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COLBURN DISTILLERY GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

A colburn spirit maker is going from strength to strength on the back of a strong Yorkshire brand and distilling excellence. The Yorkshire Dales Distillery was established just a year ago but it has established itself in a highly competitive market and is now expanding.

Founders Tony and Sarah Brotherton outlined their year of success and their plans for the future during a visit to the distillery by Richmond MP Rishi Sunak... [MORE](#)

DALES BIKE CENTRE PLANS EXPANSION

A move by an award winning business to respond to the 'huge boom' in cycle tourism has won the support of planners. Yorkshire Dales National Park Officers recommended the scheme be approved and said since the Dales Bike Centre in Fremington, near Reeth, opened in 2009, cycle tourism had "increased dramatically with the Tour de France and the subsequent emphasis on cycle tourism"... [MORE](#)

"Cycle Tourism has increased dramatically since the Tour de France".

BUSINESS NEWS

COLBURN IT BUSINESS IS LOOKING TO EXPAND

An IT company based at Colburn Business Park is expanding after reporting a year of growth. Business IT solutions provider razorblue has announced revenue growth of over 31 per cent for the last financial year. The company is looking to acquire other businesses in the IT, telecoms and internet industries.

It also plans to move its staff based at Wynyard on Teesside to new, larger offices to accommodate continued growth, but says Colburn will remain its headquarters... [MORE](#)



LUCY PITTAWAY NAMED UK'S MOST POPULAR SELLING ARTIST

A NORTH Yorkshire artist has been named the UK's most popular selling published artist 2018 by the Fine Art Trade Guild at their annual awards in London.

Lucy Pittaway, who was the official artist for the Tour de Yorkshire for the last three years, has proved popular with art lovers. Renowned previous winners include Mackenzie Thorpe, Kerry Darlington and Doug Hyde, who have gone on to build a reputation and following across the world...

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WHITE ROSE AWARDS - FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The finalists have been announced for this year's White Rose Awards with tourism businesses across Richmondshire making the cut.

Swaledale Yurts, Stage 1 Cycles in Hawes, the Forbidden Corner, Low Mill Guesthouse in Bainbridge, the Wensleydale Creamery Visitor Centre, the Georgian Theatre Royal and the Blue Lion in East Witton are among the district's entries to make the final.

A record breaking number of entries were submitted for the 2018 awards, where are the largest celebration of tourism in the UK... [MORE](#)



LEYBURN B&B IS NAMED BEST IN ENGLAND

A Leyburn bed and breakfast has been named as the AA guest accommodation of the year at the annual AA B&B awards.

The Old Town House in Leyburn picked up the award for England for its top customer service and standards. The awards recognise the diversity and individuality behind some of the nation's most remarkable B&Bs and celebrates the people that devote their lives to running them... [MORE](#)



SHARED WORKSPACE SCHEME LAUNCHES IN RICHMOND

Two Richmond compaies have joined forces to launch a new project to encourage local businesses to work, collaborate and socialise in a unique "co-working" office community.

Although shared workspaces are becoming increasingly popular in city regions, this is a first for Richmond. But those behind Work Meet Play say the scheme has a very different philosophy and compared to the traditional, "rent a desk" large city complexes... [MORE](#)



FLAVOURS OF HERRIOT COUNTRY AWARDS 2018 – OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

The categories for this year's awards are:

- Breakfast of the Year
- Tearoom of the Year
- Local Product of the Year
- Specialist Retailer of the Year
- Afternoon Tea of the Year
- Pub Food of the Year
- Restaurant of the Year
- Baked Product of the Year
- Café/Restaurant of the Year at a Visitor Attraction
- Customer Service Team of the Year
- Locally Produced Beer of the Year
- Young Professional Chef or Catering Student
- D&S Times Reader's Choice

Businesses can apply for any of the above awards by completing the application form, please click [HERE](#) for further information.

The closing date for entries is 31 August 2018 and the awards ceremony will take place on Friday 30 November 2018 at Tennants Auction House.



VETERAN WINS EX-FORCES BUSINESS AWARD AFTER LAUNCHING FIRST AID COMPANY

A veteran who started a first aid business after saving the life of his newly born daughter has won a prestigious award.

