

# Chamber Chatter

*The Voice of Local Business in Taunton Deane*

June 2018

TAUNTON  
CHAMBER  
OF  
COMMERCE

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER:



My name is Jeanette Neale and I would like to welcome you to Neale Horizons, part of the Neale group of companies offering an elite range of business services aimed towards our clients' needs.

With over 30 years in the financial field, the last 12 building my accountancy practice Neale Accounting, my dream for the last 3 years has been to create a unique shared office environment that nurtures new and growing businesses.

This dream has come true with the launch of OwnOffice@Neale in the prestigious Victoria House building on the edge of Taunton, [minutes away](#) from M5 Junction 25. With this facility I not only provide the practical knowledge and support, but also opportunity to experience new ideas around different forms of business and personal development.



From just £12.50 per day ex vat, an 'OwnOffice@Neale' including fibre broadband with WiFi/ethernet access and refreshments could be yours from 1 to 5 days per week on a regular basis.

At Neale we can also help get you ready for Making Tax Digital with Xero or Sage training and help you make sense of the HMRC demands.



For an informal chat give Jeanette a call on 01823 299190 or email [jeaette@nealehorizons.co.uk](mailto:jeaette@nealehorizons.co.uk) or better still call in for a cup of tea and chat.  
[www.nealegroup.co.uk](http://www.nealegroup.co.uk)

## Civic Twinning Visit Taunton/Lisieux 2018



On Friday 11th May Taunton Chamber hosted a Breakfast at 'Miles at Riverside' to meet and engage with some of the French Visitors as part of the Twinning Associations programme of events 9-13 May 2018.



Taunton Chamber have had a long engagement with the Lisieux twinning association, thanks largely to the fact that former President and current serving committee member Liz Payne-Ahmadi is involved with the organisation. It was our great pleasure to welcome the Lisieux contingent to the town at our event recently.



The guests stayed with host families and were treated to a series of events and outings to share and celebrate the cultural and business likenesses in our twinned towns.

The mayor of Taunton Deane District Council, the Deputy Mayor of Lisieux and 'representative' guests and hosts joined us for a presentation about 'Taunton Garden Town' by Brendan Cleere from TDBC and expertly translated by one of the guests.



Followed by a 'Full English Breakfast' courtesy of the Riverside team, our French visitors embarked

on their days activities with satisfied appetites and plenty of Taunton knowledge.



## Networking Breakfast

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SUMMERFIELD

A busy month for the Chamber with our monthly networking meeting also in May. With breakfast shuttled across town from 'The Hub café' to 'Killams Park' marketing suite, we enjoyed bacon and sausage baps, fruit kebabs, a selection of Danish pastries and yoghurts in this delightful setting on a beautiful day! We were able to eat, network and mingle in the courtyard before Guest Speaker 'Chris Winter' Chief Executive of Summerfield Developments, presented:



### 'Residential development – the need, planning and delivery challenges'

- Housing need within Taunton Deane
- Projected delivery of housing
- The planning system and its challenges
- House building – resources, design, sustainability



Delegates were then offered a look around the show homes on the development with the expert Summerfield team. The event was

well attended and it was especially good to have some new members join us.

Taunton Chamber of Commerce are committed to support you as the positive voice in our Taunton Deane Business Community. Join the growing numbers of local businesses and companies taking advantage of exclusive information about local developments, new companies, advertising opportunities & networking events with a community of like minded business people.

