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Editor's Comment

Let us hope common sense prevails over the future of Warrington Cenotaph which will have to be moved while emergency works take place to repair the nearby riverbank.

Warrington Borough Council's Executive board has sanctioned £1.3m funding to move the town's cenotaph - and are seeking further before consultation deciding whether to move it on a temporary basis or to a new home.

Campaigners have been calling for the cenotaph to be moved to a new permanent home for many years – so what a great opportunity to do just that.

Expense

It seems completely senseless going to the time and expense of moving it to a temporary home and then back to the heart of one of the most congested traffic highways in the borough.

Deadline for the September issue of **Warrington** Worldwide is August 8

I can't think of a better place than in front of the town hall set in the middle of the lawn which was once home to a large metal fountain, which was dismantled to

make munitions for the war effort.

How fitting that something removed to make arms to kill people during the war is replaced by a monument in their memory!

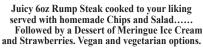
Of course there may be a better location - but I can't think of one.



It would mean every walking day and civic occasion we would have the chance of honouring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and ensure their memories live on for future generations.

Also on Remembrance Sunday the magnificent town hall and golden gates would provide the perfect backdrop and not impact significantly on the local highways.

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Cheeky charity pinup calendar planned

by Paul Jackson

WARRINGTON business woman Khelsi Price is collaborating on a cheeky war-time pinup calendar to help raise funds for a local veterans charity.

Khelsi has joined forces with local veterans charity, The Blue Apple cafe and warrington-worldwide photographer Paul Jackson to produce a 1940's/50's cheeky pinup calendar.

They hope to raise much needed funds to help ex-servicemen and women.

The part time model and entrepreneur is hoping to find local volunteers to dress and pose in the classic wartime styles and hopes the project can be a great success. Already on board with the project is Miss Warrington North and Miss British Isles finalist Rachel Berwick.

Khelsi, a performer who loves to create and inspire a collaborative community, is the proprietor of the Entertainment Emporium. It was created by a group of like-minded fun individuals with the aim of bringing high quality entertainment to the North West at extremely competitive prices

competitive prices.

In a short period of time it has fast become one of the top party companies in the area. This is down to not only having one of the most talented entertainment teams around, but also due to a genuine love of children which is evident in

every member of the team. Regarding the calendar project Khelsi said: "My philosophy is 'If I'm not making you smile, then I'm not fulfilling my purpose in life'. So I chose to channel that passion into The Entertainment Emporium which transports people of all ages and walks of life to experience magical and memorable moments. After participating in Paint It Black with Paul Jackson, and meeting some amazing creatives who I now call friends, I was inspired by my love of retro style and creative collaboration to lead a project supporting local veterans at Blue Apple, and highlighting local historic settings in the town.

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"Pin-up emerged on matchbooks, playing cards and magazines during World War II which lifted spirits for the troops on the front line and launched the careers of actresses such as Marilyn Monroe. I hope to encourage women of all ages, shapes and sizes to be part of this fun and evocative project. And hopefully they will take something away with them like I did by doing Paint it Black."

If you would like to volunteer for this exciting project as either a model, make up artist, props supplier, location owner or hairdresser please email Khelsi at theentertainmentemporiumuk@gmail.com





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Council to consult on Cenotaph before making final decision

WARRINGTON Borough Council has decided to consult with the War Graves Commission before making a final decision on the future of Warrington Cenotaph on Bridge Foot.

At a meeting of the Executive Board it was agreed to sanction £1.3m funding to move the war memorial while emergency repair works are carried out to the nearby river bank.

But following concerns raised by local campaigner Julie Francis and other residents they have agreed to consult with the War Graves

Commission on whether the move should be temporary or permanent.

A WBC spokesman said: "We need to consider the wishes of stakeholders and the people of Warrington. We will also be speaking to the War Memorials Commission to seek their views before proceeding with any work."

Julie', who has a son in the army

and late father was a veteran, was left "gobsmacked" when she heard about a proposed temporary move, saying it would be a "complete waste of money."

The proposed temporary move was announced when a masonry river wall along the section of the Mersey immediately below the Cenotaph was found to be in a poor

state during a routine inspection of bridge and riverside structures.

