

Introduction from your Chairman Mel Herman



Dear Members,

Welcome to the first edition of your North Wales Business Club's Newsletter.

For some time your Committee has been considering how to help you better profile yourselves, your business activities and company news to other Members, without impacting on the Club's website.

At the last AGM, the introduction of a newsletter was suggested. This appeared to be an ideal vehicle and provided the catalyst to put our thoughts into action.

We are keen to let Members learn more about you, who you are, what you have to offer, what amazing things you have recently achieved, new contracts you have won, interesting new people you have employed and your plans for the future.

Fortunately, our Committee has a most experienced person on board, who has agreed to be Editor. Sophie Morris is Managing Director of Worldspan Creative and is the person who needs to hear from you, so please put your stories together and email them to her at NWBCnews@gmail.com

Planned as a quarterly publication, to provide a platform for Members about Members, its success will be very much down to Members' contributions.

I do hope you will enjoy this first edition and find it interesting and I look forward to reading all about you, your Company and your business activities.

Best wishes,
Mel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 6 February 2020

St. George's Hotel, Llandudno
7.15 pm for 7.45 pm.

Guest Speaker: Professor Dylan Jones-Evans, Assistant Pro-Vice-Chancellor, with responsibility for enterprise, at the University of South Wales and Chair in Entrepreneurship.

Thursday 26 March 2020

The Quay Hotel, Deganwy

Guest Speaker: Major General Nick Caplin CB, Chief Executive Officer Blind Veterans.

MEMBER OFFERS

Worldspan Creative is offering a free marketing/brand audit for the first 20 members who get in touch.

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Dylan's Restaurant in Llandudno is offering NWBC members an express business lunch Mon-Fri for £12.95. Please quote NWBC Member Offer when booking, or on arrival.

(All bookings are subject to availability and the offer is applicable for tables of up to 8 guests.)

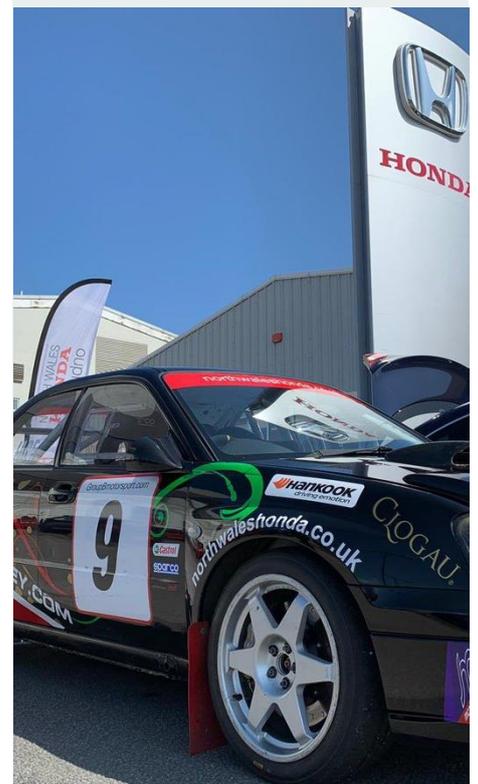
Member News: North Wales Honda – Dave Paveley

With over 35 years of motorsport experience and now an established car retailer and service point operator in Llandudno with Honda, Dave Paveley is a man on a mission, and he is taking on a new venture.

An empty, ageing building with an opportunity to marry a new workshop and storage area made total sense to relocate and expand the company's GroupB Motorsport brand and integrate the Lotus service and repair business in one location. "Our Lotus and classic car customers needed a home for the cars between adventures, just like our motorsport customers. They are all hard-working business people, and finding spare time to fettle their own cars is difficult. We are giving them a safe home with all the facilities to make sure the cars are serviced, with a current MOT and ready go at short notice, so that the cars can be enjoyed, rather than gathering dust!

The Builder Street location will become operational during the last quarter of 2019, and in early 2020, phase 2 will see the introduction of the private function room above the workshops, complete with bar and band stage. In central Europe and the USA, it is quite common for tuning shops and retailers of classic cars to have a coffee bar or entertainment bar for their customers, so opening one above the GroupB Motorsport workshops brings a little continental feel to the business and Llandudno.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE

Colin Wickens joined the committee in 2012. Colin is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment, designated FCSI and joined Dragon Investment Managers to establish an independent, directly authorised, fully discretionary investment manager in North Wales. His outside interests generally centre around family life, all sports, music and travelling, but also include being trustee of a local charity, The Gaynor Cemlyn-Jones Trust, and President of Llandudno Youth Music Theatre (LYMT).



