

Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce October 2009 Newsletter

Hard to believe I know, but plans are well underway for our Christmas promotion and decorations in the town. Please get your order forms and payment for Christmas Trees to Cordelia at Manor House by the end of this week latest! If you do not order and pay for a tree, you will not get one. Let's make the town sparkle! If you need an order form, look on <http://www.sherbornetown.com>

October Working Group Meeting - Monday October 5th, 6pm at Castle Gardens, in the Walled Garden Restaurant. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. 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.

October Open Meeting - Wednesday 21st October, 6pm, Eastbury Hotel, Sherborne

We look forward to welcoming members to a glass of wine and nibbles while they listen to Matthew Butcher from Business Link speak about the really useful services which are on offer as well as how to access the marketing and financial advice clinics to be held in Sherborne. Members are already looking forward to talk from Sherborne Police about how to reduce crime in the town. Please let Cordelia know if you are planning to come along.

November Working Group Meeting – Monday 9th November, 6pm, Venue TBA

More details to follow.

Sherborne Festive Shopping Event – Sunday 6th December

Sherborne Festive Shopping Day is Sunday 6th December this year. The official lighting up ceremony will be at 4.15pm on Sunday 6th December.

We aim to have the whole of town open for business this year!

If you have any bright ideas, why not come along to our planning meeting on Monday 5th October, 6pm, at Castle Gardens.

Christmas Drinks Meeting – Monday 7th December, 6pm, The White Hart, Sherborne More details to follow.

Report on September Working Group Meeting – Monday 14th September, 6pm at The Eastbury Hotel, Sherborne.

At this bumper meeting we welcomed several new members, some members we had not seen for while, and our Sherborne Town Council representative Stella Cooke. Thank you to those who attended, and to Nicky and Paul for hosting us so generously. Minutes will be available to members soon.

Country Land and Business Seminar –Maximising Opportunities in light of 2012 - Tuesday 6th October, Kingston Maurward

It would be great to for someone from the Chamber to attend and report back please! Alternatively, if you wish to go for your own account, the cost is very reasonable, please contact Cordelia for details.

RNLI and Andrew Simpson MBE Lecture - Wednesday 7th October, 7.30/8.00 Big School Room, Sherborne School

Olympic Gold Medallist and resident of Sherborne, Andrew Simpson MBE talks about the highs and lows of the sport of sailing, his success in winning an Olympic gold and his ambitions for the 2012 sailing Olympics in Weymouth Tickets £6 (£10 for 2) in aid of RNLI, available from Michael Kay - michaeljkay@aol.com - 01935 813 060 - 07711 432 491 or from the Tourist Centre in Sherborne.

Corporate Sponsorship of £25 is sought for the evening with due recognition given on the evening.

Dorset Business and Somerset Chamber Joint Event Wednesday 21 October, 12pm, Sparkford Motor Museum.

These events are superb. If you have not attended one before, this is your chance. Booking essential. Chamber rates applicable. Contact Sylvie Constantini at Dorset Business 01202 714805.

Identifying New Sites for Affordable Housing in Sherborne Consultation Event Wednesday 21st October, 12.00 - 7.00pm, Wingfield Room, Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne Go along and have your say!

Footman James Autumn Restoration Show and Charterhouse Auction, 7 and 8 November, Royal Bath & West Showground

The show will feature an estimated 1,000,000 parts, tools and other car-related accessories, restorers and classic car clubs, live displays, advice to restorers or those contemplating a restoration project, an auction of classic vehicles (entry by separate catalogue).

Tickets are normally priced at £7, but Chamber members are offered a £2 discount on tickets booked in advance via the event website www.bccsl.co.uk or by phone on 0117 907 1000. Quote code AAR2.

Winter Hanging Baskets

We hope that order forms will be available by the end of next week.

Chalk and Cheese Funding Available

£ 3.1 Million of EU money is available for business funding of projects meeting the Chalk and Cheese criteria. Details at <http://www.chalkandcheese.org/index.php>

Or listen to the 10 minute radio programme on Farm Radio at;

<http://www.farmradio.org.uk/audio/wma/August%2009/Chalk%20and%20Cheese.htm>

| Sherborne businesses can apply to access this funding for all sorts of projects.

Britannia Building Society Charity Projects

Sue Lewis has just organised a Macmillan Coffee Morning, which raised £70 by serving coffee, tea and home made cakes.

Their current project is to knit squares in double knitting 20cm X 20cm. Any donations of wool or squares would be appreciated to help make up a blanket and raffle at Christmas time. Funds will go to The Fire Fighters Charity.

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 free seminar on Cutting through red tape on October 20th. Why not take a

look?

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter is due to go out during the first week in November, all contributions to me by the end of the month 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.