## Acquiring your own website address

Your unique website address is called a "domain name" and domain names can be purchased from domain registrars. A domain name usually appears after the letters "www", for example www.DOMAINNAME.com (NB – the suffix .com can change also, for example .co.uk or .net or .it etc.)

Domain registrars includes many different companies; we have listed a few below but our list is by no means exhaustive, nor intended to recommend any particular company. Most of these companies also offer other services such as email account etc.

When you buy a domain name, it is usually for a fixed period of time and you will be asked to renew it automatically whenever the domain is about expire. If you do not renew it at that time, the domain will eventually expire and become available for sale again to others.

Example of the best known domain registrars: -

GoDaddy <u>www.godaddy.com</u>
1 & 1 <u>www.1and1.com</u>
Names <u>www.name.com</u>
Fasthosts <u>www.fasthosts.com</u>