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* **Chamber Breakfasts:** The speaker at tomorrow's breakfast (8th Feb from 7am at the Lansdowne Hotel) will be David Lambird, who will be talking about the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Eastbourne DGH and enticing the "Early Birds" to join him at the Spring Ball taking place on Saturday 5th March

* **Chamber Last Friday Lunch Friday 25th February** will be held at Exquis. Costing £15.00 per person inc VAT, the restaurant will only hold 40, so book early to avoid disappointment. The menu may be found at <http://www.eastbournechamber.co.uk/Events/Events.aspx>

* **This week is National Apprenticeship Week** and a number of training providers will be holding an OPEN DAY on **Thursday 10th February** at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, Eastbourne from 10am till 6pm. If you want to find out more about how to take on an apprentice, then why not go along? More details are available from Chamber Members <http://www.baldwintraining.co.uk/openday.htmv> or <http://www.campustraining.co.uk/news/29/campus-training-takes-part-in-national-apprenticeship-week-open-day/>

* **Build East Sussex** – a reminder that the next event in the Construction East Sussex programme will be held tomorrow (Tuesday 8th) at East Sussex National Hotel from 3pm until 7pm more details from <http://www.buideastsussex.co.uk/default.aspx?entityid=&parentid=§ionid=751>

* **Eastbourne Half Marathon:** Businesses are being invited to battle at the Eastbourne Hospitality Association Half Marathon to be run on Sunday 6th March. Chamber President, Christina Ewbank is keen to see a big entry and suggests that Member companies enter teams and battle it out to see which company comes in fastest. "The Half Marathon is a fantastic event taking in the town's lovely seafront and this is a great opportunity for the business community not just to have a great time but also raise money for a wide range of local causes." <http://www.eastbournechamber.co.uk/News/Latest-News.aspx> Application forms are available at <http://www.eastbournehalf.co.uk>

* **Trading Standards latest newsletter** is now available at: <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/AFD17C5D-B1B0-492B-950A-DFDFAB42CACC/0/tsnewsletterjan2011.pdf>

* **The London Philharmonic Orchestra** are offering **Chamber Members a 2 for 1** offer on £24 and £22 tickets for their concert this coming Sunday 13th February (3 pm) at the Congress Theatre, when they are playing:

- WEBER Overture, Der Freischütz
- TCHAIKOVSKY Piano Concerto No. 1 (played by Haochen Zhang)
- BRAHMS Symphony No. 1

Call 01323 412000 and quote EBC 2 for 1. If you would like to hear about forthcoming London Philharmonic Orchestra concerts at the Congress Theatre via e-mail, send an email to helen.boddy@lpo.org.uk with 'Eastbourne e-bulletin' in the subject line.

General Warning. I represent the Chamber on the Eastbourne Business Crime Group and the following warning has recently been received: "Please make sure your staff is aware of the increase over the last couple of weeks of handbag and purse thefts. Please be extra vigilant and

report anything suspicious to the Police at the time. Recent incidents have been reported at out of town supermarkets as well as the town centre, with the customers leaving their handbags on the trolleys, whilst they are selecting products from the shelves.”

If you have any queries about any of the above, do please contact the Chamber Office.