

Newsletter

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It's YOUR Business!




Financial Forecast and CEO's First Year and Future Goals

On **Thursday 18 November**, the second breakfast forum **consultation** meeting will be hosted by Runnymede Borough Council, at the Civic Centre, in Addlestone.

Following the results of the Government Spending Review (GSR), Stuart Cawthorne, Director of Finance, will outline Runnymede's financial forecast and the prospects for future council tax levels. As business rate payers **you contribute** towards the cost of local authority services; so this is **your opportunity to take part in this consultation**. You can either ask questions during the Q & A session or after the meeting, when staff from the **Runnymede business rates team** will be on hand.

Paul Turrell, Chief Executive, will then tell us about his first year in post and reveal his **plans for the future** of Runnymede. These will also depend on the outcome of the GSR, so come to the meeting to hear about them.

Places are limited, so book your free place now; see details on the back page 

See the Council's Budgets and financial information on www.runnymede.gov.uk click on Finance.

*Useful websites for businesses : www.voa.gov.uk/2010
www.businesslink.gov.uk*



Financial Forecast being delivered in 2009 at - Runnymede Borough Council Chamber

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A Real Summer Treat!



L-R Adam Hunt, Mark Adams & Nick Day

Cream Tea on the Terrace at Savill Gardens

As a change from our usual early morning breakfast meetings, our summer event was tea on the terrace of The Savill Garden visitor centre, in Englefield Green, on 6 July. The 3.30pm start meant that most of the delegates could take advantage of the garden tour after the presentation and tea, without having to rush back to work. The beautiful new rose garden had only been opened by Her Majesty The Queen a few weeks before and the roses looked at their best.

Nick Day, Operations Manager for The Crown Estate gave a fascinating presentation about balancing the commercial development of the area with a sensitive management of an important heritage site. Being part of The Crown Estate, The Royal Landscape is a thousand acres of landscaped gardens, lakes and woodland, incorporating The Savill Garden, The Valley Gardens and Virginia Water lake. The Royal Landscape Project is a long term on-going strategy to preserve the unique character of this historic landscape. Their work is

underpinned by the three core values of commercialism, integrity and stewardship.

The Crown Estate includes over 400 commercial properties, almost 146,000 hectares of agricultural land, forests, residential and commercial property in England, Scotland and Wales, over half of the UK's foreshore, together with the seabed out to the 12-nautical-mile territorial limit. A little known fact is that almost all of the property in London's Regent Street and Regent's Park belongs to The Crown Estate.

However, another little known fact is that The Crown Estate's entire revenue surplus is paid to the Exchequer for the benefit of UK taxpayers; this was £226.5 million in 2008/09.

Adam Hunt was the second speaker; he briefly outlined the work of the Surrey Education Business Partnership. He appealed for businesses to become more involved with their local schools by mentoring or supporting business projects, particularly the annual award scheme.

For information visit www.surreyebp.org

We are very grateful to The Crown Estate for hosting this very relaxed and enjoyable event.

For more information visit www.theroyallandscape.co.uk



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Yellow School Bus Sponsorship

During these straightened times we would like **to thank our sponsors** for their support for the Runnymede Yellow School Bus Service. www.yellowbus.info

Bupa Community Connections, P & G Community Matters, Runnymede 14 – 19 Learning Network, Thorpe Park Neighbourhood Network, World Duty Free and Gemini Cars.

Get on Board and be noticed too! The seven **distinctive** buses travel around Runnymede, carrying approx. **500 students** twice a day, and also to London and the South East on school trips, so sponsors' logos are seen by many.

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Visit our Schools and Colleges week

18-22 October 2010

The first national Visit our Schools and Colleges week runs from 18 – 22 October. Senior decision makers from private, public and third sector organisations are encouraged to visit a local school or college.

The two hour visit is designed to highlight the key areas where schools would really like support from employers, this includes: mentoring, work experience, enterprise activities, plus being a school governor and providing professional development to teachers.

