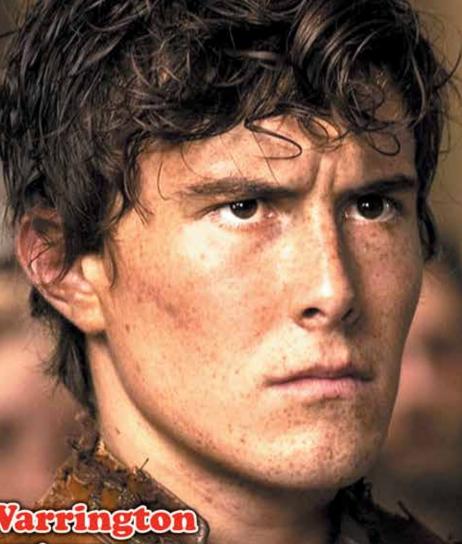


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Editor's Comment

CONGRATULATIONS to Labour leader Cllr Terry O'Neill on surviving yet another challenge to his leadership at Warrington Town Hall.

It is the third time Cllr. O'Neill has survived a leadership challenge in recent years and now the party has also voted to do away with annual leadership elections at their annual group meeting, in a bid to secure some stability within the group moving forward.

This will now be voted on every four years, bringing it in line with the cycle of local council elections.

Also congratulations to Cllr Russ Bowden on securing the vote to become deputy leader. Cllr. Bowden has had the unenviable task of trying to balance the books during a time

of austerity.

Meanwhile young Cllr. Dan Price
has been promoted to the Executive Board and has been a great ambassador for the town during the ongoing bid to become City of Culture 2021.

Hopefully we can now see a united Labour Group running the town hall and no more political back stabbing and power struggles – although in the political world we live in, that may be just expecting a little too much!

Meanwhile after a 10 year involvement at Warrington Town Football club, including a stint as Chairman, I have now made the difficult decision of retiring from the

It has certainly been a roller

coaster 10 years with some great memories, including the FA Cup run and last year's long awaited promotion.

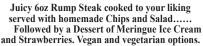
I would like to take this opportunity of wishing Chairman Toby Macormac and the rest of the board every future success with their ambition to deliver a football league club to the town.

Also a big thank you to the many businesses who over the years have supported the club and the group of supporters who have followed the club through thick and thin, home and away.

The club is now in a much stronger place than it was 10 years ago – and with the support of the town can

achieve even greater future success. Mind you if Warrington achieves its city status ambition there may need to be a rebranding exercise for the club!

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Jenny aims to be Miss Cheshire role model

LATCHFORD based accountant Jenny Jackson is celebrating after being crowned Miss Cheshire - and now aims to be a role model

Jenny, aged 21, won the title at the Park Royal Hotel in Stretton and now has a place in the Miss

England finals later this year.
She has been busy fund-raising for the Variety children's charity as part of the event and said: "Taking part in the Miss Cheshire competition has not only provided me with some amazing friends, but exposure to the different ways of fundraising for charity and it's really opened my eyes to how enjoyable it can be. I've had tonnes of fun whilst raising money for a

really worthy cause.

"I'm completely ecstatic to have won and I can honestly say I wasn't expecting it. The final was full of energy and we all had a great time, but to be crowned the winner is just the icing on the cake.

"In terms of what's next- I guess it's more of what got me this crown. I'm hoping to get involved in the community in many different ways and be even more creative with my fundraising. I'm going to get my face out there and raise awareness of everything I'm doing and getting my new found sister Junior Miss my new tound sister Cheshire involved too.

Junior winner was Abbie Potter, aged 16 and also from Warrington.

On her road to success Jenny has organised cake sales, a 'how many sweets are in the tub' challenge and a 'no makeup selfie', which she posted to her Facebook page. She has also started a website called 'admire and inspire' and

kicked off a #true2u campaign- to encourage girls, boys, men and women to be true to who they are

and comfortable in their own skin.

The Miss Cheshire competition is an opportunity for girls between the ages of 13-26 to take part in an event that will change their lives forever.

"It's amazing to be part of something so unique and meaningful both to us as candidates and the children at Variety, whom we are helping. I'd highly recommend the experience to anyone.

"Moving forward I am to help charities around animal cruelty and mental health, to raise awareness of mental health and the help that's out there.

"More broadly I want empower girls and make them feel confident in their own skin and deliver the message that social media and celebrities aren't what we 'should' be or look like. To stay true to their character and not to conform to society norms just to please other people.

"I aim to encourage girls to be ambitious and strive for their goals and believe in themselves and encourage them to apply for powerful positions even if they are stereo typically male dominated!"

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While the restaurant was fairly busy it did not detract from the great level of customer care.

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After poppadoms and onion

bajis I was delighted to see my favourite Afghani curry was on the

This was superbly presented and mouthwatering delicious and extremely filling.

If you like a spicy curry, which is not too hot, but leaves a nice tingle

- I would highly recommend it.

Our party was a mixture of those who enjoy a hot curry and those who prefer the milder options and all left happy and most certainly heartily full.

There is certainly no room for anything else!

There are so many different dishes to choose from, your main problem will be deciding what to have – but if you need any help deciding, one of the friendly staff is always on hand to offer advice.

For added value the Spice Lounge offers a 20 per cent discount for people wishing to dine before 6pm or after 9.30pm which offers even greater value for money.

With the venue being extremely

popular for special occasions booking is always adviseable, especially at weekends.

One thing is certain if you visit the Spice Lounge you will receive a warm welcome from Bobby and the than the special beautiful to the special policy. the team, who look forward to welcoming customers old and new following the recent refurbishment.







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Warrington Business

Exciting times ahead at Time Square

By Steve Park

THE fit out of the building that will become a temporary home for our 800 year old market is well underway and the traders will move into the new home later this Summer, which will be at about the same time as the opening of the new multi-storey car park.

It is exciting to now see the cladding being fitted on to the car

The cladding is designed to represent and commemorate Warrington's history of Wire making. The hexagon design is based on cross sections of 'wire rope 'for which Warrington became tamous. An early example of the pioneering engineering and technical innovation

that is the bedrock of Warrington industry and endures today.

The Borough's prowess in engineering has resulted in Warrington becoming the UK capital of the nuclear industry; there are more nuclear businesses located in Warrington than anywhere else in the UK and employ over 5000 people. Interesting too that wire making still takes place in Warrington. Erasteel Stubs make high specification wire for the aeronautical industry at

Wilderspool.

After the market has temporarily located, construction of the next main phase of Time Square will commence comprising the 13 screen Cineworld multiplex cinema with SuperScreen, several restaurants, the new permanent market hall that will incorporate the listed former Boots building façade, new civic offices, and new public square -Time Square. At the time of writing a report was being submitted for approval to appoint the contractor to undertake this phase.

Not far from the Time Square development, on Bold Street in the Cultural Quarter, we have witnessed a flurry of investment in the last 12 months, most recently with the cocktail bar 'Block 1', Hop & Co and a Thai food bakery all of whom we wish well with their business in the future. It is great to see the Cultural Quarter continuing to strengthen the leisure offer for workers, visitors and residents in the town centre. As they say, "success breeds success", and we are certainly seeing this starting to happen in the town centre.



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Arts council back City of Culture bid with statue plan

TO show their support of Warrington's City of Culture bid Warrington and District Arts Council are planning to commission a new statue of Joseph Priestley.

Chairman Margaret Tye said: "I was born and bred in Hull but have made my home here for nearly fifty years. Warrington deserves fifty year's. to succeed Hull as the next City of Culture. The town is packed with voluntary cultural societies, most of them unsung but with very active members.'
"Most European towns, many

of them a quarter the size of ours, will have a dozen or more public statues of local and national

personages.
"Warrington has just three,
Cromwell, Colonel O'Leary and Brian Bevan.

"Joseph Priestley is an international scientific figure whose name will be instantly recognised from Beijing to Buenos Aires. He did major work on electricity whilst living in the town, was Master of the Warrington Academy at Bridge Foot as well as being ordained a Minister and getting married in Cairo Street Chapel. It is right that we should commence to him? we should commemorate him.

