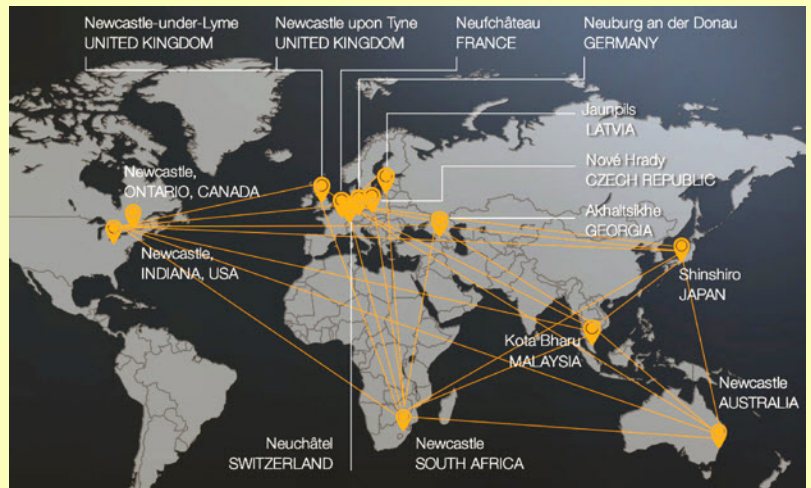


Newcastles News

The Newsletter of
"Newcastles of the
World"

June 2014



A GREAT WEEK IN NOVÉ HRADY !

Over sixty delegates from 10 different "Newcastles" gathered in Nové Hradý in South Bohemia, Czech Republic from 28 April to 4 May. We thank Mayor Vladimír Hokr and his organising team for their tremendous hospitality and for putting on a strong programme of workshops and cultural activities. The Newcastles of the World alliance emerges from the conference stronger and with clearer priorities and firm commitments for funding our future activities. Some photographic images from the

conference can be seen on page 5 of this newsletter. The conference declaration is set out on page 6 and the priorities for sharing information and best practice on page 7. Information on youth activities is on page 8 but we would welcome offers from youth council members to prepare future youth pages and to maintain the youth section of our website.



CHARITY fund-raiser **Mike Stubbs** (email - mike.stubbs@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk) is the new leader of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council after his predecessor's surprise defeat in the local elections in May. The 39-year-old who works for the Royal British Legion, has only been a member of the council for two years. Meanwhile, the new Mayor of the Borough is Councillor Mrs **Linda Hailstones**; she takes over from Newcastles of the World veteran Councillor Eddie Boden who has completed his year. We wish them both well in their new roles.



GLOBAL NEWCASTLES SET FOR TELEVISION

Three of our Newcastles are to be featured in an exciting new television series called "Global Towns".

Australian television/film production company Neutral Bay Media has been commissioned to produce a new series "Global Towns" for national broadcast by Channel 9 – and Newcastle in New South Wales, together with Newcastle, South Africa and Newcastle upon Tyne, UK have been picked for the first programme! The company will also be promoting to other TV networks around the world. Themes include history, culture, travel, discovery and the towns' contributions to society.

Creator and Executive Producer John Blair tells us that after the Newcastles, they will be featuring other towns and cities across the globe who share the same name in the English language, such as Perth, Windsor and Kingston. "Global Towns is a documentary series designed to take the viewer on a journey of discovery uncovering the common threads (and individual characteristics) that exist between towns of the same name, in different locations across the world" says John.

"The show traces the origins of each town and examines their contributions to society through time to the present day. The series brings to light little known facts and shows how the diversity of human nature has contributed to the development of a community over time." Although the series is about Newcastles in the English language, they will be sure to mention our Newcastles around the world!

TARA'S GOLD MEDAL-WINNING PERFORMANCE

Not only did the Canadian Women's Hockey Team win gold at the recent Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia in a heart stopping game against the Americans, but Tara Watchorn, one of the triumphant Canadian women, was from **Newcastle, Ontario**.

On the day of the gold medal game the community hall in Newcastle was packed with people watching the game on a gigantic screen. The game was specially streamed in by satellite courtesy of the parent municipality Clarington.



THE FREEDOM FLAME BURNS IN NEWCASTLE



South Africa has been celebrating 20 years of democracy this year and the freedom flame came to the Amajuba District in March, symbolising the light prevailing over darkness.

