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Young heroes praised after helping save distressed man

FOUR young heroes who helped save a man's life have been presented with special "Good Citizen" citations by Police who described them as "pillars of the community."

Without any concerns for their own safety the four youngsters put themselves between a distressed man who was considering jumping off a motorway bridge and kept him talking and safe until police arrived at the scene.

The drama was captured on motorway CCTV with police later praising the actions of the young men on social media.

warrington-worldwide launched an appeal via social media to trace the youngsters and within a matter of hours they were identified as Warrington and Vale Royal College Public Service students, Kaileb Walters,

James Barnshawe and Connor O'Hara, all aged 18 and Nathan Kenyon, 17.

Presenting special Certificates of Appreciation and Good Citizen citations Inspector Hannah Friend said: "Police received multiple calls from members of the public reporting concern for the welfare and safety of a man who was standing on the motorway bridge at junction 9 of the M62 at Winwick.

"Police patrols were deployed to find the male but initial information had given the wrong location leading to a short delay in police attendance.

"Fortunately four members of the public had seen the male who was vulnerable and distressed; they approached the man and spoke with him until patrols arrived.

"Motorway CCTV showed that they

made great efforts to communicate with the male and prevented him from approaching the edge of the bridge, maintaining his safety.

"Without their intervention, it is possible the male may have come to harm in his distressed state.

"These individuals have acted with compassion, bravery and selflessness. They have demonstrated the best qualities of community spirit and have rightly been described as "pillars of the community" for their outstanding assistance during this incident.

"This citation is to recognise and thank these individuals for their excellent support to Cheshire police and the Warrington community."

The students, who are all good friends and considering careers with the police, had been walking home from college when they became aware of the distressed male looking over the side of the motorway bridge at Junction nine of the M62.

Kaileb said: "He was clearly distressed so we just tried to keep him calm by talking about things in general like football. He was a really nice guy who had obviously been through a tough time and we were just happy to help."

All four students were congratulated by College Principal Nichola Newton who said: "The college is extremely proud of the actions of these four young students, they are a credit to the college and the town."



easyJet launches three new services from Liverpool John Lennon Airport

easyJet, the UK and Liverpool's leading airline easyJet, has announced it will operate three new routes from Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) next Summer, with departures to Dalaman in Turkey, Palermo in Sicily and Pula in Croatia

The new routes mean easyJet now flies to 31 destinations from Liverpool and is expected to fly around 20,000 passengers between Liverpool and these new destinations next summer. The new routes will operate twice a week from 28th July 2018.

easyJet has seen sustained expansion at LJLA in recent months having launched its first flight to Venice last month and announced an additional Airbus A320 aircraft to be based at Liverpool for next summer - their eighth aircraft to be based here.

In October, easyJet celebrated 20 years of operations at Liverpool and have carried over 40 million passengers on routes to and from Liverpool to date.

Ali Gayward, easyJet UK Country

Manager, said, "We're delighted to be adding three new summer routes from Liverpool. This announcement today highlights our commitment to providing affordable routes to summer holiday destinations. We're sure that they will prove extremely popular with passengers."

"easyJet is the UK's leading airline and we have been committed to Liverpool Airport for over 20 years. We are proud to have carried more than 40 million passengers in that time.

"Whether our customers want the guaranteed sunshine of Dalaman and Pula or soak up the rich history and Mediterranean coastline of Sicily, we expect all our new routes to be especially popular with passengers and it also underlines our commitment to LJLA."

Paul Winfield, Director of Aviation Development for Liverpool John Lennon Airport commented, "We are delighted to see three exciting new destinations added to the Liverpool network with our largest airline partner. They are markets that will prove popular with

passengers from across the North West region looking to travel from the 'Fastest, Easiest and Friendliest' airport in the North West."

"With exclusive markets served only from Liverpool John Lennon Airport, we are delighted to offer

a broad range of services to our immediate catchment of 7 million people."

For more information about the new flights or easyJet's network from Liverpool visit www.easyJet.com



LJLA's Paul Winfield with easyJet's Ali Gayward celebrating the news of the three new routes from Liverpool for next Summer.

From the Chief Executive

Colin Daniels

Cheshire is 20% more productive than the rest of UK

Official figures just published by the office for National Statistics show that Cheshire and Warrington produces 20% more per head than the UK average, confirming the areas position as the North's economic power house.

