



Successful entrepreneurial initiative launches for a fourth year in the Gatwick Diamond

Young Start-up Talent, an entrepreneurial initiative launched for a fourth year at Broadfield Stadium last week.

Some 40 local business leaders, heads of local sixth forms, college and university representatives and the local MP Henry Smith met to celebrate the launch of the ever growing and popular entrepreneurial initiative, Young Start-up Talent. The project attracts some 35 local and national sponsors whose aims are to encourage and inspire 16-25 year olds to set up a business. The initiative carries a prize fund worth £50,000 worth of products and services all donated by the judges and sponsors. To find out how to enter visit www.youngstartuptalent.co.uk.

New to the judging panel this year is Daryl Gaylor – Managing Director for the South East of RBS Banking Group. Daryl has worked in banking for over 25 years and heads up the Corporate lending business in the South East for RBS. Daryl is also a Board Member of Coast to Capital, the local enterprise partnership which mirrors his role at RBS in terms of its focus on supporting the growth and development of the local business community.

Peter Hitchcock will also be joining the judging panel. Peter is Vice President for the UK within Thales' Global Avionics Business and a member of the Thales UK Management Board. Peter has general management responsibility for the Flight Avionics and Training & Simulation businesses located in the UK and around 800 employees, supplying customers worldwide. He also leads Thales' Crawley site, which employs around 2500 staff working across three global businesses.

In the Gatwick Diamond region Daryl and Peter will be working closely alongside the other judges who have all been on the panel previously. Jane McGill – HR Business Partner for British Airways, Matthew Tyson - Director at Richard Place Dobson Accountants, Dean Orgill – Chairman of Mayo Wynne Baxter Solicitors, Gary Shipton – Editor in Chief of Sussex News Papers and

founding partners of Young Start-up Talent, Matt Turner and Lorraine Nugent also Director of Creative Pod and Media Word Waves.

It was announced that the showcase event and winner announcement for 2014 to 350 guests will once again be held at Lingfield Park Marriott Hotel and Country Club on 27 February 2014. Speakers at the event included Jane McGill – HR Business Partner of British Airways who shared her experience of being a judge for the last two years and how she had recently placed orders for a considerable number of gingerbread men from the 2013 winner, Sam French of Sam's Kitchen and also had her windows successfully decorated by Alessandro Tricarico of Clear Windows who was a finalist in the 2013 project.

Tom Rawlinson a Commercial Manager for Marks & Spencer's flagship store in Marble Arch, gave an inspirational speech to the audience of his career path at M&S. Despite leaving school with little qualifications Tom managed to bag a place on the management training team of M&S who found he loved and excelled at the job, seeing promotion year on year with the successful retailers to his current role of Commercial Manager at Marble Arch in London and is still only 25 years old. Tom told the audience of how M&S looks to invest in young people which is why he is working with the Young Start-up Talent team.

Sam French of Sam's Kitchen also spoke at the event of how far he has come in just four months since winning the prize fund and how it has helped him to push his business forward. Sam regularly supplies his gingerbread men to Tulleys Farm, Lingfield Park Racecourse, Bluebell Railway, several charities such as Children Golden Lions and Chestnut Tree House. Sam even supplied trendy gingerbread men to an event at Brighton's Sealife Centre for Brighton's Next Top Model. Sam also encouraged the audience to vote for him in the Sussex Food & Drink Awards as he has made it to the final, visit <http://www.sams-kitchen.co.uk/> to find out more.

Sam gave special thanks to the sponsors and judges that have helped him particularly to Dean Orgill and Matthew Tyson who have both provided invaluable expertise with legal and financial aspects of Sam's Kitchen.

Both Matt Turner and Lorraine Nugent spoke at the event of plans for future growth of the project in other areas as just last year launched in both Brighton and in West Kent and plan to expand further in 2014. The pair spoke about those that take part and become finalists of the project as not only about the winners but others have received work experience with some leading to full-time permanent positions with the judges and sponsors.

The Young Start-up Talent team have already delivered workshops and assemblies to some schools in the area such as Collyers College and to some apprentices at Chichester College. The team have dates lined up from September through to November to further deliver their entrepreneurial message to schools and colleges across the region. If you haven't booked your assembly or workshop or would like to enter please either visit the website www.youngstartuptalent.co.uk or email info@youngstartuptalent.co.uk.



China: training the dragon

Unusual things have been happening in China these past few months. The pace of economic growth has continued to slow, but the government doesn't seem to be bothered.

