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CHAMBER NEWS UPDATE – 20th August 2009

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Membership News

New Members

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of businesses that have recently joined the Chamber. A warm welcome to all of them.

Members' News & Information

Lingwood's multi-purpose HQ

Lingwood Security Management has recently built a new multi-purpose building, based at Heysham, with easy access to the M6 motorway and Heysham Shipping Port.

Alongside the running of all of their usual security services, they have also launched a new, state of the art conference/training facility and have executive office space for hire and a secure warehousing and archive storage unit. [MORE.....](#)

Fat Media tuck in to expansion plans

Dynamic Lancaster digital marketing company Fat Media are gearing up for a major expansion programme with the creation of five new jobs. [MORE....](#)

The Fat Media team settle in to their new base at the Storey Creative Industries Centre in Meeting House Lane, Lancaster [PICTURE](#)

Martin & Co Lancaster appoint new staff member

Martin & Co Lancaster are delighted to welcome new staff member Dawn Thornton as Senior Negotiator to their China Street office.

[MORE.....](#)

Late Night Thursdays

Storey Gallery is now open until 9pm on Thursday evenings, making it easier for everyone to get to see the re-opening exhibition Strange Days and Some Flowers. [MORE....](#)

Be Inspired at Arteria

"Inspired @ Gallery 23" is the latest exhibition at Arteria where we explore the inspiration behind the artists' work and also give an insight into what inspires Arteria as a gallery. The show runs from 18th August - 24th October, the preview evening is on Thursday 20th August from 5pm - 8pm and we are also having our "Coffee, Cake and Culture!" Coffee morning on 25th August from 10am-1pm.

[MORE.....](#)

AM Support Services expands into specialist food processing and hygiene

Locally based AM Support Services, the region's leading facilities management contractor, has expanded into the specialist sector of food processing and hygiene. [MORE....](#)

Business Support News

Support for businesses on offer from Lancaster City Council

Lancaster City Council has relaunched its popular Business Rent Grant Scheme. [MORE....](#)

Supply 2 Gov – Now Free to businesses.

Small businesses in the region now have free access to thousands of lower value government contracts after the government scrapped fees for its www.supply2.gov.uk website. Searching for the contracts was previously only available as part of a subscription service costing £180 per year.

Training News

Invitation to a Masterclass in Leadership

Karren Brady, Director of Birmingham City Football Club has attracted much media attention as the highest placed woman in football. She is one of Sir Alan Sugar's guest interviewers in the popular TV show The Apprentice and is a non-executive director of Channel 4, Mothercare Plc, Sport England, and Chairman of Kerrang!

Karren will present a Masterclass in leadership at a free event to promote Lancaster University's LEAD programme to any SME owner managers (or people who can LEAD a business). The cost of the programme is currently 80% funded by the NWDA making a place available for £2,000. Clients with over 5 employees might also be eligible for additional Train to Gain Leadership and Management funding of £1,000. For further information on this event [CLICK HERE](#) and visit www.lums.lancs.ac.uk/lead

There are only 3 ways to sell anything!

To find out how to understand what "selling" is all about [CLICK HERE](#)

Chamber Representation News & Information

Lancaster City Retail Group

The Chamber has formed a new Lancaster City Retail Group to give more support to its retail members in the city centre. [MORE...](#)

Lancaster City Business Forum

A new City Centre Business Forum has also been formed, comprising representatives from all business sectors operating in Lancaster City Centre. The Business Forum will engage directly with City Council Officers and will take forward issues raised through the Lancaster City Retail Group and other sub-groups of the Chamber. [MORE....](#)

Meet your local MEP

An invitation to have your say and be heard at a business meeting with MEPs, Jacqueline Foster (Con), Brian Simpson (Lab) and Chris Davies (LibDem). [MORE....](#)

Chamber Events

Summer Social 2009 "Huge Success"

Lancaster House Hotel hosted a Mini Menu and Gourmet Evening on Wednesday 19th August 2009, where over 60 guests gathered to enjoy a feast of gourmet food, champagne and wines.