The figures show that economic output grew by 6% between 2015 and 2016 to just under 30 billion per annum and confirmed Cheshire and Warrington as having the second highest income per head of any sub-region in England outside of London.

The data also confirmed that the area still produce 25% of the North West's manufacturing output worth £6.5 billion a year highlighting the sub-region's economy as the best performing in the North.

No-deal Brexit less likely?

The likelihood of the Government failing to reach a deal is plummeting, which should reduce the risk facing the economy and inject more confidence into businesses and investors according to analysts at JP Morgan and UBS.

UBS said "the progress made on Brexit negotiations will likely have lessened uncertainty" for businesses investment and hiring as "the UK looks set to enter a transition agreement" in which "little should change operationally for most firms".

The economy defied fears of a slump in 2016 to grow by 1.9pc and appears to have held firm with GDP growth of 1.8pc for 2017.

JP Morgan has raised its growth forecast for this year to 1.8pc. The bank has cut the probability of the Brexit Negotiations failing to reach a conclusion from 25pc to 15pc as the UK and Brussels move towards trade talk.

Ikea

The passing of Ingvar Kampard, the billionaire founder of flat pack furniture retailer Ikea has a significance for Warrington, which was where Ikea opened its first store in the UK and for some time it was the only Ikea store and as a consequence customers travelled from the whole of the UK to Warrington. Chamber Chief Executive Colin Daniels was a member of the Council when the deal was done.

Britain is EU's top exporter of services

The UK is the biggest exporter of services in the EU, accounting for more than a fifth of the services sold by the trading bloc.

Services worth £183bn Euros (£161bn) were exported by the UK in 2016 equivalent to 22.3pc of the services exported by the EU to non-member countries according to Eurostat.

In 2016 seven EU member states recorded their largest trade surplus for goods with the UK making it a highly significant trading partner within the single market.

Eleven member states including Germany, Netherlands and Ireland list the UK as one of their top trading partners for exporting goods.

Rise in Exports

Exports of goods have risen in every region of the UK since last year, in what will be a welcome sign for the Government.

Figures released by HM Revenue & Customs showed that in the year to September, England exported 14pc more goods than a year earlier reaching £241.1bn, Scotland's goods export rose by 19.9pc to £28bn.

Export of goods in Wales rose by 18.9pc to £16.4bn and Northern Ireland's by 13.3pc to £8.5bn.

Construction sector out of recession?

Britain's construction sector appears to have emerged from recession in November as a surge in house building came to the rescue.

Commercial and civil engineering work is still contracting but the rise in residential construction has dragged optimism in the industry. The purchasing manager's index, an influential private sector survey compiled by HIS Markit rose to 53.1 in November up from 50.3 in October.

Any score above 50 indicates growth so the sector appears to have moved from stagnation to modest growth and is a substantial improvement on the 48.1 in September.

Unemployment Levels

Unemployment will fall to a fresh 44 year low in 2018 as companies hire enthusiastically taking the jobless rate from 4.3pc now to 3.9pc next year – a level last seen in 1974.

Pay growth should also start to edge up while inflation slips back.

The forecast from the CBI will predict that economic growth will remain flat overall however at 1.5pc in 2017, 1.5pc in 2018 and 1.3pc in 2019 "Jobs are still being created so the strong levels of employment will support consumption growth.



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Colin Daniels, Chief Executive

Help save lives this year and put your company at the heart of its community

Thanks to the generosity of its fundraisers the BHF is funding research that is central to discovering new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat heart and circulatory disease.

By 2020 the BHF will have funded half a billion pounds of lifesaving research, to help accelerate the fight against these devastating conditions which claim the lives of nearly 160,000 people in the UK each year.

In Warrington alone there are currently 21,500 fighting a daily battle with heart disease and sadly last year 500 people lost their battle.

Leah Goodhind, Corporate and Community Fundraising Manager for the British Heart Foundation in Cheshire and volunteer and cardiac arrest survivor Chris Connor are calling on Warrington based companies for their support during 2018.

Leah said "There are so many benefits to partnering with the BHF; all partnerships are relevant and unique to the company as well as encompassing a real 'partnership' ethos! Our corporate partners play a crucial role in helping us win the fight against heart disease. Not only do they raise vital funds for our lifesaving research, but they also help raise awareness of the devastating impact heart disease in our communities and how we can protect against it"

If you would like to find out more about creating a unique partnership with the BHF and put your company at the heart of the community and adopt the BHF as your Charity of the Year, you can get in touch with Leah on 07500057015 or email goodhindl@bhf.org.uk



Warrington Apprentice reaches national finals

A STUDENT at Warrington & Vale Royal College has brought home a trophy and gone through to the national final of the Gorilla Glue Apprentice of the Year competition.

