

# NEWS



GET A FRIEND TO JOIN TODAY – IT WILL BE THE BEST £35 THEY'VE SPENT THIS YEAR. CALL 01273 581612 FOR MORE DETAILS

## NEW MEMBERS

THE Chamber is delighted to welcome six new members this month taking our membership to 38. They are: **Lawson Lewis & Co**, Northstar Technology Ltd, **Badger Bytes**, HSBC, **J Wagstaff Ltd** and NatWest.

## TOWN GUIDE

MIKE BARRETT of The British Publishing Company, is putting together the 2008/09 Peacehaven Town Guide. The guide will be in full colour and place a greater emphasis on local businesses and business-related activities. Chamber members will get the first opportunity to advertise and will hear from Steve Keogh (PTC) or Mike Barrett very soon. Alternatively you can drop in to see Mike at the Town Council Office or call him on 07788 168207.

## OUR WEBSITE

JUNE will see the launch of our eagerly awaited website - [peacehavenchamber.co.uk](http://peacehavenchamber.co.uk) It will keep you up to date with what's important to you and your business and is being developed by one of our founder members - Nick Mallinson of Sussex Internet. The site will include a list of members, special member offers and give you the opportunity to post your views about issues that are important to you and your business.

# WELCOME

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAIR – Phil Armstrong - Chairman

THIS month I'm very pleased to update members about the forthcoming bus lanes. Alan Cook from ESCC, who addressed our meeting in February, has supplied us with information which brings everyone up to date with the current position. You can read what he has to say overleaf.

Our membership has grown steadily since our launch and with our six latest recruits we have now reached 38 members. The membership represents a wide range of local businesses, but like all organisations we need more members as the more that join us the greater our combined voice will be. I'd like to thank committee members Virginia Fox (Utility Warehouse) and Lynda Hallett (Peacehaven Town Council) for their drive to recruit new members.

It continues to astound me how diverse the business fraternity is in Peacehaven and the surrounding area and how much I've learnt from other Chamber members. The Breakfast Club held at the White Schooner each Tuesday from 7am – 8.30am always provides a platform for lively debates and interesting presentations. Recently Chris Ogden from the Sussex Will Writing Company gave us an illuminating presentation and highlighted the fact that more than 60% of us had never made a will. And what's more with many of us now owning homes that should we die mean that the value of our estate could attract death duties, to learn that that there are legitimate ways of avoiding this unfair tax I found very illuminating. You can contact Chris on 0800 195 6875.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 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 Technology Ltd.

### THE WASP STING By Bob Welch

I was chopping carrots with the Grim Reaper last week – I was dicing with death!

### SMOKEFREE

FROM July 1 it will be against the law for your employees to smoke in your work vehicles. If you manage or are in charge of work vehicles affected by the law, you will have a legal responsibility to ensure they become and remain smoke free. To help you get ready, you can download or order No Smoking signs and the official guide to the new law. Simply go to: [smokefreeengland.co.uk](http://smokefreeengland.co.uk) or call 0800 169 1697 for more details.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

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

**June 19** David Heath 'Doing Business with the Council.'

**June 26** Member Presentation Nick Mallinson, Sussex Internet Ltd.

**July 3** Joanna Saines Sussex Downs Training Solutions.

**July 10** Visitors' Day.

### EVENING MEETING

**July 12** Chris Ogden – Sussex Will Writing Company Community Centre, Piddinghoe Ave Sports Park at 7.00pm - £5 (members). £7 (non members) including refreshments.

# BUS LANES UPDATE

*AFTER our meeting in February when Alan Cook from ESCC addressed the Chamber's inaugural meeting regarding the bus lane plans, this month the Chamber is very pleased to give you the updated position of the scheme as provided by Mr Cook.*

## **Phase 1 - Ovingdean to Telscombe Cliffs.**

The scheme has recently been safety audited and a few minor changes are likely to the plans and the final plans will be placed on the ESCC web site for public viewing. Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the East Sussex part of the scheme were advertised a few weeks ago and three objections were received. These will be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting on June 13. The Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the Brighton & Hove part of the scheme were advertised and nine objections raised. These were discussed at the last Environment Committee meeting on June 7. The objections were not upheld (i.e. the proposals were given the go-ahead). Construction is due to commence in September/October. An exact date has not been agreed yet as the tender process cannot begin until after the Planning Committee meeting.

## **Phase 2 - Telscombe Cliffs to Newhaven.**

The design is still underway, no details yet. Just a couple of other points relating to the article on my A259 presentation that was detailed in the first issue of your Chamber News: The A259 is already a 'bus corridor' which is a main bus route between key destinations.

I did not state that 'some parking spaces would be removed to take into account the increased traffic because of Bovis Homes development'. The design for the A259 Bus Corridor Phase 2 has not been completed and I advised that parking spaces might be affected. Until the design has been completed, I cannot say what changes will be necessary.

The £925,000 was set aside specifically for improvements to public transport along the A259, not for general use. The community will benefit when public transport along the A259 improves as a result of the bus lanes and other measures being introduced within the A259 Bus Corridor Phase 1 works.

# SPAM SCAMS!

## **SCAM ALERTS FROM SUSSEX POLICE**

The Police warn that the Olympic Games due to be held in London in 2012 will not only attract sport fans from around the world but will also be seen by fraudsters as an ideal opportunity to display their own particular specialities. There are already e-mail lottery scams associating themselves with the event, together with businesses being cold-called offering advertisement space on the official website. Please be aware that the ONLY lotteries associated with the Olympics are run by the National Lottery. Equally, businesses should be aware that London 2012 DOES NOT sell advertising space on their website. The official London 2012 Volunteer and Supporter e-mails are ALWAYS sent from one of the following addresses: [support@london2012.com](mailto:support@london2012.com) or [support@london2012.org](mailto:support@london2012.org) If you receive any e-mails purporting to come from London 2012, which is not from either of the above addresses, DO NOT OPEN IT, delete it, and under no circumstances should you provide any personal details or pay any money to the sender.

## **'CZECH' YOUR INVOICES FOR A DIRECTORY SCAM**

Trading Standards Departments have complaints relating to an international business and trade database. This is essentially a directory, and businesses may find themselves tricked into having an entry.

Various complainants have received a pink Reply/Order Form from a company called United Media s.r.o of Albrechticka or World Telecommunication Directory, most, in the Czech Republic. The form asks the recipient to sign it and return a cheque for £396.70.

Trading Standards are concerned that firms, who have separated purchasing from payments, may inadvertently pay this 'order form', believing it to be an invoice. Our advice is to check all invoices very carefully and to direct your staff to do the same.