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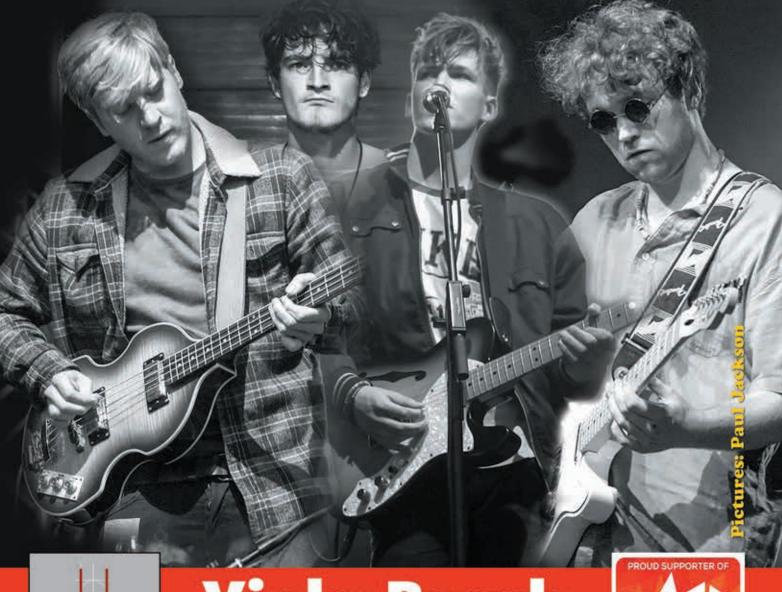
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ditor's Comment

IT was a bitter sweet moment when Viola Beach became the first Warrington band to have a number one album topping the national charts.

Bitter because of the tragic circumstances surrounding the death of the boys and their manager, sweet because they will always be remembered for their chart topping success, which has hopefully brought some small comfort to their families and

Similar to the Warrington bombing tragedy, the loss of Viola Beach will be one of those moments in our town's history which will always be remembered and yet again Warrington has responded to a negative with a

positive.

I will never forget the day I went out covering the Warrington bombing attack and I will never forget having to report on the Viola Beach tragedy, as it sank it that this was the young

Commercial vehicle dealer to move

A MAJOR commercial vehicle dealer is planning a new development on a 3.25 acre green field site on Omega North, Warrington.

Scania dealer Haydock Commercial Vehicles Ltd aims to build new premises combining state-of-the-art offices, parts and service facilities in the development. The work is due to be completed late next year when the firm's existing site at Haydock will relocate to the new premises.

band which had performed at last year's Warrington Festival, with many predicting success – but not in such tragic circumstances.

I am pleased to say this year's festival will involve a tribute to Viola Beach with other local bands attempting to aspire to their dreams.

Following on from last year's successful festival this year's event looks set to be even bigger and better and something to build on as Warrington aspires to become a UK City of Culture – what a legacy that would be to Viola Beach.

Moving away from music there is



a lot going on in the world of sport around Warrington, with the Wolves back at Wembley for the fourth time in eight years and Warrington Town bidding to follow up last year's historic league title success, now competing at their highest level in the club's history in the Evo-Stik Premier Division.

We wish both clubs well and future success – as success on the sporting front always brings a feel good factor to the town.

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Record breaking VPX goes from strength to strength



WARRINGTON'S annual event at Victoria Park continues to go from strength to strength, with record breaking numbers of youngsters attending this year's

With Cheshire Police encouraging young people to stay safe by taking part in a whole host of community events and activities, Police & Crime Commissioner David Keane, got to experience some of those activities for himself, when he visited the event.

He said: "It's great to see some of the work that is taking place this summer to tackle antisocial behaviour and help keep young Cheshire Police

behaviour and help keep young

people safe.
"The dedication shown by the PCSOs and officers involved in VPX is outstanding, and I would like to congratulate them on the success that they have achieved so far, and I hope this success continues long

into the future.

"Engaging with young people is a vital part of the work that PCSOs and officers undertake, and

by encouraging young people to participate in some of the activities such as VPX, we can make a real difference to local communities."

Young people who attend VPX are able to take part in a wide range of activities including Football, Zorbing, Archery, face pointing, crafts music workshops painting, crafts music workshops and much more.

The events are free to attend and open to children of all ages,

they take place every Tuesday throughout August in Victoria Park, Warrington, from 11.00am to

Event organiser PCSO Tony Spruce said: "VPX is now in its ninth year and since its inception it has gone from strength to strength. Each event is regularly attended by over 1,000 young people from across Warrington, and provides them with the apportunity to take them with the opportunity to take part in a wide range of sports and activities, many of which they have never tried before.

"I'm proud of the work that we have done and I would like to thank all of our sponsors for the support

all of our sponsors for the support that they have shown.

"Over the past nine years we have engaged with more than 30,000 young people from across the borough, helping to reduce reports of anti-social behaviour and preventing young people from

engaging in criminal activities."

VPX, also known as the Victoria
Park Xperience, is an annual
event that was initially set up by
Warrington PCSO Tony Spruce and
Tom Reid back in 2007.

The events are sponsored by a number of local organisations and charities, including Warrington Live Wire, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, the Warrington Town FC, December 2012 Decathlon, Active Cheshire and Warrington South Area Board, along with a number of other local businesses







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Hypnotes Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . . by Michael Mahoney

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Mind Body Connection

achieve?

