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Editor's Comment



CONGRATULATIONS to all those who were recently elected in the local council elections – I truly hope you embrace the opportunity you have been given to represent the people of our great town.

To those of you who failed to get elected, commiserations and thank you for taking part in our democratic process.

But sadly in many wards turnout was between 20-30 per cent, with the vast majority of people choosing not to vote. For those of you who didn't vote please don't moan about how the council is run – you had a chance to decide who runs the corridors of power.

For those running the election process both nationally and locally certainly more needs to be done to encourage people to vote. Numerous times I heard people saying they had no idea who to vote for because they didn't know anything about those who were standing. Some people were totally unaware an election was even taking place!

Sadly most people I spoke to who didn't vote also believed there was no point saying it would make no difference. In this modern world of online banking one wonders how much longer it will be before there is a chance to vote online – although I suspect there are fears that this could lead to people casting multiple votes for members of their families who don't bother voting – although postal voting also offers this opportunity.

Certainly something needs to happen to spark more interest and to

get more people out to the ballot box – in Warrington we now have four years to come up with a plan!

Finally as this is our 200th issue I would like to thank all those who have supported us since our launch way back in 1999 at the start of the digital media revolution. Our website was the first independent online newspaper in the country, while the magazine is now one of six in our

group.

I am pleased to say there are a good number of people who have supported us throughout our journey who are still around after 200 issues – thank you for believing in us as we continue to provide our town with an independent news source which is made and printed in Warrington by Warrington people for Warrington people both here and around the world.

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Muddy marvels raise £200,000 at Race For Life

TWO thousand "muddy marvels" descended on Warrington's Victoria Park in a "Race for Life" helping raise £200,000 for Cancer Research UK.

It was the first time the women only event has taken place in the town and attracted people from all over Warrington and further afield.

Those taking part included local councillor Kerri Morris, fresh from her election success at Orford, alongside her sister Laura Harper, being cheered on by their parents Mike and Kate Hannon.

The 2,000 women taking part

have raised a total of £200,000 towards Cancer Research and many of those taking part in the event had been touched by cancer.

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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

Emotional Weather

Have you ever considered describing your varying emotional states as being similar to the changes in weather patterns that happen on any given day?

For instance, the recent changes in our weather that occurred during the last few days of April; with the sudden shift from sunny spells then cloud, to rain and sleet, then to hail and snow, and very quickly back to sunny spells; then repeating similar patterns throughout the day. Some of us may have also experienced some thunder and lightning, as well as changes in the wind speed from stillness to breezy to blustery and back again to stillness.

When you are aware of your own emotional states in relation to your every day experiences, you may have noticed your change in mood can shift rapidly, similar to the change in weather patterns I have just described. You may have woken up feeling calm and quiet inside, to then react very quickly to a loved one's insensitive behaviour, by feeling let down, upset, irritated and then angry. However, once you have had time to discuss and understand what had caused their behaviour, and realise that there was a misunderstanding between you, then perhaps your mood would have shifted to either feeling guilty or relieved, to accepting and loving, then recapturing

the calmness and quietness inside again.

Hopefully the good feelings would remain during the day, and all experiences that day would remain positive, just like the sun shining bright for the rest of the day. However, there may have been further difficulties to test your patience and affect your mood throughout the rest of the day, or for several days after, just like a cold front bringing wind and rain that stays around for days.

If you can relate your emotional states as being similar to the patterns of the weather, then perhaps you may recognise how quickly your emotions can shift and never stay the same for too long. This awareness may empower you to more easily ride the highs and lows, and quickly navigate the challenges and disappointments, just as a sailor has to learn to navigate the changing weather patterns when sailing through the ocean; through bobbing waters then within minutes lowering the sails for an approaching force 10 storm!

Once the storm has been successfully navigated, a breeze may then return, bringing relief, as the sails can then be hoisted and a more pleasant journey to be enjoyed. The sailor may also gain increased confidence in their own abilities navigating the changing weather and sea conditions on their

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journey. You can similarly learn to successfully navigate through your difficult experiences and challenges, as well as the enjoyable moments throughout life, and begin to fully acknowledge your own skills and abilities.

You may then truly appreciate the silver lining which often peaks through the clouds, as you continue your life's journey navigating the ebbs and flows, and the constant changes in emotional weather, which we all have to contend with, and enable us to build our resilience and inner strength.

If you would like to discuss how to successfully navigate your emotional reactions to life experiences; then please contact either myself or my partner, Cate on 01925 658322 to arrange an Initial Consultation.

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Fears grow after wildlife habitat and trees destroyed

FEARS are growing over the future of a wildlife corridor on a disused railway embankment at Latchford, Warrington, following the destruction of trees.

Angry residents are now calling on Warrington Borough Council to take urgent action to ensure no further unauthorised works take place on the land which is earmarked for development.

Last year a pre-planning "scoping report" submitted by ADS Limited, outlined a proposed mixed residential and commercial development involving 280 dwellings, open space, landscaping and car parking for the land which includes an elevated disused railway line North of Station Road, which has not been in use since 1985 and has developed into semi-natural woodland and scrub.

Local resident Thérèse Charlton said residents of nearby Grammar School Road, were extremely concerned because trees and part of the local wildlife habitat had been destroyed prior to a planning application being received.

"We need reassurance that there will be no further work done in a similar way without proper process being followed and understand what the council has actually done to make sure this doesn't happen – saying they will monitor the situation is too vague.

"There will be strong local opposition to any developer seemingly intent on ignoring

regulations to railroad this development through."

Local councillor Hans Mundry said: "I have asked officers to keep me informed and I have met with and talked to local residents.

"I am expecting a planning application to be put forward at some point and when this happens we will hold a public meeting to hear the residents views.

"Meanwhile council officers will keep a check on any other work taking place on the site and use any powers they have to take enforcement action if required."

The site was visited last year as part of a pre-planning Scoping Report by the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit.

They recommended that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) should address various issues including the wildlife corridor, bat, badgers breeding birds, amphibians, reptiles and invasive species as well as including a general habitat assessment of the site.

The EIA should include full ecological surveys undertaken to an appropriate standard, fully assess the impact of the proposals on the identified features and provide full details of any mitigation/compensation measures.

A council spokesman added: "We are aware of the recent works that have been undertaken on this plot of land and are monitoring the situation very closely.

"Council officers paid an emergency visit to the site and are in consultation with other agencies with regards to environmental and wildlife issues."