"We are asking the Council to provide a suitable central site for the statue and the Arts Council will raise the funds from the scientific companies in the area and from public subscriptions."

Margaret celebrates her ninetieth birthday at the end of May and still leads the Warrington Arts Council and is active in the Soroptimists (a society which encourages the

advancement of women) and the Lewis Carroll Society. She was the Librarian at what is now the University of Chester campus on Fearnhead Lane.



Joseph Priestley





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Vision of Warrington's libraries of the future

A VISION of how some of Warrington's libraries of the future will look was unveiled at a meeting of the borough's libraries working group.

Artists' impressions of the proposed new library services in the Great Sankey and Bewsey/ Dallam hub developments were on show.

public meeting of a group – which working group – which is developing achievable plans for the future of libraries, wellbeing and community learning – saw members learning about how state-of-the-art integrated libraries are planned for both areas, as part of the development of new community hubs.

Warrington's neighbourhood hubs provide a range of services under one roof, and the update provided to the working group on the new Great Sankey and Bewsey/ Dallam projects formed part of the review into how integrated services can help sustain library provision in

Borough council chief executive and chairman of the group, Professor Steven Broomhead, and chairman of the group, Professor Steven Broomhead, said: "The work of the group is progressing very well and this was another productive meeting. It was extremely useful to look at these plans, as they illustrate how creative, integrated library provision can bring real benefits and enable us to make best use of our resources. our resources.

"Of course, not all libraries can be part of large-scale hubs. However, the principle of delivering a number of services under one roof to make it easier for people to access a range of libraries, leisure, health and community services is certainly one that we should continue to explore, as we seek to deliver a sustainable future for our

The council and LiveWire plan to deliver the first "truly integrated" library site in the country at Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub. It will be designed to remove barriers to library access and maximise the opportunities created by a large footfall.

The library at Bewsey/Dallam will follow a similar concept but on a smaller scale, and artists' impressions of what the library will look like will be developed as part of the project.





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25,000 visitors expected at Disability Awareness Day 2017

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The annual event has inspired people from all over the world and provided advice and support to 100,000's of disabled people, their families, friends and carers

DAD is the world's largest not-for-profit, voluntary-led, pan-disability exhibition, which will once again be hosted at Walton Hall Gardens be hosted at Walton Hall Gardens on Sunday, 16 July with the support of joint principal sponsors St George Healthcare Group and St Mark Universal Copts Care.

A huge tented village housing over 250 exhibitors - including equipment suppliers; transport; holidays; leisure and employment

providers; and support groups and services - is set to attract visitors to travel from all over the UK and beyond.

Inclusive Arts is just one of the highlights of the event - with a number of disabled artists including nationally recognised performers. The Main Arena will offer visitors a range of family entertainment including guide dog display teams, falconry displays and the ever popular Katumba samba band. Also on-site will be the fully accessible Sports Zone.

A free, accessible Park and Ride service is available from Wilderspool Park; free bus service every 30 minutes from 10am from Warrington Bus Interchange; British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters; trained assistants; and a scooter /

wheelchair loans service promises to ensure DAD is fully inclusive to

all.
"The background story to DAD
is a great example of just how
"are do attitude can take far a 'can do' attitude can take you," says Event Founder and Coordinator, Dave Thompson MBE DL.

'What started out as a one-off

event is now the highlight of the international disabled community's calendar – inspiring similar events as far afield as India, Cameroon, Uganda and Gibraltar. Our team is also working closely with St Mark Universal Copts Care teams based in the UK and working in Egypt and

The big day on Sunday 16th July from 10am to 5pm - will be a fitting finale to a week comprising a variety of complementary events to savour, which are guaranteed to attract many more visitors.

For more details on DAD and 'DAD Week' and all the events listed, please contact Warrington Disability Partnership on 01925 240064 or visit www. disabilityawarenessday.org.uk





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Station plans re-vamped after public consultation

PLANS for the proposed Warrington West railway station have been re-vamped following a consultation exercise carried out by the borough council.

The aim is to address issues brought up by residents during the consultation. The car park has been redesigned to take account of concerns raised about anti-social driving in the car park and also that the car park entrance was too close to residential properties.

The council has re-designed the car park to move the access point further from

homes on Belvedere Drive.
Feedback from the consultation also indicated that people found the requirement to travel from Sankey for Penketh Station to Warrington West unappealing. In response, the council has commissioned design work to consider improvements to the walking and cycling route.

Some residents have said they are concerned about the reduction in service levels at Sankey for Penketh station.

Warrington Borough Council has re-affirmed a commitment to continue to lobby the rail industry for improvements to the proposed service levels at Sankey

for Penketh station.

A council spokesman said: "Finally, local residents said they were concerned about the impact of rail users parking on nearby streets. The Council is investigating the extent and arrangements for Traffic Regulation Orders to minimise parking on neighbouring residential streets to help mitigate this issue."







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From Warrington to Jamestown

FORMER Warrington schoolboy Luke Roskell says starring in Sky TV's new blockbuster drama Jamestown is one of the best things to have ever happened in his life.

The 20-year-old former Bridgewater High School pupil is appearing in the new series from the producers of Downton Abbey, which follows the lives of three women as they wrestle with the challenges of creating a new life in a beautiful yet forbidding land. Luke said "it is one of the best things to have ever happened to

me in my life."

He added: "I'm so happy and feel so lucky to have been given the opportunity. I'm so proud to be in the show and working with

be in the show and working with everyone on it was such a pleasure. Set in the 17th century, on the edge of the breathtaking but untamed Virginian wilderness, sits the English colony of Jamestown. Luke, who featured in Emmerdale for three years as "Shaun", plays Pepper, the youngest of the Sharrow brothers who came to Jamestown as a child.

His brothers try to protect him but he's lost loved ones and lived through real hardship. He is inspired by his brothers' grit and

determination but his warmth and optimism is to comfort his new sister-in-law Alice.

Pepper's sweet disposition attracts the attenion of the young maid Mercy but a friendship as pure as theirs might struggle to survive in a land of challenge and adventure.

Luke, who also recently appeared in the BBC drama the "A Word," spent six months filming the series near Budapest in Hungary, and is already busy preparing for a second series.

Broadcast at 9pm each Friday, episode one attracted the biggest viewing figures for a new drama

viewing figures for a new drama on Sky so far this year.

When asked on what advice he could give to aspiring actors Luke said: "I'm still a young actor myself starting out in my career so I don't really think I'm in any position to give advice. But I think if you love it, give it a go and don't give up."

His hopes for the future are to be "still acting and continue to do what I love!"







Unique support services for ex-servicemen and women

A UNIQUE organisation is offering valuable support services to ex-servicemen and women in and around Warrington - based at The

Gateway in Sankey Street.
The Armed Forces Community Support Hub provides a one-stop shop for the armed forces community in Warrington, Cheshire and the Wirral.

It supports and provides assistance to its service users in areas such as housing, welfare, education and training, health and well being and employment and also runs a number of drop-in centres in the Warrington and Cheshire area, including one recently launched in Halton, in partnership with Widnes Vikings RL Club.

The Armed Forces Community Support Hub is a stand-alone charity built upon a unique working partnership between a number of service and non-service charities and organisations including SSAFA, Citizens Advice Bureau, The Royal British Legion, Defence Medical Welfare Service, Combat Stress, NHS, Help 4

Cheshire Police, CGL Pathways to Recovery and local authorities. A spokesman said: "We have

facilities for service providers as well as networking and partnership working opportunities. We help to support military personnel, early service leavers and veterans (and their dependents/families) who have problems with all welfare issues and mental health, as well as supporting those who want to access education, training and employment.

employment.

"Through the Hub's partners, you can access direct specialist help and support with housing, employment, welfare, health and well-being, training, homelessness, debt and benefits, drug and alcohol issues/dependency and addiction, all under one roof.