Lee Whitworth, from Richmond, won the service leader of the year category at the inaugural British Ex-Forces in Business Award after launching A&E Harmonious Compliance Training. Lee left the military in 2015 after a 25-year career... [MORE](#)



WELCOME TO YORKSHIRE LAUNCHES NEW CYCLE INITIATIVE

Welcome to Yorkshire has secured £1 million of funding over the next year in a project which will see the creation of new bookable cycling packages in Yorkshire targeting Dutch and German tourists. The initiative forms part of the Discover England Fund, led by Visit England. Welcome to Yorkshire will be working with German and Dutch Tour operators to create new bookable cycling holidays in the county... [MORE](#)

FUNDING FOR BUSINESSES

There is a wide range of funding schemes to help those Richmondshire businesses who want to grow and expand. These range from capital funds to loans to voucher schemes and can fund equipment, consultancy support, training for employees, all manner of projects to help develop businesses. If you have any development plans that need funding please contact Abi Player to discuss the funding options open to you. 01748 901035 abi.player@richmondshire.gov.uk

Let's Grow North & East Yorkshire

The Let's Grow Programme provides grants of between £25,000 and £1 million to cover up to 20 per cent of your costs to invest, expand your business and create jobs. Let's Grow is funded by the Government's Regional Growth Fund and is managed by BE Group in partnership with Clive Owen LLP... [MORE](#).

Broadband Voucher Scheme

The Nationwide Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS) will provide vouchers worth up to £3000 for a small or medium sized business or £500 to residents to help with the costs of connecting to full fibre broadband... [MORE](#)

40% Grants available for Small businesses through PAPI

The Product and Process Innovation (PAPI) project, part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, supports small and medium-sized businesses in York, North Yorkshire and East Riding, through equipment grants that enable new product development. A grant of 40% is available on a project spend of between £20k and £50K, which equates to a grant of between £8k and £20k... [MORE](#)

Manufacturing Growth Programme

Supporting SME Manufacturers to grow by identifying, understanding and removing barriers to growth and enabling sustainable business improvement. Providing free advice and support to manufacturing SMEs to help: Identify opportunities and create plans for growth and improvement, Work with the best external experts to *implement those plans*, Cover up to 35% of the cost of implementing the plans through an improvement grant or Connect to wider support to maximise opportunities for growth.

Specialist Manufacturing Growth Managers provide free advice and support to businesses in the West Midlands, Yorkshire and Humber, parts of the East Midlands and East of England.

<http://www.manufacturinggrowthprogramme.co.uk/>

BUSINESS EVENTS

1 hour events aimed at small businesses to gain insight into how social media, marketing and how Google can help to grow their business are taking place in Richmond on 13th July. Courses include how to build a digital marketing plan, getting your business visible on Google and an introduction to digital advertising. Each course is **FREE** to attend, you must however register to attend in advance - Click [HERE](#).

MAILCHIMP – EMAIL MARKETING COMMUNICATION

25th July 2018, Zetland Square, Dundas Street, Richmond DL10 7BP. **Cost:** £95 + VAT

Whether you're an expert or a novice in email marketing, MailChimp gives you tools to easily design beautiful campaigns. Receive useful tips, advice and learn how to create and present professional and visual communication of news, messages and promotion of events. No previous knowledge is necessary. Booking essential

Click [HERE](#) for more information

MICROSOFT EXCEL COURSES AT THE CITY SECRET

Zetland Square, Dundas St, Richmond DL10 7BP

Introduction to Excel – **05 September 2018**

Intermediate Excel – **19 September 2018**

Advanced Excel – **26 September 2018**

Cost: £110 per course

To obtain knowledge and understanding of entering data, editing, creating formulas and enhance the presentation of a spreadsheet.

Booking essential. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Richmondshire Business Network Event Wednesday 11th July 7.30-9.00am Richmond School

By pre-booking you can help us keep the "Early birds" price at only £10.00 for members and £12.50 for non-members (i.e. book/register before 17:00 on Monday the 9th of July - after this date prices increase to £12.50 & £15.00 respectively).

