show for the people of Shrewsbury and Shropshire," said Beth McGowan, of Music Technology. "It will also be a great opportunity for our students to demonstrate their skills on concert production and staging, and one of the College bands will be selected to perform too." Tickets are just £15 - call the College box office on 01743 342699.

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Travel & Tourism students immortalise the moment; above, the show begins.

## Film celebrates Red Cross

**Shrewsbury's Cineworld cinema premiered a film about the Red Cross made by our students working with the British Youth Film Academy.**

The 80-minute documentary follows a year in the life of the Red Cross as seen through the eyes of Travel and Tourism students, who have formed

a close relationship with the humanitarian body in recent years. Although Travel and Tourism were the driving force behind the project, the BYFA made the production of a highly professional film possible, doing much of the filming and all the post-production work. A dozen Performing Arts students also provided invaluable assistance.

## Louis helps BBC step back in time

Carpentry student Louis Clark spent six freezing weeks earlier this year in Snowdonia helping to build a 19th century crofter's cottage.

His father is a set-builder for the BBC and his latest assignment was to build the cottage for a family to live in as part of a series on Victorian rural life. And what better helper could he have than his trainee carpenter son!



it got too dark to work. We got an occasional trip home but mostly we just worked. Apart from me, Dad also roped in my uncle and a friend.

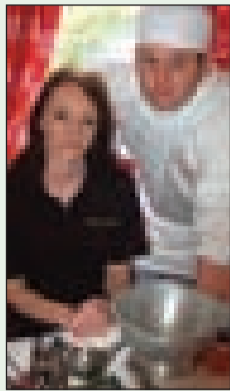
"There was a lot to do, because the site was just an empty field. But the two most important things were that the cottage should look very realistic and that it was finished on time. When we moved out the film crew moved straight in. The BBC's

"It was really good experience so my tutor didn't mind," said Louis, who is working for a Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery. "We arrived on site on February 1 and were there six weeks, eating and sleeping in a caravan when

designers had researched exactly how big it should be and what it should look like inside and out, so we followed their plans precisely." Louis returned to the cottage during the Easter holidays – to help knock it down.

# Double helping of success

Hospitality & Catering really serves up something special



**Kerry Jackson and Joe Powell, chosen for work experience at Gleneagles Hotel**

Catering has been in the news lately, with two students winning work experience places at the famous Gleneagles golfing hotel in Scotland and our team coming home with the top trophy in the Welsh International Culinary Championships (not to mention about 30 other awards!).

Off to Scotland were Joe Powell and Kerry Jackson, who are doing the National Certificate in Hospitality Supervision. The five-star Gleneagles is internationally known in its own right and for the golf courses set in its 850 acres. It will be the venue for the 40th Ryder Cup in 2014 and in 2005 hosted the G8 summit of world leaders. "Getting two of our students placed at Gleneagles is exceptional and we are very proud of them," said tutor Brenda Norton.

Meanwhile, across England's other border, in Llandudno, three of our students created a four-course meal for two in 90 minutes and beat off competition from all over the UK to win the Welsh Inter-College Team Challenge and bring the award back to Radbrook's already well-stocked trophy cabinet. The competition rules required a team of four, including a first year and a chef-tutor, who was not allowed to enter the kitchen. So level three students Charles Dundas and Charlotte Mulloy with first year Connor Partridge did the work with Sean McNulty directing operations from the hotplate. "They were also judged best in their class and in addition took the Best Hygiene award," said Sean. "The whole team was brilliant and our success reflects the enthusiastic and professional way our students approach their training."



