

Press Release

The September Chamber Business Networking breakfast featured the ever-popular Chamber Question Time before a full house at The Bell Hotel Sandwich. Business leaders from across East Kent heard a stimulating series of questions, responses and comments from a distinguished panel whose expertise embraced key areas of business that are very much in focus during East Kent's recovery from the Covid-19 crisis.

Offering their advice and guidance were Danny Martin, Chief Executive of Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway; Andrew Hunter, ex-Director of ferry industry supplier C G Hibbert and current Chairman of the charity Dover smART Project; Paul Sayers, Chief Strategy Officer at the EKC Group, one of the UK's fastest growing Further Education and training providers; and Gilles Normand, former Chief Executive of Swinton Insurance and Chief Operating Officer at Saga plc who offered a welcome international perspective on business expansion in the UK and local economy.

Questions from Trews Workwear & PPE, Windmill Education, Ideal4U Insurance, Guildcrest Homes and Martin & Co Canterbury produced a spirited dialogue that covered lessons from the pandemic, climate change, recruitment, business risks and, intriguingly, the people the panellists admire most.



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After chairing the session, Chamber Chief Executive David Foley said: "We are enormously grateful to Shepherd Neame for hosting the event and to our expert panel for offering rich recipes for success to ambitious companies of all sizes. We received some wonderful words of appreciation from Chamber members afterwards; the only negative comment on the exchanges being: "I wish it could have lasted longer."

Publishers of the East Kent Business Directory, the East Kent Chambers of Commerce organise the annual Chamber Charity Golf Day at Royal St. George's Golf Club which will take place this year on 2nd November 2021.

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