



## Local Businesses go for Gold with St Catherine's Hospice

Over 100 delegates from companies across Crawley, Horsham, Mid Sussex and East Surrey gathered at the Holiday Inn Gatwick Worth to hear nuggets of business wisdom from special guest speaker David Gold at St Catherine's Hospice Business Breakfast (April 18th).

The event, kindly sponsored by local courier and fulfilment company and Gatwick Diamond Employer of the Year ILG, offered businesses the chance to network over coffee, while hearing how supporting their local hospice can help both enhance their business and support local people facing their most difficult times.

David Gold, who stayed behind to sign copies of his autobiography after an entertaining Q&A session says, "I'm delighted to be able to support my local hospice in

this way. There is a thriving business community in Sussex and Surrey and by teaming up with St Catherine's Hospice to help support their work, you can not only engage your staff and customers in a good cause but help further your own business aims too."

Grant Ashley, founder and CEO of ILG, says, "It's been great working with St Catherine's Hospice on the Business Breakfast and we've been really impressed with the attendance which shows the breadth and depth of contacts the team has. As sponsors, we've had the opportunity to make the most of this event while also being able to support the invaluable work of a much-loved local charity. It's a fruitful partnership on both sides."

Jenna Durdle, corporate fundraiser at St Catherine's Hospice, says, "We're really pleased that so many local business contacts made time in their schedule to attend our breakfast event, which we hope will inspire them to support our vital work in the community.

"We'd like to thank our sponsors ILG, the team at Holiday Inn for supplying the venue and excellent refreshments and David Gold for his time and support which is greatly appreciated."

It's St Catherine's Hospice's 30th anniversary year and there is a packed calendar of events and opportunities for businesses upcoming, the next being a thrilling Day at the Races on 7th June at Lingfield Park. To find out more please visit

[www.stch.org.uk/thirty](http://www.stch.org.uk/thirty)

## The Budget 2013

For all George Osborne's flowery rhetoric about the 'aspiration nation' the 2013 Budget statement lived up to the advance low-key billing. The message was stark: the Chancellor isn't going to change course, and the timescale for getting the country's public finances back on track has been pushed out still further.

There was, of course, the usual smattering of headline-grabbers. With Budgets being as much about politics as about economics, these were aimed to please allies and vocal interest groups, and included the cancellation of this September's scheduled increase in fuel duties, a cut of 1p in the duty on a pint of beer, the reduction to 20% in the rate of Corporation Tax in 2015, and the bringing forward by a year to April 2014 of the £10,000 personal Income tax allowance.

Over the next two fiscal years, which will take us to the General Election due in the spring of 2015, the measures were fiscally neutral, with tax giveaways being paid for by additional spending restraints, including an extension of the freeze on public sector pay, while the boldest announcements on housing will be funded by off-balance sheet guarantees. For the record, the measures announced in George Osborne's fourth Budget add up to a net fiscal tightening of £1.3 billion in 2013/14, and a net giveaway of £1.6 billion in the following year.

The biggest spending announcement in this Budget, which relates to the commitment to increase expenditure on infrastructure by £3 billion a year, won't kick in until 2015/16, in other words after the next election. It will be funded by additional cuts to current spending, with welfare likely to take the brunt.

Before then, the Chancellor is pinning his hopes on the housebuilding sector to lead the economy out of its present malaise. But this approach is not without some risks. By offering government-backed guarantees for loans to buy new houses and to help people with their deposit for a mortgage, there is a risk of future losses, especially if house prices should one day fall again.

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## Support St Catherine's Hospice? You Bet!

St Catherine's Hospice invites you to be part of its 30th anniversary celebrations at a special raceday event on Friday 7th June at Lingfield Park. Gates open at 12.20pm with the first race at 2.20pm.

With over 200 attendees from some of the very best businesses in the area, there is no better opportunity to meet and make new contacts. Entertain clients and treat colleagues or friends to a place at the three-course charity lunch and auction in the Pavilion Suite, situated in the heart of the action. After networking during the champagne reception, take in a full afternoon of flat racing. We've also laid on a tipster talk to help you get the most from your fundraising flutter. Guests will also enjoy music, entertainment and an auction and raffle with a host of exciting prizes. What better way to support your local hospice, than spending an afternoon at the races with great views of the racecourse and rolling Surrey countryside?

