

### CHAMBER CHATTER

by local business, for local business

All the latest news from the Taunton business community

#### WINTER 2022 EDITION

### In this edition...

- Read about the large number of fantastic local businesses who have recently joined Taunton Chamber
- Book your tickets for our upcoming winter events
- Catch up with good news from across our membership
- Delve into our updated Making Green Normal feature



Taunton Chamber of Commerce are committed to support you as the positive voice in our Taunton Deane Business Community.

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### Join no at our Events

Don't miss out on the following opportunities across to meet with fellow members, make new connections and learn something new!







#### CUPPA & CAKE RELAXED NETWORKING 11am - 1pm - £8 per ticket

Join us for our popular relaxed networking events on **10th November** at the beautifully restored **Great Western Hotel** - an easy stroll from the town centre and with parking nearby at Kilkenny Car Park. A relaxed opportunity to enjoy delicious refreshments, catch up with all the latest from the local business community and to make some new connections at the same time.



29th November, 7.45am - 9.30am, £15.50

Come and find out all the latest Microsoft 365 tips with experts **SRD Technology UK** and enjoy networking over a hearty breakfast at the same time! Alongside the tech talk, there'll be plenty of opportunity to network as well as enjoy the delicious (traditional or vegetarian) Full English Breakfast that Mr Miles Tearooms is famous for!



#### CHRISTMAS LUNCH EVENT

8<sup>™</sup> December, 12.30pm - 2.30pm £16.50 / £22

Join us for our Christmas Lunch Event and celebrate the season with colleagues and business friends! Whether you're looking for an opportunity to meet business friends over a festive meal, expand your work network, or perhaps your business is too small to be having its own Christmas Do - this informal Christmas Lunch is the perfect choice!

Choose either a delicious 2 or 3 course menu, created by the talented culinary team at The **Quantock Restaurant at Bridgwater and Taunton College.** Once you have made your ticket booking, you'll be sent a menu to make your individual choices.



All events are bookable via our EventBrite page unless otherwise stated.

scan here



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Many of our Taunton Chamber members hold regular events throughout the year - visit our online events calendar to see what is on offer:

www.taunton-chamber.co.uk/events

### THE BUSINESS CAROL SERVICE

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SPEAKER MAJOR LINDSEY TOY "Christmas with the Salvation Army"

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Free Parking after 6pm in local Car Parks



#### 2022 EVENTS

12 Nov	Warehouse Comedy Night	Warehouse Theatre
17 Nov	Harriet Kelmsley	McMillan Theatre
19 Nov	Chard Guildhall	Chard Guild Hall
25 Nov	Stand Up For Cider - FINAL	CICCIC, Taunton
17 Dec	Taunton Comedy Club	CICCIC, Taunton

#### 2023 EVENTS

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28 Jan	Taunton Comedy ClubCICCIC, Taunton	
03 Feb	Glenn Moore McMillan Theatre	
24 Feb	Stand Up For Cider - Heat 1CICCIC, Taunton	
10 Mar	Justin Moorhouse McMillan Theatre	
24 Mar	Comedy Cavern @ Wookey Hole Wookey Hole	
25 Mar	Taunton Comedy ClubCICCIC, Taunton	
21 April	Simon Brodkin McMillan Theatre	
20 April	Chris McCausland McMillan Theatre	









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# New Members



Be.aesthetics is a unique modern private clinic offering super-fast Diode laser hair removal, cryotherapy and beauty treatments on the outskirts of Taunton. The business was Established in 2021 and Kim is fully qualified to the highest standard advanced level 4 in laser and IPL treatments, microblading and Cryotherapy.

We specialise in offering gold standard pain free hair removal and offer our services to men and women who find having excess hair on their body has a huge impact on their mental health and overall happiness on a daily basis.

Kim has welcomed and transformed the lives of many clients through her doors since offering her treatments with her pain free, medical grade and FDA approved ENEKA Pro, the only one of its kind in the Taunton and surrounding area

Course discounts and payment plans are also available.



#### **Drainage & Water Specialists**

Based in Taunton we are a family run business where quality is never compromised and a transparent result is always received. Here to help with any domestic or commercial drainage and water requirements you may have.

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**OFFICE SPACE** For those that need private office space for their team to work productively and privately, but still want to enjoy all the perks of a BLOCK community, our bright and spacious glass fronted offices are for you.

