

Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce May 2010 Newsletter

Sherborne Chamber of Trade AGM Report

We held a lively meeting last month, which started off with a presentation of last year's achievements and highlights. We then moved on to look at not only repeating events which had been successful, but improving on the quality of service the Chamber provides to businesses in the town.

We have formed a small action group for each of the following projects: 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 have not joined an action group, but feel that you have something to offer, please come along to the meeting or let Cordelia know.

Railway Anniversary Day Saturday May 8th, Cheap Street and Pageant Gardens

Sherborne Town Council have organised a day to mark 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, organised by The Toy Box and Mid West Office Supplies. Windows have also been dressed for the traders' competition! There is a Victorian theme running throughout the event, and we expect a wonderfully busy town.

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, then progress our plans from the AGM. Please let Cordelia know if you would like to come along.

French Market Sunday 23rd 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 24th June, 7.30pm Eastbury Hotel

Tickets are now available from The Eastbury Hotel and Hunts Accountants. Cost is £20 per ticket and will cover you for a drink on arrival, fantastic menu and dessert. Jazz musician Julie Dunn has been booked. The only thing you have to risk is the weather. Publicity materials designed by Dominic Drabik and printed by Mid West Office Supplies.

The Royal British Legion National Veterans Day Tri-Service Parade and Commemoration Service, Sherborne Abbey, Sunday 27th June, 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!

Sherborne Chamber of Trade Meeting, Monday 12th July, 6pm, The Three Wishes Meeting Room

This meeting will focus on the projects being undertaken by various chamber members. It will give a chance to discuss progress and drive forward the work.

New Member – Nick Taylor of HR Dept

As your HR Dept, we provide your business with everything a large corporate would expect from its own in-house human resources department. The difference is that you only have to pay for the bit your business uses.

As part of a network of similar HR professional across the country we offer a range of services and solutions to businesses throughout the area, whether you have one employee or several hundred.

The ever changing world of Employment Legislation can seem particularly daunting for many employers so whether you simply need clear practical advice on day to day issues such as contracts, redundancy or recruitment or whether you require a full project management service we can help.

A key service we provide is access to an unlimited telephone advice line, backed by comprehensive Tribunal insurance that not only gives you practical help and advice when you need it most but also gives you the peace of mind to know that you are operating within the law at all times , allowing you to concentrate on running your business .

To arrange a free consultation please contact Nick Taylor on 07540 051 016 or e-mail me on nick.taylor@hrdept.co.uk.

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Leonardo and Erasmus Students

Some students are available over the coming months. Should you be interested in taking on a student for work experience, and a handful of businesses in the town repeatedly benefit from their help, please contact Cordelia or Nigel Engert at Sherborne Area Partnership <mailto:n.engert@sherborne-tc.gov.uk>

Sponsorship of Local Man in Round the World Yacht Race

Local Artist and Teacher Kim Pragnell has contacted us and is looking to the Sherborne business community to assist him in raising some of the £10,000 needed to do his leg of the race in 2012. Any sponsorship however small (or large) will be acknowledged and promoted. Details of the benefits of sponsorship can be downloaded from Clipper-Ventures.www.clipperroundtheworld.com or email kim.pragnell@gmail.com

Business Link

A Business Link Event with Sherborne Chamber has been planned for September. It will probably be an event focused on marketing. For information on other Business Link events and courses, 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 and take advantage of the fantastic events and courses on offer. This month there are some super events and courses running. As a member of Sherborne Chamber you are entitled to benefit from the member rate. Dorset Business have some Dorset Business Award Sponsorship opportunities available.

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> There is also a new link on our website.

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter is due to go out early June. Please send all contributions to me before then.

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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