



Wooden Spoon

Rugby's charity supporting disadvantaged children and young people

WOODEN SPOON 1ST THURSDAY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019



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INTRO FROM CHAIRMAN



Welcome to our June edition of our 'First Thursday Newsletter'. We are now in full swing with a packed events calendar raising funds in Worcestershire.

We've held the quiz since we last met as a group and what a wonderful event it was! We've had some fantastic feedback and we are already in the planning phase for the next one. Thanks to Jon Fraser and the team for the great organisation and host of surprises that occurred on the evening.

Handelsbanken are our hosts for the evening and we will again be able to thank Chris for his achievement in running the marathon and raising so much for Worcs. I'm sure he will have many fond memories of a great day.

As well as our own beloved region the charity is active across all regions. In total we raise over £1.2 million per year on around 70 projects and it's good to be part of the Spoon family. Please take time to look at our website www.woodenspoon.org.uk where you find details of recently opened projects across the whole of the UK.

'First Thursday' is now fully established as the best networking event in Worcester. We are delighted to say we have sponsors now booking already for 2020 but if you wish to sponsor an event then please drop us a line. We do have over 200 members in the region and over 700 followers on twitter so our 'First Thursday' is great value all round.



We have been seeking companies/clubs that may wish to make us their charity of choice or their charity of the year. We are delighted to announce that Amros and main sponsor Hayward Wright are supporting us at their Rugby lunch where Sir Clive Woodward and Chris Pennell are guest speakers. Further details are available at tonight's event. Through member Kevin Moran, his company Broster Buchanan have also nominated Wooden Spoon Worcestershire as the charity for their Golf day in July. We will keep you in touch with both of these events.

We've also just sent our details of our World Cup breakfast. Please book early! The event has just gone out this week and tickets are selling fast (very fast!!!).

If you are not a member of Spoon (yet) please do fill out a form. Your help really makes a difference. Please visit our web site www.woodenspoon.org.uk or look out for us on social media to see the great work of the charity in Worcestershire and the rest of the UK and Ireland.

Thank you for your continued support; it really makes a difference.

Remember – all the monies raised in the region stay in the region!



A NOTE FROM OUR SPONSORS Handelsbanken

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We are delighted to be sponsoring Wooden Spoon's First Thursday event on 6th June 2019. Our individual banking manager, Chris Orr, recently ran the Virgin London Marathon on behalf of Wooden Spoon Worcestershire and, as well as telling you a little bit about what Handelsbanken are doing in Worcestershire throughout the rest of 2019, we are looking forward to announcing the final total of Chris' fundraising efforts.

We look forward to seeing you at Tonic.

FORTHCOMING FIRST THURSDAY DATES

Date	Event	Venue	Sponsor
6th June	First Thursday	Tonic	Handelsbanken
4th July	American day of "Winedependence"	Bottles Wine bar	Spire Communication
5th September	First Thursday	TBC	Action Coach
3rd October	First Thursday	Boleros	Worcester Scientific
12th October	England . V . France World Cup Breakfast	WRFC	Baxter Williams/Spire Communication/Action Coach
7th November	First Thursday	Boleros	Boleros
November	Race Night	Hick Pavilion	Worcestershire Mortgage Services
5th December	First Thursday	Bottles Wine Bar	Offsite Servers Ltd
January 2020	NO First Thursday		
6th February	First Thursday	Boleros	Kendall Wadley

For further information on any aspect of sponsorship please contact Vince Hopkins vh@brigroup.co.uk

How can you help? Simply join Wooden Spoon for just £50 a year.

Visit www.woodenspoon.org.uk for more information about our work.

BACK TO SCHOOL Quiz Raises £2000

Just a few words on one of the most extraordinary evenings seen in Worcestershire for many a year.

Jon "Headmaster" Fraser led the show that had elements of a quiz attached.

30 teams competed for the very coveted Wooden Spoon trophy however there was more focus and controversy on who won the best fancy-dress team.

It was a great evening and many thanks to Jon and his team of helpers. We would also like to thank

the video contributions from former Mayor Jabba Riaz, Dean of Worcester Peter Atkinson, Robert Plant, Martin Johnson and Stephen Hawking.



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