

CHAMBER NEWSLETTER



Eastbourne & District
Chamber of Commerce Ltd.



September 2010 Newsletter

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 9th September

A Members' Evening will be held at Mercedes-Benz of Eastbourne's premises at Eastbourne Road, Westham BN24 5NH, courtesy of Mercedes-Benz of Eastbourne.



Mercedes-Benz

Mercedes-Benz of Eastbourne

Join us for a convivial evening to meet with both new and old Chamber Members. The Evening starts at 6pm and we hope to meet you then.



**Thursday 21st October:
Revolving Dinner at the Afton Hotel** with guest speaker Paul Toben talking about the business opportunities surrounding the 2012 Olympics.

The cost will be £24 per person inc VAT. Do join us and take the opportunity of talking to your fellow Members as you 'revolve' around the tables!



**Monday 8th November:
Annual Ten Pin Bowling competition at Lloyds Lanes.** Starting at 7pm, there will be a buffet served at 9pm. Do come and enjoy a sociable, but at times, highly competitive evening. The booking form is enclosed.



**Christmas Lunch 2010
Friday 10th December**
To be held at the Cavendish Hotel, Grand Parade, Eastbourne. The Chamber is delighted to announce that this year's Christmas Lunch will be

sponsored by Seymour Mullens & Co Ltd.



Do please book early for this popular event. As usual, the booking form is included with this newsletter.



Jobsfair

Do you need help filling your vacancies?

If the answer's **Yes**, then Eastbourne Jobcentre can help with a Jobsfair being held on Wednesday 15 September From 3pm – 5pm at Eastbourne Jobcentre Plus, St Annes House, St Annes Road, Eastbourne.

Places which are limited are available for any employer and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. To book your attendance please e mail Jackie.akehurstjobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk or phone 01323 413114 / 413276

JOINT CHAMBER LUNCH

Earlier in the summer, over 120 Chamber Members from across the region converged on the Eastbourne Centre for a Joint Chamber Lunch, sponsored by Mayo Wynne Baxter.



Chamber Presidents enjoy the view from the roof of the

The keynote speaker was Chris Piper the Bank of England's Agent for the Central Southern Region, who gave the Chamber Members an update on the Bank of England's current view on the economy as a whole, including its outlook for growth and the opportunities, challenges and risks facing the



Eastbourne Centre



UK's economy as it comes out of recession. He then answered a wide range of questions put to him by the audience.

Chris was celebrating his birthday that day and Chamber President Christina Ewbank presented him with a birthday cake in appreciation.

race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership and pregnancy and maternity – but extends some protections to groups not previously covered, and also strengthens particular aspects of equality law. The Act is a mixture of rights and responsibilities and covers:

- Indirect discrimination
- Associative discrimination
- Perceptive discrimination
- Harassment
- Harassment by a third party
- Victimisation
- Positive action
- Pre-employment health related checks
- Extension of employment tribunal powers
- Equal pay direct discrimination
- Pay secrecy

As a result, you may need to review and change some of your policies and practices. This page highlights the ways Acas can help you to identify where you need to take action. More information may be found at <http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3017>

On 16/9/10 09:30-13:00 at Acas Paddock Wood, Nr Tonbridge. ACAS will be holding a two hour seminar on the changes to the Act <https://obs.acas.org.uk/ViewEvent.aspx?EventId=184117>

This two hour briefing will cover the main provisions of the Act, the impact it might have on your business and help you identify the areas of your existing policies and procedures you will need to review. Other events being organised by ACAS may be found at www.acas.org.uk or call the Customer Services Team on 08457 38 37 36 or by email at

Equality Act will become law in October 2010.
(Reprinted with permission, from the ACAS website)

The Equality Act replaces previous legislation (such as the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Disability Discrimination Act 1995) and ensures consistency in what you need to do to make your workplace a fair environment and to comply with the law.

The Equality Act covers the same groups that were protected by existing equality legislation – age, disability, gender reassignment,

Chamber Breakfast changes

Chris Nicholls (CN Creative Web Design) has now taken over from Nick Compton of Positive Solutions as chairman

of the Chamber Breakfast meetings.

Chris' deputy is Laraine Ross of Kent and Sussex Vending (KSV).



Chris Nicholls



Laraine Ross

The breakfast meetings continue to be held at the Lansdowne Hotel each Tuesday morning from 7am and cost £8.50 per meeting.

If you have not been before, please call the Chamber Office on 01323 641144 and let us know you will be attending.

Eastbourne Town Centre Area Action Plan

Your Place, Your Plan, Your Say Members are invited to have their say on the future of the town centre as a new Area Action Plan is prepared. A 12-week consultation is currently taking place giving those who visit, live or work in the town the chance to

share their views on an Issues and Options Report, which outlines various choices and options for developing the existing town centre over the next 16 years

The Report outlines the key issues facing the town centre including the current lack of connections between the main attractions within the centre of town, the ring road and bus interchange, the balance between chain stores and independent retailers, and the need to respect Eastbourne's heritage and maintain historic buildings.

Have Your Say

The feedback received on this Report will be used to shape the Town Centre Area Action Plan and set out a strategy and proposals for the town centre up until 2026.

Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, Cllr David Tutt said "The town centre is a huge part of everyone's day to day lives, not only for residents but also for those who visit or work in Eastbourne, combining shopping, business, our seafront and attractions. It is extremely important that we hear from as many people as possible to gauge their views on the Issues and Options Report so that we can deliver a town centre that achieves our vision for the future."

Seven key themes have been identified in the Options and Issues Report:

- Town Centre structure and identity
- Public space
- Supporting a good mix of uses
- Access and connectivity
- Tourism, leisure and the arts
- Design quality
- Delivery

For more information, and to download the report, or to complete the online comment form, go to

www.eastbourne.gov.uk/tcaap

To join the Eastbourne discussion on Facebook go to

www.facebook.com/EastbourneC

CALLING ALL MANUFACTURING COMPANIES

Lean Benchmark™ Report

The Manufacturing Network (MAS) are offering a comprehensive self assessment tool, key to the success of any company's lean journey. If you want to discover how your lean performance compares with others in your sector, then this offer is for you to help give your business a competitive edge

Normally priced at £99 plus VAT, MAS South East are offering SME manufacturers in the region a free LeanBenchmarkT report *for a limited time.*

In the first instance contact MAS on 0745 609 2121 or email nicolalyons@mas-se.org.uk to receive your voucher code.

Inserts this month

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EDCC Revolving Dinner

EDCC Ten Pin Bowling

EDCC Christmas Lunch

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