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HOT on the heels of narrowly losing out to arch rivals Wigan in the Grand Final, Warrington Wolves are now set to lose their Chief Executive Roger Draper.

I for one will be sorry to see Roger leave but Warrington's loss is the Rugby League's gain.

If Roger can make a similar impact at the Rugby League as he has done at Warrington, the whole sport should benefit.

I would like to wish Roger well in his new role and whoever is his successor will have a hard act to follow.

Commiserations to the Wolves on losing out in their second major final this season. But as a traditionalist I still believe finishing top of the Super League is the ultimate achievement - hopefully the



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Rugby League also will one day - please take note Roger!

Finally it would be remiss of me not to mention the ongoing situation surrounding the town's libraries.

LiveWire have been tasked the unenviable duty by Warrington Borough Council of making savings of around £300,000 a year which has put five libraries in the town "at risk of closure."

This is the same council which

has managed to find £20,000,000 to invest in a solar energy scheme at a solar farm project in Swindon - which is expected to deliver a £500,000 a year return on investment over five years.

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Charity smash Tombola World Record

WARRINGTON Disability Partnership are claiming a new World Record, for the biggest ever Tombola.

Although still awaiting official verification Chief Executive Dave Thompson believes the charity he helped set up 25 years ago, has set a new world record, with over 6,000 items on offer at the giant tombola in Golden Square.

The tombola world record attempt, was six months in the making and has taken a huge effort by a dedicated team of volunteers. A delighted Dave said: "We

have smashed the world record. I don't want to say too much publicly on how we have managed it and carried out our verification, but I am very confident we will claim the world record."

The event was one of many taking place during the charity's 25th anniversary year.

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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

Are you the artist of your reality?

Are you positive or negative in your outlook on life? When things are difficult, can you still see or feel signs of hope? Or do you just hope that life will bring something you can cling too?

Whichever way we decide to think, the universe will deliver. Think negative and negativity will flow through your life, likewise when you think positively, positivity will flow through your life.

Positivity is in the forefront of every success story. You see the mind must really believe it can do something before it is capable of actually doing it. Way back in 1991 I began developing the IBS Audio program 100, the majority of people around me said developing a home use therapeutic intervention to manage one of the leading gastrointestinal conditions in the world just wasn't possible. People I hoped would trust me and support me fell by the wayside. Over 8 years the idea was developed, researched, piloted and the product created. It was rejected by a leading London PR company as 'unmarketable'.

However now it is used in over 45 countries. Now I have the

attitude, if someone tells me it can't be done, I tell them to stand to one side and keep out of my way and watch!

That doesn't mean struggles and pressures don't enter my life, they do, but what remains is a belief in my own abilities and I know that all things are possible if you believe.

To change negativity to positivity takes some time and effort, I help people every day in my hypnotherapy practice to achieve just that. It's important, no vital, to know what you want to achieve. If you don't know I can help you. Life isn't about fulfilling someone else's dreams, desires or fortune.

Each of us has to make a decision what we want out of life. We have to follow our intuition our gut-instinct as some people call it, and then take the steps needed to move on.

Achieving your goals, dreams and wishes, is hard work. Expect it. Don't give a half-baked attempt to succeed, you have to keep focussed and motivated and know that problems are opportunities in disguise. Each problem you overcome is a learning process, each success achieved is a learning process add all that learning together and you make growth and

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change.

Make sure you can change what you want to change. It's no point working hard to change the weather, as it's beyond your control. I knew I could make a difference in the Gastro world with my IBS program, I built on what I had learned and did the same for breast cancer survivors, the anxious, the stressed, those in pain and many more.

Life starts as a blank canvas, we can bring colour and shape and form into our lives, and we can create something from nothing if we put our mind to it, along with motivation, determination, perseverance and self-belief.

So when life isn't as you want it to be, ask yourself, what are you doing to change it? Sometimes it's difficult to see you need help, but we all do at times. If you want help and guidance to paint your own life canvas, ring or email me.



