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I am sure many of you will be getting sick and tired of all the election coverage taking place - and I suspect many are also wondering exactly how many politicians can we trust these days?

Manifestos are produced, then goal posts are moved and then reality hits home.

All parties in power have been guilty at some stage of breaking promises. I am not saying it is easy - in fact I will go as far as saying it is impossible to please all of the people all of the time - and that is exactly the problem.

All the mainstream parties - and in saying mainstream I mean the three largest parties currently sitting in the House of Commons and on Warrington Borough Council, are trying to be popular.

It is totally natural to want to appeal to as many voters as possible. But as a result they have all become almost clones - hence the rise in recent years of the fringe parties.

Time and time again I hear people saying they are going to "waste" their vote by voting for a fringe party as a "protest vote."

While I can understand their sentiments and frustrations it also flies in the face of logic. Votes shouldn't be wasted they should be used wisely for the person you feel is best equipped to do the job.

Personally if I am going to vote I will vote for the person who I

believe can do the best job for my country and my town.

I don't care what party they stand for - I just want to know they will give 100 per cent and do their best and hold their hands up if they make a mistake - I certainly don't want them to make any promises they can't keep.

Finally as I pen these notes it was a sad day for Warrington following the devastating blaze which ravaged the Mr Smith's building.

I fear the building could be lost but I do hope something can be salvaged for the proposed Youth

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Performing is in the blood

WHEN Laura Harrison last trod the boards at Warrington's Priestley College she dazzled audiences as Mrs Johnstone in Blood Brothers.

Now the 27-year-old from Woolston, is in Blood Brothers again – this time touring the country with an award-winning national production of the musical.

"Blood Brothers was our last show at Priestley so it's really fitting that I am now part of the professional company," said Laura.

"The major difference is that at Priestley we were doing it for educational purposes so everyone was given a role. On tour there is probably half as many cast members and I play numerous roles and have to change about 11 times."

Laura, a former Woolston High School pupil, left Priestley with the top marks in the country for Performing Arts and also secured A-Levels in Drama and Music.

She then took home first class honours from the Cumbria Institute of the Arts and gained a distinction in MA Music Theatre at Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

Although not long into her career she has already been a face for Henry Holland, performed at the Royal Albert Hall for the Stephen Sondheim's birthday proms, sang with Peter Andre, played numerous roles in Panto, Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors and dueted with Jason Manford at the Bridgewater Hall.

Now she is touring with the acclaimed production of Blood



Brothers in which her title role is Donna Marie/Miss Jones Understudy Mrs Lyons but she also plays Marilyn Monroe, Nurse and Woman in Window.

Laura picks the moment she received the call telling her she had the latest part(s) as her career highlight so far.

"It's amazing to be involved in something like Blood Brothers and it might sound a bit pretentious but I feel blessed every day," she said.

For others wanting to pursue a life on stage Laura recommends being focussed on what is best for you.

"It is your journey and is not to be influenced by anyone else," she said. "Work hard and be hard. You have to be tough in most jobs, but in this one rejection plays a big part of it, so toughen up if you need to."

"You are not going to get handed anything on a plate, so don't expect to go to the bright lights of London and stroll into your Les Mis audition and land your main part in the West End. Be real, and be yourself."

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Dining out at The Public House

THE Village Hotel has launched a brand new bar menu in the aptly named Public House – with a selection of mouth-watering dishes.

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You can also opt for a classic burger or an American burger with peanut butter and bacon or a selection of other burgers, including a Veggie one.

If you are not a burger fan don't worry – there are plenty of other options on the menu, including a super food salad if you want to be good.

But no matter how good you want to be you will still be tempted by the dessert mugs, which again come in ample portions (enough for two to share) with a chocolate mousse, lemon cheesecake or crème brûlée.

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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

Laughter is the best medicine!

Have you ever noticed how relaxed and good you feel after laughing at a funny joke, or been told a funny joke?

It seems generally accepted that our bodies respond in a positive way to a hearty laugh. Articles in the popular press and medical journals frequently report that laughter, like exercise, can reduce stress and depression, improve tolerance to pain, and alter bodily functions such as blood pressure, heart rate, muscle activity, and stomach acidity. The process of laughing releases endorphins, which are natural painkillers. So it is important to find things which make us laugh and therefore improve mood and general wellbeing.

People have different attitudes and experiences of humour. Something that one person finds extremely amusing, may annoy another, or they may find it in bad taste. Humour needs to be appropriate to the situation, however, this can be a matter of opinion. Laughter therapy is used now in many settings, where children and adults have life threatening illnesses, or serious mental health problems. People who work in highly emotive and traumatic environments often

use humour to counteract the effects of the things they are witnessing or experiencing, because if they didn't they could ultimately be unable to cope with their work. However, for people looking in, they may be unable to relate to this type of humour.

When people are depressed, and someone tries to get them to laugh, they are most likely to be resistant, and feel that they are being made fun of. When it is suggested to them to have more exercise, and to watch funny movies they may often think their problems are being minimized and not understood. However, as exercise and laughter raises the endorphins and therefore the feel good factor, if they are able to take the advice on board, then in time their mood would naturally be altered.

A negative state of mind depresses the emotions, so it important to be observant about the thoughts we have, and to remain open to the humour that is around us every day, in the smallest of ways. If you look around you, and notice other people's smiles and laughter perhaps it can have a positive effect on you. Or make sure you watch comedy programmes, or children's TV, and spend time with people who

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like to laugh and have a positive attitude. Many people spend a lot of time on social media, like Facebook, and like to watch the funny clips which other people post. Some of these may not be appropriate, but many are funny and are harmless humour.

Notice how you feel in your body when you start to laugh, how it lightens you and releases the tension. Remember this feeling, and make a promise to yourself, that you will ensure you find ways to have more laughter and fun in your life. It may help to write down ways that you can do this.

In therapy we encourage laughter, and to be able to see the funny side of things. If you wish to discuss how you can lighten up more and get those endorphins working; please contact me or my associate, Cate on: 01925 658322 to arrange an Initial Consultation.

