



## May 2007 newsletter

### Teaching the next generation

Ian Brown has for a number of years been a teaching volunteer for Young Enterprise North East ([www.yene.org.uk](http://www.yene.org.uk)) and has taught modules on our city and citizenship. On this occasion Ian was teaching children at Amble Middle School about the world and how different countries trade with each other. Ian said, following the full day of teaching, "I have just spent the day in the classroom and as such am humbled by the process of getting children to think about some impressive concepts such as foreign debt/GDP and import versus export. Children can grasp these concepts when they are put across as a game and later in the day they had to invent their own product and market it to a mythical world. Absolutely fascinating, and some great work achieved - although I did slump into the staffroom sofa as soon as the bell went."

### Gathering winter fuel



On May 10th Toasty Heating Ltd and NEWHeat ([www.newheat.org](http://www.newheat.org)) held a joint event at Lee Moor. More than 60 people attended and were able to learn about woodfuel quality and to see the new KWB150 Powerfire boiler that was installed last summer. The day saw a number of chipping machines prove that they can easily produce the woodfuel needed for modern and efficient boilers within specification.

### Training for Mr & Mrs Brown

The third week of May saw Lindsay and Ian take a couple of days out to attend the Leaf ([www.leafuk.org](http://www.leafuk.org)) annual training event, held this year in 'leafy' Hereford. Among the topics and visits tackled were polytunnels, communication, change in farming funding, composting and the inevitable visit to a cider producer... it would have been rude not to!

### County Show goes from strength to strength

The County Show is an excellent shop window for the countryside. Held on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday in May it is well timed to get people out in to countryside to experience the

sounds, smells and tastes of rural life. Lee Moor had presence at the show through Fresh Element ([www.freshelement.co.uk](http://www.freshelement.co.uk)) doing the catering for three exhibitors and Toasty Heating working alongside Nick Ridley in the Tynedale tent under the Econergy banner ([www.econergy.ltd.uk](http://www.econergy.ltd.uk)). Ian also said on his return, "As a past Young Farmers' Club County Chairman for Northumberland I am heart-warmingly proud that ex young farmers are continuing to serve their community in this way."

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