Ryan Beckett won through to the finals after coming up with his own upcycling project and diary project.

Gorilla Glue launched the Apprentice of the Year competition to find the UK's most 'Talented and Tough' Apprentice, working with seven Colleges across the UK.

The apprentices at Warrington & Vale Royal College were tasked with creating projects made from wood, using only Gorilla Glue products, and the students were asked to present their creations to the judges.

College student Ryan Beckett will now go onto the finals detailing every step of his project for the finals judges. The judges will comprise of Gorilla Glue Europe MD Simon Damp, Apprentice Builder Magazine Editor Lee Jones, and former BBC Young Carpenter of the Year Tibby Singh Chodha.

Ryan, Warrington & Vale Royal College winner, said: "I really enjoyed doing this because I got to do something I love. It's a trade that is becoming slightly lost and few people now do it, so I was glad to be involved in the competition and I want to carry on doing it. I am really excited for the final!"

Lee Moorhouse, tutor at Warrington & Vale Royal College, said: "From the outset, we were all very excited to be involved with Gorilla Glue and the 'Apprentice of the Year' competition. The learners felt privileged to be associated with the brand and they all took the competition very seriously. We are all looking forward to the next stage and hope to see this competition developed into something much bigger in the coming years!"

Simon Damp, Managing Director of Gorilla Glue Europe said: "We have launched the 2018 Apprentice of the Year competition to work with the trade professionals of the future and to find an apprentice who really stands out, with talent and a natural flair for their trade.

"We were extremely impressed by the quality of all of the apprentices work at Warrington & Vale Royal College, and the hard work that their project demonstrated. However, Ryan really stood out, and this project really fits the

Gorilla Glue credentials; it is tough, durable and he is a worthy winner of the Warrington & Vale Royal College heats."

Supporting all the Colleges participating in the Apprentice of the Year competition, the Gorilla Glue team also developed an interactive demonstration day for the students at Warrington & Vale Royal College and has donated a year's supply of Gorilla Glue products.

The competition started in September 2017 and culminates

in March 2018, when the 2018 Apprentice of the Year will be announced.

The winner of the Gorilla Glue Apprentice of the Year competition, 2018, will win an Apprentice of the Year trophy, a year's supply of Gorilla Glue products and trade tools worth up to £300.

The Gorilla Glue Apprentice of the Year competition, forms part of the Gorilla Glue Corporate Social Responsibility strategy, to give students a clear advantage and a head start in their chosen trade.

Bus company wants to enlist 'Concessionary Tsar'

BUS company Network Warrington is to enlist a "Concessionary Tsar" to give a voice to concessionary fare passengers.

They want to recruit, on a voluntary basis, a concessionary (or other free) pass holder to help support and represent the views of fellow concessionary travellers.

The volunteer, dubbed a "Concessionary Tsar", will offer advice on issues affecting free pass holders to Network Warrington's senior managers.

They will help the company to overcome any barriers for people using the free pass scheme and will also organise social outings using the bus network.

The company is looking for someone outgoing, pro-active and willing to meet with stakeholders, to act as the voice of fellow passengers and to promote the free pass scheme on offer to all concessionary pass holders.

Network Warrington managing director Ben Wakerley said: "We want to ensure we're doing all we

can to provide a service that is fit for purpose and to help promote independent travel for all.

"The Concessionary Tsar title, although a little tongue-in-cheek, will be critical to ensuring we are there for passengers who may need more support than others.

"We'd love to hear from anyone who wants to support Warrington and its transport offer."

Cllr Cathy Mitchell, chairman of Network Warrington, added: "We are committed to seeking feedback from our passengers and the views of our concessionary pass holders are

essential.

"We want to be a bus company that works for all of Warrington's communities and a volunteer who can champion the views of our concessionary and free pass holders will be important to ensure we continue to offer a suitable service for them."

For more information about the Concessionary Tsar role, read the role description online (at www.reed.co.uk/jobs/concessionary-tsar/34108339?source=searchResults#/jobs/network-warrington/0575693) or call 01925 634296.



New CEO appointed at LJLA

Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) has announced that John Irving has been appointed as the new CEO of the Airport Company and is due to take charge on 12th March 2018.

