

# *A fresh approach to business networking*

KuKu Connect is a vibrant business membership service connecting businesses and entrepreneurs at some of the best venues across the East Midlands.

We offer a fresh alternative to traditional business networking with our monthly 'Connect Receptions' which are hosted by a different venue each month. Indulge in complimentary hospitality and make authentic business connections in a relaxed and friendly environment, with no pitches, no presentations and no push.

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## Almanac Foreword



"Living in the East Midlands and serving the community of Rutland, as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, means that I am keen to support business – the lifeblood of our communities. I am also aware of KuKu Connect's considerable impact on local businesses of many sizes and sectors and of their support to the wider community and to charitable organisations. I am therefore delighted, as a local person, to commend KuKu Connect, in this foreword, for all their efforts in supporting the business community. I also commend them for producing their third KuKu Connect Almanac. This celebrates their third anniversary and promotes all of the businesses they have worked alongside over the year. I give KuKu and all of the business community my best wishes for continued growth, success and for their continuing contribution to the economy and wider society." **Dr Sarah Furness, PhD**



"The Midlands, both the East & West is a thriving hotbed of entrepreneurial innovation of both major businesses, as well as vital new enterprises who all contribute to society with employment, training, education and to the community. With the Signature and Nachural Awards we have the privilege of highlighting these 'contributors', many of whom are not well-known and represent a truly diverse business community. The East Midlands is lucky to have KuKu Connect, not only with its vast support to business, but also as a vital opportunity for businesses to connect, share and work together to build ever-growing success. KuKu are award-winning in their style, nature and success and this is so evident with their 2019-20 Almanac." **Ninder, Johal, DL, Founder of the Signature & Nachural Business & Entrepreneurship Awards**



"KuKu Connect has grown most impressively since their Leicestershire launch in 2016, but their constant commitment to the community both business and charity has been at the pinnacle of their ethos and efforts and should be recognised. This year's new Almanac is a splendid example of their dedication to supporting business people and I wish KuKu Connect another most prosperous year ahead, sending my thanks to them for their support to the ABF the Soldiers Charity and the many other organisations they support." **Lieutenant-Colonel David Young, TD, DL (Retd), Chairman of the Leicestershire & Rutland ABF**



"As business people and budding entrepreneurs we all know the vital importance of thriving economies and their vital role in communities at local and national level. The East Midlands is a shining example of innovation, success and development and something I know KuKu Connect plays a very important role within, as a champion of businesses from 'start-ups' to larger organisations and even in supporting Government, business support organisations and initiatives. At Talash we are proud to play our part as a business with our award-winning boutique and heritage hotels, and in being a part of the KuKu community. Our thanks and congratulations on your annual celebrations to KuKu and all the businesses who are a part of this excellent enterprise and service." **Ravi Kathurua, Joint CEO of Talash Hotels**



Many organisations set out to support business, many organisations do a lot of talking about supporting enterprise and their communities, but not all businesses actually do it. KuKu Connect is a true investor in business and enterprise, much of their time is given freely in supporting a whole range of business initiatives, awards and community events and they are excellent ambassadors for promoting business in the East Midlands. As the founder of the Love Business Expo I have valued KuKu and their support to the Expo, as a showcase of the region's business talent and success. I'm in no doubt that KuKu Connect's continued growth will positively impact more and more businesses, as a superb service for business who want to connect, network and work together." **Steve Megson, Founder of the Love Business Expo**

## Outstanding Achievement for business in the East Midlands

Business helps build economies both at international level, but importantly right through to local county level and is a cornerstone of a positive and cohesive society. Entrepreneurs, innovators and individuals who create success and who develop enterprise and growth are often quietly making a huge impact but not widely known or promoted. Not only large businesses, but equally smaller organisations have success stories that are outstanding and deserve to be recognised.

There are many awards for businesses, but The Queen's Awards for Enterprise are, perhaps thought of by some, as an accolade reserved the giants of the business world. I know at regional and local level there are potentially a great number of businesses that might make



an excellent nomination for one of the Enterprise awards categories, which recognise success in the key areas of innovation, international trade, sustainable development and promoting opportunity through social mobility.

The Awards are valid for 5 years and successful winners of the awards have reported benefiting from worldwide recognition, increased commercial value, greater press coverage and a boost to staff morale. Amongst the benefits of winning your business is invited to a

Royal Reception and given a Grant of Appointment which is an official certificate, as well as being presented with your award at your company by one of Her Majesty's personal representatives, usually a Lord-Lieutenant. Lord-Lieutenants' are the most senior ranking official in each County after Her Majesty The Queen and members of The Royal Family.

KuKu Connect is passionate about supporting and promoting excellence in business achievement in all manner of business sector and size across the region, so we welcome and encourage you to consider the Enterprise Awards and there is a very helpful website where you can gain further information and apply, so please do visit:

[www.gov.uk/queens-awards-for-enterprise](http://www.gov.uk/queens-awards-for-enterprise)





Stephen Goddard &  
Philip Brooks-Stephenson  
Founders of KuKu Connect

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## Welcome to the KuKu Connect Almanac

At KuKu Connect we are once again delighted to be able to present our annual Almanac. This luxury publication reviews our last twelve months of connecting businesses and entrepreneurs across the East Midlands at some of the top venues and businesses in the region.

This, our third annual edition of the Almanac marks the anniversary of KuKu Connect and highlights a range of locally based and independent businesses, organisations and charities, so we would encourage all readers to support the many excellent organisations presented in this year's publication.

The purpose of the Almanac is to celebrate and promote all those businesses and organisations that have been a part of KuKu Connect; our fantastic Members and our valued Partners and Connect Reception hosts who all play an important role in the life of the region's business community.

The Almanac also champions the important role of 'networking' and we very much hope shows that business networking can be friendly, effective, vibrant, as well as aspirational and demonstrates that with KuKu, networking, or connecting as we call it, doesn't have to be boring for business people. The old adage of 'mixing business with pleasure' is certainly true for KuKu Connect, but surely hard work and success should be rewarded with a little pleasure? We think so.

We would like to draw your attention to each of our monthly hand-picked Connect Reception hosts whose contribution to culture, lifestyle, heritage and tourism play a vital role in helping to attract inward investment and employment, making up the communities we are all a part of, city,

market town or rural village. Readers should also know that we give these special venues our highly recommended seal of approval, so we urge you to visit them soon.

We would like to thank our contributors of this year's Foreword, who follow on from Her Grace the Duchess of Rutland who kindly gave last year's Foreword and hosted KuKu Connect at Belvoir Castle in 2018 for our Annual Birthday Reception.

