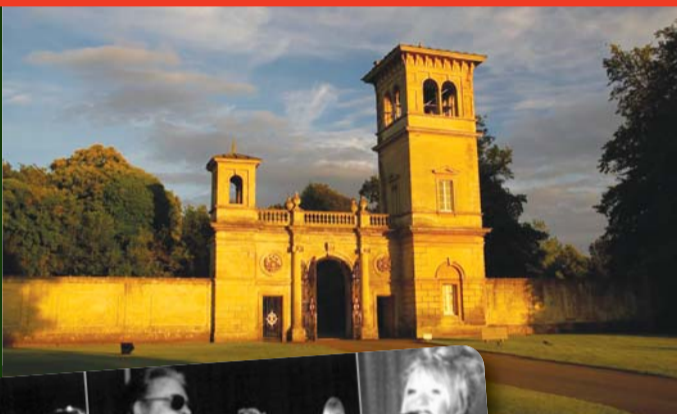


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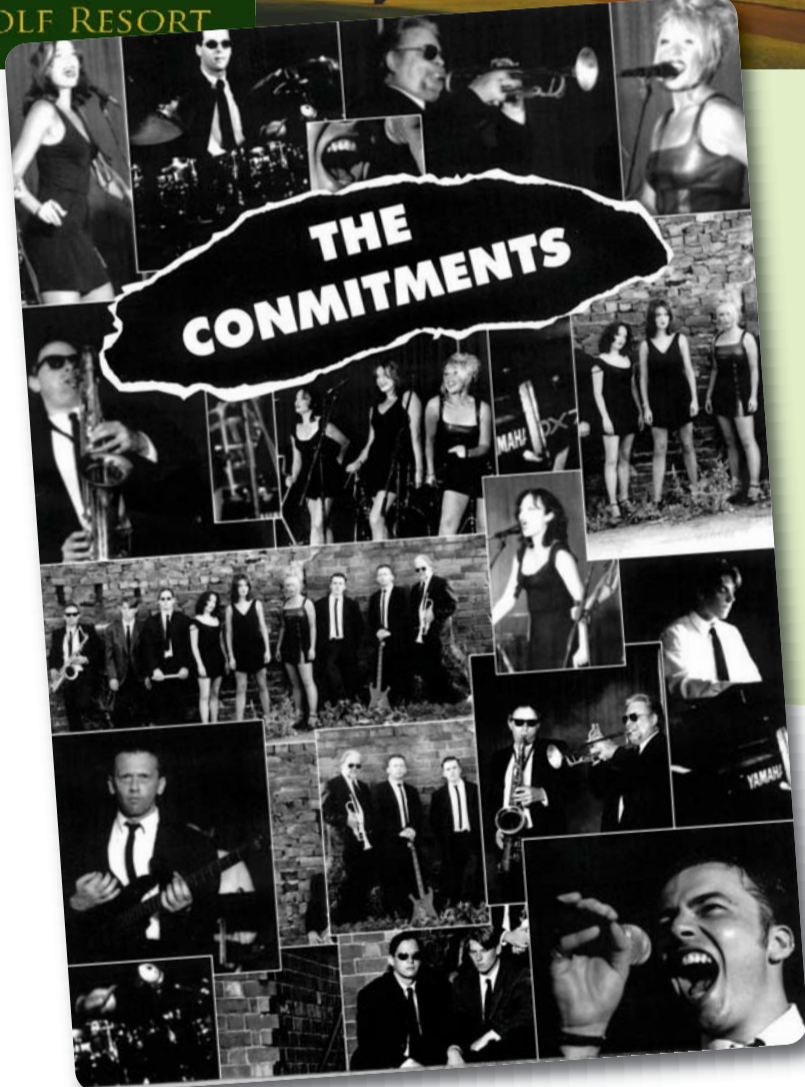
Book your Spring Ball table today call: Debbie Yarrow on 01225 355553



You may recall that in previous editions of the Newsletter I have put forward the notion that we should hold more events to help build the social infrastructure of the Chamber. Following on from this, Alex Morgan of **Skills Direct** in Calne volunteered to investigate the possibility of holding a **Spring Ball at Bowood**.

Well, I'm delighted and excited to announce that the event is now confirmed. The Ball will be a **'Black Tie'** event and will take place on **Friday 8th May 2009**. It kicks off with a Champagne Reception at 6.00pm. Tickets will be **£40.00 per person**, which believe me is great value for money taking account of the fantastic night that will follow.

