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HOME COMING: Cricket captain Sam Northeast at Chilton Primary

## Kent cricket captain joins Chilton pupils

KENT cricket captain Sam Northeast went back to his roots to coach excited youngsters at Chilton Primary School.

The Year 5 pupils were taught catching, bowling and fielding techniques on a beautiful sunny day in Ramsgate.

The 25-year-old batsman went to Wellesley House School in Broadstairs and arrived fresh from a gritty display against world champions, Australia.

He said: "I started aged seven playing at Sandwich and then was lucky to have some good coaches at Wellesley House.

"It's good to see cricket is still strong in schools and the work the community cricket team do

is fantastic in promoting the game at grassroots level, as they will be the future of the sport.

"At this age, it's just about going out there and enjoying the game with no pressure and I hope we see a few of these kids come through the ranks in years to come."

The school is one of more than 200 to take part in Kent Cricket's community cricket programme, in association with the Chance to Shine charity and sponsors Countrystyle Recycling.

Thanks to the programme, coaches have delivered more than 3,600 hours of sessions in primary and secondary school across the county.

## Deciding day of Games

By Josh Chivilo  
Dane Court Grammar

This event involved young enthusiastic children taking part in a range of different sporting events.

These included handball, disability football, infant agility, tri golf, Change 4 Life, and softball, all using the astro and 3G pitches.

Elsewhere mini tennis took place on the netball courts, speed stacking took place in the sports hall and cricket and rounders took place on the cricket pitches.

The action began at a prompt 10.30am start and finished with the end of the competitively played softball.

About 950 school children attended the day.

The winning school of this competition was Ashford.

## Sports event is a success

DRAPERS Mill Primary School celebrated a successful sports day last week.

Children and adults gathered to battle it out in fun races and competitions on Tuesday.

The rain stayed away to ensure a day of friendly competitive fun.

The school's four houses – the countries of the UK – took part.

Heidi Lane collected the Key Stage One shield on behalf of Wales House and Jordan Stokes and Holly Jones collected the

Key Stage Two shield on behalf of England.

Acting head teacher Joe Mandrake said: "All children took part in a number of events involving throwing, jumping and running. The parents and staff even had a go as well. The staff races were won by Mrs Feuillatre and Mr Smith. It really was a good event."

The school thanked sports leaders from Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School for helping out with the events.

# Dane Court delighted with win of 25 laptops

## Digital leader students put new equipment to the test

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DANE Court school is celebrating after winning 25 laptops in a prize draw.

The competition was run by European Electronic and the Broadstairs school was lucky enough to be picked out to receive 25 HP Stream 11 Pro laptops.

The devices were presented to the school last Friday with a set of pupils, "digital leaders", putting the equipment through its paces.

The school appointed the digital leaders in February 2013 so they could help other students and teachers with IT problems.

Georgina Gillard, Year 12 from Broadstairs, said: "The laptops are very useful, especially for learning when you are in the classroom. They are lightweight and easy to move around so it's very easy to look up a historical



ON LINE: Dane Court student digital leaders with staff members, from left, Steve Clifford, Andrew Fowler, John Lycett and executive head teacher Paul Luxmoore

fact or find something out quickly.

"As digital leaders we help out students and staff. We run a drop-in session on Friday where stu-

dents and staff can ask for help. We have shown students a really easy application which does the Harvard referencing system and it gives them an easy way to get

## Red carpet out for academy awards

THE red carpet was rolled out for the arrival of students and their guests on Wednesday, June 24, for the Marlowe Academy Awards evening.

The Oscars-style event was arranged by director of achievement Christelle Young.

It was an evening of sophisticated entertainment, glitz and glamour; guests were welcomed with drinks before being shown to their seats, where canapés were served.

Everyone enjoyed the musical talent of history teacher Jodie Scobie, accompanied by music teacher, Charles Condy on the

piano, prior to the presentations. Teachers nominated students for perseverance, academic excellence, motivation, most improved, and greatest contribution to the house.

Ms Young said: "It is important to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our students and encourage them to continue on this path. It is also important for parents to see how hard their children have been working."

Special guest Mike Andrea, who is responsible for setting up the largest voluntary service for the youngsters of Thanet,

Pipeline, delivered an inspirational speech about his journey and the power that we all have to make a difference to the community in which we live.

Assistant vice principal Lee Moors said: "It was lovely to see the work of the houses showcased in such a positive way and we particularly enjoyed the faces of the students when they arrived on the red carpet to champagne fluted drinks and balloons."

"Their faces were also a picture of pride when they came to the stage to receive their awards."

## Ambassadors invited to Houses of Parliament

PUPILS from Newington Community Primary School have been to visit the Houses of Parliament.

Members from the school council took part in the trip in their role as ambassadors for Newington. They also had the chance to see the democratic process in action. After looking around the Houses of Parliament they enjoyed the rest of their day in the capital including a trip on the London Eye.

Head teacher Cliff Stokes said: "This was an inspiring visit for them to find out more about democracy and how it works; and I am sure it will make them even more determined to serve the pupils they represent as well

as they can.

"They perform a terrific service and make sure that our pupils have a strong and clear voice. The senior team always listens and respects their input, and we have regular meetings with them."

"They also play important roles when there are open days, public events and important visitors to Newington."

The pupils were invited to visit Parliament by South Thanet's newly elected MP Craig Mackinlay who was impressed with their enthusiasm and their behaviour: The trip maintained the strong links with the school going back to previous MP Laura Sandys.



FUN: Pupils also had a go on the London Eye



STYLE: Hartsdown Academy leavers enjoyed a glam prom

## Summer prom proves a sparkling occasion

FROM a basic bicycle made for two to a luxury Rolls Royce, Hartsdown Academy school leavers arrived for their summer prom in fine style.

The Year 11 night of celebration last week got under way as the students were chauffeured in a variety of vehicles from hot rods, Mercs and Porches, a Le Mans sports

car, a convertible Beetle and a New York Police Department squad car plus a tandem.

Sharp-dressed boys, and girls in elegant gowns and tiaras, were greeted at the academy steps by principal Andy Somers.

Cheered on by onlookers and family and friends, the prommers mingled as they waited for their coaches to whisk



For more photos of the Hartsdown leavers go to [thanetgazette.co.uk/pictures](http://thanetgazette.co.uk/pictures)

them off to a mystery destination for their evening farewell ball at Grove Ferry with live music

from The Interceptors show band.

During the evening celebrations Noah White and Barbara Kovacova were crowned King and Queen of Prom 2015.

It was a fitting end to five years of achievement and friendship for the students, many of whom are returning to Hartsdown's sixth form.



ALL ABOARD: Cadets explore the Cervia

## Cadets sail in to check out steam tug Cervia

THE training vessel John Jerwood came into Ramsgate Royal Harbour this month.

On board were 11 Sea Cadets who had just sailed to Ramsgate from Portsmouth.

While they were here, the Cadets had a great time visiting

and learning about the steam tug Cervia, which is currently undergoing restoration in the harbour.

The Cadets also had time to enjoy the Ramsgate Maritime Museum, which is now open for the summer season.

## Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Broadstairs, Margate, Ramsgate and Westgate on Sea areas and Steve is finding that his approach

is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done

work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.' So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Steve a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118 and he'll be happy to help!



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