

HASLEMERE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

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Newsletter March 2005



Book now to avoid disappointment!

AGM

Friday 8th April
6pm Georgian House Hotel

Our not too serious Annual General Meeting to meet our President (Paul Gardner) and committee members.

Please come along!

Followed by...

Dinner Dance

7.30pm Georgian House Hotel

£19.50 to include welcome drink, three course meal & dancing
Members and their guest's welcome

Please complete and return the booking form on page 4.

An 'elementary' Weekend of Sherlock Holmes?

A Literary weekend featuring Conan Doyle and local writers is the latest project of Haslemere Initiative. But if you think that it is going to be all boring dusty books think again!

The weekend spans the 6th, 7th and 8th of May and includes a gala dinner at the Lythe Hill Hotel, lunch and story telling at Sir Conan Doyle's home of Undershaw in Hindhead, a themed dinner at the Georgian House Hotel punctuated by walks (both of the gentle and 'power' varieties) and talks. The



Haslemere Educational Museum's Surrey Writers event will feature prominently in the weekend and shops and businesses are set to join in the fun with a town trail competition with appropriately dressed windows. The Town Crier, Terry Burns will be on hand to tell visitors to the town about the events; Victorian clad street sellers are planned to stroll the streets selling their wares and the Hoppa bus will shuttle people around the participating shopping areas.

'We have had a great deal of interest in this themed Conan Doyle/Victorian weekend', said Janet McWilliam, the Haslemere Initiative's Project Co-ordinator. 'The retailers, businesses and hotels are starting to work together to create a package that will be available to visitors and residents alike. We hope that many shop owners, cafés and restaurants will join in the fun by 'character' dressing for our visitors and by devising their own mini events too. Shoppers will also have a chance to vote to say who should win a prestigious award, for the 'most enterprising and imaginative business' in the participating areas. We are expecting competition to be hot but also a lot of fun!'

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NEW CHAMBER WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

www.haslemere.com

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The Chamber Diary

Contact Amanda Baker if you have any queries: 01428 645757

MONTHLY SOCIAL

We now meet on the **last Thursday** of every month at the **Georgian House Hotel** for informal drinks from **5.30pm**

We are next meeting on

Thursday 31st March

A great opportunity to meet new business contacts – No booking required!

APRIL EVENT

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Future Dates:

Annual Chamber Race Night
Friday 23rd September
Wispers School
NOTE REVISED DATE

Fashion Show
Monday 14th November
Georgian House Hotel

Christmas Carols
Wednesday 14th December 2005
7.00 pm, Haslemere High Street

**The next committee meeting is on Tuesday 12th April at 6.00pm at the Georgian House Hotel.
All members welcome.**

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For further details check out Haslemere.com, email initiative@haslemere.com or Telephone Janet McWilliam on 07765 693746.

Bananas about Books

Local school children tested their artistic skills in a competition run by J L Nobbs in Haslemere High Street as part of this year's World Book Day celebrations.

The competition, 'Design a poster of your favourite book' attracted 170 entries from children whose ages ranged from 4 to 12. This is the second year that the family-run bookseller and stationer has held the competition. 'We were really pleased with the response', said Julianne Evans, who will be the third generation of the Nobbs family to run the Haslemere business. 'The standard was, if anything, even higher than last year and we found it extremely hard to pick our prize winners. World Book Day aims to encourage a love of books and of reading and we are keen to support that aim'. The four staff members were each asked to pick their favourite three posters in three age categories and the posters with the most votes won.

The prizewinners, pictured below, received vouchers to spend on books at J L Nobbs. They were: Age 4-6 – First: Thomas Mitchell, Second: Catherine Labrow, Third: James Treherne, Highly commended: Molly Hamilton. Age 7-9 - First: Thomas Fox, Second: Abbie Oliver, Third: Scarlett Florendzou, Highly commended: Callum Sloan, Ciara McIlvenna. Age 10-12 – First: Elliot New, Second: Jordan Williams, Third: Andrew Williams, Highly commended: Isabelle Macdonald.



A prize was also awarded for the school that had contributed the best overall entry in terms of quantity and quality. 'This year it was a close fought contest between St Bartholomew's Primary School and Camelsdale First School but in the end we went for Camelsdale' said Mrs Evans. The winning posters and as many as can be displayed of the other entries can be seen in the shop until the end of March.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Eden – Hair & Beauty
Claytons – Fine Jewellery
Haslemere Dental Centre**

If you or a friend have a business in the Haslemere area and would like to join the Chamber of Trade & Commerce please contact:

Simon Labrow of Keats Labrow Independent Financial Advisers on 01428 651010. chamber@haslemere.com

DO YOU HOLD A LIQUOR LICENCE?

By Martin Coakley

Major changes to the Licensing Laws took effect as from the 7th February 2005. Everyone who holds a liquor licence for sale on or off the premises from the smallest clubhouse bar to the biggest nightclub has until the 6th August 2005 to apply to its local council for a new licence under the Licensing Act 2003. The Government had delayed publication of the forms and requirements, but they are now available to view on the Department of Culture Media and Sport website "www.culture.gov.uk" in the section "Alcohol and Entertainment." The precise requirements of what needs to be done are set out in the Licensing Act 2003, with regulations for existing licences to be found in the Licensing Act 2003 (Transitional Provisions) Order 2005. In summary you need to submit to the local council the relevant application form (20 pages for an ordinary licence – 16 pages for a club licence) with the following:-

1. The original or properly certified copy of your current licence
2. A plan of the premises
3. The Children's certificate (as appropriate)
4. Consent of the current licence holder (if not the applicant)
5. Consent of the designated premises supervisor (if appropriate)
6. The appropriate fee

Copies of all of these documents need to be sent to the Chief Officer of the Police for the area as well.

