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"Helping you to
clear clutter and
feel -

Better!"

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Dear Friends of Organised Chaos

Welcome to the August edition of **Chaotic Times!**

To kick off I am going to dispel a few myths about de-cluttering which might come as a shock to some of you! Firstly, de-cluttering is *not* all about parting with things, filling a skip or having a car boot sale. Secondly, appropriate storage in your home or office is probably even more important than shedding possessions.

I visit lots of clients whose main difficulty is a lack of good storage. This means they waste time trying to find things, their home or office always looks untidy and muddled, and worst of all they become progressively more stressed. They get to a point where they simply don't know what to do to regain a calm and ordered life.

I have summed up my thoughts about storage in this equation below:

Effective Storage = Effective Retrieval

This is deliberately simple, something for you to remember. When you acquire something new, don't just put it away where you can find a space. Think about when you will need it. Where might you look for it? This will give you a good idea of where it needs to be stored. Grouping similar things together is good logic. This is why I can never *tell* people how to store things. I work with them to find out what their needs are. No two clients will be the same. The storage system has to work for you, not me!

Quite often clients will have realised that they need storage, but instead of planning it they rush out and buy something in a panic. Inevitably these storage boxes or shelves just become somewhere else to store the clutter!

My message to you is to think carefully before making a purchase. If you are tempted by some item of furniture or other system, ask yourself how it will work for you. Imagine using it, think about whether it will fit in your room.



New Service from Organised Chaos!

For some time now I have wondered how I can best help clients with their storage issues. These days everyone has a limited budget so I endeavour to work with whatever storage systems the client already has. Sometimes this is simply not effective.

I am pleased to announce that I now carry a small stock of **Really Useful Boxes**, which I believe are the best range of plastic storage boxes on the market. They are incredibly strong, semi-transparent, with locking lids that stay put. Rather than the common 'bucket' shape of box, these have vertical sides which are far more practical. They come in a variety of sizes which are designed for specific uses. This means there is no wasted space inside the box - perfect!



These boxes are available direct from the back of my car, as and when needed by my clients. For those of you who I know through business networking, the same applies. Let me know if you would like to see some samples or receive a price list.

The box pictured on the left is the 3L size and neatly holds 10 DVDs or 18 CDs, cost is £3.50.

The picture on the right shows two 33L boxes which are perfect for under-bed storage of clothes, blankets, games, shoes, handbags etc. Cost of this size is £12.00.



Finally, this 22L box is ideal storage for all those rolls of gift wrap. Equally it will hold 50 DVDs or 25 video cassettes.



I currently stock seven different sizes of box along with two divided tray inserts for the larger boxes.

If you have a storage dilemma, please get in touch and I can advise on the best size box for the job. I am of course able to supply the boxes independently of the de-cluttering service, provided you are local.

It is only through client feedback that I will discover the boxes which are in most demand - let me know what you think.

Please note prices quoted are not liable to VAT.

Well, I hope that gets you thinking about how you can revamp your storage so that you have effective retrieval!

*Best regards,
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