"We promote interagency

promote working and improved access to services, information and advice for the Armed Forces Community, as well as promoting social inclusion, wellbeing and reintegration back in to Civyy Street, and peer support."

The Hub is working in partnership Greater Manchester

Mental Health NHS Trust, delivering a commissioned non-clinical wrap around support service covering Cheshire and the Wirral for their IAPT 'Veterans in Mind' service. The Hub is also working in partnership with Combat Stress to deliver a new bespoke drug and alcohol support service covering Warrington and

Anyone who has served in the

Armed Forces, Regular or Reserves (received at least one day's pay or more), and who needs help or advice, or are facing difficulties in Civvy Street, should make contact by emailing Gav Jones (Hub Manager/Transitions Lead), direct on admin@armedforcessupporthub. org or phoning the Hub on 01925 246955.







25th Anniversary of the Warrington Bombing 2018

Would you like to help secure the future of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace and the Peace Centre?

See page 3

Nick Taylor, Chief Executive

A few weeks ago, I stood on Westminster Bridge that crosses the River Thames in London. It was a bright, cold, sunny March day and I was surrounded by children, families and many people going around their ordinary lives. Fortyeight hours before the same location had witnessed an atrocity as a man used extreme violence resulting in the death of five people, injuries to 35 and thousands more affected.

A few days earlier I had stood in Bridge Street, near to another famous river, the Mersey. 24 years ago, it was also a bright, cold, sunny March day when men had used extreme violence that resulted in the deaths of Tim and Johnathan, injuring 56 people, the most seriously béing Bronwen Vickers, Liz and Gordon Edwards, and affecting thousands more.

Violent extremism isn't new.

This charity was founded by Colin and Wendy Parry as they held a desire, shared by everyone affected by violent conflict, to keep their son's memory alive and to ensure that nobody else ever goes through what they did. In the days following Westminster, I was touched by the words of the relatives of those who died. They described people going about their 'ordinary' lives picking up the children, always with a smile on their faces, could never do too much for you, would always go out of their way to help, a great neighbour, a loving parent. The fact is that what they do is far from ordinary, and we take for granted that living our normal lives is extraordinary. The values that those people demonstrated are simple and what we all strive for.

The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace is a charity that works with young people, those who have suffered through violence, communities in conflict, and many others to help instil such values, to show people how they can deal with conflict and live peaceful and active lives. And, it works - we demonstrate remarkable results all from our base, the Peace Centre, in Warrington.

We cannot allow those who use violence to dominate our lives. We must show everybody that violence never works. That is what we do. We can only do this with the generous help of people willing to fund and volunteer to help us. In this newsletter, we aim to show you what our work is about, and how vital it is, and I hope you will feel inspired to get involved and join us as we work for



Nick Taylor

The 24th Anniversary of the Warrington Bombing

The 24th anniversary of the IRA bomb attack on Warrington which claimed the lives of Tim and Johnathan, was marked by a short commemoration in Bridge Street on Monday 20th March.

The service was led by the Rev. Stephen Kingsnorth who introduced Colin Parry to speak about Tim and Johnathan and the unique Foundation charity & Peace Centre named after the boys. The Town's Mayor, Faisal Rashid spoke on behalf of the town and those who were affected by the event.

The short ceremony ended with a minute's silence and the laying of flowers, before water was collected from the River of Life to be taken the short journey to water the Peace Tree in the

Foundation said: "The event is about remembering and reflecting but also to give people a message of hope for the future. The water carried from Bridge Street to the Peace Centre symbolises our ongoing work for peace and reconciliation and coincides with the beginning of spring and the peace tree blossoming."

Nick Taylor, Chief Executive of the

Peace Centre garden.





25th Anniversary Year

It hard to believe that in less than 12 months' time it will be the 25th anniversary of the Warrington bombing.

I can remember that day as those it was yesterday, but in a strange way it feels like a life time ago that I last saw Tim as the happy go lucky boy that he was. It was a lovely sunny Spring morning when we all had things to do and places to go, and by late afternoon our lives had changed forever.

Johnathan was killed on the day by shrapnel from the shattered waste paper bin, and Tim sustained serious head injuries which took his life 5 days later. 20th March to the 25th March we stayed at Tim's bedside, we prayed that Tim would make a full recovery, even though we knew that wouldn't be the case if he had survived,



and we hoped that everything would eventually be just a dreadful memory from the past.

Our lives and the lives of our other two children, Dominic and Abbi, had changed and we had to get used to being a family of four instead of five. I tried to block everything out and pretend Tim was away with the Sea Scouts, on a school trip or just playing a game of football just to get me through the day. I tried to keep our lives as normal as possible and I kept myself busy, that is how it has remained for the past 24th years.

Months after the bombing, Colin and I agreed to take part in a BBC Panorama programme, which took us to Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Boston in the USA. During our visit to Northern Ireland, we witnessed young people from all sides, working together in the cause of Peace. The work of the young people inspired us so much that in 1995 we set up the charity, 'The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace' and, on March 20th, 2000, (the 7th anniversary of the bombing), we, with our fellow Trustees, opened a Peace Centre also named after the boys. Both the Charity and the Centre had the blessing of the Ball family even though they choose not to be involved in the everyday running of the Foundation.



Over the years, the work of the Foundation has evolved and grown to the point where we are now a recognised leader in the area of peace building and conflict resolution through our programmes and projects in the key areas of Prevention, Resolution and Response...regionally, nationally and internationally. We work with UK victims affected by global terrorism, vulnerable and talented young people through our conflict resolution programmes, and our Bridging Communities projects.

I am extremely proud of what we have achieved but Tim has always been the driving force behind everything we have done. We have fantastic, talented, professional people who work for the Foundation and it is because of them that we are able to do brilliant work and reach so many people. For the families and the Foundation team, the 25th anniversary year will be a time when we not only commemorate the lives of Tim and Johnathan, but a time when we can celebrate all that has been achieved in their names.

If you, your company or school would like to support the Foundation through the 25th Anniversary Year, please call Wendy on 01925 581234 or email events@foundation4peace.org

YOUR HELP COULD SAVES LIVES

Dinner with The Rt Hon George Osborne CH MP

In March, the Foundation hosted a dinner at the Peace Centre with their special guest for the evening, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon George Osborne CH MP.

The evening started with a welcoming drink, followed by a 3-course dinner supplied by the catering company 'Vanilla in all Seasons'. After dinner, the Foundation Chairman & Co-Founder, Colin Parry, introduced George Osborne, who spoke about his support for the Foundation's unique role in peace building, and his time as Chancellor of the Exchequer. This was followed by an active and entertaining Q&A session. Wendy Parry said: "the dinner was

an enormous success, the food was fantastic and many of the guests praised Mr Osborne's speech which was both informative and witty. I would also like to thank the Royal Bank of Scotland and Primas Law for sponsoring the evening".

Beth Wheatley from Primas Law said: "Primas was delighted to sponsor this event, as the Foundation is an excellent organisation with strong local ties and an important international presence. The event was a great success and the fact that it took place at the Peace Centre itself made it even more special"











Survivors Assistance Network Supports Victims of London Attack

The recent terror attack in London that led to the death of five people and injuries to many others, saw the Survivors Assistance Network team working alongside Victim Support, the Metropolitan Police and Local and National Government Departments to provide a coordinated response to the needs of victims of the attack.

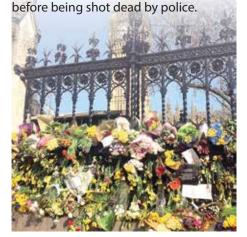
As soon as news of the attack started to break, the SAN team began working to reassure existing SAN members and to provide advice and guidance on self-help and self-care. Within hours of the incident, contact details for SAN were published on the Government website for the incident and circulated to all the professionals involved in the operation. In the days that followed, the SAN Team was one of only three victims' organisations represented at a critical incident meeting chaired by the

Westminster attack

Thousands of people came together to mark the Westminster attack, in which four victims and the attacker died.

