

Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce June 2009 Newsletter

July Working Group Meeting – Monday 13th July, 6pm at The Eastbury Hotel, Sherborne.

At this meeting, in addition to usual business, we shall discuss loyalty/discount schemes and the crime situation in Sherborne. If you have something to contribute to the discussions, please let Cordelia know that you are planning to come along.

June Working Group Meeting at Kafe Fontana on Monday 8th June.

Members discussed the survey results and summer barbeque, amongst a lot of other news and business concerning trading in the town. One issue that arose is that we need to be aware of crime, and in particular shoplifting. There have been a number of incidents reported recently – so please be aware!

Minutes of Working Group Meeting held at Kafe Fontana on Monday 11th May.

These are posted on the website. Main issues are that Chamber of Trade Meetings are to be held on the second Monday of every month at various venues. We enjoyed our meeting at Kafe Fontana and Nigel and Sarah's hospitality so much that we went back this month!

The French Market came to Sherborne!

After a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes, we are delighted to report that Le Marche de France visited the town and held a successful market on a lovely sunny Sunday! Lots of people enjoyed the market, including schoolchildren, for whom the French experience came to life! The market organisers have given a donation to the Air Ambulance.

Summer 2009 Hanging Baskets

Hanging baskets went up last week. The colour scheme of pink, purple and red should look beautiful all summer.

Western Gazette Chamber Page

This month we have started our series of features showcasing a local business and celebrating their achievements. Local law firm Dyne Drewett Solicitors, who have been recognised nationally for their fundraising efforts are in the spotlight this month. If you would like your business to feature, please contact Cordelia.

Preliminary Survey Results

We have been looking at what businesses in Sherborne would like from the Chamber of Trade. Top of the list are opportunities to network and exposure for both individual businesses and the town. Hanging baskets, Christmas decorations, social events, monthly meetings, open events to encourage new members, French Market, interesting speakers and charity events were also mentioned.

Summer Barbeque at the Eastbury Hotel, Thursday 13th August, 7.30pm

As a response to the survey, and as we have approximately 50 people interested in finding out more about Sherborne Chamber of Trade, we are planning to hold a Summer Barbeque at the Eastbury Hotel in August. We shall offer a drink on arrival, delicious barbeque food and live musical entertainment. Please put this date in your diary NOW. Tickets will be on sale soon – so if you would like to chat socially to people in the Sherborne business community, do not miss out!

Kafe Fontana Lunchtime Take – Away Menu

Nigel and Sarah have a splendid new lunchtime menu. They will make up virtually any sandwiches, rolls, paninis, salads, pastas in addition to their fantastic daily

specials such as bacon, brie and cranberry paninis and soup of the day.

If you call them on 01935 812180, they will make up your order within about 10 minutes. With notice they will happily accommodate special dietary requirements.

They also offer a range of Movenpick ice creams and sorbets.

Call in and pick up a menu for inspiration.

Poyntington Business Premises to Let

Local landlord Paul Chester has fantastic premises coming up to let from the end of July. At least one Chamber member is happy there already. The views and community spirit are great!

The premises comprise 600 sqm light industrial unit, offices and reception area, staff canteen and changing area, large ventilated production area, storage areas, gas central heating throughout. Conforms to all Environmental Health food production regs and is finished to a very high standard.

Contact - Paul Chester

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Per Te Bra Fitting Promotion Week

Per Te 3, Swan Yard, Sherborne are offering a free bra fitting service during the week Friday 12th June – Friday 19th June.

You will be offered 20% off when you purchase a Triumph bra, plus a free lingerie wash bag – whilst stocks last.

Triumph consultant in store on Friday 12th June 10.00 – 16:00.

Please call Karen to make an appointment on 01935 389977.

There will also be a free Lingerie Week Draw -no purchase necessary.

