

BUSINESS LIFE

A round up of company news and events

HARLOW FIRM WINS TOP COMMUNICATIONS AWARD



Harlow-based data security specialists, Digital Pathways, has won the award for the Channel Product of the Year (software) at the prestigious Comms Business Awards for its nSuite software package. The nSuite range of products is built on the foundation that all data at rest needs to be encrypted and access to it controlled. It includes nMobile, nLiten, nSIEM and nCrypt.

The nSuite of products are based on the

Digital Pathways first managed service offering, nCrypt, which brings enterprise level data encryption to any size of business.

Colin Tankard, MD of Digital Pathways, said: 'We are absolutely thrilled to have won The Channel Product of the Year (software) Award that recognises the hard work and dedication of the Digital Pathways team and their commitment to providing the very best data protection solutions for our clients.'

Griffin Chapman marks 75 years

Chartered accountancy firm Griffin Chapman, one of Colchester's oldest businesses, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. The 22-strong firm, which is based at Apex 12 on Old Ipswich Road, was founded by Clifton Pyke on North Hill back in 1941. Over the years, the business enjoyed a number of mergers with other regional firms before becoming Griffin Chapman in 2000. Partner Carolynn Pissarro, who has been at Griffin Chapman for almost 30 years, said: 'Clifton Pyke was a local man, so it was fitting that he set up the business



here in Colchester. There was never any need to move Griffin Chapman anywhere else in the region, as the town has always had such a thriving and diverse business community.'

ESSEX CHAMBERS REACTS TO EU RESULT

Following the UK's vote to leave the EU, Denise Rossiter, chief executive of Essex Chambers of Commerce, was quick to respond on behalf of Essex businesses. Denise said: 'In the wake of the electorate's historic decision to leave the European Union, the immediate priorities for UK business are market stability and political clarity. Some businesspeople will be pleased with the result and others resigned to it. Yet all companies will expect swift, decisive and coordinated action from the government and the Bank of England to stabilise markets if trading conditions or the availability of capital change dramatically.

'Business will also want to see a detailed plan to support the economy during the coming transition period, as confidence, investment, hiring and growth would all be deeply affected by a prolonged period of uncertainty. If ever there were a time to ditch the straight-jacket of fiscal rules for investment in a better business infrastructure, this is it.'

RAYLEIGH RETAILER WINS TOP AWARD

Feathering Your Nest, located on Rayleigh High Street has been named as one of the best gift retailers in the UK after winning the Independent Gift Retailer of the Year award for the East Anglian region at The Greats Gift Retailer Awards 2016.

All finalists at The Greats Gift Retailer Awards were decided as a result of an industry-wide poll of gift suppliers, reps and agents and validation by a panel of experts. The awards recognise and celebrate not only the top independent and multiple gift retailers regionally and nationally, but also outstanding retail employees.

Feathering Your Nest (or FYN) is an independent gift shop which specialises in putting customer services at the heart of the business.