

PROMISING YEAR AHEAD FOR DANCER'S NEW VENTURE

Setting up in business is not for the faint hearted, particularly in today's uncertain financial climate. But spurred on by her own personal achievements, local dancer Sarah Jaggard has done just that.

Last year she founded Edge Dance, with the primary aim of encouraging dance growth in education and continuing the work she was doing in schools. Another aim is to run regular workshops and classes for children and young people in Melton and the wider community, which she hopes will inspire creativity and encourage fitness.

Edge Dance's first workshop – The Musical Theatre Summer School held last summer – was a huge success. It was attended by 50 children and young people who travelled from as far as Newark to take part. 'The week was enjoyed by everybody involved,' said Sarah, 'and the final performance was a great testament to all the children's and teachers' hard work'.



This year will see the introduction of a Musical Theatre Easter School amongst other new projects planned. The Easter School will be held at John Fernley High School (Melton) from **6 to 9 April, 10am to 4pm** each day.

Sarah also runs a street dance class for 16-year olds and above every Wednesday at Melton Leisure Centre from 7 till 8pm.

For more information contact Sarah on 07505 970808 or at edgedance@live.com. Look out for the new website www.edgedance.co.uk to be launched in the spring!



Sarah Jaggard, who is from Burton Lazars, grew up and studied in Melton before completing a degree in dance. She has performed both in the UK and abroad and continues to dance with Addict Dance Company based in Leicester. As well as performing, she has spent the last two years working in the East Midlands as a freelance dance teacher. This has involved leading workshops in primary and secondary schools, working with community groups and choreographing full stage shows. Most recently, Sarah has undertaken the role of Dance Coach for Rutland County Council.

Her company Edge Dance has been awarded a business bursary from Leicestershire County Council to build on its present success and assist with its future development.