



# MERLIN NEWS

## The Merlin Venture Ltd. Newsletter

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The Merlin Venture Ltd hope you enjoy our newsletter; bringing you all of the latest news and information on Merlin Venture and our businesses.

### Tiggy Winkles Achievement Day 2007



Children with their Tiggy Winkles bags from the Chivenor nursery

It was celebrations all round on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd June at the Tiggy Winkles Achievement Day when over 50 toddlers and Pre-schoolers were all recognised for their successes throughout the last year.

Whilst it was raining outside it was a party inside as Tiggy Winkles nurseries held their own achievement ceremonies for happy children and proud parents with awards being given out for everything from learning to read to using a computer.

Every child was awarded their very own certificate along with a Tiggy Winkles goodie bag and every parent came away with the satisfaction of knowing how well their child has been doing at nursery.

"We always try to make it a special time for our children and providing events like this where parents can be involved makes it all the more memorable." Catherine James Tiggy Winkles Manager.

"It was a brilliant afternoon, It was great to be involved in the ceremony and see my daughter get her achievement award". Chantelle Wellard-Taylor

For more information on Tiggy Winkles Nurseries call 0121 747 3669

### It's Raining Fun At Castle Vale Carnival!

With hundreds of people turning out for last year's carnival; sunshine, entertainment and brilliant marquees were the highlight of the day.

This year's Castle Vale carnival themed 'Around The World' was held on Sunday 1st July at the Fort playing fields and the weather didn't hold back for it! This June has been the wettest ever recorded but despite the soggy soil residents still turned up to take part in the popular estate event!

People from both on and off the estate came to see plenty of the stands which included Castle Vale Swimming Baths, CVCHA, Merlin Venture's Jobs Bus and locals holding tombola stands. With live music, singers, dancers, salsa and a bar for refreshments, residents all enjoyed the day.



The Tyburn Jet

The Tyburn Jet also made an appearance at the Health and Environment Day which was held on the Centre 8 park by CVCHA. The event was aimed to encourage healthier lifestyles with plenty of people on hand to give out free tips and advice.

With local cheerleaders, magicians and salsa dancing, the day was full of wonderful entertainment for the community.

The Jobs Bus had an extremely good turnout, registering many Castle Vale residents onto programmes to help get them into jobs or training.

If you would like more information on the Tyburn Jet Jobs Bus or finding employment or training, call Vicky today on 0121 747 2200.



### Merlin Stars

Jennie Gyrin, Merlin's Business Development Manager is this month's Star Employee.



Jennie Gyrin, Business Development Manager and Lynette Turner, Recruitment Consultant.

Over the last few months, our employment and training support programmes have grown as we continue to increase the number and depth of our services to the local community. The level of funding we are receiving for these services

now exceeds £1 million over the lifetime of the programmes, and Jennie continues to manage them superbly. We are over achieving on our targets, and this is entirely due to Jennie and her hard working team of employment and training advisors.

Congratulations to Lynette Turner who is this month's winner of the Merlin Team Award.

Lynette is developing our commercial recruitment service, and while we are recruiting for an assistant for her, she single handedly continues to provide an excellent service to both employers and clients alike. Having laid a solid foundation for the business, Lynette is now well placed to expand both the business and the Recruitment Team itself.

Well done to Jennie and Lynette!

If you would like to nominate any members of the Merlin workforce who have provided you with excellent service call Ian Gilbert on

0121 776 8880 or email [ian@merlinventure.co.uk](mailto:ian@merlinventure.co.uk)



## Driving Local Business Forward

The Castle Vale Business Group burst back onto the scene with the first of its revamped breakfast meetings which took place on 20<sup>th</sup> June at Spittfire House on Castle Vale.

A record turnout including representatives from businesses from North East Birmingham to hear of the latest news on the Midpoint 2 Development which is currently taking place. Guest speakers Phil Roccoft and Mike Moss from Birmingham City Council and Des Wynne and Alan Sarjant from developer, Prologis informed the group on the impact the new business park will have on the local community including the possible effects on transport and potential benefits to local employment.

Castle Vale Business Group has been at the centre of local business for many years and is now celebrating its fifteenth anniversary this year with a number of high profile events to help local businesses to make their mark on the region.

"It was great to see such a big turnout at our first breakfast for nearly a year, and the range of new members as well as founders turning up shows the importance of these local business events." Ian Good Cincinnatti Machine UK Ltd

The Next CVBG Breakfast meeting is taking place on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. Membership of the CVBG is free and open to any business regardless of location. For more details or to join the group contact John Lewis on 0121 747 2200.



There was an excellent turnout with over 40 people attending the meeting

## Simply Stylish With Merlin Maintenance



Whether you are looking for a whole kitchen or bathroom to be fitted, someone to lay your laminate flooring or just somebody to come and fit together your flat pack furniture, Merlin Maintenance are able to help.

Look out for our new leaflets including information on what Merlin Maintenance can do such as fitting shelves, flooring and kitchens to general wear and tear.

For a low cost solution to your maintenance problems, big or small, call Merlin Maintenance today for a no obligation quote on 0121 776 8880 and ask for Joanne.

## Working In Partnership for Castle Vale Residents

Merlin Venture and Castle Vale TRA have recently been working together to find Castle Vale resident Anna Lea a new career.

Castle Vales' Merlin Recruitment and the Tenants and Residents Alliance (TRA) worked together to find a suitable candidate for a maintenance administrator role for new Castle Vale business G-Purchase.

Anna Lea will be starting her new career in July with G Purchase Construction. G Purchase are an established construction company who has recently secured a new contract with CVCHA to provide maintenance support and repair work to social housing within Castle Vale.

With 3 successful offices operating in Walsall, Coleville and Stoke On Trent, Lee Mc Cann, Responsive Maintenance Manager is delighted to be working with local organisations such as CVCHA, Merlin and the TRA.

Good luck Anna!

### JOB OF THE MONTH

An Accounts Clerk is required to work for a conservatory manufacturer based in Tamworth. You need to have previous accounts experience and a good understanding of Sage Line 50 and Microsoft Excel. You will be working with another Accounts Clerk and will be responsible for raising purchase orders, invoicing and ordering new materials. You will also be speaking to customers regarding orders outstanding and orders made through the website.

Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm although part time hours will also be considered.

Salary £12,000 - £14,500 pro rata.

*To apply for this job or to speak about any other vacancies Merlin Recruitment have, call Lynette on 0121 776 8880.*



## Twice The Transport

Buster Werkenbak North Warwickshire are proud to announce that they are soon to begin working in partnership with Atherstone based Car-go Bus.

Now, not only are they able to take people to work across North Warwickshire and Birmingham, but the partnership can take passengers all the way to Coventry, Nuneaton and Bedworth catering to the main A5 industrial Estates.

By implementing a unique hub system, users of both services will now be able to access even greater job opportunities from only £2 per journey and £3 return.

For more details of the service call us on:

0845 234 1234 for North Warwickshire residents and  
01827 715946 for Nuneaton and Bedworth residents.



## Contact Information

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