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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

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WELCOME

TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Spark Presentations

Devise and produce video and conference communications for corporate clients. Based in Leatherhead

Mr Patrick Bowens

Creative Director

Email Patrick

Chamber Events

BUSINESS BREAKFAST
Wednesday 18th May
7.30am to 9.30am

AllSaints Café, Leatherhead
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BUSINESS BREAKFAST
Wednesday 15th June
7.30am to 9.30am

The Cock Inn, Headley
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SPEED NETWORKING EVENING
Wednesday 6th July
5.00pm to 7.00pm

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BUSINESS BREAKFAST
Wednesday 20th July
7.30am to 9.30am

The Police Federation,
Leatherhead
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Member Events

Barclays Breakfast
Tuesday 24th May
7:30am to 9:30am

G Live, Guildford

We are delighted to invite you to join us for breakfast and to hear the regional economic view from Andrew Holder, Agent for the Bank of England, Central Southern Agency.

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Surrey Hills Networking Breakfast

Thursday 26th May
8.00am to 10.00am

The Cock Inn, Headley

Surrey Hills Networking is a new, monthly, networking event for local businesses, jointly hosted by Chamber Member, The Cock Inn.

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Transform Housing & Support Garden Open Day

Sunday 12th June
12 noon to 4:30pm

Dunsborough Park

Ripley GU23 6AL

Transform Housing & Support will be providing tea and homemade cakes throughout the afternoon. All proceeds from the teas and cakes will support our work with local homeless and vulnerable people.

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2016 Leatherhead Drama Festival



Monday 2nd May to
Saturday 14th May

Hosted by Chamber Member

The Leatherhead Theatre

7 Church Street

Leatherhead KT22 8DN

The Leatherhead Drama Festival is an annual event for amateur One-Act Plays, and is affiliated to the National Drama Festivals Association (NDFa).

The first week of competitions (inc. Bank Holiday Monday) is for Junior groups, and the second week for Adult groups. All performances start at 7.00pm.

The Awards Night will be on Saturday 14th May, when the Junior and Adult winners will re-perform before the presentation of the Awards.

Come along and judge for yourselves!

TICKET INFORMATION [HERE](#)

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You can find out more about your Surrey Chambers Affiliation Benefits [HERE](#)

Welcome to your April Newsletter - we hope you'll enjoy reading it. Newsletters are circulated during the last week of each month - please do **let us know** if you have colleagues who would also like to receive a regular copy.

Julie West Solicitor

Free Lunchtime Workshops

Chamber Member Julie West Solicitor is running a series of six lunchtime workshops at their Leatherhead offices on legal topics that they think may be of interest:

"Come along and participate in a discussion with our experienced solicitors, sharing insights from our work as specialist property and private client solicitors."



<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topics</u>
3 May	Buying a home - house or flat?
17 May	Wills and legacies
31 May	Buying a property - what could go wrong?
14 June	Loss of mental capacity
28 June	Buying and financing your first home
12 July	Care home fees

The workshops will run between 1.00pm and 2.00pm

and will be held at:

Julie West Solicitor

4 The Axis Centre

Cleeve Road

Leatherhead KT22 7RD

If you plan on coming to a workshop by car, please call or email in advance so we can reserve a parking space for you.

01372 383 273 | info@juliewest.co.uk

We look forward to seeing You

Happy Child International

A Member making a difference

Happy Child is a local Surrey charity whose offices are in Leatherhead. However, our main work is with street-connected and at-risk vulnerable children in Brazil. Over the last 24 years we have rescued and cared-for almost 11,000 children in Brazil.

Today our project with at-risk vulnerable girls is in Recife, North Eastern Brazil. This is a region that has received wide media attention since the outbreak of the Zika virus which affects the health of unborn babies in the womb. The World Health Organisation has declared a public health emergency in response to the spread of this virus across Latin America. A recent Government Health report stated that *30,000 mothers in Brazil are aged between 10 and 15 years old and that teenage pregnancies remain prevalent in the North East of Brazil* (Source: Aljazeera Feb 2016). This is a shocking statistic.



Happy Child works with young girls in Recife who may have come from very poor families, faced situations of violence and threat, and often have come from chaotic family backgrounds where there has been a lack of love and care.

Happy Child established its Recife project to help girls like Julie, who may have become pregnant on the streets of Recife or in the communities where they come from. Our Coordinator Delza Ribeiro reports, *"Julie arrived last month. We know that before she came to us she was involved in the trafficking of drugs and, at times, she was begging on the streets. Julie is only 15 years old and already 3 months pregnant"*. Delza goes on to say, *"When these girls come to the project they are very traumatized and emotionally unstable. Their sense of worth and confidence have been completely shattered"*.

"The good news is that our project can provide refuge and protection for them, offering a full programme of 24/7 care. It is vital that we provide safety for them. We begin by working through some of the trauma they have experienced to help stabilise them emotionally. This involves providing psychosocial education, which helps them to understand the emotions they are experiencing and helps to rebuild their confidence and self esteem. On our staff team we have a trained psychologist. We work really hard to trace their medical records and their school papers to facilitate them accessing medical care for themselves and their babies. We want to provide a future opportunity for them to return to the education system which they have opted-out of. It is complex and difficult work, but we do see results."

Happy Child's plan is to see the project in Recife fully self-sustaining from Brazil. However, at the moment, Brazil is facing a serious economic crisis, one of the worst for 25 years. The Happy Child office is therefore continuing to fundraise for this vital work and relies on the engagement and support of regular donors to do so.

If any of our fellow Leatherhead Chamber Members would like to support us, then please contact **Caroline Taylor**. She will be able to explain how you could become more involved and would love to hear from you.

Caroline herself is taking part in a half-marathon sponsored walk on Sunday June 19th, from Windsor to Maidenhead Bridge, in order to raise funds for Happy Child. If you would like to take part in the walk, fundraise for us, or give a donation, please look on our Home Page under 'Up and Coming Events' for more information.

Happy Child International

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