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This new addition to the station serves a selection of food and beverages to suit both commuters and locals alike. By day 1923 is a bustling coffee shop with a bistro feel serving great coffees, smoothies, sandwiches, salads and snacks all produced onsite using local producers. Into the evening the venue adopts a bistro like feel with customers being able to grab that snack on the way home from work or enjoy a dining experience like no other in true 1920s themed surroundings.

From bespoke train carriage fittings to the relaxing mezzanine

level complete with free WiFi it's the perfect place to meet with friends or enjoy a relaxing half hour before or after the daily commute.

Stuart Wraith (pictured right), operations manager said: "This project has been unique we have looked in the historical aspects of the station building and matched it in keeping with the charm of the building to create a business which is different, welcoming and we hope a great addition to the local area. We have sourced local suppliers such as Dunham Massey brewery to provide hearty and mouth-watering dishes and beverages, which can be enjoyed both in the comfort of our quirky new venue or can be taken out. After home and work we want 1923 to become the Irlam communities third place of residence, and are looking forward to welcoming you soon."

1923 will soon be launching its take away service online also to allow customers on the go to collect their orders at their convenience

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by Steve Park

SMEs make up 99% of the UK's 5.2 million businesses. As I've said many times before SMEs are the lifeblood and the future of the UK economy.

It is encouraging then to see that according to their latest Entrepreneurs Index, produced by Barclays and the Business Growth

Fund, the number of start-ups in the UK rose by 3.7% in the second half of 2014 – the second highest increase since the Index was first published in 2012. The total number of active companies in the UK now stands at 3.14 million. The Index also revealed that the number of 18-64 year olds starting their own business was up by an

impressive 8.6%.

I'm sure that these stats will have been mirrored in Warrington in our position as an entrepreneurial hotspot for new businesses and one of the start up capitals of the UK.

In September Warrington's Business Incubator will open its doors focussing its activity on the energy and engineering sectors which have been identified as high-growth sectors in the local Warrington economy. A key part of the support offered to the new businesses that take space there will be flexible leases and reasonable rental terms to assist their growth and development in their crucial early years.

For those who are considering starting up in retail, however, setting up at Warrington Market offers a great opportunity. The market has been a thriving entity for 700 years and can offer a very competitive start and similar flexible terms to those which will be available at the Business Incubator. Furthermore Warrington Market is assured a great future. In 2017 it will move into its impressive temporary home and then in 2019 into the fantastic £10 million new market hall.

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New housing group opens its doors

AN influential new housing group with a commitment to bringing affordable homes and job opportunities to the region has opened its doors.

The Torus Group combines the strength, skills, local knowledge and strategic intent of two well established housing associations, Helena Partnerships and Golden Gates Housing Trust. Ambitious plans are in place to influence economic prosperity within the wider mid-Mersey region.

Torus Group Chief Executive, Rob Young, explains: "There is a desperate need for affordable homes in the North West. By joining forces as a Group, we aim to address this shortfall. Utilising our significant asset strength – some 22,000 homes – we intend to build more homes for both rent and sale."

And this is just the start. Blending enterprise with social purpose, Torus has ambitious plans to create 2,500 local job opportunities over the next five years and to enhance the range of support services both housing associations already offer their 44,000 customers.

On a day-to-day basis, existing customers of both Helena and GGHT will be unaffected by the change in structure.

"Both Helena Partnerships and Golden Gates Housing Trust will retain their own local identities", says Rob.

"Our commitment to our customers, their well being and the services we offer is unchanged. But joining forces as a Group enables us to bolster our resources, become stronger and achieve greater results in the long term."

Torus will strive to exert even more influence on the supply of affordable homes, on the local economy, the prosperity of local communities and the health and wellbeing of the people who live there.

Crucially Rob explains, building homes will open doors for local people. "By 2020, we will build 1,500 homes. Each affordable home we build contributes a sizeable investment to the local economy, creates jobs for local people and opportunities for local businesses. We're here to deliver housing regeneration with sustainable, economic and social regeneration at its heart."

A staff base of around 1,000 makes the Torus Group one of the largest employers in the region, attracting talented individuals sharing the same corporate vision: to use strength and influence to deliver economic and social change.

Chairman of the group is former Wirral Council Chief Executive Graham Burgess.

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Fond farewell to housing chief

GOLDEN Gates Housing Trust Chief Executive Peter Mercer has retired, marking the end of a 40 year involvement in social housing.

Peter started his career in housing when he joined Liverpool City Council in 1974, holding a variety of roles within the City's housing department. He then moved to work for Warrington Borough Council (WBC) in January 1989, starting out as Principal Housing Officer before becoming Chief Executive in November 2003. He led the housing service through a number of successes including: setting up the town's Arms Length Management Organisation (GGH) in February 2004; winning government funding to bring the housing stock up to decent homes standard; and achieving the Audit Commission's coveted 3 stars status.

Peter also led the transfer of the housing stock from WBC to Golden Gates Housing Trust in November 2010, a move endorsed by the vast majority of tenants. He has been instrumental in securing GGHT's future with Helena Partnerships with the two organisations becoming part of the newly formed group Torus. He has also forged strong relationships with partners and stakeholders across the Borough.

Since starting in social housing, Peter's career has blossomed,



and he's turned GGHT into one of the country's top housing organisations – a great tribute to his leadership skills and vision for the organisation.

Peter said: "I'm sad to be leaving Warrington, partners and people I've worked with for over 26 years, but I'm pleased to know that the future of the organisation is strong and secure. I would like to thank the many partners, stakeholders and staff who have supported me during my career."

GGHT Chair Roy Smith said: "It's been an absolute pleasure to work with Peter over the years. Peter has had so much time, enthusiasm and energy for the borough of Warrington. We shall miss Peter a lot but his retirement is well deserved and he is leaving Golden Gates in a very strong position as part of Torus."

New team at the helm

WARRINGTON Disability Partnership has a new leadership team at the helm, with founder Dave Thompson becoming Chief Executive and former health chief and council leader John Gartside being elected Chairman of the Trustees.

John has been a patron of WDP since its launch and was also instrumental in many areas of the charity's early development stemming back to the early 1990s.

