

## **Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce April 2010 Newsletter**

### **March Meeting at Castle Gardens**

We had a great meeting set amongst the orchids at Castle Gardens. There were much appreciated refreshments, a short presentation of this year's charitable donations, followed by a talk from Caroline Rowland about the Sherborne in Bloom competition. Sherborne in Bloom are hoping to go forward to the national competition this year, and are being supported in this bid by the Town Council.

Sherborne Town Council has taken over the administration of the summer and winter hanging baskets. Most businesses that usually hire a basket will have heard from the Town Council by now.

We hope that the baskets will be beautiful and abundant. Please support the considerable efforts of Sherborne in Bloom, enhancing the quality of life in our wonderful town.

### **Sherborne Chamber of Trade AGM, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 6pm The White Hart**

Wine and nibbles to be provided. We will look at how the Chamber has performed over the last year and look forward not only to repeating events which have been successful but improving on and building new partnerships. In particular we would like to form small working groups for the introduction of a new member benefit scheme, the production of a set of simple rules, production of a new Town Guide or similar and staging joint events with Business Link, Yeovil Chamber of Trade and Yeovil College.

If you feel that being involved in any of these projects could help your business, or just feel that you would like to get involved, please come along to the meeting or let Cordelia know.

### **Railway Anniversary Day Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, Cheap Street and Pageant Gardens**

Sherborne Town Council are organising a day to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the railway in the town. Sherborne Chamber of Trade is climbing on board with a competition for children in the town. A prize of train tickets has been offered by South West Trains for the Best Dressed Business Window. There is a Victorian theme running throughout the event, and we expect a busy town!

### **Sherborne Chamber of Trade Meeting, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm, Kafe Fontana**

We shall look forward to Ian Manley speaking to us about Business Waste Collection, then progress our plans from the AGM.

### **French Market Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 10 – 4, Top of Cheap Street**

With the support of Sherborne Town Council and in support of Sherborne in Bloom we are organising for Le Marche de France to visit us again. This is wonderful chance to bring people into the town and we all hope that it is as successful as last year. Oh la la!

### **Chamber Barbeque Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm Eastbury Hotel**

Tickets will soon be available for this stunning event at the award-winning Eastbury Hotel. We have booked Julie Dunn once again, and hope to be able to offer a dessert!

## **The Royal British Legion National Veterans Day Tri-Service Parade and Commemoration Service, Sherborne Abbey, 3pm**

In 2009 a National Armed Forces Day was introduced. The County of Dorset RBL have decided to hold an official Service of Commemoration at 3pm, preceded by a Veterans and Tri-Service Parade through the town.

Many important officials will be in attendance and a large number of Veterans Associations and Regimental Associations will be taking part.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Jack Skelton-Wallace, Organiser and Co-ordinator for the event on 01747 825388.

This is a great opportunity to benefit from increased footfall in the town!

### **Training Request**

Can anyone recommend a local organisation which organises one day training courses for junior staff members – e.g. Assertiveness, Supervisory, Excel etc  
Please contact Mark at The Present Finder 01935 815195 or [markam@thepresentfinder.co.uk](mailto:markam@thepresentfinder.co.uk)

### **The Three Wishes Meeting Room**

The Three Wishes have a meeting room available for hire. The room is available for free until the end of April. Thereafter it will be £25 for half a day and £40 for a full day. The cost of refreshments not included. Free internet access, flip chart & screen available on request. Contact the Three Wishes to book.

### **Business Link**

We are looking at ways to strengthen our association with Business Link. For information on events, go to <http://www.businesseventsindorset.co.uk/>

### **Dorset Business Affiliation**

Don't forget our affiliation with Dorset Business. Check out the website [www.dorsetbusiness.net](http://www.dorsetbusiness.net) and take advantage of the fantastic events and courses on offer. This month they are offering courses from Practical Bookkeeping to an Import and Export workshop. As a member of Sherborne Chamber you are entitled to benefit from the member rate.

### **Rural Services Network**

This is a useful organisation, to look at what they offer and subscribe to the newsletter check out the following link <http://www.rsnonline.org.uk>

### **Next Newsletter**

The next newsletter is due to go out early May. All contributions to me before then please.

You are welcome to use the newsletter to tell fellow members and others who receive the newsletter about any offers or promotions you are running, achievements of your business or bring items of interest to the attention of others. You are also welcome to add interested parties to our distribution list.

If you are one of our new members, please send me some information about your business so that we can introduce you to our members via the newsletter.

If you read this and are not a member, please give me a call to discuss how the Chamber might be able to add benefit to your business.

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I am usually available for Chamber business Mondays and Tuesdays 9am - 1pm.

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