



# Despatches

## CLUB EVENING – MAY

### A Survey...

Is planned to take place to find out from Club members your opinions about the way forward for our business club. Although membership numbers remain fairly steady, attendance at some meetings has been rather poor; this can sometimes be an embarrassment when presenters have given freely of their time and sometimes have travelled quite a distance to be with us. Over several years your committee members have visited other Midlands business clubs in person (and some other web-sites) to find out what does and does not work for them. This year, Ken Grimley of Hawthorne's Research will contact members to establish what people prefer of the options that may be made available. If he hasn't contacted you yet, you can be sure that he will eventually. The overall purpose of this survey is to help us find out how to generate a higher level of interest and enthusiasm among the membership to boost numbers in the Club and the numbers attending meetings.

## CLUB MATTERS

### August Social...

We have been invited to join Burton Business Club for their social evening centering upon a game of skittles, some nosh and a bevy or two. That is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30 pm at the Cottage Brewery, Byrkely Street, Burton upon Trent. Those interested, please contact Alan Shaw to reserve a place for some extra networking and fun.

### September Exhibition...

Walsall Business Club are running an exhibition in Walsall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 6-9 pm where entry is FREE, a buffet is FREE and all the networking you want is FREE, plus there is FREE advice from Business Link, Inland Revenue etc. Call Alan for details.

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## EVENTS DIARY

### 2003 Club Program

**4<sup>th</sup> June** – Matthew Chatting, winner of the 2002 PYT Business Award

**2<sup>nd</sup> July** – John Shaw gives a slide show about some of the history of pubs in Lichfield

**12<sup>th</sup> August** – joint social and networking with Burton Business Club (please note, it is on a Tuesday evening and in Burton upon Trent)

**3<sup>rd</sup> September** – to be advised

**8<sup>th</sup> September** – Walsall Business Exhibition

**1<sup>st</sup> October** – to be advised

**5<sup>th</sup> November** – AGM plus presentation – will probably need to change the day

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Xmas party at a venue to be decided

### Club Evening ...

The Club evening in June is about how a local small firm set up and succeeded. See you at SULC at 7.30; networking is as usual in the Queen's Head afterwards.