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Young Entrepreneurs are up and running again Business Advisors required in our area

Hertfordshire's would-be young entrepreneurs are hoping to make their mark over the next 12 months.

Seventeen teams across East Hertfordshire are taking part in the Young Enterprise Company Programme this year, experiencing all the trials and tribulations of running a business.

Students will be busy, allocating roles, selling shares, designing products, opening bank accounts and marketing and selling their wares at trade fairs across the County - Ware Dickensian evening on 4th December, trade fair in Hitchin on 5th December and in Bishop's Stortford in the new year.

These students will be problem solving, team working, designing and creating brand new products, selling them and making a profit.



They will develop their products and have further sales opportunities and will be invited to compete for national and European business awards, we will bring you news of their success throughout the year.

Each team needs a volunteer Business Advisor to mentor them along the way, and I am looking for Advisors for schools in the area.

If you would be interested in supporting our young entrepreneurs or would like to find out how you could get involved in these schemes

please contact:

Jo.meek@y-e.org.uk
Young Enterprise Manager
East Hertfordshire
Telephone: **07770 017 128**



BISHOP'S STORTFORD  CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Charity Quiz Night

at the

Bishop's Stortford Rugby Club

In aid of



Wednesday 28th October 2015

Arrive 6.30pm, start 7.00pm

Teams of 6-8 at £10.00 per person.

Includes a fish & chip supper, the bar will be open.

Raffle prizes on offer in **support of St Clare Hospice**
Winning business receives the Richard Price Cup.

Contact: **Mark Stigwood 07860 270 066**
for more details or **Carole** to book by email
secretary@bschamber.org

Moving Office

The Chamber office is on the move!

Following the announcement that Next Step will be closing their office at Charrington House, The Chamber is required to find a new home. Negotiations are underway and we hope to make an announcement in the near future. In the meantime, please contact us by email.

Forthcoming Events

- 6th Oct. Networking Breakfast at Water Lane Restaurant, Steve Boniface of Whitworth Co-Partnership

- 15th Oct. Meet the Buyers - Stansted Airport

- 21st Oct. Bishop's Stortford Means Business - Rhodes

- 28th Oct. Quiz at Rugby Club with Paul Winspear

- 3rd Nov. Breakfast - Great Hadham Golf Club

- 11th Dec. *Chamber Business Lunch with...*
Mark Prisk MP for Hertford and Stortford at Water Lane Bar & Restaurant

LONDON STANSTED MEET THE BUYERS 2015

Thursday 15th October 2015, 9am - 5pm
Inflite Hangar, Stansted Airport

The 2015 London Stansted Meet the Buyers event will give businesses the opportunity to meet buyers from over 40 major companies and organisations from across the region.

All attending buyers have requirements for specific products and services and are seeking new suppliers.

Over £2 million of contracts were placed as a result of the 2014 event.

There will also be an opportunity to network with over 250 businesses from the area and to hear from a number of speakers.

2014 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
£2 million worth of business won

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Over 1000 meetings held



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BISHOP'S STORTFORD  CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

networking breakfast

SUPPORTING



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

Tuesday 3rd November 2015

8am for 8.30am

Joe Gomez
of Tinderbox

**“Step Change Growth:
Beyond Incrementalism”**

£15 prebooked • £17.50 on the day

(Bookings cancelled after 30th October 2015 will be charged)

Bishop's Stortford Chamber of Commerce Committee 2015-2016

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Bishop's Stortford Means Business

Wednesday 21st October 2015 Rhodes, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3JG

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View from the Chair

Summer holiday over and now only 87 days until Christmas or so. The Christmas Clock website told me this morning while writing this article. I hope most of you managed to get away for a short period of time over the summer, it is always important to keep batteries refreshed. In the world of connectivity that we exist in today that is more important than ever. How many of us sit down in the evening and reach for our phones to just answer a few emails. It is even worse on return from holiday, first day back in the office and you know the level of unread mail in the inbox will be at a level that you reckon it will take at least 2 or 3 days to clear. Certainly takes a gloss of the last couple of days of the holiday.

A friend of mine has the solution to this, now bear in mind he gets on average 400 to 500 emails a day. due to his job. He sets his out of office for the time of his holiday and when he gets back he deletes his entire inbox for the period he was away. I would be terrified to do that. His view is that people know he is away, know when he is back and will contact him again on his return. I am not sure I would ever go that far but you do need a strategy for dealing with

electronic correspondence, if not it will overwhelm you.

These are certainly exciting times for Bishop's Stortford and the local economy. At our inaugural quarterly business lunch held at Manor Of Groves on 11 September, Karen Smart, Customer Service Director at Stansted Airport, gave a very informative presentation of what the Airport will look like in the future and some of the challenges that the Airport face.

Given the Davis Commission recommendation of another runway at Heathrow, where does that leave Stansted. Well after seeing Karen's presentation in quite rude health actually. One of the most telling statistics from the talk for me was the times that the Airport has huge capacity available for additional flights. Despite people's fears, a lot of this spare capacity is not during the night but actually during the day, once the morning peak has passed. Compare this to Heathrow and Gatwick which have virtually zero spare capacity, Stansted is well placed to take advantage of the increased demand for air travel.

A busy Stansted has also to be good for the local economy, and Bishop's

Stortford is in prime position to take advantage of the potential for expansion at the Airport, both in terms of the employment opportunities but also as a supplier to the Airport. As Chairman I am keen to establish strong links with the area's largest employer and keep your eyes peeled for future events held in conjunction with the Airport.

The next lunch in this series is 11 December 2015, which will also serve as our Christmas event. The venue is Water Lane restaurant and we have Mark Prisk MP speaking, so an event not to be missed.

I hope you have a good last quarter of the year and I hope to see many of you in and round Stortford over the coming months and please let me have your views on anything you feel the Chamber can help you with, my ears and email address is always open.



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

Chamber Business Lunch with...

Mark Prisk

Member of Parliament for Hertford and Stortford

This is a new series of lunches organised by the Chamber to keep local business people briefed by those who know.

11 December

Water Lane Restaurant

12.30 for 1pm. Price £25

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