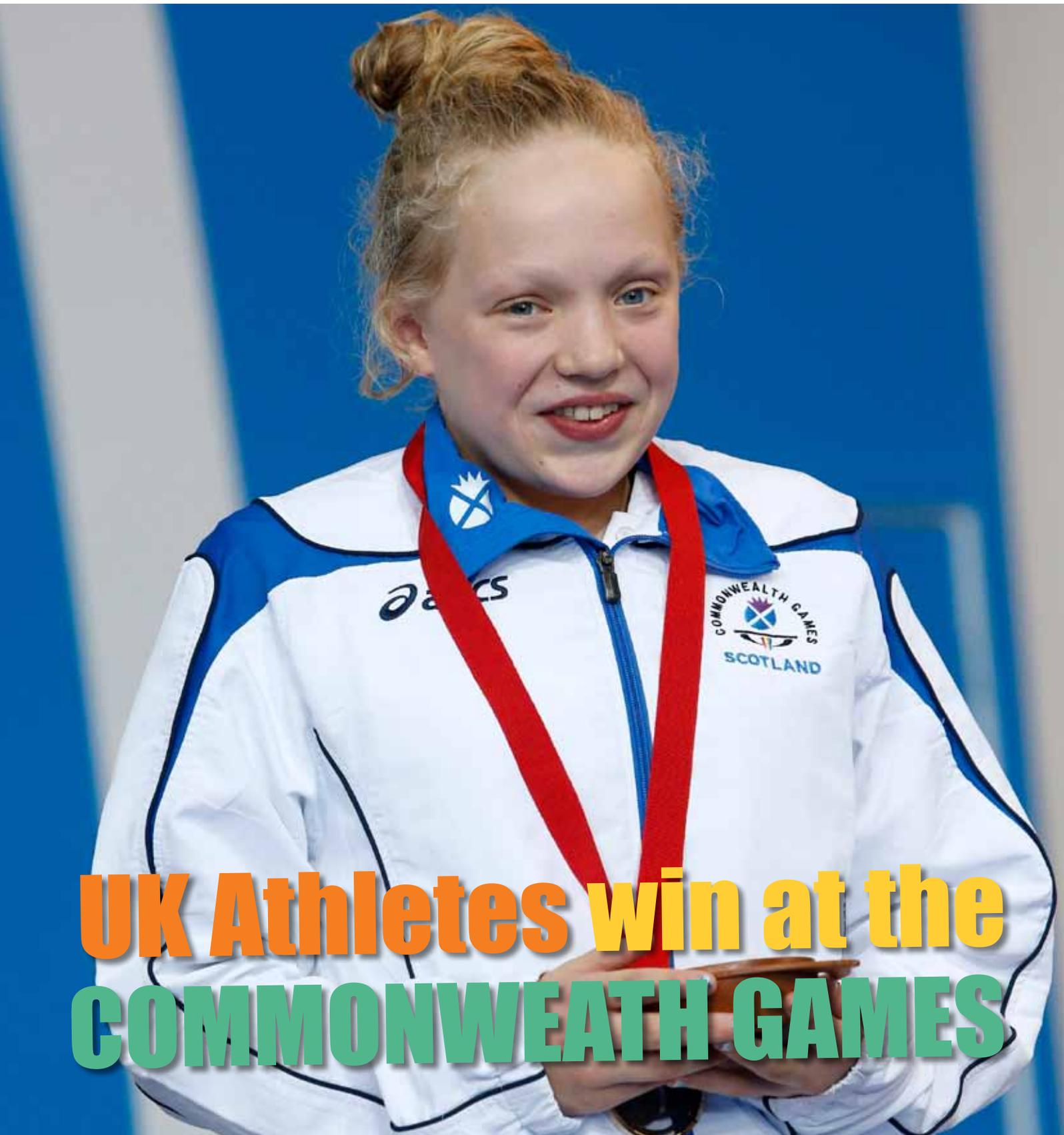


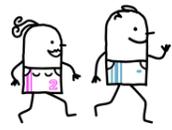


  
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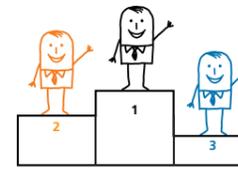
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**UK Athletes win at the  
COMMONWEALTH GAMES**



# Commonwealth Games



The Commonwealth Games and para-sports took place in Glasgow in Scotland in July and August. Disabled athletes had more chances than ever to compete.



Two of the parasport medal winners were swimmer, Erraid Davies and sprinter, Libby Clegg. Both were competing for Scotland. Bethy Woodward won a silver medal in the parasport long jump.



Easy News interviewed Winter Paralympian Anna Turney about what it is like to compete in an international competition. She said "it is very exciting to represent Great Britain. I am proud to wear the Great Britain kit."



Anna learned to ski as a child but she broke her back and became paralysed. Anna said "I really wanted to get back on snow after becoming paralysed."



Anna said her friends and family treated her in the same way after becoming disabled.



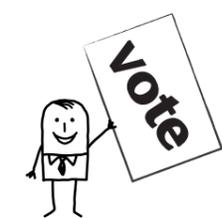
Anna has lots of people who support her to compete. I would not have been able to compete without the support of my sponsors."



We asked what other people can learn from Anna's achievements. Anna said, "achieving your dreams is rarely easy and takes an enormous amount of hard work, focus and dedication. Try to stay positive and don't be afraid to ask for help."



