

Leatherhead school hosts business awards ceremony

A local sports proprietor wins Business Personality of the Year, an award sponsored by ExxonMobil.



The Leatherhead and District Business Awards 2011 were presented at an awards ceremony on Thursday 7 April.

The owners of three local businesses were shortlisted in the Business Personality of the Year category, an award sponsored by ExxonMobil.

Nicky Donbavand, who runs a specialist sports store in Ashstead, was the winner.

On winning the award, she said, "Without a doubt it does help give small businesses credibility. It helps us build our reputation and gives us coverage we wouldn't get otherwise."

Helen Bullen, who owns a multi-healthcare clinic on Bookham High Street, was the runner-up. Peter Snell, a local bookshop owner, was also nominated for the award.

The awards, which were held at St John's School in Leatherhead, were created last year to recognise the achievements of businesses located in and around Leatherhead.

ExxonMobil is supporting the scheme for the second year running and the awards have been split into six categories.

The awards were open to any business or business person in the Leatherhead area, which includes Ashtead, Bookham, Fetcham, Effingham and Mickleham.



Nicky Donbavand (right) receives her award from Stella Crossley, ExxonMobil's community affairs adviser

Leatherhead schools take part in ExxonMobil science programme

Two schools in Leatherhead have taken advantage of a major new ExxonMobil initiative, which aims to motivate children to consider careers that use maths, science and technology (MST).

The Sci-Tech Challenge, which was recently launched in the UK, took place last month and featured a team from St Andrew's School and one from Therfield School, as well as teams from schools in Hampshire. All are Link Schools based near ExxonMobil operations which receive funding for science and environmental initiatives from the company.

The students were set the challenge of designing an innovative energy-efficient car, with lower carbon dioxide emissions than a

conventional vehicle.

The Challenge is designed to open the eyes of around 10,000 young people in nine European countries to the attractions of a science-oriented career.

Employees from ExxonMobil, who volunteered for the project, have been participating as mentors and visited schools to talk about how science helped them in their careers.

Delia Ponter, community affairs manager for ExxonMobil, who was one of the judges at the UK event, said, "We wanted to show children that science and maths can not only be put to practical use in solving real-life problems, but can also be fun. I think that we succeeded: the pupils who took part in our Sci-Tech Challenge certainly seemed to get a real buzz out of the event. And I hope that we showed them that science and maths can open the door to some great career opportunities in companies like ExxonMobil."



Surrey students from Therfield School (above) and St Andrew's School (left) take part in the National Sci-Tech Challenge



Combat Stress named ExxonMobil Charity of the Year



ExxonMobil employees have voted Combat Stress to be their Charity of the Year partner for 2011.

This year, staff working at ExxonMobil's offices in Leatherhead have planned a series of special sales days and raffles to raise funds for Combat Stress.

Headquartered in Leatherhead, Combat Stress provides effective clinical treatment and welfare support to ex-Service men and women across the United Kingdom and Ireland who suffer from psychological injuries related to their Service career.

The charity, which has been running for over 90 years, has supported almost 100,000 veterans since the First World War. It is currently offering support to over 4,600 veterans, of which 533 served in Iraq and 168 in Afghanistan.

Stella Crossley, community adviser for ExxonMobil, said, "It was clearly apparent from the vote that our employees wanted to give their support to those who are suffering from the effects of working on the front line. Combat Stress provides an invaluable service and I am delighted that we are able to help in this way."

Rosey O'Keefe, Combat Stress's Partnerships and Sponsorship officer, added, "We look forward to working with such an established community partner to raise funds through a series of different events in 2011. Combat Stress really values the relationship we have with our donors and supporters, as without them and their generous help, we would not be able to meet the demands of the increasing number of veterans who are now turning to Combat Stress for care, treatment and support."



A veteran receives counselling from a therapist

ExxonMobil helps buy ECG machine

A recent donation by ExxonMobil has enabled the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund to purchase a high specification electrocardiograph (ECG) machine for the Stroke Unit at Epsom General Hospital.

The equipment, called a Philips Pagewriter Cardiograph, comprises the latest technology to allow the severity of a heart problem to be diagnosed. As an added bonus, it can be wheeled between patients quickly and effortlessly.

This latest addition to Britten Ward, where the stroke unit is located, will play a key role in the assessment of stroke patients and will be in place when Epsom General Hospital joins the Surrey Stroke Link to offer a 24/7 stroke service for patients who live and work in the Mid Surrey area.

Stroke Consultant Janet Putterill said, "The Stroke Unit at Epsom General Hospital is extremely grateful to ExxonMobil for their generous donation. This new machine will be compatible with the high tech patient monitoring system that is being installed on the unit and will ensure quality recordings of a patient's heart rhythm are obtained – an essential part of identifying and



Staff and supporters at Epsom General Hospital with new ECG machine

managing the cause of strokes.

"We would like to thank ExxonMobil for considering our needs and so kindly supporting the Stroke Unit and the local population in this way," she added.

