

Chamber Chatter

The Voice of local business in Taunton Deane

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TAUNTON
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NEW WEBSITE NOW "LIVE"

The Chamber of Commerce is pleased to confirm that its new look website has gone "live". We hope you will agree that the new site is stunningly fresh and crisp in appearance, providing clear, concise and up to date information about the Chamber, its events and news.

A new feature of the site is a dedicated Members' area that will enable Members to access Chamber accounts, minutes of meetings and the Directory of Members.

This new site will enhance the services currently being provided to Members as well as enabling visitors to easily navigate the site and information it has to offer.

Please take time to have a look at www.taunton-chamber.co.uk and we would welcome any feedback you may have about the new site.

As with all new projects of this nature, we are experiencing some initial "teething" problems which are being remedied as quickly as possible.

All paid up Members with email addresses on our records will have received their Member Log On and password details, but if you have not received confirmation of this information, please do not hesitate to contact our Administrator, Jane, in the usual way who will be only too pleased to help.

As the site will be managed by our Administrator if you have any changes to information that we currently hold about your Company/Business, i.e., change of named contact, address, telephone number, please don't forget to drop us a line with the amendments so that the website can be updated as quickly as possible in order to remain up to date.

Diary Dates — Forthcoming Events

MARCH

Weds 25th - Business Visit to McDonald's to include breakfast
£6.50 per head
(Kindly sponsored by McDonald's)
[Booking Form attached](#)

APRIL

Weds 29th - **AGM**
at King's College to include two course dinner and glass of wine
(Kindly sponsored by King's College)
[Booking form and further details to follow](#)

MAY

Weds 20th — Business Breakfast at Howard's Honda — "Going green into Business"
(Kindly sponsored by Howards Honda)
[Booking form and further details to follow](#)

Chamber Member "The English Manner" supports RNLI

Pretty well everyone knows of the RNLI and that its main purpose is to save lives from ships and boats in distress at sea.

It is not so well known that it also covers certain inland waterways and – most importantly for us in the South West – the provision of Lifeguards on many popular beaches. At a recent collection day at a service station on the M5, many people on their way home said how impressed they had been by the good work being done on the beaches by the RNLI Lifeguards.

The annual cost of providing and running 450 lifeboats and 233 lifeboat stations, entirely manned by unpaid volunteers, is a staggering £130,000,000. Amazingly, this is all raised by voluntary contributions, which means that the RNLI is not subject to government control – long may this continue.

People in and around Taunton have always been generous supporters at our annual 'RNLI Week' in April, and also at our individual collection days at stores outside the town. To meet ever-growing costs, the Taunton RNLI Committee (unpaid of course) is now keen to ask Taunton businesses if they might be prepared to have a RNLI collection box at a reception or cash desk for gathering small sums from visitors and staff. From experience with existing boxes at shops and pubs in the area, it is astonishing how these sums can accumulate to a substantial total.



We intend to run this experiment on a trial basis in the run up to the annual 'RNLI Week' which this year will be held from 20th April, and if you feel that you would like to help, please contact RNLI Taunton Branch Committee and Chamber Member, Alexandra Messervy, at The English Manner, Rectory Cottage, Combe Florey, Somerset TA4 3JD or telephone 01823 431 888.

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Data Protection

The Chamber has your details held in a database that has been compiled from volunteered information.

If you no longer wish to receive E-communications from the Chamber please email Jane Burden. We will continue to hold your remaining details unless you specifically indicate otherwise in writing.

If you would like a colleague to receive these e-mails direct, please let us have their details and we will add them to our database.