



ALLAH DITTA

FIRST PERSON

Local people talk about their lifestyle. Today, it's the turn of Allah Ditta, aged 56, who is a cabinet member of the Worcester City Council. He is also a former city mayor and represents Worcester's cathedral ward.

Where were you born?
Lahore, Pakistan.

What was your first job?
In Worcester, making gloves.

What sort of house do you live in?
Terraced.

What sort of car do you drive?
I have a car but prefer to walk.

What is your greatest achievement?
Becoming mayor of Worcester in 2004.

What is your biggest regret?
That my mother died without experiencing my term of office as mayor.

What would you like to change about your life?
Nothing, I enjoy it.

What makes you angry?
When common sense does not prevail.

What bad habits do you have?
I don't know, ask my wife.

What do you do to relax?
Listen to music.

What is your favourite restaurant or bar?
If I'm entertaining friends, Bushwackers.

What is your favourite TV show?
Who Wants To Be A Millionaire.

What is your favourite holiday destination?
Weston-super-Mare or Jersey.

What do you like or hate about where you live?
The parking is a nightmare.

Who is your best friend?
I have lots of great friends.

Who is your greatest hero and why?
Imran Khan because of his charity and sporting achievements.

Which household chore do you hate the most?
None, I'm practical.

What is your biggest extravagance?
No idea.

What would you do first if you won a million pounds?
Invest in education in Lahore where I grew up.

What would you write on your epitaph?
My experiences, so others could benefit from them.

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Dentist launched smear campaign against colleague

Professional faces one-year ban for professional misconduct

A DENTIST who was found guilty of serious professional misconduct has been suspended for one year after withdrawing an appeal.

Ikhlaq Hussain, who until recently worked at Droitwich Spa Dental Practice in Blackfriars Avenue, Droitwich, conducted a prolonged smear campaign against fellow professional Lutz Reinhardt.

He was suspended by the General Dental Council (GDC) last year, but lodged an appeal against the decision. The appeal was due to be heard at the High Court in London on Friday, July 25, but Hussain withdrew and the suspension was automatically activated.

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The GDC ruling by the professional conduct committee described Hussain's actions as a "planned and reprehensible attack" and of a "serious, extensive and sustained departure from ethical standards".

The smear campaign dates back to 2006 when Mr Reinhardt worked for Hussain at his dental practices in Atherstone and Camphill in Warwickshire.

After Mr Reinhardt refused to sign a new contract, Hussain telephoned him several times and went to his home. A few days later

Hussain dismissed Mr Reinhardt.

Hussain then contacted Mr Reinhardt's previous employer, Associated Dental Practices Dental Company Limited (ADP), requesting details of Mr Reinhardt's employment. Hussain knew there had been complaints made against Reinhardt.

On receipt of the details, which ADP supplied thinking Mr Reinhardt was still employed, Hussain wrote to his patients and enclosed a copy of the letter.

The GDC's professional conduct committee said: "The purpose of this letter was an attempt to retain patients previously treated by Mr Reinhardt as patients

of your practice and to encourage those who had left to return."

The committee said: "In sending the letter you acted without any regard to the anxiety, confusion or loss of confidence that such a letter might provoke in patients both in relation to their own treatment and in relation to the confidence that can be reposed in members of the dental profession."

Hussain admitted 19 out of the 35 charges when he came before the GDC in May last year.

He was found not guilty of just one charge, which was intercepting letters sent from the primary care trust to associates.

NEWS DIGEST

Wheelie bin on fire

A TEENAGER has appeared in court for setting fire to a wheelie bin outside a stationery shop in Droitwich.

Adam Fearnall, who is charged with arson, is alleged to have caused £30 damage to the bin outside Office Express on Tuesday, February 26.

A plea was not taken from him when he appeared before Worcester's magistrates on Monday and an adjournment was asked for so that psychological reports could be prepared.

The case was adjourned until Monday, September 1, and Fearnall, aged 18, of Bays Meadow, Droitwich, was released on unconditional bail until that date.

Bail for defendant

A MAN accused of eight sex offences including rape has been granted bail by a judge at Worcester Crown Court.

Gary Oates, aged 45, of Worcester Road, Newland, Malvern, is charged with two counts of rape and six counts of indecent assault.

The charges relate to two females and span the period April 1988 to April 1997.

The rape charges are against one female and the remaining charges relate to both complainants.

Oates was granted bail until Wednesday, October 8, when he will return to court for his pleas to be taken.

Free fund-raiser

AN open day will be held at Evesham day centre for adults with learning disabilities today.

The government-funded day centre is located next to Evesham College in Davies Road and entrance to the fund-raising event is free with entertainment for young and old throughout the day.

Doors open at 11am and the event will be on till 2.30pm with belly dancers performing at noon. Last year the event raised £500.



From left is Charles Morgan, executive director; John Hutton MP, secretary of state for business; Matthew Parkin, executive director, and Steve Morris, executive director, at the Morgan factory in Malvern with the Morgan Aero 8 vehicle. 32475404.

Car company praised for green plans

A GOVERNMENT minister has praised a family-owned car company for motoring ahead with green credentials.

John Hutton, business and enterprise secretary, was given a tour around the Morgan Motor Company's

factory in Malvern Link and met some of the 155 workers who built the world famous sports cars. The company has just announced plans to develop a low carbon model - the LIFEcar - in collaboration with leading

British universities and the Technology Strategy Board.

Mr Hutton said: "I am impressed by the way Morgan is developing its vehicles to increase the sustainability of its models, from the use of stop-start

technology and low resistance tyres to new fuel sources, which help cut carbon emissions."

He said the new car was an example of blending traditional building methods with contemporary design.



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