



Press Release

“Our Port, Our Future”

The two largest business support bodies in the East Kent coastal business community, Dover District Chamber of Commerce and Thanet & East Kent Chamber, announce a Business Networking Lunch “Our Port, Our Future” on Friday 29th July 2011 at the County Hotel, Dover. The main speaker will be Neil Wiggins, Chairman of Dover People’s Port Trust Ltd.

The presentation will detail the latest results of Dover People’s Port’s bid to government to purchase the Port of Dover for the benefit of the local community. In a poll in Dover last March, this high profile campaign received the support of 97.5% of voters. The solid backing of Dover’s main ferry companies, the union Unite and large sections of the business community suggest that the Government will give serious consideration to this flagship Big Society initiative.

Following vigorous promotion by Chamber President Charlie Elphicke MP and with Dame Vera Lynn among its many celebrity supporters, the Dover People’s Port campaign promises to be one of the most significant developments in Dover’s long maritime history as the main UK passenger port for continental Europe.

The Chamber’s Chief Executive David Foley said: “After 400 hundred years of witnessing trade passing through Dover with few advantages for our residents and businesses, at long last we now have the possibility of putting the ownership, benefits and future of the Port of Dover firmly in the hands of our local community.”

Tickets cost £15 including lunch, a vegetarian option and plenty of time for networking. Booking is essential. To reserve your place or for more details, contact the Dover District Chamber of Commerce: tel: 01304 824955, email: mail@doverchamber.co.uk.

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Information

Dover District Chamber of Commerce was established in 1850 and offers business support services to the private and voluntary sector in Dover, Deal, Sandwich and the villages in the district.

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Thanet & East Kent Chamber provides business support to firms in Ramsgate, Margate, Deal, Broadstairs, Manston, Sandwich, Birchington, Hersden and nearby towns and villages.

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