He has a wealth of experience including being the former leader of Warrington Borough Council, chair of the boards at three NHS Trusts, a member of the board at Big Lottery and a trustee of the Warrington Wolves Foundation and Foundation for Peace.

Dave said: "I am looking forward to working closely with John. It brings back memories of 20 years ago when I first joined the NHS and John was our chairman. His network of contacts is second to none and his knowledge and skills of organisational development are excellent.

"I feel his professionalism will be a great asset to Team WDP."

John, who is also a Freeman of the borough, said: "I am delighted to be working alongside Dave and the board of Trustees.

"But more important than my appointment is the role of the new Chief executive who has demonstrated he is the ideal person for the role after dedicating much of his life to the charity he helped



John Gartside and Dave Thompson.

set up.

"There are ambitious plans to further embed WDP into Warrington's social, cultural and business life, especially when creating opportunities for people with disabilities and long term health conditions.

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Charity celebrates 20th 'birthday'

A CHARITY set up in the wake of the IRA bomb attack on Warrington which claimed the lives of two young boys is celebrating 20 years of operation.

The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace started work on April 5 1995 when a new charity was formed and incorporated as the Warrington International Youth Centre Trust.

The charitable company was established following the Warrington bombings on Bridge Street that killed 12-year-old Tim Parry and three-year-old Johnathan Ball.

Tim's parents Colin Parry OBE and Wendy Parry OBE created the charity in memory of the boys.

Warrington Borough Council supported the formation and other founders included John Gartside OBE, Mike Sanders and Denis Cooper - the Council Leader, CEO and Hon. Secretary at the time of the bombing.

The charity was originally set up to advance education to young people; and to provide assistance, social welfare and the provision of facilities for recreation and leisure for youngsters.

In March 1998 the charity changed its name to the Tim



Colin and Wendy with their grandson Arthur.

Parry Johnathan Ball Trust. Its work developed to help people, especially young people, of all races and faiths and nations in understanding the causes, management and non-violent resolution of conflict.

In the early days the charity

offered the Tim Parry Scholarship that brought together young people from Warrington, Belfast and Dublin to consider their differences and to understand what they had in common. An ambition came about to build a home for the scholarship and in 2000 the Tim

Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Centre was opened and became the home of the charity working with the NSPCC and the Warrington Youth Club.

In December 2006 the charity became the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace and since that date has expanded to promote national and international conflict resolution and reconciliation.

Nick Taylor, Chief Executive said: "Colin and Wendy Parry couldn't have imagined that their ambition would have grown into the organisation it is today.

"They started the charity from Tim's bedroom and went on to build the amazing Peace Centre and establish a charitable Foundation that continues to expand and is having such an impact on a global scale."

The names of Tim Parry and Johnathan Ball are known throughout the world and still provide that strong message for peace - the charity will mark its 20th year quietly and proudly looking forward to its twenty-first year and beyond.

To find out more about the work of the Foundation log onto www.foundation4peace.org

Local people recognised at Positive Change Awards

A NUMBER of local residents and businesses are celebrating after their achievements were recognised at the first ever Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT) Positive Change Awards.

The prestigious event, held at the Village Hotel in Warrington, was organised by GGHT with support from Warrington Borough Council (WBC). It helped to showcase and celebrate the achievements of the huge number of local residents and businesses the Trust have worked with and who have consistently exceeded expectations.

The host for the evening was Pete Pinnington and guests and nominees were treated to passionate speeches about the town and its economy from Warrington & Co. Managing Director, Steve Park and GGHT Chair, Roy Smith.

The Positive Change Awards 2015 winners were:

- GGHT Apprentice of the Year Sponsored by Frank Rogers Ltd - Daniel Stonehouse
- GGHT Trainee of the Year Sponsored by Up Holland Property Services - Kamilla Kasprowiak
- GGHT Positive Change Candidate of the Year Sponsored by RH (UK) Ltd - Andy Moran
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Speaking at the awards, GGHT

Chair Roy Smith said: "It was fantastic to see so many local residents who have taken on Trainee or Apprenticeship roles with GGHT or worked with the Trust's Employment Initiatives Team to move into employment, training or volunteering roles.

"I am particularly delighted to have seen the great work we have delivered in partnership with Warrington Borough Council to support local small businesses, charities and voluntary sector organisations through the wage incentive scheme.

"A massive congratulations to all winners and nominees, and a huge thank you for all their hard work."

Steve Park, of Warrington & Co, added: "Warrington's business community relies on the strength of its partnerships; and this is evident in the role that GGHT plays and the award winners, congratulations to them all."

The GGHT Trainee of the Year Award went to, Kamilla Kasprowiak who has been successful in gaining a permanent position with GGHT as Neighbourhood Officer.

Kamilla said: "It was a great night and I was delighted to win the award for Trainee of the Year. The support I received from everybody at GGHT has helped me significantly develop my skills and confidence and I am now looking

forward to the future."

Thanks also goes to award sponsors and supporters, including Up Holland Property Services, A.G. Painting & Decorating, RH (UK) Ltd, Jewson, Total Glass, Frank Rogers Building Contractors, CDP Print Management, Cruden Construction, **warrington worldwide**, LiveWire, Keepmoat, Warrington Wolves Foundation and Pete Pinnington Presents.

Over £200 was also raised for GGHT's Corporate Charity of the year, St. Rocco's Hospice as part of the Corporate Charity Challenge.



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Chief Executive Nick Taylor reviews 2014

A year ago when I published my review of 2013, I could not have conceived the sheer horror that violent conflict would bring to the world in the twelve months that were to follow.

ISIS had not entered our public lexicon and places such as Syria, Iraq, Israel, Palestine and the Ukraine hardly gained a mention. In fact, reading the list of the 53 US designated 'foreign terrorist organisations' issued in January, none of the above warranted a reference, demonstrating how fast the world of terrorism, war and political violence evolves. 2014 has changed so much in the global landscape and taken violent conflict to new levels not seen since the end of World War II.

