

Welcome to our Community Newsletter! Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to friends and colleagues – if they wish to receive this direct please ask them to register an email address with us. For further details please see the 'How to get involved' page.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **WIGAN SOROPTIMISTS SEEK A GIRL OR YOUNG WOMAN TO BE THEIR 'YOUNG ACHIEVER 2017'**

During its 70th Anniversary Year, Soroptimist International of Wigan discussed commemorating this milestone with an ongoing project. The idea of making an annual award to a local young woman who set a good example to our community was suggested. The notion of a 'young achiever award' emerged and it has now been running for six years.

The current holder is Jen, whose sporting prowess impressed us. She is a footballer, training to be a football referee and encouraging more girls to play the game and adopt a healthy lifestyle.. Last year another young woman, Emma, had an academic record which deserved recognition. We awarded her a 'Runner --Up' Certificate.

Anyone can make a nomination..

The age range for nominees is 14– 21 years and they must come from the catchment area of our Club, which is essentially the Wigan Borough excluding the Leigh, Tyldesley and Atherton districts

Nomination forms can be obtained on request from [yaaward@ymail.com](mailto:yaaward@ymail.com), from any member of SI Wigan and it will be available on our Club's website <http://sigbi.org/wigan/>

Forms, when completed and signed, should be returned by post to:  
Young Achiever Award, 10 Edinburgh Drive, Wigan, WN5 9ET

The deadline for applications is **Monday 23rd October 2017**

The winner will have her name engraved on a trophy. She will receive an engraved miniature trophy together with a gift card valued at £50.00. The award is scheduled to be presented by the Mayor of Wigan in the Mayor's Parlour in December 2017

### **NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING**

A project to support children, young people and families who experience family conflict that threatens their health and wellbeing has been boosted by £219,000 of National Lottery funding.

Resolutions Family Mediation, which is based at Higher Fold Community Centre in Stirling Close, Leigh, calls its project Talk FIRST.

It will support more than 130 families, working with immediate and extended family members as well as non-family relationships that are key to the situation and in influencing change.

The Resolutions charity will work with families at an early stage in a bid to prevent further deterioration of relationships and reduce the strain on support services.

It is one of 196 projects in the North West to benefit from the latest round of Big Lottery Funding, with more than £6.1 million handed out on total.

### **PRESTIGIOUS QUEEN'S NURSE TITLE SET TO BE AWARDED TO TWO WIGAN NURSES**

Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Bridgewater) nurses Anne Finney and Fiona Bremner are celebrating after learning they will receive the esteemed Queen's Nurse Title.

Anne, one of the senior nurses responsible for Wigan's Integrated Community Services and Fiona, a Clinical Project Manager, will be presented with their Queen's Nurse badge and certificate on 30 October at The Queen's Nursing Institute Awards Ceremony at The Royal Garden Hotel in London.

The title of Queen's Nurse is awarded by the Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI) to nurses who demonstrate a commitment to the values of community nursing and to excellent patient care through leading innovative projects. This year 130 nurses across England, Wales and Northern Ireland will receive the accolade at the ceremony.

Anne from Beech Hill and Fiona from Newtown have 57 years nursing experience between them.

Anne is currently based at Hindley Town Hall and leads Wigan's Integrated Community Service (ICS) which brings together NHS staff based in the community with Wigan Council and adult social care staff to provide support to patients in their homes. Anne started her NHS career as a district nurse in 1993 and since then has held a number of senior managerial positions in community nursing across Wigan.

Fiona from Newtown trained as a mental health nurse at Winwick Hospital in Warrington in 1985. Since then she has held a number of mental health nursing roles and managed large mental health teams both in hospitals and the community. She also managed community health services, Bridgewater's urgent care services and Newton Community Hospital; being responsible for developing these services to improve quality and deliver improved patient experience and care.

### **£90,000 NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING FOR EXERCISE PROJECT**

A college has been given a near £90,000 lottery funding boost as part of a national initiative to get students to do more exercise.

The money awarded to Wigan and Leigh College from Sport England will be used to reduce the number of students completing less than 30 minutes of physical activity every week. As part of its Towards an Active Nation strategy, Sport England is investing £5 million of National Lottery funding in projects in colleges that will support their inactive students into regular activity.

Wigan and Leigh College principal Anna Dawe said: "This funding will enable us to carry out a Move for Life campaign and the college has appointed a project leader and is appointing a level three apprentice to plan and deliver activities which focus on small but lifelong lifestyle changes. "Our students will benefit from all of the advantages that physical exercise brings, including improvements to confidence, resilience, communication and team work.

"We are also looking to extend this campaign so staff can take part and make this a whole college ethos in tackling inactivity." Research has shown that around one in five college students are inactive.

### **CYCLE SPEEDWAY**

Astley & Tyldesley made their first ever appearance in the British Cycle Speedway Knock-out Cup Final at Coventry.

Northern champions A&T put in a valiant showing throughout the 32 races against the other three regional champions. Reece Pollitt and Kyle Holland both won races for A&T, with the other riders in the mix throughout.

British Cycle Speedway Knock-out Cup Final result  
Wednesfield 97 Newport 87 Ipswich 81 Astley & Tyldesley 52

A&T's Emily Burgess was in great form in the final round of the Women's League series at Leicester. Emily won the Intermediate Women's Grand Prix 'A' Final, to secure 3rd place in the overall series. This is a magnificent achievement by the youngest rider, in her first season in the series.

A&T's Max Evans top scored for the North & Scotland junior team, as they beat the South East & East in the final Battle of Britain junior match at Hull.