Do you know what you think affects the functioning of your body? Did you know that if you think negative thoughts, over time your body will respond to those thoughts, and the opposite is true, if you

think positive thoughts, your body responds appropriately?

Thoughts can suppress the immune system. If you are constantly stressed, your immune system will be affected. There is not enough space in this column to even discuss the tip of the emotional iceberg, suffice to say it is a truth.

Another truth is, if you allow yourself to have recurring negative thoughts your confidence goes down, self-esteem too, opportunities are missed, intrusive thoughts become common place, and lots more besides. In short you start a slippery

Did you know hypnotherapy can help deal with stress, anxiety, IBS, Insomnia, panic attacks, self-esteem issues and lots more besides? So how does talking / listening help? It helps because of something called the mind and body connection. Every thought creates a physical response, positive or negative. If you change a thought you change the physical response. So hypnotherapy helps you to change your thoughts, even to change the inner speak we have.

Ask yourself these questions Am Í happy?

Am I making the most of my life? Am I achieving what I want to

What is my future going to be?

When you ask yourself these type of questions, you basically go inside, tap into the mind body connection and come up with an answer.

If you are not happy, or making the most of your life, or achieving what you want to achieve or are uncertain about your future, then your feelings will be different than if you are happy in all or some of these areas. That is the mid body connection, just like the 'butterfly' feeling in your stomach we have all experienced at some time, that is another example of the mind

that is anomer example of the films body connection.

Control your thoughts and you can change your life. You can change how your body functions. With IBS clients, I teach them to speed up or slow down their digestive system, simply the charging thoughts. by changing their thoughts. Anxiety clients can change their thoughts to eliminate panic and anxiety attacks, business people can learn to

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enhance presentation skills, writers to become more creative, insomniacs to sleep easier, stress-heads to relax and chill, emotional recovery after trauma can be learned, babies born without anaesthesia, presentation nerves tamed, sexual dysfunction normalised, and much more besides.

If you want to change for the better, to get rid of a fear or phobia, change your attitude, become more assertive or more independent then consider learning how to tap into the mind body connection. I have been teaching people for more than 30 years now and I am always. 30 years now, and I am always impressed how people grasp the idea and work with it, to enhance their

and work with it, to enhance their lives, and the lives of those they love.

Of course if your happy in life and all things are tickety-boo, then you may have just wasted 2 minutes of your time reading this article, however if you can relate to any of the above, your 2 minutes may be the most important 2 minutes you've spent in a long time!

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£1,000 grant to put on a town centre show

GROUPS prepared to put on town centre-based activities at Warrington could be in line for a

£1,000 grant.

The borough council's Town Centre Partnership Group is seeking applications to deliver town centre activities that benefit

local people.

Cllr Tony Higgins, the council's lead member for culture, leisure and community, said: "I would encourage any town centre groups to apply for these grants. It's a great opportunity for us to help you to do something positive for town centre communities."

Any organisation that is led by or in partnership with an organisation belonging to the business, voluntary, community or faith sector can apply for the funding before the deadline of Monday, September 12.

The last two grants were given to Warrington Ethnic Communities Association towards the Mela event and to a group called Blooming Art for a National Trail Day event.

Applications, for up to £1,000, are welcomed but if significant impact can be demonstrated, larger grants may be awarded on a case by case basis.

For more information or help with an application, contact Di White on 07827 232 561 or dwhite@ warrington.gov.uk

Business chief predicts 'seven weeks of misery' for motorists

A BUSINESS leader is predicting of misery for motorists when seven weeks of Warrington Warrington motorists when structural maintenance work starts on the A50 Knutsford Road on September 19.

Colin Daniels, chief executive of Warrington Chamber of Commerce

says the announcement of the work will be welcomed by business travellers "like a hole in the head."

He wants to know why Warrington Borough Council could not arrange for the work to be carried out at night.

The council has announced that

the work, involving the inward/ westbound carriageway between Halla Way and Wilderspool Halla Way and Wilderspool Causeway, will be carried out in three phases between 9.30am and

3.30pm and 7pm and midnight.
It will involve road closures
between 7pm and midnight and
lane closures during the day.
Diversion routes will be

Mr Daniels said: "When will the council acknowledge the cost the council acknowledge the cost to business of traffic delays and in the case of these 'improvements' why isn't ALL the work carried out between 7pm and midnight?"

He questioned the likely impact on the works of swing bridge closures on the Manchester Ship Canal and incidents on the

motorways.

Mr Daniels said that at the yearly budget meeting between the council and business interests he had asked what consideration business was given by the council.

"I have to say the answer is silence," he said.

The council says once work commences, additional information on phasing and diversion routes will be available at www.warrington. gov.uk/roadworks



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Warrington 13th best 'city' to work

by Steve Park

I'M delighted that Warrington has I'M delighted that Warrington has very recently been recognised by an independent survey which placed Warrington as 13th highest 'best cities to work in the UK', Warrington is only bettered in the North West by Manchester (11th highest).

It was also jointly announced in the same week by Nesta & Creative England that Warrington has become something of a creative hub, with over 7,000 people between Warrington and Wigan in employment in the

7,000 people between Warrington and Wigan in employment in the creative industry. The research did point to the proximity of the motorways as being a major benefit, but I also think this is good news since creative hubs are often more associated with growing city centres, so putting Warrington on the national map is an important step. important step.