High water levels and increased river flow have exacerbated this condition in recent years, causing part of the river wall to collapse.

It is difficult to accurately predict the rate of deterioration of the river wall, as this will be heavily influenced by prevailing weather and river flood

conditions.

The work would also include improved accessibility to the site.

- It is estimated the cost of moving the Cenotaph and repairing will
- be £1.3 million.
 Warrington Borough Council
 has already consulted with key

- If approved, the work would take place after Remembrance Sunday 2017 and the site would be ready
- before the same date in 2018. The Cenotaph and war memorial at Bridge Foot was completed in 1925 and has been used as a focus for memorial events and Remembrance Sunday since that
- Although originally constructed to honour the fallen in the Great War, the memorial now commemorates both World Wars and other conflicts since that date including the Northern Ireland Conflict, Palestine and the Iraq War.

On hearing of the proposed further consultation Julie said: "If it is to remain at Bridge Foot there needs to be major improvements and all I would ask is that the council fully consult the people of Warrington before making any final decision - as they are just custodians of the memorial which is here for all the people.



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Historic moment in history of Warrington Market

By Steve Park

AN exciting and historic moment in the history of Warrington Market is set to take place soon when it moves from its current home into its temporary home next door.

The current market hall with the

The current market hall with the pyramid roof has housed the market pyramid root has housed the market for 43 years and its demolition will start soon after the market moves when work commences in earnest on the main build of the scheme; the cinema, restaurants, new council offices and the new permanent market hall.

Having been privileged enough to see inside the temporary market hall it is very exciting to see it taking shape as contractors Styles & Wood



build and fit out the building. There is understandable excitement too amongst the market traders with whom we are working closely. The market fit out is to a high specification and the look and feel of the market will have a more modern look whilst maintaining its traditional feel.

The building will house the market for two years whilst the new, permanent market hall is being built opposite. The permanent hall, when open in 2019, will incorporate the beautiful, Grade II listed Boots building facade on Bridge Street and will be a square building accessible from all sides. Some of the stall units currently being built in the temporary market have been designed to move with the traders and be relocated into the eventual permanent market home.

The contractor for the next stage build of the Time Square scheme has been appointed and we'll be announcing who they are later this month. In autumn the 1160 space multi-storey car park will open. It is looking almost complete now with most of its façade in place. I think that it gives a taster as to the dynamic and quality look of the entire project.

Warrington Market is very much

entire project.

Warrington Market is very much

still open for business. The traders have a few weeks prior to the move when they will be joined by other new businesses eager to join the Warrington Market success story and I would encourage you to continue to support and shop in the market during the transition.

It is certainly exciting times at Warrington Market.



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End of an era at Warrington Market

IT will be the end of an era on Warrington Market when Josephine Butterworth retires later this summer.

Mrs Butterworth, has worked at the family business selling bedding and linen since the age of 21, with late husband Michael, also selling carpets from another stall.

Previously she had worked on

her parent's pet stall on the market from the age of 18.

Butterworth's is one of the oldest stalls remaining on the market opening in September 1934.

Mrs Butterworth, who says she has had a "wonderful life" working the parties of the parties of

on the market, has decided to retire aged 84, when the market moves into new temporary premises later this year, while work then begins on demolishing the current building, to make way for a new multi-million pound facility on the current site, as part of the Time Square Development.

Her memories include "broken biscuit stall attracted lengthy queues. stall"

During her retirement she plans to put her feet up and enjoy some cream teas at daughter Michele Butterworth's nearby town centre restaurant!

For a video interview with Mrs Butterworth and her memories check out www.warringtonwww.warringtonworldwide.co.uk

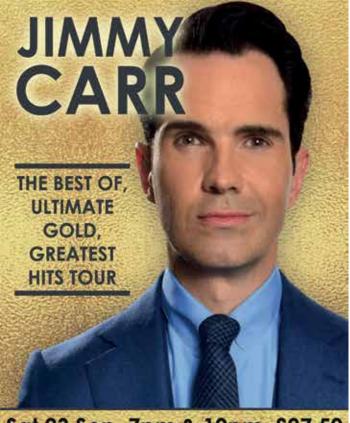








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Tennis courts remain o

TENNIS fans needn't worry now Warrington's Great Sankey Leisure Centre has closed for refurbishment – the all-weather outdoor courts are still open.

