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NEW ERA: Front left to right, Chris Bourne, Senior Partner at Griffiths Marshall Chartered Accountants, Jeremy Williams of Jeremy Williams and Co in Lydney, Chris Mears, Clydesdale Bank, back left to right, Griffiths Marshall new partner Ian Price, partner Roger Apted, new partner Lynne Beaven, partner Steve Humphries and Audit Manager Steve Price.



TEAMWORK: Griffiths Marshall staff at Vantage Point, from left, Steve Price, Mark Sawyer and Jeannie Williams.

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Griffiths Marshall Chartered Accountants is the sponsor of the Health and Beauty category in The Forester Business awards 2010. Here we profile the firm.

AS chartered accountants, Griffiths Marshall has advised businesses and individuals across Gloucestershire for more than 30 years.

The company has offices in Lydney and Gloucester, with a new office recently opened at the Vantage Point Business Village in Mitcheldean. Griffiths Marshall has five partners and 21 staff who are regularly involved with local clubs and organisations ranging from playing football to supporting the Gloucester Blues Festival.

The Lydney office, which is located on Newerne Street, is run by Ian Price who is a partner of the practice.

“Our partners and staff are experienced professionals and our ethos is to work hard for our clients and their businesses,” said Ian, who lives in the Forest of Dean and plays football for Broadwell AFC.

“We cover all aspects of accountancy including bookkeeping, tax and VAT returns, tax planning and auditing. Increasingly we are being asked to help organisations with their business plans and to prepare cash flow forecasts and management accounts to assist in the running and monitoring of the business and to help support funding applications. “We have had recent success in obtaining funding for many of our clients, large and small.”

The firm’s presence in Lydney followed the merger with Jeremy Williams & Co in April 2009. Jeremy Williams, founder of the Lydney practice, continues to



PARTNERS: Ian Price, left, and Chris Bourne, at Vantage Point. Photos: martin Perry

be heavily involved. “Having offices in Lydney and now Mitcheldean, is helping us to get closer to our current clients, while enabling other businesses to come and discuss their requirements at their convenience,” explained Ian. “Our client base, which covers sole traders to multi-million pound corporations, charities to manufacturing businesses, farms to solicitors and so on, results in us

having wide ranging experience. Consequently clients can be confident of the best possible advice and help at all times.” Over the past 12 months the firm has been working hard to make sure its clients have the support they need to help them get through the recession, and a range of measures has been set in place to achieve this including enabling clients to spread their accountancy fees across the year,

negotiating payment terms with HMRC and letting businesses settle their accounts on their credit cards. “We can provide our full range of services from any of our offices, which means clients don’t have to travel too far to access our excellent accountancy and business management expertise,” said Ian. Having been with Griffiths Marshall for nearly 10 years, Ian Price now works with some of the larger clients



including building firms, horticultural nurseries and renewable energy suppliers. The type of work he undertakes includes auditing, preparing regular business management information, corporate tax planning and advising organisations on business strategy.

“The practice is proud to be sponsoring the Health and Beauty Business of the Year category at *The Forester Business Awards 2010*,” said Ian. “Being involved with these awards is very exciting for Griffiths Marshall, as our aspiration is to help all businesses across the Forest.

“We are looking forward to seeing some quality entries and taking part in the awards ceremony itself in April. This will give us an opportunity to meet up with many of our existing clients and hopefully to meet some new ones too.

“There are many fantastic businesses in the area and no one sees more than us how hard people work to make their business a success. It is great to see local businesses finally getting the recognition they deserve.”

Sponsorship of *The Forester Business Awards* runs alongside other activities that Griffiths Marshall is involved with in the Forest, including Broadwell FC and Lydney RFC.

“Griffiths Marshall is keen to hear from any businesses in the Forest who think they would benefit from our services and experience,” said Ian.

“Likewise, we can also be of great help to any individuals who may need tax planning advice.”

Further details about the practice can be found by going to www.griffithsmarshall.co.uk, or by contacting the Lydney office on 01594 843635.