The 2013 statistical index documents 9,707 attacks worldwide. It was 8,400 in 2012. One every hour is now one every 55 minutes. These attacks resulted in more than 17,800 deaths and 32,500 injuries. The figures for 2014 will be worse still and many of the incidents will defy the statisticians.

There are constant reminders that our world is affected by violent conflict - as 2014 ended we were confronted by daily examples from a 'lone' attack on a coffee shop in Australia to mass killings of school children in Pakistan. Brutal executions undertaken using the full power of social media to spread extreme ideologies has led to an upsurge in far-right politics and



Nick Taylor CEO

a test of tolerance to those who express more moderate views.

We have no doubt our need is proven - this is a world in which conflict, often violent, is a real risk not just to human life, but to the very fabric of society in upholding freedom and democracy and in creating a stable economic and safe environment. Prejudice and discrimination needs to be challenged whether in our communities, schools, universities or prisons. There is no place for extremism or those who seek to radicalise vulnerable people. Our health, social and welfare systems should not have to look after those affected, and the human cost is something we cannot tolerate.

Lord Chancellor & Secretary of State for Justice visits the Peace Centre

Mr Grayling was in Warrington with local MP David Mowat and asked to visit the Centre to meet Founders Colin and Wendy Parry and hear about the work of the Foundation, in particular its work to assist survivors, victims and those affected by terrorism.

Mr Grayling, as Secretary of State, has oversight of all Ministry of Justice business and is responsible for making improvements to the criminal justice and prison system. He is also responsible for the resourcing of his department, overall strategy on criminal justice, penal policy, human rights and rehabilitation and other

The Foundation launches its Manifesto

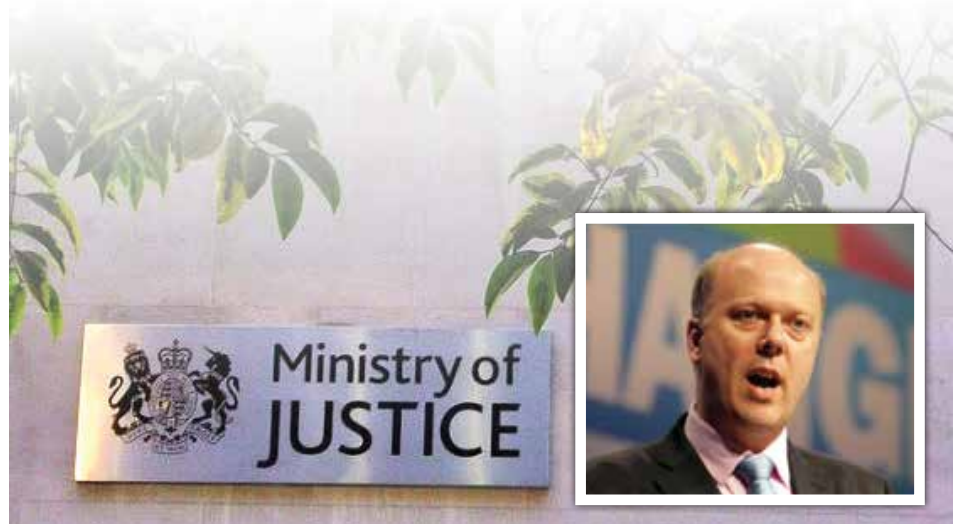
The Foundation's position FOR PEACE is an 'independent' stance although by definition it is not 'neutral' as we believe that whilst conflict is apparent in all walks of life - the use of violence to enforce 'your will on others' is not acceptable.

This is a position that may or may not be accepted by political parties but our campaign on this issue and our advocacy is an independent stance and in no way endorses or supports any political party or its policies.

Please go to www.foundation4peace.org where the full document can be found.

functions of the Lord Chancellor. After a tour of the Peace Centre, CEO Nick Taylor set out the recently published manifesto and talked through the challenges faced by the organisation.

Nick Taylor said: "The Foundation is an independent charity but its aims are in accord with many of our national objectives to counter extremism and help those who have suffered through acts of terrorism and war. We asked the Secretary of State to ensure that Government fully realises the social impacts we are having and how we need to attract long-term investment to support our work."



'A Year in the Life of the Foundation'



Colin Parry, Chairman

In the 20 years since Wendy and I set up the Foundation, its journey has been variously, one of great pride for where we began and where we've got to, but also one of great worry....for the survival of what is a wonderful creation in Tim and Johnathan's names and memory.

The first quarter of 2014 was just such a worrying period.

We faced serious funding issues which threatened the continuation of our long standing Survivors programme. Faced by this we decided to break with tradition, and lobby local and national politicians in an effort to bring to government's attention, the needs of victims and the help the Foundation are providing. David Mowat, our local MP, Ivan Lewis, Shadow Secretary for N Ireland and Tessa Jowell, former Cabinet Minister in the last Labour government, all lobbied the

government on the importance of the Survivors work continuing.

Around the same time and quite fortuitously, I 'bumped into' the Chancellor, George Osborne at the Tatton Flower Show on the day before it opened to the public. We had a brief but friendly exchange and I invited him to visit the Peace Centre, which he readily agreed to do.

On the day of his visit, we arranged for him to meet a number of victims/survivors of terrorism, an event which clearly he found very rewarding and moving. This, allied to the aforementioned lobbying, led to Mr Osborne announcing in his Budget Speech in the House, that he would provide the funding for the Survivors programme for the forthcoming year, as well as committing himself to helping us secure sustainable longer term funding.

Just a few weeks after this announcement, a deputation comprising of Wendy, Nick and I, along with David Mowat, Tessa Jowell and two survivors of 7/7, met Prime Minister David Cameron at No 10. Mr Cameron chaired a vigorous meeting during which he posed questions which focused on the issue of our longer term viability after we had received the government support pledged by the Chancellor.

We all felt that we stood up well to this meeting and left the PM with the clear message that the Foundation fulfils a unique service to victims/survivors and, with government backing, would continue to do so.

A year of challenges indeed, but whoever said that the journey and the unique services the Foundation provides, would be easy!

The Foundation receives £150,000 to support Victims of Terrorism



Mike Penning, Minister of State for Policing and Justice, visited the Peace Centre to personally deliver a letter from the Government to help support those injured or bereaved by terrorism.

