

# The Lunchtime News

## Super Lunch Club lands at Gatwick

**Our first ever Super Lunch Club on June 9 has now enlisted a fantastic range of top quality speakers.**

It promises to be the most influential networking event of the year, as 100 business owners and bosses come together to discuss business opportunities, the state of the economy and some inspirational stories of kindness.

We will also be aiming to raise more than £1,000 for Sussex Community Foundation on the day.

The fun kicks off at 11.30am, with a NatWest economist helping us to interpret a raft of figures and glimpse what the future may hold.

This will be followed during lunch by Ian McGregor, editor of The Sunday Telegraph, and Mark Koska, founder of Star Syringe.

We have booked the fabulous Copthorne Hotel, Effingham, Gatwick (formerly known as the Effingham Park Hotel), who are looking forward to welcoming us.

Spaces at the event will be limited to 100 and it

will be strictly "first come, first served".

Lunch club organiser Tim Cobb said: "We wanted to do something really special for our first ever combined lunch club meeting. We hope the menu of first class speakers, great venue and fantastic networking opportunities will be enough to attract a great turnout on the day.

"There will be no other lunch club meetings that month, so please get the date in your diary now and confirm your attendance as soon as possible," Tim said.

### Super Lunch Club

**Wednesday June 9, Copthorne Hotel, Effingham, Gatwick, 11.15am-3.30pm**

**HAVE YOU GOT A NEWS STORY THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS?** Please email it to

Tim Cobb [tim@cobbpr.com](mailto:tim@cobbpr.com) or telephone Cobb PR on **01323 416 999** for possible inclusion in a future edition.



### Sporting success

**The best seats in the house at the new Brighton and Hove Albion stadium officially go on sale in May. But lunch club members can have instant access to the seat allocations and reserve the best for themselves.** Platinum and gold season ticket seats are available across a range of different price structures. Both seating areas will have access to some fantastic restaurants and cafes.

Email Paul Rogers on [paul.rogers@bhaflc.co.uk](mailto:paul.rogers@bhaflc.co.uk) and don't forget to tell him the lunch club sent you!

Meanwhile, eight cricket-loving lunch club members have joined together to reserve a box at the Hove ground for the season. So if you fancy a ticket for a game, you'd better start being nice to: Barry Carden, Andy Cheesman, Andrew Halfacree, Chris Ketley, Gary Pettet, Justin Williams, Graham Wright and Tim Cobb

### Diary dates Forthcoming lunch club meetings:

#### April:

**Crawley & Gatwick**

Thursday April 1  
Arora Hotel

**Royal Tunbridge Wells**

Thursday April 8  
The Spa Hotel

**Brighton & Hove**

Friday April 16  
Sussex County Cricket Club

#### May:

**Crawley & Gatwick,**

Friday May 7  
Venue to be confirmed

**Royal Tunbridge Wells**

Thursday May 13  
The Spa Hotel

**Brighton & Hove**

Friday May 21  
Sussex County Cricket Club



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### Budget Latest

**For all the news and views on the final budget before the General Election, look up the websites of our three sponsors.**

[Kingstonsmith.co.uk](http://Kingstonsmith.co.uk)  
(Crawley and Gatwick)

[Creaseys.co.uk](http://Creaseys.co.uk)  
(Royal Tunbridge Wells)

[Watson.co.uk](http://Watson.co.uk)  
(Brighton & Hove)



**Glamour on the cat-walk. See page 2**

### In credit for lunch

**You can now pay for your monthly lunch (and annual membership) by credit card!**

Cheques can be time consuming for everyone, so please give Janet or Sue a call to pay for your lunch by card. We will then issue an invoice for your records.

We are happy to still accept cheques for payment but would ask they are sent in advance of the lunch or brought along on the day.

## ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

BUSINESS LUNCH CLUB



# London Fashion Week beware...

... the competition on the cat walk just got a lot hotter!

**Club members The Brew House Hotel organised the first ever Tunbridge Wells Fashion Week (TWFW) at the end of February.**

The aim of TWFW was to bring some of the glitz and glamour of London Fashion Week to Tunbridge Wells, using real models and real clothes.