Their collective remarks and support are most gratefully received, but also show the high regard and calibre of our KuKu business community of Members, whom without their patronage KuKu Connect would not exist.

This year we are kindly hosted by brothers, Ravi and Sanjay Kathuria at Stoke Rochford Hall on the borders of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire where this Almanac is launched in the surrounds of another stunning venue, which acts as a spectacular and historical setting for any event either business or private and we thank Ravi and Sanjay and their staff for hosting the 2019 KuKu Connect Annual Birthday Reception.

So if you are reading this Almanac for the first time and wonder if connecting with businesses in luxurious, exciting and quirky venues is something that might benefit your business then come and connect, indulge, engage, develop and secure new business with KuKu Connect and enjoy the 2019-20 KuKu Connect Almanac.

**Our warmest wishes to all,  
Stephen, Philip & The KuKu Team**

*Stoke Rochford Hall:  
Our Annual Birthday Reception Host*



Stoke Rochford Hall is a unique hall with golf and leisure club, as well as a conference and banqueting centre of the highest reputation. A striking Victorian countryside mansion with grand, elegant rooms and spacious guest accommodation, so ideal for a celebration event, business trip or conference.

The hall is set within idyllic formal gardens amidst beautiful Lincolnshire countryside, so perfect for a weekend getaway. Stoke Rochford Hall is part of the award winning independent Talash Hotels, but whatever your reason for visiting you'll be sure to receive a warm welcome. [www.stokerochfordhall.co.uk](http://www.stokerochfordhall.co.uk)



# Absolutely PrintPrint

Eddy from Absolutely Fabulous said, "I PR things! People, Places, Concepts." So we wonder if Eddy and her PR agency and list of rich, powerful and famous clients had their own dedicated printer of choice, we think they must have done.

Gorgeous invitations, glossy brochures and magazines, luxurious business cards, eye catching advertisements and stationery to impress all sounds great, but to make it count, to make it work, your printer simply has to be absolutely fabulous. Although we don't mean they drink champagne at breakfast, you can do that whilst PrintPrint of Leicester make your print fizz for your business, or your next new client.

So what makes a good printer? Quality, precision, expertise, advice, solutions, ideas, visual, touch, finish, inspiration, creativity, reliability and trust are all a part of the ingredients that make your print look fab. In business looks really do count, something we feel Eddy and Patsy would wholeheartedly agree on.

At KuKu Connect our Directors Stephen and Philip have a little absolutely fabulousness between them and they like everything to be just so and they understand the power of print, even amongst the social media and digital frenzy of today. There is nothing quite like an invitation or parcel landing on your desk and, which is more likely to be opened, that, or the spammy email?

"Print is not as easy as throwing together a concept and dashing it out at your economy and on-line printers. You will nearly always be disappointed, let alone dealing with robotic service and the, once you press that order button, it's at your own risk."



"We highly recommend PrintPrint for their high standards in every aspect of their service and process from your concept or design being brought to final print. As a business we are fortunate to hold a high-level and respected brand which is only made possible by print and for KuKu, by using PrintPrint time and time again."

Stephen Goddard, MD, KuKu Creative

## Print gurus that smile

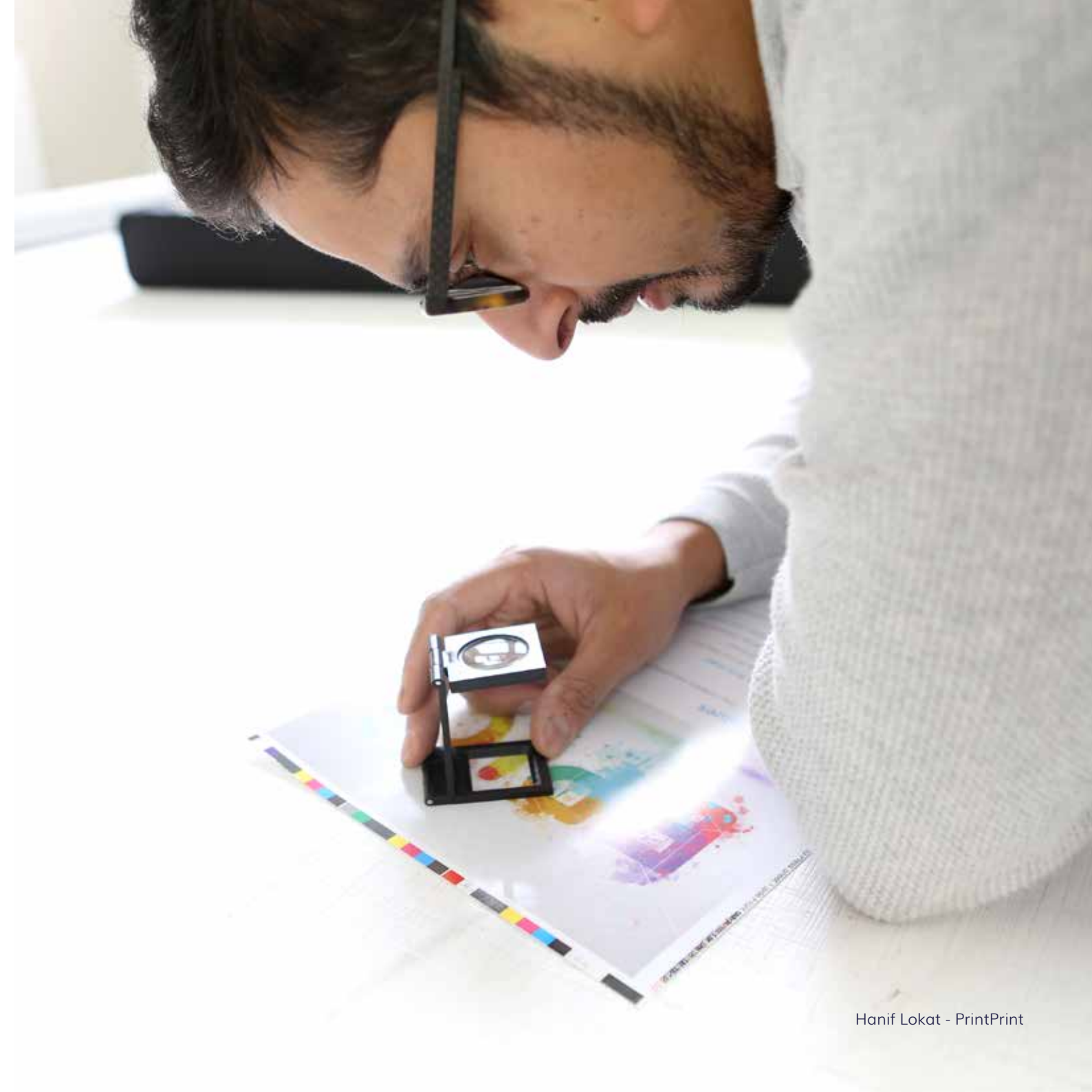
PrintPrint are an independent, second-generation family run business, based in the heart of the East Midlands.