NORTH WALES BUSINESS CLUB

Our aims and objectives are:

To provide a forum for business people to exchange ideas and discuss matters of mutual interest and concern, with a view to stimulating business activity, and with the aim of increasing the prosperity and prestige of North Wales.

To provide the opportunity to hear and question prominent speakers on topics of interest to those engaged in business, and commerce.

To promote and/or jointly support activities, such as exhibitions and seminars, for the benefit of members of the North Wales Business Club and North Wales, generally.

To provide an opportunity for appropriate charities to raise awareness amongst Club members by having a suitable presence at North Wales Business Club events.

Membership for the North Wales Business Club is available at the very reasonable cost of just £20 annually. If you would like to join our Club, please apply at www.nwbc.org.uk/Join-the-Club

New members' profiles

Hanna Clarke: Groundwork North Wales is a registered charity, with offices in Wrexham and Bangor, which helps make changes in order to create better neighbourhoods, build skills and job prospects and to live and work in a greener way. We align our work to the Welsh Government Well-being Framework; our programmes make a positive impact on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. www.groundworknorthwales.org.uk

Hayley Goldsmith-Williams: Blind Veterans UK helps vision-impaired ex-Service men and women of every generation rebuild their lives after sight loss. Since 1915, we've provided rehabilitation, training, practical advice and emotional support to tens of thousands of blind veterans. www.blindveterans.org.uk

Bethan Fraser-Williams: Menter Môn is a not-for-profit company providing solutions to the challenges facing rural Wales. We work with businesses, communities and individuals, to deliver meaningful projects, that harness their strengths and contribute to a sustainable future. We embrace and recognise the value of our resources and seek to add value for the benefit of the community. These include our natural and built environment, our cultural heritage, our agricultural and food sectors and most importantly our people. www.mentermon.com



Following another very successful **St David's Hospice Quiz Night** earlier in the year, the NWBC & Barclays were delighted to present the hospice with a cheque for £15,937.27. If you would like to test your knowledge, treat your team to a fun night out and support this event and worthwhile cause, why not sign up now for the 2020 Quiz Night, which will be held on 13 May 2020? Please email info@nwbc.org.uk to register your interest.

Member spotlight

Ruth Lloyd-Williams: Network She. Having never had any youthful aspirations to own her own business, no one is more surprised than Ruth Lloyd-Williams that she now owns not one, but two successful businesses. Ruth currently spends the bulk of her time supporting members of the business community via Network She and The Power House, and the rest facilitating educational study days and conferences for Health Care Professionals from across North Wales and the North West.

Network She was launched in 2007 and supports women professionally, personally, socially and emotionally. Twelve years on and a lot has changed; a lot for the better; yet Ruth feels there is still so much to be done. Network She has recently played a part in developing the new Welsh Government guidelines, supporting female entrepreneurs in Wales. Moving forward, Network She will be the driving force in ensuring that there is a balance of support in North Wales.

In addition to supporting women in business, in 2013 Ruth formed the Network She Foundation; a registered charity giving the opportunity to extend the focus on empowering women and young girls in sport, education and employment. The Women in Sport North Wales Conference will roll out for the third year on 23rd June 2020 at Adventure Parc Snowdonia. The annual Fizzy Friday 5k on 11th September 2020 will see 200 women blow the dust off their trainers, with Prosecco-powered fundraising to supply kit, equipment, training and pitch fees for women, girls and community sport and activity groups across North Wales.

Network She is also one of the founding Executive Members of the recently-formed The Power House, an exciting new initiative contacting, connecting, communicating and collaborating with businesses across North Wales.

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A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR - SOPHIE MORRIS



As Mel mentioned, this newsletter is designed to be for members and about members. As such, I welcome news, ideas and feedback that you feel would contribute to an interesting and informative newsletter. Although this first newsletter is relatively short, we hope it will grow with your input. The next newsletter will come out in February 2020. Please send details to me at NWBCnews@gmail.com Many thanks in advance, Sophie