

New additions to St Albans accountancy firm

ST ALBANS accountancy firm WMT have announced two new members of their team. Peter Davies is joining as senior employment tax manager and Anil Arora will be the new corporate tax manager.

Peter is a recognised national expert in advising businesses in the hospitality and construction sectors in particular which has seen him appear on BBC TV and Radio 4.

Peter was a former Inland Revenue investigator with extensive experience in enquiries carried out by HM Revenue & Customs. Since leaving HMRC Peter has worked for a leading London-based accountancy firm advising businesses on employment tax issues, including benefits in kind, PAYE and National Insurance.

Anil started his career in a top 10 accountancy firm and has developed his expertise in corporate tax. He specialises in advising on the tax matters arising from buying and selling businesses, corporate restructuring and share schemes.

WMT managing partner Andrew Williamson said: "We are delighted to have attracted Anil and Peter to join our team here in St Albans."

"Peter is one of the leading experts in his field in the UK and Anil's skills and expertise will complement the existing expertise we have in the WMT tax and corporate finance teams. We wish them every success in their new roles."



Anil Arora and Peter Davies

Builder recognised for high standard of customer satisfaction



A DEDICATED builder has received a regional award for his work in Wheathampstead.

Terry Robbins, site manager for the Heartwood Gardens development in the village, was recognised in the Pride In The Job Quality Awards.

The award, handed out by the National House Building Council (NHBC), recognises site managers who consistently build high quality homes and meet buyers' expectations.

Ian Menham, managing director for construction firm Charles Church Thames Valley, which is responsible for the award-winning housing development, said: "The dedication shown by Terry to his development and his team has helped us to ensure that every home on every Charles Church development is first class. He fully deserves this accolade."

The award is now its 31st year and Terry is now in contention to win the NHBC Seal of Excellence Award later this year.

Business

View from the St Albans Chamber of Commerce



District Chamber of Commerce manager **Lisa Bates** writes exclusively for the Herts Advertiser every fortnight

WIMBLEDON fever is now over, however last Sunday OAs on Harpenden Road was full of tension and excitement as local businesses battled it out on court for a charity tennis match tournament title.

The day was sponsored by Collinson Hall and organised by local businessman Rick Collinson, in aid of the Richard Thomas Leukaemia Fund. Richard died fourteen years ago at the age of 23 and played rugby for the Old Albanians.

This year was the 11th year and the winning team was the home team OA Tennis Club. Other teams taking part included Photiades Solicitors, Outrageous Orejas, Townsend LTC, Prestige, Collinsons, Mailboxes, McNaughts, 5 Rings Telecoms and WMT.

The total amount raised by this tennis event over the years is £40,000. Richard's mother, Jenny Thomas, said: "Thanks go to all the team captains for raising a team of players, Neil Dekker at OAs for the magnificent venue and facilities, also to Rick Collinson for masterminding the event."

Would you like to extend your business contacts beyond the St Albans and Harpenden District? The Chamber is hosting an evening networking event at The Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead on



Wednesday, July 13, where you could have the opportunity of meeting businesses from all over the county at this superb venue.

There will be an opportunity to take to the slopes with an instructor, which is optional. Call the office for more information on 01727 863054.

Would you like to help send a local councillor up a mountain? And in another country!? Cllr Beric Read (pictured above) who is the council cabinet member covering economic development, tourism and public realm is about to climb Mont Blanc in aid of Grove House Hospice.

Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in Europe, and it will take Beric a week to acclimatise to altitude, wait for the weather and climb.

He is "allegedly" a bit behind on his fitness training and began this huge task on Saturday. If you would like to make a donation, please go to his Just Giving site at www.justgiving.com/beric-read

Your first impressions are quite important in business and one Chamber member, Jacky Williams has identified this. Jacky is a qualified image consultant and her aim is to enable people to develop their confidence and strive to reach their goals in life.

Her holistic approach to well-being and self improvement now sees many corporate clients returning for more consultancy following positive changes to their personal and professional lifestyles.

Her company, based in Highfield Park, is called Your First Impressions and offers colour analysis, style analysis and wardrobe management for both men and women.

Jacky tells me that most people wear 20 per cent of their clothes 80 per cent of the time! If you would like to know how to look your best, enhance your confidence, learn to shop successfully and efficiently then perhaps give them a call on 01727 811788 or for more information about personalised packages on things such as Image and Impact at interviews go to www.yourfirstimpressions.co.uk

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The Photiades Solicitors team taking part in the Richard Thomas tennis tournament

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