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# EVENTS 2018

## Business Networking Events

**Thurs 14th June-8 am The Hub Café Victoria House**



Business Networking Breakfast  
In Association with RCCU

**THURS 28TH JUNE**

**Somerset County Cricket Ground**



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**WED 5TH SEPT- 8am Victoria House**

Business Breakfast in association with  
Neale Horizons



**WED 26TH SEPT-5.30pm Victoria House**

Marketing Workshop in association  
With White Knight Marketing



**WED 10TH OCT – 5.30pm Victoria House**

Social Media Workshop in association with  
Introtweet



**WED 24TH OCT-8am Porter Dodson**

Business Breakfast sponsored by  
Porter Dodson 8am

**WED 14th NOV– 5.30pm Victoria House**

Xero Accounting Software Workshop in association with  
Neale Accounting

Would you like to Sponsor or Host an event?  
Promote your business/services and meet new people.  
We'd love your feedback as we plan our networking  
calendar... Contact Caroline at  
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The Hub  
Victoria House, Victoria Street  
Taunton  
TA1 3FA

Business Networking Breakfast  
in association with 'The Hub  
Café' & RCCU  
**8am—9.30am**

**Tickets**  
**£12.00 Members**  
**£16.00 Non Members**

**Booking Deadline**  
Wednesday 14th June  
Cancellations after this date  
will be charged.



To confirm your Booking by e-mail

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Invite Members & Guests to a  
Business Networking Breakfast in association with  
'The Hub Café' & RCCU (Regional Cyber Crime Unit)  
Thursday 14th June 8am—9.30am



The SWRCCU cover the South West Region (Avon & Somerset,  
Devon & Cornwall, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire), and  
investigates Cyber Dependent crimes where the victims are  
organisations based in the South West. As well as investigating  
these crimes we also promote and offer cyber security advice.

**Guest Presenter ; Stephen Holton**

As a Cyber Protect, Prepare and  
Prevent Officer, I offer cyber  
security guidance to businesses  
based on the latest guidance from  
the National Cyber Security Centre  
(NCSC), as well as current threats  
encountered in our own local  
operations.



More often than not, it is the most basic steps that provide the  
best form of protection to your network. Our clear and simple  
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## ALBERT AG GOODMAN

Leading South West chartered accountant, tax consultant and financial planning firm Albert Goodman, has announced the success of graduate trainee Claire Machin, who recently achieved joint first in the world, for the March ICAEW tax compliance exam.



Claire joined Albert Goodman in 2016 as a graduate trainee and became a member of the Audit team in the Taunton office. Claire has had consistently high grades in all of her exams and well represents the

hardworking members of staff employed at Albert Goodman. Albert Goodman is very proud of Claire's achievements and is sure she will continue to be a great asset to the workforce.

607 people sat the most recent tax compliance exam globally, with 466 people passing it; out of those 607 people Claire achieved the joint highest grade and due to this has been awarded the prestigious 'Knox prize'.

Claire comments, "I was very happy to learn that I earned the top grade in the world for the tax compliance exam, it definitely makes all of the hard work worthwhile! Throughout my studies I have been provided with great support from both Albert Goodman and the tutors at First Intuition. I really enjoy working within the Audit team and I look forward to becoming an ACA fully qualified chartered accountant soon."

With offices across the region, including Taunton, Chard, Yeovil, Bridgwater, Weston-super-Mare and Weymouth, Albert Goodman prides itself in providing high quality accountancy, tax and financial planning advice to private individuals and small to medium sized enterprises, offering a comprehensive service to local and national clients.

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## MILSTED LANGDON Chartered Accountants

### Milsted Langdon lends forensic accounting expertise to cryptocurrency roundtable talk

A leading forensic accountancy expert from Milsted Langdon has taken part in a talk with leading experts in cryptocurrency from law firm Royds Withy King to explore how the digital currency could affect future legal matters.



Roger Isaacs, Forensic Partner at Milsted Langdon took part in the roundtable discussion along with solicitors from Royds Withy King and outside experts in cryptocurrency.

The discussion, entitled *Cryptocurrencies - Transparency, Treatment and Trust*, allowed Roger to share his expertise on the subject of cryptocurrency investigations, particularly in regards to matrimonial cases.

Roger, who has commented on the emerging trend of cryptocurrency in forensic investigations in national publications – including The Times – helped the group explore how accountants could help to reveal digital currency and discussed actions that could be taken once assets were found.