Diners will have a three-course meal prepared by **Bowood's renowned chefs**. Following this, there is entertainment from a brilliant group **The Commitments** and a **Disco**. Carriages will be at 1am.



Spring Ball Schedule Friday 8th May 2009

(Table of 12 = £400 or £40 per person)

- 6.30pm Arrival at the grounds of the new spa to Musical entertainers
- 7.30pm **3-Course evening meal**
- 9.00pm Prize Draw
- 9.45pm **The Commitments** set 1
- 10.30pm Disco during the break
- 11.00pm **The Commitments** set 2
- 11.45am Disco
- 12.30am Last orders
- 1.00am Carriages

This event represents a gear change in the way the social side of our Chamber works and I hope it will become an annual event. In addition, we will be looking at other events that will give members the opportunity to get to know each other better, to forget the hard times that we are all going through, and to let their hair down.

If my wife is anything to go by, a new frock will be a mandatory

requirement. So, if you have your back to the wall like me, can I remind you that we have Chamber Members, **Juniper** in Church Street and **Face Value** in the High Street who can all provide great deals as antidotes to the financial pain.

What's more, if you'd like to arrive in style, why not give Richard a call at **Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum** and hire one of his cars for the evening. (See *this month's member feature* on the next page).

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We also intend to hold a **raffle/auction**, so if you know someone who would provide us with desirable prize(s) then please let me know.

Corporate tables are already being reserved, so don't hang around, give **Debbie** a call to stake your claim. The tables will be for **groups of 12** and will qualify for **two FREE seats**. Of course this does not mean that smaller groups will not get a look in. To the contrary, this is a Chamber event and we recognise that some people will either want to attend as singletons or, say, as a party of five. If this is the case, give Debbie a ring and she will begin to build composite tables.

We intend to make a profit from the income we generate, one half of which will go towards funding other **Chamber events** with the other half being **donated to charities** with a local connection. At the time of going to press, this detail has yet to be finalised.

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- Spice of Bengal Lunch **24th October**
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- Remembrance Day **Sunday 12th October**
- **Influenza** Why Vaccinate?

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Chamber Health Issues

INFLUENZA - IGNORE IT AT YOUR PERIL: Why Vaccinate?

Martin Hender, Practice Manager for Patford House Surgery, recently contacted me to offer a **discounted flu vaccination service** to any Chamber Member company. Most people struggle into work when they are unwell, but by that time they may have been spreading the virus for days, without even realising it. Once a flu outbreak has begun, it is then difficult to protect staff. Although the most severe symptoms usually last 2-3 days, other flu symptoms can go on for **7-10 days longer**.

The impact of catching flu can be subtler than sneezing and a running nose. Being ill with flu can **slow reaction times by 20-40%** - this is comparable to the effect of moderate alcohol consumption. There is also an increased risk of injury and a **decrease in productivity** due to tiredness and exhaustion, which can last long after a person has returned to work.

Vaccination is an effective way to prevent flu infection and is generally **70-90% effective** in giving immunity (no vaccine is 100% effective). Vaccination also prevents disruption to work and domestic life, helps protect others who are at high medical risk from flu, and, by being involved in a flu vaccination programme, demonstrates an Employer's investment in the **health and well-being of their staff**. Over 60s and people at medical risk from flu get the vaccination through a government-funded programme, but others may have to pay.

As a fellow member of the Chamber, Martin is offering members the chance of vaccinating their staff for **£10.00 per person**, which includes vaccine and doctor/nurse costs. For larger organisations, Martin can arrange for a doctor/nurse to visit your premises rather than have people visit the surgery. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please use the link helen.smart@gp-j83050.nhs.uk to contact Helen who is organising the vaccinations.

Chamber/Community Issues

Have you looked at Abberd Brook lately?

Westlea Housing has commissioned an independent survey to examine what restoration that **Abberd Brook** needs to enhance the area for both local residents and visitors to Calne. Westlea will be working with a number of organisations that are able to contribute to, and advise on, plans to take the project forward. This includes helping them to apply for permission and consents, as well as receiving ideas about where the funding may come from! Westlea are looking to residents to tell them how they think the Brook's appearance could be improved - by creating **picnic/butterfly/sensory** areas, for example, or by making a platform so it would be possible to get closer to the ducks to feed them.

