



Police dogs move in on Whitefoot-Forward!



Whitefoot-Forward MD Michael Whitefoot (front) on his best behaviour with West Mercia Constabulary dog handlers (L to R) PC Ash Oliver, PC Mick Hawkins / PC Chris Bourne and Sergeant Andy Woolhouse - plus their dogs

A recent visit to Whitefoot-Forward's premises by the West Mercia Constabulary dog handling team had managing director Michael Whitefoot and his staff on their very best behaviour!

The visit is one of several planned in the coming year following a search by the

Constabulary Dog Section for suitable premises in which to undertake specialist police dog training.

PC Ash Oliver from West Mercia Constabulary explained: "Whitefoot-Forward's headquarters struck as a perfect training venue for our team of dogs and we were delighted when they

agreed to open up their Hartlebury Trading Estate warehouse and offices to us." With Whitefoot-Forward staff looking on, the handling team planted firearms parts and drugs, and worked with six of the Force's dogs – Cocker Spaniels and Springer Spaniels - to detect them.

The training exercise was continuing development work for the dogs, all of which have to pass a 6-week course on detecting class A, B and C drugs plus component parts of firearms, before passing a Home Office-licensed qualification to work for the handling team.

Michael Whitefoot, managing director of Whitefoot-Forward Ltd said: "With safety and security paramount to our business, it seemed natural to open our doors to the local police

force! Our warehouse facility here consists of 60,000sq ft which proved to be an ideal location for those super-sensitive canine noses!"

West Mercia's Dog Section can be deployed anywhere in the force area and is called on to assist with ongoing operations as well as spontaneous firearms incidents and emergencies. The team consists of one inspector, 37 officers including five sergeants, more than 50 working police dogs and four members of kennel staff.

Whitefoot-Forward's award-winning services include records management and archive storage, containerised storage and distribution services. For further information call 01299 250566.

Wragge & Co City Challenge raises £12,000 for KidsOut

Wragge & Co LLP has raised more than £12,000 for national charity KidsOut following its Wragge & Co City Challenge. The event saw 15 teams battle it out across the city in a sequence of trials designed to put their physical and mental capabilities to the test.

David Baker, chief executive at KidsOut, said: "We're delighted Wragge & Co chose to support us with this event. Everyone who took part had great fun, which is what KidsOut is all about; bringing fun and happiness to disadvantaged children. All of the fantastic fundraising that took place on the day will help us to build another mobile sensory room, which will bring fun and happiness to hundreds more children in the years to come."

A team of five from international property consultancy E.C. Harris won the challenge, with Lloyds TSB in second place and KPMG coming third. Other contenders included Deloitte, Milsys, Sanctuary Housing, Barnett Waddingham, Hammonds, BDO Stoy Hayward and DTZ. PricewaterhouseCoopers supported the event by hosting the evening ceremony.

The Wragge & Co City Challenge involved

a series of physical challenges and a brainteaser event based on the history and geography of Birmingham. The teams abseiled from the top of Malmaison's roof at the Mailbox, canoed down the Birmingham canal at Brindley Place and competed in a curry tasting event at Asha's Restaurant.

A number of organisations supported the Wragge & Co City Challenge. They included Ackers Trust, Malmaison, Asha's Restaurant, United Biscuits and Cadbury plc.

KidsOut is a national charity that helps an estimated 66,000 disadvantaged children and young people throughout the UK every year. Many of the children have physical, health, social or learning difficulties, while others come from turbulent or financially deprived backgrounds. It helps fund and deliver a range of fun activities that are designed to socially engage and develop confidence in young people. Money raised from the Wragge & Co City Challenge will help KidsOut to fund the purchase of a mobile sensory unit for children with severe illness or disabilities.

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Malvern uses live web conference to launch Kinexus

Malvern Instruments broke new ground recently when the company launched Kinexus, a revolutionary new rheometer, via a live, global web event that was attended by hundreds of people around the world. Web-based communications play a critically important role in Malvern's delivery of support, information and technical expertise to its customers, but this live product launch was truly a first!

Kinexus is a rotational rheometer, an instrument that allows scientists and engineers to study how materials flow and deform. Even in the scientific community rheology is seen as a challenging, highly mathematical discipline but practical examples of its importance are all around us. Rheological studies are used to develop mouldable polymers, stable medicines, paints that cover but don't drip, and toothpaste that comes out of the tube when we squeeze it!

Expressing his confidence in the instrument Paul Walker, managing director of Malvern Instruments said "Malvern's success is underpinned by two critical factors – world class engineering and the quality of our in-house expertise. We deliver best-in-class instruments and use our extensive knowledge to ensure customers get the maximum value

from them. With Kinexus we have developed an exciting new product that will fully meet needs now and in the future. We believe the instrument will revolutionise how users interact with rheometers – more rheology, less effort."

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