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Positivity reflected in Property Review

by Steve Park

Last month saw the publication and launch of the much anticipated 18th Warrington & Co. Annual Property Review.

The Property Review event itself was oversubscribed for the third year running; with over 200 property and regeneration professionals from across the region once again making what has become something of an annual pilgrimage to the Village Hotel in Warrington to hear a range of impressive results for the investment and property sectors. Delegates were also updated on the launch of the Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone that will benefit investors in the Birchwood area. As well as receiving eagerly anticipated updates on growth in Warrington, the event further cemented its regional position in the calendar as a 'must attend' networking opportunity amongst key players in the property and regeneration sectors.

The findings within the 2015 Property Report, that provides an overview of activity in the local commercial and residential property market, reflected a definite confidence in the region from the construction, development and investment sectors.

2015 was a year of significant growth and regeneration for the town

with a number of significant examples that demonstrate how Warrington's reputation as a key UK location for business and investment continues to go from strength to strength. Key highlights of the report include:

- Birchwood being awarded "Enterprise Zone" status as part of new Cheshire Science Corridor
- Completion of The Base - Warrington's £8.5 million business incubator - completed by Warrington & Co.
- Start on site of construction of 1st Phase of £107 million Time Square regeneration project and Cineworld announced as anchor tenant for the scheme
- Sale of 37,160 sq. m. Winwick Quay Business to LaSalle Investment Managers, which was the largest investment deal of 2015
- Warrington highlighted in an independent study by JLL as one of ten future potential growth centres for office space
- A 30,000 sq. m. speculative development commissioned by LondonMetric on Omega South and a further 1.2ha purchased

by Hermes Parcelnet on Omega North

- The start on site of the £10million, University Technical College Warrington that is expected to complete in 2016.

- ... And many more significant deals.

2015 also saw Warrington enjoy consistent recognition as both a driver for economic prosperity and as a successful location for its level of employment and of private sector job creation, in fact the current investment and development activity surrounding the mighty Omega development alone is expected to create around 4,500 thousand new jobs.

The office and industrial sectors were also favourably represented within the report with Warrington's office market enjoying significant growth in start-up businesses and property transactional deals reaching an all-time high in 2015.

The positivity that is reflected within the 2015 Annual Property Review is a real testament to the hard work and commitment that has been made by Warrington Borough Council, Warrington & Co., business leaders and development partners. The Warrington & Co. team are already looking forward to next year's property review and another outstanding set of economic results.

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After the event, the 54 years old entrepreneur who took over the £3.2 million turn-over business in a management buy-out with fellow director David Griffiths explained: "I am delighted with this result because David and I have been running this business on a 'Principle before Profit' basis.

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charities and communities.

"Sharples has raised nearly £500,000 for North West based charities in the last four years and has set up the Sharples Charity Committee which looks for worthy causes which we can support. We have assisted charities including St Roccas, Brainwaves, Warrington Wolves Foundation and Bolton Lads and Girls Club, to name just a few."

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Sharples staff have taken on fundraising challenges including Zip Wire Slides, Triathlons, Three Peaks adventures as well as Dress Down and Cake Bake days. In fact Mark volunteered to be a rower in a demanding and potentially dangerous trans-Atlantic rowing challenge which ultimately raised a considerable sum for a number of charities.



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Annual Angels' Walk remembers lost babies

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MORE than 80 people took part in the annual Angel's Walk in Warrington remembering the lives of lost babies.

Walkers set off from the Maltings pub in Old Hall and continued through to the Forget Me Not baby garden at Warrington cemetery, where balloons were released to remember babies gone too soon followed by refreshments at the Grange Club.

Following a short break it was all uphill to the children's garden at Fox Covert cemetery where more balloons were released.

The final leg saw the walkers visit the crematorium at Walton Lea baby garden where the final balloon release took place and organiser Kate Tinker from the Harry & Co charity, thanked all the participants and helpers and invited them to the Walton Arms for a very well deserved drink.

The Angels Walk is a fundraising event established by the Harry and Co charity. The main aim of the charity is to provide support facilities to help bereaved parents following the still birth or neo-natal death of their baby.

Kate said: "Our Angels' Walk is important to us and other families as it gives those affected by the loss of a baby the opportunity to share with others their experiences and form networks of support and friendships with one another."

As in previous years the event was very well supported with over 80 people taking part. The

weather, although cold was mostly dry.

Melanie McKay ran the nine and a half mile course from the Crematorium to the Maltings and then started the walk again with the other participants.

This year the walkers were greeted by a carved oak Harry bear statue at each of the baby gardens which have recently been commissioned and installed by the charity, from funds donated by WBC Bereavement Services.

The services and facilities provided by Harry and Co. include bereaved family forums for parents and grandparents, a Facebook page for general support purposes, private, comfortable facilities for counselling, regional support provision for parents and families following the North West Palliative Care Pathway, private, non-clinical accommodation for parents and memory making facilities including hand and feet casting, photography services and memory books to name just a few.

The charity was founded by Kate and Chris Tinker following the stillbirth of their son Harry at 41 weeks in May 2010.

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The train passed through the Warrington area where bridges and any spot available en route were lined with train spotters.

The Royal Scot was brought back into service in February after a three year revamp which cost almost £1m.

Royal Scot was built in 1927 and was the first in a new breed of steam locomotives, built by the LMS for their fastest passenger services from London to Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow.

She was chosen to appear on behalf of Britain at the 1933 'Century of Progress' exhibition in Chicago, USA. The locomotive as well as a full rake of carriages were shipped to the United States and appeared not only at the exhibition, but also toured the USA and Canada, even crossing the Rocky Mountains!

Royal Scot was rebuilt by British Railways in 1950 and went on to serve another 12 years in traffic on the West Coast Main Line. She was eventually retired in October 1962 and was purchased by Billy Butlin. She became a star attraction at Butlins in Skegness as a static exhibit.

Royal Scot briefly returned to steam at Bressingham Steam Museum from 1972 to 1978 before spending almost the next 30 years as a static exhibit. She briefly steamed in 2009 before it was discovered that a major overhaul was required.

Royal Scot returned to steam at the Severn Valley Railway in September 2015. She made her successful main line debut on December 22 and 23 with test runs from Crewe to Carnforth and return.



