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# Bulletin

## Invitation to our Annual General Meeting 2014



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Join us at our **AGM Networking Evening** followed by

## The St Albans Business Barometer

A performance review of the top companies in St Albans  
Brought to you by Grant Thornton UK LLP

Find out more through a business review  
of the leading businesses in the city.

The St Albans Business Barometer will assess the performance of the local business community, providing both a review of economic performance and an opportunity for local business leaders to get together.



**BOOK NOW ONLINE**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 5.30pm**

Old Albanians Sports Club

Woollam Playing Fields

160 Harpenden Road

St Albans

Hertfordshire

AL3 6BB

We look forward to welcoming you to this  
event sponsored by

 **Clydesdale Bank**

**5.30pm** - Registration

**6.00pm** - AGM , St Albans Business Barometer  
- followed by a networking buffet & wine

**8.00pm** - Close

**Members** £26.50

**Non Members** £32.00



## St Albans Lion Club Corporate Quiz

**Wednesday 23rd April 2014  
6.45pm for 7.15pm start**

Once again the St Albans Lions Club will be hosting an annual corporate quiz for the prestigious "Corporate Challenge" trophy at the Quality Hotel in St Albans.

In addition to a three course dinner, which provides the chance for employee bonding, there will be a friendly but competitive battle of wits between local businesses.

This is a charity event and the proceeds will be going to 'The Crescent', a local support and care organisation based at Russell Avenue in St Albans. One of their patrons and supporters known as "CJ" is an expert TV quiz personality who for several years appeared as one of the eggheads. This organisation has served the community around St Albans for 25 years and despite the funding cuts has shown great determination to continue its operations. More information about The Crescent will be provided on the evening of the quiz.

### **The Venue:**

The Quality Hotel  
234 London Road,  
St Albans  
AL1 1JQ.



Teams are of up to 8 people.

For more information or to book a team, please call William Martin (the club president) on 01727 760904 or email him at: williemartin@hotmail.co.uk

## *Forthcoming Events*

### **AGM and St Albans Business Barometer**

*Thursday 27th March 2014 5.30pm*  
£26.50 Members  
£26.00 Non Members  
*Venue : OA'S Sports Ground*  
**BOOK NOW ONLINE**  
**Sponsored by : Clydesdale Bank**

### **Chamber Meets Chamber Business Breakfast**

*Wednesday 2nd April 2014*  
*Venue : TBC*  
£21.00 Members  
£26.00 Non Members  
**BOOK NOW ONLINE**  
**With the Watford & West Herts Chamber**

### **St George's Day Lunch 2014**

*Venue : Sopwell House Hotel*  
*Friday 25th April 2014*  
£65.00 Tickets  
*Table of 10 £650*  
**BOOK NOW ONLINE**  
**Speaker: Graham Poll**

### **Speed Networking**

*Venue : The Bistro, Westminster Lodge*  
*Wednesday 21st May 2014 6.00pm*  
£22.00 Members  
£26.00 Non Members  
**BOOK NOW ONLINE**  
**Host: June Cory**

**All Chamber events can be booked  
on our website**



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## Business Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday 2nd April 2014

7.30am – 9.30am

Sopwell House

Cottonmill Lane

St Albans

Herts

AL1 2HQ



WATFORD & WEST HERTS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Chamber meets Chamber

### Barrie Cottam, Head of West Coast Services for London Midland

We are delighted to host a dynamic business breakfast bringing our two Chambers together for a great business event at this superb venue.

Over the next year, Network Rail is investing £81m in upgrading signalling and track on the south end of the West Coast mainline; but what does this mean to local business? Journeys and commuting in the Watford and St Albans area from London Euston right through to Hemel Hempstead will be affected. With the works schedule now agreed, join us for a very special joint Chamber Business Breakfast to hear from London Midland's Head of West Coast Services Barrie Cottam as to the arrangements and contingencies to minimise disruption.

This is a marvellous opportunity to gain all the information you need for your business to make alternative plans and also take advantage of quality networking with members from both St Albans District and Watford and West Herts Chambers of Commerce. This event will be hosted by Peter Goodman, President St Albans District Chamber of Commerce, and Ian Welland, Chief Executive Watford and West Herts Chamber of Commerce.

