

**charminster
traders
association**



January 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hopefully you all had a good Christmas and New year and are ready to make 2012 a great year for businesses in Charminster.

It will be a busy year with lots to celebrate - The Queens Jubilee, Olympic Torch coming to Bournemouth and the Olympic games themselves.

We are going to put the flags out - literally - and decorate Charminster as much as possible to give it a celebratory feel. Unfortunately we can't have flags going across the street but we will have them across as many businesses as possible.

If anyone has any suggestions / ideas on what we can do this year, please come along to the January meeting on 7th January, 12 noon at Wonderful Kitchen, If you can't make the meeting but have some suggestions, please feel free to e-mail them to me.

CTA SOCIAL NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY - HAVANA

Havana have kindly come forward to host the next CTA social night which is on Wednesday 8th February at Havana Wine Bar £10 PER TICKET FOR A Hot & Cold Buffet & Glass of Prosecco
Tickets available from Neil at the Post office or Lesley at Head 2 Toe or pay on the night.
7.30p.m. for food to be served at 8.00p.m.

BARCLAYCARD MERCHANT SERVICES

I know that several traders in Charminster took advantage of Barclays Merchant Services deal in December and Tim Vickers the local rep from Barclaycard Merchant Services very kindly has agreed to attend our CTA meeting on 7th February to explain how they may be able to save you money.

Come along to the meeting to find out more

DV8 – ANNUAL GUIDE 2012

Many of you already advertise in the annual DV8 guide or in the monthly magazines. For those of you who don't but would like to find out more, come along to the February meeting. Adverts start at £30 + VAT for a ¼ page
If you haven't tried advertising in this before, it may be worth a try?????

NEW POLICE OFFICERS IN CHARMINSTER

Charminster and Queens Park Safer Neighbourhood Team recently welcomed 2 new Community Beat Officers for the area.

PC 2551 Gosling and PC 2731 Jephcott are both experienced officers and will be replacing PC 387 Lowther and PC 2526 Sykes who have both moved on to different roles.

PC's Gosling and Jephcott are both looking forward to working with the local community to make the area a safer place. They can both be contacted on the SNT email inbox of c&qp.snt@dorset.pnn.police.uk or on the work mobile of 07919 557 177.

Hopefully one or both of them will be free to attend the February meeting to introduce themselves to you.

BOURNEMOUTH FOOD BANK

Did you know that the Bournemouth Food bank is situated in Charminster?

Debbie Bramley is the Foodbank Manager is coming along to our February meeting to explain how the Food Bank operates and to see if any CTA members can have a dump bin to collect donations for the food bank.

Come along to the meeting on 7th February to find out more

We are looking for a venue to host the next CTA social night. If you would like to "showcase" your business, please let Lesley know and we will sort out a date etc. Don't let your business be the "Best Kept Secret" in Charminster !!

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We have some collection tins to raise money for Charminster IN Bloom. If anyone would like to have one to collect money towards our flowers in 2012, please let me know and I will drop one off.

If you don't want a tin but would like to make a donation, please see Lesley, Maggie at Barnaby's, Sarah at Flowers at 166 or Neil at the post office

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Due to the New Year, there will be no CTA meeting in January. Our first meeting for 2012 will be on **Tuesday 7th February 2012** at 12 Noon at Wonderful Kitchen, 261 Charminster Road meeting take around an hour but if you can any spare 15 mins, do come along.

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From talking to several businesses it seems that January has been a reasonable month for many Charminster Traders and definitely better than January 2011. Hopefully it has been a good start for everyone. We hope to make 2012 a very busy, profitable year for businesses in Charminster. Working together we can continue to promote Charminster as an area to benefit CTA members.

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