

HASLEMERE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

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Supporting Our Members

Running a small business can be tough and especially for small businesses it can be difficult sometimes to see things in perspective. Our President, Arya Ingvorsen, fully recognises how important it is for small businesses to be supported: "We have many small businesses in our membership, including quite a few one-man or one-woman bands. Our Chamber is actually quite dynamic, not only do we offer regular networking sessions, but we try to put on a number of events to support the business community, whilst raising the profile of local businesses. We have just had our annual fashion show, which show cases the wide range of independent shops and boutiques that we have in the area and raised money for charity too. Other recent events included our much loved race night and the launch of Haslemere Independents' Day on July 4th. We wanted to celebrate the range of independent businesses that we have in the area. Haslemere is unlike the majority of clone towns up and down the country, with the same old boring chains. We have great shops and businesses and we wanted to spread the word to ensure that other people realised what they were missing!"

The Chamber will also try to support individual businesses where its help is required. Arya explains: "We recently supported two of our members in a planning appeal and we are currently working with Wey Hill traders to encourage more people to focus on the great range of shops and free parking that the area has. Our next focus is Beacon Hill". Arya says that Haslemere Chamber is particularly lucky as it has such a great, dynamic committee. "Both committee members and businesses in the area share a 'can-do' approach. The town is happy to take a risk and try out new things, which is one of the reasons that we recently won a national award for Haslemere Rewards, the town's shopper loyalty scheme".

This Christmas we are focussing on shops open on Sundays up to Christmas with a campaign in the Herald and Messenger newspapers, on Delta Radio and via promotional postcards. Hopefully you will see it soon!

The Chamber also has great plans for new activities next year, including regular "Forty Minute Focus" slots, where members can enjoy regular monthly forty minute seminars on a number of business related topics. "This is something new that we are very excited about and plan to launch in January. One idea on the social side for next year is a Bollywood Night, which would be great fun, but first things first, we have both the Christmas Market and Christmas Carols to organise and enjoy!"

If you know any Haslemere businesses who would like to join Haslemere and District Chamber of Trade, please give Arya or one of the committee members a call or look at our website www.haslemere.com/chamber. The only pre-requisite of membership is that businesses must have an 01428 telephone number. Both new and established businesses are welcome.

The Chamber Diary

Contact Amanda Baker

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MONTHLY SOCIAL

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 30th November** at the Georgian House Hotel from 5.45 pm to around 7.30 pm – An informal opportunity to meet and chat to other Chamber members over a drink or two!

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Haslemere Christmas Market

Sunday 3rd December
10am to 4pm

A great day out for all the family with Farmers' market, crafts and gifts, Santa's Grotto, Live Nativity, music and entertainment.

The High Street and West Street will be closed to accommodate around 150 stalls and activities.

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High Street Carols
Wednesday 13th December
7pm – High Street

This is the Chamber of Trades thank you to the people of Haslemere for their support throughout the year with free mulled wine and mince pies.

Please shown your support by turning out on the night with your families and friends.

For many people this event really gets them into the Christmas spirit!

The next committee meeting is on Tuesday 5th December 2006 at 6.00 pm at the Georgian House Hotel
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

The Mayor of Haslemere's Charity Shopping Evening

Wednesday 29th November
7.30p.m.

Ticket £7.50 (to include wine & canapés)

Generously sponsored and hosted by

Grayshott Pottery

School Road, Grayshott. 01428 604404.

Phil Bates & Grayshott Pottery are huge supporters of so many Organisations and Charities in the area and this is a perfect opportunity to enjoy a very sociable evening whilst also supporting them and the Mayor's Charities too, that makes it a

Win * Win *Win

Tickets available from Marley Flowers 01428 656588

New Head For Barrow Hills

Barrow Hills School, based in Witley, has recently appointed a new Headmaster, Matthew Unsworth. Matthew was welcomed to the school in the summer by the Chairman of Governors, Stephen Mulliner and the Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy, Alastair, Molly and William.



Matthew, 36, was previously Deputy Head at St. Antony's Preparatory, Leweston in Dorset and succeeds Michael Connolly who has been appointed the Headmaster of Cranmore School after almost 12 years at Barrow Hills. Mr. Mulliner said: "Barrow Hills developed significantly while Michael Connolly was at the helm and we are all looking forward to further successes under Matthew's enthusiastic leadership of our great teaching team."

Matthew and his wife Yvette have settled in well to the school and are looking forward to becoming involved in their new local community.

New Paediatric Service From Haslemere Chiropractic Clinic

Haslemere Chiropractic Clinic is poised to offer a new service for the younger residents of Haslemere. Nicky Bateman, a chiropractor with a special interest in paediatric care and cranial work, is about to join the existing team at the Clinic, based in West Street, Haslemere.



The Clinic was founded nearly 10 years ago by chiropractor Michelle Carrington. Michelle said "This is a very exciting time for us. We have not previously had a chiropractor at this Practice with a special interest in paediatrics. Cranial work is often an important component of treating children, particularly babies, and Nicky is also an experienced craniosacral therapist. I have a special interest in antenatal care, and I hope that with the addition of Nicky's skills we will provide a valuable resource to the mothers, babies and children of Haslemere". Chiropractic may help with a wide range of childhood conditions including birth trauma, feeding problems, colic, and persistent crying in babies; constipation, ear infections and problems with gait in toddlers; and asthma, bedwetting and learning difficulties in older children.

