



Special Offer

Simon Lowdell (right) with three other young men who will be with him at the Skill Olympics, from left: David Bradshaw, Paul MacKenzie and Nicholas Partington

Skill Olympics spot for Simon

A 22-year-old Aylesham agricultural mechanic is to join other young people at the International Youth Skill Olympics, in Birmingham from August 28 to 31.

Simon Lowdell of Cole-ridge Gardens, Aylesham, is one of six of the best in the south east of England who will demonstrate their industrial and commercial expertise at the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre.

Simon and the rest of the group will be fighting hard to beat contestants from other countries for medals.

About 400 youngsters from 20 nations are expected to enter, and all the men and women are under 23 years of age.

Funding

The UK team is sponsored by the National Council for Vocational Qualifications.

The Skill Olympics are expected to cost £5 million, funded and equipped by industry and industrial training boards.

Skills to be displayed include plumbing, brickwork, cabinet making, industrial wiring, cookery, stonemasonry, hairdressing, graphic arts, machining, garment production and graphic art.