

Bulletin

June 2011

ST ALBANS DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY BUSINESS AWARDS 2011

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF BUSINESS TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE ST ALBANS DISTRICT

These awards recognise outstanding contribution to our business community. They are based not solely upon successes and achievements but also upon the beneficial impact of those achievements on the business community. The Awards are open to all businesses whose business strategy encompasses policies and projects that have a positive impact on St Albans District. The activities should bring about economic, social and environmental benefits for the community.

Any business or individual in the St Albans District is eligible for nomination and the award in each category will be judged by the St Albans District Chamber of Commerce.

You can nominate yourself, your business, or any individual or business for one or more of the awards. Please complete the entry form on the back page of the nomination form and send it to us. Alternatively send us an email marked "Awards" containing the information in the nomination form, using the following email address: awards@stalbans-chamber.co.uk



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NEW BUSINESS

SPONSORED BY DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY

"A successful local industry is paramount to sustaining the development of the St Albans area. It is particularly important that the area is able to continue to attract new businesses. We are proud to be involved with the St Albans Community Business Awards which gives recognition to successful local businesses."

GREEN AWARD

SPONSORED BY ST ALBANS CITY & DISTRICT COUNCIL

"St Albans City and District Council is pleased to sponsor the Green Award as part of St Albans District Chamber of Commerce Community Business Awards. The contestants have come up with a number of inspirational green initiatives that help to reduce landfill waste and energy consumption. It is encouraging to see that organisations are using their resources to monitor energy use and to reduce their carbon footprint. The Council recognises the importance of environmental sustainability and is working hard to increase the recycling of household waste and to reduce carbon emissions in the District."

YOUNG PERSON AWARD

SPONSORED BY OAKLANDS COLLEGE

"Oaklands College is delighted to be able to sponsor the Young Person Award again this year. We've been extremely impressed with the high standard of nominations in previous years, and the diversity of skills demonstrated by these young people. We are looking forward to meeting the finalists at the awards ceremony."

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD

SPONSORED BY HARPENDEN BUILDING SOCIETY

Previous winners AECOM quoted

"We are proud of our record in the community and the St. Albans District Chamber of Commerce Awards gave us an opportunity to celebrate all the hard work and long hours our employees have contributed towards making St. Albans a better place to live."

RESTAURANT AWARD

SPONSORED BY HERTFORDSHIRE LIFE

"It is with great delight that Hertfordshire Life are once again sponsoring the award that endeavours to find the best dining establishment in the St Albans district. We were pleased to see such a range in the number of nominations which highlighted the sheer quality of restaurants in the area and thank all those who took the time to nominate their favourite."

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

SPONSORED BY THE HERTFORDSHIRE BUSINESS INDEPENDENT

"The president's award is for an individual has committed themselves to the betterment of the community, giving their time and energy for the benefit of all. It shows dedication and exceptional commitment to the enrichment of the St Albans District"



**RED DOOR
RECRUITMENT**

**Linda, Louise, Becky, Mel and Dionne at Red Door Recruitment
invite you all to a Charity Race night in aid of:-**



All money raised from the Race Night will go to Herts Against Cancer.

Time: Friday 17th June 2011 from 5.00pm till 8.30pm

Place: Bar 62, 62 Catherine Street, St Albans AL3 5BU

Prizes kindly donated so far by Jolie of Harpenden, VW Wayside, Nuffield Healthcare, The Six Bells, Elizabeth Arden, Bar 62, Atelier, Red Door, ABA Market Research and Just eat.co.uk

Please RSVP by Wednesday 15th June to Dionne on 01727 899490 or dionne@reddoorrecruitment.co.uk



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BBQ Networking Lunch

Friday 24th June

12.30pm onwards

Bar 62

62 Catherine Street

St Albans AL3 5BU

BBQ Networking Lunch

The majority of companies join the Chamber of Commerce to network.

This is an informal networking lunch is an opportunity to introduce your company's products/services to other members and local

Companies in a relaxed, friendly environment – a chance to make *new* business contacts in this stunning new Chamber venue.

Please remember to bring lots of business cards.



Join us for a full BBQ summer lunch and a welcome glass of bubbly.

Don't Just Join..... Join in!

£18.00 (+ VAT) for members, £25.00(+VAT) for non-members

Book now online www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/events



Bike it. Bus it. walk it.  it.

**Are you a business in St Albans
with less than 250 employees?**

Our aim is to save you up to £10,000 on your transport costs, with a free personalised travel plan funded by the EU and provided by the University of Hertfordshire.

- 1 Travel plans can cut car use from between 10% - 30% meaning staff time is not wasted behind the wheel.
- 2 Travel plans have been proven to decrease sick leave by 63% and improve productivity of staff through home and flexible working.
- 3 If there was no congestion within St Albans, businesses would gain a total of over £34million per year, equating to over £5500 per business.



**Did you know
St Albans city
has the second
highest carbon
footprint in
the UK?**

Let us help you make savings

call: 01707 281 366 or visit: freshwaystowork.org.uk



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St Albans**

CHAMBER DIRECTOR VACANCY

We expect to have one or two vacancies for Directors of the Chamber at our next AGM in March 2012.