Member of the (Provincial) Executive Committee Dr Sibongiseni Dlomo, champion for Amajuba District, District Mayor Cllr Jabu Khumalo and **Newcastle Municipality** Mayor Cllr Afzul Rehman celebrated with the people of Newcastle, highlighting local service delivery achievements.

"This moment affirmed the pride and dignity of our country and celebration of humanity", said Dr Dlomo. "Newcastle Municipality, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, prides itself on all the achievements that have been made in the past 20 years" said Mayor Rehman, highlighting successful projects such as Eco parks and outdoor gyms, the Clifford Manana Bridge (Asiphephe), KwaMathukuza housing projects, eTheku mall and other projects in the pipeline.

NEUBURG MAYOR RE-ELECTED

Our congratulations to Dr. **Bernhard Gmehling** who has won a third six-year term as Oberbürgermeister (Mayor) of **Neuburg an der Donau**. In the March elections Dr Gmehling won almost 60% of the votes.

One person who has stepped down as a Neuburg politician is **Walter Friemel**, after 24 years.



Though no longer a councillor, he will stay as a strong force behind Newcastle's of the World and Neuburg's main contact person. Without Walter we would not have seen such powerful support from Neuburg, and Newcastle's of the World would not have grown and developed as it has done. We thank him for all he has done as a councillor, a teacher and an internationalist, and we wish him and Anne all the best for the future.

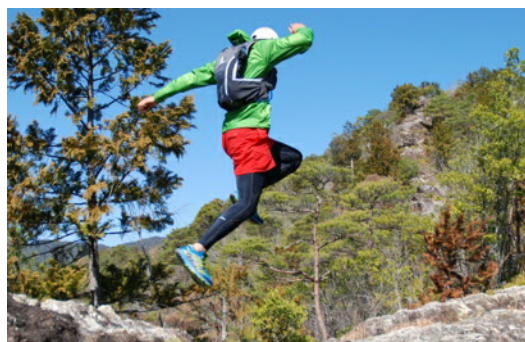


Dr Gmehling (above) &(left) Walter with Councillor Bettina Häring and Marieluise Kühnl

ENJOY THE RUN, ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF SHINSHIRO!

The third event of the OSJ (Outdoor Sport Japan) Trail Running Series for 2014 was hosted at **Shinshiro City** again in March and took competitors through the beautiful and historic mountains of the city. Trail and mountain running is very popular in Japan and the Shinshiro event is a real endurance test.

Competitors and visitors come from all over Japan and beyond for the 11km and 32km races, with around 1500 participants - and more than 3000 visitors gathered at the venue and enjoying the natural beauty of the area as well as the spectacle. "The ascents at Shinshiro were steep and copious" said one runner, "but the views at the top always seemed to outshine the pain endured to get there!"



THE STRANGE TALE OF THE IMPOVERISHED "REDLEGS" OF NEW CASTLE, BARBADOS

It seems out of place that behind the facade of an idyllic rural setting on the east coast of the West Indies island of Barbados lives a small, very poor, white population, the descendants of indentured servants and slaves who worked on the sugar plantations. See below right for an early photograph of the plantation in New Castle.

Today, the few hundred who remain happen to live in and around **New Castle** in St John Parish -which David Faulkner visited in early 2014. They stand out as anomalies in a predominantly black population, struggling for survival in a society that has no place for them, looked down upon by both the blacks and better-off whites.

African slaves first arrived on Barbados in the 1620's with the first white settlers and continued to be brought there as the need for labour grew the international slave trade. By 1667, there were over 40,000 slaves on the island.

In the early years of the colony's growth, Barbados also became a destination for military prisoners from Scotland, the north of England - and for many Irish natives. English "Lord Protector" Oliver Cromwell "barbadosed" Irish who refused to clear off their land, and allowed other Irish to be kidnaped from the streets of Ireland and transported to Barbados. Those who were barbadosed were sold as slaves or indentured servants to British planters. They lived in slave conditions and had no control over the number of years they had to serve. The number of barbadosed Irish is not known and estimates very widely, from 12,000 to 60,000.



