



**Wadebridge and District chamber of Commerce**  
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**Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting of the Wadebridge and District Chamber of Commerce**  
**which took place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at The Churchill Bar, Wadebridge**

**Present:** Dominic Walford (Riverside Financial Advice Centre), Darren Rowe (Riverside), Harriet Wild (Elixir), Ann Jackson (Treasurer), Yvonne Robinson (Heat Store), Robin Moorcroft (D&C Police), Phil Chanter (D&C Police), Nigel Flanagan (Ralph & Co), Sarah Hargreaves (Bridge on Wool), Philip Mutton (Trebur Estates), Fiona Jolley (NCA).

**Apologies:** Michelle Haseldine (The Blind Co), Grenville and Suzanne Stanbury (Kittows), Rachel Daniel (One Step Ahead), Stephen Frankell (Carhart Mill), Mike Walford (Folk Festival), Jason and Randi Henderson (Elixir).

**Matters Arising:**

**WREN** is flying! Darren gave us an update on the Wadebridge Renewable Energy Networks project. There's been a lot of activity recently and Dan Rogerson is now involved. There's an exciting steering meeting next week to co-ordinate funding, which will really help WREN get off the ground!

**Chamber logo:** All votes are in and we can reveal that the logo has finally been decided! Darren said that we've had by far the greatest response for deciding the Chamber's logo than any other matter we've faced! We've opted for the swan flying over the bridge, and this will be depicted in black and gold. It will be up on the website shortly.

**Christmas lights:** Darren expressed his gratitude for the donations received so far for the Christmas lights. He said there's been a fantastic response so thank you very much. Despite this, we'll still be tight as they really do cost a fortune to put on – just physically getting them up there and taking them down again stretches the budget, so any more contributions will be gratefully received. Philip Mutton asked where the lights would be placed as he would like Eddystone Road to be well lit. Dominic explained that every light bulb is accounted for at the moment, but of course the more money we get in the kitty, the more lights we can buy for Eddystone Road, Pormorla and other areas of the town. Darren praised Wyndhurst Orchard for kindly letting us store our lights there. Darren mentioned that we have had an initial rush of volunteers for putting the lights up & down, but we now need these kind souls to let us know when they can help to enable Darren & Dominic to put rota's together etc.

**Crime Prevention:** Molesworth Street had one crime – a female was charged with assault in The Swan. The Platt had three crimes –criminal damage to Newcourt House, possession of

cannabis and lastly, there's been another theft from Boots – this time of around £750. There has been a 20% reduction of crime compared to the same period last year.

Also 43 warning letters have been issued so far to people driving up Molesworth Street since the traffic control meeting in July. Robin informed us that there is talk of centralising CCTV systems throughout Cornwall, which could help to recognise faces detected on a larger scale. He also said that there's a great website called [www.bumblebeeauctions.co.uk](http://www.bumblebeeauctions.co.uk) where you can bid for stolen items that have not been claimed for! There's loads of bargains on there for all sorts of things so it's well worth a look.

**Late night Shopping:** Dominic filled us in with late night shopping – sounds like it's going to be bigger and better than ever. We've even got Holly Day (yes that's her real name!) coming from Pirate FM to do a live report around the town. With such a festive name I'm sure she'll fit right in! She'll set off fireworks live on air and present the window display awards (which will be judged in the morning). There'll be tricycles in the street offering non alcoholic mulled wine, a traction engine will bring Santa around to arrive in the Town Hall from 6-6.30ish. There'll be the Community Choir, Shipwrecks, Wadebridge Town Band, St Minver Town Band all sorts of street entertainment and the finale – fireworks going off at 8.30.

We would be ever so grateful for any tombola prizes / donations / support in getting the lights up and down, whether it's directing traffic or getting up there. We'd like to be well organised this year with shifts so please contact Dominic or Darren to offer your services. They assure that you'll be handsomely looked after by Sarah at Bridge on Wool and others! Also, Darren made a plea for retailers to put a bucket on the counter to help recoup the Chamber's costs of late night opening and the Christmas lights. Dominic said – “let's make it a good one this year!”

**Royal Wedding!** Yes, it's seeped through to Wadebridge! We talked about the possibility of marking the occasion in Wadebridge – an event on either the piazza or Jubilee Field was mentioned. This is going to be looked into further when a date has been officially set.

**Wadebridge Big Lunch Street Party:** The date for 2011 is set for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June in Moelsworth Street again. Any donations or support will gratefully received as there's lots to organise and pay for as usual – please contact Harriet in Elixir Health Foods and we can make the next one even better than this year's fantastic event.

Darren said that we've been thanked by the organisers of Breast Cancer awareness for such a fantastic response this October.

### **Action Points:**

**Those that want to help with the lights and/or late night shopping events please let Darren or Dominic know asap.**

**Tombola prizes needed urgently, please drop them into Riverside Financial Advice Centre (first floor Kittows). Or contact Darren or Dominic for collection.**

**Keep the donations towards the lights coming!.**

**Next Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> December at The Churchill Bars (upstairs) 5.45. We will then adjourn to the Bridge on Wool for a Christmas jolly afterwards and enjoy a glass of something together. If you can't make the meeting, we'd still love to see you at the do afterwards!**