

Awards recognise 'amazing'



Dan and Robert May of ramsac, winners of the Companies with a turnover up to £5m with Joanne McCrystal and Sally Cooper. (Ref: SA1110986)

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THE success of companies from across the county was marked at the Toast of Surrey Business Awards last Friday night.

Leading figures from the business community gathered for the ceremony at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford.

Awards in seven categories were handed out with both new and more established firms recognised for their achievements.

Winners ranged from one man operation Big Dog World Ltd to worldwide recruitment consultancy service CRESQnet.

Business Personality of the Year was won by Kate Craig-Wood of internet hosting company Memset.

She paid tribute to her business partner and brother Nick and the team that had helped her to success.

"It's hard to articulate quite how much this means to me," she said.

Also among the winners were Farnham based PR firm thebluedoor - which set up the Digital Surrey networking organisation.

The company was described by judges as a good example of a local agency punching above its weight.

A delighted managing director Abigail Harrison said: "For the first time ever I do not know what to say."

"We really enjoyed the process and it really made us think about what we do for the local community."

Godalming IT solutions consultancy ramsac won the accolade for companies with a turnover of up to £5 million.

Managing director and co-founder Robert May said the firm was delighted and honoured.

"It is not only public

recognition of the dedication and hard work of the ramsac team - who have ensured we continue to thrive - but also highlights our commitment and standing within the local business community and the wider community as a whole," he added.

"Surrey is central to ramsac, many of our clients and a large proportion of our team live and work here, so it is at the heart of everything that we do and that makes this award even more special."

The guests at the awards night were also treated to a three course dinner and entertainment from band Toploader and the choir from the Guildford School of Acting.

Marnie Wilson, editorial director of the Surrey Advertiser, said: "It was another fabulous evening, my congratulations go to our winners but also everyone involved."

"This event is a great

example of how partnership working benefits the whole community.

"We may have crowned only seven businesses at the Toast of Surrey but the reality is all of our finalists are doing amazing work and deserve recognition for their achievements over the past 12 months. This event always makes me proud to be part of the Surrey business community."

James Barber, director of the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, added: "The Toast of Surrey Business Awards are a wonderful opportunity for us all to celebrate both the achievements of the recipients and also their contribution to both the borough and the county."

"This unique initiative by the Surrey Advertiser, 96.4 Eagle Radio, and sponsors, is a special event and one in which Guildford's theatre is delighted to participate and to host in its 68th year of serving our community. Join us next year."