



NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES - RESIDENTS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

## After-School Activities are a Hit!



Young people are doing exactly what they want at Stranton and Lynnfield Community Learning Centres on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. That is, they are choosing their favourite activities and Debby Redmond, NDC Children's Activities Co-ordinator, is making it possible for a broad range of these to take place.

Debby is employed by Hartlepool Youth Limited and is based at brand new Café 177. Funding from NDC enables her to organise activity groups for children living in the local area and numbers have been steadily increasing at the Stranton and Lynnfield sessions since they kicked off in March.

IT, cooking, dance, drama; these are just a few of the pastimes on offer for children aged between 9 and 13 and all activities are free. Debby said, "The aim behind these groups is to give as much choice as possible to the young people and this is definitely paying off because the Lynnfield sessions are jam-packed and the Stranton groups are rapidly expanding."

### The groups are as follows:

**Wed** - 5-9 year olds 5.30pm – 7pm The Lynnfield Centre  
9-13 year olds 7.30pm – 9pm The Lynnfield Centre

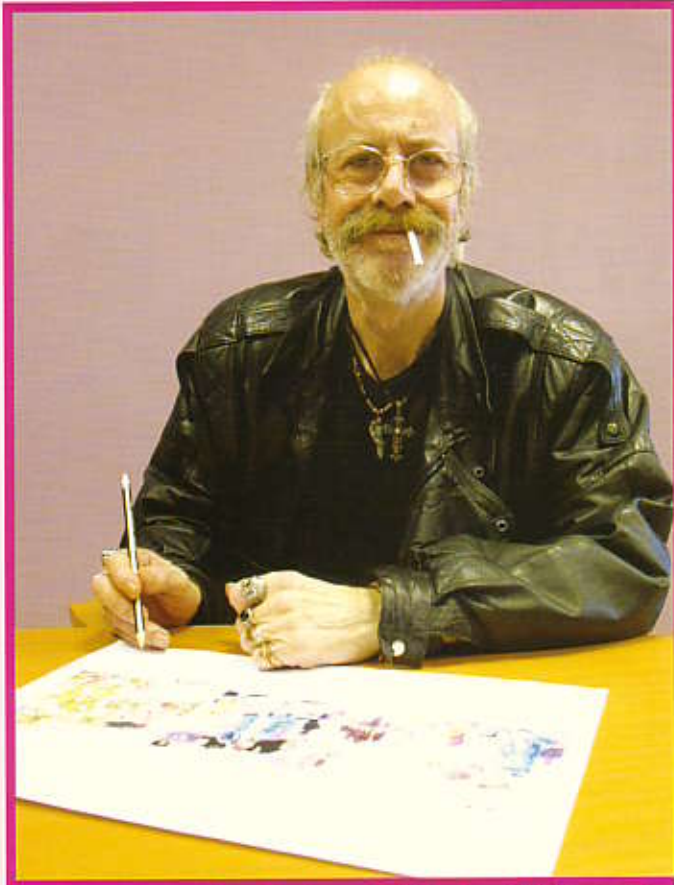
**Thurs** - 5-9 year olds 5.30pm – 7pm The Stranton Centre  
9-13 year olds 7.30pm – 9pm The Stranton Centre

There are currently vacancies within the Stranton Centre group; please contact Debby on 07838 389 785 or email her at [dredmond@cafe177.com](mailto:dredmond@cafe177.com) for details on how to join. The Lynnfield Centre group is now fully booked but you can place names on a waiting list. Both groups are free of charge.

To find out more about what goes on at the Stranton Centre and Lynnfield Centre please contact them on the numbers below:

Stranton Centre: 231329 Lynnfield Centre: 232946

# Local Artist Draws on his Talent



Cartoonist Richard Winn

We have had a great response to our new feature 'Artlepool 'Arry (latest instalment below) and now that the character and his family are becoming a permanent addition to your newsletter we thought you might like to learn a little more about his talented creator.

Local artist Richard Winn has produced a wide range of cartoons – including well-known work for children's comics; he also designs in a 3 dimensional style. Brought up in Blackhall, he has been an NDC resident for about 7 years and is delighted to receive such positive feedback on his latest creation.

Richard says, "Even though I grew up outside the area, I spent more time in Hartlepool than anywhere else because I came to Art College here and also worked here for many years."

"I'm really pleased the cartoon has gone down well and I hope it continues to entertain people. If I was able to follow in the footsteps of someone like Reg Smythe I would be a very happy man."

We hope you enjoy this month's story; and would love to hear from any residents with ideas for future adventures for 'Artlepool 'Arry and his family. If you would like to submit a storyboard of your own please email it to [kim@avanticom.co.uk](mailto:kim@avanticom.co.uk) and you may just see your idea brought to life!

## Kim Joins Editorial Group

The NDC newsletter editorial group have welcomed Kim Hammond to its meetings. Kim has joined local company Avanticom (who help with the newsletter), taking over the post held by Christina Dodds. Kim said "I have enjoyed meeting the residents within the editorial group and working on this edition of the newsletter, and I am happy to be part of a programme like NDC which is having such a positive effect on the local community."

The editorial group are also looking for new resident members to help with the compilation of the NDC newsletter. For details of the next group meeting please call Louise at the Arches on 894046.