Headed by husband and wife team Hanif and Rubina Lokat, their team works with national brands with commercial printing to new start-ups with bespoke and individual projects. The PrintPrint team offer excellence that does not cost the earth, so think designer print quality, a warm and friendly service, just without the London prices, something the Midlands is pretty fab at.

So cheers to the printers darlings and why not see how PrintPrint can build your business, or can catch the eye of your new customer, and for goodness sakes go get it printed. Emails are so last year sweeties ;)



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## Charity - at the heart of KuKu

At the launch of KuKu Connect in 2016 we made a commitment to support not only local businesses but also the wider communities we are all a part of.

We have continued to support Her Majesty's High Sheriffs' whose role is completely unpaid and voluntary but one that supports a vast range of community organisations and charities, many of which we have been able to support through KuKu Connect.

This year we are delighted to particularly support ABF the Soldiers' Charity, Cancer Research UK, Help the Homeless, Me & Dee, Twenty Twenty and Warning Zone. These organisations broadly support children, young people and families and heroic Services Personnel and Veterans.

Without charities such as these and the many dedicated volunteers that support them, the UK would simply come to a standstill.

Being truly entrepreneurial is not just about your own personal success, but also the success of your local economy and community and is at the heart of KuKu Connect and our community of businesses.



### ABF The Soldiers' Charity

ABF The Soldiers' Charity is the national charity of the British Army, providing a lifetime of support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families when they are in need. They were founded in 1944 to ensure that soldiers returning from World War Two were well cared for. Since then, the welfare of soldiers, past and present, and their families has been at the heart of everything they do. While there is a British Army, there will be The Soldiers' Charity.  
[www.soldierscharity.org](http://www.soldierscharity.org)



### Cancer Research UK

Cancer Research UK's aim is to reduce the number of deaths from cancer. It conducts research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the disease. Research activities are carried out in institutes, universities and hospitals across the UK, both by the charity's own employees and by its grant-funded researchers. It also provides information about cancer and runs campaigns aimed at raising awareness of the disease and influencing public policy.

Cancer Research UK's work is almost entirely funded by the public. It raises money through donations, legacies, community fundraising, events, retail and corporate partnerships. Over 40,000 people are regular volunteers. [www.cancerresearchuk.org](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org)



## Help the Homeless

Help the Homeless aims to change and transform multiple lives for the better and help achieve the complete eradication of homelessness and rough sleeping within Leicester. At the heart of all their aims, objectives and overall vision is their "3 E's" strategy, this is at the heart of all they plan and do... Enrich, Encourage and Empower. [www.hthleicester.co.uk](http://www.hthleicester.co.uk)



## Me & Dee

Me & Dee charity is a registered charity that arranges memory holidays at the seaside in Mablethorpe on the beautiful Lincolnshire coast in two lovely spacious caravans based on the Grange Leisure Park, giving families a chance to make memories together when time is very precious.

The charity was formed to create special moments and memories to both children and adults who have a life threatening, life shortening or a terminal condition. [www.meanddee.co.uk](http://www.meanddee.co.uk)



## Twenty Twenty

No matter what challenges a young person has faced or is still facing, Twenty Twenty know that with the right help, they can develop the confidence, personal resources and skills to move forward in their education and find sustainable employment.

They offer this help through a range of effective integrated projects in their award-winning Lifeskills centres and through their Love4Life projects. Each centre is a true learning community and a supportive 'can do' environment where students come together with teachers, counsellors, mentors and local business volunteers, all ably committed to their progress.

[www.twentytwenty.org.uk](http://www.twentytwenty.org.uk)



## Warning Zone

Warning Zone is a Life-Skills Centre and children safeguarding charity. They deliver life-saving messages to children and young people and have historically worked with Year 6 children (aged 10/11), catching them at a key transition in their life as they venture in to secondary school.

Warning Zone aims to reduce the risk of accidental injury and death and also the strain on our emergency services. Eight set-piece scenarios run alongside their E-Safety Zone. They educate young people on understanding risks and consequences, peer pressure, anti-social behaviour, grooming, cyber-bullying and much more. [www.warningzone.org.uk](http://www.warningzone.org.uk)



## Marvellous marquees for Mr & Mrs to Marquis

Marquees of Distinction are erecting all over the Midlands, pardon the pun, but this fantastic team really does cut the mustard when it comes to marquees.

Weddings, garden parties, festivals, ceremonies, launches, celebrations, fairs, shows, a party to entertain clients, or just at home with friends and family. Marquees is all a part of what, MD Richard Pointon offers his clients, whether bride or baron, and when we say baron, we mean it! Clients have included a rather well-known Duke who lives in a castle, whose title includes the name of the smallest county in England, hint, hint.

Of course when we say marquees we don't just mean tent, peg and mud, we mean chandeliers, a colour swatch of carpets, heating, drapes, proper flooring for ladies who wear heels and fab dance floors. Lounge and chill out areas, or your own themed nightclub, plus all the usual panoply of chairs, tables and electrics.

We also rather like the affable style of Richard and his polite team. Precision, reliability, quality finish and service are vital features for any would-be marquee party planner; it must come from Richard's past as an engineer, so no leaky marquees here.

So, if you're a MoB (Mother of the Bride), planning a garden party, a special birthday, a ball, village fair, festival, or you're an event planner, looking for a brill new entry for your little black book of contacts or you have a site where a fixed-marquee could benefit your farm or acreage, then here is our highly recommended marquee man, which comes with our merit of 'distinction'.



*"Marquees of Distinction, well the name says it all. At The Venue Experts we only partner with suppliers who bring in a high level of expertise and trusted reliability matched with an impeccable quality finish and service, which is a rarity when it comes to marquees."*

Stacey Ferguson, Founder,  
The Venue Experts

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# KuKu Connect Boutique

We were delighted to be asked to connect with businesses in Melton & Rutland and support remote and rural enterprises by hosting KuKu Connect "Boutique" at Pera Business Park.

Alongside the usual connecting we showcased local suppliers and venues by offering 'pop up' stalls at each event. Gin, cheese toasties, a prosecco bus, luxury tiles and bespoke hats were some of the treats we shared whilst raising the profile of these businesses across the region.

Our special thanks goes to the Leicestershire Lieutenancy and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr Sarah Furness who have supported businesses in Leicestershire and Rutland and helped to raise awareness of the Queen's Awards for Enterprise and our gratitude to all the great businesses who took part in this special series of 'boutique' Connect Receptions in rural communities.