The Foundation has worked with victims of terrorism, their families and ex-Soldiers for over 12 years. Our 'Sharing Experiences' Programme provides individuals who have been affected by conflict the opportunity to talk about their experiences, find comfort with those who have been through a similar incident, and share ways of dealing with the past, the present and the future.

Chief Executive Nick Taylor said: "The announcement provided a great deal of comfort and support to the people we work with and their families. The programme is open to anyone in the UK, including those affected by incidents here or abroad, former soldiers and Emergency Service workers who have attended incidents".

If you would like further information, please contact Ann Beswick on 01925 581207 or at ann.beswick@foundation4peace.org.



Stormont acknowledges the needs of victims outside Northern Ireland

David Mowat spoke during questions to the Secretary of State in the House of Commons. He welcomed the Stormont House Agreement and the acknowledgement that needs of victims who do not live in Northern Ireland should be recognised.

He spoke about the work of the Foundation, an organisation working in his constituency working with British citizens affected by the 'Troubles', and asked that the Foundation co-ordinated the input of British contributors to the proposed Oral History Archive.

The Stormont House Agreement was

reached just prior to Christmas by all Northern Ireland Executive Parties, the British and Irish Governments. The document reflects the Foundation's position in particular that victims who do not live in Northern Ireland should also be recognised.

Nick Taylor, CEO said: "Whilst, the main archive is likely to be established in Northern Ireland, the Foundation believes that we must remember that over 600 people were killed and 2000 injured were from Britain alongside an estimated 350,000 who served in the armed forces.

"We think there needs to be an 'outreach' office and project based in Britain and as we are the organisation that do this work, we would like it to be placed in Warrington. It will create jobs and send a positive peace message if the archive operates both in Northern Ireland and here in Britain."

The Foundation will be following up the suggestion with the Northern Ireland Office and the Northern Ireland Executive.

Full report at www.foundation4peace.org

David Mowat MP helps to secure funding for victims



The Foundation would like to thank David Mowat MP who has worked tirelessly to secure funding for victims, their families and ex-service men and women who take part in the Foundations Survivors programme.

Wendy Parry said: "We can't thank David enough for all his help and support. He has worked so hard to make sure the Government recognised the needs of all those affected by war and terrorism. Many victims were basically in the wrong place at the wrong time and their lives have been changed beyond recognition".



New Promotional Film

The Foundation would like to thank Ken Horn for helping to make a new promotional DVD highlighting the amazing work undertaken by the Foundation. The film was premiered at the 22nd Anniversary Charity Ball.



Wendy Parry said: "Ken has been a great supporter of the Charity over many years and I can't thank him enough for giving his time and expertise freely".

To watch the new DVD, please go to:

www.foundation4peace.org

Our first accredited course of Women Building Peace (WBP)

Raising Our Voices is a Peacebuilding & Active Citizenship project being delivered to over 60 women in Blackburn, Nelson and Oldham. The course increases women's ability to tackle conflict at its root. Through developing knowledge, skills and confidence, it helps women to facilitate dialogue and become active in challenging the attitudes and cultures that can lead to violence.

WBP provides a platform for women's voices to be heard. Through poetry and personal testimony voices are beginning to emerge from our alumni that offer a counter-narrative to violent extremism.

A Poem in memory of the children killed in Peshawar, By Sadia Waqar

Women Building Peace Project - Blackburn Alumna

Mother get me ready nicely today
For this is my last day
Give all the love to me today
For this is my last day
Love me passionately today
For this is my last day
Father, mother, brother, sister
Do not count me in the family anymore
For this is my last day
Dear mother in the past I have given
your tears, I have made you cry
Please forgive me
For this is my last day
I am going now; goodbye
We will meet in paradise
Love me for the last time
For this is my last day.



The Women Building Peace Network is a project of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace co-funded by the European Union Integration Fund



PERSONAL TESTIMONIES Blackburn Alumna, February 2015

"I started this course because I wanted to learn something new. I realised that without peace in this world there is going to be another world war and unfortunately this is the truth."

"As human beings we are still learning how to make peace; it is a shame on humanity. Peace must be our natural behaviour but unfortunately violence is. We seek revenge instead of forgiveness."

"I think this course is the first step to spread peace to every community. People are radicalised through media, internet and so many modern ways. Through this course we are also using this modern ways to spread peace to the whole world."

"This is the first step to build peace in each and every community so we can leave behind violence and hatred. I am hoping for a peaceful world for my unborn baby and for all new generations."



The Next Generation

Harriet was just two weeks old when her mother, Bronwen Vickers, was seriously injured in the Warrington bombing. During the last 12 months, Harriet has worked as a volunteer for the Foundation and, through a grant from The Rank Foundation, is now working full time with us as Research Officer. Here are Harriet's words about her role and time with the Foundation so far.



Harriet Vickers

It's been a while since I've been back at the Peace Centre, and a lot (which is an understatement) has changed since I was last here - but positively! The last time I was here, I was itching to stay for longer and be able to contribute more to the work the Foundation was doing. I've now been given that chance through an internship programme sponsored by the Rank Foundation's scheme, Time to Shine. This is an opportunity I am so much more than grateful for.

As part of this role I am joining the Commissions Management team to support ongoing and future projects within the Foundation's Programmes. My role as research officer will help explore and inform strategic research areas within the organisation's three main work areas, prevention, resolution, and response.

I completed my degree in July, 2014, and since finishing in full-time education, this job/internship has been an extremely welcome opportunity for me to get stuck into a subject I am deeply passionate

about and connected to. My degree was in English Literature and History, so I am adjusting comfortably within my role; this has given me the "transferrable skills" that I need as a Research Officer, and my past involvement with the Foundation and my personal history, are lending itself really well to the subject and work the Foundation is accomplishing.

I've really loved my time here so far. I've been given a lot of freedom to explore the Foundation's work, and am getting the opportunity to observe and participate in some of the projects currently being undertaken, whilst getting into the swing of the working-life. It goes without saying that the rest of the Foundation staff are absolutely lovely, and I get on well with all of the team, they have been very welcoming and supportive, and trusting of me so far, which is very humbling! There's a lot of very very interesting and exciting things happening in the upcoming months, so I'm really looking forward to the work that's still to be done. I'm excited for the future and for the Foundation!



