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## 1. From the President

Just a brief Chamber Chat to start the new year as we now begin to get back into the swing of things after the recent festivities. Christmas and New Year celebrations are already distant memories as we rapidly approach the end of January.

We've started the year by welcoming three new members to the Chamber (see below) which is very pleasing indeed, taking us now to 51 members. However, it is now Subscription renewal time, so let's hope that number doesn't reduce and everyone renews their Chamber membership. Hopefully this in turn will lead to more people coming forward to join the committee, which is currently very much under-resourced.

The AGM is looming on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (see item 3 below), and while traditionally it is a poorly attended event, we hope to see a few more faces this year. It would be good to see some visible support for your hard-working Committee.

## 2. Member News

We're delighted to welcome three new members to the Chamber this month: Boroughbridge Dental Centre, Bloomerang Florists and Ure Life.

**Boroughbridge Dental Centre** is based on Wetherby Road providing high quality dental care to our local community while offering a wide range of treatments and a focus on comfort, trust, and long-term oral health. Further details on the website at [www.boroughbridgedental.co.uk](http://www.boroughbridgedental.co.uk). Telephone 01423-322757 or Email [reception@boroughbridgedental.co.uk](mailto:reception@boroughbridgedental.co.uk)



**Bloomerang Florists** is located at 42 High Street, right in the town centre, and has been based in Boroughbridge for over 20 years. Owner Dawn Hartland offers a friendly and helpful service selling cut flowers, plants and giftware. The business also specialises in wedding flowers, funeral flowers & events. Same day, next day or nominated day delivery all available. Further details on the website at [www.bloomerang-florists.co.uk](http://www.bloomerang-florists.co.uk) Telephone 01423-324863 or Email [dogdawn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dogdawn@hotmail.co.uk)



Based in Langthorpe, **Ure Life** is a luxury lifestyle magazine and online directory which predominantly focuses on the Ure Valley locations of Ripon, Boroughbridge,



and Masham as well as local underserved towns including Knaresborough, Easingwold, and Thirsk. By better connecting these regions, the hope is to support local businesses and events to thrive and people within the area, new and old, to be better informed on what the region has to offer. Owner Michelle Hatfield can be contacted on 078843-276026 and via Email at [infor@ure-life.com](mailto:infor@ure-life.com). Web <https://ure-life.com>

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### 3. AGM & Subscriptions

A reminder that the **AGM** will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm at the Crown Hotel. The AGM calling notice and Committee Nomination form have either been posted or hand-delivered recently to all members, and this included the invitation to stand for election to any of the official posts and Committee. Both documents were also emailed for good measure – belt and braces you might say!

This is probably one of the most important AGMs in recent years because we do need members to step forward to join the Chamber Committee. We will be losing two existing committee Members as both our Vice President, Barbara Hill, and Treasurer, Marcus Boardall, will not be standing for re-election. Barbara has served for the past 5 years, with a previous stint as President too, and Marcus has been Treasurer for the past 3 years. Both will indeed be sorely missed.

**Subscriptions** become due 1<sup>st</sup> February and the Subscription Invoices accompanied the physical AGM documentation referred to above. You will note that the Subscription is held at the current level of just £50 for the year yet again (£100 for businesses with 30+ employees). Early renewal is always much appreciated.

### 4. Save The Dates

The next Chamber **Quiz Night** is currently being organised. It will take place mid- to late April, although the exact date has not been fixed just yet (so you can't 'save' it at this stage!). Watch out for firm details shortly.

The **Aldborough & Boroughbridge Agricultural Show** will take place at Newby Hall on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July this year. The Chamber has a long association with the Show and again will be one of a number of sponsors. We'll also be presenting the two Chamber Cups to winners in the Horticulture and Craft categories.

It is intended to have another **Race Night** this year on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Again, it will be held at the Crown Hotel and we'll be looking for generous horse sponsors in due course – but for now, just save the date and we hope to see you there.

**Late-night Christmas Shopping** will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, with all the usual attractions in play. The event is usually held on the first Wednesday of December each year. Last year's was another resounding success, as reported in the December Chamber Chat, and has become a firm fixture on the local business and community calendar.

## 5. Snippets

According to a recent Facebook post **The Pilates Space**, a Pilates studio, is scheduled to open on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 38 High Street, the premises previously occupied until recently by Comb with Collars dog grooming.

Closet Porter at 39 High Street is now no more. It is now the **Sun Hut** tanning studio. We understand that ownership of the business has not changed, just a change of business type.



A new skin and wellbeing clinic, **The Collaborative**, owned by skin specialist Gemma Carlisle, has recently opened in Foundry Yard, just off the High Street/New Row area.

### ... and keep up to date with the Chamber

News Items are regularly posted to the Chamber website ([www.boroughbridgect.co.uk](http://www.boroughbridgect.co.uk)) and we post on Facebook (@BoroughbridgeCT) too.

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