

## A note from our MD



show you around our office in augmented reality.

Also just announced is the general availability of two UK datacenters for Azure and Office 365. This is fantastic news for us and our other UK based Partners giving our existing and potential new clients a chance to deploy Azure solutions in the UK that comply with data legislation, location laws and it provides a closer geographic deployment for high speed UK services.

I am delighted to be able to share with you in this version of our newsletter some exciting Polymorph and IT industry news.

Firstly we at Polymorph are now in possession of a Microsoft HoloLens – Microsoft's impressive augmented reality headset. A number of clients were suitably 'wowed' at our latest cake and coffee session and we're looking forward to introducing more clients to it. If you would like to have a play with this amazing technology that will have such an impact on our lives, then please get in touch – to give you a flavour of its power we'd be delighted to

As always at Polymorph we are keeping ahead of the technologies by taking advantage of all the training offered and I am pleased to say I am delighted with the qualifications that the teams are currently achieving.

I can't wait to discuss any of this with you in more detail.



Steve Harris, Managing Director

## Recent successes



Ferrero UK delighted with their new upgraded SharePoint intranet

Ferrero's IT Development Manager was set the task to find a company with qualified SharePoint consultants who had experience in SharePoint branding, SharePoint design and SharePoint intranet upgrades. Polymorph, with offices in

London and the North West, were found from a Google search and subsequently chosen as the partner for this SharePoint intranet upgrade project. Polymorph redeveloped Ferrero's company intranet to SharePoint 2013 with a complete redesign, improving functionality, branding as well as modernising the way in which staff work.



Staffordshire Police migrate 4,500 users to a Microsoft Azure Private Cloud Exchange Environment

Following a rigorous tender process, Polymorph were chosen as the preferred partner for the project and immediately set about assisting with the design of a Microsoft Azure private cloud supporting Microsoft Exchange to migrate the IBM Lotus Domino

platform. A detailed project plan was established and scrutinised by all parties as well as establishing regular reporting mechanisms. Dell's (Quest) software was deployed onto appropriate migration servers to support the process of co-existence and the migration itself. The project was completed to plan and to budget, thus paving the way for the wider transformation project to continue.

## Company news



Congratulations to the Software Team.

The Software team have just achieved the 'Gold' Application Development competency with Microsoft.

We now have 4 fully certified MCSD's.

## Company spotlight

We pride ourselves in offering 'value added' IT support to our customers.

By this we mean providing the usual IT Support that most IT Managed Services companies offer but with the addition of giving you the right advice and guidance to keep you running smoothly and efficiently within that all important budget. Does your IT support provider just do the basics to keep you up and running? Is your in-house IT lacking the level of experience and expertise to get you to the next level? Do you need help identifying quick wins and save

on processing time? Do you need help with your company vision and how to get there? We can provide all this for you with agreed milestones along the way. We have several different support models which can be tailored to fit your business requirements and grow with them as you change. Why not get in touch for an informal chat about your setup and potential requirements. Or if you just want to find out what Polymorph are about, how about registering for one of our Cake and Coffee sessions which delve into new & exciting developments in IT and how they could work for you.

## Industry news



Just announced is the general availability of two UK datacenters for Azure and Office 365.

This is fantastic news for UK based Partners and customers who can now deploy Azure solutions in the UK! There are two new datacenters announced, both located in the UK: 'UK West' and 'UK South'. This effectively means that full Disaster Recovery scenarios can be deployed in redundant

datacenters without data having to leave the UK. This applies to high availability for Storage, SQL as a service, Azure backup, etc. Polymorph have been a member of the private preview of the UK datacenters and have been actively involved in the testing for some months, at present not all services are available in the UK but the primary services are up: Virtual Machines and Networking, Storage, SQL as a service and Web Apps.

## Events



Coffee and cake sessions are continuing very successfully.

To date the series has included:

- Coffee, cake and technology
- Coffee, cake and Google
- Coffee, cake and Microsoft technology

These events are held every few months. Watch the website for details and dates of future sessions. More industry targeted events are also planned, again these will be on our website.

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A note to congratulate you on what I thought was an expertly held and run event (which I have come to expect from Polymorph) and a very educative and thought provoking one at that.

Mark Briscoe, Managing Partner, Palorus (Coffee, cake and technology – session 1)



Microsoft Windows 10 Anniversary Update

Microsoft have recently released the first major update to their Windows 10 PC platform. Appropriately this release, following on a year after the public launch of Windows 10, has been called the 'Anniversary

Edition' or, in technical terms, version 1607. Although it retains the overall look and feel of Windows 10 the Start menu has been visibly changed. In particular, important features such as File Explorer, Settings and Power are now readily available at the left hand side of the Start menu.