Harriet with her Mum

In the Spirit of Reconciliation

The Foundation's 'Survivors' team has had a very busy few months delivering a programme, funded by the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade within the Irish Government, to people from the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Great Britain. The team provided trauma education workshops while giving participants the opportunity to share their experiences. The programmes aims are to break down barriers and provide non-violent conflict resolution tools.

The programme coincided with a radical arts project called 'Temple' which took place in Derry / Londonderry during the week. A huge temple structure was built to host a range of cultural events and culminate in the temple being ceremonially set alight on the 21st March. The Foundation's Chief Executive, Nick Taylor visited the temple together with representatives from Warrington. He left a branch of the 'Peace Tree' taken from the Peace Centre garden, and some water from the River of Life memorial in Bridge Street.



Stephen Kingsnorth, Harriet Vickers, David Best (Artist and designer of the temple), Gary Skentelbery and Nick Taylor.



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The 22nd Anniversary

THE people of Warrington joined the families of Tim, Johnathan, Brown Vickers and those injured in the 1993 IRA bombing to remember the 22nd anniversary.

A service took place in the town centre at the Bridge Street memorial led by the Revd. Stephen Kingsnorth, who represents the Warrington Borough Ministry. The Mayor Cllr. Ted Finnegan attended alongside local politicians and civic leaders. Tim's father Colin Parry, who together with his wife Wendy conceived and created the Peace Centre, spoke on behalf of the victims and survivors.

The ceremony ended with a minute's reflection and the laying of flowers. Tim's mum Wendy collected water from the River of Life, in a sculpture created by local artist Stephen Broadbent who sculpted The River of Life, with the help of local children in 1995.

Wendy and the Mayor took the water to

the Peace Centre to water the Peace Tree, which was planted in the grounds on the tenth anniversary. The water carried from Bridge Street to the Peace Centre symbolises the ongoing work for peace and reconciliation, and the watering coincides with the beginning of spring and the tree blossoming.

Pictures: Paul Cousans / Zenpix



'THINK' Project proving to be a great success

The THINK project has been a great success and has now delivered to three different schools in Leeds, Manchester and Liverpool. THINK is one of the Foundation's newest programmes but has been built on years of solid practice emanating from the Foundation's work with young people from many different backgrounds and communities.

This programme has three key themes conflict resolution, self-awareness and identity and leadership skills. Through this key curriculum, participants develop skills including critical thinking, problem solving and work to challenge their own personal perceptions by exploring alternatives to prejudice and violence. Crucially, they will learn how to influence

their peers and wider communities in a pro-social way.

During the first week of delivery, Good Morning Britain's daily news programme came to the Peace Centre to film the activities and speak to young people who had previously taken part in the Foundations programmes.

The Foundation's Director of Commissions Kelly Simcock, along with Graham Foulkes who lost his son in the 7/7 bombing in London, were invited to discuss the project live on the programme. Kelly and Graham spoke about the importance and vital need for the project and the difference it makes to the young people who participate.

The THINK project is affecting real change in the lives of every participant.



Jemma Buntin

Project Manager Jemma Buntin said: 'THINK is about equipping our young people with the skills and knowledge so that they are able to be confident to play a really positive role in managing conflict – so that they act rather than react and recognise that they have the ability to influence positive change by starting with themselves'.



The Foundation would like to thank The Royal Bank of Scotland for sponsoring the 'THINK' project and for all the help and support from their team throughout 2014/15.

Project participant Dylan said: "The first residential provoked a lot of different thoughts in many other people and in me. It allowed for interesting discussion".

Project participant Jennifer said: "I really enjoyed trying new things and challenging myself".

Kelly highlights the Foundations approach with the Global Community



The Foundation attended a Global Counter Terrorism Forum in Uganda to speak about how countries in the Horn of Africa develop their skills in counter terrorism.

The meeting brought together regional, national and international experts, government officials, programme managers, and representatives from the diplomatic community to share experiences and good practices to counter the threat from terrorism. Looking at anti-money laundering and dealing with the financing of terrorism, stopping violent extremism; and how criminal justice needs to be improved were just a few of the topics discussed.

Director of Commissions, Kelly Simcock said: "The event builds upon other global initiatives such as the outcome of the Countering Violent Extremism Summit that took place in Washington, US in February. Discussed were the needs for security measures, community

engagement, and intra-faith dialogue and protection of human rights.

For more information regarding the Foundations programmes, please contact Anna or Christine on 01925 581 231

Mayor of Liverpool supports The Foundation

The Mayor of Liverpool, Joe Anderson OBE asked Liverpool City Council to debate a motion in support of the Foundation work in countering extremism through dialogue.

The Mayor is the elected voice for Liverpool and is responsible for setting the overall vision for the city, championing the city at home and abroad. His motion, debated by the full City Council, received full cross party support and calls upon Government to recognise that work to develop understanding within the UK can have an impact in war zones in other parts of the world, to invest in commissioning work within the UK to counter extremism and increase understanding between races and faiths. The motion also puts on record its support for the work of the Foundation.

Joe Anderson, Mayor of Liverpool, said: "I have always been impressed at the development of the Foundation and its objectives. Their passion and work is really excellent and provides hope for us all that extremism and conflict in all its forms can be tackled through dialogue. While Liverpool has generally good community relations, we need to be vigilant that this remains the case and always be willing to support those helping to resolve conflict and promote understanding. The Peace Centre here in our region is an important asset with a national and international reputation in conflict resolution and brings major influential global players to this area. That can only be a good thing. I will be asking my counterparts in other authorities to show similar levels of support in promotion of a great facility everyone should cherish and promote."



22nd Anniversary Ball raises £12,000

On Saturday 21st March, the Foundation hosted its annual Charity Ball at The Park Royal Hotel to raise funds and awareness of its work with UK victims of violence.

