

CHAMBER NEWSLETTER



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Parking Update

East Sussex County Council Planning Committee will be deciding on 22nd September whether or not to go ahead with implementing on-street charging in the current Controlled Parking Zone in Eastbourne. This, will however, still leave the issue of the enforcement of parking on yellow lines etc to the Police.

The Secretary of State has refused Eastbourne Borough Council's request for a meeting to put their case for abandoning Civil Parking Enforcement, so it is likely that approval for that is on its way, whether we like it or not. This means that ESCC will be responsible for all on-street parking enforcement, not just in the CPZ but across the whole town.

The Chamber waits to see which of these schemes is approved first and the framework for introduction, but ESCC are on record as saying they will bring in the former in October this year. The Chamber has argued for a delay until after Christmas trading to assist retailers in the current difficult economic climate and we will continue to push for this delay.

Please send any comments in support of this delay as soon as possible to Cllr Matthew Lock,

East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne' Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE or by email:
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and copied to Mark Valleley, Assistant Section Manager, Transport Strategy, East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1UE or by email: Mark.valleley@eastsussex.gov.uk

and to Mike Reid, 99 South Street, Eastbourne BN21 4LU or by email: mreid@reiddean.com

We hope that with enough lobbying this delay can be achieved. We can make our view known either in writing or, if agreed by the ESCC Director of Law that we can speak on 22nd September. Please be quick if you wish to take action.

Moving on to more practical matters, there has finally been some progress on two other fronts:

Parking Partnership

The stand-off with EBC is making life very difficult and it is impossible to create a formal partnership until the matters above have been decided, but there is good co-operation with the other parking providers and each of them is working on relevant aspects to include things like security, lighting, bike racks etc. As an example, the station car park is now being fitted with CCTV, some of the railings are being replaced, and new bike racks are going in. They are also looking at their ticket machines to see if they can charge less in the afternoons.

The Chamber is working on creating a composite list of the car

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parks and the improvements being planned or undertaken in each. This can then be used to demonstrate changes to the infrastructure.

One really positive thing to have come out of this mêlée is that the Saffrons are planning to make their car park available to companies

Travel and Parking deals

A list of the contact details of all the public transport providers and parking facilities is being produced. This will then be sent to the business organisations for transmission to their membership. The idea is that this will then give members the opportunity to discuss corporate or bulk buying opportunities. This should be provided very shortly and will be forwarded to the Membership.

There is still plenty to be done on other aspects including cycling, walking, travel plans and information etc but much relies on the Borough Council.

Mike Reid, Past President EDCC

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Would you like to spend a day with the British Army's Tank Gunnery School?



The British Army, in conjunction with the Pound For Joe Campaign are offering for auction a day for two at the British Army Tank Gunnery School on 30th September. If you would like to bid for the above day, please email or send your bids to the Chamber Office at 7, Hyde Gardens Eastbourne BN21 4PN or to christine@eastbournechamber.co.uk. The bidding will close on 12noon on 19th September with the highest bidder winning this fantastic prize. For full details of the day, visit the Chamber website at <http://www.eastbournechamber.co.uk>

Forthcoming Events

19th September: Closing Date for entries for this year's **Business Awards:** please see www.eastbournebusinessawards.com for Details

Thursday 16th October will see the next **Revolving Dinner** being held at the Kings Restaurant, Sussex Downs College. Join us and enjoy the delights of the students' culinary capabilities. The Mayor of Eastbourne Cllr Greg Szanto will be the guest speaker.

Monday 10th November: The annual Ten Pin Bowling Competition will be held at Lloyds Lanes. Last year we filled the whole bowling alley, so put the date in your diary now.

Friday 12th December: The Chamber Christmas Lunch will be held at the Cavendish Hotel. The cost is £29.00 per person and will include a glass of mulled wine on arrival. Early booking is recommended.

The Revolving Lunch held in July at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht club saw Chamber Members enjoying the panoramic views of the harbour as well as enjoying an excellent meal. Diners were also challenged to take part in a quiz to raise funds for the Pound for Joe Fund. The winner was Sarah White of Telham Training (pictured right.)



Local Life Show

4th October 2008 at the Winter Garden, Eastbourne

People will be able to enjoy a large array of exhibitions, demonstrations and shows at the Local Life Show. East Sussex County Council's Trading Standards Service has organised a 'Local Life Show' at the Winter Garden in Eastbourne on Saturday 4th October 2008, from 10am until 5pm. Entry to the show is free. Based on the Ideal Home Show, the Local Life Show will provide the perfect place for consumers to sample local produce, meet honest and reliable traders, talk to representatives from local councils and other caring services and find the latest styles for living. What's on at the event...

- * Visit the home improvements centre to get advice on your latest DIY project or find ideas on how to transform your garden.
- * Sit back, relax and take in the fashion shows.
- * Sample the local wines and produce in the food hall. Make sure you bring a shopping trolley to carry all your purchases home.
- * Buy jewellery, hand-made pottery, cards, paintings, silk flowers, plants, gifts and many more accessories for your home, from our craft area.
- * Watch the cookery demonstrations and learn how to make fantastic dishes using your favourite local ingredients, while the kids whip up their favourite fruit smoothie on the Smoothiemobile!
- * Meet the presenters from Sovereign Radio as they broadcast live from the event between 10am - 2pm
- * Try out the latest gadgets for your home.
- * If you are looking for someone to service your existing motor then come and chat to the professionals.
- * Get advice on your lifestyle by talking to the experts.

People attending the show will also get the chance to enter a free prize draw to win a luxury hamper of local food and drink. For further information people can telephone the County Council on 01323 463430 or ESCC

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National Minimum Wage

From 1st October, the National Minimum Wage Rate will rise to £5.73 from 1st October for all workers over 21 and to £4.77 for those between 18 and 21.

Inserts this month:

EDCC Revolving Dinner

EDCC Ten Pin Bowling

EDCC Christmas Lunch

Pevensey Ward Appeal

St Wilfrid's Hospice

Cavendish Hotel

Lloyds Lanes

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Inland Revenue: Several Members have received emails purporting to come from Inland Revenue, saying that " after the last annual calculations of your fiscal activity, we have determined that you are eligible to receive a tax refund of £430..... We are sure that most people will be aware of this scam, but if not then please do just delete any such emails. Not surprisingly HM Revenue and Customs do not offer refunds in this manner!

Sponsorship wanted

The Chamber Office often receives requests for sponsorship:

This request is from a young horsewoman, who has already successfully competed at junior international competitions and been in a British Team at five consecutive European championships. She is now hoping to move up to senior classes.

If you are interested, please contact the Office for more details.

Many thanks