

NEWS



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SCAMS

THE following scams have come to our attention.

Tax Rebate Scam Emails

East Sussex Trading Standards have issued a warning about an email purporting to be from the Treasury notifying them of a tax rebate and asking them to follow a link. To view very similar examples of this email and see other scams of this nature, go to www.hmrc.gov.uk/security

General Warning

BE aware that there are in circulation at present a couple of emails which are trying to procure goods by email, for payment by credit card. The emails apparently look sufficiently convincing and we encourage Chamber members who accept email orders to verify the source to ensure it is a genuine order. If the email looks suspicious, you should report it to the relevant service provider for them to investigate.

More Advice

VISIT the Links page of the Chamber's [website](http://www.peacehavenchamber.co.uk) for resources to help protect yourself, your business and your computer(s) from email scams and phishing.

THE WASP STING

By Bob Welch

A policeman came up to me with a pencil and a piece of very thin paper and said, 'I want you to trace someone for me!'

WELCOME

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAIR – Phil Armstrong - Chairman

WHEN we launched the Chamber back in February, one of the pledges we made was to stage a trade show with a view to making this an annual event. And in this edition of Peacehaven & District Chamber News I'm pleased to announce that Wednesday June 18th 2008 has been earmarked for our first trade show.

The venue will be the main hall in the Meridian Centre. After Christmas we'll let you know costs etc, but in the meantime give yourself a diary note. The show is expected to attract a mixture of trade and general public but rest assured Chamber members will get first options on stand space. To run alongside the show we plan to have seminars covering topics that are of interest to you and the improvement of your business.

I was delighted with the coverage we received in The Argus, Leader and Sussex Express when we announced our 50th member – Sarah's Sew and Sews. We even made it onto the Sussex Express billboards! The headlines you may have seen (or missed) were: *Chamber is growing rapidly*- Argus Business; *Chamber furnished with 50th member* – The Argus; *50th recruit sewn up* – The Leader and *Sarah's the 50th to sign up* – the Sussex Express.

And finally, if you've not yet done so I urge you to take a look at our website – 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 - 7 - 8.30am at the White Schooner, South Coast Road. Breakfast is £5.

INFORMAL OPEN NETWORKING

THE Sussex Coaster on the South Coast Road is the venue for the **Informal Open Networking** evenings. The next is on Wednesday November 14. Pop in after work between 5.30pm and 8pm have a drink and talk to like minded people.

LILLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

AFTER the original date – December 1 sold out you can now enjoy a festive day out in the French city of Lille by booking for the following Saturday – December 8 at just £30 per person.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome the following new members: C E Life (Time Management Coach); Sussex Driving School; Excell Design, Sole Moves; and The Consulting Group.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to: A-ZTech Systems, Barwells, David Jordan Estate Agents, James Pollard Chartered Accountant, Jarlands Financial Services, Lawson Lewis & Co and W.A.S.P. for displaying Chamber promotional material at their business premises.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

10% from kendal Office Supplies and Xmas Cards from WASP; 15% from Barwells and Howson & Son. 20% off from Eclipse Cleaning Ltd (domestic only); £50 discount on call out fee from Northstar Technology Ltd; FREE Business Health Check from Icon Business Solutions; FREE Road Tax for one year on any car purchased from Peacehaven Car Sales; FREE under bonnet oil & water check by Brighton Autoelectrical Services. A-Z Tech Systems also offer a discount – ask in store for details.

BUS LANE UPDATE

SINCE the Chamber's launch in February, courtesy of Alan Cook from ESCC we've kept you informed about the new bus lanes on the South Coast Road. He now confirms the tender process has been completed and the chosen contractor is Hanson Construction.

The work will begin on the Brighton & Hove sections on November 8 as detailed in the previous Chamber News, and will last about 33 weeks.

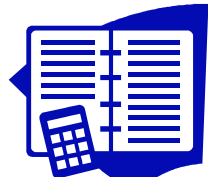
Additionally there are drawings that are now available to view on the ESCC website –

<http://esc website/roadsandtransport/roads/roadschemes/default.htm>.

An information pack will be posted to all residents on the A259. A copy is also available on the ESCC web site and at council offices explaining what is planned over the coming eight or so months. If you'd like a personal copy of the drawings and/or information pack as an ebomb, please contact Chamber Secretary Nicky Easton.

Seahaven Accountancy Support

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Seahaven Accountancy Support was founded in early 2006, to provide a **flexible** and **modern** accountancy service to small businesses.

About the Partners

Gisela Voigt honed her accountancy skills in the private sector and, more recently, in private practice and further education. Gisela has a special interest in the travel industry and through this a sound working knowledge of the tour operators margin scheme for VAT.

Nicky Easton cut her accounting and payroll teeth in the retail bar trade and latterly in events production, where she had particular responsibility for the budgeting and cash flow management of projects. In addition, Nicky has a special interest in accountancy software and is always happy to advise on the most appropriate computer applications for your business.

Qualifications

For your peace of mind, both Nicky and Gisela hold Association of Accounting Technicians' (AAT) Qualifications. Additionally, Nicky is a qualified Payroll Administrator.

A Personal Touch

We offer a completely free, no-obligation consultation to the access the accounting needs of your business - by either Nicky or Gisela - at a time and place convenient to you.

Use Us as Little or Often as You Need

Seahaven Accountancy Support can assist with all or just part of your accounting function.

At Times to Suit You

Most accountancy firms close their doors at 5 pm but in our experience many self-employed businesses simply do not enjoy the luxury of traditional office hours.

Luckily for these businesses, Seahaven Accountancy Support is happy to meet with clients or to carry out assignments - existing and potential - on evenings and at weekends.

How We Charge

We operate a transparent fee structure - you will always see what you will be paying for before we commence with your assignment.

Operate From Your Premises or Ours

We are happy to carry out our service at your home or office.

Alternatively, we can collect all documents as required and return them to you when we're finished.

Software

Between us we have experience of three of the most common accounting software packages; QuickBooks, Sage and MYOB.

As an additional benefit for our customers, we also offer a FREE computerised Cash Book for personal or business use.

Seahaven Accountancy Support is a member of the MYOB Professional Partnership scheme. This means that we can obtain MYOB software at preferential rates for our clients.

Member Discounts

Seahaven Accountancy Support is pleased to offer the following **exclusive** discounts for the benefit of Chamber Members:

✓ 15% off our fees on **all** services

✓ 20% off RRP of any MYOB product

OR

✓ Purchase any MYOB from us at FULL RRP and receive 1 hour FREE tuition.

Getting in Touch

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- **Tax Returns Completed & Filed Electronically**
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- **Budgets, Business Plans & Cash Flow Forecasts**
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