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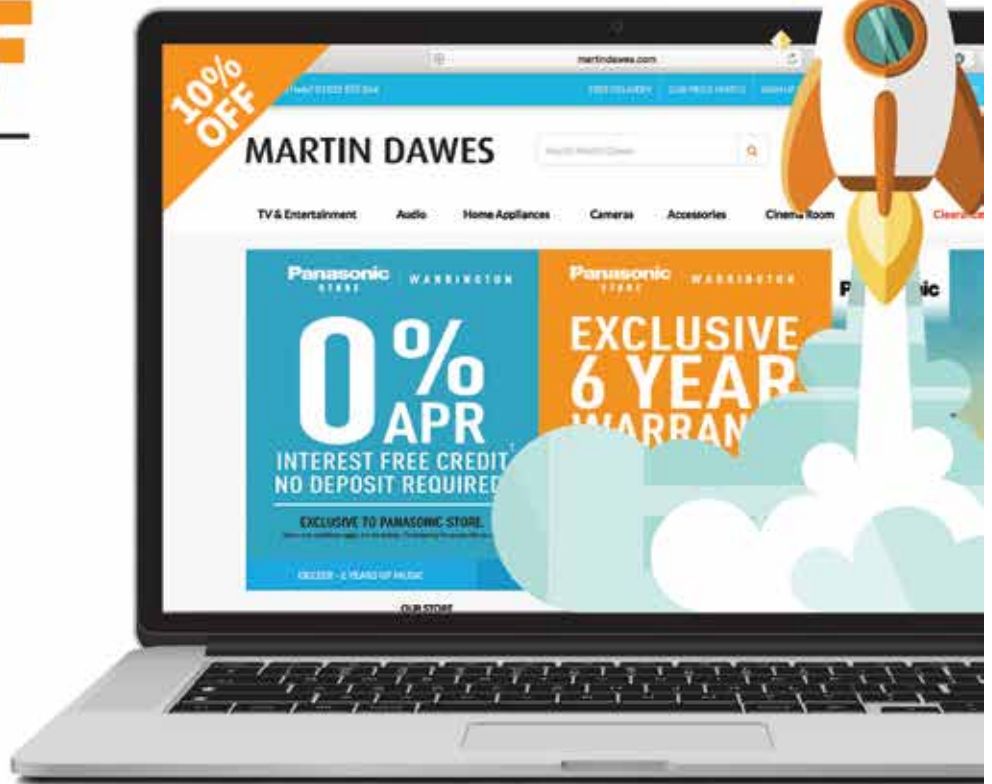
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Largest construction contract in the North West!

by Steve Park

It is almost November already and the year has raced by.

There's much going on at Time Square and the tenders for the main construction work; building the cinema, restaurants and council offices and new public square are currently being evaluated with a view to awarding the contract to the successful company early in the new year.

This will be one of the largest construction contracts in the North

West.

It's very exciting to see the cladding starting to appear on the building that will become the temporary home for the Market whilst we start the next, main build stage of the development. The cladding that has been put up to the rear is called 'Core-Ten' and will change in appearance over the years and eventually have a 'rusted'

New partnership creates new life for derelict site



AN exciting development on Knutsford Road, Warrington, is breathing new life into a derelict site to provide three new commercial units.

The Park View development by Urban Developments, a new partnership between Carl Palmer from Urban Building Projects and Julian Parrington from DP Metalworks, will provide stunning views over the weir on the River Mersey.

The units have planning permission for offices and retail units with car parking and will be completed by the end of the year.

"This is an exciting development as part of a new partnership," said Carl. "I have worked closely with Julian for a number of years and it made sense to do this project as a joint venture."

Julian added: "We are now looking for more joint ventures in and around the Warrington area. We are in the market for areas of land and derelict sites.

Meanwhile Urban Developments are always on the lookout for areas of land in and around the Warrington area which would be suitable for development and can be contacted on 01925 730888.

Any enquiries for the units should be made via agents Kennymoore on 01244 345 600.



appearance. Exciting too to see the steelwork emerging that will form the new state-of-the-art car park. Before the end of the year we'll also be announcing the names of the first few restaurants that will be opening up in Time Square when it opens late in 2019.

It's incredible to think that only three years ago Omega was an empty site. The giant units for Asda/Walmart and The Hut Group are phasing up to full operational capacity, a new 355,000 sq ft logistics unit will be completed this month with the occupier to be announced, construction is about to start on the new manufacturing unit for Domino's Pizza and Barrow Hall School is open. All in all at least 4,500 jobs have been created.

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WELL, its that time of the year when you start to see some pretty fantastic moustaches around town. Before you wonder whether you've woken up in the 1970's, relax; its Movember!

Movember is a movement for men's health. In the month formerly known as November, Mo Bros and Mo Sistas come together to support the cause, get people talking and raise funds for men's health projects.

From what started out as a fund raising idea between a few guys over a beer back in 2003, the Movember movement has since raised £402 million.

Its the only charity tackling mens health problems on a global scale. Some of the biggest health issues

men face: prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mens health and suicide prevention, are spoken about and finally made aware of.

Fathers, husbands, brothers and sons all currently face or potentially face these problems in their lifetime and its not being talked about. Lets bring these issues to the surface now!

The Movember goal is to reduce the number of men dying prematurely by 25% by the year 2030, and by creating local

fundraising groups like this we can achieve this a lot faster.

Here at Carpe Diem we have the privilege of being able to connect to large numbers of people through websites, social channels and our network of clients.

We want to create the first Warrington Movember!

We want to bring together the Mo Bros and Mo Sistas of Warrington. So come on, don a fantastic looking moustache, raise awareness and in the process raise some money for the cause today.

