

The Lunch Times

(Or Gastric Thunderer)
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*Where better to start than with resounding good wishes for
a
Healthy and Prosperous 2007
to
All Members and Friends of The Stansted Lunch Club*

Stansted Lunch Club Lunches in 2007

We begin the year's programme with Barry Root's Essex Bloodstock sponsoring our first lunch, an occasion that will be full of promise and excitement and is already attracting punters!! Invitations will follow hard on the heels of this Issue.

Tuesday

23 January 2007 – Essex Bloodstock

Wednesdays

28 March 2007 – The Bishop's Stortford High School
23 May 2007 – The St. James's Place Partnership
July 2007 – Daniel Robinson & Sons
September 2007 – Hewitsons
November 2007 - GE Sworder & Sons

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November Lunch – And what an occasion that was!!

The November lunch was an outstanding success for our sponsor ***Dai Grace of NatWest and his Colleagues from Lombard and The Royal Bank of Scotland***, to whom goes the Club's great gratitude. With 73 booked in for lunch, it was the best attended lunch since the Club began almost ten years ago; had those who wished to come but couldn't, also attended, the numbers would have exceeded 100.

Dai gave an interesting and entertaining address focussing on the importance of a business plan in the quest for cash to fund a business or its growth and on some of his and NatWest's more bizarre experiences in this regard. From my own experience, a business plan is an absolutely vital and critical instrument in the process of starting or growing a business. Not only does it ease the way with the providers of funding, but, rather more importantly, the discipline of preparation will reveal whether the business is viable or not and how much funding is required and when!

New Members

It was good to welcome a number of new faces in November:

<i>Jenny Appleby</i>	<i>Gearing & Co</i>	<i>Patrick Herschan</i>	<i>Pothecary Witham Weld</i>
<i>Nick Athorne</i>	<i>IPSENTA</i>	<i>Stuart Jeffrey</i>	<i>About IT</i>
<i>Gill Bastick</i>	<i>NatWest</i>	<i>Claire Jonas</i>	<i>The Bishop Stortford High School</i>
<i>Karen Broomhead</i>	<i>Bonhunt Lodge</i>	<i>Anthony Ludlow-Elston</i>	<i>Last of the Summer Wine</i>
<i>Kirsty Brown</i>	<i>Mullucks Wells</i>	<i>Nick Mayles</i>	<i>Stanley Tee</i>
<i>Kim Davison</i>	<i>Gearing & Co</i>	<i>James McClymont</i>	<i>Lombard</i>
<i>Neville Drummond</i>	<i>Stanley Tee</i>	<i>Grant Peters</i>	<i>St Clare Hospice</i>
<i>Andy Fagg</i>	<i>NatWest</i>	<i>Gill Scott</i>	<i>Express by Holiday Inn</i>
<i>David Fellowes</i>	<i>NatWest</i>	<i>Pete Smith</i>	<i>Popcorn Web Design</i>
<i>Mark Goddard</i>	<i>XSS</i>	<i>Tony Stringer</i>	<i>Academy of Learning</i>
<i>Alan Hare</i>	<i>Independent Consultant</i>	<i>James Watchorn</i>	<i>Sworder Agriculture</i>
<i>Gemma Hawkhead</i>	<i>Lombard</i>	<i>Martin Woodruff</i>	<i>Stanley Tee</i>

I hope to see most of the new members again in the future. It was particularly pleasing to see David Fellowes, an old friend who has not been with us these last many moons.

Items of News / Interest

Apart from the scandalous tittle-tattle that characterises the season, which diplomacy and good taste prevent me repeating, little news worthy of this great publication has come my way since last I applied finger to keyboard. ***So, if you have any items of interest or news that you would like communicated to members, please contact me:***

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