We are delighted to be joined by Rupert Toovey, an expert auctioneer, who will be in charge of the gavel for our auction and oversee our fundraising raffle. Rupert is a renowned and respected local auctioneer as the founder of Toovey's and is also a familiar face through his many appearances on BBC TV's Bargain Hunt.

Anniversary tickets are just £80 each which includes a champagne reception, three course meal, wine and coffee, entrance ticket, race programme and tipster talk.

Would your company sponsor a race for the day? Stay ahead of the chasing pack with a special sponsorship package, which offers a host of exclusive promotional opportunities including a named race, branding at the course and in the race program and your own table at the celebratory lunch.

For further details or to book tickets please call the fundraising office on 01293 447357 or visit [www.stch.org.uk/raceday](http://www.stch.org.uk/raceday)



## International work blossoms for Crawley accountancy firm

Crawley accountancy firm Richard Place Dobson is being targeted by UK subsidiaries of European groups for their expertise in accountancy and audit.

The practice has recently won several such clients, including Norplan Hydropower Limited, a new subsidiary of Multiconsult, one of Norway's leading engineering consultancy companies. Norplan Hydropower Limited are now outsourcing the whole of their bookkeeping and accounts department function to the accountancy practice, following a recommendation from the top four firm responsible for the Multiconsult group audit.

"We are winning these clients due to our considerable experience and expertise", said Sue Chinn, Client Manager at Richard Place Dobson. "This includes our ability to offer clients specialised software solutions targeted to meet their needs, along with the assistance of fully accredited software trainers."

The practice acts for several similar international clients with subsidiaries in the UK. "We are cost effective for many of these smaller subsidiary companies and have built up a notable reputation for our efficient and reliable service and advice" added Matthew Tyson, Director at Richard Place Dobson.

Another recent win is Ubbink (UK) Limited, a medium-sized subsidiary of a larger German-based group specialising in the sale and distribution of roofing, ventilation and heating products.. Richard Place Dobson were invited to quote for the Ubbink (UK) Limited audit as a result of the strong rapport and good relationship built up with the management of a smaller subsidiary of the group with which Richard Place Dobson has been working over the last eighteen months. To find out more about Richard Place Dobson - [www.placedobson.co.uk](http://www.placedobson.co.uk)



## BLOC hotels receives accolade for best new business of the year 2013

The BLOC hotels team are very pleased and honoured to receive the Gatwick Diamond New Business of the Year Award. We intend to deliver a faultless service and product, and to be in a position to be considered for the 'Business of the Year Award 2015'- Beck Morgan, Director

Rob Morgan, Director of BLOC Hotels collected the award from John Peel, Chairman of Coast to Capital LEP and television celebrity Alexander Armstrong who was compere of the gala awards evening.

John Peel, Chairman of Coast2Capital LEP, commented "BLOC Hotels has created a striking brand which differentiates the company from its more established competitors, whilst focusing on customer needs. It was a difficult decision given the strong contenders, but BLOC Hotels ultimately won the accolade because it is an Innovative, dynamic and internationally focused organisation, which is creating valuable new jobs. Everything we need to make this region perform."

## Four Sussex businesses team up in a challenge from Manor Royal to Monaco

The team that have called themselves the 'A Team' is made up of four local independent business leaders in a quest to raise much needed funds for 14 charities that are all members of the Gatwick Diamond Business Association. The team will be driving from Manor Royal to Monaco in one hit, approximately 14 hours and are being joined with 11 cars and many other local businesses.

The 'A team' is made up of the following: Lorraine Nugent of Media Word Waves, Janette Whitney of Janette Whitt & Associates, Gurpreet Gill of Lloyds TSB Commercial and Alan Trace representing Ray Lewis Sports Wear. The team will meet on Saturday 11th May 2013 at the unearthly hour of 4.00am to start on their quest to Monaco. The cars being kindly provided by Coulsdson Audi and branded by PVL.

The cars will be going head to head with Jeremy Taylor (CEO), David Montgomery (Treasurer) and Steve Pullen (Chairman) who will be traveling to Monaco via public transport! There is no more than 30 minutes in it so it's going to be an extremely tight race.

