

Noticeboard

Business Stortford Your opportunity to be involved

The Chamber has launched an initiative to attract new businesses to the area, and so help local prosperity. Target companies may come from the UK, from Europe and wanting a UK base, or further afield and establishing a European headquarters.

Fuller details can be seen at: www.businessstortford.co.uk

As a part of the package to attract these companies, we are looking for companies that are prepared to offer preferential rates for services, which could be as diverse as accountancy or fitting out offices, provided by Chamber members.

If you would like to be included in this programme, please send details of your special offer to the Chamber Secretary, secretary@bschamber.org. It will be listed on the web site, together with a link to your website.



Chamber Charity of the Year: St Clare's Hospice

Help the Chamber raise £6600

St Clare Hospice, The Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce's chosen charity for the year 2014/2015 are working together to raise funds for a much needed piece of equipment, an Arjo Huntleigh Maxi Move Hoist.

St Clare Hospice cares for people who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness that is no longer responding to curative treatments.

Supporting families through a most critical time of their life will always be St Clare's focus and the Hospice's specialist palliative care services aim to meet the physical, psychological, social, spiritual and emotional needs of the people being cared for, ensuring respect, and dignity remain a priority.

In order to maintain these qualities, the maxi move hoist helps the carers transfer the patient in a less intrusive manner and also provides an efficient working environment to the carer.

These lifts cost £6600: as a group, this target, although mammoth, with your continued support and involvement in the Chamber events we feel this is achievable.





Windows XP No Longer Supported By Microsoft

Firstly do not panic - if your laptop or PC is running Windows XP it is not going to explode or melt into a puddle overnight just because Microsoft has stopped support.

In reality what this means is that there will no longer be any updates provided by Microsoft for this product. So the little messages that have appeared in the bottom right hand corner of your PC for the last x years will no longer bother you.

Home Users

What does this mean - many of the updates that were released were security patches designed to plug vulnerabilities. So potentially your system is now more likely to be susceptible to targeted attacks. However for the majority of home users if you have proper security software installed that is updated and scans your system regularly there should be little chance of any issues. What may cause more of a problem is some other software installed on your system may not work correctly and new software may not be able to install at all.

Here is a link (safe) that explains in more detail.

www.expertreviews.co.uk/software/1304965/when-windows-xp-support-ends-this-is-how-you-secure-your-pc-and-save-all-updates

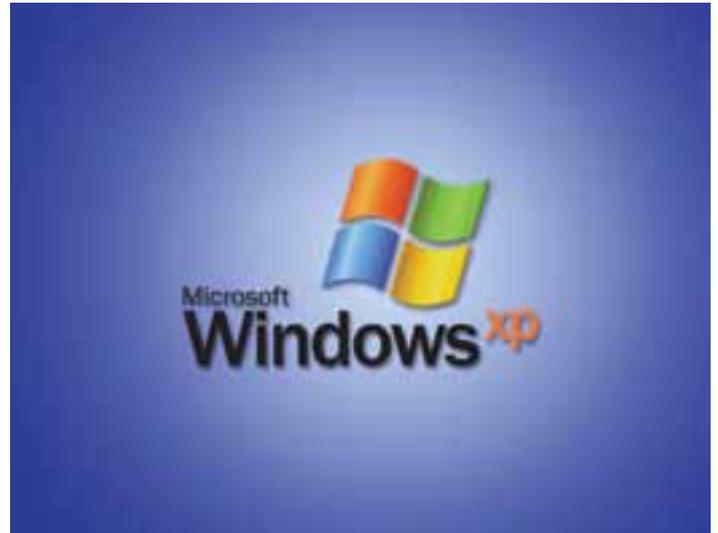
NOTE:

PLEASE SEEK ADVICE IF YOU UNSURE OF HOW TO USE ANY OF THE SOFTWARE MENTIONED IN THIS ARTICLE.

To conclude - we do recommend you consider replacing your system in the near future as XP is now a very old operating system but you do not have rush out and buy one today.

Business users

Unfortunately if you are using XP in a business environment, especially if the systems are networked, we really do recommend you seriously consider replacing your XP systems in the very near future. Already you are unable to run the latest version of popular software titles for example Internet Explorer, version 8 is the last one optimised for XP whereas Windows 7 & 8 can run version 11. This is the same for MS Office and many other titles. Not being able to run the latest versions of popular software applications can not only reduce



your ability to work effectively but more importantly older software is more likely to be the subject of targeted attacks.

Your Options

Upgrade - In some cases your system may be able to be upgraded to a later operating system like Windows 7, however the cost of the software and the labour involved tend to make this economically unviable.