We invite you to take a picture of the 1970's you and post it

to instagram with the following hashtag.

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We will be showing all of the posted pictures on the Carpe Diem website www.carpe-diem.co.uk and at the end of November choose the best (or worst) looking tash.

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Contemporary Arts Festival winners announced

WINNERS of the Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival (WCAF) Open competitions were announced at a packed event to mark the launch.

Bex Ilsley won the open art competition with *Your Cities Will Shine Forever* featuring a wall-mounted installation and a virtual reality app viewed through a headset.

The piece is a self-portrait which also explores the predicament of living between the physical and virtual.

Bex said: "I am delighted to have won. It was totally unexpected and really took me by surprise."

"This type of opportunity is vital for artists at the beginning of their careers and I am beyond grateful because funding and awards are the only way I have to continue practicing at this stage."

"I'm buzzing to have my first solo show thanks to the WCAF judges and those at the Warrington Museum. I will aim to do something out of this world."

Runner-up was Peter Davis with his self-portrait entitled *Face Furniture*, an incredibly lifelike acrylic on board painting which caught the eye from across the room.

He said: "For many years I have looked on in awe at the quality of work on show at the Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival. But this is the first time I've entered the competition."

Photography winner was Steve Deer's *The Birds* which captured a dog-walker on a beach with the sky above filled with birds.

He said: "It was a lucky 'grab' shot taken on West Kirby beach as wading birds were disturbed by a dog-walker; I was just in the right place at the right time and was fortunate enough to have my camera to hand."

Second place went to Emma Shaw for *The Boathouse*, a landscape shot of a wooden building on a lake shore with a misty mountain backdrop.

Winner of the first young person's prize, made possible thanks to sponsorship from Warrington Collegiate, was Rain Egan whose *Untitled* captured a low sun over a

quiet railway station.

Derek Dick, outreach and engagement manager, judged the entries along with Paulette Terry Brien and Laurence Lane, directors of The International 3 art agents and gallery in Manchester.

He said: "We were really pleased to receive 360 entries, that's about 100 more than in previous years, and the quality of the work was outstanding."

"The standard gets better and better every year and it was genuinely really difficult to choose the winners; there were so many excellent entries in the running."

"We hope to develop the young person's prize in future years as I

think it's really important to nurture fresh talent."

The winners each received £250 and a solo exhibition next year while the runners-up won a £100 cash prize.



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School head appointed national education leader

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Ms Wigglesworth said: "It's a huge honour and privilege to receive this national designation. I am delighted to become a national leader of education and I know that I'm incredibly lucky to have the support of an exceptional team at Callands.

"I understand the power of school to school support and I look forward to the challenges this new role will bring and the improved outcomes for schools in Warrington."

Roger Pope, chairman of the National College for Teaching and Leadership, said: "It's fantastic that headteachers like Lisa have the passion and ambition to help improve opportunities for young people, not just in their own schools

but in others as well.

"The aim of NLEs is to drive improvement in under-performing schools. We now have over 1,100 headteachers in these roles and we're working to increase this number further to spread educational excellence across the country."

Cllr Jean Carter, the council's lead member for children's services, said: "It's great news that a Warrington school is helping lead the way in delivering excellence in education.

"Such a prestigious appointment is a reflection of the hard work going on at Callands and is a symbol of Warrington's aspiration for all children to receive the very best in education.

"Almost all of our schools are either good or outstanding already. I look forward to Callands developing their work and helping schools strive for even greater levels of excellence."



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A hive of activity at Withington

WITHINGTON Girls' School has enjoyed a busy start to the academic year.

New headmistress Mrs Sarah Haslam took up her post in September and is already making her mark. A focus on 'wellbeing' and 'enrichment' has seen mindfulness classes launched for pupils and staff, whilst a new programme of imaginative study options have been rolled out to Sixth Formers.

A new garden has been opened to allow girls to enjoy a relaxing outdoor space, and the Junior School celebrated the opening of its new building last September with a First Birthday party event.

Pupils continue to work hard in the classroom, but in typical Withington style they have also been putting their energies into activities out of the classroom. From Juniors to Sixth Form, girls have been enthusiastically embarking with great gusto on field trips, fundraisers (raising nearly £500 on Jeans for Genes Day), sport and other extracurricular activities.

The new Year 7s visited Ghyll Head in the Lakes, where they got to know each other, their form teachers and their Sixth Form peer supporters. Upper Sixth Biologists immersed themselves in a four-day residential visit to an ecology centre in North Wales, and the school's younger members enjoyed field trips to Castleton and Macclesfield Forest.

In sport, Withington's Year 9 netball team have just won the Plate competition at the national GSA tournament at Conover Hall, Shrewsbury.



Unveiling Withington's new garden are from left to right, Garden Designer and Parent Emma Kyng, Headmistress Mrs Sarah Haslam and WGS Chair of PTA Jo Kinney

Volunteers lend a helping hand

VOLUNTEERS rolled up their sleeves to give a helping hand to local charity the Walton Lea Partnership.

