

# Rochester

CATHEDRAL



**The Rochester Cathedral Business Guild**  
**2017 Programme**  
Part of the Rochester Cathedral Trust  
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An important arm of Rochester Cathedral Trust, the Guild enables a key liaison with business leaders in Kent. This clearly creates mutual benefits for local enterprise generally, the Cathedral and the Kent community.

**Michael P Aiken MBE**  
**Chairman, Rochester Cathedral Trust**

## **The Programme**

The Programme is headed “The Best of Kent” not to give ourselves a pat on the back or to be complacent, in fact the first Breakfast is “Challenging Kent”. The intention is to look at what is happening on our own patch to inform and to learn and perhaps adapt or adopt to improve. As always we trust that you will find this as beneficial as our previous programmes have been and the opportunity to network with other business interests also just as beneficial in these turbulent times.

## **Our Aim**

Each year the Business Guild arranges a number of events which provide businesses with networking and customer entertaining opportunities and offer a range of presentations on current topics in the business world. Our events are detailed in the 2017 Programme and include:

- Networking Breakfasts at The Commissioner’s House, Chatham Historic Dockyard
- the Annual Dinner in the Cathedral
- the Annual Business Guild Seminar

In addition Business Guild members are invited to attend a variety of services, concerts and special events in the Cathedral during the course of the year.

## **Membership & Subscription**

The Business Guild is open to businesses of any size and participants can choose to pay an annual subscription which includes a number of benefits, such as discounted events fees and members events.

All proceeds from the Guild support the Cathedral’s education and musical work in the community.



Last year I said that I thought we would find 2016 to be a challenging year and without doubt I think we can say the same about 2017. Once again, however, I trust that we will be focusing on areas of interest for our Members. I am certain that working jointly with the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce and Canterbury Christ Church University will further enhance the value of your membership of The Guild.

**John A Spence OBE DL**  
**Chairman, Rochester Cathedral Business Guild**

# Best of Kent Programme 2017

Tuesday 21st February 8am – 10am	Business Guild Networking Breakfast (Dockyard Visitor Restaurant) “Challenging Kent” Speaker Clive Newall of Halogen
Tuesday 30th May 8am – 10am	Business Guild Networking Breakfast (The Commissioner’s House) “Training in Kent” - Mark Lumsden Taylor
Thursday 8th June	Business Guild Annual Dinner Cathedral Crypt
Wednesday 21st June	Speaker & Supper at the Medway Campus “Innovation meets Business” In partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University
July (date tba)	Business Guild Summer Event (Complimentary for Business Guild members)
Thursday 7th September 8am – 10am	Business Guild Networking Breakfast “Exporting Kent” In partnership with The Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce
Friday 6th October 7.30pm	Concert – In partnership with Abigail’s Footsteps
Tuesday 17th October 8.30am	Business Guild Seminar “The Best of Kent” Programme: Industrial & Commercial Kent Farming Kent Tourism & Kent
Wednesday 8th November 7.30pm	Kent Police Male Voice Choir Concert in the Nave
Thursday 21st December 6.15pm	Pre-Carol Service Reception at The Deanery (Complimentary for Business Guild members & Trustees)



The Business Guild provides a wonderful opportunity for business leaders to meet and network. The Programme is both engaging and stimulating and has helped to promote businesses across North Kent.

It is well worth getting involved.

**The Very Revd Dr Philip Hesketh**  
**Dean of Rochester**

# Rochester Cathedral at the heart of the Community

## The Cathedral

Each year the Cathedral hosts over 100 special services and events, including University degree ceremonies, concerts, civic and community celebrations. It operates an educational programme for 17,000 school children each year,

and has run music outreach projects in Medway schools. The Cathedral has never been in greater demand in its 1400 year history.



## The Business Guild

National research has shown that cathedrals provide a substantial financial benefit to the local economy as a result of the visitors which are attracted each year. Rochester Cathedral plays an important role in the business economy attracting 150,000 visitors annually, as well as contributing to the 'sense of place' which makes Kent an attractive place in which to live and work.

The aim of the Rochester Cathedral Business Guild is to:

- strengthen the Cathedral's links with the business community in Kent
- provide an opportunity for businesses to meet and network
- support The Rochester Cathedral Trust by dedicating any funds it raises to the Cathedral's music and education work with young people

## Become a Member

For further details and to register with the Cathedral Business Guild please contact: Lynne Bax, Rochester Cathedral Trust, Garth House, The Precinct, Rochester, ME1 1SX. **Telephone:** 01634 810074 or **email:** [development@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:development@rochestercathedral.org)