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The Chamber meets on the second Monday of the month at
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BREAKFAST FORUM

At Your Service

Thursday 1st December 2005

Venue:
Royal Holloway University of
London, Egham

To reserve your free place
at this event please contact

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RUNNYMEDE
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News

AT YOUR SERVICE

ROYAL HOLLOWAY AND WESTFOCUS CAN HELP YOUR BUSINESS
- AN OFFER NOT TO BE MISSED!

Our next Breakfast Forum on 1st December, in the historic Picture Gallery at Royal Holloway, University of London is being sponsored by Royal Holloway and WestFocus because they have so many services to offer local businesses and want to tell you about them.

From assisting budding entrepreneurs in getting started to recruiting new staff for large corporate companies there is an impressive range of activities available, and the speakers will tell us how we can access them easily.

University Talent offers a free recruitment service that could locate the graduates you need, from the WestFocus pool of seven universities. The STEP programme gives the opportunity to have a student, with two years of their course behind them, work on a specific project for your company over the summer months.

Royal Holloway's own Careers Service provides access to over 1400 graduates and 700 postgraduates who would be some of the highest calibre graduates in the South East. They can also help companies to source part time staff.

The Surrey Enterprise Hub at the Royal Holloway is a community for innovative technology companies based in Surrey and for the agencies, institutions, businesses and individuals who can provide the advice, services and mentoring to help these young companies grow successfully.

To reserve your free place at this breakfast forum, please see the advertisement on the back page.



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EARLY MORNING EXCURSION FROM JUBILEE HIGH SCHOOL



Ronan McDonald, Director of IT Services at TAL Computers & Associate Consultant Dr Chris Graff

"On Tuesday 28th June, myself, Lisa Martin and Robert Young attended a Runnymede Business Partnership Breakfast Forum Meeting. This prestigious event was held at Wentworth Golf Club, Virginia Water. An early start was endured by all as we departed from school at 7am.

This meeting informed local businesses about how customers can change their business. The meeting also informed local business men and women how communications and I.T are rapidly transforming their working practices. As we entered the ballroom we were overwhelmed at the luxuriousness of the room.

Once all the guests had arrived and tucked into their sumptuous breakfasts the meeting got underway. Firstly we were given an introduction by Mark Adams, Chairman of Runnymede Business Partnership. Shortly after this the main speaker of the meeting, Dr Chris Graff who is an Associate Consultant of TAL Computers, began the main section of the meeting.

Ourselves and Mr Jones received a special welcome which was followed by a round of applause which was a kind gesture but it was also quite embarrassing!

Dr Graff was very informative and presented a computer presentation of some interesting history of business and inventions that have revolutionised today's modern society. He guided us from the 17th Century through to the modern day. He reinforced the fact that people tend to take modern appliances for granted not knowing that inventions of washing machines and hoovers for example have revolutionised the home. It was also interesting to discover how much the internet has changed businesses around since it's recent invention. After this short but illuminating speech we had to return back to school to attend our science exam! However it was a worthwhile event which enabled us to discover some realistic facts."

By Charlotte Langridge, Jubilee High School



3000TH LOYALTY CARD PRESENTATION

Local vet, Julian Beasley, from Forest House Vet Group in Egham was awarded a bottle of champagne and a certificate as he was announced 3000th Runnymede Business Partnership loyalty card holder.

Mark Adams, Chairman of the Runnymede Business Partnership said: *"I am delighted that the scheme is growing in popularity. Some local organisations have recognised the Loyalty Card scheme as a benefit for their staff and ensure that every new member of staff is sent a card. We would very much welcome more of this excellent support for the scheme."*

The scheme is free to join and was set up five years ago by the partnership, to encourage shoppers to support local businesses. There are now 3,250 members of the scheme.

Have your say

RUNNYMEDE 2026: OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

With input from the community, the business sector and key organisations, the new development plan for Runnymede, the Local Development Framework, is being prepared. We have suggested options for future development in Runnymede and produced new planning policies to help us protect and improve the borough. This is your chance to tell us what you think.

Your replies to our survey last year told us that we should safeguard shops in our town centres and protect local shopping parades from other development. You were keen on good quality restaurants but wanted to avoid having too many takeaways and pubs.

In response, we have produced draft policies to help control the type of new uses within the town centres and to protect retail units. The aim is to create a better balance between daytime and evening trade and promote a variety of uses in the town centres.

**Do you think this is the right approach?
Do you think the policies will be effective?**

Have a look at the proposals and development control document on our website and let us know what you think. Documents are available at the Civic Offices, Addlestone and in local libraries.

Don't miss your chance to have your say and help shape the policies that will protect and improve your local area.

Find out more:
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YELLOW BUS EXPANSION: THE SECOND BALLOT



For further information visit: www.runnymedebp.org or www.yellowbus.info

MORE YELLOW SCHOOL BUSES PROPOSED TO HELP CUT TRAFFIC CONGESTION!

The Business Partnership is seeking a supplementary business rate of £7,500 p/a for 5 years from organisations in Runnymede to provide long term support for the yellow bus service.

A ballot of the 56 largest organisations in Runnymede is taking place from 10th November - 8th December 2005.

The ballot will take place as part of the Business Improvement District (BID) scheme introduced recently by the government.



WORK EXPERIENCE: THE NOMINEES

The Business Partnership Work Experience Scheme (WEX), which encourages links between local schools and businesses through on-site training for students coming to the end of their school career, has been operating for over a year.

Staff and students from local schools, Magna Carta, Jubilee High, Fullbrook, Salesians, Sir William Perkins's and St George's College, have been nominating companies who have made a significant contribution to the scheme.



Each nominee will receive a certificate from the Business Partnership to recognise and appreciate their input into the scheme.

A formal presentation will be made to those businesses able to attend the **Breakfast Forum** on the **1st December** at the **Royal Holloway University of London**. (See back page for details).

For a copy of the WEX leaflet contact:
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RUNNYMEDE BOROUGH COUNCIL DESIGN AWARDS

Entries are invited to the Borough Council Design Award scheme – recognising and rewarding built developments and schemes that improve the quality of the local environment.

Schemes can be nominated for best housing, best commercial, best environmental improvement and best sustainable development.

Nominations should be received no later than 25th November 2005. For more information contact Scott Thompson on 01932 425276 (email: scott.thompson@runnymede.gov.uk)



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