For more information please visit Anna's website – [www.annaturney.com](http://www.annaturney.com)



# Scottish independence referendum



On Thursday 18th September 2014 people in Scotland will vote to decide if they want to be an independent country. This means they will no longer be part of Britain.



People will be asked "should Scotland be an independent country?"



In order to vote people in Scotland must register by Tuesday 2nd September.



There are 3 ways to vote. People can vote by going to a polling station. They can vote by post. They can allow someone they trust to vote for them.



There are two groups the people of Scotland can vote for. These are: 'Better Together' and 'Yes Scotland'.



Yes Scotland says Scotland should be independent. It says the Scottish Government should be able to make all decisions about how to run Scotland.



Better Together says Scotland should stay as part of the UK. It says working together is the best thing for Scotland.



To find out more about the two campaigns, visit: [www.tinyurl.com/scotlandeasyread](http://www.tinyurl.com/scotlandeasyread)



# Fighting in Iraq



Iraq is a country in the Middle East where there has been fighting for many years.



Iraq has a history of fighting between different groups and that has continued to be a problem.



Over the last month there has been more fighting between rebel fighters and Government troops.



A rebel group called Isis have taken over cities in Iraq and want to take over Baghdad, the capital city.



Britain and America invaded Iraq in 2003 because they thought the country had weapons of mass destruction.



Thousands of Iraqi people are leaving their homes to get away from the fighting.



America left the country in 2011. It hoped Iraq would be able to keep the peace.



The Iraq Government has asked for help from America in the fight against Isis. America has sent some troops to help Iraq.



# World Cup results



The football World Cup began in June, with 13 countries taking part.



The World Cup is held every 4 years. This time it was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



England did not win any matches at the group stage.



Germany won the final match. They beat Argentina 1-0 in the final, when the match went into extra time.



Thousands of fans greeted the team home with a hero's welcome when they brought home the trophy on 14th July.



The trophy is being displayed in Berlin, and a victory parade was held for the German team and their fans.



It is the first time in 24 years that Germany has won the World Cup.



Some people said it was the best World Cup ever.



# Rolf Harris jailed



Rolf Harris, aged 84, was a famous TV entertainer. He has been on TV for over 50 years.



He was found guilty of 12 indecent assaults on girls and young women. He was sentenced to prison for over 5 years.



Indecent assault is a type of sexual abuse.



The 4 victims told the court how badly they had been affected.



One victim had the courage to speak out against Harris after other cases against famous people.



The sentence is based on the laws in place at the time he made the assaults. Some people say the sentence is too short.



He might only be in prison for about 3 years and does not need to pay his victims for the harm he caused.



The court may review the sentence and make it longer.



# People with learning disabilities can achieve great things!



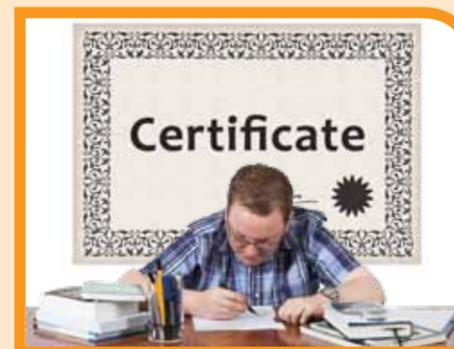
Natty is a 7 year old girl with Down's syndrome. She is a model in a advert for Sainsbury's.



Gavin Harding is Britain's first councillor and deputy mayor with a learning disability.



Natty's mother wrote to lots of clothing companies asking them to include more disabled people in adverts.



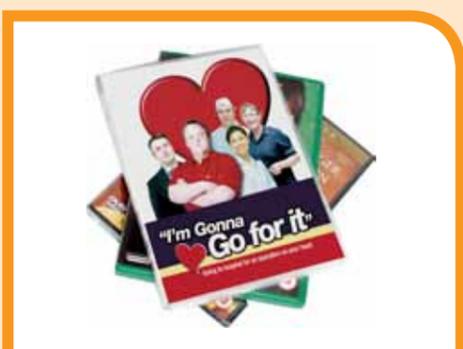
Gavin was also vice president of his college student union



There are other companies who have included disabled people in their catalogues.



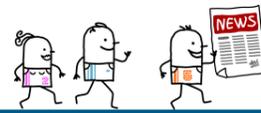
Gavin, has been given an MBE. The Member of the Order of the British Empire, which is an award from the Queen.



Natty's mother thinks this should not be news, and more people with disabilities should be in adverts.



The award was given to Gavin for good work in the community. Gavin said he was pleased to get the award on behalf of everyone with a learning disability.



## Wimbledon



Novak Djokovic won the men's Tennis singles, beating Roger Federer in a thrilling five sets.



Petra Kvitova beat Eugenie Bouchard in only 55 minutes to win the woman's single's game.

## MH17 plane crash



On the 17th July 2014 a plane flying to Malaysia crashed in Ukraine.



A missile is thought to have been fired at the plane causing the crash.

## Easy News wins award



We are pleased to say that Easy News has won a Charity Award!



The award was for making it easier for people with learning disabilities to understand the news and politics.

## British learning disabled athletes win medals at the European Championship



In June the British team entered the European Championships. These took place in the Netherlands with 19 countries taking part.



The team won 4 medals and are now training for the European Summer Games in September.



# Register your vote online



The way that people register to vote is changing.



In the past, one person could register a whole household. Now each person has to register individually.



You can find out more information here:  
<http://tinyurl.com/votingreg>

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