Armed Forces Week 22 – 27 June

Antony Chambers, who served in the the Armed Forces for 29 years, is looking for the support of all traders in Sherborne from Monday 22nd June 2009 until Saturday 27th June 2009 by placing a flag or banner in all shop windows (these can be downloaded / bought from the following web site). <http://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/>

He says how important it is to be appreciated on return from active service, and when he came back from the Falklands, the troops were welcomed back with open arms and he couldn't move for free drinks etc in the various clubs around Derby where he comes from. Nowadays the troops come back, have a few months working back in the UK and then they're away again from their loved ones and they are not getting the opportunity as he did to feel "special" .

The two Military charities he wishes to support are SAMA 82 (South Atlantic Medal Association (Falklands Veterans) and also "Help For Heroes" <http://www.sama82.org>
<http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk>

For further information please contact - Antony (Tony) Chambers, 41 Ridgeway, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 6DA Tel 01935 817067 or 07825 508 776.

Sherborne School for Girls Bradford Road Site Re-Development

An informal presentation and consultation will take place on June 17th, 4-7pm at the Beddington Lecture Theatre on the main campus. All members of the public are welcome.

Estonian Folk Band and Wessex Morris dancing - Saturday 18th July, 11:30-

13:00

This will take place in Cheap Street and on the Abbey Green.

Rural Enterprise Gateway and South West Business Link

We have some extremely useful information on our website regarding events and support available to help develop rural businesses in the south-west. Do take a look.

2012 Olympic Opportunities for Local Businesses

There are significant business opportunities available for local businesses in the run up to the 2012 olympic games. A local company has already secured a contract to construct an accommodation block on Portland.

Core areas set to benefit include: tourism, building, community engagement, sports participation, culture, and associated infrastructure.

Go to www.london2012.com, click on 'get involved,' then 'business network,' then 'compete for.' You will then reach the registration/logon page. You can also look at the www.businesslink.gov.uk/region and www.southwestrda.org.uk/region

Dorset Business

Sherborne Chamber is affiliated to Dorset Business. Please look at sherbornetown.com chamber advice page for a link to their website, detailing the member-to-member discount scheme and forthcoming events. The Sherborne event held at the Eastbury last month had a bumper attendance.

Dorset Business Awards 2009

I attended the launch of the Dorset Business Awards 2009 last week in Christchurch. Last year Fudges Dorset Village Bakery won the Family Business Category. It is great to see a local business benefit from the positive publicity that this event attracts. Go to www.dorsetbusinessawards.co.uk or contact Shirley Ewart on 01202 714812 for further information. It would be great to see a Sherborne business involved in this prestigious event.

West Dorset Community Plan Review – Local prosperity Workshop: 13 July 2009

The West Dorset Partnership is in the process of reviewing its Community Plan, which was published in 2006. In reviewing the plan they are gathering together evidence from parish plans, local area partnership action plans and plans and strategies from partner organisations. As part of this review they will be holding a series of workshops to gather additional issues and check whether the issues currently gathered are still relevant.

They are inviting people to attend a Local prosperity Workshop on 13 July 2009, 2.00–4.30 at Stratton House (West Dorset District Council Office), Dorchester

The aim of the workshop will be to discuss:

- the issues affecting West Dorset
- possible solutions to the issues
- how can sustainability be improved?
- any specific issues in relation to equality and diversity

You can book your place with the Community Planning Officer, Maria Clarke at m.clarke@westdorset-dc.gov.uk by 1 July.

Drama Workshop for Children in the Dibgy Hall

Tina Pitman and Sarah Scannell will be starting a drama group for age 6 to 18 at your Digby Hall in September and will be holding a summer workshop in the summer holidays.

They hope to be running the classes from September on Saturday mornings for 2 hour sessions including Drama, Dance and Singing. They aim to put on a performance once a year for all students to take part and offer Drama exams and audition techniques for those who wish to pursue this as a career.

If you have any questions please contact Tina on 01460 271715 or Sarah on 01935 891506.

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter is due to go out during the first week in July, all contributions to me please by the end of June latest.

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.