Hitherto, any hint of an economic slowdown would have drawn a rapid response, either in the form of interest rate cuts, or a slew of announcements about new public spending on infrastructure and housing. But since the new leadership team took over the reins of power in March, they have made it abundantly clear that things will be done differently from now on: that the Chinese government is finally getting serious about structural reforms, that the concepts of quality, balance, and sustainability will be more than just buzzwords for the 12th Five Year Plan, and that the new leadership is fully prepared to tolerate slower rates of growth in the short and medium term.

The Chinese dragon has been rampaging for over 30 years, reshaping the global economy in the process. But the government has finally decided that it needs a bit of discipline to prevent it causing lasting damage not just to China but to the rest of the global economic and financial system. The task of training the dragon will not be straightforward, and further bouts of turbulence and uncertainty of the sort witnessed in June cannot be ruled out.

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GATWICK SECOND RUNWAY OPTIONS

Recently Gatwick published three options for a second runway, included in its interim submission to the Davies Commission. Two options envisage runways which are too close together for independent operation, the third with wider separation of the runways, would allow complete independence of operation, and therefore give greater capacity in the long term.

The full submission can be viewed at http://www.gatwickairport.com/Documents/business_and_community/R2/Gatwick_Airport_Proposals_for_additional_longterm_runway_capacity19Jul2013.pdf

A hugely positive further point report is that (subject to taking honestly held environmental issues to account), West Sussex CC have officially backed Gatwick expansion, with a motion which also urges members of its' Cabinet to take every opportunity to encourage and support expansion.

The Davies Commission will consider submissions until the Autumn of this year, at which time, it will publish those solutions it considers should not be carried forward. It will then ask for detailed submissions for those remaining, consider them, and then make its recommendations in 2015, after the next election.

How can we all help?

We've already decided as a Chamber that we consider a second runway and Gatwick expansion a positive thing. We will be writing to the Davies Commission, supporting the third option Gatwick have outlined, on capacity grounds. But, each of us, individually can help:

- Read the interim submission on the above link.
- If you do think it is positive, start supporting it in any way you can.
- It's the volume of responses that local politicians, and may be even the Davies Commission will take notice of. So individually, the more of us that submit letters of support to our local councillors, Westminster MP's, and the Davies Commission, the better! Anything from a business point of view is likely to carry greater weight than personal views.

You will soon start seeing very vocal opposition to this, it's incumbent on all of us that support for this to be as vocal too!

Paul Roe
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Company directors should be personally liable for misconduct or company failure, business secretary Vince Cable has said as part of an overhaul of company rules.

Launching the 'Transparency and Trust' paper at the Responsible Capitalism conference, Vince Cable outlined measures to improve corporate transparency and strengthen director accountability and disqualification laws. The proposed reforms seek to promote growth by improving confidence in the UK as an open and trusted place to invest and do business, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) said.

The paper highlights two key points:

- Corporate transparency
- how the UK will implement its G8 commitment to a central register of company owners
- the abolition of bearer shares and their misuse
- steps to tackle tax evasion, money laundering, and to boost the UK's investment environment. Director accountability
- giving regulators more power to disqualify directors in specific sectors
- questions on whether disqualified directors should compensate creditors. "Greater transparency and improved trust will mean honest entrepreneurs and investors can do business more securely in the UK and not be disadvantaged by those who don't play by the rules," said a Government press release.

According to Vince Cable "A stronger economy depends on investors, employees and the wider public having trust and confidence in companies and those that are running them."

Philip Hayden
Richard Place Dobson



Science fair goes off with a Big Bang

The biggest, noisiest and most exciting event this year for 9-19-year-olds took place at The Hawth, Crawley, on 2nd July when 3,000 students from across the region attended the Big Bang South East.

Students had the chance to watch a range of shows and presentations and take part in hands-on activities provided by nationally-known companies and scientific institutions, all designed to make Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects relevant and fun.

The event, which was organised by STEM Sussex, the outreach department of the Faculty of Science and Engineering at the University of Brighton, also staged the regional heats of the National Science + Engineering Competition (NSEC).

The headline event sponsor was CGG, the world's leading geophysical company. Among the dozens of activities in the theatre building and marquees, students were able to:

- Handle reptiles and insects, and learn about the environmental pressures faced by the creatures, with the East Sussex Reptile and Amphibian Society
- Get up close and personal with Alaska the Bald Eagle, with Eagle Heights Wildlife Park
- Watch the award-winning show The Bigger Bang! presented by Brighton University's Professor Hal Sosabowski



- Try the amazing banana piano with Code Club
- See a solar-powered car and the world's fastest electric motor bike
- Be amazed by Leon the Magician as he demonstrated the 'magic' of maths and science, and
- Take fake blood from Andy the Injection Arm with Classroom Medics.

