

# The Lunch Times

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## Lunch 29 March 2006

Forget not that the Lunch Club meets again for its fifty-first lunch on Wednesday 29 March 2006 at The Old Bell, Pines Hill, Stansted, at 1300 hrs for 1330 hrs under the sponsorship of **Kua Consulting** but featuring:

***“The Changing Face Of Mountfitchet High School”***

Details were circulated earlier in the week

***be sure to put it in your diary and return your booking form / cheque!!***

## Lunch 25 January 2006

Fifty-six members congregated at the Old Bell in Stansted on 25 January for the Lunch Club's first meeting of 2006. Sponsored by award winning restoration and conversion specialist, City & Country Group, based in Bentfield, the occasion was the usual jolly and convivial interlude.

Peter Willsher, a Director of City & Country Group, gave an entertaining insight into the uses to which the Group put its properties during the often lengthy process of sympathetically planning, redesigning and obtaining planning consent for its conversion and refurbishment of its properties. He illustrated his talk with slides of several local properties used as film-sets for major television and film productions including the BBC's Bleak House and Casualty, as well as ITV's Foyle's War, all of which would have been familiar to those present.

At the end of the Lunch, Peter handed out copies of his book '*Live with History in your own home*', an interesting study of how to help preserve the nation's architectural heritage.

Tim Sargeant, Chief Executive of City & Country Group, comments: "Many of our properties have featured in major TV and film productions, which has enabled City & Country Group to fund the maintenance of these architecturally important buildings during the lengthy planning application process.

“As well as giving an insight into the exciting transformation of these period buildings into high profile film sets, we want to highlight our ongoing commitment to the preservation of England’s architectural heritage and the unique developments we are launching in 2006.”

Many thanks to City & Country for a particularly generous sponsorship.

**To find out more about City & Country Group, please telephone 01279 817882 or visit [www.cityandcountry.co.uk](http://www.cityandcountry.co.uk)**

### **Lunch 31 May 2006**

I am delighted to be able to announce that the **Raddison SAS Hotel**, Stansted Airport, has agreed to sponsor our May lunch and that we have been invited to take lunch at the Hotel. Many thanks to **Jo Calff** who is organising the occasion.

### **Exhausting Work**

**Ian Hudson’s Son, Mat**, is running in the London Marathon in April to raise funds for Hertfordshire Community Foundation <http://www.eastspace.net/hertscf/> - a charity that helps Hertfordshire Charities and Voluntary Groups.

If anyone is able to help him reach his target of £1,000, please visit his JustGiving website <http://www.justgiving.com/mathudson> and make a pledge.

### **Tony’s Golf Day**

Another **Tony, Bowden** this time, is running a golf day in aid of a UK registered Charity called "Homes in Zimbabwe" on 31st March 2006 at Stockley Park, off the M4 near Heathrow. Put the date in your diary; details will be circulated later. Contact Tony on (01279 657201)

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### **On the Back Burner**

Members will remember that **Jane Hill** has withdrawn from active membership to make a family. Her baby son Rhys was born on Christmas Day at 10.17 am, weighing in at 7lb 2oz. Although struggling with night times, her family is doing well.

Any news of **Jo Ridehalgh**, who is engaged in a similar exercise?

### [WEEE Directive](#)

During the course of 2006, the UK will adopt the Brussels inspired WEEE directive. The purpose of this is to stop electrical and electronic equipment going into landfill. Instead, every effort should be made to reuse items, reduce to component level, or finally to reclaim materials.

PCRC has been set up in Bishop's Stortford by **Bob Lee** of Business Kinetics, and **Gary Moore** of Genmar, to take in old, surplus or redundant IT equipment. That which is serviceable is cleaned and found a new home, perhaps in the UK or overseas. Anything else is disposed of in accordance with the WEEE requirements.

***More details on [www.pcrc.org.uk](http://www.pcrc.org.uk), or call 01279 655081.***

### [Items of News / Interest](#)

If you have any items of interest or news that you would like communicated to members, please contact the Editor:

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### [Future Lunches](#)

#### **Wednesdays**

***31 May 2006 – The Radisson SAS Hotel  
26 July 2006 – Sponsorship under discussion  
20 September 2006 – GE Sworder & Sons  
29 November 2006 – **Sponsor needed**  
31 January 2007 – **Sponsor needed*****

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