



THAMES VALLEY
**CHAMBER OF
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GROUP

Evening

PROGRAMME

MARCH 2026

Vicars' Hall,
St George's House
Windsor Castle

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WELCOME TO

Windsor Debates

We look forward to spending
the evening with you

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER



DR WEI YANG OBE

Chief Executive Officer
Digital Task Force for Planning

Dr Wei Yang OBE is an internationally renowned town planner and urban designer advocating a place-based, whole-systems approach to the grand challenges of our time. She is Co-Founder and CEO of the Digital Task Force for Planning—the world's first innovation-led social enterprise pioneering systemic transformation of spatial planning in the digital era—and Founder and Chair of Wei Yang & Partners, an award winning masterplanning firm specialising in 21st-century Garden Cities and contemporary societal challenges

Wei promotes joined-up thinking across professions, having served as President of the Royal Town Planning Institute (2021) and Chair of the Construction Industry Council (2023–25). She is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, a Board Member of the British Library and Chair of its Capital Portfolio Committee, and an Honorary Professor at UCL.

She has advised government as a member of the New Towns Taskforce (2024–25) and as an Expert Adviser for the London Plan Review (2023–24). She was awarded an OBE for her contribution to town planning in 2025

TVCC CHARITY OF THE YEAR



The Chamber is delighted to be supporting Scannappeal as their Charity of the Year for 2026. Scannappeal raises funds to purchase life-saving equipment for Amersham, Stoke Mandeville, Wycombe and Community Hospitals which serve people living in Buckinghamshire and neighbouring parts of Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

Since they began in 1987, they have raised over £20m and funded equipment in every major department in the hospitals they support. It is their mission to provide state of the art medical equipment for local hospitals that would not otherwise be available through the NHS and provide local patients with access to the best possible diagnostic and medical equipment available.

An aerial photograph of Heathrow Airport at dusk. The runway and taxiway are illuminated, and the terminal buildings are visible on the right side. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, with some clouds. The overall scene is a wide-angle shot of the airport complex.

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TIMINGS

16:50

Arrival for Evensong

17:50

Arrival for Drinks Reception

19:00

Welcome

Paul Britton, Chief Executive, TVCC

19:15

Starters & Main Course

20:00

Keynote Address - Innovation for Public Good in a Changing World

Wei Yang, Chief Executive Officer, Digital Task Force for Planning

20:20

Dessert & Coffee

21:15

Chapel Tour (Optional)



M E N U

Please enjoy the fine menu we have chosen especially for this occasion

STARTER

Spinach and Feta Cheese Roulade, Roasted Peppers, Tapenade, Baby Shoots

MAIN

Corn-fed Chicken Breast, Dauphinoise Potato, Braised Leeks and Fennel, Wholegrain Mustard Jus

DESSERT

Mango and Passionfruit Pavlova, Chantilly Cream

A photograph of three people sitting in a library or bookstore. On the left, a man with glasses and a grey suit jacket is smiling. In the center, a man in a dark blue suit jacket is smiling broadly and wearing a red lanyard with a badge. On the right, a woman with short grey hair and a grey sweater is smiling. The background is filled with wooden bookshelves packed with books. A large, white, stylized title is overlaid on the center of the image.

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Guestlist

Activate Learning Education Trust - Jo Harper, Chief Executive Officer

Advanced Fibreoptic Engineering Ltd - Nick Martin, Managing Director

Anderson Law - Agnieszka Wozniak, Associate Partner

Ardynt Consulting - Ruth Bagley, Chair Western Rail Link to Heathrow Working Group

AtkinsRéalis - Warwick Lowe, Rail Planning Director

Blake Morgan - Kath Shimmin, Partner

Boyes Turner LLP - Barry Stanton, Managing Partner

British Chambers of Commerce - Ellis Shelton, Policy Manager

Buckinghamshire New University - Russel Stone, Dean of College, Creative Arts, Technology and Engineering

Cambridgeshire Chamber of Commerce - Charlotte Horobin, Chief Executive

Cityfibre - Clayton Nash, Strategy Director

Digital Task Force for Planning - Wei Yang, Chief Executive Officer

DPDS Consulting Group - Les Durrant, Managing Director

Hardide Plc - Simon Hallam, Finance Director

ATTENDEES

Heathrow - Sophie Chapman, Surface Access Director

James Cowper Kreston - Sue Staunton, Managing Partner

James Cowper Kreston - Alan Poole, Partner

Jansons Property - Andy Jansons, Managing Director

Knights and Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce - Jane Masih, Partner and TVCC Board Director

Lonza Biologics - Charlie Allard, Head Of Technical Services

Oxford Brookes University - Christina Godiksen, Head of School of Architecture

Reading Buses - Robert Williams, Chief Executive Officer

Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust - Andrew Barrett, Head of Commercial

Scannappeal - Nigel Naylor-Smith, Head of Corporate Partnerships

The Windsor Forest Colleges Group - Karen Griffiths, Deputy Group Principal

Transport for the South East - Keir Wilkins, Head of Programme and Policy

Transport Select Committee - Ruth Cadbury MP, Chair

Ultra Cyber - Juliette Wilcox, President

ATTENDEES

University of Reading - Robert Van de Noort CBE DL, Vice Chancellor

University of Reading - Emmanuel Essah, Head of School of the Built Environment, Professor of Sustainable Technologies and Energy Resilience

University of Reading - Jacopo Torriti, Professor of Energy Economics and Policy

University of Reading - Irem Dikmen, Professor of Construction Engineering and Management

University of the Built Environment - Mike Speight, Executive Director - Strategic Enterprise

VodafoneThree - James Waring, Government Affairs Networks & Infrastructure Lead



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Policy and Inward Investment Administrator

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THAMES VALLEY GROWTH CONFERENCE

12th May, Becton Dickinson (BD)



BUSINESS ALLIANCE DINNER

18th June, Cliveden House



BUSINESS AWARDS

2nd July, Easthampstead Park



WINDSOR DEBATES

18th September, Windsor Castle