

# TETBURY

## Chambers of Commerce & Industry

*Together we can make a difference for Tetbury Businesses*

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## Chamber News

Welcome to the August edition of the Tetbury Chamber News....

August 2010



### August Brainteaser

#### Where Am I?

Where in Tetbury was this photograph taken? Check your answer at the end of the Newsletter.

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### Chamber Chatter - Car Parking Tetbury Centre : A Message From the Chairman

We have made the point before that whilst we appreciate parking can be a bit of an irritation, we are not helping ourselves if we take up valuable spaces, parking close to the shops with our own vehicles from 9am to 5pm. There is perfectly good spacious free parking at the bottom of Gumstool Hill. Despite asking nicely, I am constantly reminded, by those who notice the same cars coming in day after day, who are intent on getting their vehicles as close to their Business as they can - sometimes even going round and round until they get a suitable space. This really isn't fair - indeed I would go as far as to say this is selfish. We are being asked to consider a name and shame campaign - not something that I really want to do as we all have more than enough on our plates, but recent events in the Town have made it difficult for Business all round, so come on, please play fair. This is a case of cutting one's nose to spite one's face - by taking up the space that your first customer of the day (and potentially most lucrative) might have used in order to visit and purchase from you. So please if this applies to you, think again.

### On the Airwaves in Support of Town Traders & Business

Following the problems experienced in the Town as a result of the remedial and decorative works around the Market Hall, with 4 way traffic lights causing serious problems, the Chamber was keen to get as many positive good news stories out to as wide an audience as possible. Kathryn Limoi (Chairman) sent a number of emails and made approaches to local radio including the BBC, which resulted in her being interviewed by Steve Kitchen as part of his Radio Gloucester Drive Time show on the evening of Friday 16th July 2010, during which she was able to remind listeners that the lights were gone, that Tetbury has a fabulous selection of diverse outlets plus a large free car park - all making for a great day out. We are keen to encourage all Businesses to join in, putting out the good news stories to encourage old visitors back and new ones to the Town to see what they have been missing, so Tweet it, Blog it, Facebook it - chat up friendly journalists and other contacts to get the message spread far and wide and remember, if you are a Chamber Member and have a good story you want help publicising, just let us know and we will work with you to disseminate to as wide an audience as possible.

### Presenting The 2010 Tetbury Bag

This year's green 'Tetbury Bag' is now available directly from Kathryn at just £3.50. A good sturdy design and excellent size for a variety of uses and one that can be folded up easily. The 'Tetbury Bag' will be sold once again at the Food and Drink Festival in September, but you don't have to wait till then and remember, every purchase helps to raise funds for local charities.

### ...And Talking of The 'Tetbury Bag'...

We don't know about you, but we're amazed at the sorts of things that we're told can fit into the 'Tetbury Bag' bag, from business folders, to swimming kit, or oodles of lovely foodie and pampering items from the lovely shops in Tetbury. We're just waiting to hear that someone carries their pint sized pooch in it as an accessory (not that we condone such action or course). What's the most unusual item you've carried in your 'Tetbury Bag'? We'll feature the best of the best in next month's Newsletter and on the Chamber website. Send us a picture and we'll feature this also.

### Jenny Norden Interiors

Just arrived; Fair Trade products; wonderful baskets for all types of storage - magazines, towels, toys or shoes - you choose. Hogla Pouffes - great for kids or just extra seating when you need it. Cocoonu Organic: body lotion, bath and shower gel plus a simply fabulous loofa soap, soap with a built-in loofa - brilliant. **Find us at : 6 Chipping Court - 01666 504868** just behind The Snooty Fox. **Remember Chamber Members - this could be you - we just need to know your latest news.**

## **Mission Statement**

The Tetbury Chamber of Commerce supports the Business Community by promoting a positive and progressive environment within Tetbury, to create an exceptional place to do Business.

