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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS



WED 10TH OCTOBER
5.30PM VICTORIA HOUSE

Social Media Workshop in
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MAKING SOCIAL MEDIA WORK FOR YOUR BUSINESS



THURS 11TH OCTOBER
7.30-9:30AM VICTORIA HOUSE

Informal breakfast networking with a difference
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WED 24TH OCTOBER
8AM PORTER DODSON
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WED 14TH NOVEMBER
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Xero Accounting Software Workshop
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WED 28TH NOVEMBER
8AM VICTORIA HOUSE
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CLASS OF 2018 ACHIEVE 99% A LEVEL PASS RATE AND 100% VOCATIONAL PASS RATE 16TH AUGUST 2018

Richard Huish College students will be celebrating today after an incredibly successful year of A Level and Vocational results. The Class of 2018 achieved an A* to B pass rate of 51%, and an A* to C pass rate of 76%. The overall A Level pass rate is again an outstanding 99%.

Huish students did extremely well with 71 students gaining three or more A/A* grades, with 10 of these gaining three or more A* grades. The highest achiever gained five A Level results comprising of 5 A* grades and an A* grade in Extended Project Qualification. A further two students achieved 4 A Level grades comprising of 4 A*s and 3 A* and a distinction* respectively.

Students achieved a 100% pass rate in the majority of subjects. Particularly impressive were the A* - B grades for Further Mathematics (85%), Music (88.9%), Economics (76.5%) and English Literature (74.2%). Notable also are the A* - C grades for Classical Civilisation (93.5%), Geology (96.6%), Drama (89.3%) and Mathematics (80.9%).

Outstandingly, 100% of the College's vocational students passed their courses with an impressive number of these being 3 distinction* grades (equivalent

to 3 A* at A Level). Across all Vocational Extended Diplomas, 78% of grades achieved was a distinction*. For the fourth year running all students studying Vocational IT (Extended Diploma) achieved distinction* or distinction grades (equivalent to A* and A at A Level).

Also this year, all 13 students on the Vocational Health Science (Extended Diploma) achieved 3 distinction* grades. A fantastic achievement for these students and their teachers.

Once again the Richard Huish College Class of 2018 has managed to significantly surpass national averages at A Level and equivalent qualifications. College Principal, John Abbott said: "This year the majority of subjects have been examined under the linear A Level framework and I am immensely proud of the hard work our Huish students put into preparing for these examinations. As one of the country's highest performing sixth form colleges, and one of the best in the South West, these results show that we are the best place to study locally in the face of rigorous A Level examinations. Of course, our students' achievements begin with the efforts of our partner schools and are consolidated by the commitment, work and expertise of college staff."

For more information visit www.huish.ac.uk or call 01823 320800



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UK EXPORT STRATEGY

A C Mole & Sons partner Paul Aplin was invited to the public launch of the Government's new Export Strategy in London on 21 August and afterwards to a private roundtable discussion with the Secretary of State for International Trade, the Rt Hon. Dr Liam Fox MP, and the Minister of State at the Department for International Trade, Baroness Fairhead CBE.

Exports currently represent 30% of the UK's GDP and the Government's target is to raise that to 35%. Dr Fox wants organisations across the public and private sectors to address this export challenge together.

There are four key components of the Strategy: encouraging businesses that can export but that have not yet started or are only beginning; providing information; connecting UK businesses to overseas buyers; and placing finance at the heart of the Government's offer.

Paul, who is also currently President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, said "Judging the Taunton Deane Business Awards has made me even more aware of some of the remarkable export success stories we have in the town. These stories need to be told, to inspire others to set off on similar journeys.

"The Department for International Trade has made some excellent short videos featuring small businesses that have made the decision to export, under the title "if we can you can. They deserve a wide audience in the small business community.

"One of the core objectives of my year as ICAEW President is to ensure that we think as a global profession. With Brexit only months away, a focus on international trade has arguably never been more important to the UK. The Government's commitment to a reinvigorated national export strategy is therefore welcome, but its delivery will depend on thousands of small businesses in towns like Taunton taking individual decisions to export."

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ALBERT GOODMAN ANNOUNCES MERGER WITH BRISTOL-BASED SPECIALIST MEDICAL ACCOUNTANCY FIRM

16th August 2018 - Leading South West chartered accountants, tax consultants and financial planners, Albert Goodman, has today announced a merger with specialist medical accountants, MW Medical, based in Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

The merged business will become part of the Albert Goodman group whilst retaining its own well-recognised trading name and will continue to operate out of its current premises on Westbury Hill. The merger enhances the range of specialist services Albert Goodman can offer the healthcare sector and gives MW Medical the platform it requires to serve its growing client base. The entire MW Medical team of nine employees all join Albert Goodman.