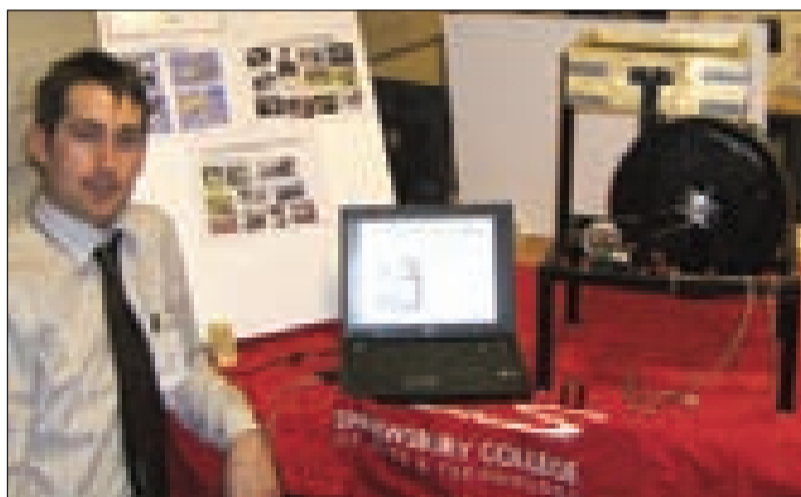
**Above: The team with their awards from the Welsh National, and inset the three top award winners**



Students from Telford Construction Centre got a taste of life on site thanks to housebuilders Barratt West Midlands when they were invited to visit a building site at Donington several times over a three-week period. The students, who are studying for diplomas in bricklaying or plastering or a mixed modular BTEC, have been keen to see life on a building site first hand. Joanne Green said it had been an ideal opportunity for them (pictured with a Barratt engineer), particularly for the mixed modular students who must choose which trade in which to specialise.

# Uni top prize goes to Foundation Degree student

**College Foundation Degree student James Jones has won first prize in the Staffordshire University Gradex Exhibition (Gradex), which gives technology and engineering students the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity to employers, VIPs and the public.**



**James Jones at Gradex with the prototype of his pump**

will go into production and be of value to villagers in poor countries." In order to make the water pump, James bought a lathe and machined most of the parts himself. In the absence of Saharan sunshine he improvised with 500 watt halogen lights to test the pump.

Said tutor John Watts: "James's project was chosen as the best of the year within his category

Most of the entries were from university undergraduates, but as James is on a Foundation Degree in Manufacturing Technology at College, in partnership with Staffordshire University, he was also eligible.

"I work as a driving instructor but I've always been interested in engineering

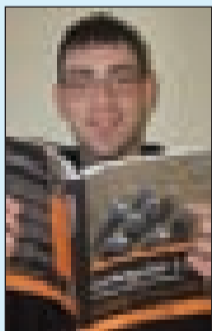
and doing the Foundation Degree is helping me deepen that interest," said James, who lives in Shrewsbury.

As a course project he developed a solar-powered Stirling engine water pump for use in arid Third World countries. "I built the pump in my garage and I have great hopes that it

ahead of those produced by university undergraduates. It's a great achievement for him and the university's faculty director was highly complimentary about the quality of work produced by our Foundation Degree students overall, as were a number of the employers who had come along to see the exhibition."

## Adam, 18, is an author!

IT National Diploma student Adam Griffiths has marked his 18th birthday by becoming an author. He was signed up by Birmingham-based Packt Publishing after he approached them with an idea for a book about an IT development framework called CodeIgniter. "Basically it's a tool for people who build websites using PHP programming language," said Adam, a former Belvidere School pupil.

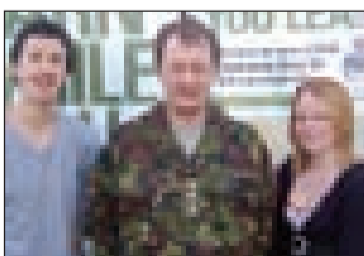


"I built my first website when I was 11 and when I came across CodeIgniter I found it really interesting and started using it. After about a year I was quite proficient and wanted to take it further. But there are no books about it, so I decided to write one. Packt offered me a contract to write it and it took me about eight months to do so. It is an advanced book and the readership will be people who already know the framework and want to extend their knowledge."