Despite the closure the courts have stayed open to cater for the annual surge in interest in the sport that follows Wimbledon.

The 3G sports pitch has also remained open for business.

One year on from their opening thanks to £160,000 funding from the Lawn Tennis Association, the tennis courts now provide a full programme of tennis all year round.

Children's tennis holiday camps will run throughout the school holidays at Great Sankey and also at Birchwood Leisure and Tennis Complex.

Adults can also pick up a racquet and enjoy a range of learning and

development courses.

LiveWire's Activate programme is tailor-made for beginners, teaching basic tennis skills, while the Aspire programme is targeted at experienced players, who want to continually develop their skills and compete in matches. Individual tuition is also available for beginners and advanced players,

and those who just want a casual game can simply pre-book one of the outdoor courts.

More information about the tennis courses on offer is available from the tennis co-ordinator on 01925 458213 or tpalin@livewirewarrington.org

The work requiring closure of the leisure centre will transform the existing facility into a multi-million pound neighbourhood hub, which will provide integrated leisure, health, library and culture services in one facility.



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New disabled-friendly play area opens

WORK has been completed on a brand new, disabled-friendly play area on Warrington's Liverpool Road recreation ground.

Designed to be inclusive for all, the £90,000 project has seen the existing play area fully refurbished with new equipment and an outdoor gym, as well as upgraded surfacing and fencing.

Warrington Borough Council has been working closely on the scheme with Warrington Disability Partnership, together with volunteers from The Bam Project, a local charity which is promoting "Play For All" within Warrington.

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The partnership has helped
deliver a design for Liverpool Road
which features an improved, more
accessible layout, together with
innovative play equipment, suitable
for use by a wide range of visitors.
The council leisure chief, Cllr

The council leisure chief, Cllr Tony Higgins, joined pupils from Evelyn Street Primary School and representatives of Warrington Disability Partnership and The Bam Project to admire the sparkling new equipment and celebrate the completion of the project.

Cllr Higgins said: "The improvements we have made to parks and play areas in recent months have made a real difference in our communities, breathing new life into a number of locations.

"The Liverpool Road project is the latest example of how we are helping to build inclusive play and activity into the lives of local families.

"What makes this play area extra special is that it has been designed to break down barriers to play and to be accessible to the widest possible range of young people. I'm delighted that this project has been completed – just in time for the summer months –

and I look forward to it bringing a great deal of happiness to local children and their families for many years to come."

Chantelle Hurley, trustee at The Bam Project, said: "The future for families with multiple needs is going to be a bright one, especially where our local parks

are concerned. 'Play for all' is our motto and that's our main goal."

Grant funding of £50,000 was awarded by FCC Environment through WREN's FCC Community Action Fund for the scheme, with the council contributing a further £40,000 towards the project.



Cllr Tony Higgins (centre) is joined by Cllr Jean Carter (2nd from left), pupils from Evelyn Street Primary School, The Bam Project, Warrington Disability Partnership and local residents to celebrate the opening.



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Crowds flock to annual Disability Awareness Day

OVERCAST skies and rain soon cleared to make way for glorious sunshine as thousands of people flocked to the annual Disability Awareness Day at Walton Gardens, Warrington.

Town Crier Peter Powell officially opened the 26th consecutive event, which has now become the largest voluntary led disability awarenes event of its kind in the world.

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.

Founder Dave Thompson MBE DL, was quick to thank the support of joint principal sponsors St George Healthcare Group and St Mark Universal Cots Care and the numerous other community sponsors who help enure the event takes

place each year.
"Without the support of our many

sponsors we simply could not stage this event," said Dave.

A huge tented village housing over 250 exhibitors – including equipment suppliers; transport; holidays; leisure and employment providers; and support groups and from all over the UK and beyond. Inclusive Arts was just one of the highlights of the event – with a

number of disabled artists including nationally recognised performers.

