

Business

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Help for troubled teenagers

A NEW enterprise with the aim of mentoring and supporting young people in Nottingham who are in danger of making poor choices in relation to drugs, alcohol, sex and education has been launched in the form of 'Vivant Mentoring Community Interest Company'.

The enterprise, which has been established as a not-for-profit 'community interest company', was the brainchild of Anthony Aduhene and Viv Oliver, who identified that certain groups of teenagers in Nottingham are attracted by and drawn to involvement in gangs and are opting out of the education system. They often have little parental support and few positive role models.

The Vivant Mentoring Community Interest Company has been set up by the charity team at Beeston-based solicitors, Ellis-Fermor & Negus. Partner and Commercial solicitor Simon Hale said: "Community interest companies are quite rare but in this case, the founders were keen that the enterprise should operate for the

benefit of the community rather than for the benefit of the owners of the company."

The Vivant Mentoring team works alongside the disaffected teenagers, often at the request of the schools for whom these teenagers present a problem and where the schools don't have the time or resources to address the issues. The team helps on a one-to-one basis by listening to the teenagers and encouraging them to make improved choices about their lives. Over the last two months, they have been working with students from the Djanogaly City Academy, which has been very impressed with the results.

Ellis-Fermor & Negus has offices in Long Eaton, Beeston and Ripley. As well as offering legal services to businesses and charities, they also specialise in Family law, Conveyancing, Wills & Estate administration and Accident claims.

The Vivant Mentoring Community Interest Company can be contacted on (0115) 913 4781.

Welcome for a new nursery

A BUSY Bees nursery was launched at The University of Nottingham in May with a spectacular garden party for the children and nursery staff, who were joined by families, friends and members of the local community.

Children enjoyed the fun and games at the party, which included a bouncy castle, face painting, sunflower planting and a special visit from the children's favourite, Fifi!

The new Busy Bees Nursery is a re-launch of

what used to be the TLC Nursery at the University, TLC Nurseries having been acquired by Busy Bees in January 2008.

Nursery Manager Lauren Jackman said: "We had lots of fun activities planned on the day for both parents and children. Everyone had a great time, and the children especially loved Fifi."

"We're very excited to officially become a Busy Bees nursery, and will continue to deliver quality childcare."

Agency to host special event for business looking to export

A SPECIAL event aimed at introducing businesses in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to exporting will be held later this month.

The seminar and exhibition looking at what is called 'the great untapped opportunity' will take place at The Novotel, Bostock Lane, Long Eaton, on Wednesday, July 14.

It is organised by enterprise

agency Erewash Partnership and Erewash and Broxtowe Borough Councils and sponsored by the University of Derby under its 'Ingenuity' programme.

The keynote speaker at the meeting will be John Proud of UK Trade and Investment, which has a presence in 96 countries. John has a wealth of experience helping businesses explore exporting

for the first time; how to identify opportunities and taking businesses through the process.

He will talk on the possibilities offered by exporting, what help and support is available and will also talk about what happens on a trade mission to help businesses access new and exciting markets.

The free event starts at 5pm and includes a buffet. It is open to all businesses in the two counties, whether or not they are members of the Erewash Partnership.

Anybody interested in attending should contact the Partnership on (0115) 944 3944.

Nottingham Centre

MEMBERS of the Nottingham Centre (affiliated to the National Trust) are getting out and about as their summer programme gets under way.

The summer so far has included a trip to Sudbury Hall and the refurbished Museum of Childhood, and a day at Saltaire, near

Bradford.

June was busy, with a visit to Eton Hall and Prebendall Manor, a Grade I listed building with gardens described by Alan Titchmarsh as "a stunning example of a recreated medieval garden".

There will be a welcome meeting for new members in

the bar of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nottingham, at 7pm on Tuesday, July 20.

On Saturday, August 20, the Nottingham Centre will be holding an Open Day at the Nottingham Mechanics on Sherwood Street, and members will be on hand to talk about the Centre's many activities.

For more information, contact Don Thompsett, Membership Secretary, on tel: 01664 823 500.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Beeston photographer wins award

LOCAL photographer Philippa Double won a prestigious award for her exquisite photograph of Lulu, a clearly captivating whippet.

Philippa, of Double Image photography on Chilwell Road, successfully caught Lulu's wistful expression and won the 'Pets' category in the East Midlands Region of the Master Photographers Association (MPA) Annual Print Competition.

Philippa also won merits in the 'Under 5s' category for two other photographs of babies who had been on her 'A Star is Born' programme.

The MPA award ceremony was held in June at the Victoria Hotel, Beeston. Philippa, a qualified member of the MPA, said: "I really didn't think I would win this award because the competition was very stiff. Needless to say, I'm thrilled!"

Philippa is no stranger to winnings awards for her work. Last year, she won the MPA's 'Wedding Photograph' category with her distinctive photograph of a bride hugging her bridesmaid. She said at the time: "This is a difficult category to win because of the high standard of photographers who enter."

Anyone can snap an image on a digital camera, but it takes a true professional to

show us how it should be done. Philippa is on track to win more awards this year: "It's always a boost to be recognised by one's peers," she said with a smile.

Philippa can be contacted at Double Image on tel: 925 2725.