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TDBA Business of the Year - Bridgwater & Taunton College

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BUSINESS AWARDS

2019

THE AWARDS EVENING...

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

FRIDAY 19TH JULY

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SUMMER DRINKS EVENING AT COMPANY

Come and celebrate #positivetaunton this Summer with the Chamber of Commerce and Company.

- Drinks Tastings • Relaxed Networking • Light Bites
- Hear about the best of Taunton's upcoming Summer Events

As well as a fantastic opportunity to network with businesses from across Taunton, your ticket includes:

- Summer Drinks Tasting courtesy of Taste with Martin www.tastewithmartin.co.uk
- A drink from the bar at either no cost or at a discounted price.

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WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

VISIT TO THE NEW UK HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE

Please email office@taunton-chamber to register your interest

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

**BUSINESS RESOURCES NETWORKING BREAKFAST
AT THE GLASS BOX TECH CENTRE, TAUNTON LIBRARY**

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

**LEGAL RESOURCES NETWORKING BREAKFAST
AT PORTER DODSON, BLACKBROOK PARK**

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

**'TECH TOUR' WITH VR AND 3D VISION TRIALS
AT THE GLASS BOX TECH CENTRE, TAUNTON LIBRARY**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR OR HOST AN EVENT?

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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The Little Wine shop Social Wine Bar



The Taunton Chamber was delighted to support the recent opening of The Little Wine Shop and Social Wine Bar at Foundry Road, between Coal Orchard and St James Street, at the heart of the newly pedestrianised Taunton Independent Quarter. This exciting new venture has at its helm French Born Philippe Messy and Londoner Max Palmer, and is offering a unique selection of wines for consumption on and off the premises, alongside platters of the best of the region's charcuterie, bread and cheese.

The idea for the business was born when Philippe, who has been successfully trading as The Little Wine Shop in Bath Place for a number of years, called up Max with the question "Are you tired of London yet?" Max and Philippe have had a long friendship, having first met when working together as Maitre D' and Head Sommelier, respectively, at some of Marco Pierre White, Oliver Peyton and Heston Blumental's award winning establishments.

As well as the delights and ambience already on offer, Max and Philippe have plans to expand the business to include a delicatessen stocking a wide range of locally sourced and produced items, as well as having a 'Market Table' which will offer local artisans in the food, art and crafts sector an opportunity to showcase their range. Coupled with their 'keep it local' ethic, Max and Philippe have put the environment at the heart of the business, using a 100% renewable energy supplier and a 'zero to landfill' waste management company. Looking to reduce their carbon footprint wherever possible, the pair hope to use allotment and foraged produce on the menu, alongside the best from the South West.

Max and Philippe look forward to welcoming you.

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Aimed at providing a service for the care community of Taunton Deane, we have a wide range of programmes suitable for all tastes and ages of people. We broadcast on 97.3FM, online and via our free mobile Apps. Based locally, it is our aim to provide a service for the local community. We cover local events, weather, traffic and travel in and around Taunton.

At Apple FM we are by no means the new kids on the block. We have been going for 50 years now and started life as Radio Taunton based at Taunton Technical college. The station moved to Musgrove Park Hospital. We have changed quite a lot from those early days. Once broadcasting from the back of an old ambulance, we enjoyed the luxury of a small hut on hospital grounds for many years. It was only in the year 2000, that we finally moved into the brand new studio inside the Duchess building.

We truly believe we are not like any other radio station. Our presenters are not told what music to play and they are not given scripts to read. This allows our presenters to let their own personalities shine through to offer something really unique. Throughout the week we cater for all musical genres with around 40 different shows delivered by over 30 presenters. You can also catch the team, with our mobile studio, at all of the major local events throughout the year.

In 2015 we were incredibly humbled and proud to be awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest honour for any organisation and is equivalent to an MBE. We were invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace and were later awarded our certificate and real crystal trophy at a presentation at County Hall in Taunton where the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset presented us with the award.

We are always looking for new volunteers. Whether you fancy presenting a show, helping with events or many other numerous jobs then please do get in touch. Our volunteers find working for us very rewarding as it gives them an opportunity to give something back to their community.

www.appleFM.co.uk



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We are delighted that The Great Western Hotel have joined as members of the Chamber of Commerce recently. The Hotel has been brought back to life by YMCA Dulverton Group as a business focused, plastic free hotel offering 15 bedrooms, a café, meeting/ function rooms along with a dedicated co-working space. All of the boutique rooms at the Great Western Hotel offer king sized beds, and simple quality bedrooms with free Wi-Fi. The Hotel has a variety of lovingly restored spaces perfect for guests, commuters and the business community both large and small:

The Station - Venue Hire: The Hotel offers a number of multi-functional event spaces and meeting rooms that can be tailored to suit a variety of needs - centrally located with excellent transport links and ample parking nearby. Speak to the team about the bespoke catering packages that are available too.

The Platform - Office Space: 9 rentable offices are available for anyone needing space to develop business ideas and work in a professional and modern environment. Whether you are a start-up business or entrepreneur looking for a professional space to get creative, the office spaces are the perfect place to start. With access to shower facilities, private Wi-Fi and tea and coffee making amenities, there's everything you need. All offices are fully serviced and are cleaned

overnight to ensure you step into a relaxed and tidy environment each morning.