Both African slaves and groups suffered in harsh conditions and joined together to revolt against British settlers from time to time. The enslavement of Africans in Barbados continued until 1834 when slaves were emancipated, and then apprenticed for a period of four years. By then the kidnapped Irish had disappeared into history but what did remain was a small population of very poor whites, often called 'redlegs', who are the descendants of those who were forced to Barbados from the British Isles.

The new-comers came to be known as 'red-legs' because of the hot Caribbean sun which burned their fair legs. Once they were no longer required on the plantations, the directionless Redlegs veered ever closer to destitution - malnourished, uneducated, often addicted to alcohol and riddled with hookworm, typhoid, and cholera.

Even in the 21st century, the 400 or so surviving Redlegs in Barbados are characterized by poverty, freckles, bad (or missing) teeth, haemophilia and diabetes, as well as addiction to crack and alcohol. Some live in appalling conditions without running water, proper sanitation or electricity, and eek out a living collecting empty bottles and coconuts. Some escaped this poverty The Grammy-award winning R&B icon **Rihanna** is the granddaughter of a Redleg.

PRESTIGE CARS FOR NEUCHÂTEL AND THE LAKES



The 2014 edition of the Swiss Lakes Classic rally for prestige vehicles from 1930 to 1975 takes place in the first week of September, covering the western lakes area and with Neuchâtel as the base. There's a new route of just over 650 km over the three days of the event.

"The most beautiful lakes in Europe are located in Switzerland, the mountain roads are famous so it will be a great challenge but an enjoyable one" say the organisers. Participants can also enjoy seeing one of the finest private collections of antique cars in the country - as well as enjoying the election of Miss Swiss Lakes!

It's not the only vintage car event in the area, because just 10 minutes from Neuchâtel is the village of Landeron which hosts a vintage car gathering every June.



REMEMBERING THE FIRST WORLD WAR - AND HOPES FOR PEACE



A war memorial commemorating North East soldiers setting out to serve in World War One features on a set of stamps in the UK marking the centenary of the conflict. A detail from *The Response*, a bronze memorial in Newcastle upon Tyne, is pictured on one of six stamps to be released in July by the Royal Mail

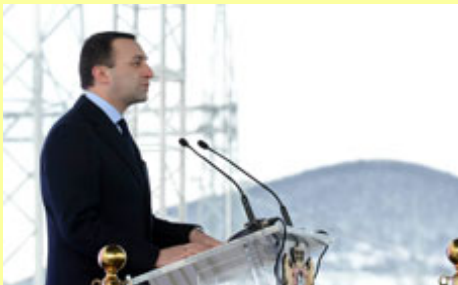
The memorial, which represents the raising of companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers and depicts men leaving for war in 1914, was unveiled by the Prince of Wales in 1923, and stands in the grounds of the Church of St Thomas the Martyr, in front of Newcastle Civic Centre. It was described by Alan Borg, a former Director General of the Imperial War Museum, as "one of the finest sculptural ensembles on any British monument" and represents both the patriotism and the pathos of war. At the front of the memorial are two drummer boys leading the procession, while the soldiers are flanked by the families they are leaving behind for the Belgian and French battlefields. The stamp itself – part of a series on how artists interpreted the events of the Great War – shows a close-up of one of the soldiers embracing his wife, as others march along behind him.



Councillor George Pattison is the new Lord Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne for the municipal year 2014/15

AKHALTSIKHE'S NEW POWER CONNECTIONS

A new 400kw high voltage electricity transmission grid line and substation has been inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Georgia Irakli Garibashvili in Akhaltsikhe. The Akhaltsikhe- Borçka connection will be able to transmit 700 Megawatts (MW) of power from Georgia to the European Union through Turkey. The facility will also transmit Azerbaijani energy. It's expected that the transmission capacity will increase to 1100 mW in the next stage.



"We are proud to point out that Georgia is the first country in the Caucasus region to have installed a direct current electric power transmission system" said PM Garibashvili.

The total investment of the project Black Sea Transmission Line is over 300 million EURO. The project is supported by the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, German Reconstruction Bank and Georgian government. The Georgian substation and electricity transmission grids reconstruction cost 158 million EURO

NEWCASTLE PLAYERS READY FOR THE WORLD CUP !