It was staged straight after London Fashion Week and the audience was treated to an array of stunning collections worn by some strikingly beautiful models in the glamorous setting of The Brew House Hotel.

Local boutiques, national brands such as Jaeger, and a team of designers got behind Tunbridge Wells Fashion Week, which featured over 100 outfits.

The event was supported by Hoopers Department Store, 50 Tunbridge Wells and The Magazine People. The Big Raffle Ticket was on offer at £5 per ticket with all proceeds going to the NSPCC. Prizes included spa treatments and the use of a Maserati for a weekend.



The event was a great success and Tunbridge Wells Fashion Week will return this autumn.

Keep up to date through  
[www.tunbridgewellsfashionweek.com](http://www.tunbridgewellsfashionweek.com).

## Soaring Membership

**After a modest show of interest in membership during 2009, the club has enjoyed a real growth spurt during the first three months of this year.**

The club now boasts 25 fantastic members, with strong expressions of interest from a further five bosses.

Lunch club organiser Tim Cobb said: "It has taken a while for us to spread the word about our great club and its amazing members, but I am delighted to see that our popularity is growing.

"We have signed-up an average of three new members from each of our meetings this year. The main reason for joining is their desire to rub shoulders with the business owners, senior directors and partners that are the life-blood of this club."

Tim thanked the sponsors for their continued drive to recruit new members.

## Thumbs Up for Cobb PR



**Tim Cobb (second from right) helps Southern Water celebrate success in the UK Hollis Sponsorship Awards**

**Cobb PR has been named as the preferred PR supplier to the Global Entrepreneur Programme run by the UK Trade and Investment.**

The decision follows its successful media campaign work with one of its members, ThermaHelm. Strong media exposure in the US has resulted in funding for the Brighton based project.

And in March, Cobb PR's support for Southern Water helped it take a top accolade in the UK Hollis Sponsorship Awards for a project under £50k.

# Badmouthing the Boss!

## New survey reveals internet abuse in the workplace

**Around 40% of internet use in the workplace is not related to business, according to recent statistics - and almost half of that is spent visiting social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter and MySpace.**



Experts Rawlison Butler LLP will tackle this subject head on at their employment law workshops at Arora International Hotel in Crawley on Wednesday April 21 and Wednesday April 28.

The interactive sessions, led by the firm's employment law experts, are aimed at company directors, executives, managers and HR professionals.

The workshops will give clear guidance on how to protect your business from the broad range of dangers associated with social networking, including the misuse of company time, the possibility of discrimination claims and the leaking of confidential information to your competitors.

The workshops are designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills to deal with these issues and avoid costly litigation.

More information about the workshops is available at [www.rawlisonbutler.com](http://www.rawlisonbutler.com).

Employee use of social networking websites is on the increase and it can have a very real impact on employers, from the loss of business to being sued in the Employment Tribunal. So how far can you govern what your employees say on social networking websites?

## Cadia launches new directory

Cadia, the Gatwick Diamond business association, has just printed its 2010 membership directory.

It has always been a great publication for checking your database is up to date, but new listings include key local authorities, local MPs, business support agencies and an alphabetical listing of the 150 largest employers in the Gatwick Diamond.

Jeremy Taylor, chief executive, said: "The directory has always proved a useful tool for members and the wider business community. The new sections will help you gain even more value."

## Uniglobe Preferred Travel flies into Gatwick

**Lunch club sponsor Uniglobe Preferred Travel (UPT) is expanding its business to include Gatwick and Crawley.**

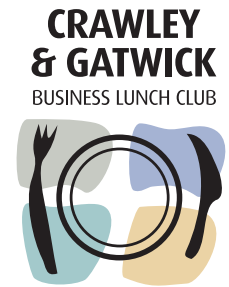
The business travel management experts are recruiting a new senior sales executive to establish the UPT brand in the area.

The move is part of an on-going major expansion programme which has seen a £100,000 investment at the UPT headquarters in Brighton and the introduction of the latest online booking technology.