Warrington & Co have recently welcomed four new tenants into the office incubator, The Base, on the Stadium Quarter. Focused on science Stadium Quarter. Focused on science and advanced engineering, this business growth facility in the heart of the town centre is a real boost to entrepreneurs looking to make a success in Warrington. Coupled with the opening of the University Technical College Warrington in September, again focused on science and advanced engineering, there is a real buzz now being created around the Stadium Quarter. Warrington & Co are continuing to develop the master plan for the wider area that we expect will bring further office investment news in early 2017. This work is directly associated with our ambition to bring more workers and more residents into Warrington's town centre, some of the key ingredients necessary for a successful, vibrant and attractive place.

The shape and face of Warrington's town centre continues to move with the times, changing to incorporate modern facilities to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's generations. Work is progressing at relentless pace on Time Square, with the multi storey car park now reduced to rubble, ready for the new state of the art, 1140 space replacement complete with charging points and family friendly spaces,

ready to rise in its place next year.

The building which will become the temporary home for the market is flying up, and traders will relocate there in Spring 2017 bringing with them exciting opportunities to continue an 800-year-old tradition of market trading on the site, before moving to their permanent Market Hall when the whole scheme opens in 2019. For those who share a love for history don't miss the opportunity to step back in time at the forthcoming medieval market on September 3.



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Company director completes Sales Masters degree



DAVID Griffiths, a Director at Kingsland Grange based company Sharples Group, has graduated from Middlesex University with an MSc in Leading Transformational Sales.

Transformational Sales.

The Toshiba Masters Degree was devised after global research highlighted the fact that only 10% of sales people understand what the client really wants. David, 46, joined the company at the age of 19 and successfully completed a multi-million buy-out with fellow Director Mark Brocklehurst in 2005.

He said: "Education, training and people development are recognised as the most effective way of producing sustainable results in business and the Toshiba Master's Degree Programme is a great example of a transformational education initiative.

"Adopting a Sales leader mind-set, I have analysed leadership styles and how we behave as a business.

"Working through the seven modules of the programme has certainly influenced the successful Sharples Group company ethos of 'Principle before

The Masters, which recognises David as a professional in Sales Directorship, gives credibility to the Sales profession and aims to put it on a par with Accountancy and Marketing.



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fun and — SNAP! — the job's a game!").

But is your team development plan 'just' an idea – one that you invest in but don't really use- or one that you put into practice? Knowing more is not the same as being able to do more. If you have spent time, energy and invested in training then that is not the end of your 'development' programme. If your team aren't able to do more as a result, whether it's through your team's culture or otherwise, then it's time and money wasted.

Training is a fantastic resource and a great way to develop a team - so much so that I offer social media training to individuals and groups - that it's important your company has the culture to allow your team to grow and use their new found knowledge.

So think back to the last time you invested in training/ developing your staff (or for yourself). Are you able to say that they've been given a chance to use your investment in them?

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The company specialises in working with companies that are looking to grow their businesses online, and regularly delivers benefits of over 200% increase in website and app performance and engagement for its clients.

Warrington and Cheshire

Warrington and Cheshire based companies can now take advantage of Carpe Diem's services with the benefit of a 40% grant, up to a maximum value of £6,000.

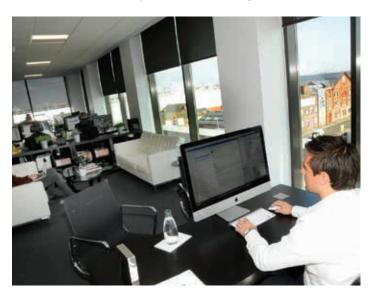
Bill Carr, Managing Director of Carpe Diem said: "The grant is great news for local businesses and gives existing and new clients a real head start over their competitors. The grant is available

on a first come first serve basis, so companies should contact us on 01925 299842 or visit our website www.carpe-diem.co.uk for more details. The grants are also available in many other regions around the country, and we can help guide companies through the process, making it quick and easy."

The agency, which has operated in the Warrington area since 1999, has recently moved into new offices opposite Warrington central station, called The Base. Carpe Diem has a team of marketing strategists, designers, technologist and developers that work with business to develop websites, apps and deliver online marketing campaigns.

campaigns.

The company has recently recruited two new members of staff to support its growth and is looking forward to further growth in the year alread



New online management system for libraries

LIVEWIRE has introduced a new library management system at all libraries across Warrington which enables members to access more services online.

The new system is called KOHA which means "gift" in Maori. It offers an improved service to both staff and customers with a more intuitive interface and the ability for staff to access the system outside of

libraries at community events.

One of the key benefits to the public is that any future items library users borrow will be recorded so they can view their own borrowing history both in libraries and at home

The new system is available to the public anywhere via the new Libonline web interface.

The new website is fully optimised

for mobiles and tablets and allows people to search the library shelves from home, as well as renewing their books online.

Tina Redford, LiveWire strategic lead for libraries and learning, said "This is an exciting time for LiveWire Libraries and KOHA will help us meet the needs of a modern library service for the 21st Century"



















Families humbled



THE families of Warrington band Viola Beach say they have been humbled after the band's debut album made Number 1 in the charts, just six months after their tragic loss.