Police officers, doctors and hundreds of members of a Muslim youth association were among those walking across Westminster Bridge in memory. Leeds, Leicester, Sheffield, Manchester and Birmingham also had events.

Khalid Masood killed three people when he drove his hire car into pedestrians on Westminster Bridge killing Aysha Frade, 44, who worked at a London sixth-form college; US tourist Kurt Cochran, 54, from Utah; and retired window cleaner Leslie Rhodes, 75, from south London. After crashing, Masood then fatally stabbed PC Keith Palmer outside Parliament,



Metropolitan Police Counter Terrorist Command.

The SAN team are supporting several people who received injuries, some of those who gave first aid and witnesses to the attack. Those caught up in the incident included students and staff from a North-West university on a visit to London as part of their course and children from three Yorkshire primary schools with their teachers. As well as supporting those directly affected by the attack, the SAN team is also providing advice and guidance to the Schools and University in the most appropriate way to support their students and their families. This has included offering training for those responsible for the pastoral care to enable them to recognise and respond to signs of trauma.

SAN Project Manager, Terry O'Hara said,





"It is really important that people know about self-care after a trauma and how to help those around them who might need help. The SAN Website (http://www.survivorsassistancenetwork.org/how-we-help/) is a useful resource for anybody looking for help."

Developed out of the 'Survivors for Peace' programme, the Survivors Assistance Network (or SAN) is the Foundation's project to provide practical and emotional support for victims of terrorism. Funded by the Ministry of Justice, SAN has a unique approach that encompasses people affected by acts of terrorism from the 1970s up to the present day. Unlike other victims' services, SAN also addresses the needs of those who witness a terrorist act as well as friends, extended family members and anybody else affected by the incident.



Stephen Twigg visits the Peace Centre

Stephen Twigg, Member of Parliament for Liverpool West Derby, visited the Peace Centre to learn more about the Foundation's work with victims of terrorism.

Mr. Twigg, who is the Chair of the International Development Committee, opened a House of Commons backbench business debate on the Yemen Crisis and highlighted the ongoing humanitarian crisis and the impact of the conflict on civilians. He asked that the House condemn any breach of international humanitarian law, and called for an urgent independent investigation into reports of breaches on both sides of the conflict.

Mr. Twigg said" Yemen has been called

the forgotten crisis. It is estimated that since the conflict began, nearly 10,000 people have been killed, 4,000 civilians have lost their lives and 37,000 have been injured, which amounts to an average of 75 deaths or injuries on each day of the conflict. Surely, we cannot allow that to continue."



The Funeral of PC Keith Palmer

Officers from all over the UK and abroad travelled to London to line the route of a 2.6-mile funeral cortege starting at the Palace of Westminster. PC Palmer lay in the Palace overnight and was guarded by his fellow Officers before his funeral which took place at Southwark Cathedral in central London.

PC Palmer, 48, who was married with a five-year-old daughter, was guarding the Houses of Parliament on 22 March when he was stabbed by Khalid Masood. A floral tribute left on top of his hearse read: "No 1 daddy".

Our thoughts are with PC Palmer's family.







Stockholm Incident

The distressing news and images from Stockholm yet again sent shock waves around the globe with fatalities and many more injured. Police said that it was "deliberate" attack and the Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven said that everything indicates this being "a terror attack"

The Foundation is in touch with the Metropolitan Police and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to gauge the impact of the incident for UK nationals.

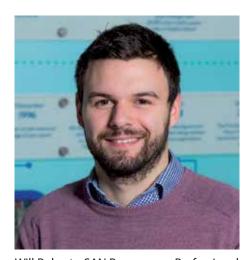
If you are a UK national who has been affected by the terror attack in Stockholm (or any other act of terrorism), whether you have been bereaved, injured or are a witness, the Survivors Assistance Network (SAN) operated by the Foundation is available to offer you practical and emotional support to ensure you get access to the help you need



Terry O'hara, SAN Programme Manager



Donna Craine, SAN Programme Professional



Will Roberts, SAN Programme Professional

Bridging Communities: Harehills, Leeds

The three Bridging Communities conflict resolution courses in Harehills have now been completed with 63 dedicated participants across the youth, women and leader's courses. 49 people have achieved Open Awards qualifications in Conflict Resolution.

These course participants invited their neighbours along to our community dialogue event at 'Shine in Harehills' bringing a further 96 people through the doors.

Participants from previous courses hosted a table and led an Interactive dialogue session. The evening included speeches from Ahlam Hassan, a past participant, who spoke about Syria, where she was born, and her work with Foundation. Ahlam also introduced the topic of hidden survivors of conflict from various conflict zones across the world, who are living within our communities. This led to participants being invited to tick a Yes / No box in response to the question "Are you a survivor of political conflict or terrorism". 43% of those who attended disclosed that they are survivors of political conflict or terrorism, which is a sobering number. The Foundation's aim is to engage with these survivors in joint work between the Bridging Communities and SAN team.



Seamus Doherty, a participant who lived through the troubles in Northern Ireland, wrote and delivered a moving speech about his experiences of prejudice and discrimination and the "safe haven" he has found in Harehills. This led to dialogue exploring other people's experiences of moving into the area and how residents can continue to connect with newcomers to build bridges and greater understanding.

Fourteen of our youth participants attended the event and received their Open Awards level 1 certificate in Conflict Resolution. Four of them hosted a table with a further eight audio interviewing attendees to establish their feelings about the event. The young people hosting tables, were the spokesperson for their group and summed up the discussion for all to hear.

Legacy of the Bridging Communities Programme

The twenty-young people from Harehills who took part in a residential weekend, were keen to continue working with us. As a result, we developed a ten-week course in youth leadership and facilitation skills. At the end of the course, they worked in facilitator pairs and designed and delivered a one hour workshop on conflict resolution to members of the community.

Seven of the youth participants are now active leaders within CATCH, which is a local youth provider at the Ark in Harehills. We have had numerous reports about the amazing achievements of these young people and the active and positive role models they are proving to be in the area. They have been running film nights and youth sessions with younger people, acting as leaders and ambassadors. One of the young people who





participated in our courses, is enrolling on a youth work course and a counselling course to learn how to listen to younger people and offer support. "This will be my ripple effect," he said.

Twenty women participants from the courses have set up their own weekly session to meet and keep talking about conflict resolution and peacebuilding. To give the group a focus, they are creating a wall hanging for the junk food project cafe, which represents their hopes for peace and positive change in their community. The women are inviting other women to join. It is a wonderfully mixed group from all cultural and social backgrounds. Christine and Lisa will be joining them on a monthly basis to run workshops and link them more widely to other community groups and organisations and plan a further community dialogue event. In addition, eight of the participants from the leaders' course, are continuing to meet monthly to share ideas on the work they can do, to bridge communities.

"We can't sit and wait for leaders for come. We are the leaders. We are the ones we have been waiting for."

"As a young person who has been doing the course with the Foundation, I now want to empower the youth in this community to make sure there is a strong and bright future for us all."

"My thoughts are that it is absolutely fantastic. I have met lots of new people and it's been really lovely to think about the community that I live in."

"I think this is an amazing success; the number of people who have come here on a cold December night is incredible. The ideas, and the commitment to a better community is so strong you can feel it when you walk in the room. Absolute credit to all the work in the area and what the individuals have done."





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"It has been a great evening and momentous event because of the diversity of people who turned up from diverse cultures, backgrounds and beliefs. I think it's good to find out about our neighbourhood a bit more."

"The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation is an excellent charity. Thank you for leading us through this; it's been a profound and hopeful experience. It's really changed the way I think about conflict. I can see things from a much wider perspective. Brilliant work."

"Excellent evening. I want to have a strong impact on my local community. I want to be part of the change."

Women for Peace Scholar

THE work of a Syrian refugee, alongside other women who are determined to help put a stop to violence, was recognised at the Peace Centre.