Managing Director John Burroughes said: "As part of our growth in the South East, we are now able to take full advantage of Gatwick and Crawley, which is a vital business target area for the business travel sector.

"By employing a new sales executive for Crawley, we will be able to deliver the UPT brand to a greater number of local businesses in a more direct, personable and efficient way."

UPT, which has 30 staff and an annual turnover of £15m, holds a coveted place in the top 10 best performing companies in the global Uniglobe travel alliance, made up of 800 individual firms.



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## BRIGHTON & HOVE

BUSINESS LUNCH CLUB



### No business like show business

City Cabs has been chosen as the official taxi provider for Brighton's Theatre Royal for the second year running.

Theatre-goers can use the dedicated taxi booking line that operates in the foyer to make it as easy as possible for them to get home safely.

City Cabs Director Andy Cheesman said: "We are thrilled that our association with Brighton's top theatre continues. It's important that local businesses work together."



### Samantha brings a woman's touch to security firm

Lunchclub member SASSCO Brighton Ltd has appointed Samantha Mansfield as the company's new Chief Executive.

Sam, who lives in Brighton, comes from a public sector background. She plans to develop SASSCO's links to the local community, part of the firm's drive to help reduce crime in the city.

She said: "My role is to develop SASSCO's liaison with people locally and to help empower them to make a difference to their community. I will also be working to bring a female face to SASSCO as we strive to cater for the diverse needs of Brighton and Hove."

## Profile on new Lunch Club sponsor

**Watson Associates has been in business for over 50 years. Originally established in 1957 by the now retired founder, David Watson, the company prides itself in giving the very best personal service to clients.**

The Hailsham based accountancy firm has six highly respected partners and 35 staff. The partners have their own areas of expertise and provide a broad range of business, accountancy and audit services to over 2,500 clients.

Partner Steve Moore said their

ideal client size ranged from £0.5 million to £10 million turnover. "We really do like to roll our sleeves up and get stuck in to the sometimes complex issues our clients face.

"We have the abilities and experience to support companies of all sizes and

deliver a first class corporate service to them," he said.

Steve said Watson Associates were looking forward to valuable networking opportunities at the lunch club and meeting representatives from some of Sussex's top businesses.

## Mayo Wynne Baxter ready to go the distance

**Four lawyers from Mayo Wynne Baxter are putting their best feet forward as they train for the first ever Brighton marathon.**

Scott Gair, Nick Garrish, Gemma Hope and Neil Sorrell have already raised over £500 for their chosen charities – Sufferers of Alzheimer's, the National Autistic Society, Leukaemia research and Brighton's Rockinghorse.

Neil said "We're all working extremely hard for it, there have been a few little injuries along the way, but I'm sure all of us will finish the race.



The Mayo team prepares for their first Brighton marathon

"It's a great feeling doing something like this for charity, I'm sure it'll be a fantastic day and weather permitting we'll have plenty of support to drive us on to the finish."

**The team will be cheered on by friends, family and colleagues on Sunday April 18.**

Mayo Wynne Baxter has appointed Knill James as sole suppliers of accountancy services. Dean Orgill, deputy managing partner of Mayo Wynne Baxter, said: "Knill James has a great team of experienced, dynamic people who will help us to operate more efficiently, which will ultimately benefit our clients."

## Safety Nets £375 for 'Buddy Cash'

Brighton-based charity Safety Net, which promotes the safety and wellbeing of young people, raised £375 for their 'Buddy Bash' project following their community spot talk at Brighton & Hove Business Lunch Club.

The charity said it was delighted with the club's support, but said there was still much work to be done for this major fundraising event later this year.

More than 300 local children and 100 school staff from across Brighton & Hove are invited to

'The Buddy Bash', which will increase awareness of the project whilst enabling the children to share their skills and knowledge.

The charity is looking to raise money for items such as a climbing wall and a disco at the event. Donations are also needed for food and travel for the children and the cost of printing achievement certificates for the playground buddies.

To donate to the charity or for more information contact 01273 696622 or email [info@safety-net.org.uk](mailto:info@safety-net.org.uk)