The large band of merry helpers from Lend Lease spent a day helping the staff and beneficiaries at Walton Lea to paint a new look

tearoom, refresh the garden room, furniture showroom and farm shop.

A group of helpers also worked on a new living wall in the Victorian Walled Garden helping erect a new pergola and garden beds for upcoming horticulture projects.

The charity, which also has

premises on Long Lane, Warrington, which supports adults with learning difficulties, is always on the look out for volunteers to lend a helping hand.

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Retired policeman's memoirs help raise funds for charity

FORMER Warrington police officer David Horrigan has published another book of his memoirs looking back at his days on the beat, to help raise money for charity.

"I Don't Like Mustard" is a sometimes witty, sometimes tragic look back at his 23 plus year career with the old Warrington Boro' Police force he joined in 1968.



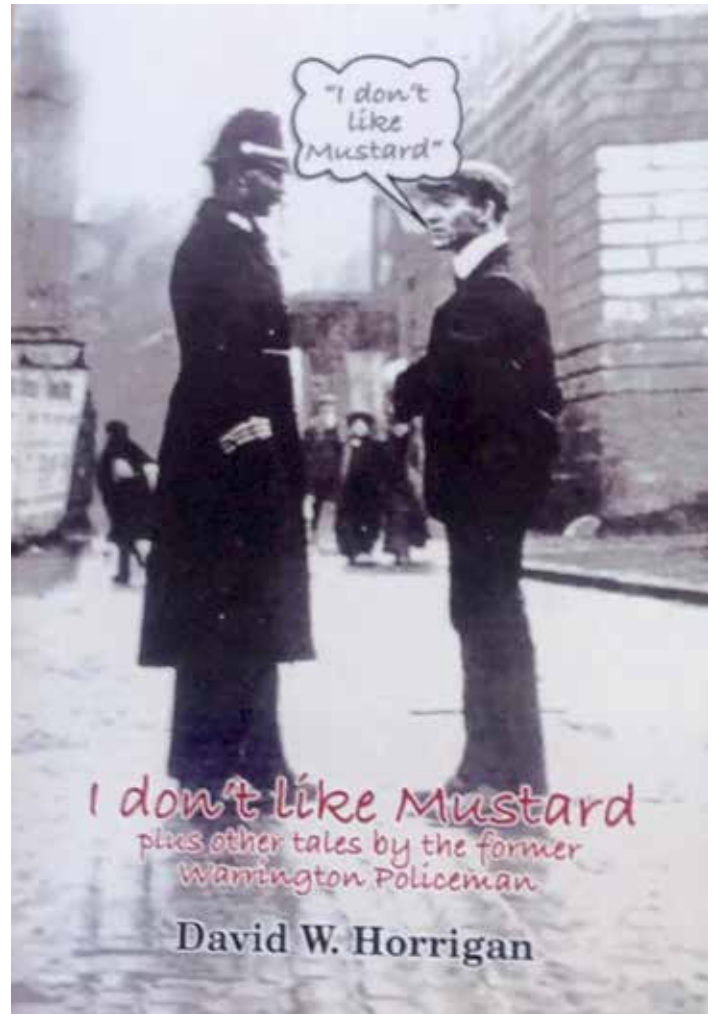
David recalls: "I served for a total of 23½ years before receiving an early pension for health reasons. During my service I collected many tales, some humorous, some not so. Some years ago I started to write them down, and then a friend suggested a book."

Last year he self published, Short Stories Tall Tales, which sold well and helped to raise just under £700.00 for the Ronald MacDonald House Charity at Alder Hey Children's hospital.

He has now published "I Don't Like Mustard" being one of the tales in the book recalling an incident when he issued a parking ticket to a less than happy cafe owner.

Once again he aims to donate all profits to the Ronald MacDonald House Charity.

The book can be bought directly from David priced £5.00p or £6.50 including postage and packing by emailing david.horrigan1@ntlworld.com



Disability campaigner takes centre stage at London Palladium

DISABILITY campaigner Dave Thompson had a memorable night when he took centre stage at the London Palladium as guest speaker at an international appeal for the Middle East healthcare crisis.

Dave, Chief Executive of Warrington Disability Partnership and his wife Pam, who is President of the charity, were special guests of Warrington based international charity St Mark Universal Copts Care.

WDP in partnership with St Mark, have launched the Phoenix project, which involves collecting used mobility and independent living aids for refurbishing.

St Mark are funding the project and they are identifying the locations across the Middle East where they are needed, such as Syrian refugee camps in Jordan and their own cottage hospitals across Egypt and Sudan.

Special guests at the event included Egyptian, Lebanese, Jordanian, Swiss Ambassadors, UN Peace Ambassadors and international film and music stars.

