

NEWS



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BUS CORRIDOR UPDATE

ALAN COOK from ESCC has been in touch to update us on the position of the bus lanes along the A259 bus corridor, he writes: 'Progress on the A259 Bus Corridor (Phase 1) has been a little slow and the final details uncertain. Some months ago B&HCC requested some changes as the estimated costs were rising beyond their budget allocation. These changes were agreed and incorporated in the design but caused a delay in getting the tender process underway. The position currently is that the companies involved had until Sept 10 to submit their tenders. These will be reviewed and a contractor should be selected by the end of Sept. I intend getting further details on the ESCC website once the contractor has been selected and costs/timescales identified. The work will be carried out in four stages; Ovingdean to Rottingdean Nov 8 - April 8 2008. Rottingdean to Longridge Ave Nov 8 - Feb 15 2008. Longridge Ave to Broomfield Ave Feb 18 2008 - April 7 2008. Broomfield Ave to Ambleside Ave Apr 8 2008 - July 17 2008. These dates are estimates and dependent upon the tender. I will keep you informed as to when the ESCC web site will be updated.'

FIFTY UP!

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAIR – Phil Armstrong - Chairman

IT really is with great pleasure and pride that I can announce that the Peacehaven & District Chamber of Commerce has now reached the magic number of 50 members. To have achieved this milestone from our humble beginnings back in February is testament to the hard work of my committee but more so it shows how much importance is placed on the mutual benefits that can be gained by joining a pro-active organisation such as ours.

The honour of becoming the fiftieth member has fallen to Sarah Martin who owns Sarah's Sew and Sews. Sarah has run her soft furnishing business from her home in the town for the past 12 years and sees that joining the Chamber is a great way to extend her network of contacts. I will be presenting Sarah with a celebratory bottle of bubbly in recognition of being the fiftieth member – now here's to the next fifty! Additionally I would also like to welcome the following new members; Sussex Downs College, Kendal Office Supplies Ltd., South Coast Runner, David Ruddle - Authorised Distributor Utility Warehouse, Lesley Sones Opticians and Secretary Outsource.

At our launch evening in February, Alan Cook from ESCC spoke to us about the impending bus corridor. In this issue, Mr Cook has updated our members on the current position regarding the construction programme – see left.

Finally, don't forget the Chamber's Christmas trip to Lille on Dec 1 – details below. Great food, great company plus a great day out in prospect.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MINIMUM WAGE

FROM October 1 the rates for the National Minimum Wage are rising as follows: Adult rate (22 years +) increases from £5.35 to £5.52. Development rate for workers aged 18 - 22 rises to £4.60 from £4.45. The Development rate for 16 and 17 year olds climbs to £3.40 from £3.30. The rate for accommodation offset rises to £30.10 a week - £4.30 per day. Statutory holiday entitlement increases from 20 days per annum to 24 days per year from October 1 for an employee working a five-day week (pro-rata for part-time staff).

BREAKFAST CLUB

THE Breakfast Club meets Tuesdays - 7 - 8.30am at the White Schooner, South Coast Road. Breakfast is £5.

LILLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

CHRISTMAS is about to rear its head and what better way to get you in the festive spirit than a trip to the Lille Christmas Market. Chamber member James Austin - of Jasmin Coaches is organising a day trip to Lille on December 1. The price per person is just £30. Lille is France's fourth city and the Christmas market, held in the Place Rihour will quickly get you into the festive spirit with entertainment, theatre and traditional French Christmas delicacies. Father Christmas will be there and takes part in a spectacular event every Saturday in December - when he "falls" from the Chamber of Commerce's 80 metre-high Belfry. Take note Phil Armstrong!!

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 October 10th**. Pop in after work between 5.30pm and 8pm have a drink and talk to like minded people.

LADIES' DAY

PEACEHAVEN Town Council's annual Ladies Day fair is on October 13 from 10am to 4pm in the Meridian Centre. Stalls offering Indian Head Massages, aromatherapy, the pampered chef and crafts etc will be there. Tickets £4. Proceeds to the Breast Cancer Appeal. To find out more or to offer a prize or sponsorship contact Georgina Bancroft at georginabancroft@peacehaven-council.co.uk or call 01273 585493.

MEMBER'S LIST

Arlettes, **A-ZTECH Systems Ltd**, Badger Bytes, **Barwells**, Brighton Auto Electrical Services, **Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company**, Bulldog Engineering Recruitment & Management Services, **David Jordan Estate Agents**, David Ruddle – Authorised Distributor Utility Warehouse, **Eclipse Cleaning Ltd**, Florida Retreat Villas, **Focus Media**, Grindlestonkers, **Haven Security**, Hawkins Vehicle Leasing, **Howson & Son**, HSBC, **Icon Business Solutions**, James Pollard Chartered Accountant, **Jarlands Financial Services**, Jasmin Coaches, **Kendal Office Supplies Ltd**, Lawson Lewis & Co, **Lesley Sones Opticians**, Long John's Grill, **Minimise Your Risk**, NatWest, **Newhaven Plumbing Services**, Northstar Technology Ltd, **Pama Signs Services Ltd**, Peacehaven Car Sales, **Peacehaven Town Council**, Peacehaven Tyre & Auto Services, **Plan Sussex Ltd**, Premier Carpets, **Sarah's Sew and Sews**, Seahaven Accountancy Support, **Secretary Outsource**, South Coast Runner, **Studio Crafts (Pass) Ltd**, Sussex Downs College, **Sussex Internet Ltd**, Sussex Will Writing Company, **Swan Interiors**, Tasker Boxall & Co, **Telscombe Town Council**, Virginia Fox - Utility Warehouse Authorised Distributor, **J Wagstaff Ltd**, WASP Printers, **Wave Leisure Trust**, J Webb Plant Hire, **Zeta Colour**.

Full Contact details for Chamber members can be found at
www.peacehavenchamber.co.uk

Member to Member Discounts

As well as great networking opportunities, there are other benefits to being a member. So far Chamber members get:

- 10% discount from Kendal Office Supplies
- 15% discount from Barwells (Private & Conveyancing), Howson & Son, Pama Signs Services Ltd and Seahaven Accountancy Support
- 20% Home Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning from Eclipse Cleaning Ltd
- FREE Business Health Check from Gary Maskell, Icon Business Solutions
- FREE Road Tax for one year on any vehicle purchased from Peacehaven Car Sales
- £50 discount on call out fee from Northstar Technology Ltd.