

## NEWSLETTER – January 2008

Welcome to the Business Forum's regular Newsletter, covering our first meeting of 2008, and including all usual areas of interest to members.

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at the County Offices Sports Club, Plas Newton Lane, Upton, Chester, starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual bar & buffet.

The Meeting is a 'MEMBERS ONLY EVENING' which will include 5-Minute Presentations from our Members: the theme being 'Who are Our Members & What do they do?'

### The Programme

Jan Rowley from Chester City Council, who will speak on the Local Government Review and Restructure, and how it will affect YOU!!

Followed by:

1. LISA NUTTALL – THE ALOE LADY – A PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION INCLUDING A TASTING & SAMPLING
2. MARK SAUNDERS from INKSYNC – 'PAPER & PEN JUST GOT BETTER!'
3. ZENA BARRICK from KIDSGUIDE ON 'HOW TO GET FREE ADVERTISING TO OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION LOCAL HOUSEHOLDS'
4. DON CRONIN from DAC BUSINESS CRIME RISK MANAGEMENT – 'WORKING TO HELP YOU IDENTIFY & CONTROL THE RISK'
5. SIMON MARTIN from POWER SOLUTIONS - 'HOW TO BENEFIT BY USING A BROKER FOR ENERGY PROCUREMENT'
6. MARGARET CRONIN from DAC CHILDCARE TRAINING – 'Btec @ HOME – QUALIFICATIONS TO FIT YOUR NEEDS'

As you can see there is a full programme for this meeting. If you are not on this list, you can always agree to speak later in the year, as we have some available Members' Showcase slots available. Contact Les George at [chair@cepnforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@cepnforum.org.uk)

## Members Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008

Following our usual 15-seconds of fame slot, **Amanda Cutbill** spoke about her experience as a Medical Herbalist, and how you can plan for health and well-being.

Unfortunately our second, planned speaker was unable to attend and at very short notice **Dave Edwards of Harlequin** leapt to his feet and shared his experiences of getting the best from current customers. Many thanks, Dave.

We also conducted our usual raffle, with deserving winners!! See website for details. Another excellent reason to be a Forum member.

## Strategic Partnership Update

No meeting to report on this month. Look for a report on the latest Strategic Partnership meeting in our next Newsletter.

## Website News

Did you know that the Forum operates a website where your membership and business will be advertised? We can also set up a link to your own website.

Read this Newsletter on the Forum's website, where we had an incredible 1400+ visits in the month of January; a figure growing month on month.

Why not log on, visit the site and find details of our strong membership by reading about your fellow members? Is your entry up to date? Do we need to change any member details? Let us know by emailing Mark Ireland-Jones at [mark@wirralphoto.com](mailto:mark@wirralphoto.com)

## Members

Our member numbers remain at a steady 63 following on from last month's meetings.

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

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](mailto:keith@ehrservices.fsnet.co.uk)

## Attendance at our monthly meetings

All members receive a copy of this Newsletter now by email. Members are also now sent a reminder email 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](mailto:chair@cepnforum.org.uk). Thank you.

..... and finally,

don't forget our next meeting on **14<sup>th</sup> February**. **All current members (including loved-ones?) welcome – come and meet the Committee and fellow members.**