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**I was delighted to hear at the 19th Warrington Property Review that our town with city ambitions is continuing to prosper with plenty of exciting plans for continued growth well into the future.**

I was even more pleased that plans are also in the pipeline to improve the local infrastructure, which is essential if the town is to continue to grow and prosper.

If there is one thing that lets us down it is our highways - and with bottle necks and traffic jams comes not only frustration but pollution.

Warrington & Co and Warrington Borough Council put our success down to the partnerships between the public and private sectors and a willingness for lots of us wanting to succeed and to see our town do well.

With plans for devolution and to

become a city there are plans for up to 30,000 new homes by 2040 with the aim of building over 1,000 new homes in the "city centre" in the not too distant future.

There is certainly plenty to be optimistic about and while some have questioned the wisdom of Warrington bidding to become City of Culture 2021 - without ambition we have nothing.

If successful it will certainly provide a major boost to the local economy and have everyone talking about Warrington.

I wish the bid team well.

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# Bethany backs bid

**WARRINGTON** born Bethany Trainer is a woman on a mission in a bid to help the town become a City of Culture.

Not only has she become this year's Miss Cheshire Elegance, representing her county in the Miss British Isles Finals in June, she has just been made an ambassador of the town by the Mayor Faisal Rashid, who officially recognised her achievements.

Already the Pageant winner has raised over £40,000 for various charities and last August she cut off her beloved Rapunzel locks to donate it to a charity which makes real hair wigs for children suffering from cancer and other illnesses.

An avid fan of her hometown, Bethany has also thrown her backing behind the City of Culture 2021 bid and will be working hard promoting her town and trying to help win the prestigious award.

Bethany from Stockton Heath, pledged her support during a visit to Warrington Town Hall. She was invited by the Mayor who wanted to congratulate her on her recent success and wish her luck for the national competition.

As she prepares for her own UK competition against women from across the country, Bethany has talked about how her own belief is helping her fulfil her dreams and that if the people of Warrington believe in the bid, then the town can achieve anything.

She said: "I entered Miss Cheshire Elegance on impulse, because I wanted to find a way to represent Warrington. It was the first beauty pageant I had ever entered and I never dreamt I would get as far as I have, to be competing at a national level. It just goes to show what you can achieve if you believe in yourself."

"That's why I think the people of Warrington should believe in our City of Culture bid. I'm right behind it, because as a town, we have a lot going for us. There are fantastic people and a real sense of community here – and we sometimes underestimate just how good our town really is. If we believe in ourselves, the sky's the limit!"

Bethany added: "I want to help raise Warrington's profile and spread the word that there's more to us than meets the eye. I just want to play my part in making our great town even greater and I think we can all help to do that. I'm backing the bid because I'm a strong believer that it's always better to try and fail than to fail to try."

Cllr Faisal Rashid said: "I'm delighted Bethany is backing our bid. She is a fantastic ambassador for Warrington and I appreciate the wonderful work she is doing to raise the profile of the borough, as well as the extensive charity work she carries out for local causes."



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# Margaret's mission to keep WWII memories alive

**LATCHFORD resident Margaret Shaw is on a mission to encourage Warrington folk to join her on an annual event celebrating friendships forged between North West soldiers and the Dutch people during WWII.**

The yearly commemoration from September 14-19, pays tribute to veteran servicemen, which included her father Frank Collopy, a lifelong resident of Latchford who served with the first airborne division during operation "Market Garden" – the "Battle for the Bridge Too Far" in Arnhem. Frank, along with other veterans from Warrington looked forward to travelling back to Arnhem for the commemoration week.

Although Frank passed away in 2007, Margaret is determined to keep the commemoration trip going until at least 2019 which will see the annual gathering mark its 75th anniversary.

He served as a medic as part of the 133 Para Field Ambulance. He was taken prisoner to Oosterbeek while caring for 14 wounded soldiers and served the war out at the infamous Stalag X1B prisoner of war camp at Fallingbistle,

Germany until the camp was liberated in May 1945.

Margaret explained: "Over the years the Mersey Arnhem Veterans' Club has subsidised travel, but funds are now almost expended. Basically, the more people who travel with us the cheaper it comes to fund the coach."

The journey, via coach and ferry from Hull to Rotterdam and on to Arnhem is described by Margaret as a "laugh a minute". The party is made up of veterans, members of the Liverpool Parachute Regiment Association, next-of-kin, relatives, carers and supporters.

