



SWANLEY & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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WWW.SWANLEYCHAMBER.COM For up to date information and details of local events, don't forget to take a look at the Chamber's web site. We are adding new features all the time from local news, to features on Chamber members and 10 tips on getting through the recession.

IS IT LEGAL?

A member of the Chamber has recently had problems with an image used on their website. When they launched it, they were advised that the image used was not licensed and was free of copyright. This seems to have subsequently changed without their knowledge and was presented with a demand for almost £1,000. Please if you are using images for your website or publicity material, check that it is free to use and no fee is payable for the use of it.

Also if you play music from the radio or your own CD's and it can be heard by the public or other staff, you will need PRS and or PPL licences. They are currently actively checking premises. Check PRS and PPL on your search engine to see the finer details.

HEATING FOR THE NEEDY...INFORMATION FROM SEVENOAKS COUNCIL

If you are aware of any residents who are struggling to heat their homes they may benefit from a new heating system installed for free or with a large subsidy (up to £3,500) as part of a pilot project to test a new form of environmentally friendly heating. In association with National Energy Action, Sevenoaks District Council are trialing air source heat pumps, a revolutionary form of heating which is more efficient, and therefore cheaper, than traditional gas alternatives, LPG, oil or storage heaters.

To qualify, residents must be in receipt of a means tested or disablement benefit and they cannot be on the gas network. For more information, residents should call Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

There are many restaurants and venues in our membership, including Swanley Banqueting, who are generous in their support of our Chamber events and meetings. Please make them your first stop when booking your festive events during November and December. You can also buy everything you need for those special gifts or gift vouchers from our members. See our website for the membership list.

If you are looking for that new business opportunity visit <http://www.supply2.gov.uk/> for lower value contracts nationwide. and <http://www.supply2health.nhs.uk/default.aspx> for NHS Contracts.

If you have not visited the www.swanleychamber.com site recently your browser may need refreshing to be able to view. This is common and easily fixed. To do this in Internet explorer – click 'view' on the browsers toolbar (at the top) and then 'refresh' or the usual shortcut is to press F5 on your keyboard. The screen will disappear for a second and then refresh to the new site.

And finally, thanks to Swanley Town Council and Swanley Banqueting for their support when the Chamber of Commerce hosted a visit by a representative from the Bank of England on 12th November 2009. if you attended the event I would be pleased to receive any feedback that you have so that future meetings address any issues that concern you.

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