

Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce March 2010 Newsletter

March Meeting – Monday 8th March 2010, 6pm, Castle Gardens

Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce March meeting is set amongst the orchids again. There will be a short presentation of this year's charitable donations, followed by a talk from Caroline Rowland about the Sherborne in Bloom competition. We hope to have time to discuss the Railway Celebration Event, a possible loyalty scheme, the French Market and any other matters arising. If you are a member, or a potential member, you are welcome to come along. Please let Cordelia know if you have any items for the agenda, and if you are planning to come.

Coffee Morning to raise awareness of Development Dysplasia of the hip on Saturday 13th March, 11am – 1pm, Gryphon School

There will be people to talk to who have experience of DDH, fun activities to keep children entertained, a raffle and bake sale. In aid of Steps, to support families affected by lower limb abnormalities.

Sherborne Chamber of Trade AGM, Wednesday 21st April, 6pm The White Hart TBC

Advance notice of this event for your diaries. Wine and nibbles to be provided.

Sherborne Chamber of Trade Meeting, Monday 10th May, 6pm, Kafe Fontana

We shall look forward to Ian Manley speaking to us about Business Waste Collection.

Railway Anniversary Day Saturday May 8th 2010.

Sherborne Town Council are organising a day to marking the 150th 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 and a possible Victorian theme. If you have any ideas please get in touch with Cordelia asap as leaflets go to press in a fortnight!

February Meeting Report – Monday 8th February 2010, Kafe Fontana

Our last meeting was hosted by Nigel and Sarah Sims. It was a great meeting, made special by Sarah's delicious sandwiches! Minutes will be distributed to members before the March meeting.

Three Wishes Pancake Race

On Shrove Tuesday the Three Wishes held their annual pancake race in Cheap Street. The event was a great success and Positive PR generated not only coverage in the local newspapers, but 9 minutes of coverage on the ITV News that evening, showing Cheap Street in all its glory.

Business Link Event – Around the World in 80 Trades - Kingston Maurwood.

Cordelia attended this event, and thoroughly enjoyed what Business Link offer. Conor Woodman of Channel 4 fame gave his motivational presentation. He has seen the world of commerce at both ends of the scale. After making his living as a high-flying City market analyst, he quit and haggled his way across four continents. Coffee, horses, tequila and fish were among the commodities he bought and sold, and, although he had varying degrees of success along the way, ultimately he managed to double his own £25,000 stake in just 5 months.

We hope to strengthen our association with Business Link. For further events, go to

<http://www.businesseventsindorset.co.uk/>

Coldharbour Roundabout

Sherborne Town Council has let us know that sponsorship of Coldharbour roundabout has become available. This is a good opportunity to advertise your business. If you interested in taking this over, from 1st April the all-inclusive cost is about £1,500 + vat (might be able to pay monthly) and of course the cost of any sign. Please contact Mike Conlin direct at Superplants on 01963 34842.

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 Waste Collection WDDC and DCC Notice

During November of 2009 both councils jointly submitted a funding bid to the Business Resource Efficiency and Waste (BREW) centre for Local Authorities to provide commercial food waste collections in the Sherborne area.

These collections would utilise capacity within the new household food waste service which starts in April to provide a recycling/composting option for businesses. The bid was successful and we are now looking to approach businesses in the Sherborne area to begin to distribute information about the new scheme.

The scheme itself will offer the opportunity for businesses to separate their food waste from their general waste and prevent this fraction going to landfill. In doing so not only will a useful end product be produced from the composting of this waste but the business will produce a carbon saving from it operations. Also the scheme will over time produce savings with the increasing landfill cost and potential future landfill bans.

Several environmentally conscious businesses in the Sherborne area have already expressed an interest in the service. It is also understood that increased environmental awareness and action in business can well lead to greater competitiveness and long term success.

Ian will be speaking at our May meeting, and you will be able to raise any questions. In the meantime please contact Ian Manley at Dorset County Council or Leah Wistrand of West Dorset District Council via the following details. Tel. 01305 224716 i.manley@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Sherborne Area Draft Action Plan 2010-2013 Launch and Public Consultation, Thursday 11th March, 2-7pm, Digby Hall, Hound St, Sherborne.

West Dorset Partnership will be consulting on the new West Dorset Community Plan at the same event.

See <http://www.sherbornetown.com/sites/SherborneAreaPartnership/1010.aspx> to read and/or download the Sherborne Area Action Plan 2010-2013 as it currently stands.

Please contact Nigel Engert, Sherborne Area Partnership 01935 816961 if you have any queries or comments.

Dorset Business Affiliation

Don't forget our affiliation with Dorset Business. Check out the website 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 April. 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am - 1pm.