

NEWSLETTER

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THE NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 3rd October

7.45pm for 8pm @ Lancashire College, Southport Road, Chorley

This month we have another double header. Our main speaker is Martin Tyrer of BBTv who will make a presentation on Internet Threats and Solutions. In the second half of the meeting Martin will lead a computer workshop. We will also have a short presentation from Chorley FM, which is due to begin broadcasting very soon. Don't miss the meeting, it promises to be another excellent evening.

THIS MONTHS GUEST SPONSOR 4,000 Motivated People?

Can you imagine your business with 4,000 motivated individuals in it? Hard isn't it. We have become too accustomed to employees doing 'just as much as they need to' without any enthusiasm. As self employed people we work differently... Again think of the explosive power of 4,000 motivated individuals.

It is a privilege and an opportunity to be one of that team of people who met in Telford recently for the Annual Meeting of the Utility Warehouse Discount Club. The energy and enthusiasm was so evident both in the management team the 4,000 individuals who form the backbone of the 'sales team'. For a very small fee we are all part of a £100M British plc which aims to be £1B by 2010 - and it will happen. It has been described as the greatest part time job in the world!

Multi Level Marketing or Network Marketing is still strange to some and suspicious to others, but take a good look - it is a very powerful, effective and efficient business model. Enclosed is an independent report which makes interesting reading if you share an interest in the potential of this business opportunity.

We supply both personal & business customers with utility services on one simple and effective bill. Enclosed is information on some of our services.

Would you like broadband; landline phone; landline rental; and free calls at £20 per month? Unlike some offers that have been made in recent months it IS available in Chorley!!

The team of people sharing in this opportunity is growing. Please talk to any of my team if you would like to discuss the products or the business opportunity. We are building a residual income which has the potential to free us from daily work - perhaps to spend time bringing up children; put effort into a charity; be a football coach; go hill walking or travelling; get free of pension worries. What is your dream and will you achieve it on your present plan?

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100% Pass Rate!



Now that the national GCSE and A level results are out, I thought this was a good time to report on those of my music and language students over the 3 years since I became a freelance tutor. My students may be somewhat less numerous than those in the national figures, but I am still pleased to announce a 100% pass rate, with many students achieving top grades. Here is the breakdown (figures in brackets refer to numbers of students).

SCHOOL/COLLEGE LANGUAGE EXAMS:

French:

GCSE: A (1), B (1)

A level: C (1)

Spanish:

GCSE: A*(1), B (1), C (1)

AS level: A (1), B (1)

A level: B

N.B. Missing from the A level language results are a couple of students who haven't told me their results. Hopefully they are so busy celebrating their success that they've forgotten to let me know...

BUSINESS LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS: (CBLC - Certificate in Business Language Competence) These are only graded 'pass' or 'fail'. The figures below are passes!

French:

Entry level: 3

Level 1: 3

Level 2: 1

Advanced: 1

Spanish:

Entry level: 1

MUSIC EXAMS:

Piano:

Step 1: Dist'n (2), Merit (1)

Step 2: Distinction (1)

Grade 2: Merit (1), Pass (1)

Grade 1: Dist'n (1), Pass (1)

Grade 2: Merit (1), Pass (1)

Grade 3: Dist'n (1), Pass (1)

Flute:

Step 1: Distinction (1)

Music Theory:

Grade 1: Distinction (1)

Grade 2: Dist'n (1), Merit (1)

Exam work is only a part of what I do, however. Here is a fuller "job description":

Private Language Tuition: I teach French and Spanish to individuals, couples and families who may be learning for a number of reasons: business, holidays, residence abroad or just as a leisure activity.

Business Languages: I have taught French and Spanish in a number of firms in the north-west, some of whom are represented in the above CBLC results. I have just completed a 3-year contract with a chemical company, so will have some vacancies on the business side from September onwards.

Music Lessons: I teach piano and flute to pupils ranging from age 7 to 83, either for exams or purely for interest.

