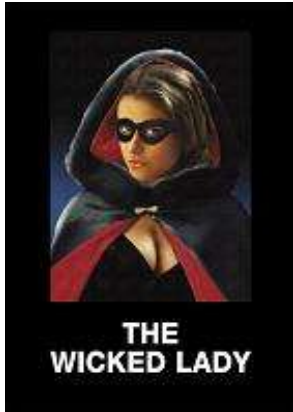


# Bulletin

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## Business Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

7.30am – 9.30am

The Wicked

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## St Albans City Centre for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment



The City & District Council has identified the area to the South East of St Peter's Street (the Civic Centre Opportunity Site) as potential for a major development for St Albans and finished a public consultation on their planning brief in December last year.

Under the 'Localism Act' community groups are able to have a significant input on the development of local plans and, the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment with great support from the Department for Communities & Local Government, are facilitating this with a "Supporting Communities in Planning Scheme"

The Civic Society have acted as a lead organisation in bringing together local groups to create a St Albans City Centre Steering Group to work with the Prince's Foundation (as representative of the local community)

The next stage in late February is to run a wider public consultation, using the experience and expertise of the Prince's Foundation, to attempt to define more clearly how the St Albans community wishes to see its City Centre develop.

This is a great opportunity for the people and businesses of St Albans to have a significant impact on how our City Centre develops, and to influence the nature of future development.

This Business Breakfast is your opportunity to find out more about the process, what can be achieved and what has happened in other towns and cities. What can you do to help and influence?

***Come along and find out how you can influence this process affecting how St Albans will look in the future!***

We look forward to seeing many of you there for another fantastic breakfast at this superb venue!

£21 (plus VAT) for members

£26 (plus VAT) for non-members.

**Book now on-line** [www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/buy-online/events/](http://www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/buy-online/events/)

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Friday 20th April 2012



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## St Albans Chamber Networking Lunch

Tuesday 31st January 2012

12.30pm

Chez Mumtaj

136—142 London Road

St Albans AL1 1PQ

## Networking Lunch and Business Card Exchange

The majority of companies join the Chamber of Commerce to network. This informal lunch is an opportunity to introduce your company's products/services to other members and local companies – a chance to make *new* business contacts in this stunning multi award winning Chamber venue

Two course lunch and welcome drink included



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**good  
morning**

invitation

February 6 2012



## Apprenticeship Awareness Week

**Launch Breakfast** February 6th 2012  
7.30am – 9.15am

Oaklands College would like to invite you to the launch event for the 2012 Apprenticeship Awareness Week.

To mark the launch we are hosting a free employers event offering attendees the opportunity to learn more about the financial benefits of recruiting an apprentice.

In addition to this we are delighted to be joined by a select group of guest speakers and industry experts.

Places are limited and to confirm your attendance please email [nadia.hayton@oaklands.ac.uk](mailto:nadia.hayton@oaklands.ac.uk) or call 01727 737 329

Venue: Oaklands St Albans Campus,  
Smallford, Hatfield Road AL4 0JA

Price: Free



### Agenda

7.30 - Arrival

7.30 - Welcome and introduction with Phil Thompson  
Chairman, Oaklands College

7.35 - Anne Main MP, St Albans

7.45 - National Apprenticeship Service (NAS)  
grants/launch of 100 in 100 with Tamsyn Hammond (NAS)

8.00 - Unemployment, linking to Apprenticeships with Marie Green, Job Centre Plus

8.10 - What Oaklands College can do to support your business with Oaklands College

8.20 - Q&A/plenary session chaired by Zoe Hancock  
Principal, Oaklands College

8.35 - My mustard, with June Cory, Google expert

8.45 - Networking

9.15 - Close

### President's Message.....



The Festive Season is long forgotten now. It is time to kick start the New Year and what better way than attending a Chamber event?

This year we have more events than ever with something for everyone. We have regular breakfast meetings including more Herts Business Alliance events. If you are not a morning person there are **some lunches with the highlight being St George's Day Lunch**. This year we have another great speaker., to be announced soon! Make sure you book very early to secure your place to avoid disappointment

We are pleased to be working in partnership with Oaklands College catering faculty on March 9th. If you like your food this is a good one to attend. Also in March (date tbc) is the AGM when I will be handing over the Presidency to Peter Goodman.

I am delighted to say that the Chamber is getting more involved on behalf of our members in local business issues and represent our members on the St Albans and District Strategic Partnership, Herts Local Enterprise Partnership, The Quality Network Partnership, The Retail Forum, Oaklands College Corporation, Planning Policy Panel, Business Against Crime Partnership, Economic Partnership to name a few so if you have any issues relating to any of the above please feel free to contact Lisa to discuss.

I hope to see many of you at our networking lunch on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at Chez Mumtaj - always great food and great networking! So book now online to secure a place.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Graham Lane  
Chamber President

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### New Members

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

#### Ozone Cafe-Restaurant Ltd

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Contact: Sami Ozone

Position: Director

Email: [samiozne@yahoo.com](mailto:samiozne@yahoo.com)

#### Blackbird Communications

*PR Consultancy*

22 Cairns Close

St Albans

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AL4 OGB

Tel: 01727 899488

Contact: Stuart Brooks

Position: Managing Director

Email [inbox@blackbirdcommunications.co.uk](mailto:inbox@blackbirdcommunications.co.uk)

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The St Albans Chamber of Commerce, in association with Radio Verulam, invites you to a free networking event and recording of a special edition of the "Your Questions" programme on Tuesday 28th February at the Maltings Arts Theatre. This month's programme will focus on local business and the forum is a chance to put your questions and feedback to a group of panellists including local businesspeople, councillors and decision makers

#### RADIO VERULAM 'YOUR QUESTIONS' BUSINESS SPECIAL

Radio Verulam is to hold a special recording of Your Questions focused on local area business issues in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce

#### DATE & TIME

Tuesday 28th February 2012 The Maltings Art Theatre  
6 pm - Business Networking & Nibbles  
7.15 pm - Show Recording

#### PANEL (to be confirmed)

Julian Daly—St Albans District Council  
Steve Campbell—AECOM  
Robert Gordon—Herts County Council  
Mel Hilbrow— St Albans Chamber of Commerce  
Mark Prisk MP—Minister of State  
Department of Business, Innovation & Skills

#### REGISTER

Admission is free  
Please confirm your attendance by email to:

[http://www.radioverulam.com/yourquestions/question\\_form.html](http://www.radioverulam.com/yourquestions/question_form.html)