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The Future Looks Promising

The development work in Addlestone has moved along apace, the multi-storey car park is open and many of the buildings are rapidly taking shape, particularly the Premier Inn and the Waitrose store. The Council also has plans for more regeneration in Egham

The Government's austerity programme continues until 2020, but despite being one of the lowest taxing Councils in the UK, no cuts in services, savings of over £5 million have been achieved.

In future, one of the main sources of income will be from investment in commercial assets and the Council's regeneration plans, starting in Addlestone and Egham.

You are invited to come along to our next breakfast forum meeting, on **Thursday 2 February at 7.45am**, to hear more about the Council's regeneration ambitions and commercial strategy!

Runnymede Borough Council will be presenting their **proposed budget for 2017-18**, and would like the views of local businesses and organisations on their plans for the next financial year, including council tax, business rates and service provision.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber in the Civic Centre, Addlestone. The speakers will include the Leader of the Council, Councillor Peter Waddell, Paul Turrell, Chief Executive and Peter McKenzie, Corporate Head of Resources.

Book your place now, to ensure that you don't miss the opportunity to have your say on the Council's proposed financial plans for 2017-18. As usual, priority will be given to businesses based in Runnymede, and will be on a first-come-first-served basis, booking details on the back page.

The Runnymede Business Partnership website features a **Business Bulletin** - keep checking this for information on business events, grants, seminars, sources of expert advice and vouchers:

www.runnymedebusinesspartnership.org.uk



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How is your Cyber Security?

Breakfast Forum Meeting 14 April 2016

It is impossible to cover this immense topic at a breakfast forum, but the business people who attended our very popular event, on **Thursday 14 April** at **Topgolf**, gained some essential knowledge and guidance to improve their security.

The first speaker, **Dr Nigel Rata**, Assistant Director of Core Service Delivery at Royal Holloway University of London said that there are about 20,000 devices per day logged onto the system there, which is on average 2.5 per student! Royal Holloway is one of the UK's leading research-intensive universities, with 21 academic departments and schools. He takes a risk management approach, he 'plans, implements, checks and acts'.

Peter Connolly was the second speaker; he is Director of Consultancy Services for ThinkingSafe, who provide cyber security solutions for a broad range of clients. He strongly recommended that businesses should thoroughly survey all systems and procedures regarding security, insider threats are often due to vulnerability. A survey has found that the most popular passwords are 1) 123456, and 2) password!

His examples of dangerous hacking incidents included a teenager who had hacked into a tram system by adapting his parents TV remote control, and another who hacked into a steelworks and took control of the furnaces, increasing the temperature!

Topgolf Surrey sponsored and hosted the event in their new conference and events space at their entertainment complex in Addlestone.



L-R Dr Nigel Rata - RHUL, Peter Connolly - ThinkingSafe, Becky Manning - Topgolf and Mark Adams - Chair RBP

Networking Afternoon Tea

Runnymede Business Partnership meeting Monday 19 September

Delegates enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea at this, our first networking event which was sponsored and hosted by **the runnymede-on-thames**, in their **Lock Bar and Kitchen**.

With no speeches or formalities, delegates had the opportunity to **network** with business colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere overlooking the Thames. The hotel asked that delegates make a donation of at least £5 to the two hotel charities that year, WaterAid and Alzheimer's Society and £167 was raised.

From the feedback received, we would like to hold further such events with the support of local sponsors.



News Bites

Have you been reading our **Monthly bulletin**? Have you any contributions? If so, contact us by using katy.mcgrath@runnymede.gov.uk

The Government announced on Monday 2nd January their backing for Longcross in Runnymede be one of 14 new garden villages to be developed across the country. For more information a new webpage 'Garden Village at Longcross' can be viewed at www.runnymede.gov.uk/gar-denvillage Any queries about the Garden Village should be put in writing by any interested party and sent to the Planning Policy Team via letter or Email at planningpolicy@runnymede.gov.uk

Runnymede closes in on deal for new Egham Leisure Centre. Runnymede Borough Council is on the verge of signing an agreement to bring new regeneration projects to the area, starting with a new leisure centre in Egham that will include a swimming pool and health spa.

Addlestone One Many of you may have seen that the sales team are outside the Civic offices for the purchasing of apartments in the **Addlestone** scheme. Phase One should be ready for handover in late Spring and hopefully phase two by Christmas this year 2017

Congratulations to Pauline Hedges, Secretary of the Surrey & NE Hants Federation of Small Businesses, who has been appointed an MBE for her services to young people, charity and community. Pauline has been involved with the NW Surrey branch of Young Enterprise for 16 years. She has also been Chair of the West Byfleet Business Association for seven years but is handing over the reigns to her vice chairmen next year as she will be moving to Hampshire this year to be near her family, we wish her well!

What we do...

Online Runnymede Business Directory

- with details of over 1100 local companies @irunnymede.org/
- Data available to purchase

Reduced Peak Hour Traffic

- Introduced American style school buses to four local secondary schools

Held Regular Breakfast Forums

- With speakers from Heathrow, National Trust and Government Ministers
- Forums held at excellent venues, the majority are free for Local Business People

Introduction of Local Loyalty Card Scheme

- With over 6000+ card holders
- Cards provided free on request

Kept you informed

- Publishing three newsletters a year
- Regular emailed Business Bulletins

As well as:

- Regular meetings between business people and leading councillors and council officers
- Social events
- Partnership App for Iphone and Andriod



Introducing...

