

# Noticeboard

## New terminal building

**London Stansted Airport has made a planning application for a new £130 million arrivals building to significantly improve the passenger experience. The building is the latest phase in the multi-million pound transformation programme by MAG to support future growth at the airport and attract new passengers and airlines.**

It will mean a new 34,000m<sup>2</sup> building to support growth to 35 million passengers a year, allowing the terminal to make full use of Stansted single runway. Specifically, it will improve immigration facilities and re-configured check-in to cater for growing passenger numbers

The Chamber supports this application, which does not involve an extra runway, because the growth in the Airport brings further prosperity to the area, meaning increased business opportunities and more employment.

Stansted is currently the busiest single terminal airport in the UK with up to 5,000 departing passengers alone passing through its doors every hour at peak times. With passenger numbers expected to increase over the next decade, particularly with runway capacity constraints at other London airports.

The plan focuses on providing the airport with a high quality environment to support its continuing growth, from today's 24 million passengers a year to the current planning limit of 35 million. The facility is designed to ensure that in the future the airport could make full use of its single runway and serve around 43 million passengers a year, as set out in Stansted's 2015 Sustainable Development Plan.

The proposed 34,000m<sup>2</sup> building spans three levels and would be delivered inside the existing footprint of the airport, and located adjacent to the current terminal and the Radisson Blu Hotel. It will include plans for a larger immigration and baggage reclaim area, new retail facilities



and a public forecourt to create a relaxing and welcoming environment for passengers. This facility will enable the current terminal building to be reconfigured and dedicated entirely to departing passengers, creating more space at check-in, security and within the international departures lounge.

The bespoke arrivals building allows the airport to minimise operational disruption during construction and will incorporate the latest sustainable technologies. The design complements the existing terminal's unique architecture, created by Lord Norman Foster over 25 years ago.

Subject to the relevant planning consents and approvals, it is expected the arrivals building will take up to three years to complete with other improvements to the existing terminal due to be finished by 2022.

**If you welcome this development, you can write to Uttlesford Planning in Saffron Walden to express your support for the Planning Application.**

# Uttlesford Business Awards 2017

Chamber members located in Uttlesford may wish to consider entering the Uttlesford Business Awards. Categories include:

- New Business of the Year (Started trading since Jan 2015)
- Small Business of the Year (Up to 10 employees)
- Medium Business of the Year (11 employees upwards)
- Retailer of the Year
- Employer of the Year
- Business in the Community
- Business Person of the Year
- Apprentice of the Year
- Online Innovator of the Year

Additional awards available:

- Business of the Year
- The Judges Award

The event is taking place on 30 June, entries close 19 April. More information at:

[www.uttlesfordbusinessawards.co.uk](http://www.uttlesfordbusinessawards.co.uk)

## Can your business support the Economic Cost of low back pain?

- Low back pain is the leading cause of disability in the UK, affecting 1.1 million people annually.
- The overall economic cost is estimated to be well over £5 billion annually.
- This average number of days lost is 4.4 days per worker, per year.
- BUT - A 2 year trial in Madrid reduced absenteeism by 39% - by assessing and treating within 5 days.

In the UK, GPs are told to "treat" low back pain patients with pain killers and anti-inflammatory drugs for 6 weeks and it is only after 6 weeks that they may consider referring the patient for active treatment ie Physiotherapy - with an average NHS waiting list of 2 months, or investigations, but you have to see an Orthopaedic Surgeon first, where you may have to wait up to 6 months for an appointment.

Private Physiotherapists see patients within 48 hours.

Submitted by Mrs Wendy Emberson MCSP, Consultant Chartered Physiotherapist, Stort Physio Ltd.



## Forthcoming Events

7 February	Chamber Breakfast
7 March	Chamber Breakfast
17 March	Quarterly Business Lunch
27 March	AGM
19 April	Meet the Neighbours
14 June	Harlow Joint Meeting

BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**networking breakfast**

SUPPORTING



Bishop's Stortford Golf Club  
Dunmow Rd, CM23 5HP

**Tuesday 7th March 2017**  
8am for 8.30am

**Victoria Nicoll**  
Price Bailey

**"Property tax update - April 2017"**

**£15 prebooked • £17.50 on the day**

(Bookings cancelled after 28th February 2017 will be charged)

## Parking...



**The Chamber is constantly lobbying the District Council for improvements in parking in the Town, so it is good to be able to report some positive progress.**

- 1 New installation of Pay and Display machines is nearing completion. These will allow for a Pay on Exit option in all East Herts carparks.
  - 2 Parking in Residents Zones is being examined to see if the spaces which are empty throughout the day can be made available to shoppers and visitors.
  - 3 Demolition of 1The Causeway will shortly take place. Pending a new use for the area, it will become temporary parking for Charrington House tenants and visitors during Monday to Friday, which will releases some spaces they currently use in nearby public carparks. The temporary parking will include electric vehicle charging points for any EV user.
  - 4 Sites to locate additional parking are being evaluated
- On the downside, carpark charges will increase by about 7.5% during 2017, though the Council has pledged to make no further increase for at least 3 years. The Chamber will continue to seek additional parking provision in the town. We strongly believe that this is necessary to encourage shopping in the Town, and to provide affordable parking for those who need to use a car to get to their place of work.

## Joint meeting with Harlow Chamber

**Breakfast at the Manor of Groves, Wednesday  
14 Jun 2017 - 8:30am ending at 10:00am**

Michael Beard - Head of Communications and Community Engagement at Public Health England - will talk about PHE plans for Harlow in the coming years.