The Main Arena offered visitors a range of family entertainment including guide dog display teams, falconry displays and the ever popular Katumba samba band. 'Als'o on-site was the fully accessible Sports Zone.

Dave added: "The background story to DAD is a great example of just how far a 'can do' attitude can

take you. 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 Sudan"

Planning will soon start on next year's event. Anyone interested in getting involved please contact Warrington Disability Partnership on 01925 240064 or visit www. disabilityawarenessday.org.uk

warrington-worldwide was on hand to broadcast live from the event – to see highlights and more pictures visit warrington-worldwide.co.uk and search "disability awareness day."



Town Crier Peter Powell launches the event.



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Virtual Reality exercise boosts wellbeing at care village

VIRTUAL reality exercise equipment, including a machine that simulates cycling and walking in locations around the world, has been introduced into the exercise studio at state-of-the-art care village Belong Warrington.

The new equipment has been boosting customers' wellbeing by making exercise more fun and

engaging.
The SilverFit The SilverFit equipment is specially designed for use by older people and encourages exercise by integrating activities with virtual reality computer games. It has been proven to have both cognitive and physical benefits exceeding those of ordinary exercise machines as it increases participant motivation.

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Following a successful trial at Belong Macclesfield, two specialist pieces of equipment have been purchased for the on-site exercise studio at Belong Warrington.
Sian Ryland, specialist fitness instructor at Belong Warrington said: "The new equipment is proving extremely popular with our residents and experience day customers and, because they are engaged in the games or landscapes, they are exercising for longer. We are noting increases in well-being, confidence and physical strength."

The 'SilverFit Mile' projects a scene onto a large television screen connected to a cycling

screen connected to a cycling or stepping machine. The scene moves at the pace at which the user is cycling or walking, simulating outdoor exercise. The equipment

is programmed to feature locations around the world, so users could be cycling through the streets of Paris or trekking through Patagonia, which also makes it a valuable

"One of our Sian explains: residents used to holiday in Paris.

reminiscence tool.

The Paris simulation on the SilverFit Mile allowed her to relive memories of times there and has given her much more motivation to participate

in cardiovascular exercise."

With the SilverFit 3D system, a camera registers a participant's 3D movements and allows them to interact with games on a television screen in front of them. In one game, the player controls a small cartoon character on the screen by marching on the spot. They have to

negotiate obstacles in the game by stepping to the side and stopping when required, such as at traffic lights. The games motivate people to exercise by challenging them to push their boundaries and achieve

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Warrington remembers victims at annual Walking Day

WARRINGTON remembered victims of recent atrocities with a minutes silence at the annual Walking Day.

Rector of Warrington Rev. Paul Wilson led prayers and a minutes silence for all those who lost their lives in recent terrorist atrocities and the London fire.

Meanwhile the town's Mayor Cllr. Les Morgan took the salute as the annual walk of Witness set off through the Golden Gates, led by the contingent from Warrington



Former mayor and annual walker Cllr Steve Wright

Parish Church

The Mayor and his Mayoress wife, Gwyn, took the the salute from a raised dais outside the Town Hall's famous Golden Gates.

Then the procession set off on its traditional tour of the town centre.

Despite overcast skies the rain held off for the procession.



Erica Matthews from the Red Rose Band



Local youngsters dressed to impress



Local youngsters waving to the Mayor



The Mayor & Mayoress take the salute



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Penketh Carnival sizzles in the sun

by Paul Jackson

GLORIOUS sunshine helped Penketh Carnival go with a bang as hundreds of people joined a carnival parade.

beautiful summers day welcomed this year's participants and visitors to an action packed Penketh Carnival.

Penketh Carnival.

In a welcome change from last year's puddles and umbrellas, sun cream and cold drinks were the order of the day. This year's Disney themed parade got under way at 11.30 am starting at the High School and finishing at the Greystone Recreation Ground.

Amongst those taking part were local Penketh South and Great Sankey primary schools, Haydock Valley Brass band, army and police

Sankey primary schools, Haydock Valley Brass band, army and police cadets, cubs and scouts, Crosfield Junior ARLFC, Viscaria dance troop, Carters Fund with their Bernese mountain dogs and carts and an amazing 101 Dalmatians display by the Warrington Brownies.

