

Presteigne Chamber of Trade, Commerce and Industry

Annual General Meeting

Monday 4th April 2011 at 19.30

Radnorshire Arms Hotel

Chairs Annual Report

I would firstly like to thank everyone for their help throughout the year.

My first year as Chair seems to have passed incredibly quickly, lots to learn and seemingly little time to learn it in. I think it is fair to say this has been a challenging year for many people. The economy has caused serious problems for many businesses and families in Presteigne. After having spent some time going through the past years figures with the Treasurer it is evident that the Chamber is also suffering, our membership is quite low due to members moving away, closing down or just tightening their belts; which leaves us with very low reserves as we are financially running at a loss.

Therefore it is time to look forward to the coming year and make the most of all opportunities. As you know David and I have been working on the arrangements for the Vintage Car Show in June and hope to get both Chamber and Town support for the event.

Whilst I believe that fund raising and membership will be an important issue this year I also feel that it is important to take on board some concerns of trade on the High Street and that by working together we can strengthen our position both as Town and as Chamber.

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