

NEWSLETTER – October 2007

Welcome to the Business Forum's regular Newsletter, covering our successful October 2007 meeting, and including all usual areas of interest to members.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th November 2007 at the Neston Civic Hall, Hinderton Road, Neston, CH64 9PQ, starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual bar & buffet.

Speakers

Caroline Hopkins (Career Works)

“Creating a solutions-focussed approach to work effectiveness”

AND

Peter Rossiter (Neston Town Centre Manager)

“Opportunities for businesses in Neston”

Members Meeting 11th October 2007

At our meeting, **Jackie Ditchburn of Tech8**, gave excellent tips to members on the best ways to keep the administration within your business under control. Jackie kept members interested with highly relevant information and observations. (Jackie's details can be located on the website, as can a summary of the services offered by her company, displayed on the Home Page.)

Due to a late cancellation by our other scheduled speaker, 5 members volunteered on the night to each give a 5-minute presentation about their businesses. Many thanks to **Simon Martin (SM Associates)**, **Margaret Cronin (DAC Childcare Training)**, **Leonard Keenan (EPNBC)**, **Mark Ireland-Jones (Wirral Photo & Websites)** and **Dave Winstanley (Laser Tech, Wirral.)**

We also conducted our usual raffle, with deserving winners!! **We now award a new monthly prize, which will be available until further notice. One lucky raffle winner will be able to post a feature article or advert on the website for the whole of the following month.** Another excellent reason to be a Forum member. Please visit the website at www.cepnforum.co.uk

As you can see there is always a full programme for our meeting. If you would like to feature in any meeting, you can always agree to speak at one of our Members' Showcase slots. Alternatively, if there is a topic you would like to have covered at a meeting, please let us know. Contact Les George at chair@cepnforum.org.uk

Strategic Partnership Update

Nothing to report this month. Look out for a report on the latest October meeting in later Newsletters.

Website News

As you all know, the Forum operates a website where your membership and business will be advertised? **We can also set up a link to your own website. For more details, contact Mark Ireland-Jones.**

The Forum website continues to receive hundreds of visits each month. In order to ensure that you receive this Newsletter by email (which is now our preferred method of delivery), please visit the Member List page of the website and let us know of any changes to your contact details. Many thanks.

NB. THERE ARE APPROX 6 MEMBERS' EMAIL ADDRESSES WHICH ARE INACCURATE, AS WE GET THE EMAILS SENT 'BOUNCING BACK'. Important that you do check that your details are accurate, and/or advise if you change them.

Any special offers your Company may be able to pass on to members can be posted on the website. Contact Mark, below, to arrange this.

NOTE: We need to update mobile phone and email address details. Please check yours as listed on the site as soon as possible, and advise Mark of the numbers, or of any changes to the numbers listed since you joined the Forum. Thank you.

Let us know by emailing Mark Ireland-Jones at mark@wirralphoto.com

Members

With new members joining us on a regular basis, and with old friends deciding to move on to new opportunities, our member numbers have increased slightly this month to 61.

Don't forget to ensure that you pay your £60 subscriptions on time, or your company and contact details may be taken off the website. Please get in touch with Andrew Bagnall

The Committee is actively promoting the Forum on behalf of the membership, but if you know of any Start-up Businesses or existing SMEs you think will benefit from membership, please don't hesitate to tell them about us, or bring them along to our next meeting!

Member News

*****CALLING ALL FORUM MEMBERS*****

Would you like the chance to join our Members Showcase for 2008? We need presentations of between 5 -10 minutes. You can let all members know all about you and your business, including interesting facts or offers for other members.

Please contact Les George on 01244 512117, or at lesley.george@chester.ac.uk or at chair@cepnforum.org.uk

In addition, you can also have 200 words about your business published here on our Newsletter. If you have any special offers or events you are planning in the near future, you could publicise them here too.

Please send your 200 words to keith@ehrservices.fsnet.co.uk

Attendance at our monthly meetings

All Members are also now sent an electronic reminder about the meetings approximately one week beforehand. If possible, we would like members to confirm their attendance, or to indicate that they are unable to attend, so that we can cater for correct numbers.

You can help us by emailing the Forum Chair, **Lesley George**, at chair@cepnforum.org.uk. Thank you.

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don't forget our next meeting on **8th November**. All current members and guests welcome – come and meet the Committee and fellow members, and take part in important networking for your business.