This year warrington worldwide

by the warrington brownes.

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The parade ended Greystone Recreation G where an abundance Ground entertaining and fun attractions awaited the large crowds of locals who had walked and lined the streets.

As well as a large fairground there was also a large car boot market, donkey rides, police and

market, donkey rides, police and army demonstrations, a dog show, dance performances by the Back Step Boogie Club and Viscaria dance, a Wild Wings bird rescue display and many more stalls providing fund and refreshment.

David Keene, local councillor and police commissioner explained: "This is a great event for the whole community and the result of a lot of hard work from all involved in the planning and running of the day by the Penketh carnival events team and helpers. It is great to see day by the retiketh carrival events team and helpers. It is great to see everyone come together for a great day of fun and what great weather we had this year too".









Residents fight to save Penketh Tavern

by Paul Jackson

LAST orders have been called on the much loved Penketh Tavern pub

the much loved Penketh Tavern pub at Warrington.

At an emotionally charged gathering recently, locals and residents of the historic pub met to draw up plans to fight the sudden announcement by the building's owners, Warrington Housing Asssosiation, to call time on there beloved community hub.

In a letter received by leaseholder Maureen Stephens who has worked at the Tavern for 30 years, the owners outlined their plan to close the pub with immediate effect

ne owners outlined their pian to close the pub with immediate effect at the end of September.

Although Maureen only recently signed a three year lease for the property there was a built in break clause giving the Association legal rights to close the building to public the Association should be a many bookings and been use. As many bookings had been taken an application for a stay of execution until January was refused on safety grounds. In a letter from David Cummins, Chief Executive of W.H.A. the decision to close the pub is final and cites issues of ongoing costs as the main reason

The pub is home for many groups and societies and boasts the areas oldest chess club which can trace its roots back to 1889 and they still meet on Wednesdays.

It is also home for two fishing

clubs, two darts teams, a snooker team, and a bowling club. The Royal Air Force Association also hold their regular meetings there as do the Stroke Association who are provided with free use and tea and

There is also a very popular bingo evening providing the only social interaction for several old people and the function room hosts regular charity events supporting, amongst others, St. Roccos and the Shannon Bradshaw Trust.

A spokesman for the R.A.F.A. A spokesman for the K.A.F.A. said "Closing the Tavern will be a huge blow to the annual Remembrance Sunday Celebrations. The memorial garden here, which locals have placed crosses and wreaths at, is the whole focal point for the parade. Not only do we lay our wreath here it is also where everybody meets afterwards with up to 300 participants coming together at the Tayern.

"The Memorial garden contains the ashes of former President of the Penketh Legion, Les Murdoch, and Penketh Legion, Les Murdoch, and there are also crosses placed for Steven Birdsall and Tom Sephton who sadly lost their lives in Afghanistan."

The building has been a large part of local history since it was built in 1880 for the Harrison-Bolton family who lived there until

1926 when it was bought by the Broadbents who owned shops in Warrington and still have a womens wear outlet in Stockton

Many of the original fixtures and fittings are still in place including the stained glass windows in the old chapel area and in the snooker room which used to be an orangery and the cabinets and fire surround, originally built and fitted out by Garnetts Cabinets Works of

Warrington, can still be seen.
Robert Garnett who founded the furniture company at the site which later became Woolworths was himself a Penketh resident. The house was sold again in 1953 to the Royal British Legion for £6000 before finally being acquired by

the present owners.

With repairs estimated at £20,000 there are plans to try to raise money to help towards the costs with local tradesmen offering their services for free. But it is feared this will not be enough to reverse the decision to close the community hub.

A potential way forward is for the local people to apply to have the pub registered with the Council

as an Asset of Community Value.
Penketh Parish Council is supporting the efforts to save the

Tavern. Check out warringtonworldwide's live broadcast with regulars who have rallied to try and save the Tavern by visiting warrington-worldwide.co.uk





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Step in the right direction for Priestley's dancers

ELEVEN students from Warrington's Priestley College have defied the odds by all securing places at the UK's top dance schools – many the equivalent of Oxford and Cambridge to young performers.