Over 200 guests enjoyed a delicious 4-course meal, tried their luck on the Casino tables or simply danced the night away. Wendy Parry said: "I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event a great success. Paul Crone, the table magicians, Colin Clayton and his colleagues and the staff at the Park Royal Hotel all played their part and the evening couldn't have been better.

I would also like to thank everyone who donated raffle and auction prizes which raised £6000 on the night.



Thank you to Andrew Collier Photography for providing the photographs from the evening.



Thank you to the following people and companies for your help in providing some amazing prizes, and for your support which is very much appreciated.

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- The Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH
- Emma Thompson
- Malcolm Hague – First Install
- Mayor of Liverpool Joe Anderson
- Steve Farthing – First Recruitment
- Coronation Street Tours
- Rob Shaw – Talking Wills
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- Paul Gallon - The Park Royal Hotel
- Warrington Golf Club
- Andrew Aldridge – Deepbridge LLP
- Beverley- Halo Living Furniture
- Sadiq Mohammed
- Barclays Bank
- Andrew Collier Photography
- John Smith
- John Drummond
- David Mowat MP
- Sarah Galbrath

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WARRINGTON GOLF CLUB

Our Past, Our Present, Our Future

Artwork created by schoolchildren from Warrington schools was unveiled in Golden Square to remember those killed and injured in the IRA bombing of Warrington 1993.

The display features 20 pieces of colourful



artwork along with the words 'Our Past, Our Present, Our Future'. A total of 20 primary schools took part to create the fine masterpieces based on the themes of love, peace, hope and reconciliation.

Wendy Parry said: "We are delighted that Tim, Johnathan, Bronwen and all those injured in the bombing are being remembered by young people of today. It seems strange to think that the Warrington bombing is now being taught in local schools as part of their history lessons, but it is also important that they know how conflict can touch anyone, anywhere. Those under the age of 30 probably have no recollection of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles', a war that was so close to home where almost 4000 thousand people were killed and thousands more injured physically and mentally".



In 2003, to commemorate the 20th anniversary, Golden Square Management and the Foundation, created a children's book and teachers pack to explain what happened on March 20th 1993, the situation in Northern Ireland, and to remember two very young lives lost.

For further information regarding the children's book and teacher's pack, please call Anna on 01925 581 231



Christmas Truce raises funding for three charities



CEO Nick Taylor was a guest speaker at Warrington's Christmas Truce Carol Service in December. The commemoration event at the Halliwell Jones Stadium was a poignant 100 minute ceremony, each minute representing a year since the famous 1914 Christmas truce.

A cadet guard of honour welcomed over a 1000 members of the public to the remembrance service. The Lancashire

Artillery Band, Warrington Male Voice Choir, opera singer Stephanie Guidera and King's Community Choir provided the music as well as numerous dances, readers and a re-creation of the famous 1914 'truce' football match.

A collection was taken on behalf of the Foundation, Help for Heroes and the Royal British legion.

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You'll be allocated a six digit Unity Lottery number, which will remain yours for as long as you wish to keep playing. A lottery draw takes place every week with prizes from £5 to £25,000 up for grabs.

For your chance to win £25,000, don't delay, join our Unity Lottery today by visiting www.unitylottery.co.uk/charity/display/Foundation-for-Peace

If you would like further information please call 01925 581231.

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Events 2015

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Ryan set to get his kit off to tackle silent killer

AFTER bravely battling testicular cancer Warrington hospital electrician Ryan Farrington is now set to "get his kit off" to help raise awareness of the disease described as the "silent killer."

Ryan, aged 28, from Chapelford, Warrington, is planning to launch a nude calendar, featuring himself, friends and local celebrities to help raise funds for the national charity "Checkmads."

Ryan was successfully treated for the disease in 2013 and now gives up his time to help raise awareness of the condition with the charity.

During one awareness event at Warrington Peace Centre involving nearly 40 young men, not one had bothered checking themselves for the tell tale signs, of a small lump or swelling.

"It really is a silent killer because young men just don't talk about it," said Ryan who underwent intensive chemotherapy to become clear of the disease.

"The success rates are very high now compared to 1974 when there was only a five per cent success rate. Now it is 95 per cent if caught early enough."

During his treatment Ryan organised a fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Research when he was joined by 16 friends in a sponsored head shave that helped raise more than £2,500.

Now he is planning to help raise more funds to support the national "Checkmads" charity and help raise awareness, with a special "get your kit off" nude calendar featuring friends and local celebrities, with strategically placed items protecting their modesty.

His employers have been so impressed with Ryan's voluntary work he is given an extra five days a year paid leave to help raise awareness of the disease.

Ryan added: "Around 2,500

men are diagnosed each year in Britain with 15-35 the most common age range. But it can affect anyone from a 10 month old baby to a 72-year-old. It is important to have regular checks and to always insist for an ultra sound scan if anything is not quite right.

Anyone who would like to help out with the calendar or to support the charity can contact Ryan at ryanfaz1@hotmail.co.uk or call 07851 998176.



Political "heavyweights" in town

PRIME Minister David Cameron and opposition leader Ed Miliband both visited Warrington in the lead up to the General Election.

Mr Cameron visited the town's only Free School, King's Leadership Academy at Woolston, accompanied by Warrington South MP David Mowat and Warrington North Conservative Parliamentary candidate Richard Short.

The Prime Minister was full of praise for the school, which is currently situated in the former Bruche Primary School but will soon move into a new state-of-the-art building currently being built.

King's - which is three times over-subscribed - is right next to



the former Woolston High School which had to be closed some years ago because of a shortage of pupils in the area.

The Prime Minister said King's was an outstanding success story.

Meanwhile Mr Miliband attended a 1,000 strong Labour North West rally at the Parr Hall in Warrington, where he was joined by Labour's Warrington South candidate Nick Bent, who was delighted to secure a key pledge from Mr Miliband and Ed Balls for a formal review of the road tolls facing Warrington drivers

if Labour wins the General

Election on May 7.

Hundreds of local residents have now signed an online petition launched by Mr Bent calling on David Cameron to do a u-turn and scrap the proposed new Mersey Bridge tolls for Warrington drivers.