Buy New - this is the option most people take. Two issues here, firstly the cost new PC's start around £300 for a basic base unit or £350 for a basic standard laptop. Secondly the vast majority of new laptops available from the large sellers are running Windows 8, this has not been well received by users as it is very unfriendly and requires a steep learning curve to get to grips with. We are still able to supply new Windows 7 systems although they do attract a small premium due to demand.

Buy Refurbished - Many people are unaware of the option but refurbished systems are gaining in popularity. Firstly because of value, obviously being reconditioned they are much cheaper than new, secondly because they are green, no raw materials used, no manufacturing. Thirdly many of these systems have been taken from large organisations who invest in good quality and high spec systems, so you can find many systems of a higher spec and better build quality at much better price than new.

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BISHOP'S STORTFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
networking breakfast

Supporting



Please join us at:

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

Tuesday 1st July 2014

8.00am for 8.30am

Speaker:

Yvette Chivers

of Hertfordshire IOD

“An introduction to the IOD & its history”

£15 prebooked • £17.50 on the day

(Bookings cancelled after 24th June 2014 will be charged)

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Welcome New Members

LONGMORES SOLICITORS: Richard Horwood

Forthcoming Events

3rd June:

Networking Breakfast

Nick Mayhew of Price Bailey

27th June:

Annual Charity Golf Day

1st July:

Networking Breakfast

Yvette Chivers of the Institute of Directors Hertfordshire

2nd October:

London Stansted Meet the Buyers

22nd October:

Bishop's Stortford Means Business

Sponsor Opportunity

Would your company like to sponsor the Noticeboard?

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:
 Carole, Chamber Secretary on

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Old River Site Development: April Breakfast Report

On the 8th April 2014, Cameron Fraser of Henderson Global Investors presented to members of the Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce at the monthly breakfast meeting at the Great Hadham Golf Club.

Cameron provided an insight into the initial principles of the proposed high quality retail led, mixed user development of the Old River site in Bishop's Stortford. Taking into account the EHDC reported retail needs, residential and leisure demands but being attentive of the historic aspects and the environmental agenda.

He provided the members with 11 main points for consideration emphasising that the discussion and plans are still in the proposal stages.

1. £105 million private investment in the heart of the town centre providing:
 - A new department store
 - An extended Waitrose store
 - 34 other new shops (11 independent), including men's and children's clothes shops and more aspirational ladies fashion which are currently under represented in the town;
 - 670 parking spaces
 - A luxury boutique style multi-screen fully digital cinema with at seat service and community use
 - New restaurants
 - Up to 100 room hotel
2. Experian forecast that the scheme will bring at least an additional £50m per annum of retail expenditure into the town centre with all existing retail areas substantially benefitting, arresting and reversing the existing continual decline of retail spending to the town and providing space in accordance with EHDC's requirements resulting from their retail needs assessment.
3. On site public car parking spaces will be doubled as a result of the proposal and contained within a state of the art bright, airy, secure car park with covered direct access to Waitrose, cinema and hotel.
4. The proposals will create between 748 and 881 new permanent job opportunities and approximately 75 full time equivalent jobs during the construction phase.
(Source: Drivers Jonas Deloitte Employment Densities Guide, 2010)
5. The site was identified as the preferred location for new retail floorspace within the EHDC independent "Retail and Town Centres Study" (August 2008) and is in a superior location to all other development sites under central government planning policy guidance sequential test criteria.
6. The proposals integrate into the scale and form of the existing town centre to create an urban environment with 2 new public spaces for markets, entertainment, community use and seating to rectify a perceived lack of public urban spaces within the town centre. This includes the replacement of all trees (where displaced) within the site and elsewhere in the town centre core and the expansion of the "Stort style" into the new area utilising existing architectural style, form and natural materials that is seen within the town historic core.
7. The development team commissioned independent surveys of the main town public car park usage, the seven key road junctions around the town and utilised a state of the art traffic simulation model to propose a design to accommodate the additional parking and usage without any adverse effects on the road system.
8. The proposals would be phased allowing a significant amount of parking to remain on site during construction, with additional measures to ensure town centre public parking does not fall below its current levels at any time.
9. The construction and logistics have been researched to ensure that there is no impact on the existing road infrastructure as a result of the development in order to ensure businesses are not affected.
10. The development proposes a significant contribution to improving the vehicle management systems, public transport and provisions for cyclists.
11. The development proposes to relieve the site and the town centre from future flood risk by the re landscaping of part of the meads, removing the spent ordnance and refuse material that currently sits on the site to create a publicly accessible and usable natural environment.

