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**RISEN: THE HOWARD WINSTONE PHENOMENON**

**RINGSIDE WITH HOWARD WINSTONE!**

The feature film that's taken the imagination of the nation and is building momentum towards its start date of principal photography; August 1<sup>st</sup>, has just had a major boost! Top boxing apparel company, 'Ringside', currently best known for their sponsorships of World Champions Joe Calzaghe and Enzo Macaranelli, have recently contacted the films Producers Stuart Brennan and Neil Jones and offered to sponsor the film and all the actors!

As a number of actors are already in training for the film, including Richard Bond, Edward E.White and of course the film's star, the man who is taking the role of Howard, Stuart Brennan, this will come as a great boost, as all the actors are receiving personalised tracksuits and training gear to help them in their training for what is considered by most as the hardest professional sport in the world.

During a photo shoot in London on Tuesday Stuart was full of praise for their sponsors; "All of the kit is of the best quality I've seen or used, the sponsors have gone out of their way to make sure we're all kitted out correctly, and to have such a high profile company wanting to get involved is representative of how big this film is becoming."

The short film 'The Fifteenth' (available for all to watch on a commemorative DVD to buy online at [www.howardwinstone.com](http://www.howardwinstone.com)) has been selling very well, and interest in the film has been growing and growing. Two well known TV companies have made approaches to follow Stuart as he trains and prepares for the role, and do weekly broadcasts of how he's getting on.

The film's director Neil Jones, originally from Merthyr where much of the film is set, is feeling very positive about the way the film is coming along; "this film is growing daily, the amount of talented names who are coming forward to get involved is really remarkable, we will be announcing these names in the next few weeks, but at the moment all I can say is that Merthyr is going to look more like Hollywood than the Welsh Valleys this summer!"

Ringside are committed to keeping the integrity of the project and will even be supplying specially designed kit to the film, for use when filming, that will embody the look and feel of the punch bags and kit that was used by Howard in the 60's.

Stuart Brennan is currently being trained by ex-professional boxer Don James, and has been for the past 6 months, now it'll be hard to miss him as he runs up the Welsh Mountains and pounds the notorious Sanatorium Hill, kitted out in all of his new kit. When asked how it feels to have such interest in himself and the film, in typical Winstone fashion he replied "Dew, it feels great man!"

Jodie Jones

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