

The Lunch Times

(Or Gastric Thunderer)

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Future Stansted Lunch Club Lunches and Other Dates

As we enter our 10th year, forget not to put **29 November 2006** firmly in your diaries. We shall be back at the **Old Bell**, Stansted where **Dai Grace of NatWest** will be our host and sponsor. Usual time: 1300 hrs for 1330 hrs.

I am delighted that, since the last issue, Barry Root of Essex Bloodstock, Stephen Mussard of The St. James's Place Partnership, Karine McLaren of Hewitsons and Guy Schooling of Sworders, have all agreed to sponsor lunches in 2007. The programme for the next year is now:

Wednesdays

29 November 2006 – NatWest Business Centre
24 January 2007 – Essex Bloodstock
28 March 2007 – The Bishop's Stortford High School
23 May 2007 – The St. James's Place Partnership
July 2007 – **Sponsor Needed**
September 2007 – Hewitsons
November 2007 - GE Sworder & Sons

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Other Dates

(for details see below)

Wednesday 18 October 2006 - BSBC Exhibition

Monday 20 November 2006 - BSHS13th Annual Business Links Lecture

September Lunch

The September Lunch at Sworders Auction Rooms, attended by well over 50 members, was another hugely interesting and enjoyable occasion with the now familiar backcloth of a sale preview and warm hospitality. We are extremely

grateful to Guy and his colleagues for their continuing support and generosity for the fifth time in our 9 years history. And more is to come in November 2007 when it is hoped that Sworders will have taken up residence in its new building outside the Village.

It was interesting to learn of networking successes through the Club: Sworders has already used the training facilities of The Mountfitchet Mathematics and Computing College and now there is talk of visits to Sworders by MM&CC to familiarise students with auctioneering and the joys and interest of antiques (Read more about the College below).

New Members

It was good to welcome a number of new faces to our ranks in September:

*Steve Eriksen
Julie Lenton
Rupert O'Flynn
Kirk O'Loughlin
Gail Robertson*

*Powerful Marketing Results
Richard Lenton & Associates
Sanderson Consulting
Grenville Construction
Money Books*

Exciting New Acquisition For City & Country Group

City & Country Group has announced that it has have recently acquired St Michael's Hospital in Braintree, Essex. St Michael's is a collection of fine Victorian redbrick buildings with partial Grade II listing and is the only 'Y' plan workhouse to survive in the county. City & Country are proposing to redevelop the site creating a mixed-use scheme of approximately 65 unique apartments; houses around landscaped courtyards; and 12,000 sq ft of freehold office accommodation fronting onto the main road.

For further information or to register interest please visit the website at:

www.stmichaelshospital.co.uk

GE Sworder & Sons - Evening Viewings

Sworders Fine Art Auctioneers are pleased to announce extended viewing for their regular Wednesday Victoriana & Decorative Auctions, which will now be on view on Tuesdays from 2.00—7.00pm and on the morning of the sale from 9.00am. The auctions commence at 11.00am. Further details are available at:

www.sworder.co.uk
*Email: auctions@sworder.co.uk
Tel: 01279 817778
14 Cambridge Road, Stansted, Essex, CM24 8BZ*

[The Mountfitchet Mathematics and Computing College](#)

As many will remember, the Lunch Club supported the Mountfitchet High School's bid to improve its status. This bid was successful and I asked Deputy Head, Paul Presland to tell us something about the change. He wrote as follows

Since my arrival in September 2005 as Deputy Headteacher of Mountfitchet High School (affectionately known by some as the Forest Hall Road Secondary) I have derived immense pleasure from witnessing the transformation of our educational establishment. In a very short space of time we have made tremendous strides forward. In the summer of 2006 the number of students gaining 5 or more passes at GCSE A-Cs rose to 63%; a rise of 23% on 2005! This massive increase has already attracted considerable attention and we have been invited to speak at three national conferences on raising achievements and transforming learning.*

In September 2006 we gained specialist college status from the Department of Education and Skills in Mathematics and Computing. Our new status means a change of name and we are now The Mountfitchet Mathematics and Computing College. (For those who prefer abbreviations, m2c2 might be acceptable shorthand, but any references to a secondary school will only serve to confuse!)

With our new status comes great potential but also come great challenges. We are on the verge of something very special. We have the opportunity and the capacity to provide an education that is fit for the 21st century. Our vision is for Information and Communication Technology to be the catalyst for raising standards across our whole school curriculum and within our local community.

We want to work in much closer partnerships with local businesses in a mutually beneficial way. A very good example is the excellent conversation I had with Tim Turner of Sworders at the most recent Lunch Club meeting. Stemming from my personal interest in art and design, Tim and I explored the possibilities of students from the College visiting Sworders and spending part of a day in the expert hands of Tim and his colleagues. What a fabulous enrichment activity for our students! The opportunities are endless and, who knows, they might be even become the next generation of Sworders auctioneers, operating out of the new eco friendly premises.

I would like to thank Sworders for their generosity in providing us with the excellent buffet and I look forward to keeping you updated on further developments at The Mountfitchet Mathematics and Computing College. In the meantime if any colleagues wish to discuss partnership work please do not hesitate to contact me:

ppresland@mhs.myschools.net

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

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

Bishop's Stortford High School 2006 Business Lecture

The following invitation has been issued by BSHS:

The Business Links committee at TBSHS cordially invite you to the **13th Annual Business Links Lecture** takes place on Monday November 20th at 6.30pm. I am delighted that Professor Tim Wilson – Vice-Chancellor of Hertfordshire University and Chairman of Hertfordshire Prosperity - has accepted our invitation to deliver this year's lecture.

Professor Wilson has been Vice Chancellor of the University since 2003, having served as Deputy Vice Chancellor for a decade. He has held positions at a number of UK and European universities and has published widely in both his own discipline of operational research and educational management. He presently serves on a wide range of regional and national bodies, promoting the interface between education and business.

The title of his lecture will be **"Economic Prosperity – the challenge for education and business"** It will focus on the challenges facing the region and the role that education must play in ensuring that Hertfordshire continues to thrive.

A short reception and a two-course dinner will precede the lecture.

Although we are not charging for this event, we would appreciate a contribution of £10 per person towards our catering costs. Please complete and return the form below.

I look forward to seeing you in November.

Regards

Chris Roberts

To be returned to: School Office, TBSHS, London Road, Bishop's Stortford CM23 3LU

From: _____ Organisation: _____

Email: _____

I will / will not be attending the Business Links Lecture on Monday November 20th.

A colleague will be joining me: _____

I enclose a cheque (payable to TBSHS) for £

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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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