

Business

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Local photographer wins national award

LOCAL photographer Philippa Double has won the UK Wedding Award of the Master Photographers Association National Photography Competition.

The winning photograph was taken at a wedding in April this year.

The shot is taken from above and behind the bride. The bride, her raven-black gleaming hair tied back into a sleek chignon, is encased in a bear hug with a tiny,

very blonde, very angelic-looking bridesmaid.

The Awards Evening was an excellent evening, Philippa said, describing it as "a bit like the Oscars but without the tears and acceptance speeches, thank goodness!"

Judging is by a panel of expert photographers who are all Fellows of the Master Photographers Association (MPA), the highest qualification the Association

offers. Philippa continued: "I was very nervous about the award, especially after seeing the quality of the entries in the final."

The Wedding Award was announced towards the end of the evening and she said the wait to hear whether she had been successful or not felt like a long one.

TV cameras were present as filming was taking place for a documentary for one of the arts channels about

the MPA Annual Print Competition, so Philippa was interviewed about her award and about the photograph that won.

Third birthday for New Dawn

A COUNSELLING service that rose from the ashes of an earlier attempt celebrated its third birthday last week, and invited MP Nick Palmer to come along and cut the cake.

The New Dawn Counselling Centre is based at the corner of Humber Road and the High Road. It offers people a space to be listened to by any one of a team of 16 professional counsellors who specialise in different areas – working with children or teenagers, couples and relationships, loss and bereavement, addiction, disability, eating disorders, work issues, and so forth. The centre is run within a Christian ethos, but the counsellors are open and respect all beliefs.

Mr Palmer was given a tour of the centre and the facilities available, as several of the counsellors had set up displays detailing their own field of expertise. The New Dawn Centre has about 80 clients on its books at any one time and undertakes about 2000

counselling hours each year. It is run as a 'Community Interest Company' whereby any profits over and above those needed to run the centre are transferred into a bursary fund. This can be used to offset the cost of counselling for individuals on a low income, although some clients are funded through other means – their own church might have a special fund, for example.

Mr Palmer commented: "I was pleased to be asked to open the celebration of the group's third anniversary. Many well-meaning projects run into the sand, but this one is going from strength to strength. Most of us have times in our lives when we could do with a friendly ear and some impartial advice and support, and they provide a very wide range of counselling adapted to the needs of the individual.

As the invited guests tucked into birthday cake and other refreshments, Mr Palmer added: "I look forward to celebrating their fourth anniversary, too!"

Open Evening at The Beauty Lounge

THE Beauty Lounge will be having an Open Evening on Tuesday, November 10, between 6pm and 8.30pm.

The evening will consist of a range of demonstrations of the treatments that are available at the salon.

Beauty Lounge owner Lauren Fravolini said: "For example, a client has agreed to have demonstration of dermal filling being carried

out, so you can see the before and after effect.

"We will have information on all Botox and other small cosmetic treatments that are available carried out by the qualified nurse, so if you want to ask any questions this will be your perfect opportunity.

There will be taster sessions of microdermabrasion and

mineral make-up, and Corrine will be available to answer any of your queries regarding this facial treatment.

In addition to the beauty treatment demonstrations, there will be jewellery available to view and buy – ideal presents for Christmas – or yourself.

The Beauty Lounge is offering 10 percent off any

products brought or ordered at the Open Evening, and Gift Vouchers may be purchased.

In addition, Lauren is offering 10 percent off all new treatments booked and taken before December 31.

Kitchen Installation apprentices taken on

WEBS Furniture Training, Beeston, has delivered training to the furniture industry for more than 40 years. Now, due to increased demand for qualified and experienced fitters, the company is hoping to recruit 20 people to be trained as

kitchen fitters.

Advertising for apprentices to sign up for an 18-month, full time course, the company received a bumper crop of applicants. BY the time they reach the end of the course, the apprentices will have gained

NVQ L2 and L3 in making and installing furniture (kitchens), the training required to install a kitchen to the standard expected and the knowledge of how to set up their own business.

Company spokeswoman Lorraine Jameson said:

"We were delighted to receive so many good quality applicants for places on our apprentice scheme for kitchen fitters, and are looking forward to working with them as the course gets under way."