John joins the Airport from his current position as Chief Commercial Officer at Newcastle International Airport where he has worked for the past two and half years driving record passenger and airline growth. A qualified Management Accountant, prior to his time in aviation John has also held senior commercial and financial positions at Newcastle United Football Club and Procter and Gamble and brings a wealth of successful business experience from across various sectors.

LJLA handled almost 5 million passengers in 2017 with flights to over 60 destinations in the UK and across Europe and is known for its relaxed, hassle free environment and best-in-class operational performance. Passenger numbers grew by almost 3% last year

compared to 2016 generating the Airport's highest annual passenger figures since 2011 and LJLA is also one of the area's major employers, attracting inward investment and bringing significant tourism benefits, helping to boost the region's economy.

New CEO John Irving commented, "I am very excited at being given the opportunity to take this business forward at a time when the Peel Group's continued investment in the Airport has seen Liverpool become one of the UK's stand-out regional airports.

I am thoroughly looking forward to building on this recent success and for Liverpool to continue to be the faster, easier, friendlier Airport of choice for passengers from across the region."

Park Royal Hotel receives customer service recognition

The Park Royal Hotel at Stretton has received a prestigious Gold Standard BDRC accreditation following glowing 2017 customer service feedback.

The hotel, managed by the UK's leading independent hotel management company - Redefine/BDL Hotels' (RBH's) - was recognised by the only meetings accreditation programme driven solely by the voice of the customer, following its strong VenueVerdict scores in 2017. The scores were generated following event feedback from meeting bookers and event hosts.

More than 20 properties within the RBH portfolio were recognised with Gold Standard Accreditations and Commendations.

Rob Ledson, Group Director of Sales at RBH, said: "We're

delighted to see the team's hard work and commitment to providing outstanding service and facilities for meetings and events clients has paid off and that we have so many delighted customers.

"Our hotels have produced exceptional VenueVerdict scores in recent years, with new accreditations to celebrate every year."

BDRC Continental is the UK's largest independent research consultancy and BDRC VenueVerdict accreditations are based entirely on genuine, verified customer feedback, reflecting the cream of the nation's meetings providers.

The Park Royal is also part of the Q Hotels portfolio nominated in the Best Venue Group Meeting Product category at the M&IT Awards.



MEMBERS PRESENTATION SPEAKERS:

Warrington & Vale Royal College
FDR Law

Plus Guest Speaker:
Gary Skentelbery—Orbit News

Date: Tuesday 6th March 2018
Time: 12.00pm – 2.00pm

Venue: Warrington & Vale Royal College,
Winwick Road, Warrington, WA2 8QA

You are cordially invited to attend our Members Presentation which will take place at the Warrington & Vale Royal College. Time 12.00pm for 12.15pm.

You are reminded that speakers for the following Presentation will be drawn from Members who attend this meeting. **Please note 10 minutes is allocated to each speaker.**

This is an excellent opportunity to meet fellow Chamber Members at the Buffet which follows the Presentation. The Buffet will close at 2.00pm.

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MEMBERS PRESENTATION

2018

Nursing students secure places at top universities



Four health and social care students from Warrington & Vale Royal College are celebrating after securing places to study nursing at some of the country's most prestigious universities.

Elisha Harding, Megan Williams, Jessica Bridge and Sophie Wills – who are all in the final year of their level 3 qualification at the college – will continue their studies at a variety of universities in September 2018.

Former Beamont Collegiate Academy pupil Megan has been offered places at the University of Chester, Liverpool John Moores University and the University of Salford.

Jessica, a former Hope Academy pupil, will choose between the University of Salford and the University of Central Lancashire.

Former Great Sankey High School pupil Elisha has been offered places at Chester and Salford, while Sophie – a former Penketh High School pupil – will be choosing from Chester and King's College London.

The group say they owe their success to the college's tutors, who have supported them every step of the way during their course to ensure they reach their goals.

Megan said: "It doesn't quite feel real that we've got these university offers – it's a fantastic feeling. Having our university options sorted is a huge weight off our shoulders."

Sophie added: "The health and social care course at Warrington & Vale Royal College is the most amazing course. The opportunities and experiences we have had, thanks to the college, have given us such an edge that will really benefit us in the future, especially the work placements we have been able to take part in."

