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Welcome to CONNECTING, the December 2008 newsletter of Essex Business Club

Seasons Greetings for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

2009 is going to be a brilliant business year

At least, it will be for members of Essex Business Club who meet on the first Tuesday of every month (except for January and August) at Moulsham Mill, Chelmsford! We network with other business owners, hear what's new on the business scene from the horse's mouth, pool our expertise and support and cheer each other on, no matter what the economic climate does. We're holding our annual membership fee at £30: never mind the rising prices everywhere else, EBC is always very careful with your money!

You're welcome to join us on our first meeting of 2009 on **Tuesday February 3rd 2009, 7.30pm, Moulsham Mill, Chelmsford**, when our friendly legal eagles from Birkett Long will be bringing us up to speed on changes in the law relating to company structure: can you afford not to know?

QUESTIONS QUESTIONS

Our December quiz night was a resounding success, as ever, with questions (and discipline) supplied by former EBC chairwoman Olive Rawlins and her daughter Louise. Six teams competed for prizes of wine and chocolates, and while the results showed a wide range of knowledge (or lack of it), all agreed that it was a great way to spend a chilly winter's evening.

In first place was Team Nameless with 78pts, followed by Pick 'n' Mix with 73½ pts, Birkett Long with 71pts, Swiss Cheese with 70½ pts, Super Seven with 70pts and the erroneously named Bright Sparks came in last with 60½ pts.

BAG a prize

Winner of the bottle of Champagne in our **BAG (Bring A Guest)** challenge was nutritionist Melanie Fryer, of www.healthinnutrition.co.uk who brought along the highest number of guests to our meetings during 2008. Could 2009 be your year to win a bottle of bubbly? It's easy, just invite your friends, clients and customers to join EBC and your prize could be in the B-A-G!

CHARITY BEGINS...

...at Essex Business Club in 2009, when we choose a charity to support for the first time. If you know of a worthy cause which could benefit from some fundraising by EBC members, please email hazel@redbirdcoaching.co.uk telling us the name, location and contact details of the charity you have in mind. Your suggestions will be considered with all members' ideas during January and February and we'll hope to start fundraising in earnest in March/April.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

With a wide range of members and a huge pool of expertise, there's a good chance we at Essex Business Club can supply the information or assistance you need. Just email GeraldineP@MidEssexEnterpriseAgency.co.uk and let us know what you need in terms of business support, expertise or advice.

CLICK ON THE CLUB

Go to www.essexbusinessclub.org.uk, our newly redesigned and revamped website, courtesy of our resident IT wizard Neil Pellinacci. It has news and info about Essex Business Club, our events and members. We'll include links to your website – just email the info to neil.pellinacci@tanzarine.com

Email GeraldineP@MidEssexEnterpriseAgency.co.uk or hazel@redbirdcoaching.co.uk to tell us your news.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE NEXT CLUB MEETING OR HOW TO JOIN, EMAIL

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