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Organised by Jamie Boyd from the Today Team based at Taylor Business Park near Culcheth, Warrington, Mayor of Warrington Geoff Settle, **warrington-worldwide** Editor and WDP Trustee Gary Skentelbery and Active Cheshire CEO Anne Boyd, were among those braving the hot coals in the name of charity.

After a 45 minute motivational training session co-ordinated by world record fire walker Scott Bell from UKFIREWALK, the intrepid fundraisers walked over hot coals, many of them several times, raising money via sponsorship.

warrington-worldwide Editor Gary said: "I didn't feel a thing after the first walk, but after number

three I could feel my feet tingling. I would like to thank all those who have sponsored me and for supporting a great cause."

Mayor of Warrington Geoff Settle admitted it was one of the more unusual events he has attended during his year in office and entered into the spirit of the occasion walking over the coals several times, assisted by his charity champion teddy George.

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Special thanks to Tony Longmore from www.oculusstudios.co.uk for giving up his time to capture the event on film.



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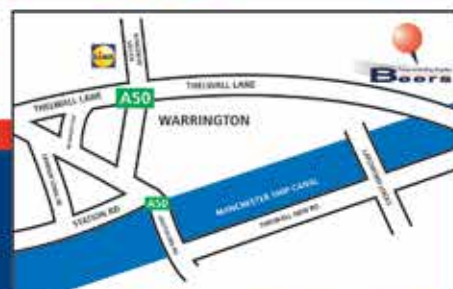
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A local businessman and fan of the critically acclaimed and wildly successful show, bid for the car in an auction of memorabilia.

The classic Coupe DeVille will be just one of around 350 cars on show at an event that will also feature for the first time a full size aircraft – a replica spitfire with original cockpit. A Lego Transport Exhibition will be another first for the show which will also feature all the regular favourites including dozens of historic working

boats, traction engines and model railways. In fact Lymm is fast turning into the region's "go-to" event for historic transport enthusiasts.

The event is run entirely by local volunteers for the benefit of the community with 50% of this year's profits being passed on to help set up the new Lymm Heritage Centre. The core team need over 100 helpers on the day – each doing a three hour stint. If you could give a little time to be part of a great community team email transportday2016@gmail.com or call Trish Cockayne on 01925-751646. More info at lymmtransport@gmail.com



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The 23rd Anniversary Edition



Remembering Tim and Johnathan

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A Passion for Peace

Earlier this year I found a VHS video tape of an ITV Granada programme called 'A Passion for Peace' that was first broadcast in 1999. It contained a documentary featuring the Foundation's first programme which was a cultural exchange between young people from Warrington, Dublin and Belfast, who came together to learn about their differences and also share their similarities. It was this simple activity that formed the basis of the work undertaken by the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace.

21 years on, and the charity has evolved, but still those simple steps matter, in people sharing their experiences, understanding that conflict exists in all walks of life and learning that we can resolve matters without resorting to violence.

Reading your newspaper, watching TV or listening to the radio may suggest otherwise. Extremism, terrorism and war seems to be ever present in our world. That is why what we do at the Foundation is so important. The horrific events that have punctuated the last year such as attacks in Tunisia, Paris, Brussels and many others around the world, have affected our fellow citizens. That is why the national Survivors

Assistance Network (SAN) that we operate has grown. Our skilled team of case workers supported by clinical professionals are working with hundreds of people affected by terrorism in providing assistance and helping them to cope and recover. We still lead the way in offering the hand of friendship across these islands and in engaging with the people of Ireland and Northern Ireland, continuing the work to find a lasting peace through reconciliation. In communities, towns and cities where there is conflict we are working to facilitate communication and dialogue, bringing people together to help them resolve conflict and to build peace. Our portfolio of education projects such as 'THINK', 'My Former Life' and 'Holding Difficult Conversations' are planned to be delivered across the North of England in schools and colleges, and of course many people will visit Warrington and the Peace Centre set up in memory of two boys who lost their lives to terrorism.

Warrington should be proud of what it contributes to global peace. The Centre is unique and the Foundation is growing and responding to contemporary challenges. We can only do that with public support - your support and your willingness to offer your time, donations. I encourage you to read this newsletter

about our work and hopefully you feel inspired to help us and develop your own passion for peace.



Nick Taylor, Chief Executive

BBC's Jeremy Bowen delivers 2016 Peace Lecture

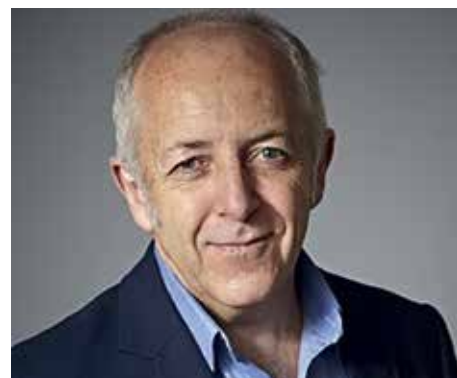
Every year, the Foundation organises events to mark the anniversary of the Warrington bombing. This year, the 23rd anniversary, Jeremy Bowen the BBC Middle East Editor, TV & Radio presenter, was invited to deliver the Foundation's bi-annual Peace Lecture.

Bowen addressed a sold-out lecture on the nature of the conflict in the Middle-East and in other parts of the world. He spoke of the innocent victims of conflict, of his own experiences and the dangers he has faced, and of the friends he has lost and of the unique insight he has gained into war and its consequences.

On the day of the lecture, Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader had been convicted of genocide and crimes against humanity, which prompted Bowen to recall his time reporting on the war crimes during that conflict and his experience giving evidence against Karadzic at the War

Crime Tribunal. During the lecture a lady from Bosnia stood up and thanked him for the part he played in bringing Radovan Karadzic to justice.

The Foundation would like to thank Jeremy for an interesting evening and for giving freely of his time in coming to Warrington.



Chairman's 'Peace'

The seemingly continuous news of terrorist attacks and atrocities from all corners of the globe, serves to prove the invaluable and ongoing need for the work of the Foundation. When Wendy and I set up the Foundation, we could never have imagined a world 23 years on, where terrorist groups would declare themselves as 'states', with an agenda for expansion throughout the Middle East and parts of Asia, whilst committing the most horrific attacks on everyone not espousing their cause.

For many people, one of the most worrying aspects of the spread of militant Islamic groups is the fact that young people are attracted by their messages of hate and actively seek to help them achieve their aims. Many of these young people are well educated and yet they choose to abandon their planned careers and instead join this most unholy campaign at home or abroad.

