

Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston Business Forum invites you to:

THE NETWORKING EVENT OF THE YEAR!

£5 **Admission Fee** to be donated to our Charity for this year,
Cheshire CrimeStoppers

Ellesmere Port Civic Hall, Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

THURSDAY 22nd MAY, 2008

Timetable

6.00 – 6.55pm: Networking and buffet

7.00pm: Announcements and Welcome

7.10pm Speakers:

**DAWN GIBBINS MBE & MARIE-CLAIRE CARLYLE from THE
FENG SHUI SOCIETY:
'FENG SHUI' "THE SECRET INGREDIENT TO BUSINESS
SUCCESS!"**

Dawn is Chairman of Flowcrete, a UK Manufacturer who has seen turnover double from £40M to £80M in 3 years using Feng Shui principles, Marie-Claire is our local accredited Business Consultant & Life Coach.

www.fengshuisociety.org.uk

8.15pm: Networking Opportunities

8.30pm: Raffle

8.45pm: Further opportunity for General Networking

8:45 – 9.30pm: Close

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM at:
www.cepnforum.org.uk/book_form.asp**

NEWSLETTER – April 2008

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

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th May 2008 at the County Offices Sports Club, Plas Newton Lane, Upton, Chester, starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual bar & buffet.

"What can Chester City Council & Ellesmere Port Borough Council do for your Business."

An Officer from **Ellesmere Port BC** and one from **Chester City Council** will tell us about the Benefits of Council Funding

and

Usual Bar & Buffet plus raffle for exciting prizes

Guests Welcome

Members Meeting 10th April 2008

The speaker for the first part of the evening was **Colin Brown of Crimestoppers**. Colin explained the activities of **Crimestoppers** in our area, and discussed with our membership the ways in which **Crimestoppers** can help reduce crime in the area.

Colin's presentation was followed by the Forum's **Annual General Meeting**, at which the following officers were duly elected to the committee for 2008/9.

Name	Position
Lesley George	Chair
Andrew Bagnall	Membership Secretary
James Dick	Treasurer
John Trimble	Secretary
Colin Brown	Committee
Mark Ireland- Jones	Press & Publicity
Brenda Parry	Committee
Heather Pugh	Vice-Chair
Keith Ward	Committee
Amanda Daniels	Committee
Jackie Ditchburn	Committee
Christina Beamish	Committee

We also conducted our usual raffle, with deserving winners!! Followed by our **NEW!!!! PRIZE DRAW FOR MEMBERS ONLY!!!**

Our draw for £250 for goods or services to be purchased from a Member Company was held at the end of the evening.

Our first winner was Jon Wooton of Cheshire Health & Safety. Congratulations, Jon.

****All paid-up members who have been in membership for more than 3 months (i.e. joined before 1st January 2008) were entered into the draw.****

Another excellent reason to be a Forum member.

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

A meeting of the Partnership took place recently. Look out for a report 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 amazing 2218 visits in only 4 weeks in April. You've got to be in it to win anything from it!!

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?

NOTE: We need to continue to update members' details. Please check yours as listed on the site, and advise Mark of any changes to the details 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 risen at a healthy 65 this month.

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 receive a copy of this Newsletter, as we continue to post out hard copies to all members each month. Members are also now sent a 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.

..... and finally,

don't forget our next meeting on **8th May**, and our **NETWORKING MEETING on 22nd May in Ellesmere Port**. All current members and guests welcome – come and meet the Committee and fellow members, and take part in important networking for your business.