2018 Annual Birthday Reception

# Belvoir Castle

The 2018 Annual Birthday Reception was hosted by Their Graces, the Duke and Duchess of Rutland in the stunning surrounds of the Castle's State Rooms.

Over 300 guests from across the region along with representatives of Her Majesty The Queen, Diplomats, Civic Leaders and community organisations joined us at Belvoir Castle to celebrate the success and innovation of the business community in the East Midlands and to mark the 2nd birthday of KuKu Connect.

Guests were chauffeured up to the castle where they were greeted by the Duke and Duchess' own Piper and then received in the Guards' Hall with a roaring fire and cocktails.

The Duchess congratulated KuKu Connect for bringing businesses together during a successful year and how Belvoir was proud to be a Member of the KuKu Connect Community.

H.M. Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Michael Kapur, OBE toasted KuKu Connect and thanked local businesses for their contribution to local economies and the wider community.

The evening continued in the castle's stunning State Rooms where canapes, smoked venison, gourmet cheese toasties, chocolate, birthday cake, cocktails and coffee were served until late into the evening.

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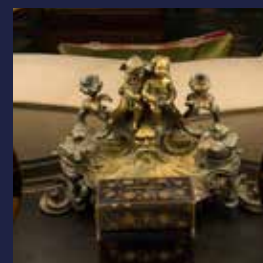
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November Derbyshire Connect Reception

# Moscar Lodge



Moscar Lodge is the Derbyshire retreat for the Duke and Duchess of Rutland and is a true hidden gem set on 6,000 acres of land in the wilds of Derbyshire. Guests were greeted with glasses of fizz, fresh food straight from the Aga and a roaring fire. With 10 bedrooms, Moscar Lodge is ideal for your private party, wellness retreat, corporate away day or just a luxury escape. [www.belvoircastle.com](http://www.belvoircastle.com)



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We are very proud to be a Member of KuKu Connect and thrilled to be a part of the 2019-20 KuKu Connect Almanac. We strongly believe that connecting and networking with other businesses should be at the heart of every business as it brings new opportunities for everyone and it is a privilege to be a part of this networking family.

**Contact our friendly team to see how we can help build your business today: [craig@slpersonnel.co.uk](mailto:craig@slpersonnel.co.uk)  
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November Leicestershire Connect Reception

# Leicester Marriott Hotel



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# DAVID FOWKES

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David is a passionate advocate for Goldsmiths and his team deliver a range of informative presentations on a number of topics, including the cutting of gemstones, processes for hand manufacturing jewellery, and science of colour. Talks can be accessed at the Thoresby Hall Hotel and by private appointment at various locations across the UK.



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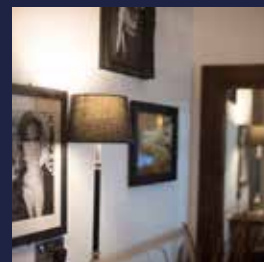
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December Derbyshire Connect Reception

## Prosecco Bars



With 17 different proseccos available and authentic Cicchetti, Prosecco Bars in Derby is a wonderful spot for a cheeky after work drink or a light bite with friends. We enjoyed hosting our final Derbyshire Connect Reception of 2018 here, in the heart of Derby with glasses of prosecco and a little festive cheer. [www.proseccobars.com](http://www.proseccobars.com)

# FANCY

## ENTERTAINMENT

Fancy Entertainment is an established, East Midlands based entertainment company dedicated to adding a little extra pizzazz to your events and special occasions. Whatever the theme, whatever the client, we are here to provide the finest performers and the highest quality entertainment to suit you!

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We have developed a fantastic reputation for creating magical, family events and children's theatre performances for clients all over the

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Our themed entertainment for grown-ups is second to none with a huge selection of medieval nights, Murder Mysteries, tribute nights and our event enhancements such as spectacular stilt walkers! We also provide a bespoke entertainment service to suit all requirements including venue restrictions and budget.

All of our professional actors are trained to not only perform a show, but to fully interact with all of our audiences and make your events really come to life! Fancy Entertainment believe that our guests should have the opportunity to become part of the magic and be involved in all of our events.

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December Leicestershire Connect Reception

# Sherwin Hall at Oadby House



The Christmas spirit was in full swing at Sherwin Hall's brand new home, Oadby House. With mulled wine on the hobs and the ovens filled with tasty, festive treats, guests were free to browse the showroom and also take home a souvenir festive photo courtesy of 7 Colours Photobooths. Sherwin Hall provide both contemporary and traditional luxury, bespoke kitchens and their friendly team can help bring your kitchen and interior design ideas to life. [www.sherwinhall.com](http://www.sherwinhall.com)



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January Derbyshire Connect Reception

# Breadsall Priory



Perfectly located on 300 acres of lush, landscaped grounds in the spectacular Derbyshire countryside, this historic hotel has the proud distinction of being the oldest Marriott location in the world. With outstanding amenities such as a luxurious spa, two 18 hole golf courses and magnificent outdoor spaces this is a venue worthy of a visit. Guests arrived via the sweeping driveway and were treated to cocktails and canapes in the Haslam Suite. [www.marriott.com/hotels](http://www.marriott.com/hotels)



# The Venue Experts

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- Founder

The Venue Experts sit at the top of the Events Management industry, and specialise in exceptional venues, historic properties, and private homes across England.

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January Leicestershire Connect Reception

# Plant & Bean at The Fish & Chip



We kicked off "Veganuary" at Plant & Bean - the brand new sister restaurant of The Fish & Chip with over 60 business guests. The totally plant based menu offers Asian and Mediterranean cuisine and recipes inspired by street food from around the world which guests were free to sample along with a variety of cocktails, including our favourite - an extra special candy floss based drink. [www.thefishandthechip.com](http://www.thefishandthechip.com)

# Wayne Smith

Wayne has a number of hit musicals under his belt. He has been part of London's "Jersey Boys" cast at the Prince Edward Theatre, as well as spending three years in London and on tour, with the Number One Hit Show "Dirty Dancing" as Billy Kostecki (he carried the watermelons).

Other musicals such as "Dreamboats and Petticoats", "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Summer Holiday" also appear on Wayne's CV.

An array of experience combined with a charming nature gives Wayne a unique stage presence that has wowed audiences all over the globe. Whether performing as a warm up artist at the Echo Arena or singing the first dance at a wedding, he charms his audience and has them singing along in no time.

He now enjoys singing at weddings, special occasions and corporate events.