Dave said the most memorable moment was a standing ovation from the audience when mentioning sending a container of aid (mobility and independent living equipment) to Syrian refugee camps in Jordan.

Dave said: "Having the opportunity to showcase the work we do here in Warrington, in the knowledge that it will have a massive positive impact on the lives of disabled people in the Middle East, whilst providing jobs for

disabled people here, was a truly memorable occasion.

"Add to this the fact I was actually on stage at the London Palladium on a Sunday night - 'Sunday night at the London Palladium' was the title of a show on TV when I was younger."

WDP are now taking the keys to an industrial unit and deliveries of donated aid should start to roll out by early November, with plans for the first container of aid ready for shipping mid-November.

WDP are currently collecting items for the project including old wheelchairs, 3 and 4 wheeled walkers, zimmer frames, crutches, walking sticks and ramps.

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Performers take next step

FORMER students from Warrington's Priestley College have helped this year's cohort of performers secure their places at the UK's most prestigious theatre schools.

A record 39 offers were made to the college's BTEC Performing Arts students from establishments such as Mountview, The Urdang Academy and Trinity Laban Conservatoire – the equivalents of Oxford and Cambridge to those interested in performance.

Head of Performing Arts Sarah Graham said Priestley alumni had helped the 31 members of the Class of 2016 secure their places.

"It is a case of success breeds success," she said. "Former Priestley students who have gone on to study at these prestigious theatre schools have returned to help the 2016 cohort in all kinds of ways.

"They were able to share the secrets of the audition process including everything from how you should walk into the room to what you should wear."

Among those who have progressed are Nick Gartland and Phoebe Williams who are both going on to study musical theatre at Guildford School of Acting after taking leading roles in Priestley's recent sell-out performances of Urinetown.

Paige Fenlon will be studying at Doreen Bird College of Dance, Music and Theatre Performance while Emily Meechan will be pursuing acting at East 15 School of Acting, which includes an Oscar nominee and many familiar faces

amongst its alumni.

George Fairclough will be studying musical theatre at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance and Alicia Forde will be following the footsteps of Amanda Holden, Eddie Marsan and countless popular television actors at Mountview.

Sarah said the young stars had also benefitted from one-to-one audition work with tutors during their time at Priestley, which had seen them blossom.

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Their talent was certainly unlocked as 35% of the group achieved triple distinction star on results day – the BTEC equivalent of A*A*A* at A-Level. More than 90% achieved triple distinctions.

Not only did they learn from former Priestley students, some also travelled to America and took a

class with Broadway actor Aaron Kaburick.

However, it was seeing former Priestley College student Oliver Ormson perform in The Book of Mormon on the West End stage that truly inspired them.

"Seeing a former Priestley student in one of the top productions in the West End was a great moment for them because they left thinking if Oliver could do it then so could they," said Sarah.



Emily Meechan



Nick Gartland and Phoebe Williams



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650 run the LiveWire Mile

MORE than 650 PEOPLE took part in the LiveWire Mile to help raise money for Warrington Disability Partnership.

The LiveWire mile, now in its fourth year, encourages families and individuals to get active while raising money for charity.

The popular one mile race started and finished at the Halliwell Jones stadium, home to the Warrington Wolves, for the first time.

Runners included families, couples, young children and elderly people and some participants even completed the course in prams or wheelchairs.

Entrants had the chance to take part in a fun warm up session before taking on the one mile circuit and they received a t-shirt and a medal

for taking part.

LiveWire were encouraging people to raise sponsorship money for Warrington Disability Partnership who are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year.

The race was part of this year's Warrington Festival and runners had the chance to watch a children's rugby tournament at the stadium following their sprint.

The three week-long festival, which celebrated sport, culture and entertainment came to a close also featuring two Go Tri triathlon events at Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood Hub as well as the LiveWire Mile.

A human touch in digital marketing

These days, there are more 'digital marketing gurus' than you can shake a stick at.

Anyone who's been on a half day Twitter course, could in theory, call themselves an expert. What defines a marketer should not solely be that they know how to Tweet, but that they understand how to communicate your values to the customers needs.

What I find consistent is that many digital marketing consultants are focusing too much on technologies and are losing sight of what is important: "Connecting with people". Combining digital marketing

with a human touch helps shape buying behavior and positive outcomes. In my opinion, businesses should focus on establishing sincere relationships with customers through their marketing.

I recommend businesses start by defining key client personas, with the aim of understanding their varying needs and offering a means of truly connecting with them.

By focusing your marketing on the customer, rather than the technology, you're instantly

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Inspiring young people awarded at Warrington Youth Awards

MORE than 150 children, young people, parents, carers, and members of the business and charity sector gathered at The Gateway to celebrate, the annual Warrington Youth Awards.

The awards recognises the achievements of children and young people from across Warrington and celebrates the people and organisations that support young people.

