

Let's talk **business**

Focusing on business news in the St Albans district

National nomination for entrepreneur duo

A St Albans business support company is celebrating being announced as a finalist for the 'Micro Business' category in the Great British Entrepreneur Awards 2015.

The inaugural awards, which take place on November 25 at the Ballroom Southbank, acknowledge and celebrate the contribution and inspiration provided by entrepreneurial businesses.

Founded in 2010 and run by Sophie Burnett and Sabina Hinchcliffe, PA Business Support is a team of highly skilled executive assistants and city professionals based virtually within the UK.

Sophie said: "Sabina and I merged our two companies in January 2015 and have spent the last nine months building our business and devising our new branding.

"Being announced as a finalist is the icing on the cake. We are delighted and honoured to be recognised in a national award category and are very excited about the final in November!"

Simon Burton, founder of the Great British Entrepreneur Awards, said: "The entries we have received for the Great British Entrepreneur Awards can only be described as awe-inspiring. The quality has been



■ Sabina and Sophie from PA Business Support

outstanding.

"The judges have had the extremely difficult task of whittling the great and good of the

entrepreneurial community down to the very best and we are delighted by the companies that have made the shortlist."

EastEnders attends restaurant's anniversary

Everyone's favourite TV baddie, *EastEnders* star Jake Wood, joined more than 80 guests at a lively charity fundraiser in aid of Keech Hospice Care in Harpenden.

Ahead of appearing at The Alban Arena in this year's pantomime, Peter Pan, the BBC star was with the Mayor and Mayoress of Luton and other VIPs at Indian restaurant, Café Jeera.

They joined the restaurant's loyal patrons at a culinary feast created especially for the event by the head chef, who was celebrating 15

years of serving authentic Gujarati, Kashmiri, Tamil and Punjabi cuisine.

Guests were entertained by traditional Indian dancers from the 'Angel Dancers' troupe, as well as local singing quartet, 'Broadside'.

A raffle raised several hundred of pounds for Keech Hospice Care, which provides emotional and practical support for adults and children diagnosed with a life-limiting condition.

Owner Farook Ahmed said: "We are very proud to support the local community



■ EastEnders actor Jake Wood, Café Jeera owner Farook Ahmed and Emma Taylor from Keech Hospice Care

which has helped us reach our 15th birthday in business."

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