



## Newsletter No. 1, 2010

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### CHARACTER TRAIT FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY

The Manningham Promoting Character focus for January - February is **Alertness**. Character qualities are difficult to measure, however, good character makes achievement possible. It is important to observe and encourage a person's character rather than a person's accomplishments. Alertness is being aware of what is taking place around you so that you can provide the right responses.

*"The pheasant has been called the most sly fowl a hunter and his dog ever faced. It will sit silent and unseen in the tall grass, intently listening. When it feels threatened, the pheasant can run well, staying low and weaving right and left to evade pursuers. If this escape plan does not work, the pheasant will 'explode' straight into the air, often startling its pursuer enough to win precious getaway time.*

*Because of its evasiveness, the pheasant became a favourite game bird of the ancient Greeks and Romans. As the Roman Empire spread, pheasants were transplanted into new locations, readily adapting to almost every new territory, climate, and sportsman they encountered", (Character First Bulletin, Series 3/3).*

### PUTTING CHARACTER INTO PRACTICE

- Society tends to stress the negative
- To emphasis the positive takes some effort and a mind change
- Each of us knows and works with people who demonstrate positive character traits
- MPC provides a format to credit these people for the quality of life they demonstrate

Contact a MPC Committee member today for more information about how you can put character into practice. Our contact details are listed above.

### MPC AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO:

- John McQuillan for his Generosity of time, Service and Professionalism.
- Henry and Libby Betschel for their Diligence, Generosity and Enthusiasm.
- Amelio Colla for his Generosity of time and Dependability.
- Aldo Zaccaria for his Generosity of time and Dependability.

These awards were presented at the MPC end of year function at the Council Offices. All recipients were worthy of their awards and if you have someone in your organization who you believe displays any of the character traits that MPC are presenting during the year then contact a MPC member using the above details.

**MPC meets on the third Wednesday at 12.30pm in the Manningham Council Offices and we would love you to drop in.**

Don't forget to copy and display the attached poster within your organization to encourage colleagues to join in, and to think about how much we can all show **Alertness** in what we do at home, at work and in the community.