

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2006

Welcome to the Chester, Ellesmere Port & Neston Business Forum September 2006 Newsletter, including reports on the usual network meeting.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is to be held on Thursday 12th October 2006 at the Civic Hall, Civic Centre, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE starting 6.30pm for 7.00pm, with usual Networking Opportunities and Bar facilities.

An Evening with our Member Company

David Summers & Co (Entertainment) Limited

We all work hard and we all deserve some time off to relax and enjoy ourselves, so...

- How do you organize a staff party, retirement do, awards night or product promotion?
- Where are the best venues?
- What kind of entertainment will you book?
- How can you guarantee everyone will have a good time?

Answers to all of these questions, and many more, will be revealed on the night.

Plus you will have a chance to experience our unique, fun and interactive 'Game Show Mania'

.. and somebody will be the winner of a major prize. It could be you!

There will be a fabulous buffet, bar and charity raffle.

Members Meeting 8th June 2006

A packed room heard from our guest speaker, **Laurie Denton, of LD Associates**. Talking about "New and alternative ways to improve presentation skills," Laurie first told everyone that they were 'normal.' (He obviously hasn't been to a CEPN Forum meeting before!!)

Everyone can be nervous or lack confidence when faced with making a presentation. Laurie's told everyone that the skill is a case of harnessing the nerves – but mainly down to the two 'Ps' – **PREPARATION and PRACTICE.**

Many thanks to Laurie, who had stepped in at short notice, as the planned speaker had been unable to attend. Laurie had travelled from Batley to address the Forum, and the Committee and all attendees expressed grateful thanks to him for a very interesting and thought-provoking presentation.

After our usual raffle, Pauline Potter, but mainly Garry Hayes, of ES-Net, gave a best-practice presentation on the essential benefits of maintaining Firewall Security against internal and external threats to data – at home and in the office.

Strategic Partnership Update

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

Website News

Don't forget to read this Newsletter on the website too, where you can also find contact details for all members, and enjoy a link to your own company's website.

During August 2006, we received 808 visits, and during September 1161 visits, to the Forum's website. Don't forget that we will also provide a link to your own company's website.

It's also easy to make or change an entry. Let us know by emailing Mark Ireland-Jones at mark@wirralphoto.com

Members

Our member numbers remain at a steady 60 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

'FABULOUS FEUD'

*This two-hour spectacular quiz show, hosted by **David Summers**, is available for inclusion in your:*

Events programmes, Product Launches, Team Building activities and Company parties.

Fabulous Feud is a unique "T.V. Style" interactive game show. This high-tech, computer-driven, audio-visual entertainment experience is guaranteed to entertain and inform any audience.

All the action takes place alongside a large screen onto which the question and answers are displayed. This means that the audience are involved with each stage of the presentation.

Teams of five or six contestants battle it out over rounds of three 'Questions' for their place in the final round, and the ultimate top prize



Photograph from original American presentation

To start each round, individual contestants stand behind their own electronic podium, equipped with buzzer buttons, indicator lights and dedicated microphone.

First on the button automatically locks out the opposition and enables them to speak to the host and the audience. This gives them the opportunity to provide an answer, which will hopefully has the most points, which will allow their team to decide whether to play or pass.

Prizes can be allocated against specific answers (optional), which are awarded to the contestant who guesses correctly. If not won by the teams, the audience would then have the opportunity to guess the correct answer and 'steal' any remaining prizes. Alternatively a single star prize of "cash" could be awarded to the winning team.

To find out more information contact David or Carol

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You can reach out to all our members by having 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.

Don't forget our next meeting on Thursday 12th October

Visitors more than welcome