

Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce April 2011 Newsletter

Welcome to the April newsletter. The year feels as if it is flashing past, with a number of new members, including WH Smiths joining us. Next Tuesday we are hosting 'Faces of Sherborne' Photography Exhibition. Put the date in your diary and go down to check out Jim's wonderful work. If you haven't had your picture taken already, this is the perfect chance to make sure that you are seen as a person in business in the town. Later in the month we have the Royal Wedding festivities in the town, featuring our Shop Window Dressing Competition. Don't forget to put your orders in for Summer Hanging Baskets...

Faces of Sherborne Photographic Exhibition, Tuesday 5th April, 5.30 – 8.30 The Powell Theatre, Abbey Road, Sherborne

Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce are hosting an exhibition of the photographs taken to date as a part of this project. The event is free and open to anyone wishing to attend. If you have not had your photograph taken already, you may do so on the night. Thank you Alison Nurton of Insight Management Accounting, Jim Johnson and Sherborne School for all your work in organizing this event. Contact Jim on 07905 950411 for more information. Flyer attached.

Executive Committee Meeting, Monday 11th April, 6pm, Kafe Fontana

This will be an executive committee only meeting. Any agenda items to Cordelia as soon as possible please. Minutes will be available to members.

Meet the Neighbours lunch with the Somerset Chamber on Wed 4th May at the Eastbury Hotel, Sherborne.

Details for this annual event, hosted by Dorset Business, are available at <http://www.dcci.co.uk/events/%27Meet-the-Neighbours%27-Networking-Lunch-%28w/Somerset%29>

Chamber AGM, Tuesday 10th May, 6pm, The Three Wishes

All executive committee members should attend, and any members are welcome to attend as well. Should you be thinking about going onto the committee, nomination forms available from Cordelia. You are welcome to contact me for a chat about what is involved.

Report on Monthly Meeting - Town Mill Bakery

Trevor Hedger, Business Support Team Leader, West Dorset District Council, came to speak to us about where we are with a Dorset LEP. Members enjoyed his illuminating talk and an opportunity to network. A HUGE thank you to Barry for catering for us so well. People are still talking about the wonderful spread. We are supporting WSX in their bid to carry on Business Link work.

Report of Executive Committee Meeting Monday 14th March, 6pm, Kafe Fontana.

Thank you to Kafe Fontana for hosting this meeting, and providing us with much appreciated coffee. Minutes have been distributed to members.

Report on Three Wishes Pancake Day Race

Members Nicky and Paul King, owners of The Three Wishes in Cheap Street, Sherborne held their annual pancake race. The event raised money for Sherborne Primary School, who ran their very own heat in the race. It was great to see the

photo on the front page of the Western Gazette.

Chamber Meetings and Events 2011

Up until recently, we have had monthly meetings at which 'everything' is done, plus a few open meetings a year. We have agreed that as we do more and more, and now we have a committee of 12, we need to structure things differently. A list of executive committee meetings, members meetings, open events and town events is on www.sherbornetown.com

Royal Wedding Weekend

There will be a Party in Pageant Gardens on Friday 29th April, 2-5. The wedding is at 11 so most of the TV coverage should be over. There will not be big screens. The event will be along the lines of an old-fashioned street party with something for all the family. There will be lots of bunting, the Town Band or Boys' School Swing Band will open the proceedings with a sing-along and other entertainment. A fancy dress competition for the smaller children, games for the older children and families. There will be no official seating but everyone is welcome to bring their own picnic tables and chairs and picnic tea. There will be a tea / coffee tent, bar tent and wedding cake stall. If you have any queries regarding the event please contact Tony Home on thehomes@clara.co.uk

Royal Wedding Shop Window Dressing Competition

Sherborne Chamber of Trade and Commerce are holding this fun event during the week leading up to the wedding. Please let Cordelia know that you are taking part by Monday 18th April so that your entry may be considered by our esteemed judges on Thursday 28th April and put forward for recognition. Your display may consist of one item, the whole window or even a cardboard cut out of the happy couple! Flyer attached.

Summer Hanging Basket Rental 2011

Make our town even more beautiful, and support Sherborne in Bloom by ordering your baskets from the Town Council by Monday 18 April.

Hanging basket colours for this season will be pink, purple and red.

Order form attached.

New Member Sherborne Tyre Centre

Knowing that we didn't have one, new member Steve Hunt had been thinking about setting up a tyre company in Sherborne for 30 years. Sherborne Tyre Service will have been running for a year on 4th May 2011. The business is going from strength to strength thanks to the support of the people of Sherborne and local villages. With the increase in trade, Steve has now employed his son Rob to help, so it really is a family business.

Sherborne Tyres is based down at the Sherborne Business Centre and the telephone number is 01935 816219.

Welcome Steve!

Oxley Sports Centre Easter Sports Academies

Our wonderful facility is running Easter Sports Academies this year in Swimming,

Tennis and Football. The courses look fantastic. Contact the centre on 01935 818270 for more information.

Sherborne Town Band Events

Sherborne Town Band are putting on 3 concerts in Pageant Gardens this summer, dates 22/5, 19/6 and 24/7. These are all Sundays, from 2.30pm onwards. Sean Beachy, band leader, said that they would be very happy for us to join in with them and try and add to what they are doing. If you would like to get involved, coffee stall or decorations.....please let me know.

Sherborne Chamber Choir Sponsorship Opportunity

The wonderful and supportive Sherborne Chamber Choir are looking for advertisers for their programs. If you are interested, contact Jeanette on 01935 815500.

Sherborne Shopping Guide

There is a box of guides left – contact Dominic Drabik of Design Junction if you would like some, on 07812 663934.

Festive Shopping Event Action Group

We are meeting on Tuesday 5th April. If you are not a part of this group and would like to be, or have something you would like us to know about, please contact Cordelia.

Events Action Group

Nick Taylor been looking at ways to add value to membership through events, and is organizing a series of monthly breakfast meetings in Sherborne with other town chambers. He is also looking at business seminars and a marketing club.

Membership Action Group

We are delighted to attract new members, including WH Smith and Sherborne Tyre Centre this month. Please bring anyone who you think may be interested along to the 'Faces of Sherborne Exhibition' next week.

Parking Action Group

Nicky King is awaiting a response from the council on revised parking charges and proposed South Street parking restrictions.

Tourism Action Group

Please be aware of the dates of town events, such as the Sherborne Abbey Festival 29 April – 3 May, and think how your business could benefit. To my knowledge 5 members have supported this event and several have offers running alongside which will benefit their bottom line.

Olympic Business

I am still receiving the Olympic Bulletins, which may whet your appetite and think about what opportunities may exist for your business.

Please let me know if you would like me to forward information to you. I often get several opportunities a day, which are varied in nature. If you do get involved in bidding for such work, please let me know.

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter is due to go out at the start of May. Any contributions to Cordelia before the end of April 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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