Richard Bugler, Managing Partner at Albert Goodman, says: "We have known MW Medical for some time, a firm that is recognised as a national expert in advising GP practices and consultants. They bring a great deal of experience to the table and together we are one of the largest groups of specialist healthcare sector accountants in the country. This breadth of experience will allow us to provide an unrivalled range of services to our clients in this specialised sector.

"This merger provides us with a great foothold into the Bristol marketplace, being well placed near Southmead Hospital and The Bristol Royal Infirmary, and we are delighted to add the Westbury-on-Trym office to our existing locations across the South West. As a member



of both the Association of Independent Specialist Medical Accountants (AISMA) and the National Association of Specialist Dental Accountants and Lawyers (NASDAL), we are well-equipped to serve the needs of the healthcare sector."

Jim Duggan of MW Medical and a member of the national board of AISMA who joins Albert Goodman as a partner, adds: "We are all thrilled to merge with Albert Goodman, a distinguished and well-respected regional accountancy firm. The financial environment for healthcare professionals has become exceptionally complicated in recent years and with the range of resources Albert Goodman can provide, we look forward to providing our current and future clients with everything they need to navigate these challenging times.

"Albert Goodman already has a substantial client base across the care sector and our merger will mean we will be acting for over 100 GP and dental practices and over 1000 individual GPs and consultants. This move provides MW Medical clients with additional in-house experts to work alongside their existing relationships. It will be very much business as usual, but with the added benefit of being able to take advantage of the complete range of services available from Albert Goodman.

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LUCY WORSLEY: QUEEN VICTORIA

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Lucy Worsley, famed historian and popular BBC presenter, returns to Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre to share her expertise on Queen Victoria: Daughter, Wife, Mother, Widow.

Queen Victoria: a little old lady, spherical in shape, dressed in black, perpetually grumpy. Right? Historian Lucy Worsley wants to make you think again. Meet a complex, contradictory woman, who had a traumatic childhood, who loved dancing, who suffered calamity and bereavement, before coming out the other side as an eccentric, powerful and really rather magnificent old lady. Lucy's illustrated talk takes you in the life, the palaces, and the rich colourful age of this woman who ruled a quarter of the globe.

Following the success of An Evening of Murder with Dr Lucy Worsley last March, Lucy returns to the Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre once more, in association with Clive Conway Productions.

By day, Chief Curator at Historic Royal Palaces, and by night a writer of history books; the ever popular BBC TV presenter brings history back to life with her encapsulating historical talks. After the popular release

of shows such as Elegance and Decadence: The Age of Regency (2011) and Harlots, Housewives and Heroines: A 17th Century History for Girls (2012), Lucy is now doing talks based off her most recent publication Queen Victoria: Daughter, Wife, Mother, Widow.

Andy Pulleyn, Centre Director of the Tacchi-Morris said, "We are delighted to welcome back Lucy Worsley following the amazing reception of her previous talk here at Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre. To be able to bring someone of Lucy's stature to Taunton once again is really pleasing. We're also thrilled that the excellent Brendan Books, Taunton's premier independent book shop, will join us so that, anyone who hasn't already, can purchase Lucy's new book Queen Victoria: Daughter, Wife, Mother, Widow and have it signed on the night."

Lucy Worsley comes to Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre on **Saturday 27th October 2018 at 7:30pm** and tickets are available from their Box Office, the Taunton Visitor Centre or online at www.tacchi-morris.com

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FOUR PROMOTED AT TAUNTON OFFICE OF CLARKE WILLMOTT LLP



National law firm Clarke Willmott LLP has announced four promotions within its Taunton office, in response to growing demand for its services and a return of confidence in the economy.

In the Commercial Property team, Sarah Manley has been promoted to Senior Associate. Sarah specialises in the full range of commercial property work, including landlord and tenant and estate management work, acquisitions, disposals and development site set ups. The team has also appointed Irene Richardson as Associate (Chartered Legal Executive). Irene's expertise includes dealing with a wide range of secured lending transactions, both commercial and residential as well as a general commercial conveyancing for both local and national businesses.

Polly Ridgway and James Edmondson have also both been promoted to Associate. Polly, within the Commercial and Private Client Litigation team, specialises in agricultural and agri-business disputes, property litigation and commercial

disputes. James is in the Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence department and his specialisms include cases involving serious brain and orthopedic injuries from road traffic and work related accidents, dependency claims arising out of the death of a family member and all aspects of complex clinical negligence."

Commenting on the new promotions, Kate Gardner, head of the Taunton office of Clarke Willmott, said: "Providing opportunities for our staff to develop their careers within the company has been an important part of our continued growth.

"I am therefore delighted that four of our team in the Taunton office of Clarke Willmott have been promoted, in recognition of excellent work for their clients and the firm."

Clarke Willmott LLP is a national law firm with seven offices across the country, in Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, London, Manchester, Southampton and Taunton. For more information visit www.clarkewillmott.com

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