Onside Warrington Youth Club organised an 'Afternoon tea' themed event, and enjoyed entertainment from young people involved in the performing arts project, 'Immortal Dreams'

The ceremony was supported by local businesses and charities including European Metal Recycling (EMR), Warrington Wolves Foundation, Dawson's, Warrington Voluntary Action, The Holroyd Foundation, Nichols plc, Xpress Legal, Jaspers Catering and Adele Carr Financial Recruitment and Warrington Voluntary Action, who took to the stage to award certificates and trophies to young people on recognition of their achievements in categories such as: Learning & achievement, Arts, music and Theatre, Sport, Young Entrepreneur, Young Volunteer, Personal Journey, Inspiring Young People to Achieve, Business of the year and Community Impact. A full list of categories, winners and sponsors along with pictures of the day are available on Warrington Youth Clubs website www.warringtonyouthclub.co.uk

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This year's ceremony ended with the Candice Roberts Award, which commemorates a young woman who volunteered for Warrington Youth Club before her life was tragically cut short on her 26th Birthday as a result of Guillain-Barré Syndrome. The Candice Roberts Award was presented by Cheryl Siddall, Candice's sister, and recognised a young person who has overcome extreme challenges.

The award was presented to Megan Munro, a young lady that despite her own difficulties has continued to support other young people in Warrington, never giving up despite how she was feeling and becoming a true inspiration for young people.

Dave McNicholl, Chief Executive Officer of Onside Warrington Youth Club, commented: "This day has been a true reminder of the amazing impact young people can have on their local community. Every nominee should be incredibly proud of the difference they have made, not only in their own lives, but also in the lives of other young

people across Warrington."

Andy Gatcliffe, Chair of Onside Warrington Youth Club, stated, "The Youth Awards has been a fantastic event which has provided a platform for the business community of Warrington to both support and recognise the positive contribution so many children and young people make every day, we would like to express our gratitude to the High Sheriff of Cheshire, Mrs Kathy Cowell for supporting the event, and to the business community for supporting this event and look forward to working with them in the future."





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Supported by a number of their valuable suppliers they celebrated their 40th year in business, where they not only had a great time, but thanks to the support, raised

£10,000 for the RFU Injured Players Foundation.

Sadly Ken passed away in July of this year but would surely be justifiably proud of the business he created along with his wife Jean

Son, Chris said: "It has been a privilege to work for and latterly run the family business, supported by our hard working staff and valuable supply partners.

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A normally sleepy Sunday morning was transformed into a hive of energy and activity as local gyms Nuffield Health and Village St David's Park kicked off a warm up for the 3,000 plus visitors. Colourful fancy dress, team t-shirts and sparkling face paint were the order of the day, as Cheshire and Warrington's biggest health and wellbeing event and corporate games was born.

Over 800 primary school pupils with hundreds of family members joined in the activities, leaping through Bubbles in the fun run, bouncing towards the sky on the fun inflatables and zooming back to earth on the zip wires and free fall jumps!

Event organisers Active Cheshire, a local charity and lead body for physical activity in the sub-region, designed the event with a range of partners to inspire local residents of all types and ages to move more.

Active Cheshire CEO, Anne Boyd said: "Team Games is about realising that being active is vital for happy and healthy lives but

it's also great fun, just look at the smiles on the faces of people here today and we know that most are here to simply have a good time. The fact they are getting active is just a huge bonus."

With the support from the likes of Cheshire Fire and Rescue, Helsby and Frodsham Rotary Club, NHS West Cheshire, Dee and Silk Radio and many more the event raised an incredible £3,000 for The Prince's Trust charity, helping to improve the lives of local disadvantaged young people. Local MPs Chris Matheson and Justin Madders came along to show their support to the cause and led by example in the movement to #GetCheshireActive by taking on the 400m assault course:

Chris Matheson MP described the day as "fantastic, a real inspiration to get active, everyone benefits from moving more and I'm delighted to be able to have taken part. There is such a buzz and energy around the whole festival!"

Amidst all the fun and laughter there was still room for that competitive edge to shine through as 'Everybody Sport and Recreation' a Cheshire East Leisure charity, took the prize of Team Games Champions, being presented with their substantial trophy by The High Sheriff of Cheshire - Kathy Cowell OBE DL.

If you would like to know more about Active Cheshire or the Team Games please contact james.fallon@activecheshire.org



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Data Protection Act

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The Act defines what personal data can be held by a business, the circumstances under which that data can be held, and also the uses to which it can be put. It also imposes on those businesses a duty to safeguard that data.

Misuse of personal data, including unauthorised access, can prove to be expensive, and this cost could increase in view of recent Court decisions which have confirmed that it is not a requirement to show financial loss before bringing an action against a business under the Act.

