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HARROGATE DISTRICT
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Business Review

Promoting Harrogate business —The latest news from your chamber

April 2017

The Local Plan: What's really going on?

Our May meeting will focus on the current status of Harrogate Borough Council's Local Plan, and the Draft Economic Strategy, to look at the facts behind the rumours.

The need for additional employment land, as well as housing—and particularly affordable housing—have been discussed for many years. But where could the developments be located, and what infrastructure will be in place to support them? When will decisions be made and who will make them?

The meeting in May aims to get the answers to all these questions and more. The leader of HBC, Coun Richard Cooper, will give a presentation and, with other council officers, will take questions from the audience. Meanwhile, NYCC councillors and officers will also be in attendance to discuss related topics including traffic management and other provisions such as new education sites.

Full details of the line-up will be confirmed following the results of the local elections in early May. However, we know this will be a lively and interesting meeting, doubtless with plenty of questions and views from the floor.

The meeting will also feature a short AGM, with the election of members to the chamber's management group (pictured), and the change-over of president. Michael Webster has given a great deal of time to the



role over the last year and we're very grateful for his hard work. We look forward to continuing to see him at future meetings once he has handed over the presidential chains of office!

For 2017-18, Mike Procter will be proposed as president. Mike has served for many years on the management group, lately as vice-president, and sold his business, M Procter Optician, in late 2016. We are grateful to him for accepting the nomination and hope he will have your support for a busy and enjoyable year as your president.



The May meeting and AGM are on Monday 8th May at the Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate, from 5.30pm. Please register to attend via the website.

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Chamber News

Membership renewals

All membership renewal fees are due to be paid by Saturday 1st May. Your main contact should have received our invoice—please contact us if not.

Yorkshire Business Market

Members of the management group will be at this year's Yorkshire Business Market, which takes place on Monday 24th April at Pavilions of Harrogate. If you're going along, please do stop by and say hello—and encourage your contacts to do the same! We'll be on stand W34 in the Wharfe Room.

At YBM, we're running a prize draw for a business to win a year's free membership with us. This is open to businesses which are based in the Harrogate district and which have not been chamber members before. Even if this doesn't apply to you, please do tell your contacts and encourage them to enter the prize draw. The larger and more diverse our membership, the stronger the chamber will be for all of us.

Congratulations!

Harrogate District Chamber sponsors categories in two great local awards schemes, both of which have just revealed their shortlists.

In the Harrogate Advertiser Business Awards, the following have been shortlisted for the Best Small Company prize:

Lead Talent
Heal Medical and Wellness Spa
The Content Market
Yorkshire Vineyard

The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony at the Royal Hall on Thursday 27th April.

In the Harrogate Hospitality and Tourism Awards, the Ambassador award does not have a shortlist, but the chosen recipient will be announced at the Royal Hall on Monday 5th June.

There are a number of chamber members on the shortlists for both awards schemes. Congratulations to all of them—and the very best of luck on the night!

BBC Good Food Show

The BBC Good Food Show comes to Harrogate Convention Centre from 5th to 7th May. The organisers are offering 20% off tickets to all chamber members. To get the discount, enter code LB20 when you book tickets at www.bbcgoodfoodshow.com/harrogate-hic.

Did you know...

... Member businesses are entitled to send as many representatives to meetings as they wish. Your membership is for your organisation, not for you as an individual, so your team can take it in turns to attend, or come to meetings which are particularly relevant to them. The only exception is the Business Safari, which has limited places.

To register more than one representative from your business, just log in to the member area of the website using the details sent to your main representative.

New members

Welcome to the following businesses, which have all joined us in the last month:

Folk 2 Folk

Cathy Davies
www.folk2folk.com
01423 369564

Claro Enterprises

Owen Jones
www.claropenterprises.co.uk
01423885879

KulaHub

Ben Tegg
www.kulahub.com
01423 796157