With the support by the Foundation's Bridging Communities and Women for Peace team, Ahlam Hassan, 37, has seen her confidence grow and she has vowed to help spread the message of peace.

The mum-of-three, who completed a course in 'Women Building Peace' in 2015, said: "I learned a lot from the course. It has equipped me with the tools, courage and confidence, to work for peace."



Ahlam left Syria with her husband in 2013 when the conflict started to escalate. Her father, who is too sick to travel, and brother are still living in Syria. Ahlam said "It was horrible. We were fleeing from war and killings. I still get emotional when I talk about it."

After witnessing the conflict first-hand, Ahlam, who is now a freelance facilitator for the Foundation after completing her training, is determined to help others who have faced similar struggles including those affected by the recent Westminster attack. She said: "I am one of the survivors of conflict and I can understand the situation with the families of other victims".





Women for Peace Celebration 2017

In March, 22 participants from four delivery areas, Burnley, Sheffield, Leeds and Kirklee, celebrated achieving their Level 2 Open Awards Certificates for 'Understanding Conflict and Extremism'.

It was a momentous day of celebration during which the women heard a speech from Ahlam Hassan who had previously been a participant on the Blackburn Women for Peace Programme. Ahlam who has also won the 'Woman of the Year' Blackburn and Darwen 2017, talked about how she had used the skills



Christine Cox, Project Manager

she had gained from the Women for Peace programme in her community. During the day, the women discussed how they could spread the message in their communities and launched a new campaign #westandtogether

Wendy Parry, Trustee and Co-founder of the Foundation, presented the women with their certificates and thanked the ladies for taking part in the programme. Many of the women will return to the Centre for the Women for Peace Conference on the 21st September.



Louise Rodriguez, Women for Peace Project Lead

The Foundation believes that mothers and sisters are often unaware of the powerful roles they can play in providing important interventions that can prevent violence. This belief forms the basis of the 'Women for Peace' programme, which trains and supports marginalised women to become more active citizens.

It is hoped those who take part in the scheme will lead the way in preventing and resolving violent conflict through dialogue in their own communities.



Laura Greenwood, Project Support

Young Women for Peace

Young Women for Peace is a new project piloted in Liverpool this Spring. Young women between the ages of 16 and 24 years old from across the city came together to participate in activities and discussions on issues including identity, prejudice, and stereotypes. As well as these discussions, the young women developed their own conflict resolution skills, public speaking and leadership skills, to empower them to take action in their own communities. The sessions took place in Liverpool, with a residential at the Peace Centre to complete the course.

The project was generously funded by Network for Social Change, with a contribution from Merseyside Police. The Liverpool Quaker Meeting House supported the project by providing a space for sessions to take place. Many individuals and organisations from across the city of Liverpool helped spread the word about the course, and some guest speakers were invited along to the sessions to speak about their journeys as women in Liverpool. This inspired many of the young women, and some are now pursuing work experience with the speakers. It has been wonderful to see strong networks of Liverpool women develop.

Since completing the course, which was accredited with Open Awards, the young women then organised a community event in Liverpool, entitled 'In Conversation with Young Women for Peace'. During this event, the young women put their skills into practice, by asking their own communities to identify key issues, and discuss what action needs to be taken. The event was well attended, with people from across Liverpool's many neighbourhoods, as well as staff from Liverpool City Council and

Merseyside Police.

Moving forward, the group of young women are keen to stay in touch and remain active as a group. They feel empowered to make positives changes in their city, and are considering certain issues they would like to tackle to make Liverpool a more peaceful place to live.



Hannah Larn, Young Women for Peace Project Lead



Quotes from some of the young women

Ella - "This course has been a wonderful experience for me. I confess that I signed up mostly because it would look good on my personal statement but it has become much more viable."

Saffron - "My confidence has grown so much on this course. We've discussed sensitive issues and things like extremism which very much felt like a taboo. I've discovered you have to face things head on rather than letting them fester and I've learned a lot about conflict resolution and challenging different points of view."

Eman - "It has been important for increasing my confidence to talk about politics as well as hearing different views – I love to hear the differing views."

One of the young women commented at the event about the group as a whole; "What [we] have in common is that [we] have all grown and that's what's beautiful about this journey and we are now leaving here with a network of young women with a lot of commonality."

New Programme - Small Steps for Peace

Prescot Walking Group staged their tenth annual fund raising walk and donated the proceeds to the Foundation. Twenty walkers of all ages carried out a relay sponsored event around the Wirral peninsula and raised over £4000. Their



donation has been used to develop a new project for primary school children which was piloted in the Prescot and Whiston area.

Nick Taylor, Chief Executive said: "Not only was this a great fundraising effort but by actually using the money to develop a project, the walking group can see how their money is used and the benefit it brings to the children, teachers and schools we will work with. The project is already making a positive impact and a further 22 courses have been booked by schools across the North of England.

We are extremely grateful to the Prescot Walking Group for making this possible."



The Foundation would like to thank Golden Square Shopping Centre who sponsored the creation of 'Good Can Come From Evil' children's book, which accompanies this programme.

'THINK' Celebration Event

THINK

Over 90 young people who took part in the THINK programme, came together to celebrate their achievements over the past year. Each participant was presented with a certificate from Graham Foulkes, one of the Foundation's Trustees, and supporter Lisa French. Eight of the young people received special awards such as the 'Critical Thinking Award,' Conflict Resolution Award' and the 'Tim Parry Award'.

Nick Taylor, CEO of the Foundation said" The young people were so proud to receive their certificates and certainly enjoyed their moment of celebration."

Foundation Trustee Johnathan Ford commented: "I was incredibly impressed by the young people and found their readings very moving. At a time when there are so many awful things happening in the world, we can have a lot more hope if more young people are like those in the room today".



THE THINK PROJECT

THINK is a bespoke programme aimed at young people, aged 14–19. It equips them to THINK critically and confidently about their place in society. In the process, they develop skills, knowledge, and understanding around core values and beliefs. This allows them to play a positive role in managing conflict.

THINK cultivates curiosity, challenges attitudes, breaks habits, and increases resilience to the threat of radicalisation, by encouraging young people to act, rather than react.

Over the years, we have worked with schools across the UK in Prevent-based programmes. These schools are looking to build resilience in young people before problems manifest themselves. Burnage Academy for Boys in Manchester and Priesthorpe School in Leeds are two of the client schools where the programme has been implemented successfully.

Over the course of the programme, those taking part hear from survivors, experts, and former extremists who share their stories. They role-play real life situations, putting in place new strategies to manage conflict and to challenge extremism, prejudice and discrimination. Participants learn and practice cognitive life skills by examining their own and others' behaviour, to find solutions that are constructive rather than destructive.



Ann Snagg, Engagement Manager



Zainul Sachak, Programme Manager



Ciara Kinsella, THINK & Small Steps for Peace Project Lead

For more information regarding the THINK Project, MY Former Life Programme or the Foundations new programme for Primary Schools, Small Steps for Peace, please contact: Ann Snagg, Zainul Sachak or Ciara Kinsella on 01925 581205 or 581239 or email info@foundation4peace.org

Thank you for your support



The Foundation would like to thank Managing Director DDCAP Stella Cox CBE and her colleagues from DDCAP Group for their generous £10,000 donation. We are extremely grateful for their help and support and hope they continue to see the Foundation as a worthy cause.



Inspire Risk Management have again sponsored the annual insurance of the Peace Centre on behalf of the Foundation. Over the past three years, Inspire have saved the charity over £7500, which is money we are able to use to support Risk Management Ltd participants taking part in our programmes and projects.

> Thank you to Neil Reid CEO and Elliot McQuillan for your continuing help and support.

The Foundation would like to thank the following people for their help and support...

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On Wednesday 7th June 2017, Jonathan McKenna & Paul Richards will be taking on the Welsh3000 challenge. They will be running & walking 30 miles in 24 hours over 15 welsh mountains, which are over 3000ft high, all in a row. The walk is also known as "The 14 Peaks" (although there are officially 15 peaks). Jonathan & Paul will be raising money for the Foundation and Stick n' Step who care for children with Cerebral Palsy.



