

# NEWS



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## MANAGING YOUR TIME

by Clare Evans

IF you need some undisturbed time to work, switch the phone through to the answer machine or voice - Get Away From It - mail. Switch it off (just remember to switch it back on when you're finished!). If you work from home - try an occasional change of scenery - go and work in a local cafe or hotel lounge for a few hours. You'll be amazed how much more you'll get done without your usual distractions.

## AZTECH SYSTEMS TIP OF THE MONTH

TAKE advantage of free security tools.

Some premium Internet security programmes are overpriced and can slow down system performance. AVG Anti Virus is a download which will keep your PC virus free without impacting system performance and won't cost a penny. Microsoft also have a free Anti-Spyware programme called Windows Defender which works in harmony with AVG giving your PC comprehensive protection at no cost. AVG is available at [free.grisoft.com](http://free.grisoft.com) and Windows Defender from [microsoft.com](http://microsoft.com)

## THE WASP STING

By Bob Welch

A guy walks into the psychiatrist wearing only cling film for shorts. The shrink says, "Well, I can clearly see you're nuts."

# WELCOME

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAIR – Gary Maskell - Chairman

WELCOME to all members of the Chamber in this my first newsletter as chairman. It's a great privilege and honour to be heading up our Chamber and I intend to build on the solid foundations laid down by my predecessor, Phil Armstrong.

The Chamber is really growing in strength and commitment and I was personally delighted that nearly 30 members attended our AGM. I would also like to welcome my new committee. Some of them were founder committee members - Phil Merry, Nicky Easton, Phil Howson and Virginia Fox and I'm delighted they have decided to continue this year. I'm also pleased to have Phil Merry as vice chairman. Additionally I would like to welcome three new committee members: Rachel Brown, Mark Derrick and Christian Fleming who all bring with them skills that will be very useful in driving the Chamber forward. And whilst on the subject of the committee I thank James Austin – Jasmin Coaches and Lynda Hallet – Peacehaven Town Council for their work as committee members last year.

When we set out just over a year ago, one of the goals we set ourselves was to organise a Peacehaven & District Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair. The main hall at the Meridian Centre has been booked for this on June 18 and during the next few weeks you will all receive details.

Finally, if you've not yet done so take a look at our website – [www.peacehavenchamber.co.uk](http://www.peacehavenchamber.co.uk) every member is listed, plus the site carries loads of other information and useful links.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### BREAKFAST CLUB

THE Breakfast Club meets Tuesdays from 7.00-8.30am at the White Schooner, South Coast Road. Breakfast is £5. We know an early start is not high on everyone's agenda but if you want to make the most from your Chamber, you will be well rewarded as upwards of 20 members attend.

### INFORMAL OPEN NETWORKING

THE Sussex Coaster on the South Coast Road is the venue for the Informal Open Networking evenings. The February meeting attracted more than 20 people and if you've not yet tried it make a diary note for our next one - **Wednesday March 12**. Pop in after work between 5.30pm and 8pm have a drink and talk to like minded people.

### NEW MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP is now 67. Welcome to David Foster Associates Ltd, Prestige Promotional Products Ltd, Bus Stop News, Milterbest and Aleptis. It's a testament to the strength of the Chamber that all but one of this month's new members are from outside the town.

### TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

WHEN Telscombe Town Council needed contracts fulfilling recently, one of the areas they sourced quotes from was the Chamber's online Member's Directory. As a result, all but one contract was awarded to Chamber members. Our congratulations to those members and thanks to Telscombe Town Council.

### CHAMBER

#### COMMITTEE 2008/09

**Gary Maskell**, chairman – Icon Business Solutions.

**Phil Merry**, vice chairman & press officer – Focus Media.

**Nicky Easton**, secretary – Seahaven Accountancy Support.

**Phil Howson**, treasurer – Howson & Son.

**Virginia Fox**, membership secretary – authorised distributor Utility Warehouse.

**Rachel Brown**, social secretary – Secretary Outsource.

**Mark Derrick**, Jarlands Financial Services.

**Christian Fleming**, Northstar Technology Ltd

# THE UTILITY WAREHOUSE DISCOUNT CLUB



**VIRGINIA FOX** is a local resident and an Authorised Distributor for **The Utility Warehouse Discount Club**.

Never heard of **The Utility Warehouse Discount Club**? That's because it doesn't advertise - and you won't find it listed on comparison websites either. Instead, it relies on **satisfied customers** letting their friends and family know about the **great savings and customer care**. This means that it can pass on great savings to its customers (residential or small businesses) on the following services:

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\***Electricity**

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