

The Lunch Times

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Lunch 26 July 2006

The fifty-fifth lunch for which invitations will be going out shortly will be held at:

**The Old Bell,
Pines Hill Stansted Mountfitchet,
at 1300 hrs for 1330 hrs on
Wednesday 26 July 2006**

I am delighted to say that **John Gearing**, Chairman of **The Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce** has agreed to talk to us with the aid of slides and **Bob Lee** of **Business Kinetics**, about the redevelopment of the Bishop's Stortford town centre and its impact on the future of the town.

Diarise the date now!!!

Lunch 31 May 2006

Lunch at the **Radisson SAS Hotel Stansted Airport**, where we were given excellent fare in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere, was another notable success. With a pleasing symmetry, our fifty-second lunch attracted 52 bookings though, in the event, 54 members turned up. Unfortunately the renowned Radisson wine angels were not flying, so 54 imaginations set to work to produce some tantalising mental pictures. Good reason for returning one evening to witness the real thing.

Many, many thanks to Radisson in the shapes of our two our charming hostesses, **Jo Callf** and **Gillian Polak** who entertained us so very well.

www.stansted.radissonsas.com

Introducing Guests and New Members

It is encouraging to observe that I received almost as many apologies as bookings for the May lunch, suggesting a continuing strong degree of support

from some 200 members on my list. It was a pleasure on 31 May to welcome a number of new faces and some old faces in different guises.

It was particularly pleasing to welcome back **Kell Ryan**, an old friend who had somehow fallen off the radar, and to meet **Glen Ryan** who came with him to grace us with her company.

David Amos of **Pitman Training** of Bishop's Stortford came to test the water.
www.pitman-training.com/bishopstortford

Dipping his toe for the first time was **Dave Bemment** of **Hills of Woodford**.
www.toyota.co.uk/hills-woodford

It was good to have our table graced with the presence of **David Harrison's** wife **Dorothy**.

Andy Leet of **Unlock the Potential** came all the way from Wisbech, which I hope he agrees was worth the effort.
www.u-t-p.co.uk

It is many years since we saw **Stephen Mussard** of the **St James's Place Partnership** and I hope that we shall see more of him in the future.
stephen.mussard@sjpp.co.uk

It was good to see another old friend **Anthony Robertson** of **PRG Shultz**.
www.prgx.com

And then there was **Linda Sams** of **Price Bailey** who was instrumental in, and to be congratulated on, the return of Kell to the fold.
www.pricebailey.co.uk

It was good to see **Gary Willis** of **Millway Stationery** one of the area's leading competitively priced supplier of most stationery lines which has recently built up an impressive array of artists' supplies to augment its range of stationery. If it doesn't have it, it will find it.
millwaystationery@btinternet.com

It was nice to welcome for the first time **Rhonda Wills**, and welcome back **Janine Moore**, both of the **Reynolds Johns Partnership**.
law@reynoldsjohns.co.uk

Bill Woodward of **Stansted Stort Valley Rotary Club** hopes to maintain an active link between Rotary and the Lunch Club.

It was great to see so many new faces who all bring fresh perspectives with them and enrich our lunches. So thanks to you all for coming. I sincerely hope that you found us stimulating, interesting and enjoyable company in which you will want to be embraced again, maybe even on 26 July!

[New Ventures](#)

Curative Commercial Limited: Sheila Ledain has set up her own new business, Curative Commercial to provide bookkeeping and financial management services to small businesses. Further details of her activities can be obtained direct from her at:

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[Tel: 0207 193 0957](tel:02071930957) **[Fax: 0207 504 3751](tel:02075043751)
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Essex Bloodstock: Barry Root of **Essex Bloodstock** (outrageously mis-spelt on the May menu!!) hopes to encourage investment in those four-legged creatures that for centuries have strived, not always successfully, to earn their owners' keep

Essex Bloodstock are Bloodstock Agents working within the horse racing and breeding industry, purchasing racehorses all over Europe, and act as manager of **Essex Racing Club**, which currently has two racehorses in training, including the TWICE WINNING "Lady Taverner". Membership of the club is £380 for the remainder of 2006 and this covers an interest in both racehorses and entitles you to a share of all prize money won. Trips to the races are arranged for members and guests, as well as visits to the stables, training gallops, studs, racing museum etc. as well as an Annual Dinner. Badges are obtained for members to attend all race meetings where the club's horses are running and lunches arranged when required.

The club will be ready for racing at the new Great Leighs racecourse, near Braintree, which is due to open for racing towards the end of 2006, and hopes to have members and guests entertainment facilities in the new grandstand once it is built. Membership makes an ideal present for someone special, so give **Barry** a call on **01371 831769** and he will give you all the information you require. **Essex Bloodstock** can also acquire individual racehorses for clients who want to splash out just that little bit extra!

essexbloodstock@btinternet.com

Simplylawns: Another old friend in a new guise, was **Andrew Blunderfield**, who, from the lofty heights of the law, has set up **Simplylawns**, his own earthy business, offering lawn treatments. A considerable departure from his previous occupation but one that he hopes the members will be more inclined to use.

simplylawns@btconnect.com

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

26 July 2006 – Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce
20 September 2006 – GE Sworder & Sons
29 November 2006 – NatWest Business Centre
31 January 2007 – ***Sponsor needed***
28 March 2007 – Sponsorship under discussion

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