Combating the spread of this evil

doctrine, is first and foremost, the responsibility of governments, but it is now recognised more than it ever was previously, that governments alone cannot defeat the forces who want to destabilise and defeat democracy. The Foundation and its work are central to the struggle to mount the counter narrative of non-violent conflict resolution and, we do it very effectively through a range of programmes developed over many years by our excellent team of professionals.

Successive UK Governments have turned to the Foundation to lead in the development of programmes which address the tide of violent extremism by presenting non-violent ways and means of enhancing and encouraging cross community dialogue, especially where the community profile is one marked by division, separation and antagonism, all of which help sow the seeds and spread the message of militancy.

Our services have been developed and evolved over 23 years and we are the only

provider of its kind, with programmes and a dedicated Centre, which is able to meet the current and emerging needs, not only of individuals and communities, but also of governments.



Remembering Tim & Johnathan on the 23rd Anniversary

On a cold but beautiful sunny day, members of the public and representatives from Warrington Borough Council joined family members & the Foundation team to remember Tim and Johnathan on Bridge Street where the bombing took place 23rd years ago.

Rev Steven Kingsnorth conducted the service followed by heart-warming speech by Colin Parry who spoke about the day being a celebration of all that has been achieved since this tragedy in Tim and Johnathan's memory. The Mayor of Warrington laid a wreath and spoke on behalf of the local authority.

Nick Taylor, the Foundation's CEO said: "This event is about remembering and reflecting but also is carried out in a very firm sense of hope for the future that what happened in Warrington never happens again.

"The water carried from Bridge Street to the Peace Centre symbolises the ongoing work for peace and reconciliation and coincides with the beginning of spring and the peace tree blossoming.

The water carried from Bridge to the

Peace Centre was poured onto the Peace tree which was planted in the Peace Centre grounds 10 years ago by Terry Waite.

Thank you to Ann Mohamed for the lovely photographs.



Evie, aged 9 - Tim's Niece

Women stand up for Peace in Manchester

By Nick Taylor

Manchester Moss Side March 2016 – it is a cold but bright end to the winter day and I am at a ‘world cafe’ lunch with a table of women answering the question – ‘As an individual how can you contribute towards peace in your community?’ At the far end of the table is a woman who shares my second name and describes herself as an elder of the local church – she tells me peace is about getting involved in your local community and smiling at each other.

A few hours earlier, I am near my home in Warrington, Cheshire, walking the dog on the local recreation field when a car turns up and out step three women who put on gloves and pick up bin bags and collect litter. It isn't long before I am talking to them. At first I think that this is part of an initiative being undertaken for the Queen's 90th birthday, but I learn that the women are Parish Councillors and that twice a week they help clean up the ‘village’ – I cannot help telling them how impressed I am and thank them for what they are doing-We are all smiles.

Peace isn't always about national security, violence and extremism. Sometimes, peace starts with yourself and a search for inner harmony through compassion, courage and wisdom. It progresses to dialogue with others and then through people taking action – however small. Many of the courses offered by the Foundation lead to small changes such as coming together to undertake a project like a community clean-up or, like today, to organise a

lunch for women (and men) to join together as a community and consider what peace means to each of us, what makes us happy, motivates us and puts a smile on our face. But more than that, the women today also looked at what they loved about Manchester, how the city has changed in their lifetime, how they would describe it to a visitor or how they would make someone welcome. And their minor actions suddenly seem major.



Community Dialogue Programme ‘Women 4 Peace’

Fifty five Women have participated in our ‘Women 4 Peace’ courses in Manchester and Liverpool from November to March. The courses brought together women of Muslim, Jewish, Christian and no faith to explore conflict and peacebuilding within their own communities. Participants have achieved Open Awards accreditation in our new Foundation unit ‘Understanding Conflict and Extremism: Building Peace’. In addition, they learned about public speaking and interpersonal skills to help them plan and speak at community dialogue events which bring communities together to discuss building peace and resolving conflict.

The courses ran at the Kuumba Imani Centre in Liverpool and the Armani Centre in Manchester. Both venues

kindly supported us throughout a 20 week programme in each city.

The final dialogue events took place on International Women's day (March 8th) and March 10th. Over 160 community members attended the two events led by the women. At the community dialogues, participants shared stories of women who had inspired them, whilst ‘table dialogues’ explored the barriers to peace within their communities and focused on how these could be overcome.

The women from Manchester and Liverpool have continued to work together and will be invited (along with our Blackburn Women for Peace participants) to a daytime event at the

Peace Centre in June where they will receive their Open Awards Certificates.



Christine Cox,
Community Dialogue Leader

Radicalisation - A new approach

In a project facilitated by the Foundation, Manchester City Council and Greater Manchester Police have worked with the city's diverse communities to understand their views on the Prevent programme and to look at ways of tackling radicalisation.

As part of the 'Rethinking Radicalisation' programme, more than 200 people from faith groups to schools and universities attended a series of events across the city to discuss issues such as national policy and legislation, Islamophobia and hate speech.

They also looked at how terrorism is portrayed in the media and how the resilience of young people is being built up against all forms of extremism in schools.

Discussions explored how local people can help build community resilience and support those who are vulnerable within communities, and the important question of how to create safe spaces where people can discuss contentious issues.

The Foundation, created by Tim's parents to promote non-violent conflict resolution, was commissioned to independently guide and facilitate the dialogue.

The Foundation's report, 'Rethinking Radicalisation' which can be seen on the website www.foundation4peace.org, makes recommendations based on contributions from these sessions, which the city council with its strategic partners and communities, will now review.

Councillor Nigel Murphy, Manchester City Council's Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, said: "Manchester has a long history of working with diverse communities and, in preparing this report, we've brought members of our many communities together to create a new approach to tackling the problems posed by extremism.

"We have very strong communities here in Manchester, and we've listened to what they've got to say to create a new way of engaging with them, which I hope will be watched very carefully by organisations across the rest of the country."



For more information contact kelly.simcock@foundation4peace.org



THINK PROJECT – Developing Leadership Skills for the Future

Over the past 12 months, the THINK project, which works intensively with small groups, has involved eighty young people and twelve teachers. The project helps young people to contemplate the many aspects of conflict and develop leadership skills, by encouraging them to question what is the "truth". The programme helps young people to better manage their conflicts by thinking before they act and thereby avoid negative consequences. Ultimately the project seeks to break the cycle of violent conflict.