Optimised for productivity, our office spaces are pre-cabled, fully furnished and benefit from all the business amenities you would expect.

**CO WORKING BLOCK** co-working spaces allow businesses of all sizes and stages of development to connect and grow. For the hybrid-worker, the satellite office or the savvy start-up, unlimited use of co-working desk space is a great option for a versatile smaller business.

Our flexible membership is designed to fit around the way you want to work. Contracts start at just 1 month, with the freedom to extend at any time.





Hello fellow Chamber Members! We are Dough Bros. Opened in December 2021 (feels like ages ago!), we are three brothers with one goal: creating the best doughnut you can buy!

Since opening we have created over 80 different flavours of our doughnuts and change them every month with at least 10 different choices available each day - we offer a range of vegan doughnuts, gluten free bronuts, ice cream shakes and hot drinks too!

We are based on Station Road and are open Wednesday to Saturday 9.30am until 4pm through the winter months. You will also see us at local markets and events such as the Taunton Independent Market on Castle Green and EAT Festivals.

As well as being able to come and see us in the shop, you can also order for your next meeting, staff wellness day or corporate event.

If you would like to know more or are interested in collaborating with us, send us an email at enquiries@doughbrosbakery.co.uk



I'm Lee, an experienced Estate Planning consultant at Honey Legal. Looking forward to meeting lots of local businesses with the help of the team at Taunton Chamber of Commerce. It's great to be on board.



I specialise in helping you to protect the things you have worked hard for all your life, so that your loved ones are looked after when you've gone.

- Your Last Will & Testament Make sure your loved ones inherit your wealth after you've gone.
- Lasting Power of Attorney
   Appoint people you trust to take care of important matters on your behalf.
- Living Trust & Property Trust Ring-fence and protect your property & other assets.
- Probate & Estate Administration
   Management of an estate when someone passes away

I live and work in Taunton and help clients across the South West.

I'm always happy to help and advise. If you have any questions, drop me a message or book your appointment today.

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# SLiB SE

Somerset Ladies in Business (SLIB) is a successful, monthly business networking group which has been running since 2016, based at Taunton and Pickeridge Golf Course. This summer we have extended our provision to a new monthly, mixed evening networking group called For All Businesses (FAB) which is held at Hubbox, Taunton.

Fiona Marlow and Kim Philpots started SLiB initially to help self-employed women learn more about their businesses, to develop their skills and knowledge to lead them towards business growth. We were the original networking coffee morning group of Taunton, and much emphasis has been placed on the availability and consumption of cake.

By facilitating an easy-going and friendly networking environment, with educated and professionally recognised speakers, we create a motivational meeting which enables our attendees to not only find those all-important business contacts but real friendships. The group has grown over the years, to involve many small businesses and employed corporate professionals.

Within our meetings are some extraordinary and inspirational business stories, room for everyone no matter which industry you are in. With such a wealth of knowledge to draw on, we emphasize the importance of helping others to promote a healthy local economy in Somerset.

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I'm Zoe Freeman, Business Coach, Consultant and Founder of Mihaz. Otherwise known as "Make it Happen Zoe"! Because that is exactly what I do.



I've spent my career helping businesses all over the world. Whether that be launching new propositions, restructuring business processes, turning around failing projects or sorting out company data to avoid regulatory fines. Whatever the challenge, they all have the same thing in common... I turn the discombobulating into structure, systems and sense.

I bring people together to drive positive change and sustained growth and have done so across a whole host of industries, from finance to construction.

Turning chaos into order and bringing joy back to a business, is something I love to do and passionate about, so much so, I decided to create a business doing just that.

When I'm not untangling a tricky business problem or being Treasurer for a local not-for-profit organisation, I can be found out in the countryside or enjoying my membership at Goodwood Road Racing Club.

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#### In House Training & Consultancy Ltd

In House Training & Consultancy Ltd, also known as IHTC Ltd are a family run Fire, Health and Safety, business, in the world of (you guessed it!) training and consultancy. Our office is based in Wiveliscombe, this is where our brilliant admin team work. Occasionally we hold training events and courses here too.

The business was created by Neill, who has been in the industry since 1991. His various roles and responsibilities and vast amount of knowledge gave him the confidence to start his own business back in 2015. Since then, the team has grown to having 6 employees, and a number of specialist associates, working all across the UK and Ireland.

