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Bumblee's (a childhood nickname) was established in 2013. I've always made preserves for years, using up gluts from the fruit & vegetable garden, following my Grandmothers' recipes & concocting my own. And after a year of making lots for charity, people were asking where they could buy more, so started my kitchen table business. I now supply local Deli's, cafes & farm shops, along with online sales & Amazon too.

I love using local ingredients in my creations & thinking outside the box. So as well as the traditional Seville Marmalade or Strawberry Jam, you will find Gin & Tonic Marmalade, Espresso Marmalade, Blackcurrant & Sloe Gin Jam and even Somerset Cider & Apple Jam just to name a few. This year, five of my preserves receiving awards from World Marmalade Awards (Seville & Gin & Tonic Marmalades), Taste of the West (Pear Chutney & Piccalilli) & Great Taste Awards (Strawberry Jam).

As I celebrate five years of Bumblee's Preserves I look forward to starting the next step on my business journey. I have acquired my first commercial unit, which I am currently kitting out, this will allowing me to move forward & beyond our county boundary to "spread" a little of Somerset far & wide. A very exciting year indeed & I can't wait to see what the future holds for my little business.



*Francine Lee*

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# UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS



## TUES 4TH SEPTEMBER

6:30 - 10:00PM TAUNTON SCHOOL

Business to Business (B2) Dinner in association with Somerset Chamber of Commerce.



## THURS 13TH SEPTEMBER

8AM VICTORIA HOUSE

Business Breakfast in association with Neale Horizons



## WED 26TH SEPTEMBER

5.30PM VICTORIA HOUSE

Marketing Workshop in association with White Knight Marketing



## WED 10TH OCTOBER

5.30PM VICTORIA HOUSE

Social Media Workshop in association with Introtweet



## THURS 11TH OCTOBER

7.30-9:30AM VICTORIA HOUSE

Informal breakfast networking with a difference ...less presenting, more connecting!



## WED 24TH OCTOBER

8AM PORTER DODSON

Business Breakfast sponsored by Porter Dodson



## WED 14TH NOVEMBER

5.30PM VICTORIA HOUSE

Xero Accounting Software Workshop in association with Neale Accounting



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**Please do give me a call if you would like discuss details or drop in for a coffee and look around. I look forward to hearing from you.**

Many thanks, Jeanette Neale

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## Clarke Willmott runs vacation scheme for Law graduates at Taunton office.

National Law firm Clarke Willmott recently held a week-long vacation scheme at their Taunton office for successful applicants.

Headed by Commercial & Private Client Litigation partner, Esther Woolford, 13 university students joined the office for a structured week of work experience, including 1:1 training and workshops, plus the opportunity to understand how a top 100 legal firm operates.

Each participant spent time within a specific area of practice, including Clinical Negligence, Private Capital, Litigation, Employment, Family, Corporate and Property.

On the final day of the scheme, participants were asked to give a presentation to partners and a staff in the Taunton office before enjoying informal drinks.

Esther Woolford, organiser of the scheme, said: "We have been very impressed by the calibre of candidates who applied for and participated in the scheme this year and would encourage them all to consider applying to pursue their legal careers with Clarke Willmott as vacancies arise. We hope to run a similar scheme in 2019 with details and timing to follow towards the end of this year."

The law graduates who won places on the Clarke Willmott vacation scheme were: Hargeet Gahir, Aston University; Charlotte Higgs, University of Bristol; Helena Winsey, Durham University; Isobel Hinchliffe, Cardiff University; Katie Charlton, York University; Ella Harmer, Cardiff University; Matthew Betteridge, Exeter University; Megan Perkins, Cardiff University; Musa Parvin, Birmingham University; Rebecca Law, Birmingham University; Shaban Nadeem, Cardiff University and Tom Graham, Oxford University.

## Clarke Willmott to sponsor Charity of the Year for 5th year running at Somerset Business Awards

Kate Gardner, Employment Partner and Head of the Taunton Office commented, "As sponsors of the Charity of the Year Award, we would encourage as many charities as possible to enter the awards, as it offers a fantastic opportunity to promote their services and the amazing work their staff and volunteers do for the community."

Somerset cricket all-rounder and cult hero, Peter Trego, has been announced as this year's awards evening presenter. Trego played his first senior games for Somerset County Cricket Club in 1997 and is regarded as one of the best English cricketers, scoring over 17,000 runs and taking over 600 wickets throughout his career.

Commenting on his involvement, Peter said: "I'm honoured to be involved in this year's Somerset Business Awards. Already I've been impressed with the wide range of interesting businesses that call Somerset home, and it's great to see businesses doing so well in the county that I love.

"It's a really exciting time in my life, transitioning out of sport and into the business world and I'm really looking forward to seeing the best of Somerset's businesses at the awards evening in October!"