The self-titled posthumous album was released as a tribute to vocalist Kris Leonard, guitarist River Reeves, bassist Tomas Lowe, drummer Jack Dakin and their manager Craig Tarry by the families and friends of the group who were tragically killed when their car crashed off a bridge into a canal in Stockholm, Sweden, during the early hours of February 13 this year.
It is the first time a Warrington

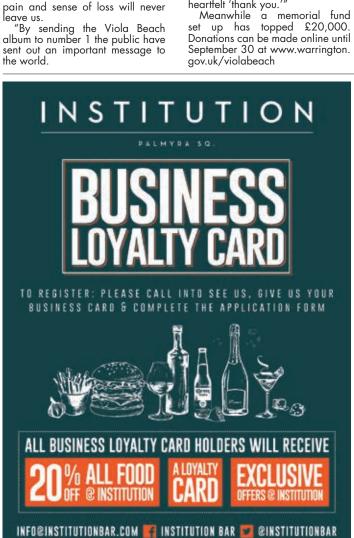
band has topped the album charts.
The album shot to the top of the

charts a week after being released. The families released the following statement: "The tragedy that ended Craig, Jack, Kris, River & Tom's lives in Sweden and the pain and sense of loss will never leave us.

sent out an important message to

"The tragic circumstance that met Viola Beach and their manager Craig that fateful night in Sweden will not now define their lives. What will now define their lives and what they will be remembered for, forever, is the music they were so passionate about making together.

For that, we will be eternally humbled and ever thankful to every single person who by buying this glorious album has invested in their lasting musical legacy. The pain will never leave us but neither will the affection shown by every fan. Maybe one day that affection will live longer in the memory than the pain. So from us all a simple but heartfelt 'thank you.'"



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Granny and granddaughter have heads shaved for charity

A brave care worker from Warrington and her 14-year-old granddaughter both had their heads shaved to help raise over £1,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Trish Bennett and her granddaughter Monique said goodbye to their respective blonde and brunette tresses at the Irish club in Warrington.

As well as the shave, entertainment included a bouncy castle, cakes and sweets. Together they raised £1,100 for Macmillan Cancer Support

Cancer Support.

Trish, 51, works for local home care provider Carewatch Warrington, which looks after vulnerable adults in the Warrington area.

She said: "I decided to do the head shave as tribute to my family and friends who have passed away with cancer and for family who are in remission from cancer.

"My granddaughter wanted to do it last year but her mum wouldn't let her. This time she thought Monique was old enough to make her own decision.

ner own decision.

"A good friend, Kelly Delooze
Smith, has just passed her Year 3
hairdressing course at college and
agreed to shave our hair for us!"

Macmillan Cancer Support is dedicated to reaching and improving the lives of those living with cancer and aims to inspire millions of others to do the same. Raising funds for charity is central to

Carewatch, which has a history of supporting good causes as well as providing for the local community. The company will be match funding donations that Patricia receives up to the total of £500.

Ria Lyon, Care Manager at Carewatch Warrington, adds: "We are incredibly proud of Trish and Monique for their bravery. Delivering care and support services ourselves, we understand the work and research related charities do and how vital it is to help them continue. This is why we do our utmost to raise funds at every available opportunity."

every available opportunity."

Trish has been with Carewatch for 18 months and loves the work. She adds: "My clients are lovely. I worked in several jobs but needed something different. I'm glad I did care work and I'm hoping I continue to do this for some time."

If you would like to sponsor Trish and Monique, please visit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ Patricia-Bennett.

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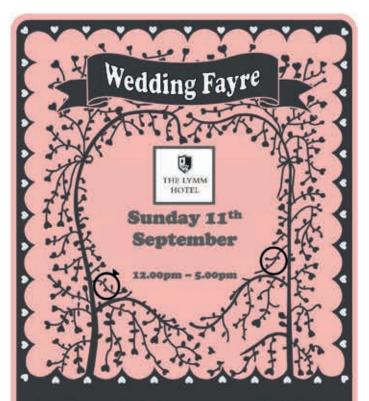
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Charity bidding to break tombola world record

A Warrington charity is bidding to break the world record for the biggest ever tombola.

Warrington Disability Partnership, who fund-raise regularly around the town at various events with their popular tombola, will bid to break the world record at Golden Square on Saturday October 1.

Now they are appealing to local people and businesses to help them break the record by donating prizes.

break the record by donating prizes.

Chief Executive Dave Thompson, who regularly helps out at the fundraising tombolas, said: "Our aim is to smash the current world record by getting over 6,000 prizes."

Now Dave is urging local people and business to get behind the record attempt by donating prizes.

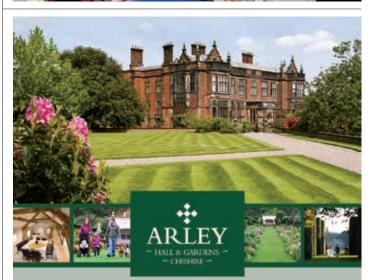
To qualify for the record there can only by up to 25 of the same item and all items must be new.

Prizes can be dropped off at any of the charity's centres, including the shop in Godeln Square, Shopmobility in the Golden Square car park, the Independent Living Centre on Beafort Street or at the stall on Warrington Market. Items can also be donated at Tesco Extra on Winwick Road.

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In 2015, Warrington Festival engaged with 30,000 people across 50 separate events culminating with Pixie Latt
headlining on the stage in Bank
Park, the English Half Marathon
and LiveWire Mile starting /
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first time

It also brought more than £170,000 into the town's economy whilst giving families and friends the opportunity to get active, educated and enjoy great entertainment as they celebrated 'all things Warrington.'

