

Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce November 2009 Newsletter

A healthy number of Christmas trees have been ordered, so we are set to make Sherborne sparkle! The Winter Hanging Baskets adorn the town already. If you have missed out, some of these attractive and cheerful baskets are still available, at a cost of only £30. Order form on <http://www.sherbornetown.com> Payment by Friday 13th November please.

November Working Group Meeting – Monday 9th November, 6pm, Town Mill Barkery, The Green, Sherborne

If you would like to get involved, please come along. The Festive Shopping Day will be our focus. Anthony Elliot-Square will be our Chairman at this meeting. Any items for discussion to Cordelia when you let her know that you are planning to attend please.

Sherborne Girls School Christmas Gift Fair at the Oxley Sports Centre – Saturday 5th December, 10 - 4

Local traders are welcome to buy a pitch at the cost of £20 for the day.

Stalls include jewellery, pottery, artists, fudge, sweets, flowers, hampers, toys, books, silver and glassware and many more.

Free entry and parking with refreshments available.

For more details call Matt Nelson on 818350 or email mjn@sherborne.com

Sherborne Festive Shopping Event – Sunday 6th December

Sherborne Festive Shopping Day is Sunday 6th December this year. We have steam trains, circus acts, bands and markets taking part. The official lighting up of the impressive new Rotary lights, purchased by the Chamber, will be at 4.15pm on Sunday 6th December. Andrew Simpson MBE will be doing the honours, with mince pies and refreshments on offer.

The best way to attract shoppers to the town is to promote the event to your own customers. We aim to have the whole of town open for business this year!

Christmas Drinks Meeting – Monday 7th December, 6pm, The White Hart, Sherborne

Members may join us for a friendly drink to revel in the success of the Festive Shopping Event.

Steam Dreams Locomotive – Thursday 17th December

The train is due to arrive 13.35 and depart 17.30. Timings subject to change. Many people will be wandering around the town looking to eat and shop either side of the Abbey Carol Service! You could even go down to greet them and hand out a flyer about your business.

January Open Meeting – Wednesday 13th January 2010, 6pm, The Eastbury Hotel, Sherborne

We shall start off the new year with an inspiring and entertaining talk from Steven Fudge of Fudges Bakery, and essential and up-to-date information presented by Business Law Solicitor Richard James of Dyne Drewett LLP. Wine and nibbles will be on offer. Please confirm your attendance to Cordelia.

Christmas Tree Festival

Each year the Chamber takes part in this charity event. Since the time is upon us again to decorate the Chamber tree... please could you drop 2 business cards in to Alex Ferris at Castle Furnishings, who is kindly decorating the tree once again by 16th November at the very latest.

The Abbey Pharmacy

The Perfumery would like to wish all members of the Chamber and their Staff a Very Merry Christmas by offering to all a special 10% discount on all purchases of Fine Fragrances and Aftershaves. Free Gift Wrapping Service included.

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October Open Meeting Report

Thank you to Matthew Butcher of Business Link and PCSO James of Sherborne Police. Please look at the Business Link South West website to see the fantastic **free** services on offer. You can also contact Matthew on 01202 607533. We look forward to more contact with Business Link. The text of PCSO James' speech is available on www.sherbornetown.com should you wish to be informed about crime statistics in Sherborne, Shopwatch, Operation Charm and Ringmaster. Thank you also to The Sherborne Hotel for their hospitality.

Dorset Business

Sherborne Chamber is affiliated to Dorset Business. Please look at www.sherbornetown.com chamber advice page for a link to their website, detailing the member-to-member discount scheme and forthcoming events. For example there is a series of Business Growth Clubs coming up, and a practical bookkeeping course. Fancy going along to a green breakfast? Why not take a look?

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter is due to go out just before the Festive Shopping Day. 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.

Cordelia McFarlane

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