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The e-newsletter of the Lymington and District Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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## Chamber represented at review meeting

# NO PARKING?

**P**ARKING in the centre of Lymington – a topic of real concern to many Lymington & District Chamber of Commerce members – was the subject of a meeting recently attended by Chamber President Jenny Welker.

Also there were representatives of Hampshire County Council, New Forest District Council, and Lymington and Pennington Town Council as well as Ian Hastings, the consultant appointed by the NFDC

to study Lymington's parking needs.

Immediate measures discussed at the meeting and to be considered further by the consultant were:

1. Options for the High Street such as making it one-way, introducing echelon parking, and reducing parking time to 30 minutes. All three were discussed at length but drew negative responses.
2. A review of amenity status car parks.

## Welcome to Lymington

3. The use of spare space within existing car parks for motorcycles and bicycles.
4. A complete review of signage. Jenny has agreed to 'walk' the town with Ian Hastings.
5. The use of NFDC and Social Services car parks (a complex idea as these are owned partly by HCC).

Among the longer-term ideas put forward were the construction of a multi-storey car park – perhaps at NFDC or Tesco – and a park & ride scheme (perhaps running from 7.30am-9.30am and 4.30pm-6.30pm). All would require significant investment.

"This meeting and the appointment of the consultant are a result of the continuous pressure applied by the Chamber to improve parking in Lymington," Jenny told *Lymington.biz*.

"Indeed, two years ago, we were instrumental in increasing short stay parking in the town from two to three hours."

So what do you think? Which ideas do you feel have merit and which could do businesses in Lymington more harm than good? Have your say by emailing [jenny.welker@lymington.biz](mailto:jenny.welker@lymington.biz).

## Diary dates

**Chamber networking breakfasts**

**Thursday 24 September** at 7.30am

– A breakfast with a difference – on board a Wightlink ferry for an Isle of Wight round trip

**Thursday 22 October** at 7.30am

– Lymington Community Centre

Speaker: Rob Douthwaite of Granite Transformations on his planned 2010 expedition to the Antarctic and his involvement in founding the Lymington Mariners Rugby Club

## NEW MEMBERS

**RECENT months have seen the Lymington Chamber welcome the following new members:**

AC Business Machines, New Milton  
Maxwell Hamilton, Lymington  
PW Business Solutions, New Milton

For more information about these and other Chamber members, please visit [www.lymington.biz](http://www.lymington.biz).

## Special Offer!

**THE Lymington Directory is offering all Chamber members a 20% discount when they spend £90 or more on advertising.**

The directory is published six times a year, with the next issues due out in October and December.

To take up this special offer – which runs until 5 December 2009 –

please call 01590 643969 or email [info@lymintondirectory.co.uk](mailto:info@lymintondirectory.co.uk).

# Summer stunner

**GENEROUS** glasses of Pimms, a delicious hog roast, warm sunshine and even a game of croquet – not to mention, the opportunity to mingle socially with fellow members and guests in one of Lymington's most beautiful gardens – all contributed to making the Chamber's Summer Garden Party a huge success.

More than 70 people attended the event, hosted in the 'secret garden' behind Moore Blatch's offices on the High Street.



Special thanks go to Chamber members Tony Notcutt from The Hog & Lamb Spit Roast Co for



providing the food, to Peter and Nicola Leyland-Jones from Lanes Restaurant for the Pimms,

and to the team at Moore Blatch for kindly allowing the Chamber to hold the event in their garden.

## TELLING US LIKE IT IS

**THANK** you to everyone who was good enough to complete the Chamber Membership Questionnaire that was circulated recently. I know being faced with such a form can make the heart sink; so, to those who took up the challenge, many thanks indeed!

Traffic and parking in Lymington proved to be the common 'hot potatoes'. It is clear that members want the Chamber to continue with its lobbying activities and maintain a keen interest in such matters. Suggestions for making the High Street permanently one-way with no-through traffic on Saturdays, trying to do something about inconsiderate and bad parking, and taking a stand against car parking charges were among the views expressed.

In addition, members would like the Chamber to lobby authorities to develop ways of gaining greater local government support for business ventures. People are keen to see a more vibrant town centre and town community as well as a lively network of social facilities and events for both locals and visitors to enjoy – in essence, doing all we can to encourage much needed business for the town in these difficult economic times.

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We also received some excellent suggestions for interesting topics and speakers for future monthly breakfast meetings. Our Events Officer Ann Jarman has already started following these up. There were also five offers of new venues for us to try but, unfortunately, three of them were anonymous! If you think you might be one of them, do please let Ann ([askann@wotsitallabout.co.uk](mailto:askann@wotsitallabout.co.uk)) know who you are.

Several members expressed their interest in contributing to [Lymington.biz](http://Lymington.biz). Mike Denny, who is responsible for this e-newsletter, will be in touch with you very soon. And, of course, if anyone else has any news they would like to share, please get in touch with Mike ([mike@oakhavenhospice.co.uk](mailto:mike@oakhavenhospice.co.uk)).

I hope to see you soon at one of our events. In the meantime, thank you for your valuable feedback and continued support for the Chamber.

**Roz Jackson**  
Membership Officer

## Help for retailers

**HAMPSHIRE** County Council has unveiled an exciting support package for retailers. Elements include:

- A new website [www.shopinhampshire.co.uk](http://www.shopinhampshire.co.uk), designed to promote small independent retailers across the county, went live in July.
- September sees the launch of free training programmes for small retailers. Topics will include developing a website and e-commerce, all aimed at increasing customer loyalty and promoting repeat business.

If you'd like to find out more about Hampshire County Council's retail support package, please contact Business Development Manager Frances Stokes at [frances.stokes@hants.gov.uk](mailto:frances.stokes@hants.gov.uk).

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