As a Director you would be expected to attend a board meeting each month, regularly attend the Chamber's events, involve yourself in the local business community and be willing to attend non Chamber networking events to maintain good contacts with other businesses and organisations.

If you wish to be considered for such a position please notify Lisa at the Chamber office on **01727 863054** or email her on **lisa@stalbans-chamber.co.uk** with your CV and a brief note detailing why you believe that you are qualified to be a Director of the Chamber.

We look forward to hearing from you!



National experts join local firm to boost tax service

WMT a leading South East accountancy firm are pleased to welcome the newest members of their team, Peter Davies, Senior Employment Tax Manager and Anil Arora, Corporate Tax Manager. Peter and Anil bring a wealth of experience with them.

Peter is a recognised national expert in advising businesses in the hospitality and construction sectors in particular which has led him to appear on BBC TV and Radio 4. Peter was a former Inland Revenue investigator with extensive experience in enquiries carried out by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC). Since leaving HMRC Peter has worked for a leading London based accountancy firm advising businesses on employment tax issues, including benefits in kind, PAYE and National Insurance. Anil started his career in a top 10 accountancy firm and has developed his expertise in corporate tax. He specialises in advising on the tax matters arising from buying and selling businesses, corporate restructuring and share schemes.

"WMT are delighted to have attracted Anil and Peter to join our team here in St Albans. Peter is one of the leading experts in his field in the UK and Anil's skills and expertise will complement the existing expertise we have in the WMT tax and corporate finance teams. We wish them every success in their new roles."

Andrew Williamson, Managing Partner

WMT has a well established and highly experienced tax department with specialisms in a number of areas within tax, including trusts, inheritance tax and tax planning, the introduction of the newest members of the team will enable them to develop their service offering further and offer an enhanced service to businesses and individuals in and around Hertfordshire.

WMT offer a full range of corporate and private client tax services, to speak to a member of their tax team call them on 01727 838 255. To find out more about WMT visit their website: www.wmtllp.com.

New Members

We look forward to welcoming the following companies to the Chamber:

About Accounting

*Book-keeping, Financial Consultancy,
Payroll, Year End*
20 Westfield Road
Harpenden, Herts AL5 4GQ
Tel: 07958 450066
Email: dee@aboutaccounting.co.uk
Web: www.aboutaccounting.co.uk
Contact: Deanna Nathwani
Position: Director

Bricket Wood Chiropractic

Chiropractic Care
65 Oakwood Road
Bricket Wood
St Albans AL2 3BQ
Tel: 07948 376132
Email: alexandermilnesmith@hotmail.com
Web: www.bricketwoodchiropractic.co.uk
Contact: Alexander Smith
Position: Doctor of Chiropractic

Nowebnowork.com

Training in SMB Online Commerce
Charter House
Marlborough Park
Southdown Road
Harpenden AL5 1NL
Tel: 08453 716150
Email: nmacarthur@idgmail.com
Web: www.nowebnowork.com
Contact: Neil MacArthur
Position: Strategy Director

Rayden Solicitors

Divorce & Family Law Specialist
21 Victoria Street
St Albans
Herts AL1 3JJ
Tel: 0207 112 1453
Email: kmr@raydensolicitors.co.uk
Web: www.raydensolicitors.co.uk
Contact: Katherine Rayden
Position: Director

Veer Dhara Restaurant & Bar

Authentic Indian Restaurant
81 St Peters Street
St Albans
Herts AL1 3EG
Tel: 07854 306672
Email: dsh@veerdhara.co.uk
Web: www.veerdhara.co.uk
Contact: Darshit Hora
Position: Operator



Karaoke Aid in St Albans
in aid of local charity **ReachOut**
plus

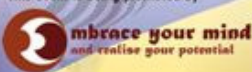
7pm 12th June
Bar 62, 62 Catherine Street
Free entry

A night of Karaoke in St Albans raising money for charity.
You can get involved as a sponsor, donate raffle prizes or volunteer to
be one of our "star" singers to help raise money before the event.

Contact Shaun via karaokeaid@embraceyourmind.com to get involved.
Or go to www.whatsonstalbens.co.uk
'events & things to do' page for more information.

The event is open to all

This event is being promoted by



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Saturday 25th June 2011

The day is an annual opportunity for the nation to Show our Support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, and from veterans to cadets.

For the first time this year, St Albans is hosting its own Armed Forces Day celebrations at St Mary's Church, Marshalswick, AL4 9QA.

St Mary's is the site of a new memorial to those injured or killed in recent conflicts and there will be a civic ceremony at the memorial to give thanks and to remember.



- 10.30 opening prayers in church
- 2.30 civic service at the memorial
- 5.30 closing prayers in church

The church will be open all day for prayer and quiet contemplation.
Refreshments & Displays in Church

the official Armed Forces Day takes place on
Saturday 25 JUNE 2011



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