

BJC Bugle

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Bristol
Junior
Chamber

Annual General Meeting

The Bristol Junior Chamber is due to hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1st April 2007. In accordance with the Articles of Association which govern the constitution of the Chamber, the following changes take place in respect of the Council of Management:

1. The retiring President (Ben Hardy) succeeds to the office of Immediate Past President without election;
2. The Vice President (Simon Gilbert) succeeds to the office of President without election;
3. All the other Council positions retire and are eligible for re-election.

Nomination forms for positions should be submitted to me prior to the elections at the AGM. If you don't wish to nominate yourself as a member of Council of Management or Chair of a Committee, it would be helpful if you could express any interest you may have in joining one of the groups.

Having a number of key people organising our events, managing our education and business projects will be key to continuing the success of the Bristol Junior Chamber in our 60th year and beyond so please consider if you would like to get more involved. I look forward to receiving your enthusiastic nominations! If you wish to discuss any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes

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Welcome

Over the past year the Bristol Junior Chamber has continued to develop and grow, indeed we are the leading organisation representing and developing Bristol's young professionals and leaders of tomorrow.

In this edition of the BJC 'Bugle' we will cover much of what we have achieved over the past couple of months, as well as outlining our plans for the coming year. As we enter our 60th anniversary year, we have lots to look forward to – our membership is quickly reaching 100, members visit to Hanover as guests of the Junior Chamber, as well as holding the first 'Prevention better than cure' conference, to inspire and encourage more collaboration to prevent young people from getting involved in crime.

As my term of President comes to a close, I would like to personally thank all of those who have enabled all of this, and much more, to take place.

If you would like to know more about the Bristol Junior Chamber then please do not hesitate to contact me,

Best wishes

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The BJC Dancing on Ice Stars

A Nice Night at the Zoo

The first meeting of 2008 saw the BJC membership descend on Bristol Zoo Gardens for coffee and cookies followed by an hour at the Zoo's Christmas attraction – the ice rink.

As members strapped on skates and gingerly took to the ice, less daring colleagues watched and supported (barracked) from the warmth of the changing rooms. There were a few skating stars amongst the membership but quite a few more who nervously clung to the side of the rink as they edged their way around the ice. Torrential rain meant a speedy exit from the rink for most ahead of the 60 allocated minutes deadline, but there weren't many complaints! Dan Wilcox the first member to take a tumble was rumoured to have taken a cushion to work for the remainder of the week!



A Very Damp Sam and Sue Post Skate



Mimi and Jenny are 'Rescued' by the Zoo's Paramedic

NEW MEMBERS • ALISON BYRNE • PAUL BYRNE • HANNAH COLEMAN • MATTHEW KENDRICK • NICK PORTER
ALISON PRIESTLEY • KATIE SUMMERHILL • JEREMY WREN • GARY MUSSON • AMRIT JOHAL • RYAN GLANCY



Membership spotlight

Naomi Arnott

My first impressions as a new member...

When I was recently asked over one of our members lunches to write a little something for the BJC Bugle I was nervous at the thought! I thought that being one of the BJC's newest members meant that I could just sit back and enjoy the social side of Chamber life, while gently browsing though the huge range of worth-while causes that I could get involved with. Well let's just say that my rather misinterpreted preconceptions couldn't have been further from the truth...

Already, in two months I have had the pleasure of attending more interesting - meetings, drinks parties, dinners at the

finest and funkiest venues - than a Hollywood actress! Also thanks to my Chamber colleagues I've had more inspirational conversations than I have had all year most washed down with some rather fine wine. (thank you, amongst others, Avery's!)

In my short time as a member, I am pleased at what a fantastic opportunity BJC membership has been for me for so many different reasons. Rather like an organic vegetable box full of wonderful things that you never knew existed, they come in all shapes and sizes and every week a surprise, something different is there that makes you stop and

think (you will know what I am talking about if you have ever ordered one!). If you are really lucky you encounter something really special that you learn to work with and make a creation that is absolutely fantastic.

I really believe that everyone who joins the BJC will gain so much personally and also professionally from all the great people that you meet, and indirectly your business will naturally benefit. Of course Bristol will reap the benefits and have the organic raw talent of the BJC, a fertile seedbed for dynamic new growth and vision, ever changing and growing making it's future a bright one.

Membership

Heading into our 60th year, it is great to see the membership growing so quickly. However, now that my year as Membership Secretary is coming to an end, I thought it would be a good time to share my vision that I had 12 months ago as I undertook the role.

I wanted to grow the numbers (of course) and diversify the companies represented however my main focus was retaining and involving the new and existing members. After all it's like in business, look after your existing clients and you will be rewarded with their loyalty and improve your relationship going forward.

Still with my sales hat on, in my opinion there are a couple of reasons why members might leave. Firstly, they may stop attending temporarily and just never get around to coming along to another event. Out of sight, out of mind. A trite phrase, but very true.

The second being that the member's situation has changed to the point they no longer can attend through moving jobs, location etc. So where am I going with this?

Client, sorry, Membership retention is about what the benefits are to the individual as well as the business. In my short time in the Chamber I have seen a dynamic change in the active involvement of members, from new faces to ones that have not been for a while and are pleasantly surprised at the numbers at events. We need to continue this momentum and keep getting involved with the numerous projects that we have

to offer, not just for the BJC and Bristol, but to benefit you and your career.

Of course the BJC keeps going each year because of our members and their subscriptions, however the reason we have been here for 60 years and I have no doubt for a further 60 year, is testament to our members and their involvement in projects and giving back to the City that is shaping our future.

Best Regards

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Dates for your Diary

**WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH
60TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION**
Mansion House, Clifton

**FRIDAY 14TH MARCH
ANNUAL DINNER**
Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel, College Green
Contact Tanya Ciriaco
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**WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH
BJC WORKING LUNCH**
Mecure Holland House Hotel, Redcliffe
Contact Adam Arnott
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**TUESDAY 1ST APRIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Merchants Hall, Clifton

**FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST -
SUNDAY 24 AUGUST
HANOVER EXCHANGE**
Hanover
Contact Adam Arnott
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**Anyone who would like to help organise
any of the above events please contact
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BJC Members Enjoy Christmas Dinner at Goldbrick House



President's Court Dinner 2007



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