This year the festival promises to provide more high quality events over its two week period from Friday 16 September - Saturday 2 October, at even more venues across the whole of the town. It will once again give our town the chance to showcase its growth and to show the whole country that it's all going on in Warrington.

Author Emma Hutchinson Chair of Warrington Festiva Steering Group.

ICONS OF THE 80S

Friday 16th Sept / 6pm Bank Park

Go West, Nik Kershaw and special guests, T'Pau will come together for one concert on the opening night of Warrington Festival 2016. With millions of albums sales and iconic hits such as We Close Our Eyes, Call Me, Wouldn't It Be Good. The Riddle, I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me, Heart and Soul and the classic China in Your Hand. This authentic eighties triple header is not to be missed!

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STARSAILOR

Saturday 17th Sept / 12pm Bank Park

Starsailor will headline the Saturday night of festival following a full day of performances from local artists in tribute to Warrington's Viola Beach and their manager, who performed at last year's festival and tragically died in a car crash earlier this year.

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Volunteers will receive a free bus pass to get them to events thanks to Volunteer Programme sponsor, Network Warrington, along with a Warrington Festival branded t-shirt. If you would like to register your interest to volunteer at Warrington Festival please visit www.warringtonfestival.co.uk/volunteering



























































Sentiment V's Optimisation

For years SEO (search engine optimisation) has been seen as a necessary evil. A marketing requirement that's veiled in mystery and wrapped in an enigma. For some, SEO is a dirty word. For others, it's been the making of their success.

As our planet continues to be engulfed by Google, do you think that their search technology will continue to be effected by how many keywords you have on a specific page or how many links you have pointing at your domain?

Personally, I doubt it. The change might not happen for some time, but I do believe that sentiment is tomorrows optimisation metric, if not already today.

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"Phoenix Project" gives a new lease of life to disabled people overseas



Internationally acclaimed local charity, Warrington Disability Partnership (WDP), has collaborated with a youth orientated UK-based charity on a project aiming to provide much needed support to those with a disability or long-term health condition

WDP has teamed up with St Mark Universal Copts Care (St Mark), to help provide support in Egypt and Sudan.

Despite more than 20million disabled people living in Egypt, it is well documented that provisions offered by the country's health and social care services are limited and social care services are limited and the "Phoenix Project" has been set

up to challenge this.

Dave Thompson MBE DL, Founder and Chief Executive of WDP has had a working relationship with Dr Naser Fouad, Chairman of St Mark, for over 10 years and is excited that their two

charities can work in partnership on such an important project:

"St Mark's charity stands for everything we value here at WDP – including independence, dignity and confidentiality. Our role in the "Phoenix Project" will mean conditionable the particular the particular standard and confidential the particular than actional collections. rnoenix Project" will mean co-ordinating the national collection of equipment to be refurbished, containerised and transported to St Mark projects overseas. We're thrilled to be working with such a dedicated and genuine partner and together, we hope to achieve great things." great things.

Also playing a key role within the Phoenix Project is the UK's leading provider of daily living aids and community equipment, NRS Healthcare. Having helped

countless numbers of older and disabled people across the UK for the past 69 years, the established the past 69 years, the established company are proud to offer a diverse collection of new and used daily living aids to help give those in need overseas a way to live more independently. Commercial Director for NRS Healthcare, Stephen Kennedy, has been the driving force behind the company supporting the "Phoenix Project": "Since meeting Dave and seeing his wonderful passion for helping those who are living with a long-term health condition or disability, he has inspired me to join

he has inspired me to join something which I believe is very, very special.

"NRS Healthcare and

"NRS Healthcare and Warrington Disability Partnership share mutual goals – to push the boundaries of daily living aids and continue to raise awareness of and continue to raise awareness or what is available to make everyday tasks easier for disabled people and their families.

"For almost 70 years, NRS Healthcare has been proud to spread the word of daily living aids

spread the word of daily living aids and help people throughout the UK lead a more independent life. Now we are proud to support WDP and St Mark in their vision to bring quality living aids to those in need overseas so they can enjoy a more confident and self-sufficient future."



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Starsailor to headline tribute to Viola Beach's legacy



ONCE hailed as Britain's best new band, locally based Starsailor will be headlining a special concert at this year's Warrington Festival which will pay tribute to Viola Beach's legacy.

It will be the band's first outdoor headline event in Warrington and their first appearance in the town since they released their greatest hits album last year.

Their headline slot will follow a full day of performances from local bands in tribute to Viola Beach and their manager, who tragically lost their lives earlier this year.

Local bands are now being asked to submit expressions of interest to perform at the event on Bank Park on Saturday 17 September in a day that will celebrate the legacy of the five lads from Warrington.

The families of Kris, River, Jack Tom and Craig say the event will help provide a platform for other

emerging talents.

Ben Dunne, dad of River Reeves, said: "River and the band played at Warrington Festival last year and would be so proud to see how they've inspired many other local bands to perform on the same

stage."

Beverly and Ian Piers Dakin, the father of Jack Dakin, added: "Jack, River, Tom, Kris and Craig were all very proud and honoured to play at last year's festival, supporting Pixie Lott, in their hometown.

"It is an honour for all our family that this legacy has been put into place and they will be remembered by their music."

Craig's parents and sister, Sarah,

Craig's parents and sister, Sarah, concluded: "Craig was not only their manager but a dear friend to Viola Beach and he believed in their talent and enthusiasm.

"He was excited to Warrington on the music map and he knew Viola Beach would do exactly that.