Jessica said: "We would never have been able to get these university places if it wasn't for our tutors at

From left to right: Health and social care students Sophie Wills, Jessica Bridge, Elisha Harding and Megan Williams.

the college. They are so supportive and as well as obviously helping us with the course, they have given us advice on so many things and have helped with our personal statements."

Elisha added: "I have absolutely loved my time at Warrington & Vale Royal College and cannot wait to go on to university."

Warrington & Vale Royal College has a fantastic record of helping health and social care students to obtain places at their chosen university to study a variety of topics, including in-demand nursing and midwifery courses.

Amanda MacKinnon, Curriculum Manager for Health, Social & Childcare, said: "Elisha, Megan, Jessica and Sophie should be so incredibly proud of themselves for securing places at university, especially in such a competitive

industry as nursing.

"At Warrington & Vale Royal College, we pride ourselves on giving our students the best opportunities to help them succeed in life. In industries like health, social and childcare, having real-life work experience is extremely important and something that the girls have all taken part in. This experience will have surely helped in their university applications. Elisa, Meg, Sophie and Jess have worked so hard during their time at the college and this shows in both their assignments and predicted grades. I am positive they will make fantastic nurses in the future."

To find out more about the courses and opportunities available in the health, social and childcare industry, visit wvr.ac.uk or come to our open evening on Monday 12th February, 5pm-7pm.

Latest report shows LJLA has one of the world's best on time records

Last year was another successful year for Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) and the cause for a double celebration with the latest figures showing an increase in passenger throughput and Liverpool achieving one of the industry's best scheduled flight punctuality records.

Last year some 4.95 million passengers used the Airport, with

over 125,000 more passengers choosing to use Liverpool - an increase of almost 3%, compared to 2016 and the Airport's highest annual figures since 2011.

In addition, the Punctuality League - a report published by OAG, the world's leading air travel intelligence company, shows that Liverpool has the 7th best record in the world for scheduled flight on time performance when compared

to airports of a similar size. When compared to airports of all sizes across the world, LJLA was placed 13th overall.

This is great news for the growing numbers of passengers who choose to fly from Liverpool, reassured to know that whilst the Airport becomes busier it has been able to ensure that as many flights as possible continue to operate on

time.

Highlights in 2017 included the start of Blue Air's base at Liverpool and the introduction of new year round services to Rome, Milan and Alicante. Other new services to a range of European cities included Venice with easyJet, and Prague, Bari and Girona with Ryanair, whilst TUI commenced Summer holiday flights to Ibiza from Liverpool too.

A musician worthy of note

AN ASPIRING musician has received a scholarship set up in memory of four former students who were in the band Viola Beach.

David Hindle will receive £500 to spend on furthering his musical career, which is already starting to show signs of promise.

Priestley College set up the Viola Beach Scholarship in honour of former students Jack Dakin, Kris Leonard, Tomas Lowe and River Reeves who sadly died last year.

"It means a great deal to receive a scholarship in Viola Beach's name because they were a band who were clearly going places," said David.

"My goal is to continue writing good songs – whether for my band or someone else – and to continue working hard in music."

David is frontman and guitarist with the band Kula Bay along with Oli Thomas (drums), Matt Carney (lead guitar) and Max Wright (Bass).

He studies BTEC Music and A-Level Music Technology at Priestley and hopes to go on to LIPA to study song writing.

In just six months Kula Bay have already started to create a buzz with their song 7 Hours, which was recorded at Neon Palms Recording Studio in Northwich.

It has since been played on BBC Introducing – a showcase for unsigned, self-signed and emerging musical talent.

Music Tutor Michael Grainger, who nominated David, said: "Not only is David an extremely talented musician, he is also totally dedicated and hard working.

"It was this attitude and approach – as much as his talent – that made him an obvious recipient for the scholarship."

David discovered his ability for guitar while at Birchwood Community High School.

His passion developed into writing music rather than covering songs by other musicians.

Every night he practises and writes melodies and lyrics at home in Paddington. He sends them to his bandmates who put their own spin on his efforts, especially Oli who

writes a lot of their lyrics.

With the scholarship David hopes to buy some high-end equipment to ensure future recordings are top quality.

Speaking about his approach to song writing, David said: "Rather than write songs about myself I tend to write about other people as if I am at a window looking in on them."



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Survey report

ROTENA presents the European Survey Report

Following the project's initial stages, a survey report was developed, which analyses the answers to a web-based survey with questions on robotics and 3D printing. The questions were given to three groups of stakeholders: providers of vocational education and training, small and medium-sized enterprises, and interested individuals.