"The coach has been running for more than 30 years and started off with around 20 veterans, but now only two of the original group are still living.

"We are only two years away from the 75th Commemorations

in 2019 and we aim to keep this trip going until then. It would be really fantastic if we could keep it going beyond that date. The stay in Arnhem is amazing, everyone is welcomed with open arms and the warmth and hospitality is so touching," added Margaret.

"My father's ashes were interred in Oosterbeek War Military Cemetery. It is important to keep this trip going for as long as is possible to pay our respects to Dad and to the thousands of soldiers who did not make it home in September 1944." Said Margaret.

Margaret is also keen to attract sponsorship that would help to keep the annual trip going.

For further information contact Margaret Shaw on (01925) 572833 or 07721630204 or email [magshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:magshaw@btinternet.com)



Margaret Shaw standing next to "The Friendship Stone" outside The Hartenstein Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek, dedicated to the Battle of Arnhem.

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# Warrington recognised as 'city' of ambition

By Steve Park

**WARRINGTON & Co. recently held our Annual Property review, an event that has become a firm fixture in the property and business calendar and is a hot ticket with delegates travelling from across the region to attend.**

There was a buoyant atmosphere and a tangible confidence in the room despite the uncertainty that the current economic times present.

Certainly, as the findings of the Property Review showed, Warrington property deals and investment have not faltered. 2016 marked the second highest level of investment transactions since 1999 of which over 50% were industrial transactions.

The office market also showed

an increase of 20 percent in total floor space transacted following a record year in 2015, as well as an improved average deal size.

Warrington continues to be viewed as a solid and safe bet for investors and business and at Warrington & Co. it is our job to ensure that it stays that way and investor confidence grows. Warrington & Co. is charged with the delivery of Warrington's growth framework Warrington Means Business, specifically

designed to grow the economy.

Warrington has gradually become renowned across the UK for offering an excellent investment experience and our track record of delivery because of the strength of our partnerships working with Warrington Borough Council and the private sector. We have a 'can do' approach which is recognised across the UK. I was told recently by one very large investor that if there was a trip advisor for Inward Investment, Warrington would be number one in the UK!

Despite the economic uncertainty Warrington is bristling with optimism. We stand out as one of the most economically successful cities in the UK and a key engine in the Northern Powerhouse agenda. Through our implementation of the Warrington Means Business framework we aim to keep it there.

We are recognised as a city of ambition and for that reason I am delighted that we are bidding to be City of Culture in 2021. I believe that we can win it and I would call on all Warrington businesses to vocalise their backing for the bid. Email me your business name and we'll add you to the list of supporters.



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# Warrington 2021 City of Culture



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Warrington has thrown its hat into the ring to become the UK's City of Culture 2021 - and needs your help to win!

The town is one of eleven areas bidding for the title and already hundreds of people have signed up to show their support on Facebook and Twitter.

New heritage hub planned

The competition, which happens every four years, was started after Liverpool's successful European Capital of Culture and is designed to build on the successful regeneration that

Liverpool achieved. Despite the title, you don't have to be a city to enter.

Warrington-based, award-winning TV Producer, Ken Horn said: "Whatever you think of culture in Warrington right now, this is a great opportunity to accelerate existing cultural plans and to put Warrington on the map for the right reasons.

Town centre investment of more than £100m by 2021

Win or lose, there will be a benefit to Warrington by just being part of the process. I'm proud to be backing the bid and the support so far has been brilliant."

Hull is the UK City of Culture for 2017 and has already brought in more than £32m of additional investment as a result, with an overall economic impact of more than £60m being projected by the end of the year. If Warrington was to be successful it could expect to see similar benefits.

## Back the bid!



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# Mayor searching for people who 'make a difference'

**THE Mayor of Warrington is bringing his year in office to an end in style - by celebrating local people who make a real difference to others.**

Cllr Faisal Rashid is now inviting nominations for "The Mayoral Annual Celebration and Achievement Awards 2017", which take place on May 19 at St Elphin's Parish Church.

The event will build on the success of last year's Mayor's Achievement Awards at the Town Hall which celebrated Warrington's "wonderful volunteers" and "community champions".

There are no specific categories, with the Mayor hoping to reward as many heroes and heroines as possible. He is urging local people to nominate anyone who is making a difference to lives.

Part of the Mayor's send-off to mark a successful 12 months, the event will see awards presented to a wide range of people - from those who support charitable causes or work with young people, to those who carry out important community work or provide support in times of need.

