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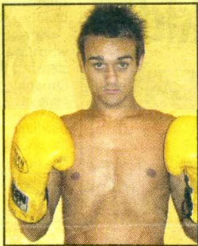
Kids say school is smiles more fun!

IT'S SMILES all round as new pupils start school for the first time. See page 4



Ben's tough test

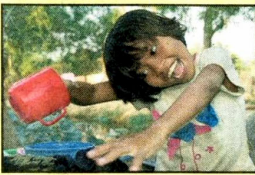
BOXER Ben is facing a tough test in only his second professional fight. See page 79.



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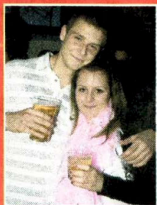
Former resident's impulsive mission

FIND out about Neville's Cambodian quest, see page 12 for the full story and more pictures.



Are you having a Big Night out?

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JACOB'S JOY AT SCOUTING AWARD PRIZE

Scout leader gets highest honour in movement

A SCOUT leader from Spilsby has achieved the highest individual scouting honour by picking up the Queen's Scout Award.

Jacob Kirk, 17, of Mavis Enderby, is one of just three Lincolnshire scouts to pick up the award, which was presented by Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire Tony Worth last night, Tuesday.

To get the award, Jacob had to show high levels of commitment and demonstrated extremely high standards of self-discipline and self-reliance.

He said: "It has been fantastic and nice to get recognised, and it means we get to walk in the Queen's parade for St George's Day at Windsor in April."

To be eligible for the award, open to 16-25-year-olds, scouts had to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award as well as complete environmental, international or faith partnerships.

Jacob, who attends Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Horncastle, showed skills in bridge and water polo and attended the World Scout Jamboree in Guildford as he worked towards the award.

Speaking of scouting, Jacob said: "It is a wonderful place to go to with friends and I enjoy camping and other activities including climbing and hiking."

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"It feels fantastic and really good. I am happy I achieved what I wanted to."

He joined the scout movement as a beaver, aged six, and was a scout member from the age of 10.

He moved to the Coningsby Explorer Scouts and is now part of the Nomads Explorers in Coningsby.

Jacob is a young leader at 2nd Spilsby Scouts and hopes to become a leader when he turns 18.


He received a royal certificate bearing a personal message from the Queen, and was joined by David Hewitt and Joe Lindley from Horncastle Scouts who also achieved the award.

In November, the trio will visit St James' Palace to receive their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards from Prince Phillip.

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RIGHT: Jacob Kirk, 17, from Mavis Enderby, has achieved the top Scout movement award by earning himself the Queen's Scout Award.
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