

Cllr Peter Armstrong – Outside Body Report for April 2016 Parish Meeting.

New Forest Business Partnership

At the last meeting news was given about this year's New Forest Expo which will be held at Brockenhurst College on Friday 3rd June from 10pm-4pm.

Business Breakfasts on a range of subjects with speakers are being held most months of the year across the District. The most recent was at Dibden Golf Course.

Businesses are joining most weeks which is enabling good numbers to be present at the business Breakfasts. I am in discussion with one of the organisers to get another event on the Waterside.

BRAND NEW FOREST – More local businesses have joined. Please encourage any other businesses you know to investigate this opportunity for free advertising. I have been building good relationships with the team who run the scheme.

TOTON EDUCATION FORUM – The new principal has arrived. Derek Headridge has experience in taking another public college to Grade 1 Ofsted and seven years with the BMW Academy (with three Grade 1 Ofsted reports).

The restructure is going well and they are building mature partnerships locally and planning to be a destination of choice for a number of careers, also building with an entrepreneurial mindset. They have been doing some ground breaking policy research work which has been recognised and supported by a number of MP's. The team are ambitious and forward thinking.

Lunedale Road Centre – Looks as though this is surplus to requirements! I have asked them to talk to the Parish and am happy to set a meeting up to explore the possibilities for any potential local usage/interest.