Adam is no stranger to having his work published online, having written tutorials for use online and run his own tutorial website.

**Two students have won £3000 Army bursaries plus a guaranteed career.**

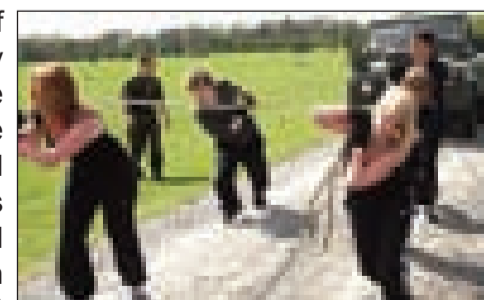
**Jamie Roberts and Lucy Wilding, who are in the first year of the National Diploma in Public Uniformed Services, won their way through tough physical, mental and practical tests. Now they can choose from any of the 140 careers available in the Army. They will each receive £1000 a year for the two years they are at College, plus another £1000 when they pass their phase one training. They are seen at College with Captain Paul Garner.**



## Public Services march in step

This Land Rover pull was just one of eight tough challenges faced by students when they took part in the annual Army College Cup challenge against six other colleges from around the West Midlands. Other activities included carrying a telegraph pole and shooting, with a mile trek between each activity. "We entered a team of 11 first year students from the National Diploma course and although we didn't finish among the medals we were very pleased with our performance because our team consisted of seven girls and four boys whereas each of the other colleges had eight boys per team," said tutor Paula Cleaver. "Although they were absolutely exhausted by the end of the day most of the students are keen to take part again next year."

Seen taking part in the Land Rover pull are, from left, Lucy Wilding, Tom Clough, Chloe Davies, Charlotte Jones and Jamie Roberts.



# Edge Hill asks us to launch teaching course

**We have become one of only a few colleges in the country to be given the opportunity to offer full-time teacher training for post-16 education. The College already teaches the Post-Graduate Certificate in Education part-time on behalf of Edge Hill University, and now the university has offered us the chance to make the PGCE available full-time as a one-year course.**

"Edge Hill has taken the step of asking us to teach the PGCE full-time in recognition of our quality and standards," said Catherine Armstrong. "This is a unique opportunity and the fact that Edge Hill has its Midlands base at our Radbrook campus means we will be working more closely with them."

"The programme is suitable for college lecturers, sixth form teachers, adult and community education providers, nursing tutors, trainers in the Armed Forces, police trainers, personnel training officers and others working in education and training establishments."

Education courses across a wide range of subjects and the availability of the full-time PGCE strengthens our ability to provide university level education for Shropshire people.

## Stay local to study at university level

*More and more people are seeking university level qualifications, with the number enrolled here shooting up by 20% in this academic year to more than 220 part-time students - plus some 50 full-time. Shrewsbury might not have a university but that doesn't stop people gaining HE qualifications locally and we are the right place to come, offering BA Honours Degrees, Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas and Higher National Certificates. People are getting the message about staying local and we can help them. Call us on 01743 342333.*

The College teaches many Higher

**Apprentice Matt Taylor (right) is the overall winner of this year's challenge between Brickwork and Carpentry & Joinery, organised and judged by the Federation of Master Builders. He works for Randle Building Solutions in Telford and attends Telford Construction Centre. "When I have finished this year I hope to enrol on the HND in Construction and go on to work in the surveying or architecture industries," says Matt.**



**"At 25, I'm a bit older than the average Apprentice. That's because I did four A levels, but decided after being accepted for university that it wasn't for me and that I wanted to get into the workplace. After a few years I realised I needed to gain a trade and a career that I could use for the rest of my life."**



On the Carpentry & Joinery team, top place went to Jack Counsell, who is an Apprentice with Treasure and Son of Ludlow, a company nationally famous for restoration and conservation work. Jack, who was only 2% off a perfect score, says: "I want to go on to the HNC and that in turn could lead me on to involvement in architecture and site agent work, moving more towards the managerial side of the construction industry."