IHTC Ltd offer a range of different consultancy and training where necessary to ensure your business is compliant, your employees are knowledgeable, and your workplace and customers are safe.

The areas we cover are Fire Safety (Including, Fire Risk Assessments, Compartmentation Surveys, Audits, Training, etc), Health & Safety, Safety Auditing, First Aid and Mental Health First Aid, Safe Systems in Procurement (SSIP), over 125 eLearning courses available and we are certified to deliver over 55 courses by approved awarding bodies, like Qualsafe Awards, CITB, IOSH, FPA, BOHS as well as our own In House courses.

One thing IHTC pride themselves on is making the world of Fire, Health & Safety more engaging and understandable for all from a practical application basis.

Check out our website for more information: www.ihtconsultancy.com



#### Taking the stress out of running your business

If you're a hard-pressed business person struggling to keep on top of your finances and admin, we can help. Save time and reduce your stress levels with our fully certified bookkeeping service. Or take advantage of our virtual assistant and call answering offer.

As your business grows the admin burden grows with it. One day you realise you're spending a significant part of every week doing things that are essential but don't help you move forward. They get in the way of talking to your customers and finding new ones. Or maybe they leave you less time to enjoy away from work.

That's where we step in. Karen and the team have a wealth of experience to take the weight off your shoulders.

We aim to be affordable and build the service around your exact needs. We'll keep your books in order, the HMRC off your back and give you more time to focus on what matters most to you.

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### Member good News

#### MORE THAN 600 JOBSEEKERS ATTEND TAUNTON JOBS FAIR...

MORE than 600 jobseekers attended the Taunton Jobs Fair at the Cooper Associates County Ground on 28th September, organised by Taunton Chamber members Somerset Jobs - with over 60 employers taking stands at the event aimed at supporting local people looking to improve their job prospects.

Stu Wright, director of Somerset Jobs, said: "The event was fantastic and very

successful. The jobs market has been tough for the last few months and many businesses have struggled to recruit. With more people looking at their options and what matters to them, this event helped people explore what's out there and the flexible working options available.

"We are also seeing people looking for additional income due to the cost of living so this event has helped for several different reasons. The feedback has been very positive from job hunters and recruiters and we look forward to hosting more events."

Somerset West and Taunton Council's employment and skills leads Beccy Brown and Colleen Blake were thrilled to partner the event, issuing a joint statement saying: "What a great day - when it comes to hosting a successful jobs fair, Somerset Jobs got it right. It was an upbeat day full of positivity and purposeful conversations. This event has helped local employers to recruit and support local people who are looking to improve their job prospects whether in work, out of work or thinking about a new career."

The success of this latest Taunton Jobs Fair followed hot on the heels of Stu Wright's first Yeovil Jobs Fair, which attracted some of South Somerset's largest employers and hundreds of attendees.





### EVERYS ANNOUNCES LARGEST ROUND OF PARTNER APPOINTMENTS AS TEN PARTNERS JOIN THE LLP

Everys Solicitors have announced their largestever round of partner appointments and welcomed ten partners to the Limited Liability Partnership (LLP). Their appointments took effect on 1st October 2022 and reflect the firm's long-term growth strategy and commitment to rewarding excellence.

The partners were drawn from all practice areas, as well as Marketing, and their appointments recognise the dedication and contributions they have made to the firm's ongoing success. Three of the partners were existing partners of the previous partnership and have now transferred to the LLP.

James Griffin, Managing Partner, said, "These appointments are a milestone event, not only for the partners, but also for the firm, and show our commitment to developing strong leadership and bringing on excellent talent that will ensure the firm continues to thrive well into the future."

James continued, "I would like to congratulate all the partners on their appointments."

#### The partners are:

- Gay Cherryson, Head of Litigation, who joined Everys in 2002 and is an existing partner of the firm.
- Kathy Trist, Head of Property & Commercial Litigation, who joined the firm in 2018.
- Moira Reynolds, Head of Family, who joined in 2020 and is an existing partner;
- Charlotte Thomas-Collins, Head of Private Client, who joined in 2019
- Joan Pullin, Private Client, who joined the firm in 2018.
- Anna Manning, Head of Residential Property, who joined in 2021.
- Charlotte Pickford, Residential Property, who joined in 2020.
- Karen Bozorgpour, Head of Marketing & Business Development, who joined the firm in 2018.
- James Cleveland, Head of Commercial, who joined during the first lockdown in 2020 and is an existing partner.
- Jo Knight, Commercial, who joined Everys in 2010 having previously worked for a large investment bank in London.