In order to mark the launch of this paediatric service, Haslemere Chiropractic Clinic is holding an Open Afternoon on Saturday 18th November to raise money for Children In Need. Parents are invited to attend for 20 minute sessions to have a spinal or cranial check up for their children, and to seek advice regarding whether chiropractic care would be appropriate for any problems that they are experiencing. These sessions are offered in return for a donation to Children In Need.

You are welcome to drop in on the day (opposite Somerfield), or to pre-book your advice session. **For further information please ring Haslemere Chiropractic Clinic on 01428 642778.**

Lady Jane Events & The Lythe Hill Hotel

proudly present the first

“Haslemere Home & Wedding Fair”

on Sunday March 4th 2007, at The Lythe Hill Hotel, a non-profit making event

We invite your company to join us to promote yourselves in what we hope will be the first of many such fairs in Haslemere.

With so much to offer, we hope it will be the largest Home & Wedding Fair Haslemere has seen, attracting visitors interested in weddings, setting up home, refurbishing, home maintenance, leisure time etc.. A stand costs just £72.50.

The Fair will be heavily advertised through press advertising, radio advertising, strategically located local banners, leaflets and flyers.

All contributors are requested to heighten their profile by providing a “door entry” raffle prize. For those who are unable to attend or who want to ensure the details of their business will not be forgotten, we offer leaflet distribution within welcome bags at £35 (exhibitors to provide leaflets).

Many places have already been booked and space is limited, so please contact Sara-Jane Grey of Lady Jane Events Ltd as soon as possible to guarantee your place.

For further information or to make a booking call 07775 615617 or email sara-jane@ladyjaneevents.co.uk

TWILIGHTS Premier Events Service

Having been a DJ organising events in Haslemere for many years, I decided to form Twilights Events Service, the company has rapidly established itself on providing first class services from Discos, Karaoke, Musicians, Fireworks, Atmospheric Lighting, P.A hire, Staging, Marquees even Chocolate Fountains.

With over 20 years experience in entertainment, I have gained a wide appreciation of the needs of clients when searching for services to help with their events.

Most of Twilights business comes from referrals and a significant amount of repeat bookings, so you can be assured of a friendly professional local service.

Whatever you are looking for in entertainment from Black tie corporate events to weddings, birthdays, and reunions, in fact any occasion, please contact Keith Connors to discuss your event on 01428 645894 mobile 07775 778 535 or email djconnors@aol.com



Safe baby delivery thanks to breakfast travel report!

A local mum delivered her baby safely in hospital rather than in a car on the A3 after hearing the travel report on her local radio station, Delta FM.



Expectant Debbie Austin was experiencing four minute contractions and going into labour when she heard the end of Delta FM's travel news, just before leaving their house in Haslemere.

A lane closure was reported on The Stuart Clark Breakfast Show which would seriously effect their journey. After calling breakfast presenter Stuart Clark they were horrified to discover one side of the A3 carriageway had been closed due to an accident.

Her husband called for an ambulance after realising they wouldn't reach the hospital in time. Sirens were used throughout and paramedics felt the pressure as they prepared themselves to deliver the baby in the ambulance.

They managed to reach the hospital just in time and after a quick delivery, baby Hannah was born at 8lbs on 19 October. Debbie called in to The Stuart Clark Breakfast Show the next morning to thank Stuart and tell him the happy news that both her and her baby were well. The mum of two was so thankful she heard Stuart Clark's traffic and travel report which meant Hannah was safely delivered at hospital and admitted she would have been born in the car on the A3 if she hadn't listened to Delta FM!

Delta FM's Stuart Clark was overwhelmed once he heard their joyful news. “Travel updates are essential for listeners to be aware of problems on their route. I cannot believe my report prevented a baby from being delivered in a car!

Listeners are updated every twenty minutes with a traffic and travel report both on The Stuart Clark Breakfast Show and also during drivetime.

Welcome To Our New Members

Barrow Hills School

A co-educational Catholic day school for children ages 3 to 13 of all denominations and supporting them within a caring Christian ethos. Dedicated to developing the full potential of every child in their care.

Telephone 01428 683639 www.barrowhills.org.uk

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Mulberry Property Investment Ltd

Providing high quality retail space to business that will make a long term contribution to the continued health and vibrancy of Haslemere.

Telephone 01428 708093

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The Royal Oak

Traditional family run pub and restaurant for The Family, yes, children are welcome. Food is served 7 days a week, with all the menu being home prepared and cooked. Large beer garden with quality kids activity, plus rabbits and guinea pigs.

Telephone 01428 642328 www.royal-oak-pub.co.uk

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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 **Labrow Independent Financial Advisers** on **01428 651010**
or email chamber@haslemere.com

If you would like to submit an article, information about a future event or simply generally comment about trade and commerce in Haslemere email chamber@haslemere.com or write to: Simon Labrow, Editor, Haslemere Chamber Newsletter c/o Labrow Independent Financial Advisers, 66a High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2LA. Please note we cannot guarantee your material will be included. The editor's decision is final.

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