A recent survey in December 2015 found that over half of small businesses considered that they were unlikely to be the target of a cyber security breach, and that increased to over two-thirds of businesses who had not suffered a breach. The reality, however, is somewhat different. Of all small businesses surveyed, over 60% had suffered a breach, with half of those breaches being in 2014 and 2015.

Equally as important is the attitude of the clients of those businesses. Nearly two-thirds felt that cyber attacks will increase in the future, and four out of five were concerned about which businesses had access to their data and whether it was safe. Over 90% of consumers said that news of cyber breaches increased their concerns.

Those concerns are certainly not misplaced. Over 10% of small businesses admitted that they had taken no steps to protect their data! The survey found that the average cost of a claim against a small business under the Act is about £75,000. It also found that:

- 25% of businesses suffering a breach received negative reviews on social media and/or negative coverage in the media;
- 29% of those businesses found attracting new clients more difficult;
- 30% of those businesses lost clients;
- 31% of those businesses suffered damage to their brand; and
- 81% felt that their reputation had suffered

This is an area that should be of concern to businesses of all sizes. There is a lot of guidance and advice on the Information Commissioner's Office website (<https://ico.org.uk>). There are also commercial websites, such as www.dataguardsman.co.uk which walks you through, in easy stages, what you need to do to become safe and compliant. Their free to use first module is essential for all small businesses.

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Residents rally to oppose Peel Hall plan

RESIDENTS turned out in force to show their opposition to controversial plans to build 1,200 homes on greenfield land at Peel Hall, Warrington.

They were joined by local councillors and Warrington North MP Helen Jones at a public rally to show the strength of feeling against the proposed development.

Residents were campaigning against the potential loss of one of the last remaining areas of open grassland, trees and ponds in one location in Warrington.

An audit by Warrington Nature Conservation in 1995 placed high value on the variety of habitats found on one site, the wide species diversity and the sheer size of the area.

Warrington Nature Conservation Forum has identified at least 67 species of birds, 78 moths and butterflies, 3 amphibians, 10 mammals and two of bats on the site. The site is flourishing with new species being identified on a regular basis.

In the mid 1980's Satnam Investments bought the site as agricultural land. but on August 14 1999 people in the area were awoken by the noise of bulldozers and a JCB moving onto the area.

Residents saw shrubs, trees and willows being ripped up. When council officials arrived, having been called by residents, they were told that the land was being cleared on the orders of the owners.

Residents say further "culling" has been witnessed on many occasions and was carried out again this summer 2016 when heavy machinery was used to plough areas and shrubs and bushes were torn down, all during nesting season.

Local resident Wendy Johnson Taylor, who organised the public rally said: "Every time Satnam has put forward a planning application it has been vigorously opposed and it has failed. I have been amazed by the number of residents who

have turned out in force today to make their stand against Satnam again"

"This rally was truly a show of strength and it sends out a clear message to Satnam that it should brace itself for another massive fight. We won't give up"

"This new application comes flawed with grey areas that should be ringing alarm bells though out the council's chambers!"

"This development can never achieve the sustainability claimed by Satnam."

"Peel Hall is a natural, unique area which remains unspoilt. It is a haven for flourishing wildlife, despite Satnam's attempts to sabotage it. Every time this happens the wildlife keeps coming back as if to say 'we are going nowhere - we're here to stay'. The area is landlocked completely so if any development did to go ahead where would the wildlife go? There's nowhere for it to move onto."

"Sandwiched by the M62, and heavily built up areas, Peel Hall acts as a vital green lung in combating pollution. It has described over the years as the lungs of North Warrington."

"Instead of considering snatching Peel Hall away from the planning committee should look towards preserving it for our town to enjoy for generations to come. Peel Hall is a precious location and sadly is becoming a rarity in our town. Once it's gone we won't get it back."

Warrington North MP Helen Jones and local councillors joined the campaigners to voice their opposition.

Ms Jones said all Satnam developments were interested in was "making money!"

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Mayor starts search for Warrington's Got Talent

WARRINGTON'S Mayor Cllr Faisal Rashid, has begun a new search for the town's most talented individuals.

Cllr Rashid was joined by local street dance crew Evolve at the Town Hall to help launch Warrington's Got Talent 2017 when they showcased their talents with a special performance, before the Mayor officially declared the talent hunt under way.

The competition is open to anyone of any age with absolutely any talent – from fire eaters to acrobats, from dancers to divas, and from impressionists to animal acts.

People can enter by uploading their video and completing an online entry form at www.warrington.gov.uk/mayor.

Up for grabs – a place in the final at Parr Hall on 24 February 2017 – and the chance to perform in front

of the Mayor and team of 'surprise' judges. All the shortlisted acts will take part in the grand finale show, with 50 per cent of the vote being carried by the audience and 50 per cent carried by the judging panel.

Cllr Rashid said: "Warrington has so many talented people, and this is the perfect opportunity to showcase, far and wide, everything we have to offer.

