



Stop Press: Our Congratulations to our speaker from our AGM last Thursday evening

Rachel Lampard – who has been awarded an MBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours’ List for her services to the regulation of gambling

precisely the subject which we were tackling that evening. Those who were present were left in no doubt as to Rachel’s depth of knowledge about and passion for the subject, and the robustness of the regime around not only casinos but other forms of gambling as well. So congratulations – and thank you!

David Wrighton

Large casino – a bit of a Social Problem and a bit of an Economic Boost



I can remember hearing a major Methodist figure preaching a few years ago – Kenneth Greet – where he jokingly called for one-handed preachers. His reasoning was that they then would not

be able to say “on the one hand...” followed swiftly by “On the Other Hand.....”.

But our meeting with Rachel Lampard was not something that called for that sort of approach, and we got exactly what was needed – a knowledgeable and reasoned analysis from an expert on the subject, and expert is not a word that I would bandy around loosely. We talked about the background to the granting of the licence, the Gambling Act of 2005 and the regulation and control that goes alongside the granting of the licences – it really is pretty strict. We talked about Problem Gambling, but set against the notion that plenty of people go to casinos as entertainment centres - for a drink or a meal – and would not actually gamble at all.

A fuller report will appear about this on our website soon, and a precis of that in our next “proper newsletter”, but in the meantime the evening was excellent, and informative, and a very useful one to guide some key people who were there in tackling how to deal with what will be happening in a City close to you very soon. Watch this space for further developments.

The European Question



While talking to Rachel before our AGM, she commented that, since she

has been working for the JPIT, the most difficult thing they have ever had to do –

difficult to get “right” and balanced – was their very excellent resource which is a guide to the European debate.....

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/issues/eu-referendum/>

It is really very good. Objective, thoughtful and faith based.

A few reminders ... and a free lunch!

Our next “[What Shall We Do With Our Church](#)” Training Day will be on Saturday, June 25th at 10am at Buckland URC.



Our [Chaplaincy Get-Together](#): In collaboration with the Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy will be on Tuesday, June 21st at St Peter’s Church, Winchester. The opportunity to get together with other people who are already involved in, doing, thinking of doing, or just involved in chaplaincy. And who said there’s no such thing as a free lunch – there will be – so please book via the above link or via email to tl@ibexsouthcoast.org

Who is IBEX?

IBEX – the Church working in the Economy Central South Coast

IBEX is a Christian organisation relating faith to economic life, in

Hampshire and Dorset, mainly Bournemouth and Poole.

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- Support for local churches serving their communities
- Work with Partner Organisations on Community Projects e.g. local authorities, statutory and voluntary organisations
- Support and development of Chaplaincy

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