

# From East German fishing to art on the Tyne

**BLAZING** a trail for the tall ships, the vessel *MS Stubnitz* entered the Tyne yesterday after a two-day voyage from Rotterdam.

In a less glamorous existence, the *Stubnitz* (the MS stands for motorship) used to be a support vessel for the East German fishing fleet. Now, though, she is a floating arts venue with two performance spaces and a mission to take cutting edge live art and music to audiences far beyond her home port.

The ship passed under the Millennium Bridge and fears that she would have to lose a couple of inches from her mast in order to do so proved unfounded.

Now moored at Newcastle Quayside, near the law courts, she is to be the venue for two festivals. The first, *Navigate*, running from this Thursday until July 3, is devoted to performance art with a programme of world premieres by notable artists.

From July 8-10, *Stubnitz* will play host to a second festival called *Version - The Other Music* featuring a line-up of leading exponents of experimental music.

Tickets for the festivals are on sale at Live Theatre, Broad Chare, Newcastle. Tel. (0191) 232-1232.



Picture: Tim McGuinness

**Culture: Inside today** **FLOATING VENUE:** The *Stubnitz* passes under the Gateshead Millennium Bridge to berth at Newcastle Quayside.

One arrests come as part of the Northumbria force's summer-long crackdown on drink-fuelled violence and disorder, dubbed *the city's Over*.

## Daycare unit

A NEW daycare service for dementia patients has been officially opened by South Shields MP David Miliband.

The service, known as Garden Court, has been developed by South Tyneside Council and the Alzheimer's Society. It will offer dedicated care and support for up to 72 people a week at Connolly House in Reynolds Avenue, South Shields.

## £1m upgrade

ALMOST £1m is being invested to improve access between the MetroCentre and its railway station.

Work is already underway on the upgrade, which will create new waiting rooms on platforms one and two, with better lighting, security and disabled access.

## Salary scale

THE salary scale for the chief executive of Castle Morpeth has a mid-point of £75,855, not £79,950 as appeared in yesterday's *Journal*. The increase since 2000 is 23%.