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1. From the President

We're now in the final stages of planning for the Late-night Christmas Shopping Event on Wednesday 1st November. We have lots of attractions this year that should help to make it a great evening for all concerned. Full details in the specific feature below.

Continuing the trend of recent months, more new members have joined the Chamber this month (see below), which is extremely encouraging, and they are most welcome. We now have 51 Members. As I keep saying, the larger our membership the louder our voice on behalf of the local business community, and it also brings additional skills and knowledge into the organisation from which we can all benefit.

Last but not least we have two new businesses opening on Fishergate this month (see feature later in the Chat). It's very encouraging that pretty much as soon as there is a vacancy, it is not long before it is occupied, helping to maintain the health and vibrancy of our wonderful Town Centre.

2. Member News

It's wonderful to be able to welcome four new Chamber Members this month. Here's a very brief overview of their businesses:



The Anchor Inn

Run by Lesley Jackson, The Anchor Inn is located on Leeming Lane, Langthorpe next to the River Ure. Traditional dog friendly pub next to lovely views of the river. There is an

extensive selection of Beers, Wines & Spirits. Dartboard, Pool Table & Free Wifi. A warm welcome awaits. You can follow The Anchor on Facebook @theanchorlangthorpe.



Bowe & Co

The Café and Deli is located at number 27 the High Street. Owners Liz and Adrian are passionate about serving

proper quiche, beautiful salads, lots of cake and take-out sandwiches, all made on the premises, every morning, and of course, a great selection of teas and coffees to complement the delicious food. For phone orders and enquiries: 01423 323037, and check out the website at www.boweandco.com and you can also follow on Instagram @boweandco



Langthorpe Farm Shop

The Farm Shop is located on Leeming Lane, selling local fresh produce and boasting a Café serving brunch and lunch. Owner Linda Aikman can be contacted at linda@hgfd.co.uk

and check out the website at www.langthorpefarmshop.com



Francesca Hardwick Photography:

Francesca provides 'personal brand photography' aiming to help local entrepreneurs and small businesses increase visibility, attract new customers and generate more income by providing a bank of varied and appealing own-brand images and content. Francesca can be

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3. Remembrance Sunday



The War Memorial in Hall Square was looking resplendent following the Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday 14th November. Unfortunately, the prior Church Service at St James had to be cancelled as the Vicar's daughter had contracted Covid. This meant that the ceremony at the War Memorial had to be improvised to some degree to compensate – but all went well. The event was very well supported by local residents and also by 6th Regiment. The Royal British Legion, who are celebrating their Centenary this year, did a fine job of

organising the event. A wreath was proudly laid by the President on behalf of the Chamber.



4. Late-night Christmas Shopping

As previously reported, the Late-night Christmas Shopping event will take place on Wednesday 1st December, beginning with the official switch on of the town's Christmas Tree lights at 5:30pm in Hall Square by Radio York's Georgey Spanswick accompanied by the Town's Mayor, Pat Taylor. The Christmas Tree is now in place in Hall Square, kindly supplied by Harrogate Borough Council. I'm sure many of you have already noticed the Town's Christmas lights have also been installed (by Yorkshire Lighting) along the High Street, Horsefair and Bridge Street.



Apart from the great festive atmosphere the event generates, there will be a number of stalls and attractions from Hall Square up to St James Square, and don't forget that our shops also spread beyond, down Fishergate and onto Horsefair. Attractions will include:

- School Choirs
- The local Scouts Roast Chestnut Stall
- Boroughbridge Lions with Santa and his Sleigh
- Brighter Boroughbridge: Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and Soup
- Hog Roast
- Generation Dance
- Kids Rides
- Various other stalls including: Tombola, Books, Arts & Crafts, etc

Most shops will be opening late, and quite a good number are entering the 'Best Shop Window Christmas Display' competition, with this year's theme being "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The annual large silver trophy and accompanying prize will be awarded to the winner. The staff Christmas Fancy Dress competition will also run alongside. Both competitions will be judged jointly by Georgey Spanswick and The Mayor.

5. Meeting with Andrew Jones MP

Just a brief note that the Chamber Committee met with Andrew Jones MP at the Crown Hotel on 10th November. Andrew was keen to hear our thoughts on why Boroughbridge has such a thriving Town Centre relative to some other Towns in the district. Our very low rate of unoccupied business premises is also something that was of interest to Andrew.

It was a very useful two-way meeting. Not only did Andrew come to realise the very high-level of locally owned independent businesses in the Town,

but also the quality of the wide range of products and services available, not just in the Town Centre, but also in the surrounding vicinity and district. It was an opportunity to stress how important local Planning decisions are for the on-going economic health of the Town. Andrew was able to update us on various current government business-related policies.

6. New Town Centre Businesses

It's great to see a couple of new businesses opening up on Fishergate this month. Concrete & Cacti has taken the ex-Craven Holmes Office at number 6, and we understand that an 'Interiors' business (Appointments Only) has taken the ex-Dark Horse Barbers premises at number 10.



As many other High Streets continue to struggle, it demonstrates once again what an attractive place Boroughbridge is to open up a business in the centre of Town. We now have only one unoccupied premise - the ex-Carter Jonas office at 15 The High Street. It really is quite remarkable, and long may it continue.

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