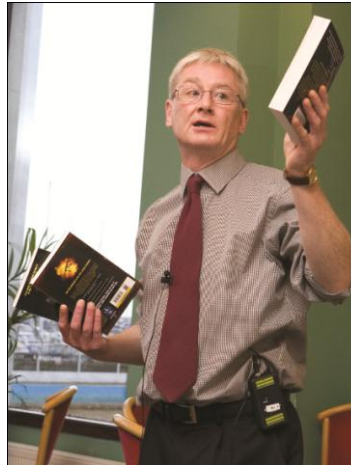


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ACTION AND ADVENTURE AT CHAMBER BREAKFAST

Craig Simpson, an award-winning children's action and adventure writer, proved a best seller when he addressed some 50 members and guests of Lymington & District Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Attending the networking breakfast meeting held at Lymington Town Sailing Club were representatives of local businesses as diverse as Admin South, Oscar Pet Foods, Roundhouse Computers and Authentic Paella Catering.

Craig, originally a scientist and medical researcher, recounted how he stepped away from this career in 2001 to write his first manuscript. It proved a resounding failure. Undeterred, however, he went on to complete his first novel 'Resistance' which was duly published and became a great success.

'Resistance' is based largely on the work of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) who had their 'finishing school' at Beaulieu during World War II. Craig

has studied many of Beaulieu's alumni and incorporated some of the SOE's clandestine operations into this book.

Craig's second novel 'Special Operations: Dogfight' proved equally popular, winning him the prestigious Hampshire Book Award.

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It was followed by 'Special Operations: Death Ray'; inspired by Noor Kahn (aka Norah Baker), who trained at Beaulieu before becoming a Resistance wireless operator in Paris. She was one of the last operators to be captured by the Nazis and, after many close escapes, was eventually betrayed and executed.

New member Elmers Court Hotel will provide the venue for the next chamber networking meeting to be held on Thursday 18 March. Guest speaker Professor Andrew Lotery will be talking about blindness and his research work at Southampton General Hospital.

If you would like more details of this or other future events, please contact Dudley Temple on 07886 031412, Sue Hill on 01590 643969 or Carol Slark on 01590 647350.

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