If you would like to sponsor Jonathan & Paul on their massive challenge, please contact Wendy at events@foundation4peace.org



The Foundation would like to thank TARMAC Construction for agreeing to extend the carpark at the Peace Centre and for making our lives so much easier!

Parking has been a problem over the years and with the Centre used more and more for our work, residentials and external bookings, it had got to the stage when people had to park off site. The site at the side of the Centre will now be used as an overflow carpark when we have large events.

Mike Elford, General Manager at Tarmac, said: "We're delighted to be supporting the Warrington Peace Centre and look forward to seeing what a positive difference the new car park makes to it's users. Engaging with and supporting the local communities in which we operate is something we strive to do across our business and we were more than happy to lay the car park free of charge."

The TARMAC Team prepare for the week ahead



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First Recruitment have sponsored the annual Christmas Party for the last two years and have just confirmed that they will sponsor the 2017 event. They have attended our events throughout the year, and their team have taken part in the Manchester Dragon Boat race for the



last 2 years to raise extra funding for the Foundation and their charity in Africa. Over this time, they have helped to raise over £14,500 for the Foundation alone.

Thank you for all your help and we hope you will continue to support the Foundation in the 25th anniversary year.







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River of Pennies

The Foundation would like to thank Barrowhall Primary school for donating £345 through organising a 'River of Pennies' event.

Wendy Parry said: "This is a fantastic way to raise funds for charity. Parents must dread letters coming home from school asking them for money, especially when you have more than one child at the school, but everyone can give a penny. I would also like to thank Headteacher Mr Littler for agreeing to support the Peace Centre in 2018 when it will be the 25th Anniversary of the Warrington bombing"





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Smoke alarms save family

A Warrington woman has said that there was "no doubt" that her and her family would have been killed in a house fire if she didn't have a smoke alarm.

Kirsty Tarbuck, 35, of Odessa Walk, Great Sankey, Warrington, has appealed for people to install or check their smoke alarm after a set of men's electric hair clippers, which had been left plugged in but were switched off, caught fire and damaged her kitchen.

Kirsty, who works as a logistics manager, said that when the smoke manager, said that when the smoke alarms went off in her house at midnight on Monday May 8th she thought there was a error because she couldn't smell smoke.

Kirsty said: "I was still awake and within seconds all three alarms

went off. I just thought they were broken because I couldn't smell any smoke. My husband, Roy, opened the door to the kitchen and there was a layer of black smoke at the top of the room. There was flames, the hob was engulfed."

Kirsty ran upstairs and woke up

her eight-year-old step daughter Marie, while Roy got their two sleeping dogs – a German sleeping dogs – a German Shepherd called Shadow and a Beagle called Elvis – out of the kitchen

Kirsty said: "There is no doubt that we would have been dead if the fire alarm didn't go off. The kitchen is right by the front door so that is our exit point.
"I have a hard-wired smoke

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alarm and I just want people to get a smoke alarm or if they have one to check it to make sure they are working.

"We got out because of the smoke alarm. We couldn't even smell smoke downstairs until we went into the kitchen, that's how good they are.

As a result of the fire the hob in the kitchen was badly damaged and there was extensive smoke damage throughout the property. The clippers were totally destroyed.

Lynsey McVay, service delivery manager for Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "This family were really lucky that they had a working smoke alarm and they were alerted very quickly to the

fire.
"We recommend not leaving any electrical items plugged in ovérnight.

"This could have been a much more serious incident. Once they had discovered the fire the family did the right thing by getting out, staying out and calling 999."

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Volunteers needed for Lymm Transport Day

VENTURE into Lymm almost any evening of the week these days and somewhere you will find a huddled bunch of people planning some event or another.

It may be a PTA or church group or one of the traditional events like May Queen or Dickensian. But possibly the biggest of all at the moment is the Lymm Historic Transport Day team who, since the inaugural event in 2013, have created a day out that is the talk of the area.

"It's not surprising that there are so many events in Lymm" commented Transport Day chair, Alan Williams. "It is a perfect outdoor venue... with the canal, the attractive village centre and of course the May Queen Field."

The Transport Day group have surpassed all previous events with the list of attractions this year's event

the list of attractions this year's event on Sunday June 25, which includes a Spitfire flypast as well as a Spitfire on the ground, a narrow gauge railway, a LEGO transport exhibition and most exciting of all an animatronic dinosaur plus baby triceratops that is destined to be a talking point for years to come.

And just when the team thought

they had it all there was a call on the Batphone from the man himself

wanting to bring the Batmobile. He will be there to support Prevent

Breast Cancer a charity which actually originated in Lymm.

Profits from this year's event will go toward Lymm's new Heritage Centre which is planned to open that weekend.

Alan added:" All these things can only happen with the support of local people who are proud of their community and want to make a difference.'

Volunteer for Transport Day even for a couple of hours at lymmtransport.org.uk or call Trish on 01925 751646 or visit www. lymmtransport.org.uk





Stage all set for Lymm Festival

THE stage is set for this tear's Lymm Festival with some great acts focussing on the spoken word comedy, drama, poetry and author events for all ages - booked for this summer's event

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Headlining the Festival is Gyles Brandreth, broadcaster, author, entertainer and former MP, who will be presenting "Word Play" at Statham Lodge Hotel on Monday, June 26 and this is bound to be a popular event. The show is based on his latest book, full of puns, anagrams and other contortions of the English language to make you laugh and even cry!

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Local favourite Terry Waite
returns to Lymm Festival at Lymm
Hotel on Wednesday, June 28
to talk about his new book "Out to talk about his new book "Out of the Silence", a collection of poems linked together by an autobiographical narrative. Terry will take a Q&A session as well as signing copies of his books, available on the night.

Other author events include Tara Guha discussing her debut novel "Untouchable Things" at The Church Green on Saturday, June 24: Matt Goodfallow a poet and

24; Matt Goodfellow, a poet and primary teacher from Manchester with a high energy and exciting performance that will entrance children of 6+ at Lymm Baptist Church also on Saturday, June 24; and then there's Philip Caveney, author of the Sebastian Darke adventures and the Alec Devlin mysteries for children 8-12 – he will be at the Baptist Church on will be at the Baptist Church on Saturday, July 1.

Fancy yourself as Poirot or

Miss Marple? Then you can't miss "Murder on the Terrace", an open-air whodunit at Lymm Oughtrington Park Cricket Club on Friday June 23. This interactive murder-mystery

23. This interactive murder-mystery play with references to Downton and Agatha Christie is part romp, part farce and a whole lot of fun!

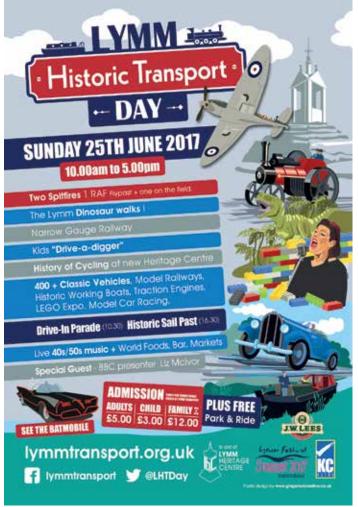
For poetry lovers, there is the Festival regular "Our Favourite Poems" at Lymm Methodist Church on Friday, June 23. Why not submit your request or simply enjoy and your request or simply enjoy an evening of varied poems all read by the regular team from the

by the regular team from the village.

All of this and lots of art, music, foodie and outdoor events are there for you to enjoy at Lymm Festival Summer 2017. Full details of all events can be found on their website at www.lymmfestiyal.org.

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uk, along with details of tickets,
which go on sale on May 25.
Don't miss out on these great
events - make a date in your diary
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Street star shows support for St Rocco's Hospice

Pictures: Paul Jackson

CORONATION street star Simon Gregson, who plays Rovers Return landlord Steve McDonald, gave up his time to support an open day event at Warrington's St Rocco's Hospice.

