

# Bulletin

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2013



This is to give notice that the  
**Annual General Meeting** of the  
**St Albans District Chamber of Commerce**  
will take place on  
Thursday, 7th March 2013 at 6.00pm at  
The Discovery Centre,  
Oaklands College (Smallford Campus)  
Hatfield Road  
St Albans, Herts AL4 OJA

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** *Followed by a Networking & A Buffet Supper*



**OAKLANDS COLLEGE**



In conjunction with the St Albans Chamber of Commerce, Oaklands College will be informing employers of the benefits of Apprenticeships, Sector Based Work Academies and Work experience. With the challenging economic climate and struggle to find potential employees with the right skills sets, Apprenticeships allow employers to "grow their own" staff, succession plan and develop managers/leaders of the future. There are grants available to support employers with taking on Apprentices for the first time, or unemployed adults.

- 5.30pm**      **Registration at The Discovery Centre, Oaklands College**
- 6.00pm**      **AGM begins promptly**  
(Attendance at the AGM is free of charge for those leaving as soon as the meeting closes)
- 6.30pm**      **Introducing Jamie Stevenson, Director of Apprenticeship & Business Partnerships**
- 7.00pm**      **Buffet Supper , Glass of Wine & Networking**  
(opportunity to look around the new facilities and meeting rooms)
- 8.00pm**      **Close**

To avoid disappointment book now online

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

**Members £22.50 Non Members £27.50**

## Chamber Directors Spotlight - June Cory



June Cory joined the Chamber in 2004 and was asked to join the board in 2006.

After twenty years working in regional press – her last corporate role was Centre Manager for St Albans Review & Observer - June started her own business in March 2007 called My Mustard. (Don't ask about the name, apparently it's a long story). My Mustard is an online advertising agency specialising in Google AdWords, Linked In and Facebook pay per click opportunities; June also delivers online marketing training and works with charities on the Google Grants programme.

"It's always great to meet new business people & find out what they do and how we can help them. The Chamber is a very inclusive organisation and we are happy to put people in touch with the right contacts."

June's role at the Chamber includes new member retention, sponsorship of the condiments (!), management of the Shop St Albans website and organisation of the annual Awards bash.

"I get very little spare time but when I do perfect way to relax is curl up on the sofa with a good book and a large glass of white wine. In fact, the book is optional."

To find out more about Shop St Albans or the Awards call June on 07734 846855.

## St George's Day Lunch 2013 **SOLD OUT**



**Friday 19th April 2012**

at

**Sopwell House Hotel**

**12.30pm**

**There are over 300 businesses attending this event!**

**If you are able to offer any auction items Please contact the office  
office@stalbans-chamber.co.uk**



## ***Magna Carta 800th Anniversary***

### **St Albans: The Journey Starts Here – 2013**

St Albans City and District Council is working in partnership with the St Albans Cathedral on a series of events to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the city's role in the story of the Magna Carta.

The build up to the sealing of the Magna Carta at Runnymede in 1215 started in St Albans on the 4 August 1213 when Barons and Clergy met at St Albans Abbey. It was here that the King's Justiciar agreed to pay compensation for past grievances. These concessions triggered a demand for general rights and privileges, based on the Charter of Liberties of Henry I, which by now had become the template for Magna Carta.

#### **St Albans Programme**

The St Albans programme is in the planning stages and the scale and scope of the programme of events and activities are dependent on securing external funding.

Included in the plans are:

- An exhibition in the Museum of St Albans, Hatfield Road entitled “**The Journey Starts Here**” setting the scene for 1213. The exhibition will highlight key players in the story including Bishop Langdon, King John and three of the Barons. It will also explore the Henry I Coronation Charter and ten other “journeys to secure human/civic rights”, including, for example, Ghandi's salt march, Rosa Parks, the Christopher Street Riots, and disability rights. The exhibition will run for six weeks and will provide a backdrop for a number of events in St Albans on the weekend of the 2, 3 and 4 August, the 800th anniversary of the meeting between the Barons and Clergy.
- The publication and launch of the “**Manga Carta**”, retelling the story of the Magna Carta in the style of Japanese Manga cartoons. The book will be produced by local people and visitors working with a volunteer Manga artist. Large scale versions of the artwork will be sited temporarily in the city centre from the north of St Peters Street to the Cathedral where events took place in 1213. These will be accompanied by a late afternoon and early evening of performance and music related to the characters in the Manga Carta artworks.
- On Friday 2 August, a lecture by **Professor Vernon Bogdanor**, in the Lady Chapel, St Albans Cathedral. Professor Bogdanor is a Research Professor at the Institute for Contemporary British History at King's College London, and a Fellow of Brasenose College, University of Oxford. He is one of Britain's foremost constitutional experts and has written extensively on political and constitutional issues.
- A Magna Carta **concert** in the St Albans Cathedral on Saturday 3 August
- On Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 August, a **Medieval Festival** in Verulamium Park, St Albans, to bring to life the times and culture of 1213.
- St Albans Cathedral will host the **Lincoln Cathedral 1215 copy of the Magna Carta** on public display in August. This will be the first time that an original copy of the Magna Carta has been seen in St Albans.
- A Magna Carta **Evensong Service** sung by a visiting choir, the St Paul's Episcopal Church, Rochester, United States on Sunday 4 August with the Reverend Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch. The Reverend MacCulloch is a well known authority on church history, including the period of the Magna Carta.
- A **schools programme** exploring events and circumstances leading up to the fight for civic rights and legal advances achieved through the Magna Carta and beyond.

**For more information about St Albans' plans or to get involved, please contact Lesli Good, Culture & Heritage Services Manager, St Albans City & District Council at [lesli.good@stalbands.gov.uk](mailto:lesli.good@stalbands.gov.uk)**



Oaklands College, in partnership with the Hertfordshire Chamber of Commerce, National Apprenticeship Service, Job Centre Plus and Youth Connexions is hosting 'Your Future Fair' at The Alban Arena in the heart of St Albans City on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 am – 8.00 pm.

This is a great opportunity to promote your organisation to job seekers and school leavers from across the region. Hertfordshire Job Seekers from Job Centre Plus will be invited to attend between 10.30 am – 1.30 pm with students from age 14-18 coming along with their teachers and parents from 2.00 – 8.00 pm.

There is NO CHARGE to exhibit, so please book early as demand will be high and spaces are limited. To join the many local and national companies, training and education providers who have already booked return the completed exhibitors booking form to [sue.mckinnon@oaklands.ac.uk](mailto:sue.mckinnon@oaklands.ac.uk)

# YOUR FUTURE FAIR

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### For further information

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## Giving computers to employees

Q: I am about to upgrade all of the hardware my staff use. I would like to know what the tax implications will be if I give the old computers to my staff. Can you talk me through it please?

A: You must report the gift of the computers on the HM Revenue & Customs form P11D and the business will incur Class 1A National Insurance (unless the employees are non-directors and earning less than £8,500 p.a. in which case use form P9D).

I assume the use of these computers has not previously triggered a tax charge on the employees. On this basis, the value to declare on the form is the second-hand value of the computers when you give them away. Please note, if you are VAT registered, you must include VAT on top of the market value.

If the employee is a director or they are earning in excess of £8,500, they will have income tax to pay on the gift. If they are not, they will have no income tax or National Insurance to pay.

The implications of gifting assets to your employees can be tricky as there are different valuations to use depending on who the recipient is, if the asset has previously triggered tax charges on the recipient and whether the asset has appreciated in value. So before you proceed with making any decisions about giving assets to staff, I would encourage you to speak with your local TaxAssist Accountant so you are fully aware of the consequences.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **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*  
*Speaker: Director of Apprenticeships*  
**Oaklands College The Discovery Centre,** **BOOK NOW**
- **St George's Day Lunch 2013**  
*Friday 19th April 12.30pm*  
*Sopwell House Hotel*  
*Speaker:* **SOLD OUT**
- **Networking Breakfast Meeting**  
*Wednesday 8th May 7.30am*  
*Woolhams, OA Rugby Club*  
**Speaker Anne Main MP** **BOOK NOW**
- **Speed Networking Evening**  
*Tuesday 21st May 6pm*  
*Venue : To Be Confirmed*  
*Hosted by : June Cory, My Mustard* **BOOK NOW**

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