Taking part is completely free to everyone involved. All visits will be managed to ensure they best address the interests and priorities of both schools and employers. Register now to take part visitorschools.org It will be a quick and easy way to discover how employers of all sizes and sectors can best support the work of local teachers.

Your local coordinating organisation is Surrey SATRO, an educational charity that runs the Surrey Education Business Partnership and has lots of experience in bringing schools and businesses together 
www.surreysatro.org

At Your Leisure

A non-profit-distributing organisation is being set up to take over the operation of the Leisure Centres in Runnymede. **There are opportunities for local individuals to become involved by becoming a Trustee (and therefore a board member) on this local leisure trust (see advert on the back page - NB closing date 25 October 2010)**

The full leisure offering in Runnymede includes:

1 Chertsey Museum, which does significant educational outreach work and has over 80 schools registered for their programme. If you are a follower of fashion, they hold the nationally renowned Olive Mathews Collection.

2 Leisure Centres, Egham and Addlestone, with the latest in gym equipment and reasonable membership prices. Call 01784 437695 (Egham) or 01932 858966 (Addlestone) for **Corporate Membership rates for 3 or more staff**.

3 Public Halls in Egham, Chertsey and Thorpe, can be hired for a wide range of events, from small scale meetings to conferences. You can do your own catering or have it provided by a professional caterer of your choice.

4 Outdoor games, bowls, cricket, football and tennis, you can book to play on the well maintained pitches in the local parks

5 Activities for young people including Summer Play Schemes and Splash, Surrey Youth Games and the Big Lottery funded ROAR free play activities.

2012 will see the Borough welcoming over **1000 athletes** to the **Athletes village at Royal Holloway College, University of London**. A Runnymede 2012 group is planning events for the next two years including, for 2011, a sporting re-enactment of an old style cricket match and a school mini Olympics.



If your company would like to support any of our activities or have further information on any of our services call the Leisure Service Team on **01932 425686**, or visit www.runnymede.gov.uk
(click on A-Z of Site, then L)

Chambers of Commerce

ADDLESTONE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

For details of Chamber activities contact

Cllr Peggy Broadhead

Tel: 01932 844465

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Address: c/o 2 Coombe Drive, Addlestone, KT15 1DB

EGHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

For details of Chamber activities please contact the

Chairman, Mark Adams, on

Tel: 01784 460108,

Address: c/o Strode's College, Egham TW20 9DR.

e-mail admin@eghamchamber.org.uk

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CHERTSEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber meets on the second Monday of the month at 6.00pm at: The Crown Hotel, London Street, Chertsey.

Chairman, Douglas Showell,

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Autumn Forum It's YOUR Business

Date: Thursday 18th November 2010

Time: 7.45am

Presentations by

**Stuart Cawthorne &
Paul Turrell CEO RBC**

**Runnymede Borough Council
Chamber**

Addlestone, Surrey

**To reserve your free place at this event
please contact Joanna Swatridge**

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Would you like to make a difference to local leisure services?

Board Members Sought For the New Runnymede Leisure Trust

Runnymede Borough Council is setting up a new non-profit-distributing organisation to promote and provide management of its two main leisure centres.

Board members are sought who have a commitment to and interest in community leisure provision, and experience in business, health or education or additional skills such as financial, legal or personnel skills

All positions will be unpaid, but expenses will be available.

The Trust will initially be responsible for the provision of leisure and recreation activities at Egham and Addlestone Leisure Centres. It will work with public, private and voluntary sector partners to improve local community leisure services.

Please contact Mario Leo, Head of Legal Services, Runnymede Borough Council, Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone. KT15 2AH, call 01932 425640 or email mario.leo@runnymede.gov.uk for an informal discussion, further details or an information pack/application form.

The deadline for receipt of application forms is noon on 25 October 2010.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an informal briefing session at the Civic Centre at 7pm on 2nd November 2010. Interviews will take place during the day on 8th November 2010.