

Dear Member

Happy New year and Welcome to the January 2008 newsletter from the Chesham Chamber of Trade & Commerce. The chamber would like to say a big Thank You to all retailers who supported and stayed open for our Victorian shopping evening in November.

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## B4B Networking Event

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Monday 4th February.6.00



Following on from the success of last year's event and due to popular demand we are pleased to invite Chamber members and their colleagues to a NETWORKING evening. The decision to run this follows on from both your feedback asking for more networking meetings and last year's successful event. A couple of hours spent meeting like-minded people wishing to promote their companies would be a couple of hours well spent as you start to think about business in 2008.

This is the first B4B event of this year, and will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at Chartridge Park Golf Club, just outside Chesham, at £10 per head, to include wine, soft drinks and nibbles. There is ample parking. During the evening we will be announcing details of a series of networking events with a difference.

We hope you will bring along a colleague, or a business contact who might find this event of interest and may even like to join the Chamber. Do please come armed with your business cards and any promotional material

## You Spoke - We Listened Survey Results

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## New Members

Thank you for the many responses we received to the questionnaire circulated to Chamber members and the Chesham business community at large. This has given us a very good idea what your priorities are. As you will see in this and future Newsletters, we fully intend to deliver against those priorities.

First and foremost with 100% listing it as a top 5 priority, you have told us that you would like the CCTC to organise a monthly networking event.

In response to this and with the kind support of The *Garnett* Foundation, we are planning a series of monthly breakfast networking events. Each event will feature a speaker on subjects relevant to the Chesham business community. At the first event our speaker will be The *Garnett* Foundation's Director of Learning and Development on the subject of Effective Networking, a topic suggested by several of you.

[Click Here for full survey Results and more information](#)

## Chesham Business Award Launched



Chesham's Mayor, Councillor Merrin Molesworth, has launched the 2008 Business Award, sponsored by the Chesham Chamber of Trade and Commerce. If your business gives something back to the community, why not nominate it?

The award is open to businesses/retail outlets in the town that make a positive contribution to Chesham, through community projects, environmental activities, educational projects or voluntary work.

The winner receives a certificate and specially engraved trophy, which are presented by the Mayor at the Annual Town Meeting held at Chesham Town Hall on the 15th May 2008.

You can nominate your own business, or put forward a business in the town that you think deserves recognition for its good deeds.

[Full Story and application form](#)

## Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight

The following members have joined since the last newsletter.

The Hay Gallery and Framing Studio

Look members up on [www.localchesham.org](http://www.localchesham.org)

## Chamber Meetings 2008

### Consortium Meeting

February 12th 6.00 p.m

### Open committee

February 20th 12.30 p.m

### Open committee

March 19th 12.30 p.m

### Open committee

April 16th 12.30 p.m

## YOU ARE WELCOME TO OUR MEETINGS

Are members aware that it is not only the actual named contact of our member companies who is invited to attend our monthly meetings, but as it is the company as a whole which is a member, any colleague may come along with or instead of the person to whom we address all correspondence? You might even find the meetings interesting, and it would certainly keep you up to date with what is going on rather than waiting for our newsletter. Occasionally the contact name changes, and we would be glad if you could let the Secretary know of any alterations in order to keep our records up to date.



The town will be celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight 2008 (25th February to 9th March) by holding the first ever Chiltern Fairtrade Film Festival at the Elgiva Theatre, Chesham. The Festival, held on the 3rd and 4th March, brings you a selection of films designed to raise questions about how to be a consumer with a conscience. [Click here for full story](#)

## Returning the lost B of Chesham

Chesham once famed for it's four B's (Baptists, Brushes, Boots and Brewing) has for the last fifty years been missing the latter. However, it is the intention of a local couple to return the craft of Brewing to Chesham.

Liz Doughton a Medical Microbiologist and Dave Lewin a Biotechnologist want to trade in their scientific professions in return for a career in Brewing. To this end they have both retrained as Brewster/Brewer gaining qualifications from the University of Sunderland and the Institute of Brewing & Distilling. The next stage in the quest to achieve their long-time ambition is to find a suitable home for the Brewery. Living just over the Bucks border in Bovingdon, Chesham with its' Brewing heritage would be the ideal location. Dave said, "We have been looking for a property for well over a year now, but have failed to find a building combining the features and character we require".

Dave and Liz's dream business would not be anywhere near as big as the Chesham & Brackley Brewery on White Hill became, but would still be capable of producing nearly 9000 pints per week and many of the beers they want to produce have already been formulated and test brewed. The couple would be grateful to hear to any properties, which they could transform into a new Chesham Brewery. Contact Dave on 07981704516 or [dave@trowelbrewery.co.uk](mailto:dave@trowelbrewery.co.uk).

## Beware of Telephone Fraud

Beware! - Telephone hackers are out there now, calling business's day after day to look for weak and vulnerable telephone systems to hack in to. Once they are in they will route calls to high rate international or premium rate telephone numbers and often the first you will know about it is when that hefty bill lands on your lap. This is the warning from our newsletter sponsors IBNetworks who have seen a huge rise in reported telephone fraud in the telecoms industry in 2007.

[Further Details click here](#)

The CCTC membership boasts some of the biggest names in business through their local representatives in Chesham and its neighbourhood. Membership creates a spirit of goodwill and friendship amongst the local business community. Thank you for your continued support.

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