Guests indulged in the delights of [The Foodworks](#) Menu with over 12 courses on offer we sampled the best Lancashire has to offer and of course the complimenting wine. One guest commented 'the evening was absolutely amazing, having Posh Fish and Chips (beer battered Seabass with Chips and a glass of Champagne) was simply divine'

A hugely enjoyable evening! Enormous thanks goes to Tim Bell, Manager at [Lancaster House Hotel](#) and Tony Jackson of Lakeland Vintners. [PICTURES](#)

September 09

[Chamber Golf Challenge 2009 - 2nd September](#)
[First Aid in the Workplace - 9th September](#)

[Employment Briefing - 15th September](#)
[Business 2 Business Lunch & Exhibition - 16th September](#)
[Members Evening - 30th September](#)

October 09

[Basic Health & Safety Training - 1st October](#)
[Annual Dinner 2009 - Sponsored by ICU Security Services, LA Serve & Graphic Design - 2nd October](#)
[Financial Independence Briefing - 8th October](#)
[Essential Dispute Resolution for your Business - Briefing - 14th October](#)
[My Business is My Pension - IS IT? - 22nd October](#)

Chambersave

North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce is delighted to inform you of a new membership service, ChamberSave. ChamberSave is dedicated to increasing your profit margin by reducing the purchasing costs of your business.

The new service will be launch on 15th September at the Best Western Premier Leyland Hotel, Leyland, commencing 4.30pm.

[MORE...](#)

Local News

Summary of local economic activity

A summary of business news over the last quarter. [CLICK HERE](#)

Unemployment Stats

For the latest quarterly statistics for the district compared with the North West and the UK

[CLICK HERE](#)

Changes ahead for White Lund's businesses

Lancaster City Council is preparing to undergo a major exercise to provide all businesses on the White Lund Estate with new street numbers. [MORE...](#)

Costumed Edwardian Ball

The city celebrates the centenary of the opening of Lancaster Town Hall with an evening of Edwardian Music, dancing and entertainment to be held in the Ashton Hall on Saturday 26th September. [MORE...](#)

Exhibitors wanted with Grand Designs for Eco Festival

Last year's hugely successful climate change festival is set to return to Lancaster in October.

Last year more than 500 people attended the Sustainability Expo in the Ashton Hall and similar numbers attended the film, music and talk events in a celebration of all things sustainable in the North West.

[MORE...](#)

Careers Event "Your Choice 2009"

Lancaster & Morecambe schools/colleges will be holding a major careers event for young people and parents from Monday 5th to Thursday 8th October 2009 at Lancaster Town Hall. To see how your business can get involved [CLICK HERE](#)

Lancaster City Council seeks views on revised gambling policy
By law the council has to review its Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy every three years. A draft version of the revised policy has been produced and is now available for public comment. It can be viewed on the council website at www.lancaster.gov.uk/gambling-review [MORE...](#) The deadline for comments is 19th October 2009.

Business Advice Alert

Companies need to be alert to the fact that DPA Registrations (Data Protection Act Registrations), giving a PO Box address in Blackpool, has been sending notifications to companies throughout Lancashire requesting a fee for assistance in registering their business with the Information Commissioner.

The DPAR is not an official agency and businesses are under no obligation to register with this company. Although it is a legal requirement for most organisations processing personal data to register with the Information Commissioners Office, this is easily done by calling or emailing to request a registration form, and costs only £35 for a business to register itself.

More information is available on <http://www.ico.gov.uk/> or by contacting the ICO on 01625 545740 or notification@ico.gsi.gov.uk

This warning provided by Lancashire Trading Standards Service, 56-58 Guildhall Street, Preston, Lancs, calls via Consumer Direct tel 08454 040506.

Road Closures/Markings

Please see attached details of an emergency closure of **Parliament Street, Morecambe** due to a carriageway collapse. [MORE....](#)

Emergency road closure – **Balmoral Road** – [MORE....](#)

Other Commercial News

'Small firms will drive country out of recession'

Small businesses will lead the way out of recession as the economy begins to recover. Government policy must support and not hinder such efforts, says David Frost director general of the British Chambers of Commerce. [MORE:](#)

North West Development Agency

Follow this link for the latest e-newsletter from NWDA
<http://www.nwda.co.uk/files/NWDA%20Regional%20Newsletter%20July%202009.mht>

NWDA key achievements 08/09

The NWDA have released a [report highlighting key achievements \(pdf 2,223KB\)](#) for the past year. The report outlines key results and activities supporting the North West economy.

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