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*"Quality and professional entertainment can make any event exceed your guest's expectations, so we are delighted to recommend Wayne Smith to any venue, wedding, or event he adds a dash of West-End singing stardust to any function."*  
The Venue Experts



February Derbyshire Connect Reception

# Gincident



With over 150 different varieties from salted caramel to cucumber & rose, knowledgeable and friendly staff and a great atmosphere, Gincident is the perfect "ginspired" choice for a gin lover's night out. This city centre bar delighted our guests with a variety of hand made pizzas, all washed down with their delicious gin and tonics straight from their "ginventory" which made for a fun, relaxed evening of connecting. [www.gincident.co.uk](http://www.gincident.co.uk)

# chutney IVY

**Multi-award winning Indian cuisine in the heart of the East Midlands**

Chutney Ivy restaurant hails from Leicester, their name based on Indian chutney and the famed Ivy restaurant in

London. Restaurateur, Shaf Islam has been creating authentic and innovative Indian cuisine for Leicester locals to stars of the stage and screen for years.

Shaf and his team of chefs boast dishes that are unique, as well as true to the origins of the many cuisines that make up India, which include delicately spiced and cream based dishes, to a delicious French inspired signature prawn dish, fish curries, melt in the mouth lamb and a quirky and uncommonly good wine list. The restaurant boasts a client-base of

well-known business people and stars alike and hosts business and private events in their lounge, which is perfect for a party.

Home delivery is hugely popular but Chutney Ivy are proud to launch their new external catering service which means you can enjoy the award-winning food at your office, your home, a large wedding or business function, so not only enjoying the nation's favourite food, but relishing the exceptional flavours and dishes of Chutney Ivy.



February Leicestershire Connect Reception

# Chutney Ivy



The red carpet was rolled out and we were delighted to return to our friends at Chutney Ivy for business and Biryani as the award-winning restaurant served our guest list of over 70 businesses their very own KuKu Biryani alongside a selection of tantalising canapes as we connected in the versatile basement lounge which is perfect for your private dining event, celebration and everything in between! [www.chutneyivy.com](http://www.chutneyivy.com)



This year, the Hilton hotel group have been celebrating 100 years of hospitality and KuKu Connect were delighted to be invited to stay as part of these celebrations.

We stayed at The Hilton East Midlands Airport which is conveniently located just minutes from the airport and the M1 and as we found out is much more than a place to stay before catching a flight.

Upon arriving and walking into the spacious reception the aviation theme was instantly apparent with lots of little details throughout and check in was one of the smoothest we have ever experienced.

Attention to detail and a personal touch is something that we noticed during our stay and it was delightful to find a couple of Pina Coladas waiting for us when we entered the room which was a delicious way to start the evening (did

you know, the Pina Colada was invented by Ramón Marrero, bartender at the Caribe Hilton San Juan in the 1950s!)

After a quick trip to the on site spa for a jacuzzi we headed to the bar area to enjoy some bubbles of a different kind – champagne of course! This beautifully decorated, versatile, open plan seating area has a cool and relaxed vibe and is perfect for a business meeting or a great space to catch up with friends over a few drinks and something tasty from their bar menu. The atmosphere was fab with groups of people enjoying evening meals and socialising.

There was a wide variety of home comfort food on the menu and after 3 courses it was time for bed!

Overall, this is a great venue and perfect for not only your corporate event, meeting or overnight stay but also as a place to come and socialise with friends in the comfortable surroundings.

**Hilton East Midlands Airport**  
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March Derbyshire Connect Reception

# Hilton East Midlands Airport Hotel



So much more than a place to sleep before catching a flight, Hilton Hotel East Midlands Airport breaks the corporate mould with its personal touches and extra-special service. Whether you're meeting friends for a Pina Colada in the bar, hosting an event or relaxing in the spa you're sure to come away satisfied, as did our business guests who were treated to a vast array of food fresh from the kitchen and drinks from the airline trolley! [www.hilton.com/en](http://www.hilton.com/en)



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March Leicestershire Connect Reception

# Queen Victoria Arts Club



Leicestershire's most in demand member's club opened its doors for over 80 business guests as we enjoyed excellent cuisine served from the award-winning restaurant in this super stylish venue located in the heart of Leicester's Cultural Quarter. With its stylish decor and convenient location the Queen Victoria Arts Club is the perfect spot - why not finish your weekend with their afternoon tea which includes bottomless prosecco?! [www.queenvicicleicester.com](http://www.queenvicicleicester.com)

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SAUL



## Saul Morgan / Trent House Studios

Saul has been working as a professional photographer for over ten years. He gave up his job in aviation to return back to University where he set up his first company Trent House Studios. Specialising in weddings both at home and internationally, Saul also recently opened a family based studio in Nottingham where his team capture

everything from your first born child to your furry family friends.

In 2008 Saul joined the photography team at Boots as a junior and over 8 years worked his way up to lead the team creating content for E commerce, PR and Social Media, working with major brands such as No7 and Chanel.

In 2016 Saul took voluntary redundancy from his post and now continues to work freelance under his own name, still working with well known brands such as Thorntons and Vidal Sassoon. Saul has also worked with some famous names including Rosemary Conley and more recently Sir Ian McKellan.

You may know Saul already as he joined the team here at KuKu over two years ago and can be found clicking away at the monthly events. Saul also shot the pictures of Stephen and Philip you see in this Almanac.

[www.trenthousestudios.co.uk](http://www.trenthousestudios.co.uk)  
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April Derbyshire Connect Reception

# Amalfi White



The fun and relaxed Amalfi White is tucked away in the idyllic town of Melbourne and certainly not to be overlooked. The beautiful terraced gardens provide the perfect spot for a long lunch, the grill and restaurant serve old favourites with a twist and the stunning ballroom is available for private weddings and events. Along with excellent complimentary hospitality, our guests were also given goody bags of limoncello and dining discounts. [www.amalfiwhite.com](http://www.amalfiwhite.com)

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# THE BRITISH TAILORING Co.

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From professional suits to casual wear to wedding suits, we can provide a full, bespoke wardrobe service. We understand the importance of that first impression and how the appropriate clothing can help you excel in business.

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With over 20 measurements, 30 hours of workshop time, at least two fittings for all of our garments, you can be assured that your suit has been made bespoke

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May Derbyshire Connect Reception

# Dovecliff Hall Hotel



Set in 7 beautiful acres overlooking the River Dove, this grade II listed, recently restored Georgian Manor House was the perfect setting for a relaxed evening. Guests connected in the bar and Dining Room whilst enjoying elderflower cocktails and seasonal canapes cooked by their very own Chef. With 15 king sized bedrooms, beautiful gardens and cosy hideaways this is a great venue for a quiet escape. [www.dovecliffhallhotel.co.uk](http://www.dovecliffhallhotel.co.uk)



We work to help you succeed in sharing your brand's values and individuality in the most engaging way!