Participant quotes:

"I learnt that anger and violence is never, NEVER the answer to anything. It is better to just sit down and talk to each other".

"I found it overwhelming that former extremists can change their whole point of view".

"I found it inspiring how small factions can disagree peacefully and make a difference".

Participant reflection:

"When you hear the word 'peace', some imagine everyone dressed up as hippies and sticking up peace signs. Not so! Here at the Peace Centre, I have come to understand the causes of terrorism, and how perceptions inform our choices in respect of the groups we choose to join. Speaking to survivors and perpetrators is how we should deal with terrorism, NOT by fighting physically or verbally. If you want to bring about change, you must do it peacefully, together and with dignity. Harming others is unjust and creates inequality and sows the seeds of conflict".



**Gemma Buntin,
THINK Project Leader**



Survivors Assistance Network update

The Survivors Assistance Network (SAN) team has been busy this year delivering the Survivors project, with the backing

of the UK Ministry of Justice (MOJ). The Foundation, which supports people in England and Wales who have been affected

by terrorism, is pleased to announce that the MOJ has committed to continue its contract with the Foundation for 2016/17.



The MOJ contract does however place limits on our ability to work with some groups we have worked within the past and may include some military veterans and some who have fled war and conflict abroad.

Notwithstanding this however, we remain committed to helping veterans and those fleeing war and conflict abroad wherever and whenever we can. Furthermore, we are committed to seeking the funding to maintain our work with existing participants. Negotiations are ongoing to secure the long-term funding for our work with Survivors, and Nick Taylor, our Chief Executive, and the SAN team will strive to get recognition of the gap in provision that SAN fills. No other organisation is equipped to support Survivors in the aftermath of a terrorist incident. Recent events have highlighted the importance of being prepared for this.

We have been successful in bidding for funds from the Irish Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Reconciliation Fund to deliver a programme of Dialogue and Storytelling on the theme of 'Building East West Relations'. This will bring people together who have been affected by the 'Troubles' in Ireland and also on this side of the Irish Sea (including veterans).

National Memorial to British Victims of Overseas Terrorism



The Government is launching a public consultation to help inform the creation of a National Memorial to the British Victims of Overseas Terrorism.

We are all aware of the devastating terrorist events which have taken place overseas in recent years, not least the atrocities in Paris. Following the attacks in Tunisia last year, the Prime Minister announced that funding will be made available for a memorial dedicated to UK nationals who have been killed in terrorist atrocities overseas.

The consultation will ask victims and their families whether they would prefer the National Memorial to be in central London, where it might be seen by some to give due prominence to the memory of those who have been killed, or at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire

which is a peaceful location for personal reflection at the heart of the UK. The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the national memorial would be funded by banking fines.

Minister Ellwood said: "It is a sad fact that we live in very difficult and dangerous times. Sadly, there are victims of terrorism whose families do not have a place where they can grieve. "It is, therefore, appropriate that we have a national memorial for those caught up in terrorism abroad. These people must never be forgotten.

Victims needing specialist support can contact the Survivors' Assistance Network which is operated by the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace. Please contact Terry O'Hara for further information by phone: 01925 581231 or email SAN@foundation4peace.org



*Terry O'Hara,
Survivors Assistance Network Manager*

The Survivors Assistants Network (SAN) team held a Leadership Weekend to end all others!

Not only did the team hit record numbers of participants, they were fortunate enough to have people from all over the British Isles take part. Participants also had the opportunity to hear from several facilitators who were kind enough to take a platform and share their invaluable knowledge and time.

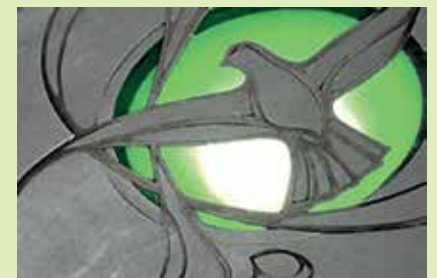
Liz Staffell and David Gould offered an insight into the importance of leadership in helping our growing refugee community. Their presentation was informed by the mistreatment of refugees fleeing persecution in areas of deep conflict and their problematic and often fatal journey into Europe and beyond. Lee Lavis offered a personal view of conflict in Northern Ireland from the perspective of a British soldier who became interwoven in the peace and reconciliation process. Lee's since become a leader in cross community dialogue and plays a central part in

bridging communities from all sides of the 'Troubles'. Ali Alma concluded the weekend with an in-depth look at the role of leadership in sustaining lasting community cohesion. Although, Ali doesn't see himself as a leader, he understands the importance of working together and as individuals to bring peace.

The weekend brought both old and new faces together in a series of activities, discussions and lectures. One new face that brightened up the Peace Centre was Kieran Allen from a peace centre Glencree in Ireland. The SAN team look forward to working closely Kieran and his team in the future. All who attended were in spectacular form and worked together over the weekend to improve not only their own understanding of leadership, but improve the understanding of others.



Doves for Peace



Would you like to help the Foundation by buying a Dove for Peace?

An appeal was launch at the end of 2015 to help the Foundation by buying a Dove. The Doves will be displayed in the reception area of the Peace Centre and will remain there for all to see.

You can choose what you would like to have printed on the Dove, your name, the family name or in memory of someone special.

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Doves cost from £25 for a white dove, £50 for silver & £100 for gold.

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Paris remembrance record launched in aid of the Foundation

The terrible events in Paris are to being commemorated in a new single release by singer-songwriter Chase Williams.

Chase, from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, is planning to record an album at the legendary cottage road studios in Leeds. The productions are being put together by the Music Study Records and they have agreed to pre-release a very special single dedicated to the Paris disaster.

The profit will be donated to the Foundation to further our charitable work in assisting victims and survivors of terrorism, including those affected by recent events in Paris and Tunisia and in support of our work to prevent violent conflict.



The Foundation tackling Extremism on an international stage

It has been a busy few months for the Foundation as the agenda to combat violent extremism has been an increasing priority for politicians, policy makers and communities across Europe and beyond. Bomb attacks in Beirut in November and deadly attacks targeting children in Lahore, Pakistan in February were among the atrocities inflicted further afield. Events such as the Paris attacks in November, followed by the attacks on the airport in Brussels in March provided stark reminders for European member states of the reality of the IS threat much closer to home. The realities of these atrocities has meant a concerted focus by policy makers, politicians and wider influencers alike in the focus on how to counter, but also how to prevent violent extremism. The Foundation's work has been recognised as leading the field in some of its initiatives and practice and has been invited to share that in these forums.

