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Vice-chairman's foreword

PROSPERING ECONOMY

Welcome to the latest edition of the Shrewsbury Business Chamber Magazine.

Having only being involved in the Chamber for the last 18 months, I was honoured to be asked to become the Vice Chairman which I accepted with pleasure. During this short period, I've noticed a positive 'shift' within the Chamber, as it, along with the economy, moves forward and begins to prosper once more.

As the Centre Manager of the Shopping Centres in Shrewsbury, I have been seeing improvements within the retail sector and occupancy rates rising - the Pride Hill Shopping Centre, for example, is nearly 100% let with a mixture of national and independent traders for the first time in many years!

We see no reason why this improvement should not continue in 2015 as we plan for some refurbishment works in the Darwin Shopping Centre.

Please share this newsletter with your colleagues and business associates - I hope you enjoy the read!



*Kevin Lockwood
Shrewsbury Shopping Centres*

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Member's contribution - Deed Safe Wills & Legal Services

NEW INTESTACY RULES OCTOBER 2014

This is the first major change to the Laws of Intestacy since 1926. These rules state how relatives inherit assets from someone who has died without a valid Will in place. It highlights more than ever why people, especially unmarried couples, should have a valid up-to-date Will written to ensure that those they wish to inherit their Estate actually do so. A summary of the new laws is as follows:

Unmarried couples

No change - Despite pressure to allow people who have lived together for a number of years to inherit some part of their partner's estate, the new intestacy laws still make no provision for 'common law' partners - even those who have children with the deceased. The only way non-married partners can inherit each other's Estate is to make a Will.

Married couples/civil partners with NO children

Married spouses are now entitled to the whole Estate if their husband/wife dies without a Will and they have no children.

Married Couples and civil partners WITH children

The surviving spouse receives the first £250,000 of the Estate and any personal belongings. The also receive 50% of the remaining balance of the estate. The remaining 50% goes to the deceased's children.

If a person has no surviving children or direct descendants (great grandchildren etc), the Estate will be inherited in this order:

- Your parents
- Whole blood brothers and sisters, or their children if your siblings have not survived you
- Half blood brothers and sisters, or their children if there is no surviving parent.
- Your grandparents

Your whole blood uncles and aunts, or their children

- Half-blood uncles and aunts or their children
- The Crown.

On the cover

FESTIVE NETWORKING IN STYLE...

Usually held monthly, the Chamber holds a number of networking meetings throughout the year, with guest speakers invited according to the topic of the day... The Prince Rupert Hotel is the venue for our Chamber Members' Festive Dinner which replaces the usual networking evening. We've managed to extend the deadline to book for this treat, together with a special price for house wine on the night. Join other Chamber members in The Prince Rupert's Royalist Restaurant at 7.00 pm (for 7.30 pm) on Thursday, 11th December, for a sumptuous three-course seasonal dinner for only £32.50 per person. As well as delicious vegetarian and fish options, locally sourced-turkey and beef are included for your choice of main course.

If you would like to attend our Festive Dinner, please contact Val Povall on 01939 236001 (e-mail valpovall@trebles.free-online.co.uk). A non-refundable deposit of £10 will be required to secure your place, with the remainder due by the end of November with your choice of menu. Or simply book tickets on Eventbrite... you'll find the link, and details of the menu, on our website events page.

Details of all of our networking evenings, which are proving to be increasingly popular especially with our new members, can be found on www.shrewsburybusiness.com/events. Watch this space too for a special networking evening aboard the Sabrina Boat, a new member, which from 2015 will be promoting its corporate hospitality packages.



New member feature

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS...

Shrewsbury Business Chamber has been representing businesses in the Shrewsbury area since 1903. As the main platform for businesses, membership of the Chamber is open to all business types. We recognise that the economy is a difficult one so we have kept our fees to a minimum, ensuring good value and good

services for members. We've introduced a new pricing structure so that home-based businesses can enjoy the benefits of full Chamber membership for a trial period of 12 months at a reduced rate, while student membership is free. For full details of our membership rate pricing structure, please see our website.

Jim Hawkins, BBC Radio Shropshire



Engaging audiences with warmth and wit, compassion and challenge, insight and authority, humanity and understanding, Jim Hawkins has been talking for a living for over thirty years. He's presented programmes for BBC Radio 4, BBC GLR and the Capital Radio Group, and for other BBC and commercial local stations. He was Senior Broadcast Journalist at BBC Radio Northampton, and has read the news for Virgin Radio and for BBC local radio regional shared programmes. He won a Silver Sony Radio Award in 2002 for Century FM's drivetime show, and was nominated in the 2006 Sony Radio Awards for Speech Broadcaster of the Year. Since 2003 he has presented the mid-morning show on BBC Radio Shropshire to more than 50,000 loyal listeners.