"We're on the lookout for incredible, inspiring, and entertaining acts. If you've got a talent that you think will wow the judges, then we want to see it."

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But will going to the game itself stand the test of time?

Advances in technology mean that now you are barely seconds away from watching live sport at your finger tips.

On a weekend, you can now watch Premier League goals on your phone, via the Sky Sports App, within minutes of them being scored.

The 3pm blackout - which prevents any UK broadcaster televising any football between 3pm and 5.15pm on a Saturday - looks as vulnerable as ever, particularly with the upcoming El Clasico between Real Madrid and Barcelona set to be missed by fans in the UK as a result.

The rise in prominence of illegal streams - you'll probably have your pub of choice that illegally manages to show 3pm Premier League matches on a Saturday - and the demand for immediate access make it a fight that broadcasters and rights holders are struggling to win.

The worry is, of course, that without the 3pm blackout, match goes will decrease. If Real Madrid v Barcelona is readily available on your TV, are you going to miss that to go and watch say Warrington against Coalville in the freezing cold at Cantilever Park?

That's a question that no one truly knows the answer to.

For me, nothing will ever beat going to the match.

For others, convenience and flexibility of choice might dictate otherwise.

To the younger generations, watching live sport is easy. They can see it on their phones at any time. That wasn't the case for me or those older.

Are they going to be drawn to attending live sport, when they can watch their heroes in the comfort of their own home, or otherwise.

While technology is great, the message from me is - watch sport live. It's great.

James Gordon



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Curtain comes down on Wolves season with Grand Final defeat

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THE curtain came down on Warrington Wolves' season as they lost at Old Trafford for the third time in five years as their 61-year wait for a league championship goes on.

In a closely fought contest, which could have gone either way, the Wolves were edged out 6-12 by arch rivals Wigan.

It was a bitter pill to swallow following on from the Challenge Cup Final defeat at Wembley last August to Hull.

But the Wolves did have the consolation of finishing top of the pile to lift the League Leaders Shield with a superb victory up at Hull.



Yellows part company with managers by mutual consent

WARRINGTON Town have parted company with their management duo of Stuart Mellish and Lee Smith by mutual consent.

The pair took charge last February and helped deliver promotion but left the club by mutual consent following a mixed start to the season, with a number of Jekyll & Hyde performances.

Chairman Toby Macormac said: "Everyone connected with Warrington Town Football Club would like to thank Stuart and Lee for their hard work during their time at the club.

"They have been totally professional throughout their time here but things haven't quite worked out this season.

"Having sat down and talked things through it was agreed to part company on mutual terms.

"Stuart and Lee did a fantastic job for us last season, taking over in difficult circumstances and getting us over the line and delivering promotion. We wish them both well in the future."

The search for a new manager and assistant manager was underway as warrington-worldwide went to press.

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Roger Draper to leave Warrington Wolves



WARRINGTON Wolves are set to lose their Chief Executive Roger Draper, who is taking a leading role with the Rugby Football League.

Draper, who announced a 300 day plan to transform the club when he arrived in March 2015, which included a new brand identity and better fan engagement, will take on an executive role at Rugby League HQ, after impressing the games hierarchy during his 20 month spell at the Wolves.

In a club statement the Wolves said: "Having made a huge and significant, positive impact at the Warrington Wolves Roger Draper - Chief Executive - will be moving on to a new challenge at the Rugby Football League.

"Roger has been appointed as Super League Executive Director and RFL Chief Commercial Officer. He will take up the role in early December 2016."

Professor Steven Broomhead, chairman of Warrington Wolves, said: "Roger has had a significant impact in modernising our club. His leadership has produced much-improved fan and sponsor engagement, greatly improved match-day and customer experiences and an overall, much better professional standard within the club which has just enjoyed a very successful 2016 season."

Roger said: "It has been a great privilege to lead Warrington Wolves and I have loved every minute of my time here at The Halliwell Jones Stadium. I will miss many things but most of all I will miss all the people involved in this great club - the Board of Directors and hardworking colleagues and of course our amazing Hardwired fans.

"While we have achieved a great deal in the last few years, there is still lots to be done, but I think under the strong leadership of the Warrington Wolves Board, the club remains very well placed to achieve its goal of becoming one of the best Rugby League clubs in the world."

Although the club failed to deliver on the field during his first year in the role, this year they reached Wembley and the Grand Final and finished top of the league, with an ambition to become the "best rugby league club in the world."

Many were surprised when Draper, who was previously Chief Executive of both Sport England and The Lawn Tennis Association, took up the role with the Wolves and few will be surprised that he has decided to take a more senior role within the sport - although having settled in Warrington, it was still a tough decision to take on the new challenge.

Draper, who also played for London Broncos, has been involved in the business of sport for over 20 years.

The Wolves have now started the process to find his successor.

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