- Non-members can visit on two occasions @ £12.50 before applying for RBN membership.
- Current RBTA members can book @ £10.00 on two occasions before applying for RBN membership

An attendees list will be issued on Tuesday the 10th to allow introductions / meetings to be made prior to the breakfast - please register a.s.a.p. to be included.

To complete your booking online, click [here](#) or email info@rbnetwork.co.uk

Remember to bring plenty of business cards!

At our Business Breakfast events, we invite two RBN members to be "in the spotlight". If you would like the opportunity to highlight your business, just contact us by email: info@rbnetwork.co.uk

SKILLS AND TRAINING

APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT SCHEME LAUNCHED

Richmondshire District Council recently launched its Apprenticeship Support Scheme, offering Small businesses the opportunity to apply for up to £2,000 to support the costs of taking on an apprentice. The next deadline for applications is 1st August and forms can be downloaded from the district council website. Click [HERE](#) or contact: grants@richmondshire.gov.uk



UNIVERSITY OF YORK STUDENT INTERNSHIP BUREAU

The University of York Internship Bureau works with employers looking to engage the skills and enthusiasm of York students to complete short-term, project-based internships.

Projects can last between 4/6 - 12 weeks, be part or full-time, and the intern can work either from the company's office or remotely from campus or home. Established almost 10 years ago the Internship Bureau has continually grown the range of organisations it works with so that employers both large and small can access the skills and enthusiasm of York's students. Working mostly in the York area but looking to expand this into wider areas of North Yorkshire and East Riding we can help with project scoping and design, advertising, shortlisting and the whole process of contracting and paying student interns.

To discuss how we can support you with this please contact Wendy Sissons, Internships Outreach Officer on 01904 324248 or via email wendv.sissons@vork.ac.uk

OVERSEAS MARKETING WORKSHOPS

Susan Briggs is working with the Yorkshire Dales National Park (and North York Moors National Park) to develop some overseas marketing activities, which we think will also have a positive impact on our domestic markets. To get involved email Susan Briggs via Susan@tourismnetwork.co.uk who will also be holding a number of workshops in the Autumn covering topics such as working with the travel trade, and targeting Australian, German, Dutch, French and American Visitors.



THE SKILLS PARTNERSHIP

The Skills Partnership are a national training provider working across a wide range of industry sectors including Facilities Management, Transport, Professional Services, Leisure and more. We are approved to provide funding support across a wide range of programmes including Traineeships and Apprenticeships. We deliver nationally recognised intermediate, advanced and higher level qualifications and professional courses. We also support businesses with recruitment services for Traineeships and Apprenticeships. Above all, we exist to enable individuals to achieve their true development potential... [MORE](#)



NEW SCHEME FOR EU CITIZENS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Today the UK Government has published more details about the [new scheme for EU citizens and their families](#), to allow them to continue living and working here as now after the UK leaves the EU. This is an important step in delivering the reciprocal agreement with the EU. The agreement recognises the valuable contribution that EU citizens make to the UK, and that UK nationals make to the EU. We want EU citizens and their families who have made the UK their home to stay and the process we are setting up will mean they can do so quickly and easily....[MORE](#)

GET INVOLVED!



DALES BUSINESS WOMEN MEETING – WEDS 4 JULY 2018

Come and hear business coach Dawn Clarkson talk about succeeding in your business, plus you'll get to meet number of fellow businesswomen over refreshments. We will also be sharing our exciting plans for Dales Business Women! <https://dalesbusinesswomen.com/dbw-networking/>



TECH MEET UP

The City Secret, Richmond hold a monthly 'Tech Meet Up' on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6-6.30pm start. The meet up is an excellent opportunity to discuss new technologies, hold tech talks and socialise.

The City Secret, Zetland Square,
Dundas Street, Richmond, DL10 7BP.



WHAT CAN RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL DO TO HELP YOUR BUSINESS?

Are you looking to expand? Do you need to find new premises? Do you need support to diversify your services or are you looking for funding to grow or start your business? **Get in touch!**

Contact: Abi Player, Business & Community Officer telephone: 01748 901035 email: abi.player@richmondshire.gov.uk

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