Our new Q & A Session

**Featuring: Peter McKenzie,
Corporate Head of Resources,
Runnymede Borough Council**



WHAT does your job title make you responsible for in the Council?

Basically all of the Councils financial affairs and accountancy, collection of tax, payment of invoices and housing benefit, ICT and customer services

WHERE have you worked previously?

Various councils starting with Northumberland County, then including Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, LB Enfield.

WHEN did you join Runnymede Borough Council?

May 2012 and still enjoying myself!

WHY did you decide to work in the world of finance?

Science and maths have always been my strongest point – so accountancy was a natural choice

HOW do you like to spend your free time?

Walking, sailing, foreign travel – Moscow, St Petersburg, Berlin the last 3 places.

**Featuring: Sally Raith-Riches,
Director of Sales Foxhills**



WHAT aspects of your job at Foxhills do you particularly enjoy?

The fact that every day is different, exciting and busy and of course mentoring and guiding my team, its very rewarding to see people grow and develop.

WHERE have you worked previously?

UK -I moved from South Africa 6 years ago after working at various hotel groups over the years and then opening and running my own Bistro coffee shop. I have worked at Brooklands Hotel as Director of Sales and Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow as Director of Sales and Marketing before joining Foxhills.

WHEN did you join Foxhills?

January 2016

WHY did you decide to work in the world of sales?

Sales is such a rewarding environment, meeting new people and helping make dreams come true – What a super way to spend every day

HOW do you like to spend your free time?

Spending quality time with my husband and two daughters, we try and get away for short breaks as often as we can and I have had the pleasure of exploring the beautiful countryside of the UK.

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Thursday 2nd February 2017

**Venue: Civic Centre, Addlestone
Council Chamber**

Time: 7.45am

Presentations by

Peter Waddell - Leader of the Council

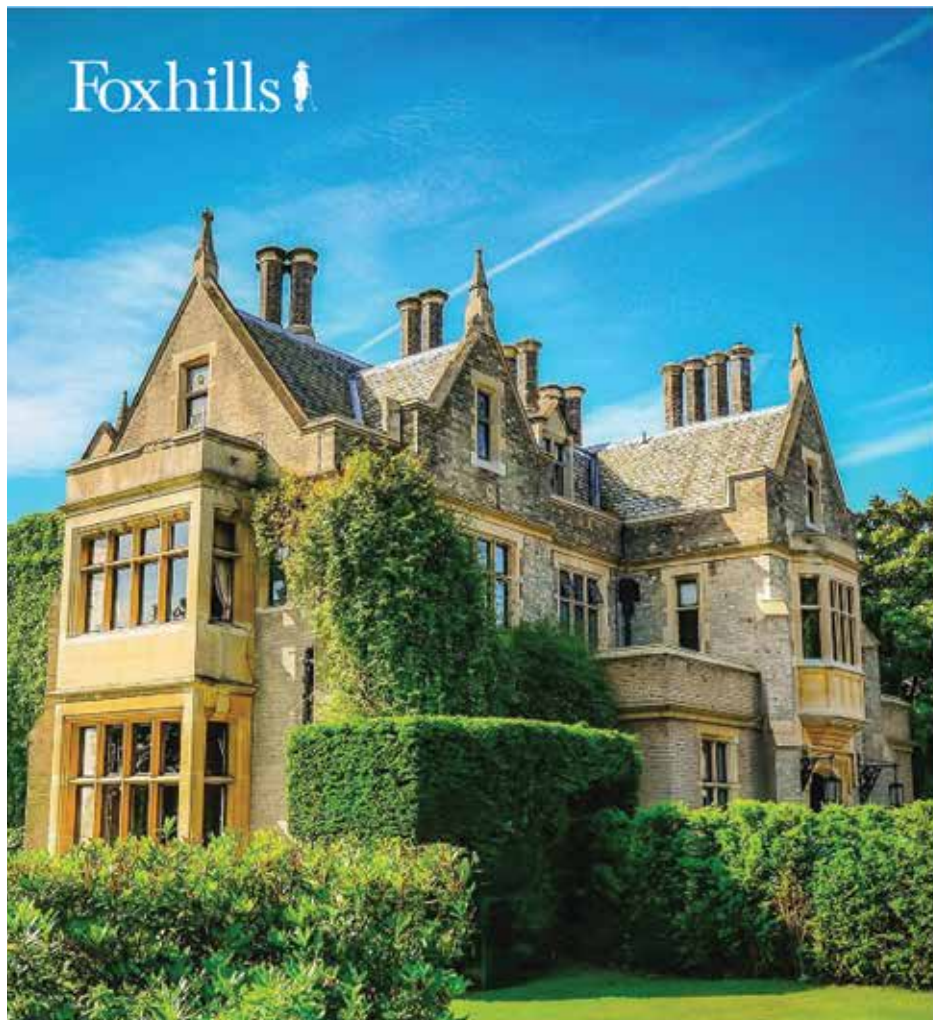
Paul Turrell, Chief Executive

and

Peter McKenzie, Corporate Head of Resources.

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