Conclusions of the survey report

A clear majority of small and medium-sized enterprises plans on implementing robotics in their work processes in the future, which emphasises the need for workers who are skilled in these fields.

It is essential to not only offer traditional kinds of education in the robotics field, but to also venture into online tools and online education.

Online learning will allow for great flexibility in terms of time, curricula, and forms of education.

There is a need to educate not only future workers, but also today's employees.

Some numbers

Some details from the ROTENA report

36% of respondents had no knowledge about robotics in an industrial setting.

45% of respondents use 3D printing in their companies.

83% of the respondents would consider taking a free robotics course if they had the opportunity to do so.

90% of respondents think that knowledge in robotics will give them an advantage in their professional fields in the future.

The detailed survey report examines the current situation of robotics and 3D printing in Europe. It looks at the impact these technologies have on society and on the way people are educated about them.

To get access to the survey report, an executive summary and future ROTENA outcomes, go to the project website: <http://rotena.eu>



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Travel students land dream jobs

WARRINGTON based high flying travel and aviation students Hollie Clayton and Louis Price will be jetting off around the globe next year when they start their dream jobs as part of Jet2.com's cabin crew.

The duo, who are in the final year of their level 3 course at Warrington & Vale Royal College, are the latest travel and tourism students to secure prestigious roles within the industry.

They will take off on their new adventure in April, after going through a rigorous recruitment process with the airline company.

Hollie, 17, from Great Sankey, enthused: "This is my dream job. I have wanted this since I was seven years old - it's just a dream come true."

The former Great Sankey High School pupil added: "We get to travel the world as a job - it's insane. We could end up flying to New York, Cyprus, Spain, Rome anywhere! It's just so exciting."

Louis, a former Cardinal Newman Catholic High School pupil, added: "Not knowing where we will end up makes it even more exciting. Getting this job is a dream come true for me and something I would never have been able to achieve was it not for the course and my tutors at Warrington & Vale Royal College."

Hollie said: "Everything we have learned during the course has given us a competitive edge. During the recruitment process, we were asked questions and put in role play situations. A lot of it related to confrontation, something we had covered in detail in college. The course definitely played a massive part in helping us to secure these amazing jobs - we can't thank the college enough!"

Both Hollie and Louis - who has also dreamed of working as part of cabin crew since being a child - had interviewed for other airline

companies before securing their place with Jet2.com. But Hollie said despite this, she never gave up on her dream and urged others to follow in her footsteps.

She said: "If you want something, you should just go for it. Always be yourself and never, ever give up. If you get knocked back three or four times, keep going because if you want it, it will happen. And then when you get it on that fifth go, it will feel even better!"

Louis added: "If you are interested in a career in travel, tourism or aviation, definitely come to Warrington & Vale Royal College. You'll learn everything you need to put you that step ahead of the competition, and you will meet some fantastic people along the way."

Hollie and Louis are the latest travel and tourism students to secure top jobs in the industry after studying at Warrington & Vale Royal College.

Former student Jessica Eakins is currently working as part of cabin crew for Thomas Cook, Meg Kerr is working for security at Manchester Airport and Ryan Waterworth worked as a passenger service agent for Menzies Aviation, before moving to British Airways.

Tiki McCormick landed her dream job as a flight attendant with Virgin Atlantic, while former aviation operations student Andy Everest went on to work as part of the ground crew at City Airport & Heliport in Manchester.

Scott Grime, course leader and lecturer in aviation and travel & tourism, said: "I am over the moon for Hollie and Louis on securing their dream jobs with Jet2.com. They have worked incredibly hard

during their time at the college and this has paid off with this amazing opportunity.

"At the college, we pride ourselves on ensuring all of our students gain the knowledge and skills they need to go on and work in their chosen careers and industries. Hollie and Louis are shining examples of what is possible after studying at Warrington & Vale Royal College. Many of our other students are

also going through the recruitment process with various companies and I am sure Hollie and Louis' success will inspire and spur them on to reach their goals too."

To find out more about the opportunities available at Warrington & Vale Royal College, visit our website wvr.ac.uk or visit our open evening on Monday 12th February, 5pm-7pm.



Louis Price and Hollie Clayton

Top tips to avoid a will being challenged

Legal advice from Jennifer McGuinness, Associate at FDR Law specialising in Will Disputes www.fdrlaw.co.uk

QUESTION

How can I avoid my Will being successfully challenged?

