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Editorial



Welcome to 2008! Ring out the old; ring in the new.

With this first FreePint Newsletter of the new year, you'll no doubt notice some changes. After 10 years of publishing primarily in plain text, FreePint is going HTML. After long discussions, we decided that the benefits of HTML for the user outweighed the challenges of the switch.



Old tools, new apps You'll also notice additions to the content: In addition to tips and feature articles, My Favourite Tipples, the Bar summary, FreePint Events and Gold, we're now also featuring highlights from the other sites and resources published by Free Pint Limited. You'll find key resources from DocuTicker and ResourceShelf, snippets from product reviews in VIP, as well as Jinfo jobs for those who are looking for their next challenge.

Scroll down to view the FUMSI section, where you'll find the latest additions to our growing collection of practical, expert-written articles. From our start 10 years ago, our focus has been helping people use the web for work, and this issue's articles continue in that grand tradition. First, you'll find Matt Ide's handy tips on conducting prospect research for charitable fundraising. His experience-driven approach to combining free sources, paid sources and ingenuity will be of interest to any prospect researcher -- or indeed anyone with a need to dig into background and asset reviews for high networth individuals.

Next is Barry Graubart's introduction to the wonderful world of widgets. If you're still getting a handle on what RSS is and how to use it, hold on to your hat because dissemination tools are only beginning to evolve.

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My Favourite Tipples

by Sara Waddington

Sara Waddington joins Free Pint Limited as the new senior managing editor of FUMSI. What better way to get to know a new colleague than over a few tipples ...

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- Archivists, brace yourself. A FreePint Bar member is asking what the role of a "dusty archive" has in the digital economy. But before you launch into fisticuffs defending yourself, know that the question is behind a survey from MLA London and Sparknow that aims to define the importance and role of museums, libraries and archives to the modern business world. Declare your value <http://www.freepint.com/go/b218059>.
- Archivists, you may be interested in this one too. A 'Pinter is looking for details on OCR (optical character recognition) scanners and software for converting hard copy to electronic. A few people have offered valuable recommendations and experiences at <http://www.freepint.com/go/b228323>.
- Some believe the Royal Prerogative - which is defined by a Bar member as 'a generic term for common law powers held by the Crown and exercised by the Government' - as ancient history. When a Bar visitor asked for some seriously researched articles and studies on the topic, however, it sparked some interesting discussion <http://www.freepint.com/go/b225253>.
- Two recent discussions are focused on the construction industry: one from a person looking for an industry archive <http://www.freepint.com/go/b232458>, and the other wondering what the present construction market size is, particularly for the education sector <http://www.freepint.com/go/b232764>. Both elicited some helpful resources.
- With all the mergers, acquisitions and divisions, one FreePinter asked a thoughtful question: how many new companies have been formed from old ones? Share your ideas <http://www.freepint.com/go/b233382>.

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- UK and US coverage: Coverage of UK newspapers is evenly spread across the three services.
- Asia Pacific coverage: Most of the major Asia Pacific newspapers are available across all three services. For some titles, LexisNexis offers a slightly older archive than Factiva.
- Latin American coverage: Factiva has a slight edge over the other two.
- Middle Eastern newspaper coverage: Three out of four sources are not available on NewsRoom. A deeper archive is available on LexisNexis than on Factiva.

- Web content: Web content is available on all three but it is not possible to distinguish web content from other published content on NewsRoom
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26 February 2008

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