

Bulletin

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Chamber Community Business Awards 2012

In recognition of the contribution of business to the community of the St Albans District

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. The Community Business Awards are recognition of the contribution of business to the community of the St Albans District. You can nominate yourself, your business, or any other individual or business for one or more of the awards.

(Event sponsors are excluded from entry.)

Shortlisted nominees could win one of the six awards at our Presentation Party on Thursday 27th September, 2012.

Please download this entry form and mail it to us. Alternatively send us an e-mail marked "Awards" containing the information in the entry form, using the following email address: awards@stalbans-chamber.co.uk. CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 29th JUNE 2012

Please go to our designated webpage to download the entry form and read what our 2011 winners felt about being nominated, let alone winning!

The 6 Categories are:

GREEN AWARD *sponsored by St Albans District Council*

YOUNG PERSON *sponsored by Oaklands College*

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY *sponsored by Harpenden Building Society*

NEW BUSINESS *sponsored by Debenhams Ottaway Solicitors*

BEST RESTAURANT *sponsored by Hertfordshire Life Magazine*

THE PRESIDENTS AWARD *sponsored by Hertfordshire Business Independent*

Nominate today, it really does only take 5 minutes to do so!

<http://www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/chamber-community-business-awards-2012/>



Picture: **Blue Feather Photography**

Chamber delegates gathered at city centre restaurant Lussmanns for the latest Chamber Networking Lunch.

Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by the winning team there in Heritage Close.

Chamber Director Paul Rosenthal and Lussmanns owner Andrei Lussmann are pictured left drawing the raffle on Friday 25th May. The lucky winners were Ali Harmer from Ian Rennie Grove House and also John Cottrell, Action Coach

'Going For Gold'



Chamber 2012 Cocktail Party

**Celebrate London 2012 in spectacular style
at St Michael's Manor Hotel with the Chamber**

Thursday 2nd August 2012 at 5.30pm until 8pm

Enjoy themed Canapés and Cocktails whilst enjoying the live Olympic action on the big screen including: badminton, basketball, cycling, gymnastics but most importantly, Beach Volleyball!

There will be a volley ball challenge in the gardens on the day with prizes for the winners!

Bring your colleagues and clients along for a special treat to celebrate and cheer on team GB in this perfect setting for a summer gathering after work

Tickets only £20.00 per person, which include canapés and two cocktails

(all guests will be offered priority booking to stay on for dinner at the hotel that day)



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Breakfast Meeting

Tuesday 26th June 2012

7.30am – 9.30am

Darcy's Restaurant

2 - 8 Hatfield Road

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The London Road Project

The London Road Project—What is actually happening behind all the boarding?

Steve Walker — Collinson Hall Commercial

A briefing regarding progress with the redevelopment of the important 3 acre site of the former Evershed print works together with the commercial and residential properties fronting Alma Road, London Road and Inkerman Road.

Steve Walker of Collinson Hall working within the development team assembled by Spen Hill Developments Ltd talks openly about this ambitious project, together with the frustrations of the delays to the scheme and the implications to the community.

Given that there is overwhelming support for this scheme from the local community why is it taking so long to make progress?

**Our events do sell out quickly so please book early to avoid disappointment!
There are limited places available at this event**

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

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

**Or email your booking to us
office@stalban-chamber.co.uk and we will invoice you directly**

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Anthony Fogden Branch Manager at Handelsbanken St Albans and his daughter Amelia (both pictured above)

will be joining the Midnight Walkers on 30th June in aid of The Hospice of St Francis (Berkhamsted). It is an 11 mile walk from Hemel School to Berkhamsted and will be walking in memory of Anthony's dad - Amelia's Grandad who passed away in March. They are looking to raise money for the Hospice and have a Just Giving site - www.justgiving.com/Anthony-Fogden All sponsorship will be gratefully received and going to a fantastic cause

How should I pay my wife?