Somerset Chamber of Commerce organise the event, and Head of Chamber Services, Alistair Tudor, said: "We are so excited to open this year's Somerset Business Awards. This is our 14th year and we are constantly delighted, amazed and enthused with the strength and variety of businesses from across the region.

Judging takes place between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September and culminates with a black-tie ceremony on Friday 19th October 2018 at Wellsprings Leisure Centre in Taunton, at which more than 400 VIP guests will celebrate outstanding businesses in Somerset.

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**MILSTED  
LANGDON**  
Chartered Accountants

**Top appointment for Milsted Langdon  
Partner at one of the UK's highest  
forensic accountancy bodies.**

Roger Isaacs, a Forensic Partner at award winning accountancy firm Milsted Langdon, has been appointed as the Chair of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales' (ICAEW's) Forensic Advisory Committee.

The Committee stands at the head of the forensic accountancy profession in the UK and provides advice, support, and thought leadership to members of the Institute's forensic community, including guidance on the latest technical issues.

It assists a wide range of practices from sole practitioners undertaking expert witness assignments to those undertaking complex cross-border forensic investigations in boutique firms or large international accountancy practices.

Its standing in the profession and wider world is evidenced by the fact that even the Government's Serious Fraud Office has a representative on the Committee as do all of the Big Four accountancy firms.

Commenting on his new role as chair of the committee Roger said: "I am proud to have been asked to lead this highly respected and distinguished body and I am very grateful to my fellow Committee members for all their support during my time as Vice-Chair, which I am sure will continue.

"I am particularly looking forward to working with Vikki Wall who has taken the role of Vice-Chair and, together with the other Committee members, all of whom are volunteers, we hope to give something back to our profession."

Outside of his role on the ICAEW Committee, Roger is also the National Technical Director of the Network of Independent Forensic Accountants (NIFA) and is regularly called upon to provide his expertise in jurisdictions around the world through his position on the Forensic Group of MGI Worldwide - an international network of accountants with more than 5,000 experts in 250 locations around the world.



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**CORPORATE COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATE SOLICITOR  
APPOINTMENT AT PORTER DODSON**

Top 200 UK law firm Porter Dodson has strengthened its Corporate Commercial offering with the appointment of David Culshaw. He joins as an Associate Solicitor, working from the Taunton office.

David qualified in 2006 and has been working in the South West since 2014. He has a wealth of experience working with clients from all business sectors, and particularly with clients in the rural, food and drink, professional services and manufacturing sectors.

David said: "I'm pleased to have joined Porter

Dodson. Having worked in the South West for the last four years, I'm looking forward to using my knowledge and experience to help existing clients as well as forging relationships with new clients."

Head of Corporate Commercial, Evelyn Adfield, commented: "I'm delighted that David has joined the Corporate Commercial team. His appointment further strengthens the team and gives us the opportunity to build on our success, providing even more support to businesses throughout Somerset and Dorset."

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**Thursday  
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Council England, The Cause will tour the South West and visit Taunton's Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre.

Dreadnought South West's previous projects include Oxygen, a play which tells the story of a group of women who walked from Land's End to Hyde Park as part of the Great Suffrage Pilgrimage in 1913. The Cause will tour along this route and beyond, reaching a wide range of venues and locations from the Old Library in Bodmin to Yeld Hall, Chippenham. The production is led by an all-female creative team, cast and crew and aims to reflect the diversity and challenges women face in contemporary society.

Director Josie Sutcliffe said:

*"This play considers the impact of a lifetime of political campaigning on an individual, asking: 'how far would you go for what you believe in?' Many women gave up a great deal; home, family, children, and in some cases their own lives, to join the suffrage campaign. We hope that The Cause will provide a stimulus for debates on gender inequality, democracy and citizenship amongst many different groups within the communities we will visit."*

DREADNOUGHT SOUTH WEST PRESENTS...

## THE CAUSE BY NATALIE MCGRATH

### NEW PLAY INSPIRED BY THE SUFFRAGETTE-SUFFRAGIST STRUGGLE

A new play inspired by an imagined meeting between two great leaders of the women's suffrage campaign is coming to Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre on Tuesday 25th September 2018.

The Cause depicts the explosive meeting of minds when Millicent Fawcett and Emmeline Pankhurst come together at a time when campaigns for women's rights were at their most revolutionary & embattled.

*'There's no mistaking the distinctive timbre of McGrath's voice.'* (on Natalie McGrath)

LYN GARDNER, THE GUARDIAN

Written by playwright Natalie McGrath, and directed by Josie Sutcliffe, The Cause explores the struggle, and the effects of campaigning for a cause by different methods. There was a divide between the violent direct action of the suffragettes and the peaceful constitutional means of the suffragists.

The play is produced by Dreadnought South West, a charity which connects individuals and communities through telling great and courageous stories about women. With funding from Arts

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