

NEWS



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OUR WEBSITE

OUR eagerly awaited website - peacehavenchamber.co.uk is now up and running. The site will continue to develop but the main section is a complete listing of all our members. The site will keep you up to date with what's important to you and your business and has been developed by Nick Mallinson of Sussex Internet.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to our latest members: **WAVE Leisure Trust**, Hawkins Vehicle Leasing, **A-ZTECH Systems Ltd**, Swan Interiors, **Peacehaven Car Sales** & Haven Security Ltd.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

THE Peacehaven & District Chamber of Commerce is now officially six months old. The Chamber will be holding its first AGM on Thursday February 7 2008 at a venue yet to be decided.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

FIFTEEN percent discount is offered by Barwell Solicitors (private and conveyancing), Seahaven Accountancy, Howson & Son and Pama Signs; 20% off carpet and upholstery cleaning from Eclipse Cleaning, free Business Health Check from Icon Business Solutions and £50 discount on call out fee from Northstar Techology. Ltd.

WELCOME

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAIR – Phil Armstrong - Chairman

THE Chamber welcomes the decision by the Secretary of State not to grant Southern Water permission to build a sewage treatment works at Lower Hoddern Farm. Although it looks like the town and its businesses could be in for another fight if Southern Water's revised plans are deemed more appropriate, your Chamber will always make its voice heard and vehemently supports the NO campaign.

Although we all understand that this treatment works has to go somewhere, surely there must be more appropriate areas than a green field site? Additionally with around 8.5 miles of underground tunnels to dig, which in some cases will be under homes, there has got to be a more appropriate way to achieve their goal. If the treatment works does get the go ahead, the additional use of the A259 by HGVs making deliveries to the site cannot be good for the road, which currently has a ban on HGVs. And compounded by the bus lanes when they come to fruition and the completion of the Bovis Homes development, I can only foresee the congestion on the South Coast Road going from bad to worse.

Membership now stands at 45 and I am delighted to welcome our latest members. Also I'd like to thank Nicky Easton and Virginia Fox for organising the Informal Open Networking evenings at the Sussex Coaster - the latest Chamber initiative. Finally on the social front, I would like to draw your attention to a coach day trip to the Christmas Market in Lille in northern France that is being organised by James Austin of Jasmin coaches. See below for full details.

NEWS IN BRIEF

INFORMAL OPEN NETWORKING

THE Sussex Coaster on the South Coast Road is the venue for the **Informal Open Networking** evenings. The first took place on Wednesday August 8 and attracted 27 members and non members. The idea is very simple, pop in after work between 5.30pm and 8pm have a drink and talk to like minded people. The evening is very informal and gives those people who cannot make the Breakfast Club an opportunity to meet other businesses. If you know a business that might benefit from becoming a member, bring them along. The evenings are organised by founding members Virginia Fox and Nicky Easton. The next is on Wednesday September 12.

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 either December 1 or 8. The date will be confirmed shortly. The price per person is just £25. 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

EVENING MEETING

THE next quarterly evening meeting will take place in the Fields - Robson Room, at the council offices in the Meridian Centre on Thursday September 13 from 7pm. The speaker is Tim Albright from ESCC Environmental Health. Members £5 and £7.50 non members. Refreshments inc.

THE WASP STING

A tour bus driver is tapped on his shoulder by an old lady. She gives him a handful of peanuts, which he eats. After 15 minutes she does the same again. When she hands him more he asks, 'Why don't you eat the nuts yourself? We can't chew them - we've no teeth but we do love the chocolate!'

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, 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, Lawson Lewis & Co, 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, Seahaven Accountancy, Studio Crafts (Pass) Ltd, Sussex Internet Ltd, Sussex Will Writing Company, Swan Interiors, Tasker Boxall & Co, Telscombe Town Council, The Utility Warehouse Authorised Distributor, J Wagstaff Ltd, WASP Printers, Wave Leisure Trust, J Webb Plant Hire, Zeta Colour.

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