

# Tributes to pioneer of dancing

**DANCING**

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**'LEGEND':** Nadine Senior

TRIBUTES HAVE poured in for the founder of the Northern School of Contemporary Dance, Nadine Senior, who has been described a legend in her own right.

Nadine founded the school in 1985 after being inspired by other dance schools in Leeds such as the Phoenix Dance Theatre.

The school was revolutionary at the time as it was one of the few that taught dance at a higher education level outside London.

The Northern School of Contemporary Dance published a tribute on the website, which read: "It is with great regret and sadness that we announce the passing of Nadine Senior MBE, dance pioneer and founder of the Northern School of Contemporary Dance.

"An inspiration to the children at Harehills Middle School in Leeds, through her educational vision, teaching and leadership, Nadine went on to inspire many of the dancers, choreographers, teachers and dance leaders of our time, internationally. Though Nadine retired in 2001, the tremendous impact of

her contribution continues to resonate. It underpins not only our School but Leeds as a City of Dance, with Phoenix Dance Theatre, RJC Dance and many other individual artists and arts administrators touched by her inspiration. We are immensely grateful for her life and saddened by the loss of such an amazing woman."

Councillor Peter Gruen worked with Nadine for 20 years on the school's Chair of Governors. He said: "Legend and icon are often overworked words but they truly apply to Nadine.

"Her love of dance and total dedication to giving young talented kids from Harehills and Chapeltown their first opportunity to excel at something they loved; has been a lasting testament to Nadine.

"We are all sad but very privileged to have known and worked with Nadine."



**HIGH WINDS:** People battle the winds at Bridgewater Place and planes struggle to land in Leeds.

## Storm Gertrude blows a gale

LEEDS IS braced for more bad weather after powerful gusts of wind reaching up to 80mph battered the region yesterday.

The Bridgewater Place junction in Leeds city centre was closed to all traffic until 2pm and further diversions lasted until 4pm, while the wind caused chaos at Leeds

Bradford Airport with planes struggling to land at the UK's highest airport.

The Environment Agency is warning that more wet and windy weather this weekend means communities in the north should stay alert to the potential of further flooding.

Gusts were so powerful

in North Yorkshire that two major roads, the A1 between junctions 47 and 48 and the A64 at Scarborough, were closed after collisions involving HGVs. Police also closed Station Parade in Harrogate after high winds damaged the roof of the Waitrose supermarket in Station Road.

**IN BRIEF**

**LEANNE LANDS TASTY NEW JOB**

**WAKEFIELD:** A young woman from Wakefield is celebrating after landing a job at a catering business run by Michelin starred chef Craig Gallimore. Leanne Sambrook, 23, was hired after joining Groundwork Wakefield's Head Start programme, which helps 18 to 24-year-olds develop skills and gain employment experience. She said: "My local job centre referred me onto the Head Start programme and I haven't looked back since. I finish the course in a couple of weeks and can't wait to start my new full-time role."



**WHERE TO LAUGH**

**FIRST DIRECT ARENA:** During the 1990s they were the face of British comedy and their off-beat sense of humour, were household names.

Tonight Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer return to Leeds for a fantastic show at the city centre arena.

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