

## Newsletter

May 2010

# Andover *Women* in Business Club

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### President's Prologue

In a few months time we will be celebrating yet another year of the Andover Women in Business Club which was instigated way back in 1992. I was a founder member and have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as the Club's President but will be standing down at the AGM. Along with the changes that have occurred in the USA with the election of Barack Obama and closer to home with our latest "hung Parliament", on a lesser scale we have to anticipate the changes to the committee of our own business and networking club.

I say this without wishing to be a scaremonger, we MUST have some volunteers to form the new committee otherwise the club will fold and all monies donated to a charity. Those of you who are newer/younger members may be hesitant to take on a role on the committee but rest assured that it is not at all onerous. With several ladies willing to commit the task is both enjoyable and fulfilling. If anyone would like to come along to the next committee meeting to see how it works they would be most welcome. It is to be held at my house on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.00pm. So please, Ladies, don't be backwards in coming forwards – let's have the club continuing to be a vibrant and useful part of the business community providing networking and support opportunities to all business and professional women in and around Andover.

Best wishes

Caroline

## MAY 2010 Meeting Review



For the May meeting of Andover Women in Business, we met at the Bourne Valley Inn at St. Marybourne, a regular meeting place for our Group. The pub has recently been taken over by new managers who were very friendly, helpful and attentive all evening. The food, as always was excellent and we were able to network in small groups while we enjoyed our meal. We were all looking forward to the presentation by one of our members, Claire Muir.



Claire has had a fascinating journey to get to where she is today. Having graduated with a degree in Art & Related Art, in the summer of 1990, Claire was offered employment with the two very well-known and established milliners, Philip Somerville and Mitze Lorenz. This gave Claire valuable insight into the workings of millinery and started her on her creative journey.



Claire was then given the opportunity to study for a further year in the Textiles Department of Glasgow School of Art and after this secured a very interesting job working for Stageworks Worldwide Productions where she was a designer of headdresses and accessories. Claire showed us some photos of the amazing pieces that she created for the Hot Ice Show in Blackpool and I think we were all very impressed!

From there, having now gained enormous experience of working with a wide range of materials, designs and techniques, Claire began working for herself making textile accessories which includes fascinators, tiaras, corsages, jewellery and flowers.

Claire has exhibited and done presentations all over the country and locally does a lot of work with Pauline Forster in Whitchurch. Her unique selling point seems to be that every commission is different and individual and by incorporating a wide range of fabrics in line with a clients' requirements Claire can offer you fully colour-matched and fitted accessories for any outfit.



Claire was presented with a bottle of wine and the evening concluded with the opportunity to network with other members whilst browsing through Claire's portfolios and the fantastic array of hats, fascinators and other accessories that she had brought with her. I think we all thoroughly enjoyed a fascinating and inspiring evening and I for one went home wishing I was far more creative.

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## 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.

## The Committee

As Annette has now had to stand down as Vice President, and Anoushka has her hands full, four members have volunteered to help Caroline out and keep the meetings running.

The Committee currently consists of:

Caroline Gilham – President  
Larch Gauld – Vice President  
Vera Hughes – Secretary  
Margaret Lennon – Membership Secretary  
Anoushka Lynes – Treasurer/Newsletter/Special events  
Angela Thorn – assisting Anoushka with Treasurer/Newsletter

Remember, to keep the club healthy and running well, it is imperative that there is a Committee. A new Committee is due to be elected in September, so please start thinking about which role you would like to do!

The more people who volunteer, the more the tasks can be shared, making them much less time consuming. The club may be in jeopardy if nobody comes forward.

If you would like more information on any of the positions, please contact any of the Committee members above.

The club also needs members to keep going effectively - it is not just the prerogative of the Committee to find new members. Please invite the women in business that you meet and already know to come along and join us.

# Breathtakers Charity Ball

Supporting Children with Rare Lung Disease



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](mailto:lynne@breathtakers.co.uk) or  
Rachel Titchener T: 078 9998 0387 E: [rachel@breathtakers.co.uk](mailto:rachel@breathtakers.co.uk)

\*Please notify us of any special needs/dietary requirement

## Upcoming Events

### Events

James Bond 007 Spectacular  
on  
Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00 p.m.  
Wilton House, Near Salisbury

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra  
Special lighting effects and a fireworks finale  
Tickets £21

ABBA Symphonic Spectacular  
Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00 p.m.  
At Broadlands, Romsey

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra  
Plus singers, special lighting effects and fireworks finale.  
Tickets £21

I have attended these types of events in the past and provided the weather behaves can be a terrific experience. 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 11<sup>th</sup> June for James Bond and 12<sup>th</sup> July for ABBA.

Caroline Gilham

## Our Newest Member



Anoushka gave birth to a baby girl,  
Imogen Linda Lynes Poole, on Saturday  
8th May 2010 at 2:39am weighing 6lbs  
14oz.