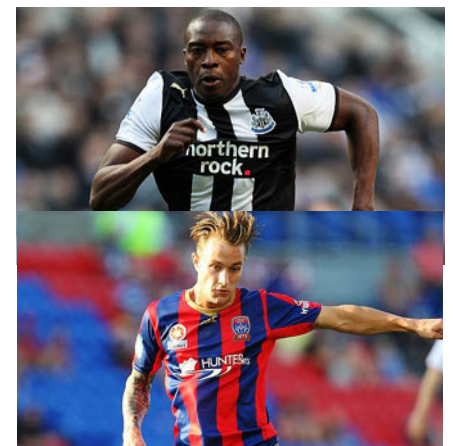
Five players from **Newcastle United** are in Brazil with their international teams. Midfielder Moussa Sissoko and full back Mathieu Debuchy are in the French squads and have 16 and 20 international caps respectively. Goalkeeper Tim Krul has 5 caps for the Netherlands, but the most capped is midfielder Cheick Tiote -44 times for the Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire).



FIFA WORLD CUP
Brasil

Striker Shola Ameobi is in the Nigeria squad and has scored twice in the six international matches in which he has appeared; he spent most of life in Newcastle (his brother Sammy also plays for Newcastle United) but is now available for transfer to another club after 14 years with Newcastle United and 53 goals.

21 year old Adam Taggart of **Newcastle Jets** is in the Australian squad and has scored three goals in his four international matches to date. Australia's Group also includes holders Spain, runners-up last time Netherlands and Chile.





From top left clockwise - most of the time was spent in work sessions!; the "new" chateau conference venue; town hall and street banner; entertainment inside and outside the old castle; the old castle



Photographic memories of the Nové Hradky Conference



Feathered friends on stilts - great performers



Recreating the Nové Hradky carnival with the delegates



The international market and launch of Nové Hradky tourist season



Some of our youth conference delegates



Signing the declaration; and Jen Stycuk invites host Mayor Vladimir Hokr and delegates to New Castle, Ontario for the 2016 Conference.



CONFERENCE DECLARATION 2014



On behalf of our respective Newcastles, we have agreed to use our best endeavours to progress the following programme:

1. To implement the funding arrangement, as agreed between us, at the earliest possible date which will provide resources to establish a paid secretariat - responsible for taking forward this agreed plan of action.

2. To share information and best practice, and to support each other in any other practicable way to further our principal common interests - see page 3

3. To improve communications between us by:

* Having nominated contact points among officers, politicians and relevant individuals and agencies who guarantee to take initiatives, provide information and otherwise respond promptly and positively as necessary.

* Creating greater content and functionality in our on-line presence to include: topic forums to share concerns, ideas and best practice (both member-specific and open access); clear links from our municipality websites to Newcastles of the World

* Subject to individual agreement, to share contacts in each of our Newcastles across a range of disciplines and interests

* Developing a virtual and/or print gazette of all Newcastles of the World as a basis for contacts, interaction and public information.

* Creating and keeping up to date a calendar of events and activities so we can promote each other's programmes but also avoid conflicts of dates.

* Opportunities for income-generation through site sponsorship/management, advertising etc

* A more proactive approach to Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms, perhaps with some rotation of site management and updating responsibility.

4. To create a shared tourism strategy and city branding, as a key vehicle for driving economic development, that will have the following elements:

* A platform of digital/social media-based connectivity that operates for the benefit of both our own individual citizens and our visitors/investors, but which is also customised to facilitate the participation of as many Newcastles as possible. The "Omni City" model developed by Neuchatel will be examined by us all to see if it can be the basis of such a shared platform.

* A Newcastles tourism passport or card which offers a mutually-guaranteed range of benefits to all visitors from one Newcastle to another. The Nove Hradý model is to be examined as a basis for such development.

* Common or shared branding based on heritage (castles, other historic buildings, industrial heritage and regeneration); culture and festivals; our towns and cities as gateways to surrounding areas of natural beauty

* A range of appropriate promotional material that can be used in our individual information centres, online and for exhibitions.

5. To encourage and develop a range of contacts and opportunities between businesses and business agencies, especially through online presence and the interests that we have in chambers of commerce and trade, exchanging information on important business sectors with possibilities for trade, research and development and other collaborations.

