

Businesses with winning form

By MARY HAMILTON

It is awards season – not least with the EDP Business Awards being held next Friday.

Here is a round-up of some of the other awards that have been won by the region's businesses in the past weeks.

■ Norfolk people have been named business heroes in the Barclays Trading Places awards, and are hoping to win a share of a £50,000 prize package which recognises people who have beaten the odds to succeed in business.

Trevor Harvey, from Caister, was made redundant in his late 50s when the company where he had worked for 35 years went into administration.

He also suffered from heart failure and type two diabetes, but despite his ill health he set up Trevor Hardy Designs in June this year, producing original artworks featuring images of the East Anglia region.

Beccles entrepreneur Michelle Payne had the idea for an arts and crafts gallery 12 years ago after the company she worked for went into liquidation while she was on maternity leave.

She returned to studying art and eventually set up The Upstairs Gallery in November 2007, riding on the success of her small studio.

The gallery supports between 39 and 100 artists and craftspeople each month, and a second gallery has recently opened in Great Yarmouth.

■ Two Norfolk businesses have beaten hundreds of entrepreneurs to reach the national finals of HSBC's Start-Up Stars Awards.

Father and son Rodney and Brendan Playford set up Integrated Services &



PRIZE NIGHT: Enterprise agency NWES, winners of the NFEA Women's Enterprise Programme Award.

Crush Food less than a year ago as an environmentally aware, sustainable business supplying high quality cooking oils and managing oil waste from the food service industry.

The waste cooking oil they collect is reclaimed and developed into clean biodiesel. The company is one of three national finalists in the Green category.

Stulee General and Industrial Cleaners, set up in June 2006 by Lee James and Stuart Ford, is also on the shortlist for a general award recognising the promise of the young business.

Their company, which started as a simple two-man window-cleaning business, has developed over the last few years and now cleans the windows of more than 500 houses and holds more than 40 contracts for office and shop cleaning nationwide.

■ Enterprise agency NWES has won an award for its project dedicated to helping women set up in business.

National enterprise network NFEA awarded the prize to NWES for its Women's Enterprise Coaching (WEC) project, launched in 2008.

The project, funded by the East of England Development Agency and the European Social Fund, aims to give women the skills and confidence to either start a business or enter into self-employment with support available from female mentors.

■ Four Thetford catering businesses were presented with the first Healthier Options Norfolk awards at a launch last week.

The new Honor awards, given by Breckland and Norwich councils in partnership with other organisations, are designed to recognise caterers



HONOR AWARD: From left, Irene Keppie of Tall Orders; Sean West from Café One at Keystone Trust; Paul Clausen, executive member at Breckland Council; Richard Savory, manager of Breckland Leisure Centre; and Wendy Bogacki, representing the Benjamin Foundation.

who provide healthier food options on their menus.

Meet Up Cafe, Café One at Keystone Trust, Breckland Leisure Centre and Tall Orders were picked as the first four businesses to receive the awards.

■ Site managers from Norfolk and Suffolk were recognised in a regional awards ceremony for people working in construction trades.

Darren Broughton from Fairfield Park, Costessey, and Ray Winney of Lark Rise, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, were among 23 builders from the east of England to receive a Seal of Excellence from the NHC Pride in the Job awards.

■ A Long Stratton woman who teaches music, singing and movement is through to the national finals of a

business award scheme run by website mumandworking.

Beckie Clifton's work with Jo Jingles classes for children aged from three months to five years, has been recognised in the Franchisee of the Year category of the awards, which promote flexible working and encourage working parents, flexible employers and parents in business.

■ Norfolk children's games manufacturer Orchard Toys has won two gold awards for pre-school toys.

It won Practical Pre-School Magazine awards for Fairy Tales, a set of two- and three-piece jigsaws for 18 month olds, and Round and Round, a board game for children aged three to six.

■ Two Norfolk training consultancies have taken two top awards for their collaboration on a local recycling project.

CRG Training and Consultancy, based in Tacolneston and run by Rosanne and Christine Goose, and CCI & Associates, based in Norwich and run by Wendy and Adrian Church, scooped the top prize at the Training Journal Awards.

The pair won Best Training Partnership and a Special Achievement Award for their work with May Gurney, training staff at household waste recycling centres.

■ A hair salon that has been open for just over six months was one of six independent salons to make it to the national finals of the British Hairdressing Business Awards.

Laura Bull, director of Code Hair Consultants in Oulton Broad, which opened in February, said the nomination in the independent salon – business newcomer category represented a huge achievement for the business.



FINALIST: Laura Bull of Code Hair Consultants with top stylist Nicky Clarke.