But Jack also has another claim to fame. He is among three of our Carpentry & Joinery Apprentices who are heading for a national competition after taking top prizes in the West Midlands heat of 'Skillbuild'. He was first in bench joinery. With him are Joe Price (centre), an Apprentice with J R Slee of Shrewsbury, who was first in site carpentry, and Kraig Gripton, apprenticed to Shrewsbury firm Manear Design and Construction, who took third. The Skillbuild competition was staged at Stoke College and attracted teams from more than 20 regional colleges. SkillBuild is the largest multi-trade competition in the country.



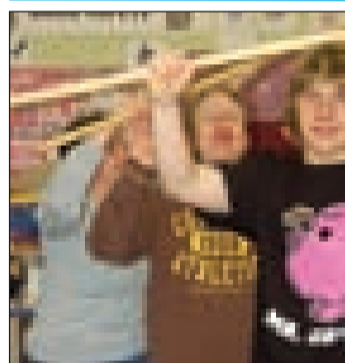
## Four dine out for education

When four Admin students had to find a challenging project they asked themselves what could be more challenging than making dinner for each other? So they set up an 'episode' of *Come Dine With Me* and over four weeks entertained each other to dinner. The only thing missing was the £1000 prize.

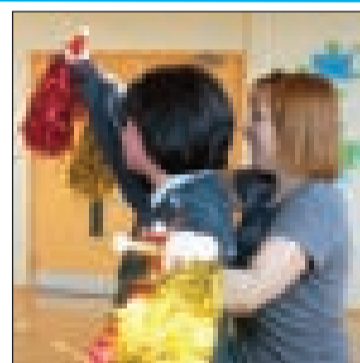


we could work together as a team to create something complex – and it also showed we could work independently when others relied on us," said Jodi Saxon, one of the four Diploma in Administration students. The four, pictured at College working on the production of their programme, are (from left) Jodi, Lauren Gorman, Laura Woodhouse and Charlotte Grove.

"The intention of the project was to show



**Plenty of drama and lots of fun!**



**A freelance drama teacher with plenty of energy spent two weeks with Pathways to Progression putting students (and staff!) through their paces.**



**Using the theme of countries, Helen Young put together numerous creative pieces of dance and movement, with a grand finale that brought all the work together. Helen says her time at College was such a success that she is sure to return. Pictured are moments from just a couple of her workshops.**

**Kirsty Dunning is not only her employer's first female Apprentice - but also their first Apprentice. The Conover-based fire firm saw she had the talent and enthusiasm they needed for the future and Kirsty realised she had found a company that would be supportive. "I really enjoy my work and want to get more qualifications," she said. "I first came to College to study Motor Vehicle and that was really good, but as part of it you learn some welding skills and doing welding made me realise that it was what I wanted to do as my career, so I swapped courses. I was lucky to get my Apprenticeship, it was thanks to a casual conversation that I found out the company was expanding and might be interested in me."**



## APPRENTICES' ROUND-UP

Four young women who are literally budding accountants to be trained through the Apprenticeship scheme. As with Apprentices in many professions, trainee accountants work full-time, with their employer releasing them for college either a day a week or several days at a time.

### New Catering Apprenticeship

**We are launching our first Hospitality & Catering Apprenticeship - a great way into a great career! Details from 01743 342333.**

Hayley Docherty (front left) and Sarah Jones (right) are now both Assistant Accountants and are continuing at College to gain qualifications taught on behalf of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. Flo Little (back left) and Cathrin Rowlands (right), who is based at Newtown, are both also working for ACCA qualifications. Ultimately all four girls will become members of ACCA.