ANSWER

Wills are challenged for many reason; e.g. lack of capacity, 'undue influence', failure to provide for certain people or technical defects.

It is impossible to prevent a disgruntled person bringing a challenge, but you can make your Will as robust as possible.

1. Pick your solicitor / Will Writer with care - Choose a recognised specialist and check if they are a member of STEP (Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners). There are stringent membership criteria, so you can be confident that they will have the relevant knowledge and expertise.

2. Give instructions directly in person - avoid a beneficiary giving instructions on your behalf and attending the appointment with you if possible; this can excite suspicion of undue influence. If this is unavoidable ensure the reasons are recorded

3. Letters of Wishes - if disinheriting anyone who might expect to benefit, or treating children unequally then it is recommended that you have a Letter of Wishes written with objective legal advice. This should be clear, concise and not hostile or emotive.

4. Medical Evidence - if you suspect that your Will could be challenged owing to mental health issues or age, obtain medical evidence from a qualified practitioner. You should seek professional advice to instruct a suitable practitioner to provide a report. Where a Will is challenged on these grounds, the report and letter of instruction will be scrutinised. A short one-line letter from your doctor will not suffice.

5. Gifts - if you leave someone out of your Will who might ordinarily expect to benefit, consider leaving a small gift and include the justification of your position in a letter of wishes. This will

demonstrate that you had given due consideration.

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Editor helps inspire students on reading challenge

STUDENTS at Warrington & Vale Royal College were given an insight into the importance of reading and the impact it can have on their future careers, thanks to an inspiring visit from warrington-worldwide Editor, Gary Skentelbery.

Organised as part of the college's reading campaign and English strategy, Gary spoke to students about his experiences of reading as a child and how his passion for both reading and writing led him to a successful journalism career, which has seen him develop the warrington-worldwide brand from one magazine to six.

Gary then delivered a reading session from his favourite childhood books – Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome – before presenting awards to three students who have shown outstanding progress in their reading this term.

Kieron Richings-Jones, Reece Forrester and Sophie Daniels were all named as reading champions and presented with a certificate and an Amazon voucher.

warrington-worldwide is one of the sponsors of the college's reading campaign, which aims to get every student reading regularly, as well as improving their reading ability.

Gary said: "Reading is an important part of our lives and something I enjoyed as a child, although sadly due to the pressures of work is something I don't do often enough now. You never stop learning by

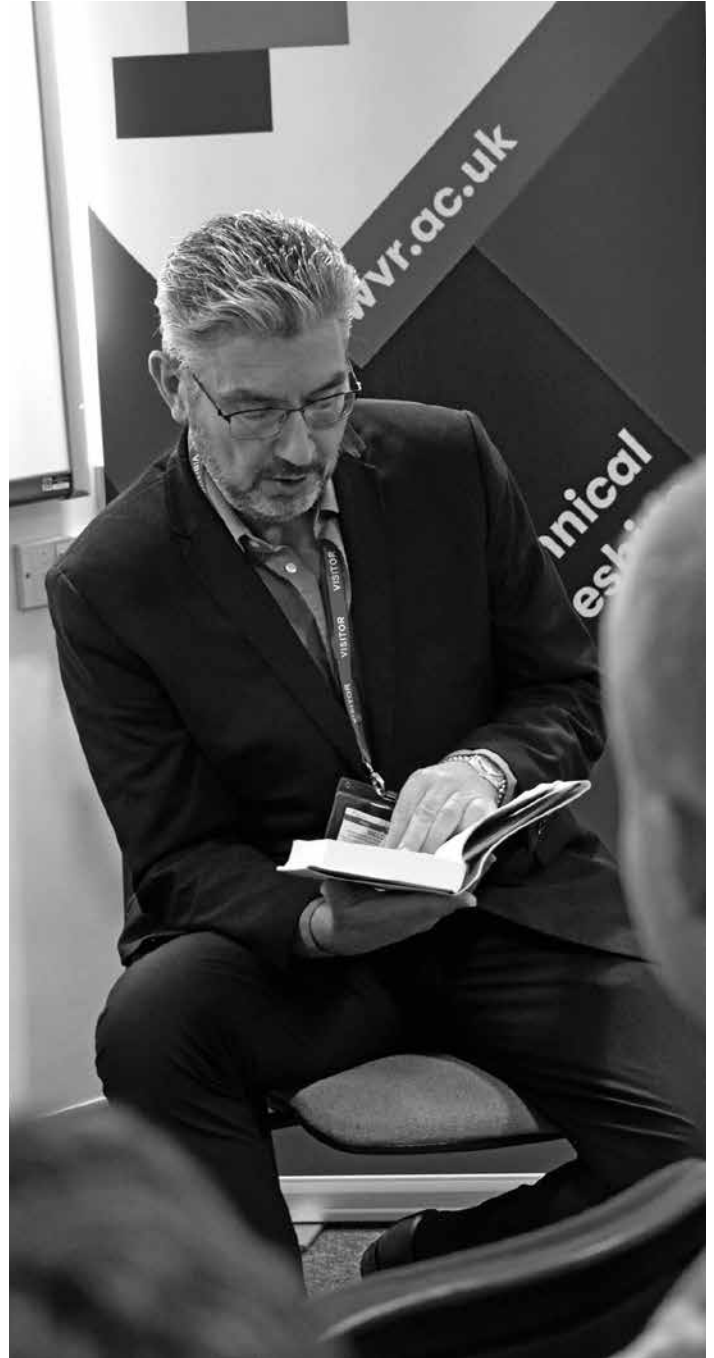
reading from books.