7 Colours Photobooths provides interactive entertainment for celebrations, and specializes in brand awareness for product launches and business openings.

Every company and business has a need for promotion and advertising. Today, the world we live in rotates around social media platforms and these platforms pave a way to expanding your client base like never before.

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Our business offers an engaging way to use these platforms to your advantage and we're not like any photo booth. We can instantly share branded content and give an incentive for people who attend an event to immediately share that branded content on social media to boost your publicity.

#### **What do we mean by branded content?**

We work with you to create a bespoke end product that shows your unique branding and we deliver the highest quality of on-site instant prints and digital photos.

The experience is social and lets people relax whilst having fun and could even be used as an icebreaker to foster interaction amongst attendees.

If your business has its own hashtag, then we can encourage the guests to share it in their posts and also to follow your profile online, exponentially raising brand awareness in the public view.

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May Leicestershire Connect Reception

# Prestwold Hall



Over 100 business guests were invited into Edward and Lisa Packe Drury Lowe's home, Prestwold Hall with special guest and Small Business Crown Representative Martin Traynor OBE. In the family for over 350 years, this grand and yet homely, Grade I listed venue is the ideal setting for many celebrations and corporate events and is guaranteed to captivate all who walks through its doors. [www.prestwold-hall.com](http://www.prestwold-hall.com)



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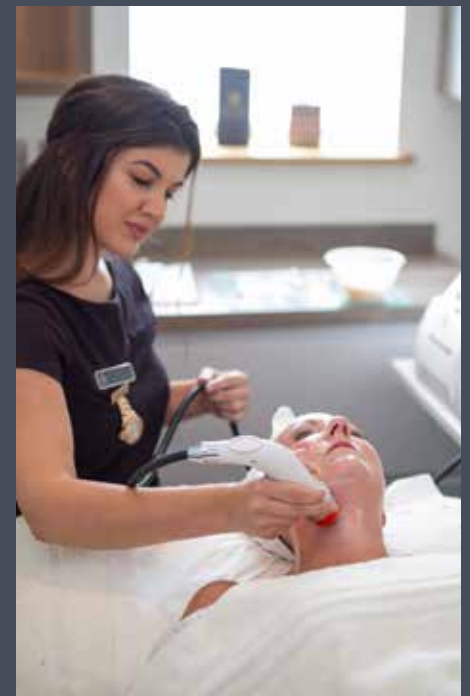
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June Derbyshire Connect Reception

# The Sanctuary



Situated opposite Derby Cathedral, the Sanctuary (which was once the Cathedral Bookshop) is now an eatery and gift shop selling everything from marshmallows and cakes to candles and jewellery with nearly all products sourced and made locally. Wines and canapes flowed throughout the evening and guests were free to browse the products on offer whilst making new business connections. [www.derbycathedral.org](http://www.derbycathedral.org)



Tree House Cakes owner Adrian Ganderton is an East Midlands based cake designer creating cakes for discerning customers throughout the UK. Adrian has been designing, making and decorating bespoke cakes for over 10 years, initially as a hobby, but has now turned his passion into a full-time business.



"I am motivated by taking commissions which are as challenging as they are exciting and rewarding. Inspiration comes from architecture, magazines, fabrics and of course you as the client. This is where I like to start the process with a creative brief including specifics including a client's personality, hobbies, career, etc.

All celebration cakes are catered for from baby showers to end of life celebration cakes and everything in between.

Gluten Free, vegan, dairy free, egg free cakes are something I have developed over the years such that I have a fabulous selection of recipes for those clients.

My corporate cakes may be of interest as well if your company has a particular anniversary or other milestone it wishes to celebrate. I have the ability to print edible ink onto icing sheets, so could



include company logos or photographs. However, my creativity means your cake could actually be a carved cake to represent your logo or a specific product the company is well known for.

And then there are wedding cakes, where my main passion lies. Wedding cakes are so important and should represent both parties as per my mission stated above. This means I can add value to wedding venues in their offering to their clients as well giving a truly bespoke service. You will receive outstanding personal service beginning to end."



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June Leicestershire Connect Reception

# Brick & Beam



Industrial chic, exposed brick work and metal beams were the theme at this city centre venue where over 70 guests came to connect in one of Leicester's newest venues. With live music, urban tapas and even a cigar club, Brick & Beam is a great spot to unwind (or wind up!) and its proximity to The Curve makes it an ideal spot for a pre-show drink or post-show cocktails. [www.brickandbeam.co.uk](http://www.brickandbeam.co.uk)



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July Derbyshire Connect Reception

# Annie's Burger Shack



"Queen of the Burger" Annie welcomed us for drinks and an all American burger buffet where guests could choose their very own burger and toppings served by Annie herself. This superb venue brings a real slice of the USA to Derby with over 30 burgers to choose from and all served meaty, veggie or vegan so there really is something for everyone. If you manage to finish your monster burger why not stick around in the Tavern to enjoy some real ales? [www.anniesburgershack.com](http://www.anniesburgershack.com)

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# Peter Pizzeria



Quirky, hip and super tasty, Peter Pizzeria serves some of the finest pizza in town and they're all hand made right in front of your eyes. Whether it's sweet or savoury (yes, they make chocolate pizza!) then this is the venue for you. Guests connected in the music room beneath hanging violins and next to super hero murals whilst enjoying prosecco, melanade (that's a mix of apple, ginger & mint) and endless fresh pizza straight from the wood-fired oven. [www.peterpizzeria.co.uk](http://www.peterpizzeria.co.uk)



**'The Butler's Pantry Catering & Events Company founded in 2002, is recognised as one of the leading caterers in the Midlands.**

This family run business is steered by husband & wife team Ralph & Helen & together with their brigade of chefs & front of house professionals provide all types of catering from traditional buffets for funeral wakes, small business meetings & private dinner parties to weddings, charity balls & corporate hospitality for between 6-400+ guests.

Ralph is also known as 'The Wild Chef' for his expertise in cooking game & fish personally shot & caught around Derbyshire & provides cookery tuition & demonstration events at their premises

which is situated just 10 minutes away from Derby City Centre, more recently adding fully inclusive cookery courses to their portfolio of services where you can book for a real 'field to fork' unique experience.

Ralph regularly attends food & country-style fairs with his cookery demonstrations, and appears on local BBC Radio Derby cooking live and promoting local produce. He was recently awarded the highly acclaimed title of Food Ambassador for The British Association of Shooting & Conservation, the largest shooting organisation in the UK for his commitment to promoting game to the public and supporting their Taste of Game campaign.

