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Wessex Round Table of Inventors

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INVENTORS' CLUB IS THRIVING

WRTI a centre for innovative excellence

The Wessex Round Table of Inventors (WRTI) is a Southampton-based club formed by and for inventors, innovators and entrepreneurs - whether lone beginners or experienced professionals - and includes engineers, scientists, entrepreneurs, product designers and academics among its membership.

The club meets at Southampton Solent University on the second Wednesday of each month, when guest speakers and club members alike talk about their latest products and concepts and offer advice. Trevor Baylis, inventor of the wind-up radio and patron of the WRTI, will give the club's Annual Keynote Address at their July meeting, which non-members are welcome to attend (admission is free).

An invaluable local source of practical help and guidance in creating and progressing new ideas, the WRTI has forged productive links with both Business Link Wessex (www.businesslinkwessex.co.uk) and Southampton Solent University (www.solent.ac.uk), which offers subsidised access to its superb technical facilities within the Faculty of Engineering to members. Advice and assistance with research, grant applications, prototyping, design, manufacturing and intellectual property issues are also available.

WRTI members who have gone on to create sustainable businesses from their ideas include Brian Flynn, winner of the British Invention Show 2004 (www.autocone.com), Joe Silver, winner of Innovention 2005 (www.lifelock.co.uk), Richard Little (www.jenact.co.uk) and Brian Stickley (www.talkingproducts.co.uk).

The WRTI website (www.wrti.org.uk) receives thousands of visits every month, and its 'Inventors Links' page comprises the most comprehensive source of information on the web for inventors, entrepreneurial innovators and SMEs.

The WRTI also publishes *Inventique*, its monthly newsletter, which is e-mailed free of charge to thousands of subscribers every month - including inventors, clubs, R&D centres, universities, government departments, product designers, innovation agencies, SMEs etc - and enjoys a significant international readership. Contributors to *Inventique* include James Dyson, and back issues can be downloaded via www.wrti.org.uk/newsletter.htm --ENDS--

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