

Standard Business

Movers & shakers

They're the new business faces



■ Family affair – Magali Woodruff.

WOODRUFF Financial Planning in Colchester has become a family affair after Magali Woodruff joined the company.

Mrs Woodruff, married to the principal of the Hythe-based company, Dan Woodruff, has been appointed to deal with operations and finance of the business.

Mrs Woodruff previously worked as purchasing manager at a hotel chain. After leaving to have a family, she has joined the firm and will have day-to-day contact with clients in a non-advisory capacity.

■ JOHN Fowlers Solicitors has made two promotions.

Sheila Crosby, head of the family department, and Wendy Cronshey,

■ Promoted – Sheila Crosby.

who specialises in mental health and crime, have both become partners at the Colchester-based firm.

Ms Crosby has been with the firm for more than 16 years and Ms Cronshey for almost four years.



■ Partner – Wendy Cronshey.

■ MATT King has joined Colchester-based Healthcare Homes.

The qualified chartered accountant joined the care provider from PKF accountants, in Ipswich,



■ Joined – Matt King.

where he worked for four years.

Mr King, of Colchester, will be responsible for internal and external compliance, preparation of accounts and forecasts, treasury management and maintaining investor relations.

■ A CLOTHING manufacturing company has appointed a designer.

Louisa Dash is a graduate of Colchester Institute and has joined the company as it experiences a period of growth.

The firm, based in Shop Road, Little Bromley, makes fashion accessories out of customers' fabrics.

■ KEITH Songhurst has been

■ Member – Keith Songhurst.



accepted as a member of the Property Litigation Association.

Mr Songhurst, a partner at Colchester-based solicitors firm Birkett Long, is one of only three association members in Essex.

The organisation specialises in commercial, residential and agricultural property litigation.

■ COLCHESTER accountancy firm Scrutton Bland has appointed Shirley Greer as account executive.

Ms Greer, who has 15 years' experience in handling insurance for businesses, will manage the commercial insurances portfolio.

Her experience includes an understanding of the charity and heritage sector.

■ AARON Titmus has joined



■ Executive – Shirley Greer.



■ On the team – Aaron Titmus.

the team of a Colchester opticians.

Mr Titmus, who previously worked at Vision Express where he was a practising optometrist, will help adults and children with dyslexia and support amateur and professional sportsmen and women.

He will form a part of a team of sports vision and vision in learning services specialists at Patrick and Menzies, which has shops in Brightlingsea and West Mersea.

■ FROM pot washer to general manager, Shaun Pullum has earned his job the old-fashioned way.

The 24-year-old, who has been appointed general manager at Colchester caterie, The Lemon Tree, in St John's Street, started working at the restaurant when he was 14.

Washing dishes on Friday nights for £2.50 an hour, Mr Pullum admitted he did not relish the job.

But after moving up the ranks to waiter, and training as

a chef under The Lemon Tree's owner, Patrik Minder, Mr Pullum said he was glad he had experienced most aspects of the business.

His chef training started in the kitchen at The Lemon Tree before Mr Pullum went to university, and carried on when he returned during the holidays.

Studying sport, maths, human biology and business studies at college before moving on to do a degree in maths and sports science at Nottingham Trent University, Mr Pullum wanted to go to the bright lights of London and work in the City.

He said: "That was at the beginning of the credit crunch and Patrik offered me the position of general manager.

I know the kitchen, the front of house and all about the PR and promotion of the restaurant, and in a few months I am going to do a management qualification."



■ Earned his job – Shaun Pullum. (09144-1)