Many congratulations

### Hurstbourne Tarrant Primary School Fete

Please help to support Hurstbourne Tarrant Primary School Fete on Saturday 19th June from 2pm – 5pm.

We are looking for stallholders, advertisers for our fete programme or any prizes that could be donated for our raffle and auction. The cost of a stall is just £10 and adverts range from £10-£20, a discount is included for anyone wishing to take a stall and advert.

The day was a great success last year and we are trying to make it even better this year!

Please contact Kerrie on 01264 729284 or email me at [naturalhealth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:naturalhealth@hotmail.co.uk) if you are able to help. Many thanks.

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#### “Our Singing History”

A talk by Sarah Morgan about George Gardiner and his folk song journey through Edwardian Hampshire.

Caroline Edwards, newly appointed Hampshire County Archivist, will also contribute to the evening and Sarah will illustrate the discussion with songs

Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall

Friday 4th June 2010

7 p.m.

Tickets £8 to include a free drink and canapés

Refreshments, Bar and Raffle

The talk is to raise funds for Valley Music –

[www.valleymusic.org.uk](http://www.valleymusic.org.uk) – email [mail@valleymusic.org.uk](mailto:mail@valleymusic.org.uk)

## An Evening with Pam Ayres

It was an excellent night filled with humour. I would strongly recommend that if you get a chance you must see this amazing lady. I was laughing from the beginning to the end. I remember learning “I wished I’d looked after me teeth” at school and that is all I really knew about her.

Her act tells off her life with of course her famous poems thrown in along the way. Here is some interesting information about her which she uses in the show.

PAM AYRES always wanted to be a writer. At school she shone brilliantly at English and Art, but was pretty useless at everything else. The youngest of a family of six children, Pam was born in Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berkshire, during the long cold winter of 1947. After leaving school Pam joined the civil service as a clerical assistant, a job in which she soon lost interest, and which prompted her to join the Women’s Royal Air Force. It was while Pam was in the WRAF that she developed her love of singing and acting, and slowly the wild idea emerged that she would like to be an “entertainer”.

On leaving the WRAF Pam set out to achieve her ambition. By this time her poems and verses had become a hobby, written and performed for the local folk club in Oxfordshire, to where she had returned to live and work as a secretary. In 1974, a friend arranged for her to go to the local radio station, BBC Radio Oxford, to read one of her poems. Pam’s first broadcast for Radio Oxford, in 1974, was selected for BBC Radio 4’s *Pick of the Week*, and subsequently repeated on the 1974 *Pick of the Year* programme, by which time Radio Oxford had asked Pam to return and recite some more of her poems.

In 1975, after much prodding from friends, Pam decided to audition for television’s *Opportunity Knocks*. Since then Pam has appeared on many major TV shows in the UK, has had her own TV series, and filmed Christmas TV Specials in Hong Kong and Canada.

Other highlights include the BBC televising one of Pam's solo stage shows, and her appearance on the Royal Variety Performance at the London Palladium in 1977, to celebrate HM The Queen's Silver Jubilee. In October 1996, Pam performed part of her stage show at a Royal Gala Charity Reception at St. James' Palace, attended by HM The Queen, and she entertained HM The Queen again, in the somewhat less august premises of the Sandringham WI in January 2004. Pam was thrilled to be awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours of 2004.

Pam Ayres' book sales to date are over three million worldwide. September 2006 saw the publication of her latest book, **PAM AYRES – SURGICALLY ENHANCED**, which by Christmas had become one of the UK's Top 40 Best Selling Hardback books of the year. The paperback version, with some additional new poems, was published in September 2007, and totals sales now of this book are in excess of ¼ million. February 2008 saw see the re-publication of Pam's book, **WITH THESE HANDS**, by Orion Books, who first published the book in 1997. Also last year saw the re-publication of a new hardback edition of another book, **THE WORKS**, which was first published by BBC Books in paperback in 1992, and which has been in print ever since. This book will see a new paperback edition published in Spring 2010.

Kerry Briers

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Louise Ellison has a lead role in the Andover Musical & Operatic Society Production of Calamity Jane on at The Lights 16th-19th.

If anyone would like to come and see the show then Louise can organise tickets for them.

On Wednesday 16th there is an after-show reception with the Mayor and other local dignitaries - tickets for this are £5 to include wine and a buffet.

## **Diary Dates:**

### **1<sup>st</sup> June 2010**

Red Lion Inn, Clanville Crimestoppers

### **6<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

Hampshire Golf Club, Andover  
Brenda Locke/Vera Hughes

### **1<sup>st</sup> August 2010**

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

### **7<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

Red Lion Inn, Clanville  
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### **5<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Mumbai Thai

### **2nd November 2010**

TBC

### **7<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

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submission is Friday 26th June  
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