The actor saw first hand the great work of the new Vitality Centre, which is part of a 'Hospice Without Walls' model, extending care further into the community and helping patients to get the most out of every day.

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The special event was organised to to say thank you to everyone in the community who supports the hospice and for people to find out a bit more about what a difference that support makes to patients and their families.

It was also an opportunity for the community to find out more about the Vitality Centre and the services that it will be offering to those in the community living with a life-limiting illness to support them, as far as possible, to lead the life that they would wish for as long as possible.

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There were a wide range of activities on offer including taster sessions from complementary therapists, craft activities for young and old, a range of stalls and refreshments.

It was also an opportunity for Starlight ladies to pick up their walking packs and t-shirts in readiness for the event on Saturday, June 24.













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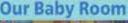
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Muddy marvels take part in Race for Life

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WARRINGTON'S Victoria Park was transformed into a sea of pink muddy marvels for the annual Race for Life event, helping raise thousands of pounds for Cancer Research UK.

Glorious sunshine greeted hundreds of women from all over Warrington and further afield joining the fight against cancer at the Pretty Mudder event.

Womén of all ages, shapes and sizes took part in the event cheered on by watching family and friends.

Money raised will help Cancer Research UK scientists find new ways to treat cancer and save more lives.

Local councillor Mike Hannon is pictured below entering into the spirit of the occasion with his daughters Kerri and Laura.











To celebrate this summer's Lawn Tennis Association's Great British Tennis Weekends,

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Award-winning Admove celebrates top performance with new premises

LYMM-based estate agent, Admove is celebrating its top performance by expanding to new 1,000 sq ft office premises in a prime location close to the village centre.

Having started up in a back bedroom in August 2016, company directors Mike Chung and Charlie Green have moved the business from strength to strength, listing over 70 properties and selling over 50 across the North West since January, making them the number one listing estate agent in Lymm for 2017.

The young entrepreneurs have great expectations for the future of the business, which last year was the first estate agent in Warrington to be awarded with a Gold British Property Award. The pair also hired their first member of staff in late 2016 and are currently looking for new recruits.

Company director, Charlie said: "Our main aim is to save money for our clients whilst providing them with a seemless and professional service. Dedication and continued hard-work has helped us to achieve a fantastic reputation in Lymm and surrounding area. Continued business growth has enabled us expand into a larger office space and now we are looking to welcome more Sales and Lettings Negotiators to join the team.

In 2016, Admove saved their customers on average £2,447 per sale and listed over £35 million worth of property and achieving 98% of the asking price. The team combine online efficiency with great local knowledge to achieve results for landlords. homeowners

Mike added: "We would like to thank our clients for their support and positive feedback, without them we wouldn't have been able to achieve such great results over

the past two years.

Admove is looking for local people to join the team who have knowledge of the area and previous estate agent experience. For those interested, please send CVs to info@admove.co.uk. Now located on

Road, Lymm, Admove offers free valuation, three simple selling options starting from £695 and lettings packages starting from £245. To find out more, please visit: www.admove.co.uk



General Election candidates revealed

nominations closed for the forthcoming General Election on June 8, five candidates will contest the Warrington North seat and four in Warrington South.

The Five candidates who contest Warrington North are:

Val Allen (Con)
James Ashington (UKIP)
Helen Jones (Lab)
Stefan Krizanac (Lib Dem) Lyndsay McAteer (Green)

The four candidates who will be contesting the Warrington South seat are:

Bob Barr (Lib Dem), John Boulton (Ind) David Mowat (Con) Faisal Rashid (Lab).





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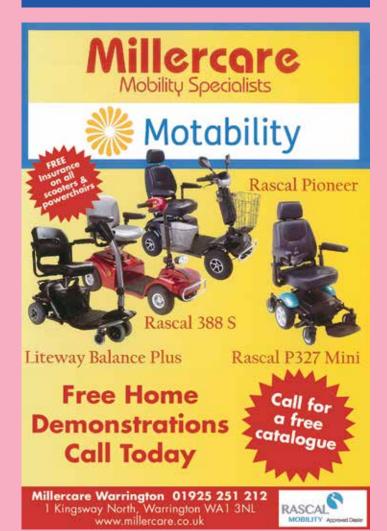
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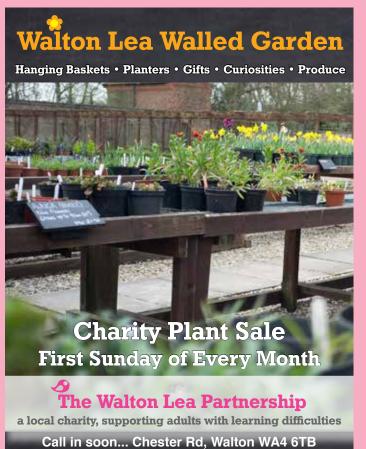
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New truck maintenance depot for booming Omega site

WARRINGTON'S booming Omega North development site is now full, following a deal with Haydock Commercial Vehicles Ltd to develop a new 35,000 sq ft Scania maintenance facility.

One of the largest commercial vehicle service providers in North West England and North Wales, Haydock Commercial will take the finál available plot at Omega North and will be providing services to a number of other occupiers on Omega.

This deal marks the occupation of 4.2million sq ft of logistics and industrial space across the whole of Omega after only four years.

The announcement follows the news that Amazon will be the next major occupier to take up about.356,000 sq ft. of logistics space at neighbouring Omega South, following a speculative development by LondonMetric Property plc last year.

Andréw Suthérland, managing

director of Omega Warrington Ltd (OWL) said: "We are delighted to welcome Haydock Commercial Vehicles Ltd. to Ómega.

"After the success of Omega North, we aim to continue to encourage Omega South's commercial draw, building on Omega's success as a magnet for investment in the North West. Across all of Omega's occupiers, the site supports around 7,000 jobs and we look forward to this increasing with the arrival of Haydock Commercial Vehicles and other future occupiers'

Simon Dykes, dealer principal at Haydock Commercial said: "We are pleased to be locating to Omega North, an established business hub in the region. This

development represents one of the most exciting developments in the long and successful history of Haydock Commercial vehicles. 'Customer first' has always been mantra, and we are now

looking forward to delivering the area's transport operators with a commercial vehicle facility that is truly second-to-none."

Work has already started on the

new development.



Park Royal Hotel recognised as one of the best places to work in hospitality

STRETTON based The Park Royal Hotel is celebrating after being recognised as one of the best places to work in the UK hospitality

industry.
Part of the QHotels Group,
which has 26 hotels across the
UK, the group was recognised as
one of the top six employers in the
UK hospitality industry, by trade
bible The Caterer, in its annual
'Best Places to Work in Hospitality
Awards 2017'.
Based on the feedback from

Based on the feedback from anonymous staff questionnaires, the league tables recognise organisations that put people at the heart of the business, supporting employee development to deliver exceptional products and services.

The group were award-winning tr immes, including programmes, bespoke Hospitality Management Foundation degree.

The accolade is the latest recognising QHotels' commitment to staff development and retention. In February, the group received the Distinction in Developing Future Talent award at the national HR Distinction Awards, and in November 2016 it received three Springboard Excellence Awards, including one for the best Education and Industry Partnership.

The Park Royal has also recently won a highly commended hotel of

won a highly commended hotel of the year award for 2016/2017 in the 'Marketing Cheshire awards in November 2016.

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QHotels was specifically recognised by The Caterer for its "clear remit to develop talent". In 2016, the group launched its 'Get into Q' apprenticeship programme with 52 apprentices, and now the group is looking to recruit a further 100 apprentices this year. The apprenticeships are available in a range of specialist areas, such as operational management, maintenance, accounts, food and maintenance, accounts, food and beverage and spa.

addition, QHotels' Professional Hospitality Operations Management programme is the first qualification of its type to be provided by a UK hotel group and is awarded by University College Birmingham.