Each Team is tasked with raising £1,000 per car, but if Jeremy raises in excess of £1,000 then he'll wear a Kermit the Frog outfit for the last two hours of the journey into Monaco.

The team aim to raise at least £1,000 for these wonderful charities:- Crawley Community and Voluntary Services, Chestnut Tree House, Golden Lion's Children's Trust, Home Start, Outreach 3 Way, NSPCC, The Olive Tree Cancer Support Centre, Rockinghorse, St Catherine's Hospice, Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance, Sussex Community Foundation, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Young Enterprise and Young Epilepsy

Lorraine said "It's really quirky to be doing something unusual like this and raising funds for a worthy cause at the same time." All fantastic causes, so please dig deep and head to our just giving page.

[www.justgiving.com/MWW-JW-GJ-ATeam](http://www.justgiving.com/MWW-JW-GJ-ATeam)



## Dates for your diary

### WHAT WILL AVIATION GROWTH MEAN TO THE GATWICK DIAMOND?

Date: 08:00 - 14:00, 23 May 2013  
Venue: Arora Hotel, Crawley RH10 6LW  
Price: £55 in advance plus vat

The Gatwick Diamond Economic Growth Forum is a new, independent forum event which will take place on May 23, 2013 in Crawley, at the heart of the Gatwick Diamond economic area. It will bring the public and private sector together to consider the economic opportunities for the region which may be realised through aviation growth. We believe that it is critical that an independent and impartial consideration of the economic benefits of aviation growth takes place so that an informed response to the Howard Davies Commission can be made.

Delegates will hear from speakers of considerable stature and expertise from the public and private sector on the Airport, infrastructure, the region's surface transport networks, growth sectors, and skills all focussed - in short, all the building blocks of our future economy.

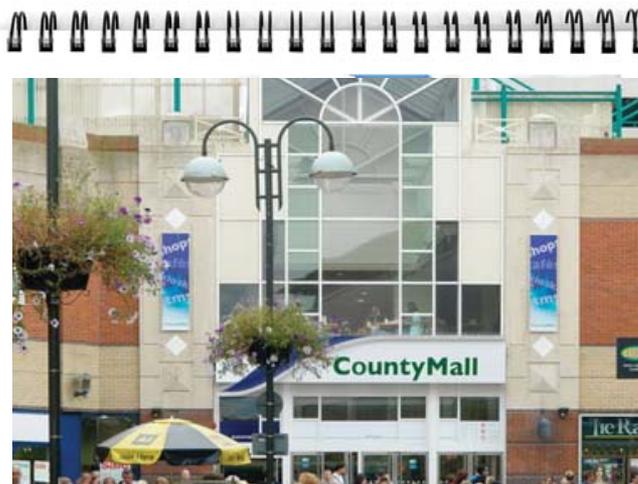
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[www.gatwickdiamond.co.uk/Events/  
Entries/20130523-151237.xalter](http://www.gatwickdiamond.co.uk/Events/Entries/20130523-151237.xalter)

Paul Roe, who holds the transport portfolio on the Exec, said, "This will have a key effect on the prosperity of the Gatwick Diamond for many years to come, this Forum will be a great chance to hear the economic arguments for and against. It does appear from the lack of any takers to represent the negative view within the Chamber that there is little support for that amongst members. It's not intended that environmental arguments will be covered at this event. I'll be there, I hope to see some other members too."

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### Next Chamber meeting

- May 22nd** - Basepoint Business Centre – Members breakfast meeting – speaker Bernie Hoare from Elements – 8.00am
- June 13th** – Civic Hall – Skills event – LinkedIn with Andrew Hookway of extech – 4.30 – 5.30pm – free to members
- June 26th** - K2 – Members breakfast meeting – 8.00am
- July 9th** - Lets Race – evening event - 6.00pm
- Sept 25th** - Members meeting - Skills event – Negotiating skills with Roffey Park Institute
- Dec 13th** – Christmas lunch - Arora Hotel

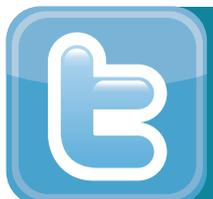
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### Publicity



Lorraine Nugent of Media Word Waves and editor of the Chamber monthly newsletter

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