

Bulletin

Herts Business Alliance News....

105 delegates from across the County attended our Herts Business Alliance breakfast last week at Watford Football Club.

We run several events a year with the Watford Chamber and Watford Football club bringing like minded business representatives from far and wide together. The inspirational guest speaker was David Clarke (pictured) a senior partner at Clydesdale Bank and Captain, England blind football team. The presentation followed a Channel 4 documentary the night before called "Best of British" featuring David at home with his family in Harpenden and also training with his England team mates.

The team are very excited about the Paralympics 2012 which they will compete in to represent the country. David has represented England and the blind football team on 104 occasions scoring a total of 98 goals! He is a 3 times European "Golden Boot" winner too. His speech was inspiring to us all, the Chamber wishes David and his fellow squad great success in their preparations for 2012. David said they are going for the gold! Tickets for the paralympics games are still available for only £15 you can see David play (mens 5 a side). For more information go to

<http://www.tickets.london2012.com/>



Graham Lane, Martine Capitelli, Lisa Bates, David Clarke and Raj Athwal at the Herts Business Alliance breakfast held at Watford Football Club.

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Chamber Community Business Awards 2011 Winners

A lavish dinner marked the culmination of the fourth St Albans District Chamber of Commerce Community Business Awards 2011 as the winners of the fiercely fought competition were announced.

The awards ceremony took place at Old Albanians in Harpenden Road, St Albans, last night (September 29) where guests enjoyed a three course meal before the ceremony began.

The winners in the six categories collected trophies, with two runners-up in each category collecting certificates.

The business awards recognise outstanding contribution to the business community and are open to individuals and businesses whose business strategy encompasses policies and projects that have a positive impact on the St Albans district.

And the winners are:

YOUNG PERSON

(sponsored by Oaklands College)

Winner: Katie Cairns



NEW BUSINESS

(sponsored by Debenhams Ottaway Solicitors)

Winner: Cup Cake Clothing



GREEN BUSINESS

(sponsored by St Albans City & District Council)

Winner: Lussmanns



BEST RESTAURANT

(sponsored by Hertfordshire Life)

Winner: Chez Mumtaj



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

(sponsored by Harpenden Building Society)

Winner: Debenhams Ottaway



THE PRESIDENTS AWARD

(sponsored by Hertfordshire Business Independent)

Winner: Phil Gibson





University of
Hertfordshire



Business Breakfast

Wednesday 19th October 2011

7.30am – 9.30am

The Quality Hotel

234 London Road

St Albans

AL1 1JQ

T. 01727 855858

Professor Quintin McKellar

Vice-Chancellor at the University of Hertfordshire

The Higher Education sector is going through a period of immense change and upheaval, the effects of which will not be clear for some years. Whilst this is unsettling for students and universities alike, it is also a time of huge opportunity. Professor Quintin McKellar, Vice-Chancellor at the University of Hertfordshire, will address some of these issues and the University's response to them, as well as looking at the role of industry in shaping the workforce of the future.

There will also be information available about the Diamond Scholarship Fund, a new initiative enabling the University to bring a broader range of scholarship opportunities to support their brightest and most committed Students

This event has been very kindly sponsored by *University of Hertfordshire*

£21 (plus VAT) for members, £26 (plus VAT) for non-members.

Book now on-line www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk

**Or email your booking to us
office@stalbins-chamber and we will invoice you directly**

The delegate list for this event will be emailed to delegates on Tuesday 18th October – If we have not received your booking by that date we will be unable to include your details on the list.

Please can we have your payment no later than Friday 14th October - Thank you!

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ST ALBANS DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Get your glad rags on and let's have a ball!

Saturday 19th November 2011

Sopwell House Hotel

Cotton Mill Lane

St Albans

Annual Chamber Ball

Kindly Sponsored by



Bring your clients, wives, husbands
and partners to celebrate this
special evening
Bucks Fizz Reception
3 Course Dinner
Dancing to live band 'The Slaves'

www.theslaves.net

THE SLAVES



Tickets at £55
Tables of 10 at £500

7.00pm for 7.30pm
Carriages at midnight
Dress: Black Tie

For further details contact the Chamber Office on 01727 863054
or email: lisa@stalbans-chamber.co.uk

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FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 19th October

Business Breakfast

The Quality Hotel, St Albans

7.30am

Speaker: Quintin McKellar - Vice Chancellor
University of Hertfordshire

Friday 4th November

Networking Lunch

Lussmanns, St Albans

12.30pm

Saturday 19th November

The Chamber Ball 2012

7pm

Sopwell House Hotel
with The Slaves

Thursday 1st December

Business Breakfast

7.30am

Kashu

Guest Speaker: Daniel Goodwin

Wednesday 7th December

Evensong, Carols and Festive Drinks

5.30pm

St Albans Cathedral

Thursday 19th January 2012

Herts Business Alliance Breakfast

Watford Football Club

Guest Speaker : TBC

Buying your children property



Q: My wife and I are retired and we would like to give our son and daughter some of their inheritance now. We've thought about buying them a house in joint names, which they could rent out (because they've already moved out and live with their families). What would the tax implications be?

A: Firstly, they wouldn't qualify for Stamp Duty Land Tax Relief for First-Time Buyers, because firstly, they aren't intending to live in the property and secondly, it sounds like they already own other property. If you gift the cash to your son and daughter, there shouldn't be any Capital Gains Tax to pay on the purchase because cash gifts are exempt from Capital Gains Tax. However, there would be Capital Gains Tax implications should they decide to sell it.

Your son and daughter would need to declare their share of the rental income and expenses on a self assessment tax return each year and pay any tax due. And finally, if you both survive for another seven years then the gift will be ignored for Inheritance Tax purposes. If you don't, then the cash gift will effectively be included as part of your estate at the time of death, and could be subject to Inheritance Tax depending on the size of your estate.

Please feel free to contact your local TaxAssist Accountant, who would be happy to discuss your inheritance planning with you and the personal tax matters affecting your children.

Regards, Mark Fordham

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

New Members

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

Chirp Magazine

Free Daily magazine/Newspaper

Tel: 01727 884816

Web: www.chirp-magazine.com

Contact: Mike Bickerdale

Position: Business Development Manager

Guyz N Dolls Hair Salon

Hairdressing/Beauty

5 The Quadrant

St Albans

Herts

Tel: 01727 839119

Contact: Mark Roberts

Position: General Manager

Blue Feather Photography

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& PR photography.

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Angels Den Business Funding Tips Event



Cllr. Beric Read, Bill Morrow, Lisa Bates, Daniel Goodwin and Chamber Director Paul Rosenthal at the event

Last Tuesday evening saw a brilliant crowd of Business Owners and managers from St Albans and surrounding areas meet in the heart of St Albans, at the historic venue of St Albans Town Hall.

The event was organised in partnership with St Albans District Council and St Albans Chamber of Commerce to help encourage awareness about the options open to St Albans businesses when they consider business funding. Daniel Goodwin, Chairman of the St Albans District Council said "We are continuously looking for ways to support the local business community and funding is always a key consideration for any growing business or start up. We helped to run this event to ensure that businesses owners are aware of all the options open to them when looking for business funding."

At the event last week, there was a flood of positive feedback to the Key Note Speech – 'everything you need to know about Business Funding' which was given by Bill Morrow, St Albans resident and founder of Angels Den, one of the largest Angel networks. For more info about funding email:

mandy@angelsden.co.uk



Levy associates in aid of Grove House Hospice



Founded by Levy Associates in aid of Grove House Hospice
Rothamsted Research, Harpenden - starts at 10:00am

Sunday 9th October 2011
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