STEM Sussex Project Manager Jo McKinney said: "This was the second year we have organised the Big Bang South East at The Hawth and we were absolutely delighted at the response. Everyone who attended – students, teachers and parents – as well as the activity providers had an amazing day. The range of activities and the professionals who shared their knowledge and experience gave all the young people an idea of how much fun STEM subjects can be and the wealth of opportunities available to them." For further information, contact Jo McKinney, Project Manager, STEM Sussex, University of Brighton, tel. 01273 641874 or email crawleystemfest@brighton.ac.uk.

New Member - SPIRE GATWICK PARK HOSPITAL INVESTS IN £1.8 MILLION PROJECT

On 10 July, Austin Healey officially launched Spire Gatwick Park Hospital's new 3 Tesla (3T) MRI scanner. This is first scanner of this kind for the local area in Surrey, and also the first of its kind for Spire Healthcare.

A £1.8 million investment, the new scanner provides images in much greater detail which means the hospital's consultants can now provide enhanced breast imaging, full body mapping and cardiac MRI services. It is expected to benefit thousands of patients from the local area. Construction work for the project began in May. During this period, Spire Gatwick Park Hospital staff and consultants utilised a mobile MRI unit that was positioned in the hospital's grounds.

Mr Selvan, local consultant shoulder surgeon says: "The investment in the new 3T MRI scanner really shows Spire's commitment to both consultants and patients. It means I can now offer my patients new imaging services, which is a great help to their diagnosis and treatment, and my practice in general."



Heather Dob, Hospital Director for Spire Gatwick Park Hospital says: "I am delighted the hospital is now the proud owner of a 3T MRI scanner. We believe investing in cutting edge technology is highly important, as machinery such as this enables our consultants and staff to provide the best possible treatment for our patients."

The purchase of the scanner is part of Spire Healthcare's focus on regular investment in technology, staff and facilities. Since Spire Healthcare was formed in 2007, the company has spent more than £455 million, which includes investing in building two new state-of-the-art hospitals. The official launch for the new 3T MRI scanner was hosted by former England Rugby Team player and 'Strictly Come Dancing' competitor, Austin Healey. For further information please visit: www.spirehealthcare.com.



Dates for your diary

Reeves are proud to sponsor GB Short Track!

Reeves, Accountancy and Financial Service firm, are proud to announce that they will be a new commercial sponsor of the British Short Track Speed Skating team as they begin their 2014 Winter Olympic campaign.

Reeves will be sponsoring alongside the international children's charity Right To Play, whose work aims to use the transformative power of play to educate and empower children facing adversity.

With 255 days to go until the Games, the British Short Track Speed Skating team is back training on the ice following valuable rest ahead of the final stage of the four year training cycle for the Winter Olympics.

GB Short Track performance director Stuart Horsepool said, "We are delighted to have a new sponsor in an Olympic year. The sport relies almost completely on UK Sport Lottery funding, so the addition of commercial sponsorship from a company like Reeves is invaluable to us when it comes to the detailed planning of Olympic preparations and the build up to the Games next February in Sochi, Russia.

"The interest in the team from major corporations such as Reeves, and reputable charities like Right To Play, is a credit to our athletes and their performances last season. We had a great season and we are looking forward to the Olympic year."

Some highlights from GB Short Track's last season included Elise Christie finishing the season ranked world number one in the 1000m and being the first British woman to win a medal in the World Championships, a European bronze medal for Charlotte Gilmartin, a silver medal for junior Kathryn Thompson at the European Youth Winter Olympic Festival and the men's relay team challenging for gold at the Olympic test event in Sochi.

Elise Christie said, "It's great that Reeves want to support the team. Knowing that people believe in us enough to put money into the sport is a big confidence boost in itself."

Paul Roe, Partner at Reeves said, "We hope that our backing and professional expertise in all matters business, tax and wealth will help the GB Short Track athletes as they train to compete on the global stage and at the very highest level next year in Sochi.

We see the talent of the individuals in GB Short Track and their amazing teamwork and we are inspired. It is a privilege to be involved with such a dedicated group of people, not just the athletes but their support teams too. We are all only as strong as the teams around us; Reeves is delighted to be a part of that big British team!"

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Next Chamber meeting

Wednesday 25th September - 8.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.
Members meeting - Skills for Breakfast – 'Negotiating Skills'
Simon Clements, Marketing Director at Roffey Park Institute, will be running a workshop on developing your negotiating skills.

Wednesday 23rd October – 8.00am – 9.30am
Members meeting – Let's Race

Wednesday 27th November – 8.00am – 9.30am
Members meeting and AGM – Laserhub

Friday 13th December – 12.00 – 2.30
Chamber Christmas lunch

Please contact jose@crawleychamber.co.uk to book and/or for more details on any of the above or visit the chamber website www.crawleychamber.co.uk and pay online.

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