Presidents and Prime Ministers present and former from across the world convened at a 'Stop Violent Extremism' Conference hosted for the 'Club De Madrid' in Madrid in October 2015. I was invited along to the event which was also addressed by the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon. The panel focussed on education sharing the Foundation's approach to 'prevention' work in this field. The following week, I also attended a UNSECO UN Education event in Paris as a rapporteur on a panel focussed on

education on 'CVE' providing practice based recommendations on how to approach prevention education in this context. A third and final even in Aarhus, Denmark in November '15 saw the presentation of the Foundation's Rethinking Radicalisation programme to Mayors and leaders from some of Europe's leading institutions at the 'Stronger Cities Network' event. The project first undertaken in Manchester by the Foundation was showcased as a model for engagement and dialogue with communities on this challenging topic.

The plight of refugees fleeing the horrendous conditions they face in places such as Syria and Iraq cannot fail to have escaped peoples' notice in recent months. Concern around the increasing numbers of people seeking asylum and the pressure on countries, their security and their resources are amongst some of the issues that have played out over recent months. As the worries grow about how we deal with these issues, tensions are increasing in some of those areas receiving refugees as well as worries about how people are integrated and the threat of 'radicalisation' removed. The Radicalisation Awareness Network hosted a themed event in Vienna last week, home of the memorable scenes of refugees arriving at the train station on route from Hungary. The event brought together 90 leading practitioners and policy makers from the EU focussed on how to tackle the merging challenges for countries



Kelly Simcock, Programme Director

and their communities. The Foundation's Community Dialogue engagement work was once again showcased as an example of good practice in connecting those at the grassroots with the decision makers. An example of inclusion and peacebuilding in practice.

Colin Parry Chairman said: 'It is quite amazing to think that the work of this charity is reaching such audiences. Whilst we have remained focussed on developing really good practice through our centre here in Warrington, we have engaged with conflict and groups from across the world for over 20 years now. It is clear that what we have been doing here is impacting those close to home but also has lessons for those further afield. This was always part of our dream to see the organisation and its work impact in those places where conflict can seem so hard to resolve and it is events and platforms like these where we are able to take and share our learning and messages.'

Charity walk with a difference!



Steve and his pint on a tray

Steve Cropper, the Bar Manager at The Park Royal Hotel, walked 13 miles from St Helens to Warrington carrying a pint of beer on a tray and raised £170.00 for the Foundation. Steve said: "The Foundation is a charity which is close to hearts of everyone here at the Park Royal Hotel and many more throughout the UK. I challenged myself to do the walk on behalf of the Foundation and managed it in 5 hours. It was really hard but worth every blister".

Radicalisation Awareness Network

As many readers will be aware, the Foundation has been dealing with the threat of 'violent extremism' since it was founded in 1995. The experience we took from the Northern Ireland conflict and the application of 'lessons learnt' to new contexts since the London bombings of 7th July 2005, have placed us firmly at the heart of UK and European efforts to combat and prevent violent extremism.

I have chaired the European Commission's Radicalisation Awareness Network since 2012, steering the 'Prevent' group and latterly taking the chair of the 'Youth Families and Communities' working group in 2015 on behalf of the Foundation. The network of over 1800 practitioners, connecting over 800 organisations, is the biggest in the world comprising of practitioners from the fields of health, police, prison and youth, amongst others. These working groups tackle issues ranging from education to rehabilitation in relation to violent extremism, bringing some of the top experts from Europe together to share best practice, identify opportunities for growth and formulate policy recommendations for their respective member states. The RAN is recognised as one of the world's leading practitioner networks and a step change was achieved in 2015 when it was established as a European Centre for Excellence. 'Member state support' for strategy and policy and policy influencing are amongst the work of the Centre for Excellence. I have already represented the Foundation on this panel, delivering training in Slovenia and Spain.

Christmas Party 2015

On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to thank First Recruitment for support over the past two years. Not only have they sponsored our annual Christmas party in 2015 & 2016, but the company & their staff have supported the Foundation throughout the year with small fundraising activities. During 2015, they helped to raise over £6000.

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Annual Charity Ball 2016

On Friday 18th 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, Wayne Farrow, Colin Clayton and his colleagues, pixelbooth 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 attended the event and everyone who donated the fabulous raffle and auction prizes. After costs the evening raised £16,000.

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



Thank you to the following people for their support of the Foundation's Annual Charity Ball:

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Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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Professor Steven Broomhead
Chief Executive WBC



"Congratulations to **warrington-worldwide** on your 200th edition and on seventeen years educating, informing and entertaining the local community in Warrington. There will always be demand for local news aimed at local people – so here's to the next 200 editions!"

David Mowat MP



"Congratulations to all the staff at **warrington-worldwide** on the publication of your 200th issue."

You've done an amazing job producing a great read and I look forward to the next 200 issues!"

Cllr Terry O'Neill
(LAB - Leader of Warrington BC)



Congratulations to Gary, David and the team on your 200th edition. You have covered all the stories, both big and small, across our town and contributed considerably to the community feel which singles Warrington out as a special place.

Looking forward to the next 200.
Helen Jones MP



"Congratulations to **warrington-worldwide** on your 200th edition. A fantastic publication that supports the whole community."

Emma Hutchinson, LiveWire and Culture Warrington

Congratulations to **warrington-worldwide** on the success and milestone of their 200th Issue.

The publication, like the hotel, has been at the heart of the community since its creation. We look forward to continuing as a close partner long into the future.
Donn Timmons, General Manager Village Hotel

"A massive congratulations to Gary Skentelbery and his team at **warrington-worldwide**. 200 editions is a great achievement. The magazine is a truly local publication, sharing the great stories of our town including some memorable Wolves' features too; our trio of Cup wins to name just a few.

Can't wait for the next 200!"

Roger Draper
CEO Warrington Wolves



"I was only 11 when the first edition came out in 1999! The Worldwide team has done a great job over the years and the online coverage is great too. Keep it up."

Kevin Penny
Warrington Wolves

"200th edition! Wow. **warrington-worldwide** is always a great read; especially when I make an appearance! Always have a bit of banter with Gary when doing interviews too."

Ben Westwood
Warrington Wolves



"I'm a local lad so it does mean that Gary mithers for interviews a bit (only joking). It's always a pleasure to chat and I love picking up a copy to read about things going on out in the local community."

