

South Holland Enterprise Day and Business Awards Event

I defy any regular reader of this newspaper not to be aware that Spalding Area Chamber is organising the South Holland Enterprise Day and Business Awards event on **20th November** at Springfields Events Centre.

After an absence of two years Chamber are pleased to organise this event and are delighted with the response of businesses in their support. This year's awards are split into six categories which are listed below:

Business of the Year Award 2013 – Sponsored by Butters Group
Apprentice of the Year Award 2013 - Sponsored by Boston College
Customer Care Award 2013 – Sponsored by Chattertons Solicitors
Business Innovation Award 2013 – Sponsored by Duncan & Toplis
Supporting the Community Award 2013 – Sponsored by Definitions Health & Fitness Gym
Best use of IT & Communication Award 2013 – Sponsored by South Holland District Council

The awards are open to both members and non-members of Chamber in the South Holland area and are totally free to enter. They provide companies with a great opportunity to be recognised for their successes and innovation.

Wouldn't it be great to be recognised for all your hard work and achievements with your team? Please contact natasha.clegg@lincs-chamber.co.uk to apply

Christmas Festival

Takes place on **Sunday 17 November** and will be a superb family day. Join Tulip Radio and Santa as they switch on Spalding's Christmas Lights, with a variety of entertainment, performances and live broadcasts throughout the day.

There is still time to get involved:

- Would you be interested in running your own charity stall for the day?
- Are you an artist, singer or performer?
- Pet Show Returns We would love you to enter your pet and have fun at this event.
- Do you own a Classic car?
- Schools who are planning to attend need to confirm by Monday 21st October.

Please contact Jan Whitbourn at Tulip Radio on admin@tulip-radio.co.uk.

Family Enterprise Day

I am pleased that Chamber has been able to support the Family Enterprise Day being organised by the Spalding based organisation, Foundations, which amongst other things delivers business skills and career advice to 14-16 year olds who are not in mainstream education. The event is on **Sunday 29th September** and is being held at the Springfields Events & Conference Centre from 11.00 to 5.00 and is FREE entry.

There will be Dragons' Den and Apprentice type challenges (renamed Make Your Pitch and the Big Cheese), as well as a new play, specially written and performed throughout the day by ACT 2 called "A Spoonful of Sugar". The idea of the Family Enterprise Day is to allow people to explore their entrepreneurial side, to try out their skills and to inspire them to establish new businesses, which will in the future generate more jobs for others in the area.. Whilst not everyone is going to come away from the event and set up their own

business immediately, the hope is they will at least have learned something about how to start their own business or even something new which they can take to a current or future employer to help make an existing local business more successful. As it is a “family” event, there will be plenty for everyone to enjoy, including a Treasure Hunt around Springfields Festival Gardens, so if you’re interested in starting your own business or just want to learn a little more about local job opportunities, please go along.

Join us, together we are stronger

Our aims include creating business opportunities through networking for our members regular meetings, e-mails, e-shots and events. We represent our members views and take a pro-active stance with the Council and other agencies.

Liaise with other businesses and community interest groups to establish a common ground and promote the commercial economy within South Holland. Facilitate business group meetings e.g. Tourism and Logistics with the express purpose of increasing networking opportunities and extending our membership.

You will find more details on our website: www.spaldingareachamber.co.uk