



Noticeboard

Watch out for sharp practice

Hertfordshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is warning businesses of some sharp practice by rogue traders.

Our team has received several reports of businesses in Hertfordshire, being offered a tool sharpening service by a company claiming to be from Sweden or Norway and apparently trading under the name of Bortec. The rogue traders cold call, agree a cheap price and take the tools away. When they return the fee has increased extortionately to around £2,000.

If payment is refused, Bortec either threaten to keep the tools or disrupt the business head office with repeated phone calls or visits. Threats have even been made towards staff and their family members.

Richard Thake, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, said: "This is a despicable practice which is attempting to con companies out of

their hard-earned cash. We advise businesses to please be careful when accepting this type of business on the doorstep. If in doubt, decline the offer and don't give them access to your property."

For business advice contact our **Trading Standards Team** on **01707 281401** from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday or email **tradingstandards@hertfordshire.gov.uk**

Hertfordshire County Council

Chamber AGM, we want to hear what you have to say...

The Annual General Meeting of Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce is being held on 14 March at WaterLane Bar & Restaurant, commencing at 6pm.

The formal business to be transacted is:

- 1 Minutes of the 96th AGM - 26th March 2015
- 2 Chairman's Report
- 3 Receive the Treasurer's Report
- 4 Budget Proposals
- 5 Election of Officers

6 Election of Committee

7 Election of Auditors

Nominations are sought for the positions of President, Chairman, Treasurer and Committee members.

All members of the Chamber are urged to attend.



Tina Dulieu wins International Coaching Award

Chamber member Tina Dulieu, Coaching Dynamics, shared some good news. She told us, "Each and every day in my work, it is my mission to help my Business Owner clients and their Management Teams grow, develop and be more successful in their business or role. Rarely is the spotlight turned on me but recently it was and I am proud to share some very good personal news with you!"

On 5th December, 2015, at a glittering black-tie ceremony she was presented with a beautiful glass trophy and a certificate for winning The International Coaching Awards 2015 for Small Business Coach of the Year

The award was run and presented by The Coaching Academy, the largest Coach Training provider in Europe, and was independently judged by external coaching bodies such as the International ACSTH, Association for Coaching, Institute of Leadership & Management and others. The Coaching Academy has students in over 60 countries around the globe and competition was very high.

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KMD wins New Model Adviser of the Year 2016 Award



KMD Private Wealth Management is celebrating winning the prestigious New Model Adviser of the Year 2016 Award beating numerous other wealth management firms.

Having been Finalists for this award in 2010 and 2012 it was third time lucky for 2016. Partner Kevin Deamer was presented with the award by TV panel show regular Hugh Dennis in front of 500 attendees at the NMA national conference at The Park Plaza Westminster hotel in London.

The awards are organised by Citywire magazine, which provides news, information and insight for professional advisers and investors around the world. Actuaries, AKG were involved in the assessment process.

Kevin said, "This is another great win for the team and this award recognises the excellent work our team of 10 do, in looking after the financial planning and investment management needs of our 100 clients."

Bishop's Stortford Means Business

A date for your diary

Bishop's Stortford Means Business will take place on 19 October. Full details and to book, please visit

www.bsmb.co.uk



10% off at WaterLane Restaurant

WaterLane are offering Chamber members a discount of 10% when they dine in the restaurant. Please ask Daliah for a discount card.

Have you got an offer for Chamber Members?

New Members

SystemSense Technology Ltd - Philippa Barlow

Absolutely anything you need to do with computer technology, we can do it. As well as supplying and/or supporting desktops servers and all other devices on your network, we can develop bespoke App or web based database driven systems from scratch, and integrate them with your existing software systems too. All in house from a team of very experienced IT professionals, we are truly a one stop shop for all of your IT needs, leaving you to get on with running your business."

Fisita UK Ltd - Tim Allsopp

FISITA is the international membership organisation for the automotive engineering community, with a reach and influence to over 200,000 engineers around the world.

Savills - Justin Godfrey

Savills in Bishop's Stortford deal with the sale of aspirational homes, large and small, across Hertfordshire and Essex. We have a global network with 37 offices in London and over 600 offices and associates worldwide.



BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE networking breakfast

SUPPORTING



Great Hadham Golf & Country Club
Great Hadham Road, Much Hadham

Tuesday 1st March 2016

8am for 8.30am

Dean Aitchison
KMD Investment Manager

"Update on global markets"

£15 prebooked • £17.50 on the day

(Bookings cancelled after 23rd February 2016 will be charged)

Chamber Golf Day

The Chamber's Annual Golf Day has quickly become a firm fixture in the local calendar, raising funds for the Chamber's chosen Charity of the year. The date for this year's event is Friday 24th June. More details to follow.

Forthcoming Events

- 1st Mar. Breakfast at Great Hadham Golf Club
Dean Aitchison, Investment manager at KMD speaking.

- 14th Mar. AGM Monday at the WaterLane Bar and Restaurant. 6 for 6.30

- 5th Apr. Breakfast at WaterLane Bar and Restaurant Wendy Emberson, Stort Physio.

- 22nd Apr. Next Quarterly Lunch Date at WaterLane Restaurant, Speaker Councillor Gary Jones & Paul Pullin

- 24th Jun. Chamber Golf Day

View from the Chair



So a new year is upon us, and it appears that we may be stepping back in time. The economy, which was in the rudest health only 6 months ago, may not be quite as healthy as we were led to believe. Not necessarily due to any inherent issues with the British economy but due to uncertainty on a global scale caused by a slowdown in growth in China and low oil prices. The question will be is did we learn the lessons of 7 or 8 years ago or not. Well only time will see.

The other uncertainty of course is the upcoming UK referendum on Britain's membership of the EU.

Without offering any political slant at all, the key thing here is getting clarity as soon as possible, to enable businesses to move forward with whatever the decision will be. I believe that there is talk of the referendum happening in June which achieves this, and that is to be applauded.

This will be a rather shorter piece than normal and I just want to end by announcing that I will be standing down as Chairman at the upcoming AGM. This is a much shorter term than I would have wished to have served, but due to a change in personal circumstances, I no longer have the time to devote to the Chamber that the role deserves. Although to be ratified by the AGM, Steve Cooper of Handelsbanken, who I know many

of you know well has agreed to take over as Chairman for the next 12 months, and I wish Steve all the best in the role.

As I have said many times, the Chamber needs to look closely at itself and look at the offerings it can make to you, its members. This is a great opportunity to air your views and mould the chamber so it meets your needs. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming AGM, which provides the opportunity to air your views and question myself and the committee.

I wish you all the best in 2016 and success in your business over the coming year and beyond.

**Lee Freeman, Chairman,
Bishop's Stortford
Chamber of Commerce**

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Noticeboard is printed 6 times a year and distributed to all Chamber members, business contacts, libraries and points of information.

Sponsors get an advertisement as a part of the package, which costs only £100.

Please contact Daliah, Chamber Secretary on: **01279 505 953**



Chamber Business Lunch with...

East Herts Councillor Gary Jones & Paul Pullin Economic Development Manager

**“A business friendly council?
East Herts economic development strategy, with a focus on Stortford”**

Friday 22nd April

**WaterLane Restaurant 12.30 for 1pm.
Price £25**

Places are strictly limited, to book yours, please email Chamber Secretary, Daliah at secretary@bschamber.org

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