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Sun shines for Chapelford Fun Day

Pictures: Paul Jackson

GLORIOUS sunshine ensured a successful time was had by all at the Chapelford Fun Day at Dakota Park, Chapelford Village at Great Sankey, Warrington.

Deputy Mayor of Warrington Faisal Rashid was on hand to present the fancy dress prizes to local youngsters at the event which had fun for all the family with something for all ages.

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- What you are good at

'Who you are' is essential to describe yourself effectively from a professional standpoint. 'HR Manager' sounds very different to 'highly experienced HR professional managing a team of three advisors', for example.

'What you are looking for' should be very clear. Recruiters are never all that interested in having to read too deeply into a CV, to see what it is that you are looking for so it makes sense to express this clearly and put it at the very beginning of the document.

'What you are good at' should always be presented at the very beginning of the document. Stick to no more than three key skill areas that are easily evidenced within the rest of your CV and you will immediately create the right

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Wolves' war hero remembered



FORMER England Rugby Union international Mark Cueto visited the Halliwell Jones Stadium to be presented with his great uncle's heritage shield in memory of the only Warrington rugby league player not to come home from the war.

Life-long fan Harry Hayes, aged 83, who posted about his memories of Frank Cueto on the **warrington-worldwide** forum, had the honour of presenting the heritage shield as one of a number of events to mark the 140th anniversary of the club.

Flying Officer Francisco ("Frank") Cueto was an English airman of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve who died during the Second World War.

He was born in 1917, in Wigton, Cumberland, the son of Spanish-born parents Antonio and Emilia Cueto (née Ruiz).

His father became the proprietor of a fish-and-chip shop in Maryport, Cumbria, and was the great-grandfather of the rugby player Mark Cueto.

Cueto, a pilot in 56 Squadron, died on 9 February 1944, when his Hawker Typhoon (serial JR442) crashed into the North Sea off the coast of Dungeness.

He had married Vera Dutton shortly before his death.

He has no known grave and is commemorated by the Runnymede Memorial and the Stockton Heath War Memorial.

A resident of Stockton Heath, he played 79 first team games for Warrington, as a halfback, scoring 10 tries his first being on 31st October 1936 and his last on 7th September 1940. His Heritage number is 418.

Mark said: "He was my great uncle; he was my pop's (grandad's) brother. It's a story I've known about over the years but we've not talked about it much as I suppose it's quite a sad story.

"I'm really pleased to have been invited over to see the timeline. It is brilliant and it does hit home when you see his name on the wall. It makes you feel proud especially

with our family name as it's a pretty rare name in this part of the world. I wish my old man had come. He's a proper northerner. I'll be showing him the pictures and the plaque.

"I'm grateful to Warrington for having to have done this for us. The plaque is a really nice gesture."

He added a little story about the name too. "My dad is called Frank because of his uncle and bizarrely I actually get called Frankie; it's just a name from when I was 20/21 and started off playing at Sale. People got to know my old man and he's a bit of a character. As with all the best nicknames they have the worst stories, so when people ask me why I get called Frank, it's because it's my dad's name, that's it!"

Harry from Grappenhall, posted his memories on the Forum back in 2009 saying: "I was recently trying to pass on my football 'skills' to my grandson and I was reminded of an old memory.

"After the war my dad told me to wait for the soldiers to come back from the war, they would teach me some skills. I remember feeling very sad when he said 'Frank Cueto won't be coming back'.

"How awful that a career could be ended like that.

"He must be smiling down to see his talent passed on."

Harry added: "I am privileged to present the shield on behalf of the Warrington Community in the year we celebrate the club's 140 year history."

Wolves' Foundation CEO Neil Kelly found Harry's comments while he was searching for information on the club's war hero.

"It seemed a fitting tribute to invite Harry down to the club to present Mark with his great uncle's heritage shield," added Neil.



Harry Hayes with Neil Kelly and Mark Cueto.
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National legend Tom Jones is a perfect fit for Aintree with a career that has spanned over half a century and has seen him win many accolades including a BRIT Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music and a Silver Clef Award for Lifetime Achievement. A favourite at The Jockey Club Live events he visits Aintree on June 10. He said, "I always have a fantastic time performing to audiences at Jockey

Club Live events as they are such a great night out for everyone."

Irish sensations The Corrs will be opening up the summer outdoor season at Haydock Park Racecourse on June 18. Since releasing their debut album 'Forgiven, Not Forgotten' in 1996, they have sold over 30 million albums worldwide with hits including 'Runaway' and 'Breathless'. Their success is a testament to their unique sound, which is an enchanting mix of traditional Celtic music with a pop rock twist.

Jess Glynne will be the next to perform at Haydock Park on July 1. Since featuring on Clean Bandit's Grammy Award winning and number one hit 'Rather Be', she has had a number-one charting debut album, 'I Cry When I Laugh', which has now turned double platinum in the UK. Jess will also be donating a portion of her fee to the charity 'Retraining of Racehorses' of which The Jockey Club Live will match.

Lastly for the picturesque Haydock Racecourse is Lancashire's own, Lisa Stansfield, who headlines on August 5. One of the coolest pop stars 'All Around The World' throughout the 90's; her seductive, soulful vocals and timeless dance-pop songs saw her top the charts on both sides of the Atlantic, duet with George Michael and Queen and win multiple Brit

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Priestley swimmers help clinch nationals win

SWIMMERS from Warrington's Priestley College made up half of the winning North West team at one of the country's largest sporting events.

Five Priestley students were included in the swim team of 10 representing the region at the AoC National Championships in Tyne & Wear.

"Warrington is a strong town for swimming with great clubs, coaches and facilities, but it is still an incredible achievement to make up half the team," said Priestley's

Head of Sport Nigel Howells.

"We work with local clubs to ensure we give our students the opportunities to compete at the highest levels possible and this is a great example of how that has worked."

Siblings James and Catherine Ross, Adam Ravenscroft, Jacob Wass and Alicia Pierce had to

qualify for the nationals through regional tournaments that took place in the autumn term.

As well as competing in their chosen sport, students compete for points for their region and the North West finished overall fourth across all sports out of 11 competing areas.

The standout performance was in the medley where three of the four swimmers were Priestley students and the team finished more than five seconds ahead of their nearest rival after several blistering swims.

"The great thing about the competition is you get to compete at a high level to challenge yourself, but all through you are

earning points for the team," said James, who is aiming to study at Loughborough University after Priestley.

