



The North Walsham Chamber of Trade

Summer Newsletter

June 2008

Welcome to our first chamber of trade newsletter,

In this first issue we explain what the chamber is trying to achieve and ask for your comments and suggestions to improve.

Introducing the Chamber & Officers

Chairman – Colin Page,
Pages Tobacconist

Deputy chairman – Robert Durham

Secretary - Samantha Reynolds,
Country Pets

Treasurer Nicholas Lee, *Broadland Travel*

The North Walsham Chamber of Trade was formed in December 2007 and now has over fifty members. It acts as a collective body for the business community, working with the local councils to try to ensure the town's businesses continue to thrive and grow. The chamber aims to promote the historic market town of North Walsham and the goods and services that are on offer, as well as attracting new businesses to the town.

New members are always welcome, meetings are quarterly and this year's subscription is only five pounds. See the Chamber website for more details www.nw.chamberoftrade.org.uk

Christmas lights and fayre

The Chamber has agreed to send a representative to Christmas lights meetings. We have also been talking to the council about running a traditional Christmas fayre alongside the current fair. Any comments or suggestions to the treasurer.

Chamber aims to improve the town

North Walsham Chamber of Trade is working hard to improve the overall look of the town and assist its members with problems facing their business.

The Chamber has been speaking with North Norfolk District Council in relation to vicarage street car park. The Council has promised the Chamber that Sainsbury's will no longer be able to block book parking spaces on this car park, this is just one example of how the Chamber is able to assist its members.

North Walsham in bloom. The Chamber has been assisting with the organisation of the hanging baskets for the shops. The response to this has been greater than expected. Colin asked that as a town we should all make some contribution even if it means making individual floral displays. The Chamber would also like to request that all shops think about cleaning, sweeping and weeding around the front and rear of their premises by the end of June in time for the judges visit at the beginning of July.

Pigeons

As most traders know the pigeons have become a problem in recent times, the Chamber has been working with both the town and district council. We are pleased to announce that the council are undertaking a survey shortly via a specialist company in the hope of resolving this problem.

Next meeting of the Chamber is 13th August, all members welcome, please confirm attendance with the secretary.