Cllr Rashid said: "The past year has shown me the wonderful generosity and community spirit that exists here in Warrington. That's why I can't think of a

better way of bringing my year in office to a close than thanking all those selfless people who make Warrington such a wonderful place to live.

"Please help us celebrate in style by nominating someone special within your community, workplace or family. And join us for the event to help us make it an evening to remember."

The event - which will also include live entertainment and refreshments, is free to attend and everyone is welcome.

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# Belong Warrington hit the high note



**RESIDENTS, apartment tenants, Experience Day customers and staff members from specialist care provider, Belong Warrington, joined forces with four fellow care villages across the North West, to take part in the National Activity Providers Association (NAPA) sing-a-song challenge, to celebrate the power of music.**

Belong Warrington joined the event which took place in the Venue of each village in Atherton, Crewe, Macclesfield, and Wigan. Participants enjoyed singing the NAPA challenge song of the year, 'Sing' by The Carpenters, and shared their experiences with one another by linking up live via Skype, bringing together people from all five Belong villages across the North West.

Residents and apartment tenants had been preparing for the NAPA challenge in singing sessions organised by experience co-ordinators at each village and also practised three further iconic songs; 'I'd like to teach the world to sing', 'Thank you for the music' and 'All you need is love'.

The familiar music acted as a form of reminiscence therapy that has been shown to be particularly beneficial

for people living with dementia, stimulating cognitive ability as well as being therapeutic.

Students from Priestley College, who had previously taken part in Dementia Friends workshops, also joined the event at Belong Warrington.

Tracy Paine, Operations Director of Belong, said: "The NAPA challenge was a really lovely event. It was wonderful to hear residents, apartment tenants, staff members and guests from all five of our villages singing the same song, in unison, over Skype.

"Music is such a powerful reminiscence tool and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves. I think I can say on behalf of all villages that a lot of fun was had by all."



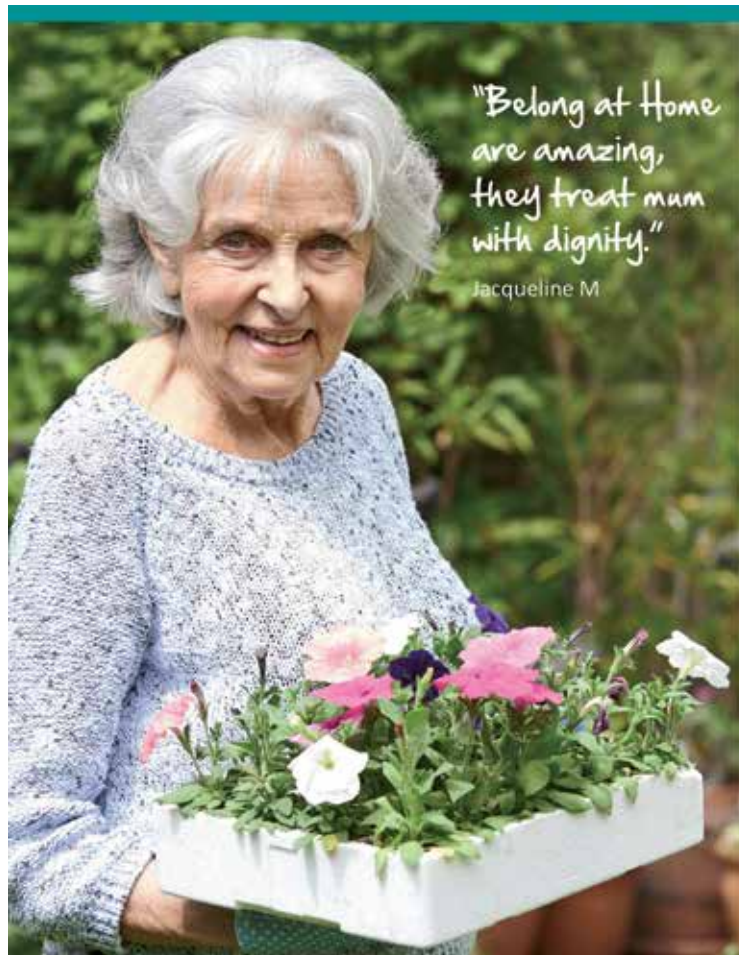
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Pupils received offers to study a very wide range of courses, including Medicine, Modern Languages, Engineering, History, Science and Mathematics.