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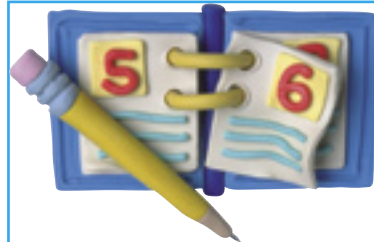
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Are you looking forward to your retirement?

I was at a family gathering recently and asked someone who had recently retired how they were enjoying it. "I'm bored", was the reply! I could hardly believe it. Quite simply, I don't have enough hours in the day. My own father retired at 65 and never saw the age of 66. I was determined that this would not happen to me and planned accordingly. Retirement means a massive change in life style. Far too many people stop work and stop living, far too soon! Retirement is also a time of adjustment, not just for yourself, but also your partner. If, like me, you are married and your partner is used to seeing you off in the morning and then having the rest of the day to do as they please, suddenly having to share it, does not come easily. It requires a period of adjustment by both of you, so be prepared. My first plan was to attend college and so I enrolled on a course on Digital photography. The trouble is that as you mature, your grey cells don't! I did the same course three times before I began to get to grips with it. I persevered though and made several new friends in the process. I also started another hobby, which involved making personalised clocks, bookmarks, etc. My wife started to do a course in "Sugar Skills", that's cake icing to you and me! I firmly believe that it is important for both that you can still do things independently and keep up with your respective circles of friends. I have also found enjoyment in writing, not just letters to the newspapers, but short articles and I have also written the first part of my life story. It is surprising how events from the past come back to you, once you begin. As you may know, we are both now keen members of the caravan fraternity and this has involved quite extensive travel, including two extended holidays in France. Once again, this has broadened our circle of friends, who we keep in touch with, even when we are at home. Perhaps now you will see just why we don't have enough hours in the day, and have to take great care when planning our activities around the hospital and doctors appointments, which now occur with increasing frequency!

So, if you are planning to retire, don't wait too long. It's the beginning of another phase in your life, so be ready to enjoy it. We do.

Graham Archer



Dates for the Dairy

Oct 3rd	Martin Tyrer of BBTV, Internet Threats & Solutions for small businesses
Nov 7th	Wine Tasting with Brian Wilding of Chordale Wines
Nov 15th	Radio Lancashire Visit
Dec 5th	Members Presentations

The chairman writes



THE POWER OF THE NEWSLETTER

Never underestimate the power of the Chorley & South Ribble Business Club Newsletter. We frequently remind members of the opportunity to gain free publicity in the newsletter and on the web site and who knows where it leads. Last month I had an article in the newsletter about work I had done for an American company and just a couple of days after publication I received a phone call from the editor of the Chorley Guardian. He had received a copy of the newsletter and wanted to feature the story in the Chorley Guardian, did I mind and could he send a photographer round – of course the answers were no and yes respectively. Last week the story was the major article in the business section of the paper and I don't seem to be able to go anywhere locally without someone mentioning it. Free publicity. Imagine how much it would have cost to buy the equivalent amount of advertising space! From my experience the response from an editorial article far outweighs the same amount of advertising.

Free publicity, and all because I took a few minutes to write an article for our club newsletter. Why don't you take just a few minutes to write an article, you never know who sees it?

I am sure that all of you who attended last month's club meeting will agree what an excellent speaker we had in Dave Swanton from Sale Sharks and Radio Lancashire. Dave certainly maintained the high standard of speakers we have had this year with a very entertaining presentation. Mention must also go to Donna Hall, Chief Executive of Chorley Borough Council, who gave a brief presentation of Chorley's plan for the future and also bravely faced questions and comments from the audience. Don't forget our visit to Radio Lancashire on 15th November. There are very few places left, please let me have your names soon if you wish to join us.

I hope the last month has been successful for you all and I look forward to seeing you all on the 3rd.