

'Worcestershire Secretary/PA of the Year' – winner announced

THURSDAY, May 27 was a night of anticipation, celebration and splendour – Hewett Recruitment's 'Worcestershire Secretary/PA of the Year' awards culminated in the announcement of the winner. Accompanied by the popping of champagne corks and applause from the guests in the beautiful setting of the National Trust's Hanbury Hall, Eileen Austin was overwhelmed to accept the title.

Local businesses, dignitaries and press as well as families and friends of the six 'Worcestershire Secretary/PA of the Year' finalists were proud to join Hewett Recruitment in toasting Eileen Austin from TP Activity Toys as the overall Winner, with Nicky Robbins from Rooftop Housing as runner-up.



Above: Louise Hewett with winner Eileen Austin.
Inset: Celebrating Eileen's win inside Hanbury Hall



CONGRATULATIONS FROM US

"I AM delighted to congratulate Eileen and award her the title of 'Worcestershire Secretary of the Year'. She really is a very special secretary/PA, and that is what this award is all about. We believe it is important to recognise and value this important role in the workplace, and from the volume of entries we received, it seems that bosses around the county agree with us.

"We were pleased that the standard of entries was very high, and for those who didn't win, they have the compliment of knowing that their bosses value them enough to enter them for these awards – everyone is a

winner. Well done too to all our six finalists, and thanks to all who nominated and entered the awards. These special awards crescendoed in style on the night of 27 May – it was a glittering evening to mark some sparkling professionalism and talent."

Louise Hewett, Managing Director of Hewett Recruitment

THE FINALISTS

Sarah Grove	Thomas Vale Construction
Sue Ross	Purac Ltd
Karen Thomas	St Richard's Hospice
Lisa Sparrow	H & W Fire Brigade
Nicky Robbins	Rooftop Housing Group
Eileen Austin	TP Activity Toys



Patsy and the butler

More Bolly sweetie?

And what's more, to cap off an absolutely fabulous night, was that Ab Fab's Patsy we saw? Pats gatecrashed the party to binge on Bolly – now really darling, is that the done thing...?

The biggest and the best

IN October this year, Worcester Cathedral will play host to the biggest culinary event since the Middle Ages. On one single day, 28 October, The Big Event takes place - three events will be held, breakfast, lunch and an evening banquet. As organiser of the 'Ladies who Lunch', Louise Hewett extends a warm invitation to all female readers of HR Profile to secure their place or table at this 'not to be missed' occasion.

With a celebrity guest speaking to the



The specially commissioned David Birtwistle painting to commemorate The Big Event

audience of 400 guests at lunch alone, this really is a historic occasion. And with the target of raising much needed funds for the Cathedral, the occasion offers a unique opportunity for a lunch with a difference.

For further information on The Big Event and tickets for 'Ladies who Lunch' and indeed the Power Networking Breakfast and evening Banquet, please contact Hewett Recruitment on 01562 69090.



Members of the Hewett Recruitment team at the recent Jobs Fair

A job well done for Hewett Recruitment

A JOBS and Career Fair, organised by The Worcester Evening News, held on the 11 March at the City's Guildhall proved to be a huge success for the Hewett Recruitment team. The event attracted an impressive 1,778 prospective applicants through its doors, and we were overwhelmed with the amount of interest our stand received.

To get visitors involved, a competition was run at the stand and one lucky guest went home with a bottle of bubbly and chocolates as well as a better understanding of the excellent career opportunities provided by Hewett Recruitment.

Training programme gets stronger

HEWETT Recruitment's training programme continues to go from strength to strength, as its series of regular training seminars on workplace issues are attracting high attendance and positive feedback from delegates.

Covering themes such as **Staff Retention**, **Time Management and Assertiveness**, the seminars aim to provide practical and 'hands-on' advice as well as case study examples and the theory behind the practice.

Such is the success of the training programmes that numerous client companies have approached Hewett Recruitment to develop bespoke packages to suit their own individual requirements.

PUT IN YOUR DIARY

23 SEPTEMBER 2004

Recruitment and Selection - increase your confidence in selecting the right people for your organisation

14 OCTOBER 2004

Time Management - make sure you drive the job - it doesn't drive you!

17 NOVEMBER 2004

Assertiveness - learn to say what you mean, and mean what you say

9 DECEMBER 2004

Stress Management - learn how to manage your stress in the morning and experience the benefits of alternative therapies in the afternoon.

Ad hoc in-house training available on request

You told us...

Delegates on recent courses have had the following to say about the event: "The course was informative and well-presented, good interaction, sharing ideas and views with other delegates and gave me ideas to take back to the workplace."

Julie Goodwin, West Mercia Police

"A thoroughly enjoyable day - very interesting and thought provoking. The level of group participation worked very well - ideas gained not only from the presenters, but from other delegates."

Paul Mann, Harrison Clark Solicitors

"I found the seminar very beneficial and appreciated not only what the speakers had to say but also then inter-acting with other delegates. Hewett Recruitment structured the training session very well."

Sara Lawrance-Smith, Nutshell Marketing

For details on forthcoming seminars and how to reserve your place, contact **Gloria Hodgkins** at the Kidderminster office.

Top talent

FINDING top talent for key senior roles isn't always an easy task.

However, Hewett Recruitment's proven track record in this area means that candidates looking for their next career challenge have the confidence to know Hewett can find the right move for them. Equally, employers' trust in Hewett Recruitment means that they can place a role in the knowledge that the right calibre of candidates will be put forward.

