

Dear Mr Cameron and Mr Osborne

Although I'll be on holiday when the budget finally arrives, I have made a 'pre-emptive strike' by sending a letter to messrs Cameron and Osborne, giving them the 7 key points on how they can support small businesses. You can find the full details on my blog www.thomascox.wordpress.com.

I sent the letters on March 7th and as yet, I haven't had a reply. I guess they've been a bit busy, what with Libya, earthquakes and the cuts. Mind you, Vince Cable used one of my ideas this week, so maybe someone has been paying attention. I sincerely hope the budget supports all of us. (Attached with this news update is a complimentary copy of our tax facts card).

Seminar

We've had lots of excellent feedback from the people who were able to come to our March 10th seminar at the Harpenden House Hotel on **The Business 3Rs**. If you missed it I hope you'll be able to come to the next seminar, which we are planning for June. We'll let you know the speakers soon. After the four presentations we had a delicious hot buffet lunch and it gave everyone an opportunity to do some really valuable networking.

Think Tank April 20th

I've invited Simon Williams, a fantastic presenter, raconteur (and, incidentally, a magician) to present his new business model as a professional motivational speaker at our next Think Tank on April 20th. He is really unique and his presentation skills quite captivated me when I met him on a cruise. I hope you will be able to join us.

Paris People

Team Thomas Cox celebrated a belated 'office Christmas' in style, when we took the Eurostar to Paris for lunch. It was a long way to go, but the food and company were excellent and we all had a great time. Tres bien!

Quiz of quizzes

We were so close and almost had a team of teams. My Rotary Club has a yearly event, with 43 teams taking part. The event raised over £4,000. Our past teams have usually come somewhere in the 20s, but this year we had some fiercely competitive new players and we were neck and neck at number two...until we ended up just 3 points behind the top team. Our huge thanks to our customer Richard Foster of Drax Lighting and his wife Julie, who helped us get so close to triumph. Would you have known the name of Sherlock Holmes' brother?

As you know, I'll be away until April 18th to celebrate Yonna's birthday. If there's anything you need in the meantime, please call the office and talk to one of our trusty team members.

Peter
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