Westlea's first steps were to involve residents. Through their **'Abberd Brook Explorers'** scheme, families not only enjoyed activity sessions offered by **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust**, but undertook exploration that highlighted the wildlife in and around the Brook, including **fish and freshwater shrimp!**

So, what next? Westlea are planning an information day to showcase the proposals: those interested will be able to talk to the experts, submit ideas and volunteer their support. They are hoping the information session will capture residents' imagination and encourage participation - resulting in the formation of a working

Member Feature

Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum

Richard and Hasell Atwell have lived in the Calne area their entire lives, starting their original collection with the purchase of a 1937 Buick Albermarle, which remains a part of the Museum collection. A 1934 Vauxhall 14/6 and 1931 Singer Junior arrived shortly thereafter and the collection continued to grow. Supplying one of the cars for a cousin's wedding provided the inspiration for the creation of a Wedding Car Hire fleet in 1972.



In 1981, the collection was brought together under one roof with the completion of the smallest of the three Museum buildings. Following the construction in 1989 of what is now the Main Hall, the Museum, (originally known as the Downside Motor Museum), was forged. In 1997, a Charitable Trust was formed to take over the operation of the Museum, followed shortly by the formulation of a support group of volunteers known affectionately as "The Friends"; new members are always welcome.

The most recent expansion occurred in 2003 with the aid of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

On October 10th this year, both Trustees and Friends alike watched proudly as local MP Michael Ancram unveiled a plaque to commemorate the completion of a wholesale change and "re-opening" of the Museum.

Since 1990, the collection has included vehicles on special loan. This allows exhibits to change periodically, which encourages regular visitors to return to the Museum. Effort has also been made to provide related data, so that visitors can enjoy not only what is on display, but also discover a wealth of knowledge, technical detail, and in some cases, humorous, historical

or little-known facts relating to the exhibits.

The contents vary from a number of everyday classics, to rare cars and lorries. Amongst these are a 1934 Alvis Speed 20, 1938 Daimler EL24, 1953 Allard Palm Beach, complete with a rarely seen, Dodge Red Ram engine, and a 1951 Dennis Fire Engine. Richard Atwell has always had a strong interest in North American cars, so there is an interesting array of Ford, GM,

and Chrysler products from across "The Pond". There is also a good variety of rare motorcycles, carrying the legendary names of Brough, BSA, HRD, Matchless, Triumph, Norton, Sunbeam, Velocette, and Indian, to name but a few.

Visitors can find the Museum at:
Downside, Stockley Lane Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0NF
 Telephone us on: **01249 813119**
www.atwell-museum.freeuk.com

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group that will take the project to its next stage. The working group will focus on publicity, encouraging donations of **venues/resources/staff** and help with fundraising.

If you would like more information, or are interested in getting involved, please contact **Denise Cooper**, Neighbourhood Involvement Worker, Coleman's Farm, Calne. Alternatively telephone **01249 466052** or email denise.cooper@westlea.co.uk.

Remembrance Day

On **Sunday 12th October**, I, along with thousands of others, stood in Wootton Bassett High Street as the tri-services thanked the town for the contribution it made to honour the soldiers and airmen who have been killed in **Iraq and Afghanistan**.

On **Sunday 9th November 2008**, the folk of Calne will have another opportunity to honour those who gave their lives, or have been injured in mind or body, in conflicts around the world. When we stand in the safety, peace and tranquillity of **St Mary's Church** it is hard to imagine the horrors that our troops past and present go through.

At the Bassett march-past, it was my pleasure to stand by a soldier of the 39-45 war who told me his story of what life was like in those difficult times. If anything came across from this chance encounter, it was the camaraderie that the soldiers, sailors and airmen felt for each other.

Although Sunday is the official Remembrance Service, the anniversary of Armistice is at the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month. A **children's remembrance service** will be held at **St Mary's at 10am on Tuesday 11th November**.

In addition to the parade, the Calne Branch of the Royal British Legion are organising a wide range of events that may be of interest to you, namely:

- **A Children's 'Flanders Field' Art Exhibition** in the Heritage Centre from 25th October.
- **A Young People's Art Workshop** in the Lansdowne Strand Hotel where young people have been invited to contribute directly onto large boards called 'Remembrance Tags', which interpret their feelings about Poppy Day.
- **A giant poppy** will be erected in St Mary's Church in the form of a 'retired standard'.
- **Collectors** will be standing in the Sainsbury's forecourt.

There won't be a newsletter in December, so I look forward to your feedback for the January 2009 issue. A very early seasons greetings and a happy New Year.
Mick Devonport
Calne Chamber President

PS. Please send us your stories, feedback and company news. Deadline for the January issue is Friday 16th January 2009. Email mick@cmttd.co.uk