6. To pursue opportunities for collaborative applications for EU and other international funding involving those Newcastles who wish to be part of such appropriate applications and can commit to finding their share of any match-funding that may be required. Initial areas of opportunity might be: international exchange programmes, work experience and training; choirs, traditional music and other creative cultural and craft programmes; conservation and regeneration; sustaining the viability of local centres; citizen engagement in decision-making institutions and in civic pride initiatives. The Erasmus +, Europe for Citizens and Cultural Programmes appear to provide most opportunities among the Transnational Funds; also work and skills from the Social Fund.

7. To respond to the agenda developed and presented by the 2014 youth conference, with positive intent, both as individual Newcastles and collectively, to support this within the future business plan, and to encourage our members to agree that all delegations to future conferences should include youth delegates, with a guideline of at least 25% of the delegation numbers.

8. To develop further between us educational, cultural and business links, with particular focus on schools; colleges / universities; chambers of commerce and trade; heritage (castles, museums and galleries), recognising that some partnerships will be one-to-one, others may involve a small number of Newcastles with common characteristics and interests and some may involve all.

9. To welcome and accept the invitation extended by Newcastle, Ontario, Canada to host the tenth conference in 2016.

SHARED PRIORITIES AND BEST PRACTICE

We have agreed to share information and best practice, and to support each other in any other practicable way to further our principal common interests, which we have identified as;

- * To create employment opportunities, especially for our young people, together with the skills development that underpins it.
- * To development new initiatives that provide affordable housing for those in our communities who need it.
- * To address the gap in communication and involvement between local leaders and institutions and the people and communities who they are there to serve.
- * To support services that recognise an ageing population, meeting their needs but recognising the experience that older people have and the contribution that they can make.
- * To sustain the viability of our town centres and district centres in the face of out-of-town and online retailing.
- * To develop new uses for our historic buildings and identify the resources to carry this out.
- * To protect and sustain for future generations our environment, including our surrounding agricultural land and forestry.
- * To further our additional interests (more important for some individual Newcastles than others) of building a clear civic identity; tackling inequalities, discrimination and/or civil disobedience or disengagement; developing a more cohesive local society that welcomes new communities.

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://newcastlesoftheworld.com/best-practice-information/>

CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME IN SHINSHIRO

In Shinshiro's Sakurabuchi Park there are around 2,500 cherry trees, including double cherry blossom, and in festival time, a point between mid-March and mid-April, they can be seen in full glory. Residents and visitors to the Sakura Festival can also enjoy boat and fishing in the clear stream of the Toyo River, the extensive lawns – or even the facilities in the exercise park!

Hanami ("flower viewing") is the Japanese traditional custom of enjoying the beauty of flowers, "flowers" in this case almost always meaning cherry blossoms which are celebrated with enormous parties held under the trees. The practice of hanami is many centuries old and is said to have started during the Nara Period (710–784). Though it was ume (Asian Plum) blossoms that people admired in the beginning, by the Heian Period, sakura (Japanese Cherry) came to attract more attention. From then on, in tanka and haiku (types of Japanese poetry), "flowers" meant "sakura."



NEW CASTLE, INDIANA, USA: The 22nd annual Wilbur Wright Festival will be held in June in the grounds of the Wilbur Wright Birthplace and Museum, just outside New Castle, Indiana. The museum is operated entirely by volunteers and last year visitors came from 47 states and 26 different countries. The Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur were American brothers, inventors, and aviation pioneers who were credited with inventing and building the world's first successful airplane and making the first controlled, powered and sustained heavier-than-air human flight in 1903.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE SHORT-LISTED FOR EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL 2017



Newcastle upon Tyne is one of five cities to be shortlisted for the accolade of becoming European Youth Capital in 2017, together with Cascais (Portugal), Galway (Ireland), Perugia (Italy) and Varna (Bulgaria)

The five cities will now progress to the next round of competition to compete for the coveted title. During the second round, the cities will have an opportunity to present an extensive draft programme of youth-related cultural, social and political events and activities.

The European Youth Capital 2017 will encourage the implementation of the Council of Europe's Charter on Local and Regional Participation of Young People through the promotion of new ideas and innovative projects. EYC initiatives lay the foundations for young people's active participation in society and present good practice examples to other municipalities.