# Arts & Skills Festival in the Quarry - full programme

Tuesday 29 June

Service Industries Awards ceremony 9.30-11am

Technology workshops 10.00am-4.00pm

Service Industries activities and workshops from 11.30am

Performing Arts present *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (for schools) 1.00pm

Celebration Banquet 6.00pm

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* 8.00pm

Wednesday 30 June

Pathways Awards ceremony 9.30-11am

Technology workshops 10.00am-4.00pm

Media & IT workshops 11.30am-4.30pm

Fashion Show (for schools) 2.00-3.00pm

Fashion Show 7.30-8.30pm



Thursday 1 July

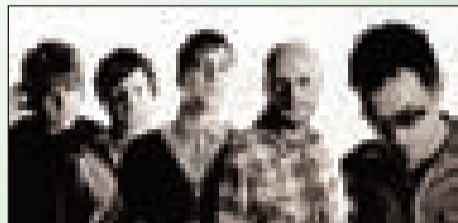
Workshops 10.00am-4.00pm including: Music Technology, Performing Arts, Public Services, Sport, Motor Vehicle, Construction  
Leisure course tasters 10.00am-4.00pm

Music Festival 6.00-10.00pm

Friday 2 July

Leisure course tasters 10.00am-4.00pm

HE Awards reception 4.00-5.30pm



Shed Seven - headlining on Thursday evening with The Holloways and a College band in support

Tickets required for all events marked  
Call 01743 342699



## Phoebe's day in Parliament

Art student Phoebe Jones (left) has had one of her works displayed in the Palace of Westminster in an exhibition aimed at encouraging better citizenship. She says her work "is about different cultures and how we need diversity and variety in society."

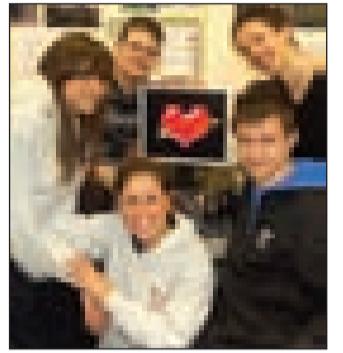
## Speaking of art ...

Old and new technology combined when Art students used pinhole cameras and digital enhancement, as well as other media, to create some of the works at Gallery Live, at the top of Pride Hill.



The students were invited by Shropshire's Visual Arts Network, which runs the gallery, as part of its support for emerging local artists. Pictured is Eilish Kincla with one of her works.

Public Services students held a Valentine's dance with a difference back in February, combining fund raising with a strong health and safety message. The 300 ticket 'black tie' event at the Lord Hill Hotel was in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Going through possible graphics for the event are Jayme Thomas, Scott Hopkinson, Laura Marrs, Tom Burrows and Jamie Roberts



Childcare students organised a fund-raiser on behalf of Hope House, raising well over £100. Among those manning the stalls were Leah Hardy, Zoe Haynes and Beth Knapper.

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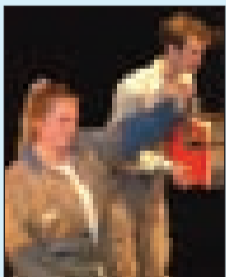
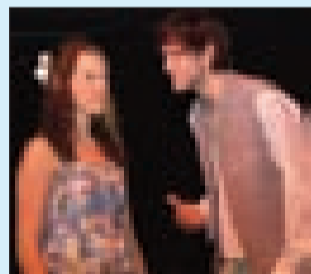
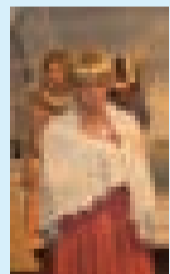
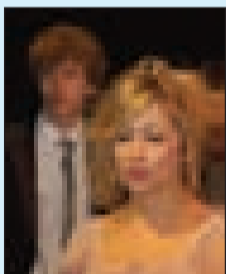
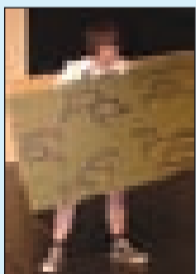
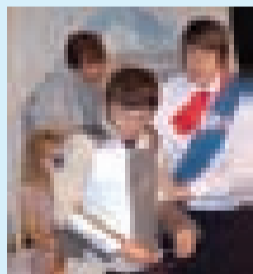
## Two ways on offer to keep on motoring

The STAR Club grasstrack racing is underway again this season - and it is open to all students, not just Motor Vehicle.