This year's offers continue a strong tradition of university success for MGS pupils. Some 100 Old Mancunians are currently studying at Oxford and Cambridge, and the school has an outstanding record of success in medicine: 27 pupils went to medical school last year

and similar numbers are expected this year.

The High Master, Dr Martin Boulton, said: "I am very proud of the achievements of our boys, and delighted that their talent and dedication have been recognised with these offers from Oxford and Cambridge.

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**LIVEWIRE and The Warrington Wolves Foundation's Fit2Tackle programme has been a fantastic success.**

Starting as a 12-week pilot scheme it has now been running for two and a half years. It has proved both popular and successful with all courses of 40 men and 40 women becoming booked up rapidly and the participants can boast an astounding accumulative weight loss of over 500 stone.

Livewire fitness instructors Tom Kearney and Paul Corless arrange three times a week exercise sessions which are held at the Halliwell Jones stadium on Mondays and Wednesdays and at The Orford Park Jubilee Hub on Saturdays.

Additionally, there are talks from dietitians and cardiologists along with health and wellbeing sessions.

Tom said: "The people who come on the course need to have a BMI of over 28 and the aim is to lose 5% of body weight over the 12 weeks course. We have a great success rate."

All participants who complete at least 75% of the course become entitled to a free 6 week Livewire gym pass.

The next intake is set for the end of May.

## Les Mills on Demand – Agra

warrington-worldwide's Hannah Skente

FINDING time to go to the gym can sometimes be difficult – especially with a young baby or when working long hours.

Les Mills on Demand, available from local leisure provider LiveWire, is a great solution, as you can work out wherever... whenever you like!

What is Les Mills on Demand?

Les Mills on Demand is a subscription service where you can access a large variety of classes which you can do in your own time, in the comfort of your own home. Instead of going to the gym you can watch classes on your computer, mobile phone or TV.

The variety of different workouts you can choose is fantastic, choices range from long work-outs and dance classes to yoga and post-pregnancy.

Having recently had a baby, I found the post-pregnancy classes useful – there are even educational videos which include breastfeeding and lifting after child birth.

BODYBALANCE/BODYFLOW (yoga, pilates and tai chi) which helps improve flexibility, strength and relaxation. I found this a great way to help me feel calm if I have had a long and stressful day, whilst strengthening my body at the same time – which resulted in a much

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Another class I enjoy is BODYCOMBAT (Learn moves from Karate, Taekwondo, Boxing, Kung Fu) I found this a great cardio fitness which targeted all areas of my body. Classes are 30-55 minutes long and there is also a cool down video option at the end (great to help prevent muscle ache the next day!)

Subscribing to Les Mills On Demand is definitely worth it, it is cheaper than a gym membership with so many different work outs to choose from, some which require the use of equipment – but if you are like me and want a quick way

to lose some post-pregnancy baby weight there are great variety of classes to those from which require no equipment, just simply open up Les Mills On Demand, chose a work out and off you go!

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# Exclusive look at new leisure centre



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The £16 million hub, which will open later this year, will provide an integrated offer of leisure, health, and library services. It will also be LiveWire's first dementia friendly facility.

New facilities will include a 120 station fitness suite, extended swimming pools, studios, health

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# Collegiate hosts Junior Master Chef

**STUDENTS from across town swapped the classroom for Warrington Collegiate's state-of-the-art kitchens when they took part in the college's very own Junior MasterChef.**

The inaugural competition, judged by Great British Menu winner Chris Holland, saw 16 students from six schools take part.

The event, organised by the college's school engagement team, in partnership with the hospitality & catering department, was dubbed a huge success by students, parents and teachers.

Each team was tasked with producing a chicken dish, as well as a pastry-based dessert, with India Walton and Emily Tickle from Culcheth High School named as winners for their mouth-watering creations.

A special bonus prize, which included free places on the college's one-day chocolate course, was presented to Izzy Hicks and Libby Egerton from St Gregory's Catholic High School, for their incredible choux pastry - described by chef lecturer Scott Surtees, who himself specialises in pastry, as the best he has ever seen.

Other schools taking part in the competition were Beamont Collegiate Academy, Sir Thomas Boteler CE High School and University Academy Warrington.

Chef Chris Holland said: "The standard of food produced today has been amazing. It's a great thing to be part of, bringing the next generation of chefs through. There were a few problems during cooking but everyone managed

to get through. Everyone that has taken part has done an extremely good job."

Teacher Karis Mason, from Beamont Collegiate Academy, said: "The students have had an amazing time. We would love to enter more students next year."

