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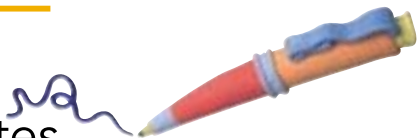
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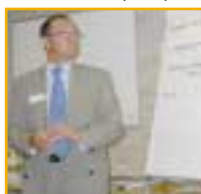
July 2003

The chairman writes



The attendance at the last few meetings has been very good and I am pleased to report that the club is in good shape. The club programme is fully confirmed up to the AGM in March next year. However, the committee are always pleased to hear of any suggestions for speakers and workshops that will be useful to you. Speak to any of the committee members with your ideas and we will be pleased to look into providing for your request. A reminder that there are several ways for you to use the newsletter. Write a profile of your company for free inclusion, include an ad in the Member's Offers column, write about of any news you have of your business or sponsor an issue at a cost of £25. The newsletter is there for the membership to use. Contact Lisa with your copy.

I had the pleasure of welcoming Peter Wilding as our speaker to the June meeting. Peter, an ex-member (and Brian Wilding's kid brother), went through the various options open to us as small business people for the acquisition of vehicles. There are two basic ways, buy or hire, but various options within each method of financing the deal. Too complicated for me to go through here (as if I understood them all anyway!), but Peter will be pleased to help you if it is a Ford you are looking for. Many thanks go to Peter for taking the time to come to talk to us.



The July 1st meeting is our Mini Exhibition that gives us the chance to show visitors and our fellow members the products and services we offer. A good opportunity to practice our networking and exhibiting skills, the evening is always lively and well worthwhile attending. There are still a few spaces available, please contact me to book your table. A reminder that the price of exhibiting is a raffle prize, bring it with you on the night. If you are exhibiting, please arrive at Lancashire College by 7.30pm so that we are ready to open for business by 7.45. Included with this newsletter is a card which will be your entry into the raffle when completed with ten exhibitor's signatures. There is no meeting in August, replaced by the Power Boat Competition and BBQ at Anderton Hall Centre, Lower Rivington Reservoir on the evening of Thursday 17th July. The entry list for the competition is now full but all are welcome to join us for the barbecue. I need to know in advance if you are intending to come so that food can be organised. There is a charge of £5 per head for the barbecue. Matt Crisp of Colours For Kids will be providing the catering and the centre bar will be open. Full directions to Anderton Hall were published in last month's newsletter, the OS grid ref of the entrance is: 617135. Please arrive for the competition briefing by 6.00pm unless you have made alternative arrangements with me. Please feel free to contact me on 01254 832123 if you have any queries. Now all we need is the weather! Keith Ellison Springboard Events Ltd.

Noticeboard...

Members news, special offers and members discounts, items for sale and items wanted. Just email me the details, your email and a logo. Any offers will also be posted up on the club website for 3 months.

AD-OPTIONS!

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Business Opportunity

Michael Jack MP for Fylde has asked if anyone can help one of his constituents who has the only shoe repair business in Lytham and who is in bad health and, looking to find someone to take over his business. It has been trading for a number of years and is profitable and he would like it sold ideally as a going concern rather than just selling the lease. Mr Chauhan will help in training someone in the business. If anyone is interested could they contact Chris Rose on 01772 790200 or e-mail: crose@nwl.businesslink.co.uk

THE NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 7.45 for 8pm

1st july

Next meeting Tuesday July 1st at Lancashire College. Mini Exhibition. Your chance to see what your fellow members do and to display your wares and services. There are a few spaces left, please contact Keith Ellison on 01254 832123 to book your space. Cost of the table space is a raffle prize to bring on the evening. Business advice will be available from Chorley Borough Council, Business Link and Barclays Bank.



Whats on in 2003

The programme for 2003 is well developed and has taken note of the response from members to the questionnaire circulated at the AGM. Please note that there will not be a meeting in August. To replace it there will be a social powerboat event at Rivington Reservoir on Thursday July 17th.

- July 1st:** – Members' Exhibition
- July 17th:** – Powerboat Driving Competition & social event on Rivington Reservoir.
- Aug 5th:** – No meeting.
- Sept 2nd:** – Meet the Taxman. Peter Robinson Inland Revenue Business Support Team.
– Carol Mellor, - speaking about her new role at H.M.Prison Garth.
- Oct 7th:** – New developments in E-commerce, and the World Wide Web.
– Thomas Cole Solutions
- Nov 4th:** – Wine Tasting.
- Dec 2nd:** – Member's' Presentations.

Sponsored 24 Hour Tennithon Dea Parkin - The Competitive Edge

The first-footers in Chorley Tennis Club's Tennithon - a sponsored 24 hour tennis event to raise funds for the Tennis Club and for Bankside Day Service in the town.

L-R, The Business Club's own Steve Ward, who the Club borrowed from Leyland; Dea Parkin of The Competitive Edge, Business Club member and captain of Chorley 'D' Team; Lynn Harley, Dea's regular team partner, and Ken Guy; chairman of the Tennis Club.



The May 31st/June 1st event raised several hundred pounds - though it's not too late to send in a donation; contact Dea on dea@compedge.net - and was enjoyed by all who took part. Hot sunny weather certainly helped! So who won? The Business Club's team of Steve and Dea, of course!



Pourquoi Pas B & B - In the News!

Business Club member Mark Collins who only this year started Pourquoi Pas a specialist booking agency for bed & breakfast and self catering accommodation across France has already made the news.

Mark was delighted when 'The Daily Mail' ran a travel feature on French B & B and gave a good plug for his new website www.ppbb.net. Mark had organised all the accommodation, in three different regions of France, for the Daily Mail journalist Deborah Jackson.

As a result of the article traffic on www.ppbb.net has seen a ten fold increase and generated a lot of visitor interest. Daily Mail readers are now sampling some wonderful places in hidden locations across France.



Mark says that French B & B is a great way to get to know a region of France as the owners often join you at the table and happily give you an insight into their culture, region and places to visit the next day. Mark's experience has demonstrated the power of an independently written article and the positive effect this can have on any business. Mark makes the point that if other business club members see an opportunity for a similar article they should grasp the nettle with both hands!



Mark now has plans to expand the site to more than one hundred special places to stay and to include more self catering and chateaux accommodations. Hold the front page!

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