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**NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEWS BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2009**



**Business of the Year**

Recognising outstanding overall performance by a firm in The News circulation area

**Nominees:**

- Amdale
- BAE Systems Surface Ships
- Business Phones Direct
- Gunwharf Quays
- Harrington Homes
- Key2 Group
- Lucketts Travel
- Nevada Music
- Paper Mountain
- Taylor Made
- Computer Solutions
- Trafalgar Wharf
- Venkman Industries

**Small Business of the Year**



Rewarding achievement in smaller firms, with staff of just 15 or less

**Nominees:**

- Award Health and Safety
- Dryad Maritime Intelligence Services
- Finishing Touches
- Hantswight Searches
- Grech and Grech
- In2Events
- Let's Go for Growth
- Old School Kitchen Company
- Smart CCTV
- Syn Star
- Utility Watch
- The Wheel Specialist

**Personality of the Year**



For individuals who have driven forward their business through inspired leadership

- Albert Choi, Chez Choi / Noble House
- Nick Courtney, Sweet Memories Records
- Frank Dixie, PSP
- Terry Higgins, TJ Group
- Rhoda Joseph, Cascades Shopping Centre
- Mike Keating, ■ Key2 Group
- Stella Mbubaegbu, Highbury

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**College**

- Pat McLarry, Yateley Industries for the Disabled

**Achiever of the Year**



For those who have made an outstanding individual contribution to their business

- Sue Ball, Verisona
- Jennie Brent, Beneficial Foundation
- Stephen Brownlie, Portsmouth Technopole
- Donna Grech, Grech and Grech
- Mike Keating, Key2 Group
- Neil Lockton, Hampshire Flag Company
- Cath Longhurst, Education Business Partnership
- Chris Ward, Award Health and Safety

**Team of the Year**



Rewarding a team of three-plus which has shown skill and initiative in pushing the business forward

- BAE Systems Surface Ships
- The Education Business Partnership
- GTMS
- The Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Partnership
- Langdale Nursing Home
- Newnet
- Q Hair and Beauty
- Trafalgar Wharf

**Community Contribution of the Year**



Acknowledging those businesses which have made a positive impact on the wider community

- 1000 Lakeside North Harbour
- Basepoint Business Centres
- Highbury College
- Gosport Discovery Center
- Gosport Ferry
- The Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Partnership
- Trafalgar Wharf
- Uniworld

**Exporter of the Year**

Recognising firms which have grown through focusing on export markets

- Apollo Fire Detectors
- Bladez Toys
- Chemring Marine
- EADS Astrium
- Fortek
- Key2 Group
- McMurdo
- Straightpoint

**Innovation of the Year**



Rewarding firms which have brought creative and inventive products or processes to life

- Amdale
- Bladez Toys
- Boarhunt
- Burgess Marine
- Captec
- Fuizion
- ISD Computer Services
- McMurdo

**Lifetime Achievement Award**



The final category, Lifetime Achievement Award, was not open for nomination. Instead, The News's panel of judges selected one high-flier in the region. But the winner will be kept secret until the night itself.

**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Latest eco triumphs for Gunwharf's trophy case**

GUNWHARF Quays has won yet another accolade in recognition of its green credentials.

The Cleaning and Support Services Association awarded its 2009 Golden Service Award to the retail complex, as well as best-cleaned retail premises for the second time running.

The honours came hot on the heels of another award victory for the centre - the National Retail Recycler of the Year Award.

It was also highly commended in January at The News' Business Excellence Awards for its recycling scheme.

Peter Emery, Centre Director of Gunwharf Quays says 'I'm delighted that Gunwharf has been recognised for these most prestigious cleaning awards and am very proud to be working alongside such a committed, professional team, without which this recognition would not be possible.'

Judge Paul Pearce said: 'Innovation, staff management, training and client relationship were among the main criteria which we assessed. Gunwharf received top marks across the board' The awards were given at the Lancaster London hotel.

**Grim forecast for shops**

More than 20 household-name retailers will vanish from the high street in 2010.

This is the grim prediction of Andy Beckingham, regional chairman of insolvency association R3. Research by R3 said 22 big names vanished in early 2009 - and it expects as many to fail this year. Mr Beckingham said: 'Rising unemployment and decreased spending in the lead up to Christmas coupled with heightened creditor aggression in the New Year leaves the retail sector facing another bloodbath.'



Andy Beckingham

**Fresh blood for SEEDA**

FOUR new appointments to the Board of SEEDA were announced yesterday.

Hampshire County Councillor Keith House joins other regional councillor Andrew Finney, as well as GMB trade unionist Richard Ascough, and Brighton university's professor Julian Crampton.

They will all take up three-year appointments on December 14, 2009, until 13 December 2012.

**The mood is truly electric**

P&I GENERATORS celebrated 10 years in business with a Power in the Tower gathering.

Family, friends and staff were invited to celebrate the firm's 10th birthday with a party in the Spinaker Tower on Saturday November 21.

Ten years ago MD Paul Benfield began selling spare generator parts from his home. Today, the firm's turnover is around £1.6m.

**SHARE PRICES**

Prices at last night's close

Aviva	370	-9	IBM (\$)	125	-
BAE Systems	327	-2	Int Power	276	-2
BG Group	1102	-23	Johnston Press	23	-
BP	574	-9	Lloyds Banking	55	12
Brit Airways	195	+1	Lockheed (\$)	76	-
BT	140	-4	Pall (\$)	31	-
Cable & W	141	-1	QinetiQ	157	-3
Centrica	254	-2	Raymarine	5	-
Chemring	2714	-17	Scot & SE	1116	-8
De La Rue	952	-9	Stagecoach	144	-3
Eaton Corp (\$)	63	-	VT Group	539	-10
First Group	391	-8	Wyeth (\$)	50	-

The FTSE-100 index closed down 55.05 at 5190.68.