

President's Notes – June 2016

Spalding and District Chamber of Commerce Members Annual Meeting.

This year local Chamber's annual meeting will take place at Boston College, Spalding, Red Lion Quarter Conference Room, Red Lion Street, Spalding on Tuesday, 5th July 2016, starting at 5.45pm.

Our speaker this year is Marc Jones, the newly appointed Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire. Mr Jones will be happy to speak and to answer questions relating to his Police and Crime Plan and his role as PCC..

There will also be short reviews of the Chambers activities and plans by Phil Scarlett plus a review of Shopwatch by Stuart Brotherton.

Phil Scarlett, the President of Spalding and District Chamber said "I'm delighted that Marc accepted our invitation to speak as we are all conscious of the lack of Police presence on our streets and the importance of Shopwatch as a vital link between business and the police."

Non Chamber members but business people within South Holland are most welcome to attend and should contact to confirm attendance: georgia.stokes@lincs-chamber.co.uk before Friday 1st July

South Holland Business Awards

This year's event will take place on the evening of Thursday 19th November at the Springfield's Event Centre, Spalding.

What can people expect from this year's SHBA?

The first year we held the Awards it was a lunch time event and whilst it went well and got good reviews from those that attended, we decided to move it to an evening event with a maximum attendance of 220. The tables were beautifully decorated, the meal quality was upgraded and we introduced entertainment from two young ladies who entertained us with their violins as we arrived and after the meal. The feedback was extremely positive and we look to build on this in 2017

How do you feel now the awards are in their fourth year?

This year we will continue to improve the evening. Businesses will see a big change this year as we, with the assistance of PSP IT, have launched a dedicated website. We are therefore seeking entries to the Award categories much earlier this year. This should allow businesses in South Holland to put together their entry in plenty of time.

Why should people enter the awards and sponsor them?

The awards event is a celebration of the great businesses that we have in this area. It is an opportunity for business owners to celebrate the great work that their management and their team deliver. Previous businesses who have entered said that the process of reviewing their success and looking forward was an excellent discipline for them. It should be noted that the entry process is very straightforward and the entries are treated with the

strictest confidence. After the closing date for entries the short listed companies are invited to informally meet the two judges and talk through their entry. In the past this has demonstrated the enthusiasm, forward planning, and market knowledge plus determination illustrated by companies in South Holland.

Winning an Award or to be commended is seen by businesses as a “badge” that they happily use on their promotional material and share this with their customers and suppliers.

Pride Awards

The second Pride Awards that recognise the many unsung heroes in South Holland who give their time and experience to help others took place on Saturday 18th June at the South Holland Centre, hosted by Jan Whitbourn and Chris Carter of Tulip Radio.

Special guest, soap-star Andy Whyment – who plays Kirk Sutherland in Coronation Street – handed out the awards and certificates to commended and highly commended nominees as well as the winners.

With more than 90 nominations, judges had a difficult job narrowing the field and choosing the winners in the eight categories, with all saying that everyone who was nominated was worthy of an award for the work they do for their communities in so many different ways.

The Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support this event and thank The Voice newspaper and Tulip Radio for their involvement.