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\*\*\* Welcome to the Thanet & East Kent Insider \*\*\*

Your Weekly Business Bulletin from Thanet & East Kent Chamber

## **Thanet & East Kent Insider**

11 March 2008

### **1. Corporate Manslaughter – Predict & Prevent**

Twenty-one years ago in March 1987, the sinking of the Zeebrugge ferry brought misery to the families of the 193 passengers and crew who perished in Britain's worst peacetime maritime disaster since 1919. This brought to the fore the issue of directors' responsibility for the operational safety of their companies. The subsequent case, P & O European Ferries (Dover) Ltd (1991) 93 Cr App R 72, ended in the acquittal of the defendant company because the crown could not show a 'controlling mind' had been grossly negligent. The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 changes the balance of the evidence required for prosecution and comes into effect on 6 April 2008. In the event of a fatality at work, a jury will be directed to examine health & safety policies and will focus on the duty of care owed by a company to its employees. Safetywise UK has produced a free leaflet for Chamber members; contact David Tyler on tel: 01843 866544. Formal legal advice is available from the following Chamber members/tel nos: Boys & Maughan 01843 595990, Girlings 01843 220274, Barnes Marsland 01843 221466, Brachers 01622 690691 and Colin Sibley 07773 572334.

### **2. Worst Case Scenario**

If your "Predict & Prevent" strategy fails and you are obliged to "Find & Fix", beware of the unlimited fines that the new Corporate Manslaughter Act promises. As always, it helps to have experts on your side. To review your insurance cover, we recommend that you contact one of the following Chamber members: Millards Insurance Services tel: 01304 613072, Prestige Insurance SVS Limited tel: 01843 226921, Bridge Insurance Brokers tel: 01843 293614 or Independent Insurance Services tel: 01303 221188.

### **3. Events**

Thanet & East Kent Chamber is always keen to hear from members about suggestions for events and expert speakers. On the cards for the second quarter of the year are a talk on dyslexia in the workplace in late April, a presentation on Beaujolais wine by famed producer, Jean Jean-Luc Longère, on 21 May 2008 and a seminar on Charity as a Business on 9 June 2008. The Chamber will also feature a unique presentation on Thanet Earth. Insider will keep you fully informed of the details.

### **4. Quex Museum & Gardens**

This museum in Birchington houses the collections of Major Powell-Cotton (1866 – 1940) and his son Christopher (1926 -2006). As well as the renowned dioramas of exotic animals, there are magnificent displays of porcelain and antique weapons. Museum Director, Julia Walton, is using her experience of 22 years at the British Museum to upgrade the visitor experience. She would welcome the guidance of a volunteer buildings manager who could advise on structural repairs. Do you know anyone suitable? If so, Julia would welcome a call on 01843 842168.

### **5. Is This a Cover Up?**

The answer is a resounding "Yes". Formerly known as the Ramsgate Jarvis Ramada Hotel and the Swallow International Hotel, the Kent International Hotel is covering up its swimming pool, redesigning the reception area and refurbishing corridors and rooms. In anticipation of the inward investment coming to Ramsgate, Operations Manager, Polly Harnett, and Conference Manager, Sarah Knight, are determined to raise the profile of the hotel with a series of corporate events and special menus. Conveniently located on

Harbour Parade opposite Ramsgate Marina, Polly and Sarah welcome enquires from Chamber members and their associates on tel: 01843 588276.

## **6. Chamber President Meets the Queen**

On 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008, Thanet & East Kent Chamber President, Bill Moses, was invited to Buckingham Place to receive the MBE from Her Majesty the Queen. His award is described as "For services to Business and to the Dover Counselling Centre in Kent", recognising at the highest level Bill's contribution to a resurgent Chamber and his pioneering role in establishing a charity to counsel families of the victims of the Zeebrugge Ferry Disaster. Congratulations Bill, we are proud of you.

This is a weekly news communication from Thanet & East Kent Chamber designed for members. All comments, advice and recommendations are warmly welcomed. Please email [davidfoley@tekc.co.uk](mailto:davidfoley@tekc.co.uk)

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