### TAUNTON CHAMBER MEMBER LORRAINE STAMP LAUNCHES NEW BOOK

We were delighted to hear that Taunton Chamber member Lorraine Stamp of You'll Know When You Get There has not only launched a book, titled Hare's Journey of a Thousand Miles, but that it is selling really well! Below, Lorraine tells us more about the book:

Lorraine: "Ever found yourself reading a book or watching a film, yelling in your head because the lead character can't see the baddie? How different would your own life story be if you could spot the heroes and villains and surround yourself with just the goodies? This book will help you identify the part people are playing in your life, and how to cut loose those that hinder your happiness"

#### Testimonial from one of my reviewers

"To portray the characters as animals is pure genius. Such a great message and is delivered beautifully whilst protecting the special people involved. This story makes you think about the bigger picture and that we are all on a journey, albeit in different directions and at different speeds". Ashley Leeds - The 15-minute LinkedIn guy

#### Snippet from the foreword by Dr Lynda Shaw

"In short, you are about to read a fable that we can all relate to. As the words unfold, I wager that you will feel what it is like to be Hare, and the primary message will become clear to the point of real understanding, like a realisation that is relevant to you, no matter where you are at the moment"

Link to purchase the book; www.youllknowwhenyougetthere.co.uk and the book will pop up on the home page





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# MAKING GREEN NORMAL UPDATE



#### CLOUD IT - ENABLING BUSINESS TO TAKE GREEN STRIDES TO REDUCE CARBON FOOTPRINTS

Simon Waugh, MD at Taunton Chamber members **Pro Cloud Solutions** tells us more:

"When we are talking to businesses about the benefits of cloud IT, people pick up on the key theme of efficiency - of time, operations and spend. Whilst these are key factors in business success and growth, and are often hot topics in our conversations with clients, over the last few years climate impact has also become an important area of discussion.

Cloud IT really does offer a green tech solution in a number of ways, and when added to the positive effects on business stability, flexibility and growth potential, this makes a move to the cloud something that all businesses should be considering"

#### Reduce - the first of the 4 environmental R's

- >> Reducing energy consumption
- >> Reducing emissions
- >> Reducing e-waste

#### More flexibility, less travel impact More efficiency, less reliance on paper

Read more in the blog Pro Cloud Solutions have recently added to their website: https://www.procloudsolutions.co.uk/post/cloud-it-enabling-business-to-take-green-strides-to-reduce-carbon-footprints

"At Pro Cloud Solutions we are always delighted to see the positive impact that our services provide, and to see the support we offer as a real enabler of change. When we are also able to see this having a lasting impact on the carbon footprint of our clients, this success has an even greater depth"



# TIM SCOOPS THE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD FOR TIDY UP TAUNTON - THE CIC ESTABLISHED TO TACKLE LITTER IN THE TOWN.

Tim Walker of Taunton Chamber member My Carbon Coach, and Tidy Up Taunton CIC has recently been

Up Taunton CIC
has recently been
presented with
The Environmental
Award at the BBC
Somerset 'Make
a Difference'
Celebration Gala,
in recognition of the

BBC Radio Somerset @ @bbcsomerset Winner of the Environmental Award TIM WALKER

coordinated litter picking that Tim organises across Taunton. Judge John Turner MCIM, CEO of Visit Somerset, told guests at the event that he had chosen Tim not only for having the determination to make Taunton a tidier place, but because of the way Tim had brought people from across the area to take action in a more coordinated - and inspiring approach.

Chris Burns, Head of Audio and Digital for BBC England said: "The last two years have been challenging for everyone. Listeners have contacted us to share the stories of how people have helped each other and we wanted to find a way of celebrating those unsung heroes and telling those amazing stories."

Alex Lovell, BBC Points West presenter who compared the award ceremony added: "It was a real honour and privilege to be in the company of so many wonderful community heroes – each of whom give of their time, enthusiasm and expertise for the good of the Somerset communities in which they live. Congratulations to each and every one."



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