**We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues/clients there!**

**Book now online** £25 (plus VAT) for all attendees.

[www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/buy-online/events/](http://www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/buy-online/events/)  
[admin@stalbands-chamber.co.uk](mailto:admin@stalbands-chamber.co.uk)

Or

[www.watfordchamber.co.uk/events/](http://www.watfordchamber.co.uk/events/)  
[lorraine@watford-chamber.co.uk](mailto:lorraine@watford-chamber.co.uk)

**St Albans District Chamber of Commerce**

**ST GEORGE'S DAY LUNCH**

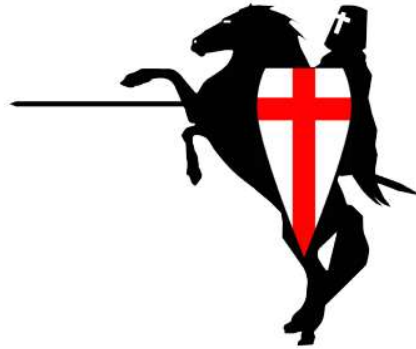
**Friday 25th April 2014**

*at Sopwell House Hotel,*

*Cottonmill Lane,*

*St Albans,*

*Herts AL1 2HQ*



**We would like to thank our event sponsor  
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**And also our other sponsors:**

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**If you would like to donate and auction item, please  
call the office on 01727 863054**

**Our nominated charity this year is Grove House Hospice**

— SAVE THE DATE —

Thursday **15th** May  
6-8pm

STANTA CELEBRATION (in St Albans)

- Celebrate 30 years of helping St Albans businesses
- See our new brand and website
- Enjoy networking with local businesses
- Get an idea of all the great new business initiatives in our district

More information to follow but  
to confirm your place:  
Contact Ginny or Mel  
advice@stanta.co.uk | 01727 837760



### *A View from the Chamber .....*

Feels like spring is here at last and there is certainly something very positive in the air around the business community. Nearly everyone I talk to tells me that they are really busy, which is great news!

We have some excellent networking opportunities lined up for you over the coming months and some really exciting things planned for later in the year including our Community Business Awards Ceremony 2014. More details soon and this year we have a new category the *Director of the Year* — sponsored by Rayner Essex Accountants. We will be circulating nomination forms and full details at the end of this month.

Also we will be hosting an event at which Ed Vaizey MP will speak in September 3rd, he is the UK Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries. We are looking for an event sponsor so please do get in touch if you would like to work with us on this occasion.

We are working with various neighbouring organisations this year including Herts IoD and The Watford & West Herts Chamber. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed to keep up to date with all of our news @stalbachamber and please recommend us to your clients!

We look forward to seeing you soon.



*Lisa Bates*  
Executive Director

St. Albans District - Citizens Advice Bureau  
Is pleased to present...

## A Victorian Whodunnit

*There's been a grisly murder!  
Help the Chief Inspector find the guilty party  
(period dress optional)*

*Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014*

At 'The Old Town Hall', St Albans  
Market place, St Albans (Chequer Street Entrance)



Doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 start

Tickets £20.00 per person (advance sales only)  
Licensed bar, ticket price includes a buffet meal

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Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with all ticket requests to  
Mr Sandy Adams, Citizens Advice Bureau, Civic Centre, St Peters Street, St  
Albans, AL1 3JE.

I require \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for Whodunnit on 29th March 2014 at £20 per  
ticket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

*I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to St. Albans District C.A.B.*

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

### New Members

We welcome the following companies to the Chamber:



**Follow us on twitter!**  
**@stalbanschamber**

#### Pebble Ltd

*Web design and build*

22 Culley Court  
Orton Southgate  
Peterborough  
PE2 6WA

Web: [www.pebbleltd.co.uk](http://www.pebbleltd.co.uk)  
Tel: 01733367799  
Contact: David Millward  
Email: [accounts@pebbleltd.co.uk](mailto:accounts@pebbleltd.co.uk)

#### Henry Park Quantity Surveyors

*Chartered quantity surveyor: CDM  
co-ordinator*

20 Gonnerston  
Mount Pleasant  
St Albans  
Hertfordshire  
AL3 4SY

Web: TBC  
Tel: 07825 067888  
Contact: Henry Park  
Position: Director  
Email: [henry@henrypark.co.uk](mailto:henry@henrypark.co.uk)

#### The Insurance Store

*Insurance Broker*

107 Southdown Road  
Harpenden  
Hertfordshire  
AL5 1QQ

Tel: 01582 948001  
Web: [www.theinsurancestore.co.uk](http://www.theinsurancestore.co.uk)  
Contact: Simon Phillips  
Position: Director  
Email: [admin@theinsurancestore.co.uk](mailto:admin@theinsurancestore.co.uk)

#### The Living Room St Albans

*Therapeutic group treatment for addicts  
and group treatment for friends/family  
of addicts*

Rear of 156 Hatfield Road  
St Albans  
Hertfordshire  
AL1 4JA

Web: [www.thelivingroom.me.uk](http://www.thelivingroom.me.uk)  
Tel: 01727 854479  
Contact: Fran Fletcher  
Position: Community Fundraiser  
Email: [fran.thelivingroom@gmail.com](mailto:fran.thelivingroom@gmail.com)