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New 2,000 seater cinema will be at heart of town centre masterplan

A NEW 2000 seat I-Max cinema will sit at the heart of Warrington Borough Council's £107 million town centre development masterplan.

It will be accompanied by a new market hall incorporating the historic former 'Boots' building frontage, a 1300 space new multi storey car park, new council offices, several family friendly restaurants and a new public square.

The project is anticipated to transform the fortunes of Warrington town centre. The scale of the new cinema, which will have ten screens and an IMAX will make it one of the largest in the region and along with the new market hall and restaurants will provide a significant leisure draw into the town centre which will complement the existing offer.

The up scaled project is significantly larger than that previously announced. Financially sustainable, the project will create an anticipated income of £5.5 million per year for Warrington Borough Council and also be a valuable capital asset for the local authority.

Hoardings have been erected around phase 1 of the site in order that demolition works can commence later this month and ground works are ongoing.

The Bridge Street Quarter Regeneration project is being

delivered by Warrington & Co., on behalf of Warrington Borough Council with development partner Muse Developments.

A temporary market hall will be the first element of the Bridge Street Quarter regeneration scheme to be built and a flythrough of how the building will look was released in March 2015. The market will move into this temporary location early in 2017 whilst the second phase of demolition is underway and whilst the new, permanent £10 million,

31,150 sq ft market hall is being constructed. At no time will the market close or cease to trade.

In order to minimise disruption for the market traders a phased programme of site development will be carried out over the next five years. The project will create up to 400 construction jobs and 400 new permanent jobs in the leisure, retail and restaurant sectors when the whole project is fully completed in 2019.

When open the new market hall

will incorporate the magnificent, Grade 2 listed former Boots building façade on Bridge Street as one of its entrances. The opposite side of the building will feature entrances out towards the new square in front of the new multiplex cinema. Access into the market will also be available from the two other sides of the building in order to generate and promote through footfall and promote trade.



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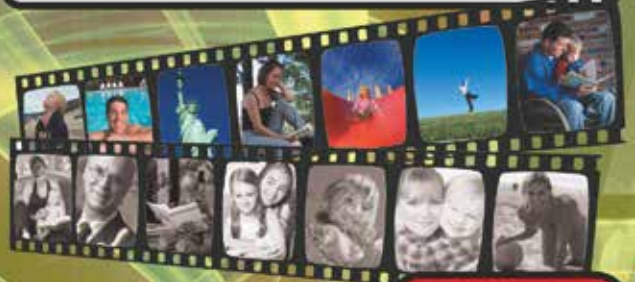
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Secondly, if you are in a marriage or a civil partnership and either you or your partner does not earn enough to use their full personal allowance of £10,600 then that person can transfer up to 10% of their allowance to their partner, subject only to the other partner not being subject to higher rate tax. The election has to be made on-line and means that there is a potential tax saving of £212 in the current tax year.

And there is always the tax saving possibilities of investing money into a pension. Under certain circumstances that can be particularly attractive. For instance, if you have taxable earnings above £100,000 then as well as paying tax at 40% your personal allowance is reduced by £1 for every £2 by which your taxable income exceeds £100,000. This results in an effective marginal tax rate of 60%. However, taxable earnings are calculated after deducting pension contributions. Therefore, if your taxable income is £10,500 then you can pay £400 net, equivalent to £500 gross, into a personal pension and save tax of £200.

A similar tax savings opportunity now presents itself to a couple where one partner has earnings below about £9,500 and the other has earnings just above the basic rate tax band. Higher rate tax becomes payable at £42,465. If, therefore, the higher earning partner has income of £42,965 then they can pay that same £400 net, £500 gross, into a pension and obtain further higher rate tax relief of £100, reducing the net cost to £300. Moreover, this will then reduce taxable income to a level at which only basic rate tax is payable, meaning that the lower earnings partner can now transfer the unused allowance of £1,060 to the higher earner, resulting in a further tax saving of £212. Therefore, the total gross pension contribution of £500 will be achieved at a cost of only £88 after tax relief! How is that for a good investment?

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David Watkinson and Margaret Black

Help needed with photographic 'time capsule'



OVER a period of eight weeks, a Warrington man scanned hundreds of negatives of photographs his father had taken in the Fifties and Sixties of local railway scenes and at Laporte Chemicals, where he was the works on-the-spot photographer.

Keith Smith – himself a former Laporte employee – has uploaded hundreds of the pictures onto the photo sharing websites Flickr and YouTube as he considers them a vital record of important parts of Warrington's history – a time capsule of the local chemical industry.

But he feels preserving the photographs is only half the job and is searching for information such as names and locations.

The railway pictures are not a problem but some of the Laporte pictures are.

Mr Smith said: "Names are the biggest problem, followed by locations. It's been over 60 years since I myself worked there and I've forgotten all but a few names.

"I need help from former employees and their families – especially children who appear in some of the pictures."

A picture of a Laporte cricket team is an example where Mr Smith needs help.

"It would have been taken in Warrington and contains many Laporte faces – but where and who?" he said.

"But it is not just one photo – it's more than 100 with more still to follow.

"I'm committed to this important time capsule. I'm its last chance."

Mr Smith's pictures can be found on Flickr and YouTube by searching the internet for "Laporte Chemicals Warrington".



New health chief appointed



NHS WARRINGTON Clinical Commissioning Group has appointed Dr Dan Bunstone as the organisation's new GP chairman.

He succeeds Dr Andy Davies, who was appointed clinical chief officer in December. Dr Bunstone, (pictured) a GP at Penketh Health Centre and the CCG's clinical lead for long term conditions, studied at Liverpool University Medical School and has been a GP in Warrington since 2008.

He has been an active member of the CCG's governing body both in shadow form from 2011 and since it became a statutory organisation in 2013.

Dr Bunstone said: "I am pleased to be appointed as clinical chair of the CCG and welcome the opportunity to lead the organisation into its next stage of development. I am looking forward to the challenges the role will bring and I am committed to improving healthcare for the people of Warrington."

Dr Davies said: "I am delighted to confirm Dr Bunstone's appointment and look forward to working closely with him in his new role as chair."

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