

Chamber Chatter

The Voice of local business in Taunton Deane

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Employment Law Update

At the recent Chamber of Commerce Networking Lunch, Dawn Gallie from Stones Solicitors gave Members an interesting update on various aspects of Employment Law currently faced by all types of businesses, including:-

- Holiday Pay Update
- Age Discrimination
- The new Employment Bill regarding the Statutory Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures
- Harassment and Bullying
- Redundancy and Reorganisation

Anyone who would like more detailed advice on any aspects of employment legislation can contact Dawn at Stones Solicitors on 01392 666777 or visit their website www.stones-solicitors.co.uk

Work Life Balance — More Women in Business

Women are voting with their feet and setting up their own businesses to get more flexibility between work and family life, according to a new survey of female entrepreneurs commissioned by Minister for Women and Equality, Harriet Harman.

The biggest motivation for going it alone – 70% of those polled – was to be able to work more flexibly, with three quarters (75%) saying work family life balance is better when you run your own business, rather than being an employee.

Women entrepreneurs are overwhelmingly positive about the benefits of being self-employed, with nine in ten (86%) happy to set up their own business all over again.

To read the report in more detail go to:

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2008/080512_own_boss.aspx

Children's Carnival — Road Closures 24 June 2008

The Children's Carnival will process in carnival style from the County Cricket ground, along St James St, down North St and into East St where they will perform songs and dances, returning via the same route in reverse to the Cricket Ground.

The town centre roads will be CLOSED from 10.00 to 12.00 midday to allow the event to take place safely.

It is anticipated that there will be about 1000 children participating in this spectacle as well as their families coming to watch, swelling greatly the numbers in the town on the day.

TAUNTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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New Members:-

Express Print, Taunton

Glazeguard SW Ltd, Taunton

Positive Solutions, Chard

Project Taunton Updates

The Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be able to report that a representative from the Project Taunton Team will be attending Chamber Executive Meetings on a quarterly basis to keep us all up to date with the existing and planned developments for Taunton. Details will be reported to you all in our Business Newsletter.

If any Members have any concerns, observations or queries they would like put to the team, please contact Jane either by phone, letter or email as detailed below.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 25th June

Drinks and Nibbles Social Evening at Howards Honda, Priorswood Road, Taunton — Business Card Prize Draw

Wednesday 30th July

Business Breakfast at Somerset College
Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Needs, SCC Major Schemes Manager—"Park & Ride Developments and Taunton's Infrastructure

Booking Forms attached

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