With regard to the plans, the requirements for those are to be found in the Transitional Provisions Order, basically there must be proper plans drawn to a scale of 1:100 and detailing such things as the extent of the building, how to get in and out, escape routes, if there is a stage its location and height etc. etc. The detail of the regulation can seem a bit daunting but generally it is just a question of spending time and effort ploughing through the application form, cross referencing the regulations and ensuring the correct answers are provided. There are issues as to selection of a "designated premises supervisor" which need to be considered. The plans are most important.

There is a fixed timetable for applications, that must be submitted to the local authority by 6th August 2005. The Chamber is conscious that for some small independent establishments the prospect of all the above to include the provision of the necessary plans can seem a bit daunting. Chamber member solicitor Martin Coakley is willing to give a free half hour interview advice surgery to any Chamber member who is uncertain as what needs to be done now and how the application should be approached. A link to specialist surveyors who can prepare the plans at the right scale has been established with Sterling Surveys of Grayshott who can provide a fully digitised plan which complies with the regulations and which can be kept for future use in event of variation or addition to the licensed premises. Any Chamber member who wishes to seek further information is asked to contact Martin Coakley on 01428 648888.

Follow the leader!

A joint venture by two Surrey/North Hampshire based businesses, Oakhill Consulting and AVN Picktree, has won a prestigious regional tender to deliver a coaching programme on Leadership for owner-managers of small and medium sized enterprises in the Guildford area.



Left to Right: Rick Peet of AVN Picktree and Mark P. Russell of Oakhill Consulting celebrating the success of winning another contract to help local business leaders.

The programme is one of a number of initiatives being sponsored by The Sector Skills Development Agency to assist small businesses. Starting in April 2005 and operating over a period of six months, the programme consists of a series of workshops on a chosen topic of interest and one-to-one coaching to help owner-managers acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the leadership challenges of 21st Century.

What is particularly good news is that the initiative is sponsored and fully funded provided that participating owner-managers commit to the programme, contributing their time and energy to working on their business and regularly attending the workshops and coaching sessions.

For more information about the sponsored programme and how to apply for a place, call the Project Manager, David Black, on 01483 828067.

For further details contact Oakhill Consulting on 01276 859575 www.oakhillconsulting.co.uk and AVN Picktree on 01252 781101 www.avnpicktree.com

New Chamber pages on www.haslemere.com

haslemere.com has recently undergone a facelift! The new site incorporates many new features along with its more modern design. Packed with local information and news, both recent and forthcoming, the site now allows business users to change their text themselves. Would all Chamber members please take this opportunity to check their listing and contact us if they wish to have the facility to change their details.

Email chamber@haslemere.com with your changes or telephone 01428 644858.

Local man elected President of Windsor Royal Warrant Holders Association

Christopher Ashton-Jones who, with his wife, Carmen, runs Haslemere-based Sheen Botanical Labels has been elected 2005 President of the Windsor, Eton & District Royal Warrant Holders Association.



The Windsor Association is the oldest of the four 'local' Royal Warrant Holders Associations, the others being at Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Sandringham. It can trace its origins back to 1810 when the tradesman serving Windsor Castle, prominent people in the community, met for a formal dinner. The annual tradition continues!

Christopher Ashton-Jones said today, 'It is a great honour to become President of the Windsor Association for this year. Three years ago, we hadn't even acquired our little business. It was formed in 1990 and we acquired it from its founder in May 2002. The Queen's Royal Warrant was transferred to us later that year, following which we were invited to join the Royal Warrant Holders Association and its 'local' branch at Windsor, being the nearest one to us. We supply engraved bespoke labelling to the gardens at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and Sandringham Estate.

'It looks to be a very exciting year and, once again, we have been invited to exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show this May and have a stand in the same super position as last year, no 11 in the Main Avenue.'

Eden Hair & Beauty win Investors in People Award On 2nd February

To celebrate their tremendous achievement, Eden are extending their celebrations to Chamber of Trade members with their March Easter offers:

**£10 off Full head highlights with cut & blow-dry
Stress Buster Back massage only £10**

Contact Eden on 01428 658548 – Junction Place, Haslemere

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OR EMAIL: chamber@haslemere.com

AGM & DINNER DANCE

Friday 8th April at the Georgian House Hotel

A fabulous evening to enjoy with colleagues, clients and friends.

The AGM is at 6.30 pm and free to attend followed by the dinner dance at 7.30 pm at a cost of £19.50 per head to include a three course meal followed by dancing.

You are welcome to bring partners and guests and if you can't make the AGM you can just attend the dinner dance.

Please book with Amanda as early as possible to help catering arrangements

I wish to book Places at £19.50 per person
Name
Company
Telephone
I have sent a cheque to Amanda Baker (tick)
Any special dietary requirements:

Please send a copy of the faxed form and your cheque to:

Amanda Baker, Alan Baker Flooring Co,
83 – 85 Wey Hill, Haslemere, GU27 1HN.

Enquiries to Amanda on 01428 645757
Or Melanie on 01428 644858

(Limited spaces available on a first come first served basis)