The Junction - Cooperative Workspace: The Junction offers an alternative way of working, promoting reciprocal idea sharing, entrepreneurship and creativity. It's a great option for freelancers and small organisations with flexible schedules that are looking for space to network with others and utilise a modern, professional space with access to standing desks and whiteboards with break out rooms and call taking spaces. The space is relaxed, inspiring and gives access to the other facilities the hotel has to offer such as the lounge.

The Lounge: Relax in the comfort whether you are business brunching, using it for a drop-in venue for ad-hoc meetings or just waiting for a train, the cafe dining area offers free high speed Wi-Fi and a varied menu, complimented by locally sourced craft ales, ciders and gins.

The hotel is an extension of YMCA Dulverton's Group social enterprise initiative and follows their successful projects such as the Beach Hotel in Minehead and Barley Wood Country House in Wrington. The Great Western Hotel will also be offering training in Hospitality, Catering and Business Skills to young people who may not otherwise be able to access such opportunities.

www.thegreatwesternhotel.org



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Congratulations to our member business **White Knight Marketing** for all the hard work entailed in organising the TDBA awards. We are thrilled that as well as the Chamber Member businesses who were sponsors this year **AC Mole**, **Carly Press**, **PKF-Francis Clark**, **Richard Huish College**, **Summerfield Developments**, **Tone FM**, we also had three member businesses amongst the finalists **Genius PR & Events**, **Crescent Funeral Services**, **Bridgwater & Taunton College**.

This was by no means easy as the number and standard of applications this year was again incredibly high. As **Tone FM's** Darren explained on the night, so many of the categories were nail-bitingly close, and so the Chamber is delighted that both **Genius PR & Events** (Best Marketing Campaign) and **Bridgwater & Taunton College** (Digital Innovator of the Year, Taunton Deane Business of the Year) were winners on the night.



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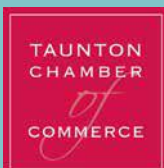
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A FIRST FOR TAUNTON, THE NEW CREATIVE INDUSTRIES CENTRE

Somerset West and Taunton Council along with local business owners Richard Holt and Andy Knutt, co-directors of CICCIC, are launching Taunton's first Creative Industries Centre at the end of June. Dennett House has long been a site associated with South West Councils, but this new venture has rejuvenated the redundant office spaces. The Creative Industries Centre is a new coworking space specifically designed for Independent, Digital and Creative individuals and businesses to work alongside each other.

In 2018 the government announced that they would be investing £150 million for the Creative and Digital Industries, which is currently worth £101.5 billion per annum for the UK economy. As a result of this strategy, TDBC had the foresight to invest money in to understanding how they could assist with that growth and development of their own Creative and Digital economy. They commissioned CICCIC to undertake a review with over 300 local businesses and individuals and report back. These findings identified a specific need for a resource centre that catered for the creative and digital industries.

This unique collaboration will support the businesses that sign up to the CIC coworking space with one to one business support and mentoring, Continued Professional Development sessions, masterclasses scoping business growth strategies and up to date business operational tips. As well as some perks at their sister venue CICCIC.

Richard Holt and Andy Knutt for the past eight years have built and developed the CICCIC arts centre and gallery, with much acclaim, whilst also cultivating Taunton's community of local creatives with their distinctive ability to connect people. Their ethos "Creativity is the most precious thing that humans possess...we need to liberate it," has helped to create many strong partnerships in and around Taunton and cultivated a vast amount of creative and digital business projects.

Already gathering interest from local creative and digital businesses, this new space is set to be a hive of activity really contributing to this fast-expanding sector and keeping Taunton at the forefront of that development.

**For more information go to www.creativeindustriescentre.uk
or email info@creativeindustriescentre.uk for an informal visit.**

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Our member organisation GoCreate have been engaging with thousands of people in Taunton Deane for over five years, enriching their lives through the Arts - art providing a means of expression and a key channel through which to communicate with the wider world.

This year GoCreate are putting on a few key events for the Taunton Live 'Community Arts Trail' throughout the summer and still have opportunities for local businesses to support them. The Trail hosts Taunton's Got Talent's 4th Competition, with new under 18's and over 18's categories, and a showcase of exhibitions and outdoor artworks created by artists and local community groups and charities – all under the theme of 'Imagination'.

GoCreate are already putting together big plans for 2020 for a Taunton Live Arts Fringe Festival with lots of exciting creative events going on throughout the entire summer including Taunton's Got Talent, Yarnbombing, Exhibitions, Adopt an Artist Trail, Concerts, a Community Arts Trail plus a big one day free festival (Big Saturday) boasting multiple music stages, dance stage, arts stalls running free creative workshops, literary festival, children's area plus live interactive street performers.


GoCreate want to join forces with theatres, arts centres, promoters and local events organizers to incorporate their shows planned for summer 2020 – with a bit of comedy, dance and live performances in the mix the Festival will be a standout event for Taunton! 2020 will offer so many opportunities for local businesses to support GoCreate and be a part of the Taunton Live Arts Fringe Festival – the more sponsors and contributors taking part, the bigger and better the Festival!

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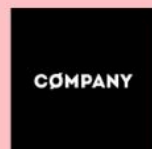
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