

Hill Dickinson to host debate on Localism Bill

THE Localism Bill and its likely impact on the Cheshire region will be the subject of a high-profile debate hosted by law firm Hill Dickinson, at Chester Racecourse on Friday.

Hill Dickinson has secured two keynote speakers for the event who will give their perspective on the Localism Bill, its implications and likely impact to the region.

Fiona Bruce, MP for Congleton and Member of the Public Committee for the Localism Bill, will outline the Government's aims and objectives for the Bill – a change in legislation that will introduce elected mayors into 12 English cities and give local authorities more control over finances, planning and social housing.

Offering an alternative perspective will be second keynote speaker, Iain Jenkinson, director of planning, development and regeneration at leading UK property consultancy, GVA, who will speak in support of the Bill's overriding 'Big Society' theme, but warn that 'Localism' must not become 'parochialism'.

A question and answer session, chaired by head of Hill Dickinson's Chester office, Robin Jones, will follow.

Money expert Mark scoops £10,000 prize

A FINANCIAL adviser has proved he knows his business after scooping £10,000 in a fantasy portfolio competition.

Mark Bird, an independent financial adviser (IFA), who with his wife Andrea owns and runs Upton-based Chester Financial Associates, managed his fictional investments to best effect.

Run by F&C Asset Management Ltd, the fantasy challenge is aimed to be both educational about the company's fund range, as well as entertaining.

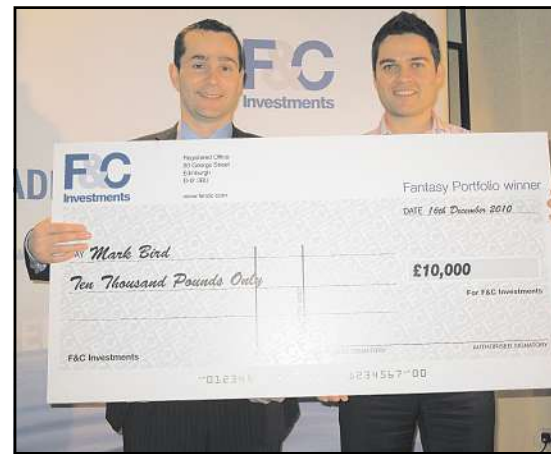
Asked if his success was down to pure luck, Mark said: "I do follow the markets and macroeconomic developments very closely.

"Although luck certainly played some part, keeping abreast of market information, making bold asset allocation decisions and pure gut instinct allowed me to ride more of the ups than downs.

"Running an IFA practice that works with individuals, small business owners and trustees, it is imperative that I understand the bigger picture in order to help my clients build, manage and protect their wealth."

Mark's 9.41% return over the game period put him comfortably at the top of the leader board, nearly 3% ahead of his nearest rival.

■ For details about his business, visit: www.chesterfinancial.co.uk.



WINNER: Mark Bird, right, is pictured receiving his cheque for £10,000 from Graham Finlay of F&C Asset Management Ltd in Edinburgh.

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ALL SMILES: Jason Hopkins and staff at the Tarporley Dental Centre – pictured with the Gold Award they won for Good Practice

Dentists strike gold

TARPORLEY Dental Centre has been awarded Gold Membership of the British Dental Association (BDA) Good Practice Scheme.

The practice is one of the first to achieve Gold Membership for maintaining high standards since the scheme began 10 years ago.

It recognises a number of professional commitments by members of the BDA, including consistently good dental care, com-

fortable and convenient treatment of patients and maintaining professional development of skills and knowledge.

As part of the scheme, staff also began a process of involving patients right from the start of their treatment, discussing their available options and giving them all the information needed to decide the best solution for them.

Patients then receive written outlines of the agreed treatment

and its cost.

Practice owner, Jason Hopkins, said though his staff found the scheme requirements challenging, it has been very worthwhile.

He said: "For the past 10 years the team at Tarporley Dental Centre has maintained the high standards necessary to comply with the scheme and we really do feel that we have improved our service to patients."

Garage gains seal of approval

CHESTER Auto Services is the latest garage to be presented with the Golden Spanner award by Cheshire West and Chester Council Trading Standards.

Any garage can apply and is only accepted into the Golden Spanner Approval Scheme when it demonstrates to Trading Standards that it operates to the highest levels of professionalism and customer care.

Chester Auto Services is based at Bumpers Lane, Sealand Industrial Estate, and undertakes a wide range of operations including general vehicle servicing and repair, MoT testing, vehicle diagnostics and air conditioning.

Cllr Lynn Riley, executive member for community and environment, who presented Chester Auto Services with the award, said: "It gives me great pleasure to welcome Chester Auto Services into membership of our Garage Approval Scheme.



GOLDEN SPANNER: Julian Mason, Trading Standards; Cllr Lynn Riley, Nick Stanyer, proprietor of Chester Auto Services and Vanessa Griffiths, Trading Standards.

"I congratulate Nick Stanyer and all his staff on achieving the high standards required.

"This also widens the choice of reputable approved garages in Cheshire West and Chester who can demonstrate their quality by working in partnership with Trading Standards."

■ Members of the public can get more details of the scheme on www.goldenspanner.com.

Business Alliance talk at Wild Boar

TARPORLEY Business Alliance will hold a networking event at The Wild Boar, Whitchurch Road, Beeston, Tarporley, on Wednesday, April 6, at 7pm for 7.30pm start.

The Tarporley business community (in its widest sense) can meet in an informal atmosphere, get to know each other over a drink and hear a talk by Terry Ingham, director of coaching at Positive Impact Coaching Ltd, on 'A practical way to establish better rapport with your customers (and others)'.

Terry will give the benefit of his considerable experience in helping people to recognise the barriers to effective communication and hence to overcome them. He will give participants a simple tool to enable them to gain a new insight into how they communicate with others.

Firm achieves quality status

Russell & Russell Solicitors Chester has received notification of its accreditation under the new Law Society Conveyancing Quality Scheme – the mark of excellence for the home buying process – and is among the first 40 firms in the country to do so.

In order to achieve CQS status, firms are rigorously assessed by the Law Society to ensure that they meet exceptionally high standards in residential conveyancing.

The accreditation has established a recognised quality standard for residential conveyancing practices and begins a new chapter in the home-buying process.

Karen Woods, partner, said: "We are delighted that we have achieved accreditation under the scheme following the Law Society's assessment. Russell & Russell is built upon a strong tradition of providing outstanding service to all of our clients, both personal and professional.

"The CQS accreditation enforces our commitment to service excellence and will provide both existing clients and new clients with further assurance that in Russell & Russell, they have chosen a firm which will handle their transaction competently."

This news comes on the back of recently released statistics from the Land Registry which show that the associated offices of Russell & Russell are in the top 100 conveyancing firms in terms of transaction volumes. To have CQS status confirmed while dealing with such volumes of business makes the accreditation an even bigger achievement.