

THE Business

Who's moving and shaking on a local level

Creaseys appoints leading Trust Manager



STEPHANIE PARKER has joined Creaseys, the award-winning Tunbridge Wells-based accountancy firm, in the newly-created role of Trust Manager within the firm's Private Client department. In her new role, she will be working closely with Creaseys' clients to help them with the planning and administration of trusts for people based both in the UK and overseas. She will identify opportunities to help clients in a variety of ways,

through estate planning, succession planning and tax mitigation.

Stephanie brings with her wide experience in working in this area and joins the firm from UHY Hacker Young Chartered Accountants in London. She has also worked at firms including Reeves + Neylan in Canterbury and Chavereys in Faversham.

Exciting future for Bedgebury Park

CANADIAN-BORN ENTREPRENEUR Gabriella Atkinson is breathing new life into Bedgebury Park. She's investing millions in regenerating and rejuvenating the old equestrian centre, transforming it into an exciting holiday destination and rural retreat – for more information, see www.bedgeburypark.com



Brolley Awards launched

IN CELEBRATION OF excellent local business, 'umbrella' business, Brolley (www.brolley.co.uk), which aims to take the hassle out of choosing reliable, reputable domestic staff and tradesman, has launched its own award scheme.

The Brolley Awards invites entries from those demonstrating outstanding work and customer service across categories of business from childcare, pet care and construction to landscaping and vehicle maintenance. Brolley Award winners will receive a supplier contract and marketing support as well as the official Brolley 'mark'

to display within their business. Says Brolley founder, Jim Hallas (left), "Finding a reliable and reputable supplier for your home, or business, can be time consuming and costly. We take the hassle out of choosing suppliers by only working with accredited companies that are fully checked and registered with relevant trade bodies. We are a unique business in that we underwrite all services booked through us so consumers have 100 per cent satisfaction guaranteed. The Brolley Awards are a way in which businesses can display their customer service credentials and we hope to discover and reward suppliers who are constantly recommended by friends because of their high standards and outstanding work." To enter or nominate a business for a Brolley Award, simply visit www.brolley.co.uk/brolley-awards, or call 0113 398 4019.

New times for local store

Formerly The Art Shop, Tosetti & Son, in Tunbridge Wells High Street has recently undergone a change of ownership and a re-vamp. Daisy Whytock worked in the shop for 18 months before buying the business. She has made some significant changes to the layout and refreshed the stock with a view, she says, to making Tosetti & Son the most exciting art supplies shop in the area. Tosetti & Son is at 58 High Street, Tunbridge Wells, tel 01892 518854.

Helping secure a future for Wealden's village shops

Wealden District Council has launched a new grants scheme to help village shops and farm retailers in the current economic climate.

The Rural Retailers Grant Scheme is open to independent village shops, farm shops, farmers markets, box schemes and farm gate sales. To take part, retailers must be located outside the main Wealden towns of Crowborough, Hailsham, Heathfield, Polegate and Uckfield. Grants of up to £500 are available for a maximum of 50 per cent of the project costs. Examples of eligible

projects may include those that either make the shop more viable – by improving signage, providing training or creating better display facilities, for instance – or that help to create sales of local produce (examples might include production of promotional material, training or developing partnerships with local producers).

Further information about the Rural Retailers Grant Scheme is available for Wealden's Economic Development & Tourism section, tel 01892 602884 or email: regeneration@wealden.gov.uk.

Gabby comes home

John Lewis has appointed local resident Gabby Armstrong as branch manager of its new John Lewis at home shop in Tunbridge Wells, due to open off Longfield Road in late autumn of this year.

Gabby brings more than 12 years experience as a John Lewis Partner to her new post, which starts in mid-September. As branch manager, Gabby will oversee the development of the new shop and lead a newly-created team of 190.

