

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

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

THURSDAY 21st MAY, 2009: from 6pm

Contact Carol Pengelly for Enrolment Form: at chair@cepnforum.org.uk
...or download from our website: www.cepnforum.co.uk

NEWSLETTER – April 2008

Welcome to the Business Forum's regular Newsletter, covering our successful April 2009 meeting and AGM, and including all usual areas of interest to members.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th May 2009 at the County Offices Sports Club, Plas Newton Lane, Upton, Chester, starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual bar & buffet.

"What can Cheshire West & Chester Council do for your Business."

David Carter of Business Link and Carol Vella, Project Leader for Enterprise and Innovation, will **tell us about the Benefits of Council Funding**

Also: Sylvia Thompson - House of Colour. Confidence through self-image.

Guests Welcome

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Members Meeting 2nd April 2009

The speakers for the first part of the evening were **Geoffrey Prince of BSB** who unlocked the door to business development with his Keys to Success – Confidence, Commitment and Control. With these keys, Jeff assured us, we can all have fun while running our businesses.

Following on, **Clive Richards of Cheshire West & Chester Council** gave an overview on the imminent Local Government Re-organisation.

The presentations were followed by the Forum's **Annual General Meeting**, at which the following officers were duly elected to the committee for 2009/10.

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

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PRIZE DRAW FOR MEMBERS ONLY!!!

Our draws for £250 and £100 for goods or services to be purchased from a Member Company and for 1-year membership subscription were held after the AGM, at the end of the evening.

Our £250 winner was Anne Davies of Aurora; £100 winner was Janet Radcliffe of Claire House; Membership winner was Gary Spinks of Cornea Consulting.

****All paid-up members who have been in membership for more than 3 months (i.e. joined before 1st January 2009) 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 Carol Pengelly 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.

You can also read this Newsletter on the Forum's website, where we had an amazing 1739 visits in only 4 weeks in April. You've got to be in it to win anything from it!!

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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 63 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 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 Carol Pengelly at chair@cepforum.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

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Attendance at our monthly meetings

All members receive a copy of this Newsletter by email 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, **Carol Pengelly**, at chair@cepnforum.org.uk. Thank you.

..... and finally,

don't forget our next meeting on **14th May**, and our **NETWORKING MEETING on 21st 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.

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