

Media release for the Garden Centre Association

Top TV comedian to host GCA awards dinner

TOP RADIO and TV comedian Justin Moorhouse will be appearing at the Garden Centre Association's (GCA) conference next month (January 25-28, 2015).

The talented entertainer will attend the conference's annual dinner on Tuesday, January 27 at the De Vere Carden Park in Chester to host the awards.

Iain Wylie, Chief Executive of the GCA, said: "Justin Moorhouse is an established favourite on the UK comedy circuit, with more than a decade's experience as a comedian. His comedy has taken him on tour to Australia, China, Japan and the Middle East and we're very much looking forward to him appearing at our annual conference this year."

Justin is about to embark on 'Phoenix Night's Live' in aid of Comic Relief as Young Kenny, complete with a face-painted tiger face. The 15 date Manchester Arena show begins on January 31.

2014 was a hectic year for radio and TV comedian, having recently filmed the new series of 'Live At The Apollo' on BBC1 as well as appearing in 'Coronation Street' last summer, as rival Pub Landlord Dean Upton. His other TV credits include: Peter Kay's 'Phoenix Nights', 'Looking for Eric', 'Shameless' and he was a winner of 'Celebrity Mastermind' in 2012.

Justin has also written and starred in two series of his own BBC Radio 4 sitcom 'Everyone Quite Likes Justin', is a regular voice on Radio 4's 'News Quiz' and is the current Champion of Champions on BBC Radio 5 Lives' 'Fighting Talk'.

Also on the Tuesday Roger Martin-Fagg, a renowned economist turned strategist, will be speaking at the conference. He presents at business events around the world on the economic outlook and its impact on business. His quarterly economic update is sent to 1200 SME's.

Kevin Gaskell, a businessman and entrepreneur who ran Porsche GB Limited in the early 1990s, will present to the conference on the Tuesday too.

Iain added: "It's not too late to book for our conference, so if you are hoping to attend, please visit the members' section of our website via www.gca.org.uk to book your place.

"With a new venue, a great line-up of speakers and plenty of opportunities to catch up

with old friends from the industry, the conference is set to be a fantastic event.

“To book, please visit the members’ section of our website via www.gca.org.uk. Sponsorship slots have filled up well too but there are still one or two left so if companies are interested in this, please give me a call.”

The conference kicks off on Sunday, January 25 with an afternoon of fundraising activities for the charity Greenfingers. Two teams will go head-to-head to battle it out for the Greenfingers Challenge Cup.

Scotts and Westland Horticulture are the event’s headline sponsors and David Thomas, who broke the world record for reciting the maths formula Pi (3.14..) to 22,500 digits will be attending. He will speak about techniques for improving memory at the conference on Monday, January 26.

David is the bestselling author of ‘Essential Lifeskills: Improving Your Memory’. His clients range from Olympic athletes, government officials to national businesses.

Professor Greg Whyte OBE, who has helped celebrities complete various physical challenges, will be sharing his secrets on achieving the seemingly impossible at the conference too.

He has led 18 celebrity Comic Relief challenges, which have raised more than £33 million for the charity.

Professor Whyte, who is an advisor to the Benetton and Renault Formula 1 Teams and several Premiership football clubs, will also be speaking at the event on Monday, January 26.

The GCA represents nearly 200 garden centres nationwide.

Through sharing information and its inspection programme the GCA helps members to achieve high standards in customer service, plant quality and reliability.

The conference takes place at the De Vere Carden Park in Chester from January 25 until 28. More than 300 delegates are expected to attend.

For further information, please call 0118 930 8918. Alternatively, visit www.gca.org.uk, log on to www.facebook.com/GardenCentreAssociation or follow the organisation on Twitter at www.twitter.com/GC_Association.

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Photo caption: Comedian Justin Moorhouse who will be appearing at the Garden Centre Association's (GCA) conference's annual dinner on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

