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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS**



Here's to a cracking 2010!

What we enjoyed at our November meeting was Trevor Jones, from Chelmsford Speakers Club, telling us why being a Toastmasters member can benefit your personal confidence and your business presentations.

Then, in December, we had our super brainbusting Christmas quiz, presented by new quizmaster Mark Brown. It was a close-run contest as shown by the scores: Auditel/Coloursmith Team won with 69 points, closely followed by Hazel's team with 67, The Magnificent Seven with 61.5, MEEA with 58.5 and Lizzie's team with 57.

We'll be kicking off 2010 in February, as usual, when there'll be plenty of opportunities to network and if you've got a business idea you'd like to explore, we have the ideal forum in which to discuss it. A warm welcome awaits you at

Moulsham Mill Chelmsford on Tuesday February 2nd, 7.30PM

We're looking forward to February when we'll be presenting A Twist on Dragon's Den. Business advisors Ed Baldwin and Mike Kendall will offer three possible business scenarios to members, who will be "Dragons" for the evening, with an open invitation to invest or kick out the ideas.

In figuring out the best businesses to support, we'll learn a multitude of hints and tips about keeping our businesses on the right track.

If you're a member, bring along your business friends. If you're not a member, come and see why Essex Business Club continues to thrive and grow!

TALK TO US

Would you like to make a 10-minute presentation to Essex Business Club members? We're looking for 10-minute-slot speakers for next year, so if you have some information that small business owners will find useful, helpful and interesting, please let us know – we want to hear all about it. Contact hazel@redbirdcoaching.co.uk or geraldinep@midessexenterpriseagency.co.uk

FREE PUBLICITY

Our newsletter is sent to all Essex Business Club members and is distributed through libraries and networking events throughout Essex, so it's an excellent vehicle for plugging your business. If your company's launching a new product, if you've hit your sales targets for the fourth month in a row, if you've just cracked a major turnover target, if you're expanding, if you're moving into new accommodation, if you've just won a fabulous contract, let us know and we'll be happy to pass on the good news in Connecting.

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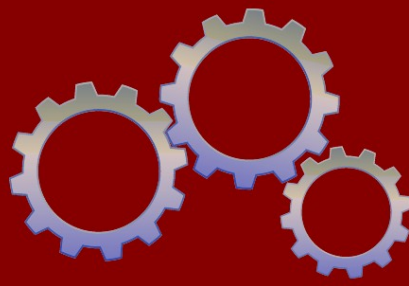
Tuesday February 2nd at 7.30pm: A Twist on Dragon's Den: breathe fire on some testing business conundrums

Tuesday March 2nd at 7.30pm: Survive & Thrive in the recession: what Writtle College can offer by way of support and information to small businesses in Essex.

Tuesday April 6th at 7.30pm: Robert Hutchinson, from St James Place Wealth Management on how to manage your finances in the good times and the bad.

Bring a guest: members are what make EBC work, so please invite your friends and colleagues to come along for a sample meeting: it's free and they can come to two sample meetings before we ask them to join. And the member who brings along the most guests who join up wins FREE annual membership, so round up your friends and bring them along – they'll be very welcome.

We meet first Tuesday of every month except January and August. Schedule: 7.30 News and networking 8.00 Presentation 8.40 Networking, tea and coffee 9.00 Member presentation and /or EBC workshop. 9.50 close. Membership is £30 a year*



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