

PEACEHAVEN & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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**AZTECH SYSTEMS  
TIP OF THE MONTH**

ANTIVIRUS 2008/2009 is a current security threat affecting Windows users - it pops up on various websites. What makes this different is that it looks like an official Microsoft warning. It says that you have viruses on your PC and to download the software to get rid of them. If this does happen do not click on it and above all do not enter your card details to pay for it. Simply exit the internet and run a virus scan as normal, this will minimise the risk of it actually infecting your pc.

**WELL DONE  
CLARE**

THE chamber congratulates Clare Evans who is the first member to have written and had a book published. **Time Management For Dummies - by Clare Evans (£9.99)** will help you become more efficient, effective and productive. This book is your one stop guide to taking control of your life and is packed with hundreds of time saving ideas, techniques and strategies. Get your copy from [www.clareevans.co.uk](http://www.clareevans.co.uk) And you will get 30% off plus Clare will make a contribution to Cancer Research.

# WELCOME

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN’S CHAIR – Gary Maskell**

WELCOME to our latest Chamber Newsletter where I want to briefly reflect on the success of our first Peacehaven Home & Business Showcase. The Showcase was voted a huge hit by the exhibitors and visitors alike and I can now tell you that we have booked the same venue for next year’s event – **Friday June 12 2009.**

I’m still astounded by the way our members supported this event and many gave over and above support on the day. It really does go to show what strength and commitment in numbers can achieve. I think one of the strangest spin offs was that NatWest’s Robin Skilton actually recruited a member of staff!!

I’m pleased to report that the Chamber membership is still on the rise and currently stands at seventy nine. We must however continue to work hard at recruitment and to this end we are holding a visitor’s day at the Breakfast Club on Tuesday September 16. If you’ve got any friends or acquaintances who are in business and who have yet to join our Chamber, then please bring them along.

Congratulations go out to Sonja Lange of Metastar who has the honour of becoming our 75th member and also to Clare Evans of CE Life who to my knowledge is the first of our members to have written and had their book published.

Finally our newsletters will now be published quarterly – the next one will be December, with subsequent issues in March, June and September.

## News in Brief

**BUS LANES AND SEWAGE**

IF there is a better way of wasting £1.8 million the Chamber would like to hear from you. More than £900,000 of the money used to create a ‘more efficient bus service for the Town’ came from Bovis Homes when they were granted planning permission to build at Lower Hoddern Farm. The money was supposed to benefit the Town’s residents and anyone who uses the South Coast Road will not have noticed any benefit for either buses (for which it was intended) or motorists. All that has happened is that the congestion problem has been reversed with the jams occurring for traffic travelling from Brighton and the road now has narrower lanes which mean it is a more dangerous place to drive. And when the traffic lights at the Telscombe Cliffs Way junction are finished and the school holidays come to an end, the prospect of a near continuous traffic jam from Peacehaven to Rottingdean in both directions cannot be far away. Even though your Chamber is firmly against this decision, if we have to bow to

the inevitable we must make sure that the precept money which will become due to the Town from Southern Water is spent in the Peacehaven and not on some hair brained scheme outside the Town.

**WASP STING By Bob Welch**

A man went into a nightclub wearing jump leads; the bouncer said “don’t start anything.”

**NEW MEMBERS**

A very warm welcome to the Chamber’s latest recruits: Designers-i; Pages Publishing; Leads Direct; Elite – MSG Systems & Security; The Business Promoter; Haven Mortgage Consultancy; Stanridge. co.uk; Metastar and Abiri.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

PLEASE ensure that the Secretary is in receipt of your current contact details so that you receive notices from the Chamber on time.

**DIARY NOTES**

**EVERY Tuesday** – Breakfast Club at the White Schooner 7am – 8.30am - £5.50

**Second Wednesday** of every month – Informal Networking at the Dew Drop Inn – free just bring your business cards and meet like minded people.

**Mayor’s Quiz** – Meridian Centre Friday October 17. Sign up for the Chamber team – *The Chamber Pots*. £2pp. Bring own food and drink.

**Gary Maskell Workshop**- Anzac Room Thursday January 29. Price TBA.

**Chamber AGM and Annual Business Awards** - Anzac Room Thursday February 5.

**Peacehaven Home & Business Showcase 09** - Friday June 12 at the Meridian Centre. Stand Price TBA.



### BOWLS TOURNAMENT

THE annual bowls get together with the Peacehaven & Telscombe Bowls Club is now a permanent social fixture. Trevor Lambert of Bulldog Engineering and Phil Armstrong organised a fantastic day for the members on August 16. See the website for pictures and look out for Trevor's hat!

### SOCIAL DIARY

SOCIAL secretary Rachel Brown - Secretary Outsource, has been beavering away and has prepared a very interesting & diverse social programme.

**September 11.** Wine Tasting. £20 pp including coach, vineyard entry and wine.

**October 25.** Day Trip to Boulogne £35pp, including a visit to a Hypermarket.

**November 22.** Chamber Christmas Party at Woodies Bar & Grill. £30pp. Includes a drink on arrival, three course meal and dancing.

### MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNTS

A discount of 15% is available from Barwells (private client work) & Howson and Son. 20% off domestic upholstery cleaning from Eclipse Cleaning Ltd. Northstar Technology Ltd offers a reduced call out fee. FREE business health check from Icon Business Solutions. Comp. oil check from Brighton Auto Electrical Services and Chamber discounts at A-ZTech Systems.

## MEMBER PROFILE: HOWSON & SON

### IMPROVE DON'T MOVE

With the housing market slowing down to a standstill, many people are looking at their current homes and are deciding to improve and not move. Also if you're happy where you live but feel your property could do with a bit of tender loving care and a spruce up, then look no further than local property maintenance specialist Phil Howson of Howson & Son.



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