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Long Eaton Chamber of Trade - November 2014 Newsletter

“UK Centre of Quality Upholstery Manufacture”

Over the past 2 years we have been working closely with Erewash Borough Council in developing this as a world-wide Brand for the town.

Long Eaton has been associated with the upholstery industry for nearly 100 years, and is recognised across the world as the home of the finest quality of manufacture. Furniture made in Long Eaton is exported to over 65 countries. Whilst here at home, upholstery produced locally can be seen in Harrods, Liberty, John Lewis stores and top end house furnishers including Hopewell's of Nottingham. See example top left.

We are keen to develop a recognised logo and brand that could be used as a platform to boost the town further, encourage more businesses and a way of raising the profile of the manufacturing careers with local schools.

There are around 60 upholstery related businesses in Long Eaton, employing around 2,250 people and with a combined turnover of over £250 million per annum.

Members News

Clive Smith of Arena Trophies, Derby Road, supplied His Worship the Mayor of Erewash Cllr. Kewal Athwal a commemorative inscribed glass memento at the Indian Community Association Erewash Dewali celebrations on 25th October at the Gurkha restaurant on Tamworth Road

Membership

More exciting news. We welcome Mike Bowden of M.O.S (Sales and Service) Ltd along with Robert Harris who has just moved into Long Eaton. More details in our December Newsletter.

Also, we anticipate two further members will be joining us early in November.

We are now fully booked up for our Christmas meal on Thursday 11 December at the Railway Hotel on Station Road.

Hopefully some of our members will also supply some form of in house entertainment!!

Presentation to the Rotary Club of Long Eaton Dawnbreakers

Secretary Ray Terry had the pleasure on Tuesday 28th October of speaking at their breakfast meeting at the Cafe Zing. Yes it was a bit early but very worthwhile.

The members were given some background history on the Long Eaton Chamber of Trade, the progress made recently regards to membership, town centre competitions, summer and Christmas socials, monthly newsletters, PR material now available, improved Web Site along with regular press reports and updates.

Also the close and positive working relationship with Erewash Borough Council with THI, the Upholstery developments as above, car parking and much more.

See photograph top right with Ray and President Paul Burrows

Long Eaton Christmas Lights and Charity Stalls

This popular Town Centre event is taking place on Thursday 27th November with the switching on of the lights by our mayor with support from a local youngster from the Dovedale School at 7.00pm.

The Chamber of Trade will also be arranging for many stalls to be near and on the old Market Place.

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Getting to grips with the new workplace pension rules

There were 255 of them in 1952, 9,736 in 2011 and, in 2051 there will be more than 25,000 of them.

Any idea what we are referring to?! These are the 100th birthday telegrams (now cards) sent by the Queen (or King) and they show very starkly that we are an aging population!

To help deal with the costs of this, the government has been putting in place initiatives to get us all saving more for our retirement – and one of these initiatives is in the form of new workplace pension rules.

'Pension auto-enrolment', as it's known, started in 2012 with the largest employers and is now filtering down so that, by the end of 2018, every employer will have to offer a pension scheme to its staff – and be paying into it.

You need at least six months to get ready and, ideally, 12 months. So if you've had a letter from the Pension Regulator informing you of your staging date it is most definitely time to get cracking!

You can find out lots of useful info on the Clayton & Brewill website at <http://www.claytonandbrewill.com/payroll/pension-auto-enrolment/> or you can contact Chloe Hughes on



0115 940 3044.

Left to right: Julie Braithwaite, Neil South, Chloe Hughes and Doug Perry

The Long Eaton Chamber of Trade also has three other Accountancy Practises as members and they are C. J. Lucking & Co, Gregory Priestley & Stewart and RDG Accountants.

Planning Applications business/educational related in October 2014 – None this month

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