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Please do let us know if you have a special offer, an announcement or an article you'd like to share with your fellow Members.

Perhaps you have recently won an award or can offer some business advice - or maybe you'd like to put your business in the *Spotlight*.

We'd love to hear from you!

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO

info@leatherheadchamber.co.uk

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Solvology Ltd t/a Top Executive Coaching

Personal and Business Coaching and Mentoring for Business Owners, Executives and Individuals, located in Leatherhead

Mr Stephen Rostron
Owner Director

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A New Office for Chamber Member *The McWhirter Partnership*

The McWhirter Partnership is pleased to announce that it has relocated to new office premises.

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Paul is Secretary & Treasurer for the Leatherhead & District Chamber of Commerce

Parallel Business Centres Fetcham Park

An Invitation to
Challengers Business Club Event
15th October - 6.30pm

Susan Harmsworth MBE is the founder of ESPA - a global, multi award winning brand known by all. With 450 spas in 50 countries, and a range of quality products, Susan's story is one not to miss.

Join us for an evening of networking at the stunning Fetcham Park and find out how a vision became a reality.

Delicious canapes will be served by The Clink before taking your seats in the Salon.

Tickets £25

**Fetcham Park, Lower Road,
Fetcham, Surrey KT23 9ES**

RSVP: Jack Brown 01483 230 060
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We're delighted to announce the appointment of Chamber Director **Will Poole** of **Monochrome Ltd**. Will was elected to the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting on 17th September.

Welcome aboard, Will!

Business Rates Relief

Have you applied?

Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) is urging all businesses to find out if they qualify for small business rate relief and/or retail rate relief. Currently almost 1,000 businesses have not applied for small business rate relief when they are potentially eligible, and 54% of qualifying businesses have not applied for the government's new retail rate relief of up to £1,000 a year 2014/2015 and £1500 for 2015/2016.

Small business rate relief can be claimed by any small business with a rateable value of under £12,000. In Mole Valley there are about 1,800 properties that could apply, yet only about half have done so. In addition, the government has introduced a new form of support to businesses through retail rate relief. This applies for 2014/15 and 2015/16 and is for any retail property to claim up to the amount stated above. MVDC has identified 496 qualifying properties, but to date only 230 have applied.

If you are unsure whether your business qualifies, please email business.rates@molevalley.gov.uk or call 01306 879 293.

Transform Leatherhead

Stage Two Consultations Taking Place in October



Work on the Transform Leatherhead project is continuing. Stage Two of the Consultation process will invite comments on the ideas arising out of the first stage of the consultation which took place during the summer. In the meantime, officers of both the County Council and the District Council are looking at opportunities to make short term improvements to the town centre environment. They are, for ex-ample, looking at signage. This will involve removing damaged or redundant signs, installing replacements of better quality, redesigning composite signs to make them more readable and neater, and generally to reduce highway clutter. Signage is important to ensure that visitors to the town are directed to its facilities, including its car parks. If there are particular suggestions you would like to make to improve the appearance and function of the network of signs, please contact Rod Shaw with your ideas at rod.shaw@molevalley.gov.uk.

The focus of attention for consideration of street enhancements is Church Street. MVDC recently approved a planning application at 14-22 Church Street to accommodate a foodstore on the ground floor. The decision is conditional upon an agreement by the applicant to undertake alterations to the public highway in Church Street and at the bottom end of High Street in order to accommodate delivery vehicles. Discussions are taking place with the applicant to explore the opportunity to widen the scope of the works to incorporate other improvements in Church Street between The Crescent and High Street. The intention with these improvements would be to enhance the overall appearance of the street, deal with repairs and reduce clutter. The scheme would not fundamentally change the function of the street in terms of access and parking.

Finally, MVDC would like to make improvements to the street furniture in the High Street. This would include replacement of litter bins and an examination of the location of seating, bicycle stands and bollards. The objective is to provide a better quality of street furniture and to make the style of each element of street furniture more consistent.

Diary Date

Business Community Carol Service

This year's Carol Service followed by refreshments will be taking place on Thursday 10th December at Fetcham Park.

Full details will follow at a later date, but please do pop a note in your diary.

