

NEWSLETTER – June 2008

Welcome to the Business Forum's regular Newsletter, covering our successful June 2008 meeting and annual NETWORKING event, also including all usual areas of interest to members.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th July 2008 at the County Offices Sports Club, Plas Newton Lane, Upton, Chester, starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual bar & buffet.

Speakers

David Jamieson from Apex Coaching

"Wealth coaching & Management"

AND

Linda Hurr of Spirit of Wales Holistic Health Care

"Back Treatment"

(includes a FREE demo, chat and FREE taster chair massage)

(ALSO: introduction to Agel Nutritional Products)

Usual Bar & Buffet plus raffle for exciting prizes

Guests Welcome

Members Meeting 8th May 2008

Alan Edge of Timezone Digital Storage gave a most interesting talk on the benefits of ensuring all businesses keep their documents and information secure, and including information on the dangers of allowing your company data being exposed to external interference. The key is proper document security management. Alan has a wealth of experience and is available to give all members a most professional service.

Our second speaker of the evening was **James Kenny from Actus UK**. James spoke entertainingly on how companies can achieve strategic growth through planning, analysis, implementation, evaluation and review. He told all attending members his secret of ensuring strategic growth. (Obviously, I can't write it down here. It wouldn't be a secret any more!!)

We also conducted our usual raffle, with deserving winners!!

Another excellent reason to be a Forum member. Unfortunately, the writer didn't win – again!!

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

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 another amazing 2500+ visits in June. 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 grown to 65 this month. New members are still welcome. Please encourage any new businesses or business colleagues to come along to our meetings.

The Forum's Committee meets regularly to discuss and organise the events and meetings of the Forum. Copies of the minutes of the Committee meetings are available on request to members. Contact chair@cepnforum.org.uk for a copy.

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.

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don't forget our next meeting on **10th July**. All current members and guests welcome – come and meet the Committee and fellow members, and take part in important networking for your business.

*****IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM YOUR COMMITTEE*****

Les George has worked extremely hard for the Forum over the last 4 years as Chair, to the benefit of all members. We are extremely thankful for all her efforts.

However, she has decided that, after 5 years as Chair, she would like to pass on this responsibility. Therefore, we are looking for a new Chair of the Forum, to take office from April 2009.

If you are interested in becoming Chair, or even joining the Committee, please speak to any of the current Committee, who would be pleased to discuss any of these opportunities with you.