

The Lunch Times

(Or Gastric Thunderer)

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July Lunch

John Gearing, Chairman of Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce, addressed some 50 members of the Stansted Lunch Club at its July lunch. With the aid of slides presented by **Bob Lee** of **Business Kinetics**, John talked about the redevelopment of the Bishop's Stortford town centre and its impact on the future of the town. It was an extremely interesting and informative talk, if somewhat alarming, from which it was evident that the character of the town will change markedly from that of a market town. It was also clear that the redevelopment would create significant traffic congestion and parking problems that would be difficult to resolve in the longer term and, apparently, had already led some businesses to relocate away from the town; light, interesting, hard-hitting and relevant. What more is required of a talk to round off a convivial lunch?

Members unable to attend the lunch may hear John give a longer presentation on the same subject at **BSBC's Exhibition on 18 October 2006 (see below)**.

In July we were delighted to welcome 15 new members and guests:

<i>Louisa Adams</i>	<i>Weston Business Centres</i>
<i>Tim Bacon</i>	<i>Hewitsons</i>
<i>Alan Brett</i>	<i>Hewitsons</i>
<i>Simon Dowell</i>	<i>Lloyds TSB</i>
<i>Terry Grace</i>	<i>Graceland Investments</i>
<i>Nick Hyde</i>	<i>City & Country Group</i>
<i>Matt Lee</i>	<i>Liz Lake Associates</i>
<i>Alison Lythgoe</i>	<i>Nockolds</i>
<i>Chris McKay</i>	<i>McTear Williams & Wood</i>
<i>Karine McLaren</i>	<i>Hewitsons</i>
<i>Jill McMahon</i>	<i>Mountfitchet High School</i>
<i>Barbara Morrison</i>	<i>Newport Free Grammar School</i>
<i>Maria-Christina Peyman</i>	<i>Nockolds</i>
<i>Joan Root</i>	<i>Essex Bloodstock</i>
<i>Sean Vessey</i>	<i>Liz Lake Associates</i>

New members and guests always bring fresh blood and new perspectives that greatly enliven our meetings; very welcome and we hope to see them all again.

Finally, we found a pair of rimless reading glasses after the Lunch; yours?

[An Invitation from Hewitsons](#)

As I mentioned at the close of the last Lunch, Hewitsons have invited members of the Lunch Club to join a breakfast seminar on Wednesday 6 September 2006 that promises to be informative and useful. I set out the text of the invitation below:

**“How to get the best deal in lease negotiations”
Wednesday 6 September, 2006
Uttlesford District Council Chamber, Saffron Walden**

I have great pleasure in inviting you to the above breakfast seminar, which will be presented by Hewitsons commercial property partners Tim Bacon and Tim Middleton.

The seminar is being held to provide an introductory guide to leases and is aimed particularly at small business tenants.

In the presentation, Tim Bacon will explain the issues involved in getting the best deal when negotiating heads of terms and strategies that can be employed. Tim Middleton will then give a brief guide on how to find and understand the key commercial points in a business lease.

Registration is from 7.45am and the presentation will start around 8am and will finish around 9am. A buffet breakfast will be served during registration.

The seminar is free of charge, ***however space is limited*** and available on a first come first served basis. If you would like to book a place please telephone:

Sandra Klein in our marketing department on 01223 461155

or

email: sandraklein@hewitsons.com

[Bishop's Stortford Business Exhibition Connections](#)

Do not forget the ***BSBC Exhibition - Bishop's Stortford Means Business:***

For the fourth time, but this time bigger and better than ever

An Exhibition of local companies, showing the services and products they can provide to companies and people in the Bishop's Stortford area

A Seminar programme of topics relevant to local citizens and businesses runs throughout the day

10.00 — 5.00 18 October
at The Rhodes Arts Complex
Bishop's Stortford

To receive more details

email: exhibition@bsbc.org.uk

Lunch 20 September 2006

The next Lunch will be held on 20 September by invitation of **Guy Schooling of GE Sworder & Sons** in the:

**Stansted Auction Rooms,
14 Cambridge Road, Stansted Mountfitchet,
at
1300 hrs for 1330 hrs**

www.sworder.co.uk

About a week earlier than usual, make sure to enter this in your diary; now!

Items of News / Interest

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

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Future Lunches

Wednesdays

20 September 2006 – GE Sworder & Sons
29 November 2006 – NatWest Business Centre
31 January 2007 – Sponsorship under discussion
28 March 2007 – The Bishop's Stortford High School
23May 2007 - **Sponsor needed**

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