"Craig lived life the way that we all should, passionately and wholeheartedly and we are extremely proud of Craig and Viola

Starsailor was formed when

Warrington's James Stelfox (bass) and Ben Byrne (drums) met James Walsh (vocals/guitar) at Wigan and Leigh Music College. Later saw the arrival of keyboardist Barry Westhead, who cemented their sound.

The band's debut single Fever in 2001 earned them the title of Britain's best new band.

Their initial run of success saw both their 'Love is Here' debut album and the 2003 follow-up 'Silence is Easy' hit number two in the charts and netted them a total of three million album sales before a hiatus in 2009.

Since their reformation in 2014, the band has played on the main stage at the Isle of Wight festival, supported Manchester indie band, James and toured North America

with Embrace.

The Saturday event will be part of a wider weekend of music and two weeks of events across the town which celebrate sport, culture and entertainment. The Friday evening will see Icons of the 80s Go West, Nik Kershaw and special guests, T'Pau coming together for one concert on the opening night of Warrington Festival 2016.

The three legendary 80s stars are set to join forces for a truly are set to join forces for a truly incredible concert experience on Warrington's Bank Park on Friday 16 September. Their appearance will kick off a two week celebration of culture, sport and entertainment across the town.

Any band or artist from the North West can enter to play at the festival by sending an expression of interest via the Warrington Festival website www.warringtonfestival. org/contact-us

Icons of the 80s: £15. Bank Park, Warrington Friday, 16 September. Tickets from www.pyramidparrhall.com 01925 442345

Starsailor: £10. Bank Park, Warrington, Saturday 17 September 2016 Tickets from www.pyramidparrhall.com 01925 442345.

River Reeves' legacy set to live on THE legacy of Viola Beach those from more disadvantaged guitarist River Reeves is set to live backgrounds.

guitarist River Reeves is set to live on following a highly successful "RivFest" at Priestley College. Backed by Coldplay's frontman Chris Martin, who sent a special video message of support which was broadcast at the event, organisers are determined to deliver an even "bigger and better" RivFest 2017 RivFest 2017.

Family friend Rae Carr, who is also a trustee of the River Reeves Foundation, a legacy to River's "short but wonderful life" said: "If we can deliver this in two weeks imagine what we can produce with

a whole year to plan it."

The aim of the legacy is to provide bursaries and grants for young people across Warrington to give them that financial 'small step' and help them build a future within the arts whether as gater within the arts, whether as actors, musicians, artists, directors, writers, singers etc.

There will also be a focus on

Working closely with Priestley College and Bridgewater High School the Foundation will provide grants to support Priestley's PETT Charity (Priestley Education & Training Trust).

River's father Penketh Head teacher Ben Dunn and his step mother Sharon and his siblings were all at the RivFest event.

Younger brother Gabriel Reeves opened the show with his band Pink Lady.

More than 10 local bands took part in the event.

River's father Ben "Having had such a wonderful first event thanks to the support of the music industry, the borough council and Priestley College, who knows what we can achieve next year.

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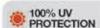
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Black Bear Park blighted by fly-tipping

COUNCILLORS have expressed their dismay after discovering flytipping had blighted Black Bear Park at Latchford, Warrington.

The discovery, made by a local woman out walking her dog, was made shortly after members of the Victoria Park Residents Association had taken part in a litter pick in the had taken part in a litter pick in the

nearby area.

Local Cllr Maureen McLaughlin said: "'Fly-tipping is a menace and a blight, and it is shocking to find this level of dumping in an area that

is enjoyed by so many people as a pleasant place to walk and cycle. "Having inspected the site with my colleague Cllr Les Morgan, I contacted the council immediately to push for prompt action to get the area cleaned up and to look for any evidence which might identify the people responsible.
"It is wrong that the majority

of responsible and law-abiding residents should have to pay through their council taxes to clean up irresponsible dumping by a tiny minority.

"I was recently supporting a group of residents who gave up their Saturday morning for a local

their Saturday morning for a local litter pick – a really positive day for everyone involved.

"These are the people who make a difference in this town and make it a place to be proud of."

To report fly-tipping, or to pass on any information as to who might have dumped this rubbish please. have dumped this rubbish, please contact the Council at warrington. gov.uk/flytipping or phone 01925 443322.

Right: Cllrs Maureen McLaughlin and Les Morgan inspect the site where the fly-tipping took place.



Navy diver completes spécialist training



A NAVY diver from Warrington has just completed specialist clearance diver training at the Defence Diving School at Portsmouth.

Able Seaman Diver Martin Bosson, 24, received his certificate and diving log from Commander Simon Pressdee, responsible for all Diving and EOD

log from Commander Simon Pressdee, responsible for all Diving and EOD Capability in the Royal Navy.

Martin, whose family still live in Warrington, joined the Navy for the challenge, the lifestyle and to work with like-minded people.

He said: "I've learnt a lot. Met some great lads and had plenty of laughs."

The Salford University student, whose Grandad also served in the services, cites the highlight of his career so far as passing his diving course.

Navy divers are currently serving in a variety of theatres including

Atghanistan.
As newly trained RN Clearance Divers they will initially be employed in either MCM1 based in Scotland (Faslane) or MCM2 in Portsmouth and will deploy in a MCMV as required to support world wide operations.