"When I heard about the reading campaign at the college I felt it was important to support and hopefully help inspire more young people to read more books. I would also encourage all parents and guardians to encourage young people to read, especially bedtime stories."

Gary added: "2018 is the 50th anniversary of our publishing company Orbit News Ltd and we are supporting a number of events like the reading challenge."

Elizabeth Draper, Director for English at Warrington & Vale Royal College, said: "We are really appreciative of Gary and warrington-worldwide for sponsoring our reading campaign this year, and for all of the help and support he has provided so far.

"Events like pop-up storytelling and 'Reading Elevenses' – which Gary led this term – are vitally important to not just encouraging our students to read, but also recognising their success in doing so. We will be continuing to hold such events throughout the academic year to further build on our impressive success in English over the past two years."



Departure of EU workers a huge threat to logistics industry

LOGISTICS industry training provider Mantra Learning say uncertainty about Brexit and better opportunities back home led to businesses losing 100 EU nationals a month.

EU workers play a vital role in the successful running of warehouses, transportation hubs and freight deliveries. There are 43,000 EU truck drivers working in the UK and an estimated 120,000 EU warehouse workers.

If this trend continues into 2018, where are staff for the industry going to come from.

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An e-market is an online location that provides a platform for companies of all sizes to do business through e-commerce.

Popular e-marketplaces include Amazon, Tmail and ebay. UKTI have identified over 400 e-marketplaces worldwide.

Egypt Ministry of Supply Decree

Egypt's Minister of Supply has issued a decree obliging all food companies to print a price label on all their products in clear.

Here are the highlights, in brief:

- The decision, which was published in the state's official gazette on Tuesday 24th of October 2017, includes companies that produce food products locally as well as those that package imported products.
- The decree also prohibits dealing with un-priced products anywhere down the line; whether

in retail, packing or distribution.

- The supply ministry has given a deadline of 31 December for dealers to sell any unlabelled products, which should also have set prices prior to the end of the deadline.
- The decree also imposes penalties on those who violate the law with one to five years in prison and a fine between EGP 300 and EGP 1,000, in accordance with Article 9 of the compulsory pricing and profit regulation law.

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Bus fares frozen

BUS company Network Warrington have announced are freezing bus fares.

The company issued a statement as a result of a number of passenger enquiries about ticket prices in the light of fare increased announced by other public transport providers.

A spokesman said: "We are seeking to clarify that our existing ticket prices will continue to be honoured across our entire network. We will also continue with our recently reduced fares on some routes.

"Network Warrington operates an extensive number of bus routes across the borough, including early mornings, evenings and weekends."

The company's last fares increase was in August 2015.

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Park Royal promoting health and fitness in the work place

Showing employees that you care about their fitness levels is a great way to boost morale. It demonstrates to your employees and colleagues that their health and well being is important to the company that they work for.

The endorphins released during exercise mean that the employees have more self confidence and energy, they have more positive attitudes when at work and they are less stressed too.

Fit employees are also much less likely to get sick or suffer stress at work. Encouraging exercise among staff could not only lead to a fall in the number of short term absentees, it could also have an effect on long term absenteeism too.

In the UK, 70 million days are lost from work each year because of mental ill health, making it the leading cause of sickness absence.

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