

Bulletin

January
2013



St Albans • Harpenden • London Colney

Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday 13th February 2013

7.30am – 9.30am

Darcy's Restaurant

2 - 8 Hatfield Road

St Albans

Herts AL1 3RP

Running a business without doing any online marketing is like winking at a pretty woman or man in the dark; you know what you are doing, but no one else does!

Got draws stuffed with business cards from 101 networking sessions?

Spent too many mornings in a room full of suits or listening to fifty elevator pitches?

Looking for specific business introductions but too afraid to ask?

Confused about how social media fits in with your business?

Wouldn't know a tweet from a post and most days are too weary to care?

You are not alone! Why not join us at Darcy's on Wednesday 13th February at 7.30am for an interactive networking session where you will learn how to join up your offline and online networking efforts, grow your reputation locally, meet & engage with the right people and get found more easily on Google.

WARNING: If you like your networking passive and non-engaging, may we respectfully suggest that you stay in bed!

June Cory is a Google Certified Partner with a proven track record spanning twenty five years in media management, sales & training; she owns My Mustard, an online advertising agency based in Hertfordshire. Passionate about her work, a highly enthusiastic on and offline networker June is a Director of the St Albans Chamber of Commerce, a regular judge at the FSB Herts Awards and talks about Google at various forums including the FSB and the University of Hertfordshire.

**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**

Chamber Directors Spotlight - Mr Paul Rosenthal



Paul Rosenthal is a Chamber Director and co founder of Amthal Fire & Security, an electronic security systems company based in St Albans, Hertfordshire for over 12 years.

Paul's commitment and passion to his business led him to become a member of the St Albans District Chamber of Commerce some 10 years ago of which in the past two years he has served as a director, playing an active role in the chamber's work supporting local business and local community. Paul plays a key role in the Chamber Community Business Awards each year.

Paul is a St Albans resident educated at Verulam School, married to Amanda, with two daughters and enjoys spending time with his family and road bike cycling...having completed a charity bike ride from St Albans to Marbella last year!! Please give Paul a call if you have any queries about the Chamber and how it can work for you.

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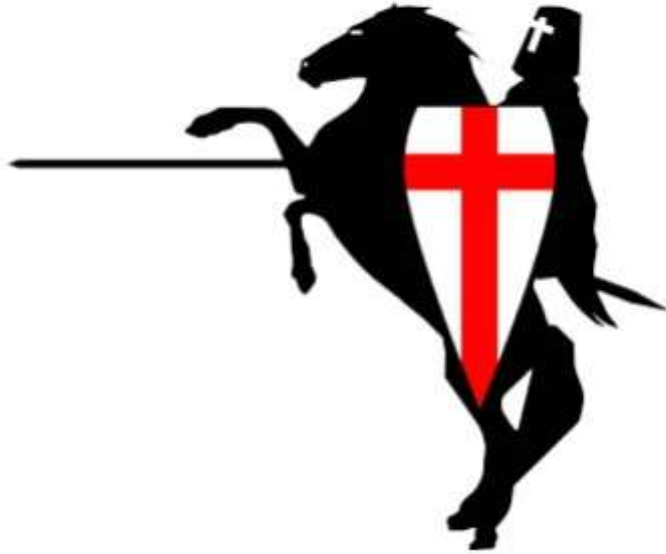
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St George's Day Lunch 2013



Friday 19th April 2012

at

Sopwell House Hotel 12.30pm

The places are going fast with only 50 tickets left if you would like to attend with clients please now online to avoid disappointment

<http://www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/buy-online/events/>

We are looking for event sponsors, a great opportunity to raise your business profile at the Best networking lunch in the county.

Interested?

Contact me for further details

lisa@stalbins-chamber.co.uk

See below a fundraising evening hosted by Louise Robson—City Lawyers who is currently training for her first London Marathon!

For tickets contact her directly at louise.robson@city-lawyers.com or 07989 470050.

Also any assistance with raffle items would be greatly appreciated

Sparkle the night away with a night of 1000 tealights

You are invited to a red carpet charity party

- ★ Welcome drinks and canapés
- ★ Live music from The Burgundys
- ★ Light supper followed by
- ★ A raffle

Date:

Saturday 9th March 2013

Time: **7:30pm** till late

Venue: **Charles Morris Hall, Tyttenhanger**

Dress code: **Black tie**

Price: **£25 per ticket**

In aid of the **Spinal Injuries Association** (registered charity: 1054097)





Tax Relief on Plant & Machinery

Q: I have been reading the outcome of the Autumn Statement and I am aware that the Annual Investment Allowance is being increased to £250,000 from January 2013. Does that mean that I can spend £250,000 on plant and machinery in January and receive tax relief on the whole amount?

A: No, not necessarily. There are some things you should be aware of.

Firstly, clearly the equipment you purchase must be eligible for the Annual Investment Allowance (AIA). I would always encourage business owners to discuss their plans with an accountant first; before going ahead and making any significant purchases. This way, you should ensure that you are fully aware of the tax relief available and there'll be no nasty surprises.

But secondly, and more importantly, the AIA available will depend on your year end and the timing of your purchases. The AIA has changed three times recently:

£100,000 up to and including 5th April 2012
(unincorporated business)/ 31st March 2012
(companies)

£25,000 up to and including 31st December 2012
(irrespective of entity type)

£250,000 from 1st January 2013 (irrespective of entity type)

Because there have been so many changes and because of the rules surrounding AIA, I would strongly recommend that you discuss your plans with your local TaxAssist Accountant, to ensure that you get as much tax relief as possible; as quickly as possible.

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- **Business Breakfast**
Wednesday 23rd January 2013 7.30am
Speaker : LEP
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- **Business Networking Breakfast Meeting**
Wednesday 13th February 2013 7.30am
Speaker : Google & Online Marketing
Darcy's BOOK NOW
- **AGM & Networking**
Thursday 7th March 5.45pm
The Discovery Centre, Oaklands College
Speaker: Director of Apprenticeships
BOOK NOW
- **St George's Day Lunch 2013**
Friday 19th April 12.30pm
Sopwell House Hotel
Book Now online only 12 tables left!
We are looking for an event sponsor
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ZUMBA

A unique Zumba class for families run by a qualified Zumba teacher; all ages and beginners welcome

When: 22nd January 2013
Place: St Albans Girls School
Sandridgebury Lane AL3 6DB
Time: 5:30-6:30

Price: £5 per person or £8 for 2 /£10 for 3 family members

Pay on the door or pre-book spaces via email

For more information please contact:
Suzi Pinkerton: S.pinkerton95@gmail.com

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

New Members

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