

President's Notes – September 2015

During the next two months we are involved in two prime business events.

Transport Conference

This is taking place on Friday, 16th October at the Springfield's Event Centre in Spalding from 10am to 4pm. The event is organised by The Spalding and Peterborough Transport Forum and the Spalding and District Chamber of Commerce.

The conference will be opened by her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Lincolnshire Mr Toby Dennis; followed by a full day of activity finishing at 4pm. This year's theme is "Connecting South Lincolnshire" with guest speakers from rail, freight and bus operators. We have got a first class team of speakers and I would encourage anyone interested in any form of transport to attend this conference. We are trying to understand our transport challenges and by bringing everyone together under one roof it is a rare opportunity for delegates to speak out and be listened to.

Speakers for the event include:

Nigel Jenner, Chief Executive - Fresh Produce Consortium.

Guy Dangerfield, Director: Transport Focus.

Ashley Holland & Lee Juniper, Directors: FreshLinc.

Neil Micklethwaite, Commercial Director: East Midland Trains.

Ed Dunn, NetworkRail - Network Strategy & Planning.

Malcolm Wheatley, Operations Director: Brylaine.

Richard Wills, Executive Director: Lincolnshire County Council

Delegates will have the opportunity to network with colleagues, sharing and learning from each other's experience. To book your place at £15, which includes lunch, please **contact Emily Foreman at the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce on: 01522 523333 or e-mail: emily.foreman@lincs-chamber.co.uk**

South Holland Business Awards

This years event will take place on the evening of Thursday 19th November at the Springfield's Event Centre, Spalding.

Last November two hundred of South Holland's key business leaders gathered at the Springfields Event Centre to celebrate the best in innovation, hard work, entrepreneurial spirit and customer care within South Holland and this year we again expect a full house.

Entries are now open for the awards, please contact Alison Macfall for the category criteria and the application procedure at: alison.mackfall@lincs-chamber.co.uk
Details are also on the home page of our website: www.spaldingareachamber.co.uk

The Award categories are the same as last year:

- Business of the Year – sponsored by the Butters Group
- Small Business of the Year – sponsored by Chattertons Solicitors
- Supporting the Community – sponsored by Definitions Health & Fitness
- Business Innovation of the Year – sponsored by Duncan & Toplis

- Apprentice of the Year – sponsored by Holbeach Academy
- Customer Care – sponsored by Ringrose Law
- Business Person of the Year – sponsored by South Holland District Council

This year we are delighted to have a drinks reception which is sponsored by Candour Associates and to have the programmes sponsored by Newton Press. We are extremely grateful to last years Business of the Year winners PSP IT, who are our Headline sponsor.

Please watch out for announcements on the categories and how to enter, these will be in the Spalding Guardian.