The AoC National Championships is one of the largest annual sporting events in England, involving more than 1,800 college students and 200 staff.

Priestley's Callum Blinkhorn also competed and secured a top 10 finish in the golf competition.

Principal Matthew Grant met all the students to congratulate them and said: "I know the whole team represented both Priestley and Warrington exceptionally well in the competition and did themselves, their college and town proud."

Volunteers wanted for town's biggest events

CULTURE Warrington and LiveWire are holding an event to recruit new volunteers to be part of some of the town's biggest events and health and wellbeing activities.

The two companies have recently revamped their existing volunteer schemes and have identified lots of new opportunities for people to get involved with leisure, library, health and cultural activities in the town.

Saturday, June 4 will see the events take place between 10am-2pm at Pyramid arts centre, giving budding volunteers the chance to find out more about the specific volunteer roles on offer.

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By David Watkinson

A look-back on taxes in 1999

It may have taken 17 years to get here, but the 200th edition of Warrington Worldwide has finally arrived.

It is fitting, therefore, to start by congratulating Gary, David and the rest of the staff at Warrington Worldwide on achieving this milestone. Everyone at WatkinsonBlack is looking forward to the next 200 editions. To mark this occasion we thought that we might have a look at how things had changed in this period.



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

In 1999 there were three rates of income tax – 10% on the first £1,500, 23% on the next £26,500 and 40% thereafter. Allowing for inflation the 40% tax rate would start at about £42,000. Today there are still three rates, but they are now 20% on the first £32,000, 40% on the next £118,000 and 45% thereafter.

In 1999 the personal allowance, that is the amount that you can receive before paying tax, was £4,335 but this increased to £5,720 if you were over 65, and one party within a married couple received an additional £1,970 making £6,305 in total. Had these rates increased in line with inflation then they would currently be about £7,000, £9,000 and £10,000 respectively. However, whilst the age allowance and the married couples allowance have disappeared, the personal allowance is now £11,000 for everyone.

Average wages in 1999 were £290 per week, and this had increased to about £435 in 2016. Therefore, someone on these average earnings would currently be paying about 10% in income tax, compared to 15% in 1999. Not bad, hey?

For Capital Gains, the annual exempt amount in 1999 was £7,100 which, after allowing for inflation, would be about £11,500 in today's money. The actual exempt amount is a bit lower than this at £11,100. The good news, however, is that the rate at which the tax is paid has reduced dramatically for all gains except gains on residential property. For instance, a basic rate taxpayer would currently pay 10% on any gain above the exempt amount compared to a rate of 23% in 1999. Gains on residential property have also fallen from the 23% in 1999, but to only 18% today. Of course, any gain on your private home has remained tax free throughout.

The rate of Corporation Tax for companies in 1999 was 20% for companies with profits below £300,000 and 30% for larger companies. Since then the rate for small companies has remained constant whilst the rate for larger companies has fallen, meaning that the rate is now 20% for companies of all sizes.

From the above perhaps it is true to say that whilst we may not be happy at today's tax rates we would most certainly not like to go back to 1999.

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Mark Forster becomes the 'granddaddy' of Rugby League



WARRINGTON Wolves' legend Mark Forster is certainly the "granddaddy" of Rugby League after signing on for the new season with Woolston Rovers on the same day as his six-year-old grandson Taylor.

He believes it is the first time a grandad and grandson have signed on for a complete season adding to his impressive Rugby League pedigree which included 458 appearances for Warrington's first team, more than any man currently alive.

"Foz" who scored 191 tries for the Wolves during a 20 year career, which included becoming the only player to have two testimonials at one club, has already played alongside his two sons Christopher, 28 and Dan, 27, in 12 major amateur finals and is now looking forward to Taylor taking up the sport.

"As long as the club continues to go on tours to Malta, Prague and Dubai I will continue to play – but I don't think I will still be around playing to make an amateur final with Taylor," said 51-year-old Mark.

Taylor's dad Christopher, who is now at Bank Quay Bulls is currently sidelined with a shoulder injury but Uncle Dan is signed on with Woolston, alongside his dad Mark for the open age team.

When asked whether Taylor would be following in his father's footsteps at the Wolves Mark added: "He certainly has pace and

can tackle well!"

But one thing is certain, Mark hopes his granddaughter Maisie doesn't take up the sport!

Meanwhile sales of Mark's book "Wire til I die" are going well as he lifts the lid on his 20 year career at the Wolves playing alongside legends including Les Boyd, Mike Gregory, Paul Cullen and Kevin Tamati.

At the book launch the coach who signed him as a teenager, Tony Barrow joined former team mates Paul Cullen, Paul Sculthorpe, Iestyn Harris and Lee Briers for a Q&A event at the Halliwell Jones Stadium, compared by Sky Sport's Angela Powers.

Written by sports journalist Gary Slater the book is about Forster's life in rugby league which included 458 appearances for Warrington's first team, more than any man currently alive.

"Foz" scored 191 tries for the club, including the one that took the Wire to the 1990 Challenge Cup final.

In 1986 he was crowned the fastest man in rugby league and he also represented Lancashire, Great Britain, and finally Ireland, for who he starred in the 2000 Rugby League World Cup.





Warrington Town end of season awards

MIDFIELDER Danny Ventre scooped the Player of the Year award at Warrington Town's end of season presentation following their title winning campaign.

It was just reward for the former Accrington Stanley midfielder, who surprisingly missed out on inclusion in the league's team of the year.

One of the three Town players who did make that selection was central defender James McCarten, and he walked away with the Town Players' Player of the Year award.

League top scorer and Player of the Year Ciaran Kilheaney received special recognition for his record-breaking season, as did goalkeeper Karl Wills following 25 clean sheets in a memorable campaign.

Hometown winger Chris Gahgan received an award for passing 250 appearances for the club, including 88 goals, while McCarten (150 appearances), Craig Robinson and Scott Metcalfe (both 100) also received awards for passing milestones.

McCarten beat off competition from Gahgan and Kilheaney to be crowned Supporters' Player of the Year, with secretary Janette Fillingham also presenting Wills with an award from the supporters for his achievements.

There was a clean sweep in both the Reserves and Academy awards, with strikers Rhys Bowers and Euan Woods both picking up Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year for the Reserves and Academy respectively.

The inaugural Peter Turner Award was given to Jon Barton, for his dedication to the club this season.

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