

## Spalding and District Chamber – Update



### South Holland Business Awards

This will take place in the evening at Springfield Events & Conference Centre on Thursday 24 November and is a sell-out this year. A big thank you to the local businesses that sponsored the Awards.

- Main Sponsor – PSP IT
- Drinks Reception Sponsor – Moore Thompson
- Business Innovation of the Year Award - Duncan & Toplis
- Supporting the Community - Definitions Health & Fitness
- Customer Care Award - Ringrose Law
- New/Small Business of the Year Award - Charmed Interiors & Bookmark
- Apprentice of the Year – University Campus Holbeach
- Business Person of the Year Award – South Holland District Council
- Business of the Year Award - Butters Group

Entries to the Awards have doubled this year, giving the judges a real challenge of how to short list quality submissions and it was even harder to select the winners, but what a great compliment this is to businesses in our area.

We are looking forward to a great evening, where we will have the opportunity to celebrate successes.

### Social Events

Christmas Quiz & Pizza - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the Punchbowl, organised by the Punchbowl and Tulip Radio. Teams of 4 – 6 people, £5 each and includes pizza – Great value. All businesses welcome, please enter a team by contacting; Jan Whitbourn, e-mail: [admin@tulip-radio.co.uk](mailto:admin@tulip-radio.co.uk)

Chamber Bowling Night - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at Alley Catz. 2 games of bowling with shoe hire, champagne, xmas crackers, a host and a buffet meal for 9.50 per person. Again this is open to businesses to enter a team of 4, starts 6:30pm for £7.00pm. This is a fun evening and allows businesses to network informally.

To book your team, please contact: David Norton, e-mail: [david@springfields.net](mailto:david@springfields.net)

### Agri-Food Forum

Our first South Lincolnshire Agri-Food Forum took place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the

very impressive Boardroom at PSP IT.

We received and discussed presentations from:

Lee Junpier, Freshlinc on facial recognition software being trialled,

Mark Tinsley, LEP on the possibility of improvements to the A17,

Mark Swainson, National Centre for Food Manufacturing with an insight into the food sector challenges around automation & robotics.

Sharon Green, National Centre for Food Manufacturing on the radical changes to funding and educational offers within the next year.

Trevor Hyde, Produce Industry Fair who provided details of the Fair which will take place on the 13th and 14th September 2017 at the Peterborough Arena. This will be a one stop Produce Industry Fair.

As you can see it was a busy agenda, but all were key issues which face our Agri-Food Industry.

The next meeting is planned at Boston College in Boston on the 10th January 2017 and the invites and details of the agenda will be sent out in early December.