



*... the business centre that inspires*

## FEBRUARY UPDATE

### Hello

So, how are your New Year business resolutions going? If you've decided that 2019 is the time to take that first step into commercial office premises, why not consider a Venture House office. A smart serviced office has just become available on the first floor so if you'd like to know more about our fully inclusive flexible rates just give us a call on 01789 207500 ... be quick, first come first served!

#### Included in this edition:

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## **New Donut Time Facebook Group**

For all of you who have become part of the Donut Time networking community, we have now launched our very own Donutters Facebook group! It's a great way of getting to know the VH networking fraternity better, of promoting what you do and of keeping up with what goes on at the monthly meetings, even when you can't attend!



## **Get your skates on to take advantage of February Meeting Room Offer!**

Our Winter Sale continues to run until the end of February, so if you're looking to hold a meeting or training event, get in touch now to find out about our 30% room hire discount.

Accessible, affordable, free parking, wifi, great coffee and a friendly welcome! Fully AV equipped, seats up to 30 theatre-style or 16 boardroom.

**[More details.](#)**



## Calling all Ladies in Business!

Helen Leathers is launching a new Ladies Facilitated Mastermind Group in the Warwick/Stratford area. Why? **Because Running A Business Can Be Tough.**

Join Helen and a small group of like-minded female entrepreneurs for something special & new!

- Support
- Accountability
- Coaching
- Inspiration
- Motivation
- A wonderful hive-mind of ideas and connections
- A safe environment to share your concerns and celebrate your wins

One day a month for 12 months. Half of each day is a personal effectiveness coaching/training session and the other half is business masterminding & goal-setting. Includes additional 1-to-1 time pre- and post-programme.

If you'd like to know more or have a chat about whether it's right for you, contact Helen on 07940 826262 or [helen@helenleathers.com](mailto:helen@helenleathers.com).



## Protect your Business with Warwickshire Business Watch

Warwickshire Business Watch has been created in partnership between Warwickshire County Council Community Safety, Warwickshire Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Its main aim is to provide information and advice to businesses, helping them to protect themselves from becoming victims of crime.

The business crime team is comprised of the Business Crime Advisor, two Police Crime Prevention Design Officers and two Police Volunteers. Through this, businesses can access business

and cyber advice as well as links to other groups who provide support such as Trading Standards, the Safe in Warwickshire team and Action Fraud. For more information please visit [www.warwickshirebusinesswatch.co.uk](http://www.warwickshirebusinesswatch.co.uk)

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## FEBRUARY EVENTS AT VENTURE HOUSE

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### **Health & Safety in the Workplace QA Level 1**

**Tuesday 5 February, 9.15am - 12.15pm**

Hosted by Dobson Grey, this course has been specifically designed to provide candidates with a basic introduction to workplace health and safety. It is suitable for all employees working in a range of environments, as well as employees returning to work or entering work for the first time.

**For further details.**

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### **Emergency First Aid at Work Level 3**

**Wednesday 6 February, 9.15am - 4.30pm**

The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regs require employers to have arrangements for First Aid for their employees. First Aid can be the difference between life and death. Knowing basic First Aid in an everyday emergency in the workplace, at home or even in a terror attack will give you more confidence to deal with a crisis.

**For further details.**

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## Donut Time Networking

Wednesday 13 February, 10.00 - 11.30am

Informal and free networking for small businesses.

This month's speaker is **Paul Hopkins from the FSB** sharing his **Top Tips for Steering your Business in the Right Direction**.

The University of Warwick will also be at Donut Time holding a drop-in session to promote its Internship Programme for SMEs, ideal if you're interested in resourcing a project or idea with an enthusiastic and capable student of the University of Warwick.

*February's Donut Time is NOW FULLY BOOKED. If you would like to be added to the waiting list or speak specifically to the University of Warwick, please contact us on 01789 207500.*

Keep an eye on [this link](#) for our upcoming March event.



## Chamber Networking

Wednesday 13 February, 4.30 - 6.00pm

It's the day before Valentine's Day and we're sharing the Chamber love! Are you looking to meet your perfect business match? If so, join the CW Chamber at this free event for the chance to meet new connections and catch up with existing ones from across Coventry & Warwickshire.

[Register here.](#)



## CITB Community Event

Wednesday 27 February, 10am - 3pm

The Construction Industry Training Board will be at Venture House on Wednesday 27 February between 10am - 3pm to help you learn more about the financial support available through CITB to help you and your staff and company. If you'd like to Meet Your Advisor either just drop in on the 27th or contact Phil

Warwick in advance on 07776 226051  
or [phil.warwick@citb.co.uk](mailto:phil.warwick@citb.co.uk).

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## LOCAL EVENTS & NETWORKING

Let us know about any forthcoming events you would like us to include in future updates.

### Local Events

**Making Tax Digital with Grenfell James** - Free, various dates in February & March, 13 The Courtyard, Stratford-upon-Avon. [Click here for more details.](#)

**How to Create Your Own Footfall Training Programme** (for retailers, service & leisure businesses on the high street) - Free, starts 12 February, Kenilworth. Contact Alison Read on [aread@decisionsbydesign.co.uk](mailto:aread@decisionsbydesign.co.uk) for more details.

### Local Networking

If you're a keen networker, you might find this list of the local networking groups useful. If you run a networking event that is not listed below, please tell us about it and we can add your event to our list.

**Alcester Chamber of Commerce**  
**asSIGNations Meeting (Self-employed Special Interests Group)**  
**Bidford on Avon Chamber of Commerce & Trade**  
**BNI**  
**Business Biscotti** (Leamington, Stratford)  
**Campden Business Forum**  
**CW Chamber of Commerce Networking**  
**#FSBConnect** (Federation of Small Businesses)  
**Henley Hub Business Networking**  
**Ladies First Professional Development Networking**  
**Leamington TweetUp**  
**Midlands Brain Friendly Learning Group**  
**Network B2B**  
**Socially Shared** (Alcester, Kenilworth, Stratford)  
**Southam Business Forum**  
**Stratford Business Forum Big Breakfast**  
**Stratford TweetUp**

**Studley in Business**  
**The Athena Network**  
**The Connexion Stratford**  
**The Connexion Warwick**  
**The Family Network**  
**The Warwickshire Virtual Assistant Network Forum**  
**Warwickshire Property Forum**  
**Warwickshire Wellbeing Network**  
**Woman Who**  
**Women in Rural Enterprise**  
**4Networking**

(List updated February 2019)

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## **About Venture House...**

Venture House is a fresh and friendly business centre dedicated to supporting businesses, organisations, entrepreneurs and homeworkers. The Centre provides flexible and affordable office, desk and meeting space, as well as a full programme of workshops, networking events and advice to start and grow your business.

**For more info call 01789 207500**



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