Annie Brown, general manager at The Park Royal said: "To be recognised as a great place to work, and as a business that cares about and looks after its employees is an incredible feeling. At The Park Royal we always try to support and develop team members so that they can reach their full potential.

'We've built strong links locally h schools and colleges to

encourage more people to consider working in hospitality. Our hope is that this award demonstrates that QHotels and The Park Royal offer a fantastic environment to work, learn and to build a long-term, fulfilling career."
Michael Purtill,

Michael Purtill, Managing Director at QHotels, said: "This is a stunning result for QHotels. We put a huge amount of focus on team development and particularly on finding the right people with the right attitude, which we can foster, regardless of background or

experience.
"The return is an engaged and motivated team that know there are real opportunities for them to progress their careers with QHotels and be fully supported by the business. This inspires them to listen to customers and able to take decisions to help improve the experience of staying at QHotels and guests recognise and appreciate that. I'd like to thank the team for their fantastic effort and this recognition is richly deserved."



Hotel launches Wedding Photo Awards 2017

The Park Royal has launched its annual search Warrington's best wedding photos, as the QHotels Wedding Photo Awards opens for entries on Facebook and Instagram.

After receiving over 2,500 entries and votes in the first Wedding Photo Awards last year, The Park Royal is now calling for entries to the 2017 competition, which will celebrate the memorable moments captured at weddings, from the funny to the

Anyone in the UK can submit a photo' - whether an experienced photographer or a guest at a wedding - by posting it on QHotels' Facebook or Instagram page using the hashtag #WeddingPhotoAwards, along with the name of the category they wish to enter.

The winner of each category will receive a one-night QHotels break for two with dinner.
The 2017 Wedding Photo Award

categories are:

ategories are:
Best 'first look' photo
Funniest wedding photo
Best 'perfect kiss' photo
Best 'first dance' photo
Best 'themed wedding' photo

Entries will close on 3rd July when QHotels' expert wedding panel will announce the shortlist for each category, before going to a public vote on social media to decide the winner.

Annie Brown, General Manager at The Park Royal launched the awards, saying: "We received awards, saying: "We received some fantastic entries from the

people of Warrington into last year's competition, from stunning black and white photography, to comically-staged group photographs and photo-bombed selfies.

'We're expecting to see even more creative shots entered into the 2017 awards, as brides and groomsto-be take their inspiration from social media channels, such as Instagram and Pinterest. We can't wait to see more wonderful and unique photos!"

For more information about The Park Royal's Wedding Photo Awards and how to enter, please QHotels.co.uk/weddings/ WeddingPhotoAwards, Facebook. com/QHotels or @QHotelsgroup on

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The Finance Bill

The Finance Bill 2017, following the March budget, was the longest Finance Bill for many years even after the U-Turns on NIC increases. That, however, has now changed due to the snap calling of a General Election.

Any proposed legislation is lost when an election is held if it is not enacted before Parliament stands down. It is usual, therefore, when an



election is called for the main parties to get together to agree what should be passed. In the case of the Finance Bill, the clauses that can go through is a very much truncated version were agreed on 24th April.

The clauses concerning Making Tax Digital, previously clauses 120 to 122, have been dropped. Also dropped are the introduction of penalties for enablers of tax avoidance schemes, as well as the more specialist areas of "non-doms", and the restrictions on certain corporate interest and carry forward of

The remainder of the Finance Bill went through all of its parliamentary stages on 25th April so that it could become the Finance Act 2017 before the dissolution of parliament on 3rd May.

But fear not, brave hearts! Whoever wins the General Election in June will certainly introduce a Finance Bill 2017 No 2 later in the year. This, of course, is not news. It had already been announced that 2017 was going to be the final Spring Budget, as these are to be replaced by Autumn Budgets, the first being in Autumn 2017. Therefore, we were already looking forward to and expection a 2nd Finance Act. We will need to weith to and expecting a 2nd Finance Act. We will need to wait to see whether all of the "lost clauses" in the current Act are reintroduced and, if so, whether they form a new (& 3rd) Finance Bill 2017 or whether they are simply reintroduced as part of the new Autumn Budget.

Whatever happens, one thing seems probable. No party is currently proposing to extend the freeze on National Insurance Rates into the new parliamentary term, so the U-Turn on Class 4 NIC increases is almost certain to become a full circle!

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This is why Warrington Wolves signed Kevin Brown

Pictures: Eddie Whitham

KEVIN Brown's man-of-the-match performance against his former club Widnes in the Challenge Cup was "exactly the reason" why Warrington Wolves bought him, says Head of Coaching and Rugby Tony Smith.

There was some surprise when Warrington paid money to Widnes for the 32-year-old versatile half-back during the close season.

Even Brown himself expressed some surprise when Warrington came

knocking.

But few could doubt his quality in Warrington's Challenge Cup success - which came ironically in Brown's first game against his former club.

"That performance was exactly the reason why we brought Kevin to Warrington," said Smith.

Brown scored a match winning hat trick to set up a quarter final tie against another former club and derby clash with Wigan.

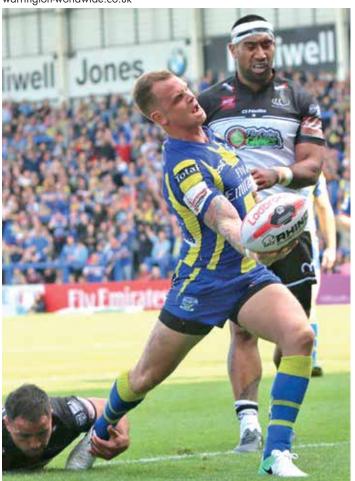
Brown, who arrived from the Halton Stadium for an undisclosed fee in the close season, shrugged off a hostile reception from the visiting supporters with a man of the match display.

His third try again Warrington a final load that they wouldn't currender.

His third try gave Warrington a final lead that they wouldn't surrender, eventually going on to win 34-20.

For all the lastest news from the Halliwell Jones Stadium check out www.

warrington-worldwide.co.uk



Brown celebrates scoring against his former club

Keeper McMillan claims main award at Yellows end of season awards



GOALKEEPER Tony McMillan was crowned Warrington Town Player of the Year at the club's end of

of the Year at the Club's ena or season presentation night.

McMillan, who joined from Stalybridge in November last year, kept 12 clean sheets in the league to help the Yellows propel themselves in to the play-off race.

Manager Paul Carden praised the experienced shotstopper for his impact at the club, particularly in

impact at the club, particularly in light of the circumstances in which he joined, replacing former fans favourite and hometown boy Karl Wills

Wills.
Captain James McCarten scooped the Supporters Club Player of the Year award for a second successive season, and also walked away with the Players Player of the Year award.
Loanee left-back Josh Askew, who has been subject to offers

who has been subject to offers from Football League clubs, and Scott Harries also received trophies for coming in the top three of the Supporters award.

A special club award was given to retiring director Gary Skentelbery, while reserves manager Steve Hayes won the Peter Turner Award.

Hayes, whose team earned promotion to the Cheshire League Premier Division this season and could yet still be named champions, handed his Player of the Year award to captain Bradley Smart, with Adam Reynolds taking the Players Player of the Year award.

Meanwhile, on the night it was revealed the Yellows will add a second Academy side in 2017/18, Academy manager Keith Southern presented prolific striker Euan Woods with the Player of the Year award, with Aaron Woodward getting the Players Player of the Year award. Year award.

News on season tickets and the early stages of the club's recruitment for next season is expected soon.



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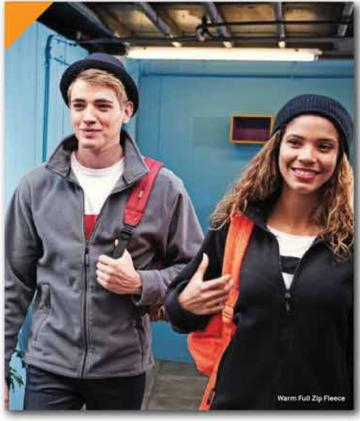
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