Reflecting on the talk, Roger said: "While many are investing legitimately in cryptocurrency – despite its volatility – there are growing concerns that this new form of digital funding could be used to disguise or hide assets.

"I am glad that I was able to offer my expertise in this area and I certainly found the discussion enlightening. It is clear to me that this subject requires further investigation in future by me and my professional peers to ensure we can act in the best interests of our clients."

As well as holding a role as Forensic Partner at Milsted Langdon, Roger is also National Technical Director of the Network of Independent Forensic Accountants (NIFA) and is a member of the Global Forensic Group within MGI Worldwide – a network consisting of more than 5,028 professionals in 85 different countries.

To find out more about Milsted Langdon's forensic accountancy expertise,

please visit <https://www.milsted-langdon.co.uk/services-for-business/forensic-accounting/>



Could you afford a GDPR fine of 4% of turnover?

Preparing for GDPR

We're pleased to offer you the chance to attend our FREE GDPR seminar on Thursday 28th June 2018 in Taunton.

From the 25th May 2018, your business will need to comply with the new, and far stricter, data protection requirements of GDPR. Ensuring your business is compliant with the new law will require you to understand the new provisions and how best to apply them in practice.

We have an excellent range of speakers helping you to be compliant with GDPR, and how your business can prepare for the changes.

In Association with:



Contact Rachael Romasanta for more details:  
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## LOCAL LAW FIRM RAISES MONEY FOR LEAGUE OF FRIENDS MUSGROVE PARK

Local charity, League of Friends Musgrove Park, has been presented with a

cheque by law firm, Porter Dodson.

Regular fundraising activities were held at the Taunton office, such as bake sales, bacon butty morning and Christmas jumper day, to raise money that was then match funded by the Partners to bring the total to £1000.



The League of Friends Musgrove Park Hospital is one of the oldest Taunton charities. It was formed by the Rotary Club of Taunton in 1959 with the two main aims of promoting voluntary service in the hospital and raising funds to provide better equipment over and above what the NHS could afford to provide.

Peter Renshaw, Chairman of the League of Friends Musgrove Park, said:

*"We're extremely grateful to Porter Dodson for supporting us as their charity of the year. With the fundraising help of Porter Dodson, and other local businesses, we can continue to buy much needed equipment for the hospital."*

Ben Hingley, Porter Dodson's Taunton Office Head, commented: *"I'm delighted the office has been able to raise this money to support the League of Friends Musgrove Park in their endeavours. It's fantastic to see that their fundraising*

*efforts are enhancing the quality of care in the hospital. I would like to thank everyone who took part in our activities throughout the year and kindly donated."*



Paul Aplin, a tax partner with A C Mole & Sons in Taunton writes:

If you have ever thought that there must be ways to simplify the operation of the tax system for small businesses, did you know that there is a way to share your ideas?

HMRC's Administrative Burdens Advisory Board (ABAB) was formed in 2006 to provide direct business insight and expertise to HMRC, acting as a 'critical friend' as well as challenging HMRC on performance and providing robust, independent scrutiny of key initiatives that impact on small businesses. Its goal is to make a noticeable difference by encouraging HMRC to make tax administration easier, quicker and simpler.

I've served on ABAB for several years and our latest meeting, in May, covered a range of topics including Making Tax Digital; we also received a presentation on the work HMRC is carrying out in preparation for Brexit.

While its brief does not extend to recommending fundamental changes to tax legislation (simplification of the tax system is being progressed by the Office of Tax Simplification), the insight and understanding ABAB brings, particularly around issues currently causing small businesses unnecessary problems, helps it to work with HMRC to influence and target future improvements in the way the system is administered.

You can find a copy of ABAB's 2018 Annual Report and an online survey seeking the views of small businesses on the tax system at <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/administrative-burden-advisory-board>

If you have thoughts, ideas or comments relating to small business tax administration, do share them via the survey.