The top candidate cities will receive recommendations from the high-level independent jury and a youth focus group on how to make their applications even more responsive to young people. The winning city will be announced in November

This title is a great way to showcase good practice examples of youth policy-making and youth participation at local level and think of new ideas and projects designed by and for young people to truly engage them in the life of their city.

The European Youth Capital is a title awarded each year to a city by the **European Youth Forum**, In 2017, it will be awarded for the ninth time. Since the first European Youth Capital was awarded to Rotterdam in 2009, the title has been awarded to Turin, Antwerp, Braga, Maribor, Thessaloniki, Cluj-Napoca and Ganja.

The title is awarded to a European city for the period of one year, during which it will be given the chance to showcase, through a multi-faceted programme, its youth-related cultural, social, political and economic life and development.

\$95M UNIVERSITY PRECINCT SEEKS GO-AHEAD

The University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia is hoping for planning permission for a new, futuristic "vertical" campus in the heart of the city's Central Business District. NeW Space is a \$95m educational precinct which would house a range of university programmes and facilities including business and law teaching and research, but the precinct would also be a place where the academic and business communities of Newcastle would come together to engage and collaborate. Public drop-in sessions are being held during the summer to test opinion.



The 2014 Officers for the **Parlement des Jeunes de la Ville de Neuchâtel** are Christine Perrin, Présidente (centre) Inès Herrera, Vice-Présidente & Antoine Willemin, Trésorier



This year's Speakers of the **Neuburg Youth Parliament** are Sebastian Rehm and Marie-Luise Stadler, pictured here with Neuburg youth coordinator Doris Stoekl.



Contact Tomoko Tamai, Shinshiro Youth Organiser - siea@tees.jp

The Youth Council of Newcastle, Australia provides an opportunity for young people between 13 and 25 to develop leadership skills through staging events during Youth Week each year (first week of March) and participating on Council committees such as the Community Safety Panel, and the Australia Day Committee. The Youth Council acts as a strategic advisory committee of the city council. Its role is also to raise awareness on issues affecting young people and organise activities in which young people can take part. Email youthcouncil@ncc.nsw.gov.au



HAPPY- WE ARE FROM NEUCHÂTEL !

The worldwide video phenomenon "We are happy", which has reached over 300 towns and cities, now includes the city of Neuchâtel. The video draws from "Happy" singer and musician Pharel Williams, whose original version became a big hit on YouTube. The basis of these videos is "We are happy ..." with song and dance against background emblematic places of the city presented.



The video "Happy - We are from Neuchâtel", featuring local people, was initiated by the Neuchâtel actress Aurélie Candaux following the success a similar video in Lausanne. Some familiar local faces took part in the adventure. Gilbert Facchinetti, rapper David Haeberli, Junior singer Chaka and the former Miss Harvest Festival, Fatima Montandon Over 80,000 people have already viewed the Neuchâtel video - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDP-Q5XL1_Q

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME TOWN CENTRE SHOPS TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN BOOSTING BUSINESS

Great service is to be rewarded as shops in Newcastle-under-Lyme town centre are put in the spotlight as part of a competition to recognise business excellence.

Shoppers will be given the chance to nominate their favourite stores as the organisers of Business Boost launch a new category in conjunction with the Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre Partnership. Business Boost Awards is the premiere competition in the town, which aims to help businesses achieve their future potential and growth

The Best for Retail Experience award is one of four categories in the 2014 Awards, now entering its 7th year. Also new for 2014 is the Recognising Social Enterprise category which is being awarded by Business Boost in partnership with Aspire Group.



The 2013 winners

Bernard Lovatt, Chair of the Business Boost judging panel, said: "Business Boost is unique to Newcastle-under-Lyme and is a great springboard for growing businesses. "The entry process is simple and the shortlisted companies receive a package of support to help them develop. Along with recognising achievement, we judge on potential for growth, placing the spotlight on businesses with the ability to generate jobs and economic growth for the borough.

"The judging panel is largely made up of local business people who give their time for free and we are delighted to see Business Boost flourish with new sponsors and categories."