Among them is Sophie Burrows who is heading to Stella Mann College and is one of only about a dozen students there to réceive a

DaDA Scholarship.

The award will pay for her education as she follows in the footsteps of West End performers and various television and film setters at the college of performing actors at the college of performing

arts.
The former Bridgewater High School pupil said: "I've been dancing since I was three-years-old so this is a dream come true.
"What I've learnt over the past

two years gave me the confidence and versatility as a dancer to get through the auditions and secure this place."

Another former Bridgewater pupil Joe Pimlott, who combined Dance with Drama and English Literature at Priestley, is going on to study contemporary dance at Trinity Labán Conservatoire of Dance and Music in London.

He secured a place ahead of dancers from around the world despite an injury that left him unable to perform for several months of his course. Joe said: "It was hard watching classes from the sidelines, but it just

made me even more determined to do well."

Most of the students caught the dance bug early. Some were just two when their love of movement emerged at various classes around Warrington. At Priestley they honed their skills and built their confidence in preparation for the gruelling audition process at the colleges.

"First you have to be selected for an audition and then the audition can last eight hours and include solos, singing and a monologue," said Molly Paterson, who is heading to the Liverpool Institute for

Performing Arts.

Danielle Burgess, who heading for the Kate Simmons Dance School, said: "We've all become more versatile dancers at Priestley because we've studied everything from African dance to Contemporary.

"We've been pushed really hard and that helped when we got to auditions.

As well As well as attending many professional shows with Priestley, the dancers have also staged their own performances in venues as diverse as Daresbury Church, a woodland in Grappenhall and Formby beach.

Tutor Rachel Leyland said a combination of the students' dedication and the opportunities offered at Priestley had given them the best chance of progression.

They have been a phenomenal year group and have inspired one

another in ways I don't think they even realise," she said. "I'm very proud of them and just pleased they've all achieved the success they deserve."





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Peggy Moss MBE

ST ROCCO'S Hospice has paid tribute to volunteer stalwart Peggy Moss, who died recently, just two days after her 100th birthday.

Peggy from Padgate, who celebrated her 100th birthday on June 26, was born towards the end of the First World War, in Manchester opposite the Palace Theatre. She had been invited to officially open the charity's new shop in Lymm recently, but was sadly too frail to attend. In stepped Chairman Norman Banner who paid tribute to the

outstanding volunteer.

It was in 1980 that Peggy became a member of the first Steering Committee for St Rocco's Hospice and this was to occupy a great part of her life for the next 35 years. She could tell lots of tales years. She could tell lots of tales about helping to set up the charity shops, collecting and selling used postage stamps and being an avid reader herself, sorting and selling second-hand books! Despite all this, Peggy felt a sense of humility when she was awarded the MBE in 2002 and then became the UK Hospice Volunteer of the Year in 2015 on her 'retirement.'

It was Peggy who instigated the relationship with Golden Square and the value of that relationship has been colossal over the years, probably hundreds of thousands.

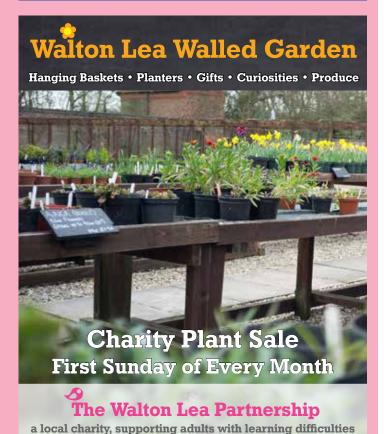
Peggý remembered that every year around Christmas time the shopping centre would encourage people to throw change into a pond, which she would then have to clean after it had been dredged. She recalled at the time: "I must be the only money launderer not in prison!"

prison!"
Peggy set up the very first shop, which was an eye opener for her. "I couldn't believe that people could get rid of so much rubbish – or that other people would buy it!"
One of her highlights from the last 34 years was watching the foundations being laid for the new building on Lockton Lane.
On her 100th birthday, Peggy was an in-patient of St Rocco's and received a personal letter

was an in-patient of 51 kocco's and received a personal letter of thanks for her years of service and congratulations on her centenery from the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, David Briggs and cards from her many friends. Sadly Peggy passed away two days later and her funeral, a celebration of her life, takes place at Padgate Methodist Church on July 27 at 1pm.







