

MALMESBURY & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2009



LATE NIGHT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2009 6 - 9 PM



**FATHER CHRISTMAS IN HIS
GROTTO**

STREET PERFORMERS

FESTIVE MUSIC

**BEST DRESSED WINDOW
COMPETITION**

STREET MARKET

**CHILDREN'S RIDES - pirate
galleon, slide, helter skelter**

**FESTIVE FOOD - mulled
wine, hot soup**

**LIBRARY running a craft
drop-in session
6-7.30pm for children**

**FREE PARK AND RIDE
FROM MALMESBURY
GARDEN CENTRE
courtesy of Andy Buses**

**AND WE GUARANTEE
SNOW!**

Any local clubs, organisations or charities wishing to run a stall please contact Lesley, our secretary, see committee details . Any business with a shop window in the High Street can add to the cheer of Christmas by entering the Christmas Window Competition. Judging will take place during the morning of Friday 4 December. This competition is open to all this year.

Please remember any help you can offer on the night will be gratefully received as well! The Upper High Street will be closed from 4pm and the Market Cross from 3pm.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NEW CHAIRMAN, TREASURER AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The AGM of Malmesbury & District Chamber of Commerce will take place on Wednesday 27 January 2010 at Malmesbury Garden Centre. Agenda and nomination forms will be with you before Christmas. Alan Woodward is standing down as Chairman having just completed another two years in the position, and giving the Chamber many years of service, along with Alan Cavill, Treasurer, and many members of the present committee who are also standing down. So please step forward if you want to have your say as to how the Chamber is run. We are one of the biggest Chambers in the county, representing a large body of businesses, currently 78 members, and with the support of the Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce we have strong lobbying potential and have a recognised voice with Wiltshire Council. We meet bi-monthly throughout the year and aim to arrange other visits / speakers for the other months. So please consider joining us and giving us your input!

Following the business meeting Eddy Shah will be talking to us about the economy, how to survive in the current economic climate, and his business experience.

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2009 COMMITTEE

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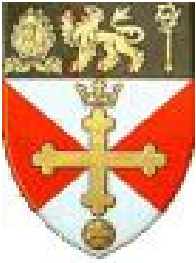
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Key dates

- November 2009—
subscriptions due **£69**
including VAT
- Friday 4 Dec
Late Night
Christmas
Shopping
- Wednesday 27 January -
AGM at Malmesbury
Garden Centre with
speaker Eddy Shah



MALMESBURY 'ALIVE & KICKING' BUSINESS SHOW

The Chamber joined forces with Malmesbury Town Council to organise a very successful Trade and Community Fair in the Town Hall on Saturday 3 October. Many thanks to Chris Jager, Keith Holdsworth and Cllr Patrick Goldstone for their efforts in organising this, and to all those who exhibited and attended.

If you require information on the Wiltshire Business in Crisis Helpline project contact: Debby Skellern on 01225 718398 or email: debby.skellern@wiltshire.gov.uk or Jessica Vallentine on 07733 364401 or email: jessica.vallentine@businesslinksw.co.uk

"The feedback I have had from exhibitors has all been positive. With over 30 participants that is good news. The most common suggestion for change was to have stalls/stands in the bar area and this can easily be done next year. Footfall on the day was good ... 3-400. I certainly hope we will repeat this next Autumn." Cllr Patrick Goldstone

"The first Malmesbury Alive and Kicking Business and Community Fair was a successful event. Around 30 local businesses and organisations took out stands, and a steady stream of visitors throughout the day were able to see what a variety of enterprises there are within the Malmesbury area." Chris Jager

NEW BUSINESS COMPETITION SUCCESS!

Malmesbury had 4 entries for the competition: C2 EMD Ltd (Andrew Carnegie), Ribbons and Lace (Anita Hall), ACS Computer Services Ltd (Mark Adams) and Sport Reach Ltd (Rob Cliverd). We were made most welcome for our local judging by Nigel Miller and his staff at the Red Bull once again. The 4 judges were impressed with the high calibre of all the entrants, C2EMD being the Malmesbury winner, announced at the joint presentation evening with Wootton Bassett and Cricklade at the Rose & Crown at Lea. We wish Andrew well as he goes through to the grand final on 20 November.. Thanks to Keith Holdsworth and Alan Cavill from the Chamber for giving up their time for the judging.

Business Link has a new service at Malmesbury Town Hall They are offering free 1 hour advice sessions at the Town Hall on Mondays. Please call 0845 600 9966 for more information.

SPOT THE MISTAKE COMPETITION
This ran very successfully during August, generating a buzz around the High Street once again! Many thanks to our generous sponsors, E & S Shops, Malmesbury Garden Centre and Woodward Jewellers and congratulations to the three winners, Isaac McAdam, Harvey Simmonds and Darcie Quinnell.

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DON'T FORGET SMALL BUSINESS RATES RELIEF! -To qualify:

- you must occupy one property. Any other properties you occupy must have rateable values below £2,200 and the total rateable value of all of your properties must be under £10,000
- all properties must be on the local rating list on 1 April of each year
- you must apply for the relief to your local billing authority within six months of the end of the chargeable year

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/businesssupportandadvice/businessrates/business-rate-relief/smallbusinessraterelief.htm>

www.wessexchambers.org.uk

www.malmesburychamber.org.uk

Chamber membership is just £69 a year (including VAT). Ring or see websites for more information!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:

Miles Morgan Travel, www.milesmorgantravel.co.uk (Caroline Fenech) is a collection of individual 'specialist' travel shops in carefully chosen locations, owned and set up by Miles Morgan, to provide holidaymakers and independent travellers with the best possible advice and service from staff who are themselves passionate about travel.

1230 The Women's Company, www.1230.co.uk (Alex Morgan) is a lunchtime networking group offering business support and networking opportunities to all business women, meeting locally once a month, at 12.30pm.

JHJ Fire Safety, www.jhjs.co.uk (Dave Buckley) conduct fire assessments

and safety training and all aspects of fire safety. They are members of the Institute of Fire Safety Managers and a Wiltshire Council approved contractor.

The Rectory Hotel, www.therectoryhotel.com (Jonathan Barry) is a beautiful 12 bedroom hotel in Crudwell, 4 miles north of Malmesbury.

Details of all Chamber members and an up-to-date Directory of Members can be emailed or posted to you upon request to Lesley, our secretary, details overleaf. Please encourage your business contacts in the area to join the Chamber to keep us as a strong voice for commerce in the town and surrounding area.