The Butlers Pantry have an impressive client list of celebrities, MP's and local dignitaries, and are preferred caterers at a number of prestigious venues throughout the County. As such, they can also offer venue sourcing & event planning for both private & corporate



clients together with their bespoke catering services including canape receptions, buffets, dinner parties, BBQ's & formal dining.

**Further details can be found at  
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August Derbyshire Connect Reception

# The Butler's Pantry



The "Wild Chef" Ralph Skripek treated us to a taste sensation of Wild Boar, Duck, Venison, Rainbow Trout and Wood Pigeon cooked in front of our eyes in his demo kitchen. This wonderful space, hidden away in Derbyshire is the venue for many dine and demonstration evenings hosted by Ralph himself when he is not catering for a business event, private event or wedding. [www.butlerspantryderby.co.uk](http://www.butlerspantryderby.co.uk)

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With a flair for creativity and communication, I manage the overall event from start to finish, ensuring smooth running and coordination.

An award-winning business woman with a reputation for excellence, I also conduct a role of Master of Ceremonies and as a consultant for venues and hotels.

As an expert in my field, I have worked with a diverse array of international brands from Leicester Curry Awards to FNX India, to Toronto Curry Awards.

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August Leicestershire Connect Reception

# *The Way of the Horse*



We headed down to the farm to learn how this excellent not for profit social enterprise has developed self-help programs for children and adults who have suffered emotional trauma by using equine therapy. Guests enjoyed local cider and Indian street food whilst connecting in the fresh air and also got to meet the onsite VIPs - the rescue horses and ponies.

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## Beautiful Flowers & Christmas Décor

For more than a decade, Jilly has provided clients of distinction with Christmas decorating services and floral-inspired décor through her company, Essentially Christmas Decorating. Drawing upon this extensive experience, and proud to have launched Essentially Floral, a sister company, extending the offering under a new brand name.

Essentially Floral provide luxurious blooms in stunning locations, delivering flowers for beautifully elegant weddings, events, anniversaries and birthday celebrations. Creating instant impact with captivating floral designs and custom-crafted home staging.

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From Classic designs to the bespoke and breathtaking, Essentially Floral cater for the discerning and are obsessive when it comes to quality and attention to detail.

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September Derbyshire Connect Reception

# Essentially Floral



Floral extraordinaire, Jilly Mattley invited us to make our own terrariums, bouquets and pressed flower cards whilst enjoying a delicious, al-fresco buffet at her business, 'Essentially Floral'. Having decorated the houses of film stars and the likes of Clardiges, Essentially Floral and Essentially Christmas Decorating are the go to business for all your floral and decor requirements. [www.essentiallyfloral.co.uk](http://www.essentiallyfloral.co.uk)

# BLE

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At the farm we host a number of public events throughout the year. From Gin-Ema nights (Gin Tasting & Cinema) and Open Farm Sunday, to Barn Dances and Artisan Fairs. We also host Corporate events both in our barn and outdoors.

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September Leicestershire Connect Reception

# Bawdon Lodge Farm



We were back on the farm for September at this versatile events space and rural business hub complete with its own meeting room facilities and the home of Burleighs Gin (which infused the many cocktails on offer!) Guests were treated to an anti pasti buffet and a variety of tasty drinks whilst connecting in this beautiful setting, just minutes from the M1.  
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## *We've gone KuKu for business*

KuKu Connect, it's in the name! Welcoming, effective and enjoyable business networking, packed with character and a great business buzz.

We all know what networking is about, yet so many businesses don't do it, why? Well from what business people tell us, they are bored of networking. Many people find it ineffective, same old faces, same old places, "same old, same old" - their words, not ours. At KuKu Connect we simply want to bring some zing back into making new business connections, so you can develop authentic and effective business relationships, whether a partnership, a new client, a referrer or whatever works to build and promote your business.

At the heart of KuKu Connect are the monthly Connect Receptions that take place across the East Midlands at different venues and businesses each month and at some of the best you can find. Business owners and decision makers connect in relaxed and informal settings, with a dollop of complimentary hospitality, which creates an entrepreneurial vibrancy and a brilliant atmosphere.

This past year has been another great success for supporting and promoting businesses to thousands of other businesses and consumers. We are both passionate and proud to work with such talented and hard working business people whose contribution to their own communities should be recognised and we hope that KuKu Connect has been able to make a positive impact and difference to local businesses in the East Midlands.

The past twelve months have also been as busy as ever and there have been many memorable business events, awards and charity functions, which we have had the great privilege to lend our support towards. The Love Business Expo is always a highlight as this Expo showcases the

excellence of the region's thriving economy and attracts thousands of businesses to be a part of.

The Signature and Nachural Entrepreneurship Awards are another excellent initiative, which particularly recognises start-ups and businesses that are not well-known.

It was a great pleasure to support for the second year the Rutland Polo Club's annual charity tournament along with Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland and His Grace the Duke of Rutland.

We enjoyed an excellent evening supporting the ABF the Soldiers Charity at Chatsworth House kindly hosted by Their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire with Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire, High Sheriff, Lord Burlington and a treat to be dining with Alan Titchmarsh and Mary Berry, we have enjoyed many happy times this year, with too many to mention, but do visit our website to see more of our exciting year of connecting.

October is the culmination of our year where we celebrate the wider business community at our Annual Birthday Reception, hosted this year at the wonderful Stoke Rochford Hall as guests of Ravi and Sanjay Kathuria, which we send our warmest wishes and thanks to for their generosity.

We also launch KuKu Connect Lincolnshire and we very much hope that we are able to serve businesses in this county and we warmly welcome them into the KuKu family and look forward to supporting in the next twelve months. With KuKu there is so much more than just networking, so we look forward to another exciting new year of connecting businesses and entrepreneurs.



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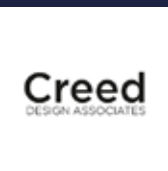
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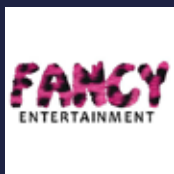
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This means we rely on local businesses to support us through annual memberships / sponsorships where we promote all their latest news and promotions that they have to share, through social media as well as publications, without it costing over the odds.

The team creates the print/digital publications for local events as well, such as the Gin and rum Festival, The Derbyshire County show, The Lifestyle Wellness Show and the Eyes Have It music festival, to name a few. Online content consists of blogs and more recently, vlogs that go out on social feeds showcasing business owners, sharing their stories, news and much more.