## **Forthcoming Chamber Meetings...**

2nd September 2010  
6th October 2010

At  
The Ormond in Tetbury,  
Long Street  
Tetbury

## **Visit the...**

tetburychamber.org.uk

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## **Chamber Twittering**

54 individuals and Businesses are now following us on Twitter - that's an increase of 17 since last month - thank you to all and remember, if you are a Member of the Chamber, we can Tweet your event, news and URL - just let us know what you'd like to promote. If you'd like to follow us on Twitter, follow this link : <http://twitter.com/TetburyChamber>.

## **Town Council Public Meeting**

The public meeting held the other Friday at Town Council offices was a tad cramped to say the least, due to a double booking of The Dolphins Hall meaning some were unable to get in or hear what was being said. Minutes were taken and should be available on request from the Town Clerk. Designed originally to address peoples' Vision for Tetbury relating to the size of the Town, housing and facilities, the meeting was expanded to allow traders the opportunity to raise their concerns over the detrimental effect various works around the Market Place have had on an already fragile economy. A fairly frank exchange ensued with wide reaching opinions from all sides. The Market Hall is looking resplendent from its recent makeover - this had been delayed to allow for the original pedestrianisation works. Unfortunately, because the contractors had to return to make good an inferior job, everyone ended up falling over each other, delaying and doubling the impact for all concerned. What did come from the meeting was very much a need for all groups within Tetbury to work together to ensure better communication and representatives from Council, Chamber, Feoffees and The Thirteen will be meeting soon to make a start.

## **Events**

### **The Beggars Opera**

Those who attended The Beggars Opera in the gardens of The Old House organised by David Hudson and Jo Penfold the other week know what a fabulous night it proved to be; with singers of truly outstanding quality and a really lovely, comfortable atmosphere with a lot of money being raised for charity.

### **Tetbury Fiesta**

Well done everyone involved in this year's Tetbury Fiesta; with the exception of a bit of trouble towards the end, everything went well and Ali and Lou are to be congratulated for all their hard work and initiative in setting this up in the first place and developing the day with the help of many generous helpers, Sponsors and supporters into one for all ages and interests. A substantial sum of money was raised for charity and The Tetbury Chamber hamper - made up from donations by several local members and traders was a real delight, so thank you to everyone for your generosity.

### **Tetbury Ladies Business Luncheon**

Calling all Ladies in Business; Chamber Member the Potting Shed, Sister to The Rectory Hotel in Crudwell, will be hosting the next Ladies Business gathering on Tuesday 24th August. In view of the location, transport will be available between Tetbury at a small additional cost if required. The meal will cost £11.95 a head and we will gather from 6.30pm for a 7pm sit down. Contact Kathryn to reserve your place.

### **New Member Spotlight - Totally Potter**

My whole working life has evolved to customer focus. From very humble beginnings; Polo Groom, Area Manager for a Photography Company, Department Manager at Debenhams. Then last but by no means least, starting and building a wholesale Jewellery Company up from scratch, over the years using Marketing to promote products. At the moment alongside the Totally Potter shops, I still help a few Businesses with agent work, which keeps my hand in with respect to up and coming products/companies. Then a year ago I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. I carried on working for the Jewellery Company whilst having the treatment (I'd never had curly hair before). This changed my whole perception on life. When I found the first shop, my gut instinct was 'that's the one'. Now I have become part of the Shopping Mall family. With years in the gift Industry behind me, this knowledge helped me to build Totally Potter into a shop with gifts for all ages, all occasions. In February the second Totally Potter was opened in Cricklade, with more in the pipeline. Finally the name. Well, my surname is Potter. Totally, take the Tot away Ally. Friends did say I was Totally Potty. **Find Totally Potter in the Chipping Court. 01666 505474.**

### **Date of The Next Chamber Meeting**

#### **Thursday 2nd September 2010**

Come along to the next Tetbury Chamber Committee Meeting and become involved - 6 for a 6.30pm start at [The Ormond](#).

### **August Brainteaser Answer...**

#### **Where Am I?**

The answer this month is that the photograph taken from beneath a chandelier in St Mary's Church. Well done if you guessed correctly.