There are four awards: Entrepreneurial Spirit; Impact on the Borough; Recognising Social Enterprise and Best for Retail Experience. Businesses must have less than 250 full time equivalent employees to be eligible to enter. An awards ceremony will be held in October. www.businessboostawards.org.uk

STING'S MUSICAL SET FOR BROADWAY

Sting's musical about the rundown of the once world-dominating shipbuilding industry in the North East of England has found a home on Broadway. "The Last Ship" which is inspired by the singer's own childhood, will open at the Neil Simon Theatre in September. It will also star fellow North East star Jimmy Nail, who Sting has previously said "gave me the courage to carry on" with the project.

Sting has already released an album called The Last Ship, with music that will feature in the show. Set in Sting's hometown of Wallsend, part of the Newcastle urban area, the show centres on Gideon Fletcher, a man who opts out of a life of shipbuilding to travel the world.



Sting
The Last Ship

Returning 14 years later, he discovers a town close to economic collapse but a community still resilient in the face of adversity. The musical will run in preview at Chicago's Bank of America Theatre from 10 June to 13 July. More info - <http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/theater/ct-sting-last-ship-preview,0,6831253.column>

SUPPORTING RURAL BUSINESS IN JAUNPILS

A record number of over 100 participants attended this year's business promotion organised by Jaunpils Viesatu parish farmers and entrepreneurs. The participants had the opportunity to hear one of the innovators in the field of agricultural production, and there were awards presented for innovation and best practice.

Jaunpils county council chairman **Ligita Gintere** thanked the audience for their work and their contribution to business development, stressing that the relationship with supportive local government is important for any business and farmer - large or small. Jaunpils District Council chief executive **Peter Baranovskis** gave an insight into local government's role in business promotion, and Head of Development **Vija Ziverte** presented the projects that the council had supported.

The guests were entertained by a local folk group and enjoyed the best of county's home products : Jaunpils dairy, cheeses, confectionery and honey.



NYBORG CASTLE AND TOWN TAKE CENTRE STAGE

"Danehof" is Nyborg's annual medieval fair that recreates and celebrates the royal history of the "Newcastle" in Denmark. This year it is reliving 1377, when Queen Margrethe I had her son Oluf crowned at the Danehof at Nyborg Castle.

The first weekend in July will see the town buzzing with the same life and excitement as when the king and his men met for the medieval celebration. There will be jousting, stalls and other entertainment for both children and adults throughout the weekend.

The medieval market and knight tournament in Nyborg has grown in size in just a few years. It now takes place throughout the historic centre between Nyborg Castle and Church with the tournament site as the focal point. Something new this year is a spectacular Danehof procession through Nyborg. Followed by knights, soldiers and musicians it will re-enact Queen Margrethe I bringing her 7 year old son Oluf back into his royal city.



The Danish king met with his parliament in Nyborg Castle in the Middle Ages - Danehoffet. It was the medieval capital of the nation, where Denmark's first constitution was signed in 1282. Danehof is an important part of the work to develop Nyborg Castle and town as worthy candidates for UNESCO World Heritage Site status. For further information contact **Malene Beck**, our Newcastles of the World Correspondent in Nyborg, heritage coordinator at the Museums of Eastern Funen based at Nyborg Castle - mrb@ostfynsmuseer.dk



KELENTAN FC HAVE NEW STAR COACH

Former Netherlands international player George Boateng has been appointed the new coach of Kota Bharu's Kelantan FC. The club were Malaysian football champions in 2011 and 2012, and won the Malaysia FA Cup in 2013, but have had a disappointing start to the 2014 season.

Boateng played for several UK premier League teams including Newcastle United's north east rivals Middlesbrough, also Aston Villa and Hull City, as well as the famous Dutch team. Feyenoord.

Kelantan had qualified for the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Cup but finished bottom of their Group.



ABOUT NEWCASTLES OF THE WORLD: In 1998 the Mayor of Shinshiro in Japan took the initiative to invite representatives of 7 Newcastles to his city. They have continued to meet every two years – in Neuchâtel, Switzerland in 2000, USA (Indiana and Pennsylvania) in 2002, South Africa 2004 & 2010, Newcastle-under-Lyme (UK) in 2006, Neuburg an der Donau, Germany in 2008 in Newcastle upon Tyne (UK) in 2012, and most recently in April 2014 in Nove Hradky in the Czech Republic. The aim of the Newcastles alliance is to foster friendship and collaboration, and to share and enjoy each others' heritage and culture. Each gathering takes one or more discussion themes to ensure practical, usable outcomes, also involving our young people.