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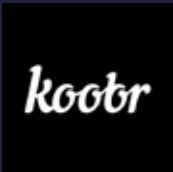
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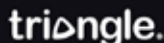
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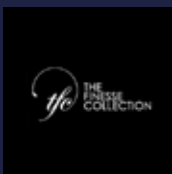
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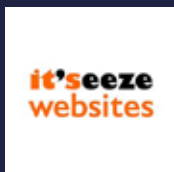
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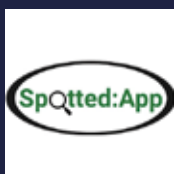
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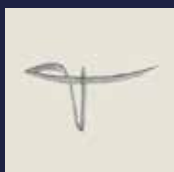
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Rebecca found a love for hats when friends and family started asking her to design and make headpieces for weddings and special events. Enjoying using different materials and experimenting with designs, she found that people began to show interest and from there decided to start showing her work through various social media channels, all with phenomenal success.



Rebecca Couture launched her first collection in August 2015 and she has continued to be overwhelmed with the response, growing from strength to strength. As well as creating yearly Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter

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These unique, black tie events attract influencers from all over the country and are treated to four course meals and unrivalled entertainment where the audience is diverse and often hard to reach.

Ninder spends a lot of time putting back into the community – he is a Board Member of the Black Country LEP, the West Midland's Growth Company and Wolverhampton University. He is also Chair of Charity of Steps to Work, Vice Chair of Sandwell College, NED at Accord Housing, Trustee at Victoria Academy and Trustee at West Bromwich Albion.

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## East Midlands Women's Awards



The East Midlands Women's Awards (EMWA) recognizes and celebrates women from all sectors, backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities and age, making it the region's most inclusive event. Furthermore, it acknowledges the impact of women in society – from grass-roots levels to the top of the academic or corporate world, across Leicestershire, Rutland, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire.

EMWA is now in its third year with 2018 seeing a 30% increase in nominations and a 63% increase in attendance.

Sandra Pollock, Founder of the EMWA, said: "I established the awards to showcase the outstanding work these amazing women do in our communities and throughout our local businesses. As we continue to shine a light on the contribution of women, we are amazed at how much outstanding talent we discover."

Nottingham is the city of choice for this year's event and the prestigious gala presentation will take place on Friday 11 October 2019 at Colwick Hall, Colwick Park, Racecourse Road, Nottingham NG2 4BH. The 2019 awards' headline sponsor is Glynis Wright & Co Family Solicitors – Glynis was the winner of the 'East Midlands Inspirational Female Leader in 2017. **For more details, visit our website: [www.womeninmanagement.info/east-midlands-womens-awards](http://www.womeninmanagement.info/east-midlands-womens-awards)**



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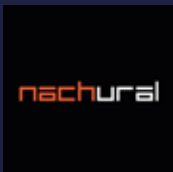
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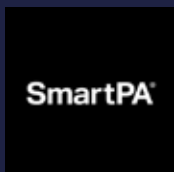
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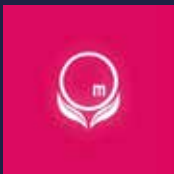
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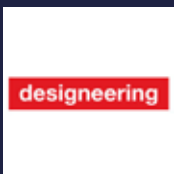
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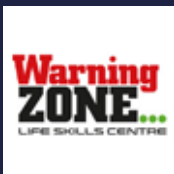
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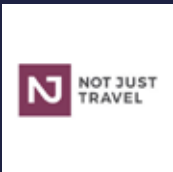
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# Thank you

On behalf of KuKu Connect we would like to thank all our fantastic business Members and Partners for their belief in networking, as a powerful, effective and positive tool for developing connections and relationships with other organisations and for promoting business in this great region. We would also like to thank the many Connect Reception hosts who are all reviewed within this Almanac and carry our thanks as well as our highly recommended and hand-picked commendation, and who all make an important contribution to culture, heritage and tourism within their communities and the wider East Midlands.

To celebrate the launch of this year's Almanac, KuKu Connect holds its Annual Birthday Reception which is a superb evening of celebrating the business community and in raising funds for vital locally based charities that support children, young people and families dealing with end of life and terminal illness and cancer, supporting the Services personnel who have served their country with great bravery and in supporting young people, unemployed and homeless people.

We are very grateful to Ravi and Sanjay Kathuria for hosting the birthday reception at Stoke Rochford Hall and it is with great pleasure that we are able to use such a superb and historical setting for this very special annual celebration. Our annual event could not be made possible without the generous support of many businesses, but we should like to particularly thank KuKu Creative for all their support with brand, digital and design and to the 'ab-fab' PrintPrint who have printed the KuKu Connect Almanacs and to Saul Morgan and Trent House

Studios for shooting our annual photographic portraits, as well as covering all our monthly Connect Receptions and our event Patrons; Talash Hotels, Sence Accounting, S&L Personnel, DWS Solicitors, Marquees of Distinction, Scorpion Events, The Venue Experts, Essentially Floral, Priti Raichura Events, Casa Da Silva videography, 7colours Photobooths, Phil & Steve Megson, Swithland Events, the charismatic actress & personality Buckso Dhillon-Woolley and the marvellous Julie Proctor Business Representation Specialist.

We would also like to say a very special thank you to Chutney Ivy, The Butler's Pantry, Tree House Cakes, Bio-Veg, Nonis Family Kitchen, Bawdon Lodge Farm, Burleighs Gin, the Cathedral Quarter Hotel & Finesse Collection, RK Vodka, the best coffee around; 200 Degrees Coffee, Cocoa-Amore and the Hilton East Midlands Airport Hotel for supporting with their excellent hospitality at the Annual Birthday Reception, as well as the sparkling David Fowkes Jewellery, Fancy Entertainment and their 'Queen of Hearts', Fab Clinics, dLuxe & FU Media, Rebecca Couture Millinery, The British Tailoring Co., Lumbers, Tiles By Textiles, Linda Booth & Just For Tummies, Out Of The Box Experiences & Charity Fundraising Auctions,

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We would also like to thank the contributors to this year's Almanac Foreword and for the support they have given to KuKu Connect over the past year and to acknowledge the generosity of Their Graces the Dukes and Duchess of Rutland from our 2018 annual celebration at their home at Belvoir Castle and to Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenants' and High

Sheriffs' in the East Midlands for their support of businesses in their respective Counties.

Our final thanks go to the wider KuKu Team and all those who have supported KuKu Connect over the past year, but particularly to Kathie and Graham for being the head of our KuKu Team, providing a warm and friendly welcome, with a smile to all our guests at our Connect Receptions every month, of which their support is invaluable, so a very special thank you to them both.

We look forward to another fab year ahead. Enjoy the new KuKu Connect Almanac and start connecting in business today.

**Our best wishes and thanks to all!**  
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