In addition, Jim is a professional photographer, and has hosted/compered many local and national events including previous and upcoming networking evenings for Shrewsbury Business Chamber.

Jim Hawkins - voice / image / personality
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Salop Design & Engineering Ltd is a privately-owned company, based in Shrewsbury. All of its manufacturing activities are produced out of its modern, purpose-built factory.

Employing around 80 members of staff, Salop Design and Engineering specialises in the production of metal pressings and assemblies which are manufactured for a wide variety of markets. The site also now incorporates a state-of-the-art powder coating line, which gives all metals a long lasting, protective finish.

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Sabrina Tours

The Sabrina Boat is ideal for anyone wanting to see Shrewsbury from a different angle! Dilwyn Jones has been operating the Sabrina Boat for just under 5 years, and says that the company is going from strength to strength through introducing new ideas and teaming up with other local companies to put Shrewsbury on the map.



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DIRECT RAIL SERVICE FORECAST TO INCREASE LONDON BUSINESS ENQUIRIES

With only a few weeks to go until the capital is reconnected to Shrewsbury via the Virgin Trains direct service, Shrewsbury Business Chamber predicts an increase in enquiries from London-based companies wishing to do business in Shropshire. The weekday service to London will depart Shrewsbury twice daily at 6.39am and 3.24pm, while the service to Shropshire from the capital will depart at 10.23am and 6.23pm.

Business users, students and commuters should also enjoy significant improvements on the new service, including superfast, uninterrupted Wi-Fi and additional seats, as promised by Virgin earlier this year. Trains to and from Shrewsbury will stop at Telford Central, Wellington, Wolverhampton, Birmingham New Street, Birmingham International, Coventry and Rugby. Operated by Arriva Trains Wales, the magnificent early Victorian Shrewsbury Railway Station also serves as a hub for a number of significant rail services from Wales, including Holyhead, Swansea, Aberystwyth, Cardiff and Wrexham.

The new service is the result of a 4,000-name petition promoted by the Shropshire Star calling for the service to Shrewsbury to be restarted after it ceased almost four years ago, as well as lobbying by Shrewsbury Business Chamber and a number of other like-minded organisations and individuals.

“The new direct service will provide a significant business and tourism boost to our town,” said Tony Bywater. “London is no longer cut off and can now see that Shrewsbury is open for business – come and see what we can offer!”



Executive committee members Charles Howell and Tony Bywater with Arriva's Vickie Bradshaw

Member news

FUNDRAISING MAYOR'S OFFICER IS SHREWSBURY 'ICON'

Shrewsbury Mayor's officer Robert Handley has been described as an 'icon' for the town after raising £1,250 for the Severn Hospice by completing a 100-mile ride along wartime's Western Front from France to Belgium.

It was the latest in a long line of rides undertaken by keen cyclist Mr Handley over the past 20 years, which he estimates have raised more than £20,000 for charity.

He was one of 29 riders from the Velo Club Severn in Shropshire who took on the Western Front challenge from Alber in France to Ypres in Belgium, where they laid wreaths at the Menin Gate to remember British soldiers killed in the First World War. The cyclists raised a combined total of £22,000.

Mr Handley, 65, who has been the Mayor's Officer for 28 years, said he began the charity rides to raise money for charities adopted by the Mayors. "I enjoy cycling and I just thought it was something that I could do to support charity," he explained.



A 'thumbs-up' from Mayor's Officer Robert Handley and Salop Leisure Chairman Tony Bywater

Sponsor Tony Bywater, Chairman of Salop Leisure, said: "Bob does a fantastic job promoting our town as the Mayor's Officer. He's an icon as far as Shrewsbury is concerned and we were proud to support him and the Severn Hospice."

Member news

SOIREE AT THE MUSEUM FOR LANYON BOWDLER

More than 200 people packed into Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery for a 'soiree' to celebrate the success of one of Shropshire's largest law firms. The Soiree at the Museum event was organised by Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors and took place on Thursday 25 September.

Guests were treated to a private viewing of the recently-opened museum, with curators on hand to explain the background to the exhibits. Canapes and drinks were provided by the Shrewsbury and Art Gallery's stop. Cafe Bar, and models wearing outfits from town centre shops Carol Grant and Pockets mingled among guests.

David Battsby, Managing Partner at Lanyon Bowdler, said the event was a great success.

He said: "The evening was a wonderful opportunity for us to thank our current and past clients, as well as meeting potential new ones. But most of all it was a chance for people from a huge variety of businesses to get together and enjoy a private viewing of the excellent new museum and art gallery.

"We have certainly seen an increase in work from businesses looking to expand or move premises, which is a sure sign that Shropshire is doing well," he said.



Sophie Davies and Peter Flint of Lanyon Bowdler, with Mayor of Shrewsbury, Beverley Baker, and Mayor's Consort, Tim Baker

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