An example of Hewett success was with Peter Reece who has recently been appointed as Managing Director of Bekaert UK. He saw the role advertised through Hewett Recruitment and was delighted with the approach taken by the agency, which facilitated his appointment to the role. "Hewett Recruitment was extremely

professional in every way. I saw the job advertised, was interviewed initially by Elaine at Hewett Recruitment, and then put forward for consideration." Following a series of subsequent interviews with Bekaert's personnel department, all co-ordinated by Hewett Recruitment Peter was offered this top job.

"I was delighted to be awarded the position and would heartily recommend Hewett Recruitment to both candidates and employers for senior placements," Peter added. Hewett Recruitment has also recently placed a regional European manager at Bekaert. *Bekaert Speciality Films is a world leader in the manufacture and distribution of professional grade solar control and safety and security window film products.*

Industrial placement division launches in Worcester

INDUSTRIAL roles now represent over 100 temps a week from Hewett Recruitment's Kidderminster office, which has led to the launch this month of a dedicated Industrial Placement Division operating from the company's Worcester office, in addition to that which has long been successful at the Kidderminster branch.

Alison O'Neill has recently joined the Hewett Recruitment team to head up the Industrial Division at the Worcester branch.

Companies come to Hewett Recruitment for their industrial temps because the calibre of the worker is so high.

One such company who is more than satisfied with the service it receives from the company in the placement of its industrial staff is Forest Gardens plc in Hartlebury, for whom Hewett Recruitment currently places many temps per week.

"I feel compelled to write to you to commend the excellent level of service provided by yourselves when we have required immediate temporary cover both within the office and production areas. Thanks to all the girls for providing a level of service that is, in my experience, all too rare these days." Ken Way, Forest Garden plc

So too, Southco in Worcester are



Alison O'Neill has recently joined the team

delighted with the industrial temps supplied by Hewett Recruitment: "Your commitment, efficiency, professionalism and attention to detail have always been second to none."

"The pleasant and cooperative attitude of all the Hewett staff makes your agency a pleasure to deal with," says Viv Hussey of Vision Labs.

And these companies are not alone in these sentiments, as the launch of the Industrial Placement Division in Worcester is due to the volume of requests from client companies for this service.

For further information on our Industrial Placement Division, contact Alison at the Worcester branch on 01905 613413.

Make sure you are covered over the holiday period



Know staff holiday dates already?

Get holidays covered in good time and make life a beach this summer.

Call **Hewett Recruitment** with the details of possible temporary vacancies over the holiday period now and avoid gaps in your workforce this summer.

Let us know as soon as possible, and ensure that Worcestershire's best temps are in YOUR office this summer time.



Call **Hewett Recruitment** now

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Go girls!

THE Race is on again. It's becoming a tradition, but one certainly to be proud of. For the third year in succession, Hewett Recruitment is entering a team in Cancer Research's annual Race for Life. In addition to running 5km around Worcester city centre on 13 June, the girls will be raising valuable funds again for Cancer Research in the UK.



Delegates attend Hewett Recruitment's joint seminar with Harrison Clark

Success of joint venture seminar

HEWETT Recruitment recently held the first of a series of joint venture seminars. Together with solicitors Harrison Clark, Hewett's ran a seminar covering human resources and legal issues. Over 100 delegates attended who fed back very positively on the content and format of the seminar. In addition, the seminar raised £1,060 for Acorns Children's Hospice, Worcester and £720 for NSPCC.

THANKS

Thanks are extended to the prize sponsors of the Worcestershire Secretary/PA of the Year awards. **Hotelshop**, discount hotel booking and reservations company, sponsored the first prize of a luxury weekend break in London, please call on 08708 488488. The runner-up prize was sponsored by **First Impressions** and offered a day with Anita Poole - Personal & Corporate Image Consultant. Call Anita on 01386 725781 or 07947 107292. Goodie bags were provided on the evening for all finalists provided by Linda Hartley of **Virgin Vie**. Call Linda on 01684 569642 or 07941 263269.

Fraser shows his artistic flair

DIANE HALL-SMITH, Kidderminster's Senior Industrial Consultant, is a very proud mum following her son Fraser's Worcester Porcelain competition win.

"Fraser showed real artistic flair to win," said Diane. Thousands of young people were involved in designing a cup and saucer with the theme 'The World's Biggest Party', but it was 13-year-old Fraser's intricate design that stood out with the judges at Worcester Porcelain.



Just my cup of tea - Fraser with his prize winning design

A 'temp'ting choice of career

THE glittering event at Hanbury Hall also saw the announcement of the 'Temp of the Year' with one winner picked from the Kidderminster team and one from the Worcester team.

With 'National Temp Week' running the week before, Louise Hewett seized the opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication of their temps by sending them a thank-you card and lottery ticket with several tickets offering a little reward!



Left to right: Teresa Wynn, Lucy Bowden (winner) and Claire Reardon

The evening saw Lucy Bowden chosen as the 'Temp of the Year' from the Worcester branch and a delighted Gary Holloway picked as 'Temp of the Year' from the Kidderminster team. Each were praised for their hard work, flexibility and positive attitude and were presented on the evening with a 'Temp of the Year' Shield, champagne and a token of their choice.

A jubilant Lucy commented on her win: "I was thrilled to be chosen as 'Worcester Temp of the Year' and have enjoyed the flexibility and variation that being a temp



Left to right: Annabelle Cook, Gary Holloway (winner) and Lisa Richardson

offers. I have experienced a wide variety of challenging roles, acquired new skills and met some interesting people through temping and would like to thank Hewett Recruitment for giving me this opportunity."

Celebrating the win of 'Kidderminster Temp of the Year' Gary explained: "The award came as a total surprise, but a fantastic one at that. Temping gives me the opportunity to combine work with my acting career and allows me to work flexible hours in a range of interesting roles. Hewett Recruitment is a professional consultancy and I look forward to a long and happy working relationship with them."

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