

NEWSLETTER – October 2008

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

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th November 2008 at the Neston Civic Hall, Hinderton Road, Neston, CH64 9PQ, starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual bar & buffet.

Speakers

Jan Lord & Kay Salter of HSBC

"The best way forward in commercial and personal banking."

Usual Bar & Buffet plus raffle for exciting prizes

Guests Welcome

Members Meeting 9th October 2008

The meeting, held in Ellesmere Port was very well attended, and the committee appreciate the help and patience of all attendees, due to a slight problem of logistics encountered at the start of the evening.

Jane Kenyon from Well Heeled Divas gave a most interesting talk on the 'Entrepreneur's mindset', making comparison for the SME owner/manager between running a business or just having a job? It's in our own hands, how we approach or business, and make of it what we originally intended when we chose to start up our own businesses.

Our second speaker of the evening was **John Haynes of Success**. John passed on some well-received advice, on how to do 8 hours work in only 2 hours.

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

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

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 2190 visits in October. 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

*****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.

Members

With new members joining us on a regular basis, and with old friends deciding to move on to new opportunities, our member numbers remain at 61 at the end of October. 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*** BOOKINGS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!!**

Would you like the chance to join our Members Showcase for 2009? 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 by email. 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 this Thursday – 13th November. All current members and guests welcome – come and meet the Committee and fellow members, and take part in important networking for your business.