Dr Julian Eyears, Occupational Health Physician from ExxonMobil, said, "ExxonMobil has a long history of supporting the communities in which we operate and so we are delighted to be able to help the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund in the purchase of this much-needed equipment."

Leatherhead children cut energy consumption

The carbon footprint at seven local schools is set to fall, after a series of successful visits by CREATE, the Centre for Research, Education and Training in Energy, which is funded by ExxonMobil.

At St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Leatherhead, 10 students audited the school's carbon footprint and created stickers reminding staff and students to switch off the lights and computers when not in use.

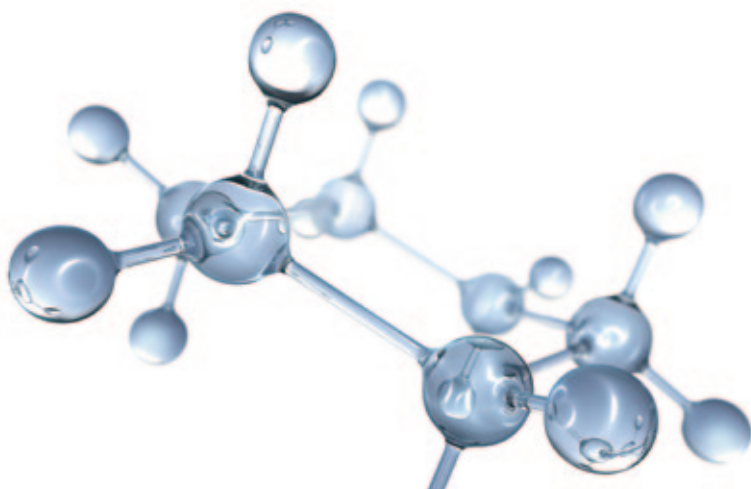
In other local Surrey schools, Year 7 and 8 students at St Andrew's Catholic School also carried out an audit, as well as presenting news reports on climate change; while 60 children from Barnett World Infant School learned about where electricity comes from and how to save it. At Therfield High School, CREATE worked with the Eco-Council to solicit recommendations from students on how to reduce energy use within the school.

Seven schools in the Leatherhead area are benefiting from the UK-wide ExxonMobil Link Schools programme. The initiative provides science equipment grants and funding for science and environmental programmes to be delivered in schools by educational charities.

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Leatherhead staff raise funds for local charity

Last year, ExxonMobil staff raised over £8,000 for Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, a national charity based in Leatherhead that supports families with terminally ill children.

Funds raised will help to cover the transportation costs for a Rainbow Family Support Worker for one year. Driving is a big part of a Support Worker's job, as families with sick children often have to cope with weekly hospital visits. For many families this involves travelling long distances, as well as juggling the care of their very sick child with their siblings.

Nicola O'Donnell, the charity's Senior Corporate Partnerships Manager, said of the achievement, "Rainbow Trust Children's Charity was delighted when ExxonMobil chose to support us in 2010, raising not only £8,150 during the year, but also helping us to raise awareness among its staff and the local community."

Two-year-old neurofibromatosis sufferer Malachi Tyler is amongst children receiving support from the Rainbow Trust



Competition

Your chance to win £150 worth of John Lewis vouchers!

All you need to do to be in with a chance of winning the vouchers, which are also redeemable in Waitrose, is to answer the following question. (The answer is contained within this newsletter.)

How many veterans is Combat Stress currently offering support to?

Send your answer, with your name, address and phone number to:

Energy in our Communities competition
ExxonMobil House
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Ermyrn Way
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The closing date for entries is 30 June, 2011. The first correct entry opened after this date will be the winner. By sending in your entry, you agree to ExxonMobil using that information for the purposes of administering this competition only. The winner's name will be published in *Energy in our Communities* but ExxonMobil will not use your details for any other purpose. No cash alternative to the prize is available. This competition is not open to employees or contractors of ExxonMobil.

Congratulations to M. Adamiuk of Ashstead, the winner of the competition in our December 2010 issue.

News in brief

ExxonMobil hosts local events

Our UK and Regional headquarters in Ermyrn Way, ExxonMobil House, opened its doors to over 200 local people in March when it hosted two ceremonies to reward community volunteers. The Mole Valley District Council Chairman's Volunteer Awards recognised 40 people for outstanding efforts in the community, while the High Sheriff of Surrey's Youth Awards, held a week later, supports projects run by or involving local youngsters. The projects help reduce crime and make Surrey safer.

Pupils meet author at creative workshop

Pupils from Therfield School in Leatherhead, an ExxonMobil Link School, were drawn into the creative storytelling world of teen book novelist and illustrator Cathy Brett at a workshop held during the Surrey Children's Book Festival. The author of *Ember Fury* talked to the students at Leatherhead Library about drawing, book design and character development. Surrey County Council ran the three-week long festival with support from ExxonMobil.

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