They will then join either an area diving team based in Scotland, Portsmouth or Plymouth to conduct underwater engineering tasks and to support 'Military aid to civil powers (MACP) providing explosive ordinance disposal in a conventional sense and after further training, improvised explosive device disposal.

explosive device disposal.

During the graduation event the newly qualified divers put on a "real life" display for their visiting families and friends.

Details of career opportunities within the Royal Navy are available online at www.royalnavy.mod.uk or by calling the recruitment line on 08456 07 55 55.

Top award for charity worker



A WARRINGTON charity worker has been recognised for his commitment to continuing adult education.

Jon Boardman, of health and social care charity Making Space, was highly commended in the Adult Learners' Week Awards.

The human resources advisor is responsible for the learning needs of the charity's 900-plus national employees, who work across a number of adult

care settings, including respite services, residential care and carer support Jon received the award for his outstanding contribution to the charity's learning and development programme after the introduction of the Care

Certificate, a new set of minimum training standards for care staff.
Rachel Peacock, director of development, Making Space, said: "I

nominated Jon because he does not recognise any obstacles to what he hopes to achieve.
"He uses every potential setback or difficulty as an opportunity to develop

'Jon's clear commitment to learning and development has created an air of ambition among his colleagues. As someone relatively new to the care sector and coming from a corporate background, Jon has embraced every aspect of the services we provide and uses a desire to have a positive end result for our service users to drive everything he does."

John said: "I'm aware that every single person within Making Space is delivering a service that can change people's lives for the better. I take their

learning very seriously".

Pictured: Gaynor Chisnall, director of operations, Making Space, Macaila Finch, programme manager for education commissioning at Health Education England, Jon Boardman, and Rachel Peacock, director of development, Making Space.



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<u>Einancially yours</u> By David Watkinson

Changes in taxation

Changes in taxation can sometimes have unexpected consequences, and this applies to the changes in the taxation of bank interest and dividends introduced this year. Previously, interest and dividends were bath offsetival versions and the state of the both effectively received net of basic rate tax.



of basic rate tax.

However, since April this year they have both been received before the deduction of any tax, and instead individual taxpayers have been given additional tax free allowances of £1,000

per annum in respect of interest and £5,000 per annum in respect of dividends. Tax on any relevant income received above these allowances is payable at 20% on interest and 7.5% on dividends

These changes have had the effect of: These changes have had the effect of:

- removing many pensioners and other low earners from the need to reclaim overpaid tax on interest; and
 removing many taxpayers with moderate investment income from self assessment, or avoiding the need for them to register; whilst at the
- achieving the aim of increasing the tax payable by director/ shareholders of small limited companies who pay themselves through

The changes, however, have had another consequence for anyone dealing with the estate of a deceased person. Tax is payable on any income received by the estate during the period of administration, but neither of the new allowances are available. Therefore, in theory, the personal representative of an estate receiving any interest or dividends should inform HMRC of the liability and complete a self assessment tax

HMRC have partially recognised that this will place an unreasonable burden both on themselves and on estates receiving only a small amount of income. They have, therefore, announced a concession that tax of £100 or less due on interest received by an estate in administration need not be reported, effectively giving the estate a savings allowance of £500

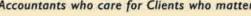
of £500.

However, there is no similar concession on dividends received. Therefore, all dividends received after April are taxable at the dividend rate of 7.5%, and the tax must be accounted for to the tax office on form R185 (Estate Income). When the net income is distributed to the beneficiaries it will carry a repayable tax credit of the tax deducted. Remember, this applies to all dividends received no matter how small! Many people dealing with small estates are relatives of the deceased who are inexperienced in dealing with complex tax situations, and this certainly qualifies as complex. If they get it wrong then they could face being charged interest on any tax underpaid as well as penalties that could be out of all proportion to the tax "lost". Let us hope that this is not the intention of either the government or HMRC, and that someone sorts this out in the very near future.

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Dragons on fire for St. Rocco's Hospice



THE dragons roared loudly in Warrington on the River Mersey as 15 crews took part in the annual St. Rocco's Dragon Boat

The weather was fantastic and there was a brilliant family atmosphere as the teams set up their gazebos at Warrington Rowing Club, bringing along tamily, friends

and even their dogs to join in the fun and cheer on the teams.

It was to be a hotly fought competition. Each boat competed over three rounds to clock up their fastest time possible and qualify for the four boat final.

Zachary Daniels boat 'Z team' skippered by St. Rocco's trustee Zac Clements, set the bar in the first round with the fastest time of the day, although the Mighty Loaders, last year's champions, were only a tenth of a second behind them with

tenth of a second behind them with
the Row Geeks and the D Team
following closely behind.

By the end of the third round,
following some very fast races it
was the A Team, Mighty Loaders,
MDS Drinking Dragons and DV8's
Row Geeks who had paddled
themselves into the final.

Amanda's Marauders were
certainly the best dressed teams,
bedecked with pirated accessories
and in some cases pirate beards!

and in some cases pirate beards! This year there was an all-girls team captained by Sarah Bennett who has personal experience of the care that St. Rocco's offers.

"My Dad was looked after by the

team at St. Rocco's and I can't tell you how strongly I feel about the work that the hospice does. The Dragon Boat Race is a great event and it's a chance for the community of Warrington to come out and really show their support for St. Rocco's. It's always a great day!" she said.

It cost £3.7 million for St. Rocco's to deliver its care last year and the hospice relies on the generosity of the local community for over 70% of that amount, with events such as the Dragon Boat Race making an important contribution.

