

BUSINESS NEWS



Lewes Chamber of Commerce has been representing, supporting and promoting the business community of Lewes since 1935.

Our membership includes businesses and traders of all sizes and industries.

EMERGENCY FIRST AID IN THE WORKPLACE **ONE DAY COURSE – 3RD MARCH**

Employers are responsible for making sure staff receive immediate attention if they are taken ill or injured at work.

Lewes Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Body Happy Gym (Friars Walk) is offering businesses the chance of having a staff member be trained in First Aid.

On completion of the course, the trained person will be able to assess an incident to managing a casualty who is choking, wounded or bleeding, is in shock, or has sustained a minor injury.

For more information on this, and all of our events:

www.leweschamber.co.uk/events



ROAD CLOSURES

Station Street – 24/25 & 28/29 Feb
CLOSED 7pm to 6am.

The road will be closed from the High Street exit down to Lansdown Place, so UK Power Networks can carry out new service connection works.

Diversion: U5122 Southover Road – U5162 Southover High Street – B2193 Southover High Street – C7 Bell Lane – C7 Winterbourne Hollow – A277 Western Road – A277 High Street In both directions.

Cuilfail Tunnel – 6 March | CLOSED 8pm to 6am.

The tunnel will be closed to be cleaned, CCTV cameras installed, tunnel lighting replaced with more energy efficient LEDs, and replacing of fire hydrants.

Diversion: signposted on site.

INCREASED ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES

Lewes Chamber of Commerce is very disappointed that East Sussex County Council has decided to alienate businesses, shoppers, and tourists to the town, by significantly increasing charges for on-street parking.

Lewes businesses, especially small and independent retailers, throughout the town already have a tough enough time, with high rent and rate charges, plus the already restricted parking; this increase will further discourage people from coming to the town to shop, or visit the many attractions.

We are hoping to open a dialogue with ESCC on this matter and will report back in due course.



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“WORK EXPERIENCE ISN’T ABOUT MAKING TEA”

Last week Lewes Chamber of Commerce had a very informative initial meeting with Julian Ashworth, Deputy Head of Priory School, Lewes, regarding the Chamber promoting and facilitating work experience opportunities between students and local businesses.

Even if your business isn't able to have a young person come to your premises for a couple of weeks, there is still a lot you can do. For example, offer to go into the school and talk to interested students about what your business or career is. Even a 15-30 minute session with a small group of pupils could be of huge benefit.

For more information, do contact Julian direct at: Julian.Ashworth@priory.e-sussex.sch.uk.

BATTLE OF LEWES – 756TH ANNIVERSARY **16 & 17 MAY**

This promises to be an action-packed weekend, recreating the Battle of Lewes from 1264 – including mortal combat on the streets of Lewes.

It will attract many thousands of people to the town. In 2014, with little publicity, the 750th anniversary re-enactment drew in over 5000 people to watch the events. This year, the Battle of Lewes group are doing a lot more publicity, so will be expecting even greater numbers to the town.

This will, therefore, be a great sponsorship opportunity for local businesses.

If you would be interested in knowing how you could help sponsor the event, please contact Francis at francis@crownevents.co.uk or call 07770 435432.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORKING **LUNCH – 12TH MARCH**

We hold regular networking lunches, which are open to all businesses (including non-Chamber members) in Lewes and the surrounding area. Our next lunch is hosted by Chamber member, Depot Cinema, from 12:15pm until 2:30pm.

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NORTH STREET QUARTER UPDATE

Lewes Chamber of Commerce has a seat on the North Street Quarter sounding board, where we are updated on what is happening. The latest information is as follows:

North Street Quarter was put out to market last year which resulted in a number of bids from potential developers. The landowners – Lewes District Council and North Street Quarter Ltd – are now in the process of confirming that the preferred partner has a demonstrable track record of delivering sites of this complexity. It is intended that contracts will be exchanged as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, two further planning applications were submitted to the South Downs National Park Authority at the end of last year. The first of these dealt with a minor design amendment (an alteration to the link blocks in Papermill Court). This has been approved by the planning authority. The second application is to discharge the pre-commencement conditions for phases 2 and 3. This is on track to be approved in the next few weeks.

We will bring you further updates as we receive them. In the meantime, if you would like further clarification, you can email: hello@northstreetqtr.co.uk.

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. We send out a monthly newsletter by email to Lewes businesses. If you would like to be added to that mailing list, just let us have your email address.

If you would like any more information on Lewes Chamber of Commerce, or would like to join please contact:

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