**Free to members of both Chambers**, but spaces are limited so please book early.

[www.harlowchamber.co.uk/events/calendar/event/390-breakfast-at-the-manor](http://www.harlowchamber.co.uk/events/calendar/event/390-breakfast-at-the-manor)

## Meet the Neighbours

Stansted Airport Chamber of Commerce are again organising Meet the Neighbours, which is being held on 19 April 2016 at the Hilton London Stansted, 3.30 - 6.00.

The aim of the event is to open up opportunities to businesses of all sizes from around the region by way of facilitating one event where everyone comes together under one roof for networking opportunities with like-minded professionals and to hear from guest speakers on subjects which will provide information and advice to the delegates on the day.

Business doesn't recognise borders, and this event is being supported by Cambridgeshire CoC and Brentwood CoC among others.

There will be a guest speaker from Stansted Airport (MAG) and possibly a local MP

Bishop's Stortford Chamber members who book through the Chamber can take advantage of the Members rate of £16.25 plus VAT instead of the Non Members/Guests price of £25.00 plus VAT. The price includes light buffet, refreshments and free parking.

If you would like to join, please email Daliah at [secretary@bschamber.org](mailto:secretary@bschamber.org)

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Bishop's Stortford Chamber will take place on **27 March at 6pm**, the venue this year is **Rhodes**. We are keen that as many Members attend as possible. Please let Daliah ([secretary@bschamber.org](mailto:secretary@bschamber.org)) know if you will be coming along.

Nominations for the posts of President, Chairman, Treasurer and Committee members are sought. Please consider how you can help the Chamber going forward. Refreshments will be served.

**Members' Offer**  
**StortPhysio**

**Stort Physio** are offering employees of Chamber members a free diagnostic assessment. Get that ache or pain checked out for no charge.

Contact Stort Physio at [admin@stortphysio.com](mailto:admin@stortphysio.com), or call **01279 654020** and quote "Chamber Offer"

If you have an offer for Chamber Members, please let **Daliah** know.

# Mark Prisk at the Chamber Lunch



The Chamber was fortunate and grateful to once again have our local MP for Hertford and Stortford, Mark Prisk, speak to our members at our Quarterly Business Lunch. This was our sixth business lunch and we hope members are enjoying these as a regular way of staying up to date with the pressing regional and national matters.

Mark Prisk has been a Member of Parliament since 2001 and has held numerous ministerial briefs as well as being active in the local community. Most recently he has been appointed as the Prime Minister's Investment Envoy to the Nordic and Baltic nations and Brazil.

Mark felt before looking forward, to discuss what future issues and opportunities lay ahead in 2017, one first had to look back as 2016 had contained some unexpected events.

If you had asked him last year about the possibility of Cameron resigning, Britain voting to leave the European Union and Donald Trump winning the U.S. Elections he would have thought you were mad and that's without mentioning Ed Balls descending to the Strictly dance floor on a flaming piano.

If 2016 has taught us anything, it's that pundits and pollsters do not have all of the answers. Politicians need to rethink how they are engaging with the public as an obvious gulf has developed between them and disenfranchised, who are now looking to others to give them a voice. Public debate has become ugly signified by the unimaginable death of Labour MP Jo Cox.

Looking forward Mark feels 2017 is difficult to predict, but despite challenges (notably what will happen to the pound) there will be opportunities. It is the year of the Rooster which should mean people will be more polite and less stubborn but as a warning individuals need to temper their lusts.

## Mark raised 3 Challenges:

**1. The Economy:** inflation will be a concern for the first time in a long while with the added costs this will add to businesses bottom line and supply chains. Profit margins

will be tighter. Interest rates may also be heading up, more towards 'normal rates', people who have become used to low rates being the new normal could be in for a shock.

**2. Brexit:** the government will aim to set out its position by February / March 2017 in order to trigger Article 50 but the effects of this will be unclear for some time. As such speculations and 'what ifs' will be rife and the situation too uncertain to predict. One certainty is that it will fill the column inches.

But it must be stressed the world has not fallen apart; we must get on with and make it work and have as our priority getting the best deal we can.

**3. Donald Trump:** which Trump will we get? The Campaigner with his rhetoric or the Professional with his more reasoned and business mind. Nobody really knows what the slogans 'make America great again' and 'putting America first' actually mean. If the latter means being more forceful, for example stopping the dumping of cheap produce into local markets and securing better trade deals then this may not be all bad. Mark is an optimist.

## Now for the good news:

**1.** Whilst there will be uncertainties and changes this can create opportunities. It is for business to see how they can adapt, develop and take advantage of these.

**2.** We are fortunate to be in a great location in the middle of the M11 corridor, with Cambridge, Stansted Airport and business such as Glaxo all located in our region. The Pharmaceutical industry especially is pivotal to the region as a whole. This provides us all with a sound economic base.

**3.** 2017 will be a good year to export as the markets will be more competitive due to in currency. We as a region are greatly placed to take advantage of this with Stansted Airport on our doorstep, an educated workforce and the proximity to Cambridge. We have a great 'brand'.

So although there are some challenges, Mark feels we are also presented with the same number of opportunities and he is more than happy for individuals or business to contact him for help and support.

## Chamber Business Lunch with

**Rt Hon Sir Alan Haselhurst MP**, MP FOR SAFFRON WALDEN

**West Anglia Task Force**

**Friday 17th March 12pm for 12.30pm**

**Bishop's Stortford Golf Club**

**Price £25**  
Includes VAT

**Open to members and non-members**

**Places are strictly limited**, to book yours, please email Chamber Secretary, Daliah at [secretary@bschamber.org](mailto:secretary@bschamber.org)