

CHOCOLATIER

LICK THE SPOON CATCHES DRAGON'S EYE



Theo Paphitis presents the SBS award to Lick the Spoon director Matthew Short

Cirencester-based chocolatier Lick the Spoon was recently acknowledged by successful entrepreneur and 'Dragon' Theo Paphitis as he presented the firm with a prestigious SBS award. The award is given personally to businesses by Theo who stand out from the crowd on social networking site Twitter.

Each Sunday businesses compete on Twitter to deliver their best one-line pitch to Theo, who then picks six winners and looks at the company's website. Lick the Spoon's tweet "Theo - Mrs P needs Lick the Spoon!" caught the businessman's attention.

Lick the Spoon's director Matthew Short collected the award at an award ceremony at Edgbaston Stadium and took the opportunity to present Theo with an Easter egg for Mrs P (Theo's wife).

• lickthespoon.co.uk

DESIGN FOR LIFE

Local interior designer Janet Barbour has completed a project for restoration gardener Nikki Priestnall's new office-cum-guest room. Nikki creates gardens with history and meaning so she wanted to work in a place with style that helped her think and plan. Janet set to work to get the outside on the inside for Nikki, creating clean lines with Farrow & Ball's Cornforth White on the walls, ceiling and woodwork, while filing cabinets were treated with Farrow & Ball's Folly Green to complement the leafy views through the window of the fields and beyond. The look was then finished with a collection of horticultural prints, Nikki's modern desk and a stylish chaise

INTERIOR DESIGN



Janet can transform your interior

longue. Janet, who is a graduate of Cotswold Women in Business along with Nikki, said of the transformation:

"I loved this project. With the use of beautiful paints and colours you get absolutely stunning stuff in the glory of your own home that shouts your personality and style without complex project discussions rates."

• janetbarbour-paintedinteriors.co.uk
 • arrayflowers.com

A new adventure in Cirencester

MacVenture Play Company has opened a new office in Cirencester 14 years after it was first launched by Steve Griffiths in Eastleach. The firm moved to Anglesey eight years ago and had a small display garden just outside Cirencester. But now Andy Loydell and wife Pippa, who ran the display garden from home, have decided to go full time with building the MacVenture Play Company name again in this area.

"MacVenture Play Company has

such a great reputation for quality play systems, providing commercial markets such as schools and playgrounds as well as residential clients," explains Andy. "I have installed a number of climbing frames with Steve over the years and am now looking forward to building the business further on a full-time basis."

The new office at Trinity Farmhouse on Cheltenham Road in Cirencester is open seven days a week by appointment.

• macventureplay.co.uk

Especially For You (And Your Home)

As high streets are littered with empty units, Cirencester is yet again bucking the trend as unique furniture and lifestyle store For You and Your Home opens its second store, after only a year of trading from its flagship store in the town. Owners Mark and Robert Castle-Woodhams realised their dream in April, when the new store in The Old Post Office development opened.

"Family and friends questioned whether it was the right time to be launching such a business whilst many shops are closing but we are determined and have a true passion and belief that our concept is different to anything currently on the high street," explained the pair. For pictures of the launch event turn to page 20.

• www.foryouandyourhome.co.uk

