

Bulletin



Lisa Bates, Michael Gove MP, Zoe Hancock, Graham Lane



Cllr. Annie Brewster, Anne Main MP

The Secretary of State for Education the Right Hon. Michael Gove MP attended a Chamber Networking Lunch at Sopwell House Hotel on 11th October. He spoke briefly before taking questions from the floor.

There were representatives from 30 different Schools, Colleges and 2 Universities in attendance. The sponsor was Oaklands College who were very pleased to work with the Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Director, Lisa Bates said "It was a real coup to have the Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove MP at our event, a great opportunity for the head teachers and school governors present to ask him direct questions about the issues they face. I think he tackled the questions fairly and answered them all with knowledge and a sense of responsibility and understanding.



Zoe Hancock - Principle, Oaklands College

The St Albans Chamber of Commerce is very keen to find ways to support young people and encourage stronger links between education and business in the future to give youngsters more opportunity to gain beneficial skills and training in the workplace. We would like to promote more work experience placements and apprenticeships within the business community in the district to address this"

Forthcoming Events

- **Speed Networking**
Wednesday 20th November 6pm
Venue : The Bistro, Westminster Lodge
Hosted By: June Cory from My Mustard
£20 Members
£25 Non Members
BOOK NOW ONLINE
- **The Annual Chamber Ball -**
Sponsored By 51 Pegasus Ltd & Santander Corporate & Commercial
Saturday 16th November 7pm
Venue : Sopwell House Hotel
Entertainment: The Slaves
£60 Tickets
£600 Table of Ten
BOOK NOW ONLINE
- **Business Breakfast**
Wednesday 4th December 7.30am
Venue : The Peahen
Speaker: James Blake & Julian Daly
£21 Members
£26 Non Members
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- **Business Breakfast - Sponsored By Collinson Hall**
Wednesday 15th January 7.30am
Venue : TBC
Speaker: St Albans Film Festival
£21 Members
£26 Non Members
BOOK NOW ONLINE

Major City Centre Events Before Christmas

Christmas Lights Switch on - Sunday 17/11;

University of Hertfordshire Graduation week of 18/11

St Albans Daily Christmas Market in the Vintry Gardens from Thurs 28/11 to Sat 21/12

<http://www.christmasmarkets.com/UK/st-albans-christmas-market.html?review=true>



Chamber Speed Networking with a buffet & glass of wine

Wednesday 20th November 6.00pm at
The Bistro, Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre
Holywell Hill
St Albans
Herts
AL1 2DL



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PLEASE BOOK EARLY AS SPACES ARE LIMITED

**£20 (+VAT) for members
£25 (+VAT) for non-members**

Non members welcome as guests

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



St Albans • Harpenden • London Colney

Business Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday 4th December 2013

7.30am – 9.30am

The Peahen

Holywell Hill

St Albans

Herts AL1 1NG



Economic Development Update from St Albans City and District Council

Councillor Julian Daly, Executive Leader and **James Blake**, Chief Executive, St Albans City and District Council

Over the last year the Council has sought the opinions of local businesses on the local economy. This process, alongside in depth research, has focused the Council's efforts on 4 key areas for sustainable economic growth. These are:

- Strengthening retail and improving the public realm
- Making it easier for businesses to engage with the Council
- Growing the Visitor Economy
- Developing the District's strengths as a centre for specialist green business and professional services.

Councillor Daly and James Blake will outline progress with economic development in the District followed by a question and answer session.

This event will sell out quickly—please book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited!

Book now on-line www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/buy-online/events/
£21 (plus VAT) for all attendees
Or email your booking to us
office@stalbands-chamber.co.uk **and we will invoice you directly**

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Book By JAMES GOLDMAN

Music & Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Produced originally on Broadway by Harold Prince

By special arrangement with Cameron Mackintosh

5th - 9th November 2013

Evenings 7.45pm Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

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ST ALBANS DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BALL

Saturday 16th November 2013
Sopwell House Hotel
Cotton Mill Lane
St Albans

Event Sponsored by:



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51 PEGASUS

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7pm for 7.30pm Dress Code: Black Tie Carriages at 12am

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Tables of 10 at £600
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or email: lisa@stalbans-chamber.co.uk

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Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Chamber Ball

£250 - Coffee & Chocolates

£275 - The Starter

£275 - Desert

Amthal Security - Table Flowers

£300 - Main Course

£350 - Champagne Reception

£750 - The Band

*Prices Exclude VAT



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New Members

We welcome the following companies to the Chamber:



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Village Barbers

Mens & Ladies Hairstyling

Unit 5

High Street

St.Albans

Herts

AL3 4ED

Tel: 01727 858556

Contact: Lorraine Rand

Position: Owner

Email : Lerrainerand@hotmail.com

Beatbike Studios Ltd

Indoor & Outdoor Bike Fitness

The Cricket Pavillion

Clarence Park

St Albans

Hertfordshire

AL1 4NF

Tel: 07718238968

Web: www.beakbike.co.uk

Contact: Victoria Robertson

Position: Director

Email: vix@beatbike.co.uk

Home From Holme

4 Star Serviced Apartments in St Albans

For Corporate/leisure Travellers

34 Chime Square

St Albans

Herts

AL3 5JZ

Tel: 01727 765756

Web: www.homefromholme.com

Contact: Jenny Muir

Position: Managing Director

Email: jenny@homefromholme.com

Global I gloo Ltd

Design Studios Specialising in

Brand Identity Design for Business

No Business Address

Web: www.globaligloo.com

Tel: 08443309013

Contact: Mark Zimmerli

Position: Director

Email: hello@globaligloo.com

Coldchain Vehicle Services Ltd

Contract Hire & Vehicle Leasing (Broker)

38 Goulds Close

Denbigh West

Milton Keynes

MK1 1EQ

Tel: 08453712001

Web: www.coldchaingroup.com

Contact: Malcolm Topping

Position: Director

Email: Malcolm@coldchaingroup.com



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New Members

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Natalie B

Voice Over, Audio Creation, Podcasting, Media Training, Radio Presenter

3 Cathedral Court

King Harry Lane

St Albans

Herts

AL3 4AF

Tel: 07810 718458

Contact: Natalie Silverman

Position: Director

Email: natalieb@natalieb.co.uk

St Albans CLDS Herts County Council

Social Work, Community Care

Apsley 1

Brindley Way

Hemel Hempstead

Hertfordshire

HP3 9BF

Web: www.hertsdirect.org

Tel: 07733388730

Contact: Stephanie Durkin

Position: Team Manager

Email: stephanie.durkin@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Rich Silverman

Wellness Coach

3 Cathedral Court

King Harry Lane

St Albans

Herts

AL3 4AF

Tel: 07810 718458

Contact: Rich Silverman

Position: Director

Email: rbsilverman@hotmail.com

Kerry Pollard

Potential Parliamentary Candidate (Labour)

28 Alma Road

St Albans

Herts

AL1 3BW

Tel: 07712899483

Web: www.stalbanslabour.org.uk

Contact: Kerry Pollard

Email: kerrypollard@btinternet.com

West End Training

Training Company

The Old Pumphouse

1A Stonecross

St Albans

Hertfordshire

AL1 4AA

Tel: 01727 238099

Web: www.westendtraining.co.uk

Contact: Garry Barone

Position: Owner of Franchise

Email: we.training@btinternet.com

Arena Taxis

Taxis Services

3A Canberra House

London Road

St Albans

Herts

AL1 1LE

Tel: 01727 844844

Web: www.arena-taxis.co.uk

Contact: Anwar Jalil

Position: Director

Email: anwar_21@hotmail.co.uk