



Noticeboard

What is the Chamber for?

When I am inviting local businesses to join the Chamber, I am frequently asked what the Chamber does. I thought I would share the response because if all Chamber members encourage others to join, the Chamber becomes stronger as a result.

A Chamber of Commerce has 3 roles.

- 1 To represent local business with various bodies such as the Councils
- 2 To provide information to the members
- 3 To help promote members grow and sustain their business

So what does that mean in practical terms?

Firstly, we seek to engage with the councils, particularly Town and District, and to a lesser extent, County. We will comment on proposed developments to ensure that business considerations are fully taken into account.

A good example is car parking, though we would not claim total success, we have lobbied hard for pay-on-exit car parks, more spaces and greater flexibility in the use of available facilities and achieved some progress. The bigger the membership, the louder is our voice.

Secondly, we work to provide information to our members. This can be proactive and reactive. So for example, when legislation such as Auto Enrolment comes along, we work to ensure members know what the implications are for them, and so allow them to make the necessary arrangements in good time. We

also have talks at breakfasts and lunches which will inform and brief members on relevant subjects. And if a member needs help or advice on a matter, the Chamber will introduce someone within the Chamber membership who may be able to help, or to another source of advice.

Finally, we want to help our members get in touch with new customers. Networking events such as the breakfast and lunch meetings, and sponsorship of Bishop's Stortford Means Business provide just such opportunities.

We now have a new Chairman who is very keen to pursue these objectives - please see his piece on the back page. And please encourage other companies to join so we can continue all this work.

Bob Lee

President: Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce.



BISHOP'S STORTFORD
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Visit to Stansted's Aerozone

Stansted Airport have invited us to visit their Aerozone facility, and weather allowing, use the runway viewing facility. Join us for an exclusive Chamber visit.

4.30pm on June 15th

4.45pm - Presentation on Aerozone

5.10pm - Viewing Platform

5.35pm - Introduction to Meet the Buyers

6.00pm - Light buffet and a glass of wine

6.30pm - Close

There is free parking. To book, email Daliah: secretary@bschamber.org
Cost £15 inc. vat



BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

networking breakfast

SUPPORTING



Bishop's Stortford Golf Club
Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford
Herts CM23 5HP

Wednesday 7th June 2017

8am for 8.30am

Gary Smith
NOCKOLDS

"To Employ or Not to Employ?"

£15 prebooked • £17.50 on the day

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

Quiz Night

Get your team ready for the **Chamber Quiz Night** on the 2nd of November.

New Chamber Members

Jo French

X Press Legal Services Ltd

Damian Nunn

Three Counties Refrigeration Ltd

Forthcoming Events

7 June Breakfast, BS Golf Club

14 June Harlow Joint Meeting

15 June Visit to Aerozone

23 June Business Lunch, BS Golf Club

4 July Breakfast, BS Golf Club

18 October BSMB, Rhodes

1 November Meet the Buyers, Radisson

2 November Quiz, Rhodes

Chamber Business Lunch with

Matthew Serginson, SENIOR DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Solum development of the Goods Yard

Friday 23rd June 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

Bishop's Stortford Means Business



The longest running business exhibition in the area is taking place on 18 October at Rhodes. This popular event was first held in 2001, and it has grown to completely fill the largest venue in town - the Rhodes Centre. Full details can be found at www.bsmb.co.uk. A few stands are still available.



London Stansted Meet the Buyers

The date for this year's London Stansted Meet the Buyers has been announced as 1 November. Last year's event has already resulted in **£4m of contracts for local SME's**.

As last year, the event, which is greatly sponsored by Stansted Airport, will take place at the Radisson. For those not familiar with the concept, over 35 buyers from large companies and organisations are available for pre-booked appointments. Details of the goods and services they are seeking are published in advance. Full details can be found at www.stanstedmtb.com



View from the Chair

As your new Chairman, my vision is to make the Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce bigger and better than ever. By raising our profile in the area, we will attract more good members and will encourage local businesses to WANT to be a part of the chamber. By creating a fantastic group, businesses will feel like they're missing out if they're NOT a member!

I want to create a support network for local businesses; a place where Bishop's Stortford business people can meet, get to know one another and form great relationships. Local businesses should be able to have their voice heard, with us forging relationships between local businesses and the local council

Primarily though, we want to help businesses to get more business. Members can use the chamber to grow their business by making new contacts and building long lasting relationships that will continue to be fruitful in the years to come. Members of the chamber will be able to promote their business both online and offline, as we strive to build a better presence on social media and the world wide web.



Chamber Charity - St Elizabeth's Centre

The Chamber's Charity is currently St Elizabeth's Centre at Perry Green

St Elizabeth's is one of only two national centres offering a range of services to all age groups with learning difficulties. They provide holistic care, support, health and education services in a safe environment for very vulnerable people, recognising them to be unique individuals who should be valued, supported and enabled to maximise their personal potential in all areas of life. All referrals are welcome regardless of faith, culture or ethnicity.

Over the past 100 years St Elizabeth's has grown and developed to comprise:

- A non-maintained special School approved by DfES for up to 68 boarders and 12 day placements between the ages of 5-19 years.
- A special Further Education College offering 2-3 year Independence Programmes, for up to 40 young people in the 18-25 age range aspiring to more independent adult lifestyles who live in tenanted accommodation offered by local housing associations.
- Domiciliary Care for our College learners supporting a range of lifestyles in a variety of locations.
- Residential care with nursing in small group homes for 105 adults in purpose built modern buildings, plus adult respite care.
- A comprehensive Day Care Programme for residents and people in the local community.
- Social Enterprises in organic horticulture, arts and ceramics and The Cross Gallery and Jewellery Projects.
- 24 hour health cover provided by specialist nurses and therapists, supported by locally contracted GP service and London hospital consultants.

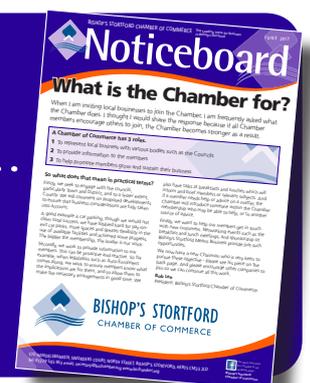
The Chamber is raising funds to buy a wheelchair bicycle by means of the raffles at Chamber events and the annual Quiz. Please help us.

Sponsor Opportunity

Would your company like to sponsor the Noticeboard?

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