

## **Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce September 2008 Newsletter**

As you may be aware, the Chamber has been going through a period of change. I have been appointed to co-ordinate the activities and develop the potential of the Chamber. I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received from individual members and at our committee meeting this week.

### **Winter Hanging Baskets**

As you may be aware, we have finalised plans for continuing our wonderful Sherborne in Bloom project with winter hanging baskets. The letter and order form are being sent out by separate email today.

### **Christmas Trees**

The Christmas tree letter and form will follow in due course.

### **Christmas Shopping Weekend**

In terms of Christmas shopping festivities, we are planning a whole weekend of events in the town, running from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> through to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – bands, choirs, stalls and a super competition with prizes for children. Provided that my wish for fine weather is granted there will be many things to attract people to come and enjoy shopping in Sherborne.

Please contact me to give your ideas for the Christmas Shopping Weekend as I am busy working on the schedule now!

### **Western Gazette Feature**

I am writing the monthly article for the Western Gazette, which this month should feature a photograph of Tony and I presenting a lovely bouquet of flowers to Jan Pearce and Karen Beale in recognition of their valuable service to the town.

### **Newsletter**

In the future I will be surveying the members hopes and expectations of the Chamber, editing the Chamber website at <http://www.sherbornetown.com> and producing a monthly newsletter.

You are welcome to call or send me articles of interest for the newsletter. I shall be organising a number of events in the new year. I am looking forward to hearing suggestions from members, so please contact me!

### **Gryphon School Production**

The Gryphon School's drama department are going to produce a film of Thomas Hardy's work "Far from the Madding Crowd" for release next summer

(July 2009). Filming is likely to take place in and around Sherborne over the coming weeks and months. The school want the process of filming to run smoothly, so if you have any access or other issues surrounding the filming and the locations that belong to the Sherborne Chamber of Trade members please speak to Lizzie Kingsbury at the Gryphon. A copy of the filming schedule will be available soon, and Lizzie will be at the open meeting next month .

**The World's Biggest Coffee Morning – Macmillan Cancer Support at The Three Wishes, Cheap Street, Sherborne, Friday 26th September, 9.30am - 12.00 noon.**

Please come along and buy a raffle ticket, have a coffee and enjoy a few minutes supporting this great national event - right here in Cheap Street!

**Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce Open Meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 6pm, at the Eastbury Hotel, Sherborne.**

Mike Burks, a well known figure in the Sherborne community, will talk at The Chamber Open Evening about the fire that broke out at Castle Gardens on March 13<sup>th</sup> this year. How did the team at Castle Gardens respond? What kept Mike, Louise and the team smiling throughout the following days? How does a business trade through such a massive upheaval? What happens next? If you've never heard Mike speak before then you are in for a treat!

Drinks and snacks will be available at the meeting. Please bring a friend or colleague and your business cards!

**Any members or interested parties are welcome to attend the meeting, please contact me on 07594 805013 or by email at <mailto:cordelia@sherbornechamber.org.uk>** I am available for Chamber business Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9 and 1pm. You may also find me visiting local businesses on the last Thursday of each month.

### **Next Newsletter**

**The next newsletter is due to go out on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, so all contributions to me please by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October latest 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 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.