

Newsletter

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Andover
Women
in Business Club

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President's Prologue - June 2010

Some of you may be aware that I recently enjoyed a week's holiday in Cornwall. Although it was a most enjoyable change of scene, my business was still never far from my mind, and in that connection, I always carry some business cards with me. You just never know when the opportunity for networking will arise.

In Cornwall I was asked three times for my business card - the local post office from where I dispatched a recent order, an artist whose exhibition I attended and the proprietor of a fabric shop in Truro!

I see from the statistics on my website that these people have already logged onto the website and viewed my products - this is just one example of how networking, leads and orders can spring from the most surprising events and sources.

Networking and support are the two main *raison d'etres* for the Andover Women in Business Club and obviously an enthusiastic membership and committee is fundamental to its success.

My tenure as President comes to an end at the AGM in September and during the past two years I have been well supported by a committee. This has been especially so in the recent months when due to a variety of personal and domestic reasons (pressure of work and babies being born!) I was obliged to call on you all for assistance for the final months of this season.

I am pleased that some of the newest committee members are prepared to stand again but we do need a few more ladies to assist. The more members there are on the committee the less onerous the task. We need some new ideas and input in order to retain the freshness and vitality of the club which will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2012.

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 13th July and any of you who may be interested in joining the committee are very welcome to come along and enjoy the evening.

So Ladies, don't be backwards in coming forwards - the notification letters for nominations will be coming to you shortly and it will be great to see some new names on the forms.



Godrevy Lighthouse

Caroline Gilham
President

JUNE 2010 Meeting Review

The regular meeting of the Andover Women in Business Group came together on the first Tuesday in June, at The Red Lion in Clanville. As well as an opportunity to enjoy a meal and network with fellow members, it was also a chance for the women to hear a fascinating talk by Simon Theobalds, the local representative of the charity Crimestoppers. Simon's branch covers Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and so much of the content was relevant to our local area of Andover.

The Group were very interested to learn that Crimestoppers' focus is on the provision of a totally anonymous route by which information about crime can be passed onto the police, with no possibility of the origination of the call being revealed, something that Crimestoppers guarantees absolutely, by a very sophisticated use of technology, including data washing via Canada! It was no surprise to hear that Crimestoppers receives no state funding, but is reliant on a mixture of donations and grants to carry out its good work, plus the willingness of its volunteer workforce.

It was enlightening to hear that Crimestoppers is not just a way of reporting crime, but also takes an active part in campaigning to prevent it, including issues such as domestic violence, which was the subject of a recent report commissioned by the charity. Coincidentally, the report on domestic violence was launched on the same day that Simon addressed the group. The talk concluded with a Q&A session, which gave the members a much better view of an often overlooked charity.

The Women in Business Group always welcomes new members and to find out more about the group please visit www.awibc.co.uk

For more information about how to pass on information about crime anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Deborah Chowney

Breathtakers Charity Ball

Supporting Children with Rare Lung Disease



Charity Registration Number 1125330

In association with

The Mayor of Test Valley Charity Appeal 2010/2011

*Breathtakers would like to invite you to a fabulous fund
raising evening
Pre dinner drink, three course meal, table magician, and
charity auction*

Andover Keystone Masonic Hall

East Street, Andover, SP10 1EP

Saturday 18th September 2010

6.45pm – midnight (dinner served at 7.30pm)

Make up a Table of 10 - £350
or £37.50 per ticket (£35.00 if purchased before 1st June)
Dress code Formal/Black Tie

RSVP*: Lynne Thompson T: 077 3306 3737 E: lynne@breathtakers.co.uk or
Rachel Titchener T: 078 9998 0387 E: rachel@breathtakers.co.uk

*Please notify us of any special needs/dietary requirement

Upcoming Events

Events

ABBA Symphonic Spectacular
 Friday, 13th August at 8.00 p.m.
 At Broadlands, Romsey
 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
 Plus singers, special lighting effects and fireworks finale.
 Tickets £21

This can be a terrific experience, especially if the weather behaves itself. We can combine with a picnic and make a really super outing.

Please feel free to bring a guest. Names and numbers are required by 12th July.

Caroline Gilham



So what does a sports chaplain do?

Mary aims to answer this question at an evening of

Vancouver reflections

She'll also tell us something about her experiences at Loughborough University and at the World Athletics Championships in Berlin last year, and look ahead to the Women's Rugby World Cup this summer.

Tuesday 20 July

7:30pm

***Venue yet tbc - possibly St Michael's Church
 (Colebrook Way, Andover)***

You don't have to be sports mad or religious to enjoy the evening.

Details and RSVPs to mary.vickers@smwa.co.uk or in person

PROJECTOR FOR HIRE

The Andover Women in Business now own a projector. This is available for hire:

£25 for members
£30 for non-members
For a 24 hour period

A screen is also available if required (free hire with the projector).

All hirers MUST have public liability insurance and "all risks" insurance for the equipment.

To book this, please contact a member of the committee.

Flyer Distribution

Would anybody like help in distributing their flyers in Andover? If so, please contact Angela on 07747 021551 or angelathorn@sky.com

£20 per 1,000 leaflets.

Tuesday 6th July 2010 - Hampshire Golf Club
Networking & Sales Table

It is our usual practice to have a dedicated networking evening twice a year, in November and March when we are located in the Keystone Hall. Mindful of the fact that those two months are during the Autumn/Winter of the year, as a trial, we would like to invite those of you with products to sell to bring a small representation of your items to display on side tables at the next *Summertime* meeting.

For those of you that offer a service (as opposed to a product) you won't be left out. Remember to bring your flyers and business cards to display on the registration table.

Just let Anoushka know if you will be bringing items so that we can prepare the required space for displays.

Looking forward to seeing examples of your wares.

Best wishes

Caroline Gilham

Member Updates:

Hannah Walker - First Impressions - now specialising in wedding and event floristry.

Please note Hannah now has a new address:

17 Newbury Road
Enham
Andover
Hants
SP11 6HH
Tel/fax 01264 398430

You will find Hannah just behind the Post Office.

Stephanie Lovejoy - Bath Angels

Stephanie has put her business on hold for a few months and decided to go travelling round the UK. She has bought a camper van and plans to start her adventure in the next couple of weeks once she has tidied up all the odds and ends! Stephanie will start from the Gower Peninsula in Wales and then onwards.



Diary Dates:

6th July 2010

Hampshire Golf Club, Andover
Brenda Locke

1st August 2010

Abbotts Ann Village Hall
President's Party (Families welcome)

7th September 2010

Red Lion Inn, Clanville
AGM

5th October 2010

Mumbai Thai

2nd November 2010

TBC

7th December 2010

TBC

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The deadline for the next
submission is Friday 24th July.