Mrs Simpson, from winning school Culcheth, added: "This has

been a great opportunity for our students to be able to cook in such fantastic facilities."

Judging proved to be a difficult task for Chris and Scott.

"Chris and I are absolutely confident in the future of our industry after seeing the food that is being produced by students of your age. We have both been taken aback by the quality and standard of what has been produced by everyone," said Scott.

"There are no losers. Everyone

who took part in the competition today did an absolutely fantastic job. Congratulations to everyone who has taken part today, and also a big thank you to my level 3 students for helping out and ensuring everything ran smoothly."

Junior MasterChef was the first of a series of competitions being held by Warrington Collegiate in the coming months, with entries now open for Young Performer & Young Artist of the Year.



Winners India Walton and Emily Tickle from Culcheth High School with chef lecturer Scott Surtees and chef Chris Holland.

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# New improved David Lloyd Club receives major investment

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# Everyone has a story - Let Mother Mountain capture yours

**AFTER many years of producing films for the BBC and working with older people, Lymm based Jude Limb has combined her skills to launch a new business helping people capture memories.**

Jude, founder of Mother Mountain Ltd, believes passionately that everyone has a story, that story is worth telling and that it needs telling before these precious memories fade as people begin to enter retirement, supported living, nursing or hospice care.

Many of her clients say that

they regret not capturing and celebrating the lives on their loved ones when they were still around.

"I learnt a great deal of wisdom sitting at the feet of older relatives, even now I am fascinated by the stories my own father tells of WW2 and this was partly the spur for setting up the company" said Jude.

"His memory for the things of his childhood is still sharp but he struggles with such ill health that I spent time recording some of his most precious memories while he is still able to tell them."

Unlike paper biographies, a video profile allows you to record the real essence of a person, through their words, voice, gestures, expressions, spirit and personality and therefore they are much more poignant.

"The benefits of capturing your family history are immense added Jude. "I want my own grandchildren and great grandchildren (yet unborn) to know what a wonderful and inspirational man my own father was and now I have that 'memory capture' record of him, I can show them the legacy of what sort of person he was and how he influenced my life."

Jude has a history of film making and also working with older people. She worked for the BBC for many years as a Director and Producer and then joined the voluntary sector to work as an Advocate for disadvantaged people, eventually becoming Chief Executive of a local Age Concern.

"I wanted to bring those two skill sets together to make sure that everyone's story has a chance of being told. I know through my work with Age Concern that storytelling has an enormously therapeutic

effect on people, it helps stimulate their minds and gives them a sense of 'reconnection' to the world, it also gives them a chance to reflect on their own contribution to society whether that be as a brain surgeon or a fantastic mother who raised children she is proud of. No matter what your life circumstances are, you matter and your impact on the world matters - we are here to celebrate that!"



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# Child genius Mason Bennett is Little Big Shot!

**A five-year-old child genius who twice bounced back from meningitis as a baby took centre stage on national TV show Little Big Shots.**

Mason Bennett, the son of Warrington businessman Craig Bennett was invited to appear on the show hosted by comedian Dawn French, after it was discovered he had become one of the youngest members of Mensa in the society's history when he was a four-year-old last year.

Craig, who runs Local Carpets in Warrington is amazed how well his son has coped with the pressure of appearing on a primetime TV show.

Craig said: "His personality came out to show he is like any normal, funny five-year-old boy.

"Everything is fun for him and he just sucks in information. He can tell you about the solar system, the universe and the periodic table and lots of other information.

Mason has a real zest for life and is so clever he helps the grown ups in his life, including dad Craig, to improve their general knowledge. He has an IQ of 150 overall with higher standards of excellence in maths and pattern recognition.

His development is made even more incredible due to the fact he suffered meningitis twice during the first seven months of his life and Craig believes this has impacted on the way his son can remember things. "It is a well known fact that when the brain is damaged it can adapt to use other areas," he said. Craig and Mason are big supporters of the meningitis charity meningitisnow.



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# Making Tax Digital

**Firstly, WatkinsonBlack wish all readers a very happy and prosperous New Year. Late? Not at all. Accountants have three New-Years: 1st January, 1st February and, finally, 6th April.**

We are now in a new tax year, and now have less than 12 months until "Making Tax Digital" starts in earnest. From 6th April 2018 many of you will find yourself in the position of needing to submit



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

not one tax return each year but six, or eleven, or even 16!

