



your voice in the business community

[www.longeatonchamber.org.uk](http://www.longeatonchamber.org.uk)

## **Long Eaton Chamber of Trade - December 2014 Newsletter**

### **Members profile:**

**RDG Accounting Ltd** was started over 10 years ago by Russell Geary FCCA and then he was joined by Katrina Turton in 2009 as a co-director in the practice.

“We have found that this broad skills base adds that extra understanding when meeting clients and helps us advise their businesses better so we can help them develop too. When we set out our goals for our new business we decided that we wanted to develop an accountancy practice with a young vibrant less stuffy feel to it” says Katrina.

The firm has grown rapidly over the past few years and we now employ 7 staff in our offices in Castle Donington. Our philosophy has always been to give good service and clear simple advice to our clients whilst offering competitive fees. We have built the practice on two main principles, we offer fixed fee billing so our clients know what they are being charged with no hidden extras and we offer a “24-7” service so clients can contact us out of hours if they need to.

Our clients vary from local tradespeople to shops, garages and larger manufacturing companies as well as clients with large property portfolios and a number of personal tax clients as well. We also act for a national franchise and have clients all over the UK.

Our aim for the next few years is to further expand our client base whilst developing our staff through offering training contracts which benefit both the staff members and our practice. We love working with local clients and supporting businesses in the area so if you fancy a change from the traditional approach to accounts please give us a call. We don't charge for meetings and we are happy to meet you evenings and weekends to fit around your business. Telephone number – 01332 813380

**See attached photographs of Russell and Katrina and the exterior of their new offices.**

### **New Members:**

Welcome to Bob Harris who has more than 15 years advising individuals, small and medium business and local authorities and you can be sure that you will always receive excellent service.

From ensuring that a business will thrive if anything were to happen to the key personnel, through to pensions and reducing inheritance tax.

He also has the backing of the world's largest group of independent financial advisors and access to the whole of the market both here and internationally.

For more information go to [www.harris-financial-advice.co.uk](http://www.harris-financial-advice.co.uk)

Secretary: Ray Terry  
72 Sandringham Road, Sandiacre Nottingham NG10 5LD  
Telephone: 0115 939 1071(H) or 07580 333 221 (M) E-mail: [info@longeatonchamber.org.uk](mailto:info@longeatonchamber.org.uk)



your voice in the business community



We also welcome Fugue Music who opened their shop this year on Tamworth Road on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Directors Leon Wade and Adam Baskill have both been passionate about music all their lives and pride the high quality of tuition they offer on a one to one basis.

This pride of service continues within the shop and they strive to make sure you leave their shop happy.

Fugue Music have had terrific support in setting up the business by both the Community and our local Council. They also work with almost 20 schools both locally and in West Bridgford and Selston.

***So, next time you are looking for anything music related pop into Fugue Music and see Leon and Adam.***

**Also, a warm welcome to the Stanton Vale School with more details in our January Newsletter.**

#### **Planning Applications business/educational related in November 2014**

First floor 1-3 Tamworth Road. Change of use from gym to 5 apartments.

473-479 Tamworth Road. Various installations and signs at existing shop

6 Market Place – Installation of fascia at high level & change of use from amusement arcade to retail unit.

#### **Future meetings & Events**

11<sup>th</sup> December Long Eaton Chamber of Trade – Christmas Dinner at the Railway Hotel, Long Eaton

#### **2015**

6<sup>th</sup> January Long Eaton Chamber of Trade meeting at 6.00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> February Long Eaton Chamber of Trade meeting at 6.00pm

4<sup>th</sup> February Meeting with Erewash Borough Council at the Long Eaton Town Hall.

#### **Long Eaton Christmas Lights and Charity Stalls**

We were delighted to make the arrangements again for a youngster, Owen Young from the Dovedale Junior School to assist the Mayor of Erewash, Councillor Kewal Athwal with the switching on of the Christmas Lights. Owen and his family were invited to the Town Hall to meet the Mayor prior to the main event and he received a framed certificate from our chairman Michael Lucking and a gift from the Mayor.

We also made the arrangements for many charity stalls on the High Street and within the Market Place. The atmosphere for the charities throughout was busy and bustling and all stalls report very favourable takings throughout the evening.

Secretary: Ray Terry

72 Sandringham Road, Sandiacre Nottingham NG10 5LD

Telephone: 0115 939 1071(H) or 07580 333 221 (M) E-mail: [info@longeatonchamber.org.uk](mailto:info@longeatonchamber.org.uk)



your voice in the business community

### **“FREEcember” parking:**

Erewash Borough Council are offering five weeks of 24-hour FREE parking in Erewash in a major Christmas bonus boost for shoppers and traders. The “FREEcember” scheme will run from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December through to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January inclusive – the most extensive free festive parking offered by the council so far.

All the council's car parks are part of the scheme, with the exception of the Long Eaton Railway Station commuter's car park

### **Alan McGowan Architects:**

Alan, who is a member of the Long Eaton Chamber of Trade is counting his blessings after carrying out design work on two buildings for different churches. In each case the work done by chartered architect Alan McGowan enabled the churches to receive grants for the projects

The Hope Church in Nottingham received a total of £665,000 from the Big Lottery Fund for the scheme to transform the former Roundabout youth and community centre on Southchurch Drive, Clifton. The building will be open seven days a week because as well as being used by the church, it will be used by Rise as a day club for elderly people. Derby-headquartered Enthusiasm Trust which helps children and young people and the NG11 foodbank.

Alan helped put together the Lottery bid and securing planning permission for the building, which had been empty for years

Construction work will begin in the spring ready for the building to be used in the autumn. It will have a mezzanine floor added to provide more space and offices. The rest of the work will mainly be refurbishment, including new cladding and windows.

“Because of the Lottery funding and the church's desire for sustainability we are aiming to incorporate high standards of insulation and heating to make the building as green as possible,” said Alan

The other church is Long Eaton United Reformed Church on Nottingham Road, Long Eaton, near the Green. It is only 200 yards from Alan's new offices in Bridge House business centre on Derby Road. The church was awarded a £25,000 grant from Biffa under the landfill tax scheme. The work will include an extension to provide better facilities, including access and toilets for disabled people. The building is also regularly used by other organisations.

Alan secured what had been a previous conditional grant for the work, which will start in the new year. Alan's work can be seen on buildings in Long Eaton's townscape heritage initiative, funded by English Heritage, to restore old buildings back to their former glory. He has also been involved with sports pavilions as well as residential and commercial work.

For further information contact Alan McGowan Architects on 0115 875 8021

<https://www.facebook.com/longeatonchambertrade?ref=hl>

*Ray Terry - Secretary of the Long Eaton Chamber of Trade*