Q: I have my own business and now my children are grown up, my wife would like to return to work and deal with some administrative jobs for me. What is the most tax efficient way for her to be paid? Should I treat her as if she is self-employed and she invoices me?

A: Self-employed status generally results in a lower tax liability than that of employment. Firstly, the rate of National Insurance self-employed people generally pay is 9% (as opposed to 12% if employed). **And secondly, the 'employer' does not need to pay Employer's National Insurance on their behalf either.** Of these two options, people therefore tend to prefer being treated as self-employed.

You also have the option of transferring the business into a partnership and giving your wife a share of the profits.

However, you cannot simply choose to treat your wife as self-employed/ partner/ employed- it is really a question of the facts and HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) have lots of guidance in this area.

We would recommend that you seek professional advice about how to remunerate your wife, before proceeding. Firstly, to check you are acting within guidelines and legislation and secondly, to calculate the tax position.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to be put in touch with your local TaxAssist Accountant.

markfordham@taxassist.co.uk

SAINTS are toasting a successful end-of-season dinner featuring star turns in Tony Adams and Mark Halsey that raised "significant" funds for the club.

Former Arsenal and England captain Adams and Premier League referee Halsey royally entertained an audience of around 140 people at Sopwell House Hotel with a series of footballing anecdotes and insights.

They came in question-and-answer sessions with Sky Sports interviewer Geoff Shreeves, who hosted the evening with his own distinctive brand of wit and wisdom.

Geoff also conducted expertly the auction of items that included a box at the Emirates Stadium for 15 people for an Arsenal game, generously donated by club patron Franco Sidoli, and a Jose-Mourinho signed Real Madrid training top given to the club by Mark Halsey.

The box fetched a healthy £5,000 and the training top £650. Good sums were also paid for tickets and hospitality for the BBC quiz show Have I Got News For You and Club Wembley tickets for Roy Hodgson's first game as England manager against Belgium on June 2nd.

In addition, a bid of £450 was accepted for the chance to play in a St Albans City FC pre-season friendly and £400 to shadow club owner Lawrence Levy or chairman Ian Ridley on a match day.

"It was a great night and the club did well out of it in raising significant funds," said Ridley.

St Albans City Football Club Charity Dinner



Lisa Bates & Tony Adams with Chamber members David Gillow (Galio) & Aarti Parmar (Bang & Olufsen of Harpenden)

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

New Members

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

Peter Trevelyan

City Centre Consultant

3 Abbey Mill End

St Albans

Herts

AL3 4HN

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Contact: Peter Trevelyan

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Research & Consultancy and Building Certification

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Garston

Watford

WD25 9XX

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Contact: Karen Young

Position: Senior Consultant

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Position: Owner

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Www.solarioracing.com

Contact: Simon Double

Position: Racing Manager

Email : info@solarioracing.com



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It's a Knockout Charity Challenge 2012

Old Albanians Sports Club, Harpenden Road, St Albans

Sunday 22 July Children's games from 10.30 am
Adults' games from 1pm



St Albans-based charity Crohn's and Colitis UK is calling for:

- Adults – teams of 10, partial teams and individuals
- Children – teams of 6 (6-14 years)
- Volunteer helpers
- Businesses and individuals to sponsor aspects of the event (sponsorship opportunities from just £25)
- Raffle and tombola prizes

From Bish Bash Dash to Pea Soup, Knockout is about team games (all very silly) involving giant inflatables, climbing, sliding, dressing-up and leaping into foam. As well as boosting morale and raising your profile in the community, you can win medals, glory, and the satisfaction of helping children, teenagers and adults affected by these devastating bowel conditions, 5,000 of whom live in Hertfordshire.

Interested? Call Lesley on 01727 734485
Visit www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk/knockout

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The Chamber promotes trade between members and we have an area on our website to specifically publicise offers between members for services.

If you would like to add any ongoing offers on our website please email them to me lisa@stalbans-chamber.co.uk with subject: **MEMBERS OFFERS**