NEW COMPANIES

ABCD (Diabetes Care) Ltd, 13 The Close, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 4DS, 01/06/2010

Abundant Properties Ltd, 54 Thorpe Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1RY, 22/09/2010

Ashdown Cleaning Ltd, 15 Upper King Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1RB, 21/09/2010

Briscotec Ltd, 43 Mill Road, Mutford, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7UR, 20/09/2010

Commercial Property Consulting Ltd, Hall Farm Barns Big Back Lane, Chedgrave, Norfolk, NR14 6BH, 20/09/2010

D K Yacht Interiors Ltd, Lothing House, Quay View Business Park, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 2HD, 23/09/2010

Equus Management Ltd, Marcroft School Road, Terrington St John, Wisbech, Cambs, PE14 7SG, 21/09/2010

Fireclipse Associates Ltd, 77 Corton Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 4PW, 20/09/2010

Friars 636 Ltd, 1 St. James Court, Whitefriars, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1RU, 22/09/2010

Friars 637 Ltd, 1 St James Court, Whitefriars, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1RU, 22/09/2010

Friars 638 Ltd, 1 St. James Court, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1RU, 22/09/2010

Friars 639 Ltd, 1 St. James Court, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1RU, 22/09/2010

Friars 640 Ltd, 1 St. James Court, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1RU, 22/09/2010

Gche Ltd, 1 Potters Bar, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1HN, 22/09/2010

Global Taste Foods Ltd, Lower Farm Church Lane, East Winch, Norfolk, PE32 1NL, 22/09/2010

Grips Archery Products Ltd, 6A The Granary Philip Ford Way, Silfield Road, Wymondham, Norfolk, NR18 9AU, 17/08/2010

Iware Designs Ltd, Queens Head House The Street, Acle, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 3DY, 24/09/2010

Menscraft Ltd., 46 Millgate, Aylsham, NR11 6HX, 22/09/2010

Preva Packing Ltd, 7 The Close, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 4DJ, 13/07/2010

PT Electrical Ltd, 2 Waller Close, Dussindale, Norwich, Norfolk, NR7 0RN, 23/09/2010

SSSE Ltd, 38 Bridge Street, Loddon, Norwich, Norfolk, NR14 6EZ, 23/09/2010

St Raphael Club (Wisbech) Ltd, 8 The Crescent, Wisbech, Cambs, PE13 1EN, 20/09/2010

The Vintage Electric Train Company Ltd, Crofton Cottage Hempnall Road, Woodton, Norfolk, NR35 2LS, 20/09/2010

Vintage Camper Ltd, 26 Tantallon Drive, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 2SN, 20/09/2010

CRITICAL DOCUMENTS FILED

Dissolution winding-up (DWU) – this means that the winding-up of the company is complete.

Winding-up (WU) – notification has been filed at Companies House to wind up the company as a result of a petition.

Meeting of creditors (MOC) – notification that a meeting is to take place considering action to wind up the company.

Petitions winding-up (PWU) – a notice of a court hearing to consider action for the compulsory winding-up of a company.

Appointment of Administrator (AOA) – the administrator has taken control of all the property to which the company is, or appears to be, entitled. He then prepares proposals for achieving the purposes for which the administration order was made and calls a meeting of creditors to consider those proposals.

A.C. Leigh Limited

161 Wellesley Avenue South, Norwich PWU ..21/09/2010

Baba Ghanoush Ltd

46 Holway Road, Sheringham WU ..17/09/2010

C.L.E.S (Norwich) Limited

2 Magdalen Road, Norwich DWU ..15/09/2010

Chris Harrington Tyres Limited

Unit 11 St Helens Way, Fison Industrial Estate, Thetford WU ..16/09/2010

Fynn Valley Foods Limited

90 St Faiths Lane, Norwich AOA ..18/09/2010

Go Upmarket Limited

Bylaugh Hall, Bylaugh Park, Dereham PWU ..23/09/2010

Ideal Security Ltd

6 Holly Avenue, Elm, Wisbech WU ..16/09/2010

Norfolk Construction Services Limited

6 Whitelodge Business Estate, Hall Road, Norwich PWU ..22/09/2010

Phoenix Windows (Dereham) Ltd

2 Breton Close, Dereham MOC ..24/09/2010

Rail Recruit (UK) Limited

Old Bus Station, Prince Of Wales Road, Cromer DWU ..15/09/2010

Sas Windows Limited

Unit 6, Allenbrooks Way, Wymondham MOC ..24/09/2010

Screen East

First Floor 2 Millennium Plain, Norwich MOC ..20/09/2010

Stoneybrook Ltd

19 King Street, King's Lynn PWU ..23/09/2010