The government have shown almost total immobility in their aim of introducing this massive change in the tax system in April 2018. This despite their failure to tell us, their customers, even now exactly what needs to be reported and when. This despite the fact that the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee has expressed themselves to be "very puzzled" by the governments estimate of what this measure will cost you, the taxpayer (They said that the estimate of the cost to the taxpayer were based on "a very elegant piece of analysis and modelling" but not on "facts"). This despite the fact that the final submission under HMRC's pilot (test) will not be made until 9 months after Making Tax Digital is introduced, making the pilot as much use as a snowball in hell.

One thing that has become clear over the past few weeks is that taxpayers caught by this new regime will see the reports that they are required to submit to HMRC increasing from one a year to at least six! Besides the much-heralded quarterly reports, it now become clear that an "End of Period Statement" is required followed by a "Final Declaration", making six in total.

However, another thing that has become clear is that the quarterly reports and End of Period Statement will need to be submitted by a taxpayer for each source of income. So a sole trader will need to submit 6 reports. That same sole trader with rental income will need to submit reports separately for his sole trade and his rental income, making a total of 13 reports. Add another source, add another 5 reports, and so on.

As usual, there will be penalties for any taxpayers failing to make their reports on time. It is doubtful whether there will be compensation for HMRC's failure to deal accurately and timely with the avalanche of information that they will receive, a fear expressed by the House of Lords.

So much for tax simplification!

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# McArthur family bidding to make it a golden year!



Picture: Eddie Whitham

**THE McArthur family from Warrington are hoping it will be a golden year during the 50th anniversary of Formula Ford racing.**

Dad Neil was joined by his sons David and Tom on the track as The British Racing & Sports Car Club (BRSCC) held their first meeting of the 2017 season at Oulton Park recently, with mum Anne providing off-track support.

All three are competing in the Avon Tyres Formula Ford 1600 Post89 2017 Championship.

The first race was going well for the McArthur's when Tom, who was challenging for first place, spun off on The Avenue in the forth lap and

was forced to retire.

Older brother David was close on his exhaust pipe at the time lying in forth position and went on the claim third place .04 sec behind second place driver Tom Bradshaw from Bolton. Dad Neil Finished in 12th place in a field of 22 cars.

This year is the Golden Jubilee of the start of Formula Ford racing and the McArthur's are hoping that they can win the 2017 Title all competing in identical cars, Van Diemen LA10's.

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## Union winger converts with Wolves

**WARRINGTON Wolves have signed rugby union winger Taylor Prell, aged 20.**

Prell joins from Rugby Union and Yorkshire Carnegie. He joined Carnegie as the Junior Academy Player of the Year after an incredible campaign that had seen him win the Under-18 FIRA European Championships with England. He made his first-team debut in 2014 going on to have made over 30 appearances.

He's played at representative level too, targeting 10 appearances for England U18s. He was also selected for the England Under-20s to play in the Six Nations, February 2016 against Scotland.

He recently joined the Wolves on trial playing in the Reserves game against Hull FC. This was his first game of Rugby League and he impressed the performance team crossing for four tries in the first half, earning himself a first-team contract until November 2018.

Head of coaching and rugby Tony Smith said: "Taylor's been training with the first team for the last two to three weeks and has fitted in well. He's popular amongst the boys and is a nice young man who's working hard to secure his future. I'm looking forward to working with him."

"We've identified Taylor as a really strong candidate for a Super League position. He's had one trial game for us against Hull in the Reserves where he scored four tries but it's not only that, it's the way he's applied himself in training and in video sessions. He's shown on the training park that he's able to pick up our game - which is a big ask for someone who's played another sport. He's shown enough in the time he's been with us to suggest that he's going to be a very good Super League player of the future. He has the ability, skill and resources to fit into our game, and that's been proved first hand."

Prell added: "I've always liked Rugby League and enjoyed watching it and with my contract being up I thought it was an opportunity to have a switch of codes. I've always thought Warrington were a really good side with some great players, especially with them finishing as League Leaders last year. Tony Smith is a really top bloke and he's offered his guidance if I need it. He's very easy to talk to and definitely knows his stuff. I've settled in really well and the coaches and players have been really nice and made me feel very welcome."

"It's a lovely set-up at Padgate too. I'd say those tries in my first run-out were beginners luck! I enjoyed it. It was a lot different for me but a lot of fun as well. Ultimately I'd love to reach the top as everyone wants to play for England and represent their country - that would be my highest aim - but I'd love to get a run-out for the first team this season too."

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