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U-Turn on 'Making Tax Digital'

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Yet another U-Turn by the government, and one which will be widely welcomed by the small business community.

"Making Tax Digital" is a flagship project of the government, meant not only to bring the tax system into the 21st century, but also to bring in additional revenue of about £500m. The problem is that noone from the government has adequately explained how this was meant to happen. Not only that, they seemed to gloss over the additional costs that everyone



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

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the additional costs that everyone else knew would be faced by small businesses in meeting these requirements.

Originally, from April 2018 unincorporated business with a turnover in excess of £10,000 would have been required to make quarterly reports to the tax office, as would people receiving rental income above this level. There would then be two further summary reports to be made after the end of the tax year. These requirements were separate and distinct, so someone operating a business and receiving rental income would be faced with making a total of ten reports each year.

In March, the government conceded that the proposed timetable was not possible, and delayed the start until April 2019 for all businesses below the VAT registration limit, currently £85,000 per annum.

Fortunately, the government has shot itself in their collective feet in a number of ways. Firstly, the need to prepare for Brexit, as well as calling an early General Election, has placed considerable additional pressure on their resources. Secondly, the changes to the tax rules affecting contractors working within the public sector has apparently resulted in a significant shortage of software and other IT specialists available to

contractors working within the public sector has apparently resulted in a significant shortage of software and other IT specialists available to the tax office. A spectacular case of "unexpected consequences".

The result is that the government has announced that there will be the following significant changes to "Making Tax Digital".

Firstly, it will only apply to businesses with a turnover above the registration threshold for VAT. Secondly, it will initially only apply to VAT. Thirdly, even these substantially reduced obligations will be delayed until April 2019. Fourthly, "Making Tax Digital" for other taxes will be delayed until at least April 2020, and will be voluntary only for businesses with turnovers between £10,000 and the VAT registration limit.

According to The Treasury, these changes result in businesses not being required to make information available to HMRC more frequently than at present. However, it is not clear whether this will apply to businesses operating the Annual Accounting Scheme for VAT which is currently available to businesses with a turnover below £1.3m. However, if the Treasury statement is correct then we can expect to see a huge increase in the number of businesses applying to operating under this scheme!

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National recognition for town's fitness course



LIVEWIRE and Warrington Wolves' rugby themed fitness and wellbeing course has been nominated for a prestigious national award.

The Fit to Tackle programme is shortlisted in the Royal Society of Public Health (RSPH) Health and Wellbeing awards in the Healthier

whethering awards in the rediffier lifestyles category.

The 12-week programme has supported more than 250 men and 200 women to shed 376 stone between them since it was stabilized into the stabilized in the sta

The programme aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people who have a BMI of 25 or above, by challenging them to take part in physical activity and helping them to improve their diet and mental wellbeing.

Participants engage in three exercise sessions a week covering all kinds of physical activity, including Touch Rugby, to improve their strength and help them shed the pounds. the pounds.

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The activities are tough and put the participants through their paces, with a weekly challenge to run four laps of the pitch at Warrington Wolves' stadium and scale the 4,000 stadium steps.

The course also offers

The course also offers motivational talks from Warrington Wolves' head coach, mental health advice through State of Mind, and Change4Life nutritional sessions.

to Tackle was originally

established as a male-only course but its initial success meant that, due to popular-demand, a female

only version was soon developed.

Emma Hutchinson, managing director of LiveWire, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be shortlisted for this prestigious

award.
"We initially introduced the programme as there appeared to be a perception that weight loss

be a perception that weight loss services are for women only. "Rugby League has a huge following in Warrington, so we knew it wouldn't be difficult to get local men to sign up and commit to

a 12 week programme.
"After the success of the maleonly course, we received hundreds of requests from their female friends and family members to develop a programme for them and that's when the ladies programme was introduced.

"Both programmes have enabled us build a stronger partnership with Warrington Wolves and improve the health and wellbeing of so many people in the community.

The winner of the award will be appropriated by the PSPLA Avaidable.

announced at the RSPH Awards ceremony, on Thursday October 19 in London.