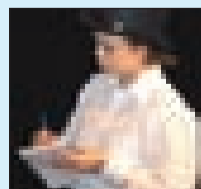
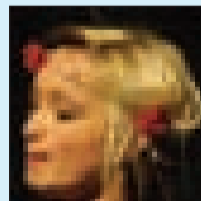
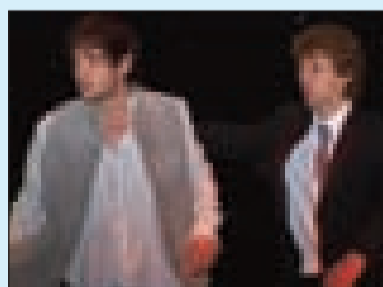
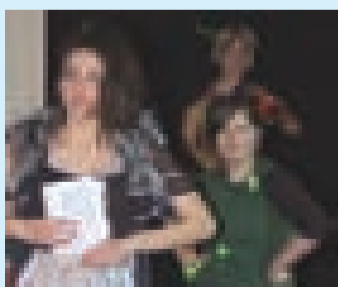
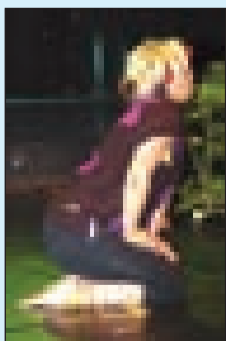
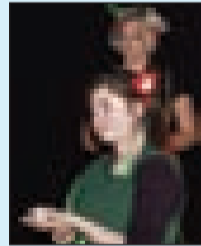
In fact, says Mike Binnersley, they would really like to encourage people in other areas to get involved as the team

represents the College. Events are held on Sundays and details about dates and track entry fees are posted on the Motor Vehicle noticeboard with the track entry fee information. "A limited number of students can travel in the pick-up we use to tow the Mini to and from events, but it is a matter of being first to ask," said Mike.

A service that Motor Vehicle offers the whole College is its forum on Moodle, where staff and students can ask technical questions related to cars or motorcycles. "Two of our students will reply and in some cases carry out the requested work in our workshops, after discussion with the relevant course tutors," said Mike.



It seems like a Dream ...  
A quick glimpse at the recent College production



## Producing the Perfect Burger...

Auditions earlier this year have seen more than a dozen students chosen for the Co-operative British Youth Film Academy's production of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* this summer.

Also this summer their latest feature film, *The Perfect Burger*, will be released nationally in Odeon cinemas. It was made over six weeks last summer and includes a dozen of our students.

The students also created short films and attended workshops led by professionals including actress Pauline Quirk and final year students from the Central School of Speech & Drama. Our students have since shared their experience by leading workshops at College. The Co-operative BYFA

returned here to run master classes in support of Performing Arts' recent production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and also ran a workshop for Media.

They work with colleges as a whole, not just Performing Arts, to produce films. Other disciplines such as Catering, Hair & Beauty, Art & Design, Construction, Electrical, Fashion and Business all have major roles to play in film-making. To learn more contact Sarah Probert or go to [www.byfa.co.uk](http://www.byfa.co.uk).



A master class in action

## Dramatic moment for Eliza's talents

Art Foundation Degree student Eliza Glapinska gave a helping hand with costumes for *The Dream* and is seen (at right) working on them with three students - Isabelle Marpole, Hollie Corley and Alla Challinor.

Eliza said the Foundation Degree in Contemporary Art Practice "allows me to bring together all the things I like - drawing, painting and dressmaking. As well as making clothes I like to design them and have always been particularly interested in theatrical costumes. Achieving it will give me a university level qualification that I could turn into a full degree if I wanted to continue studying, but basically I am doing the Foundation Degree for the sheer joy of it."