The final, watched by the Mayor and Mayoress of Warrington, was so close that only 1.25 seconds separated the four boats but it was A Team who emerged as this year's St. Rocco's Dragon Boat Champions!

Event Organiser, Rachel Ingham said, "We would like to say a huge thank you to every team that entered this year for supporting St. Rocco's and making such a difference to the lives of those we care for and their families. It really has been a fantastic and competitive event this year and we're already looking forward to seeing everyone back for 2017!"





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WHEN photographer Andrew Spencer decided to embark on a career change he was shocked to discover the removal of tattoos by laser treatment was completely unlicensed – and literally anyone could set up doing it.

Now he has set up his own tattoo removal business in Warrington town centre - ensuring he has the latest high-tech equipment, which he has received full training to use.

"The equipment I use is only supplied if you go through a proper training process," said Andrew, who operates from the Warrington Club premises on Bold Street next door to Richard Shaw opticians.

"I was shocked when I discovered the laser removal business is completely

unlicensed and anyone can do it.

"The most popular form of removal at the moment is permanent and semi-permanent eyebrows – which means using laser equipment close to someone's eyes. I wouldn't like to think of someone doing this without proper

Andrew provides a full consultation before embarking on any treatment

and also does it over a period of time.

While some tattoo studios do removal as a side line Andrew specialises

in it.
"I believe there is a gap in the market to provide this dedicated service," he added.

To arrange a consultation call Andrew on 01925 419564 or 07414 114487 or visit www.lazr.info for more information.









NOT ALL CASH RICH

James Gordon, www.jdgmedia.co.uk

WITH Manchester United breaking the world record to sign Paul Pogba for £89million, it would be easy to think sport is awash with cash.

The realism is that below the elite of Premier League football, running a sports club remains as much of a challenge as any business.

Our own Warrington Wolves have recorded a small profit of late, while rivals St Helens recorded a paltry £30k profit, which in itself is seen as a success.

One of our clients, Manchester Giants basketball club, is a full time professional outfit yet won't stretch to just £4k to sign a Great Britain prospect because simply it's not sustainable for the club to do so.

Sport is a wonderful way of bringing communities together and giving children something to aspire to.

We must ensure that we continue to engage with local sports clubs, and not just take the multi-million, world behemoths that are Manchester United, City and Liverpool, to name but three, as gospel when it comes to live sport.





Signings boost as Yellows kick start new season

WARRINGTON Town received a major boost as the new season kicked off with infuential midfielder Gerard Kinsella signing a two year deal at the club.

Management team Stuart Mellish and Lee Smith also signed a 12 month deal following on from the success of the title winning season, which now sees the Yellows competing at their highest ever level, in the Evo-Stik Premier Division.

Kinsella returned to Warrington Town in the title run in last season and has previously been at Everton and Fleetwood Town, while Mellish and Smith helped the club complete a record breaking season.

Meanwhile a familiar face has returned to Cantilever Park with one of the club's FA Cup heroes, full-back Matt Doughty returning to join the coaching staff.

Doughty is adamant his playing days are over, with the FA Cup victory over Exeter City one of the highlights of his career.
For the most indepth coverage of

For the most indepth coverage of Warrington Town during the season visit www.warrington-worldwide. co.uk for regular updates.

Warrington Town regain Peace Cup

WARRINGTON Town regained the Peace Cup with a 2-0 victory over Crewe United from Northern Ireland at Cantilever Park.

After the game peace campaigner Colin Parry OBE presented the trophy along with a memento of the occasion to Crewe United.

The Crewe football club were the first group to visit Warrington after the 1993 IRA bombing which claimed the lives of 12-year-old Tim Parry and three-year-old Johnathan Rall

Local councillor Mike Hannon helped instigate the Peace Cup which took place for the first time shortly after the bombing becoming an annual event around a decade

During their visit to the town Crewe United were given a tour of the Peace Centre by "Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace" fund-raiser Jonathan Levy, who outlined the history of the facility built as a living memorial to the two youngsters, who died following the IRA bomb attack on the town in 1993.

This was followed by a civic event, hosted by Mayor Faisal Rashid, which also recognised Warrington's league success last season which saw them promoted to the Evo Stik Premier Division.



Wembley dream comes true for Wolves' vice chairman



A dream has come true for Warrington Wolves' vice chairman Stuart Middleton, who has been given the honour of leading the team out at Wembley.

Stuart, a local lad and lifelong fan says he is "thrilled" at being given the honour of leading the team out in the Challenge Cup final against Hull FC on August 27.

Club owner Simon Moran, who has led the team out himself on two previous occasions gave Stuart the

previous occasions gave Stuart the news at a recent board meeting as a thankyou for his investment in the club since joining the board as a non-executive director in May last

He was appointed vice chairman in December last year after making a huge difference in terms of investment and advice.

Stuart, a successful businessman and majority shareholder in the Card Factory, said: "I am thrilled to be given the honour of leading the team out at Wembley. It is something I have dreamed of since being a school boy." being a school boy."

Cycle training

Tor schools

AS £400,000 grant to provide cycle training for pupils at Warrington's schools has been secured by the borough council.

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10 year olds since 2007, but the new grant allows younger children to learn the basics and those moving on to secondary school to gain independence by cycling to school and college.

The new grant also allows the training of parents and group rides to give families the confidence and inspiration to cycle more both

inspiration to cycle more, both for leisure and to get to and from school

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