Savelio signs for Brisbane Broncos

WARRINGTON Wolves' second rower Andre Savelio will leave the club at A product of Latchford Albion, Savelio, 22, signed for Warrington ahead of the 2017 season having previously played at St Helens, debuting in 2014.

He represented England at U16s and U18s early in his career and made 42 first-grade appearances for St Helens before a spell on loan at Castleford. He earned Warrington heritage number 1131 making his debut in February against Catalans and to date has made 18 appearances scoring

He was also part of the starting 13 who defeated Brisbane in this year's Dacia World Club Series.



Picture: Eddie Whitham

Warrington Town fixtures 2017-18

WARRINGTON Town will open the 2017/18 Evo-Stik Premier League season with a home game against Rushall Olympic on Saturday August 12.

Paul Carden's men will follow that with a trip to newly promoted Lancaster City on Tuesday August 15.

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Marine and another newly promoted side, Witton Albion, are the two teams that cover the key Bank Holiday dates – with the Yellows going to Merseyside on Bank Holiday Monday August 28 with the return fixture at Cantilever Park on New Year's Days Year's Day.

A Boxing Day trip to Witton is followed by the home game on Easter Monday.

Other notable dates are the fixtures against relegated side and early favourites Altrincham, who visit Cantilever Park on Saturday October 21, while Stalybridge Celtic com December 9 come to town on Saturday

All fixtures are subject to change, particularly those that clash with designated cup dates.

List in full:

August
Sat 12 - Rushall Olympic (H)

Tue 15 - Lancaster City (A)
Sat 19 - Coalville Town (A)
Tue 22 - Ashton United (H)
Sat 26 - Matlock Town (H)

Mon 28 - Marine (A)

September

September
Sat 2 – FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round
Tue 5 – Workington (A)
Sat 9 – Farsley Celtic (H)
Tue 12 – Stafford Rangers (H)
Sat 16 – FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round
Tue 19 – Buxton (A)
Sat 23 – Halesowen Town (A)
Tue 26 – Stourbridge (H)
Sat 30 – Pushall Olympic (A) – FA Cup 3

Sat 30 – Rushall Olympic (A) – FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round October

October
Tue 3 - Lancaster City (H)
Sat 7 - Whitby Town (H)
Tue 10 - Ashton United (A)
Sat 14 - Barwell (A) - FA Cup 4th

Sat 21 – Altrincham (H)
Sat 28 – FA Trophy 1st Qualifying Round
Tue 31 – Nantwich Town (A)

November
Sat 4 - Sutton Coldfield Town (H) -

FA Cup 1st Round

Sat 11 – FA Trophy 2nd Qualifying Round Sat 18 – Mickleover Sports (A) Sat 25 – Hednesford Town (H) – FA

Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round

December Sat 2 – Shaw Lane (A) – FA Cup 2nd

Sat 9 – Stalybridge Celtic (H) Sat 16 - Grantham Town (A) - FA Trophy 1st Round

Sat 23 - Coalville Town (H) Tue 26 - Witton Albion (A)

Sat 30 – Matlock Town (A)

January Mon 1 – Marine (H) Sat 6 – Buxton (H) – FA Cup 3rd

Sat 13 - Stafford Rangers (A) - FA Trophy 2nd Round

Sat 20 - Barwell (H) Sat 27 – Altrincham (A)

February
Sat 3 - Shaw Lane (H) - FA Trophy

3rd Round

Sat 10 – Sutton Coldfield Town (A)

Sat 17 – Mickleover Sports (H) Sat 24 – Hednesford Town (A) March

Sat 3 - Nantwich Town (H)

Sat 17 - Grantham Town (H) Sat 24 - Stalybridge Celtic (A) Sat 31 - Whitby Town (A) April

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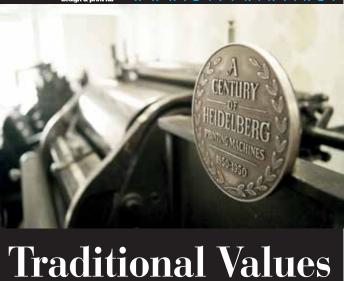
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