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# Editor's Comment



I'VE met some pretty inspirational people over the years – but 17-year-old Elizabeth Everett who features in this month's issue takes some beating when it comes to inspiration and smiling on in the face of adversity.

Battling with cancer is bad enough, especially when you suffer every known side effect during your treatment – but then to have to contend with OCD and Anorexia is a double whammy no one should have to endure, especially so young!

Not only has Elizabeth battled on, excelling in her school exams, she has bravely spoken about her eating disorder to raise awareness and help give inspiration and hope to others who suffer from this terrible illness. Elizabeth is a shining example of how to deal with adversity – and credit must also go to her family for being supportive during her time in need.

Like many people Elizabeth bottled up her fears before breaking down and speaking to her mother Colleen, who like any good parent was there in her daughter's darkest hour. The clear message is that it is "good to talk" to those close to you, especially your family, when faced with adversity.

Meanwhile it gave me no great pleasure to report on the fall from grace of former Mayor Cllr Les Morgan, following his unfortunate

choice of words typed in frustration following the defeat of his beloved Warrington Wolves.

While social media has been a useful tool for politicians to promote themselves in the local community, it can also prove to be their downfall.

Just like texts and emails, something typed in jest or haste can be taken out of context and what might seem funny to one generation can be extremely offensive to another.

Sadly for Cllr Morgan it wasn't his first indiscretion following

on from his comments about Warrington born DJ Chris Evans and his public outburst at the town hall entrance in front of a child handing in a petition.

His comments about Warrington Wolves' King brothers, was the straw that broke the camel's back and unfortunately brought about his resignation. It is a stark warning on how important it is for politicians and others in the public eye to use social media wisely.

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# Teenage girl bravely talks about battle with Anorexia to help others

A TEENAGE girl who bravely battled cancer has opened her heart and spoken about her ongoing battle with Anorexia to help raise awareness of the condition.

Elizabeth Everett aged 17, from Appleton Thorn, Warrington, broadcast her story live on facebook via [warrington-worldwide](http://www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk) in the hope it will help others suffering from eating disorders – a condition she told her mum was worse than dealing with cancer.

Her mum Colleen contacted [warrington-worldwide](http://www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk) after reading about "the incredible lady" Eileen MacDonald, who also recently spoke on video about her long battle with Anorexia.

Elizabeth was diagnosed, aged 16, with OCD and Anorexia last year and is currently receiving treatment as she continues to try to beat it.

It is not the only battle she has had to face in her relatively short

life. In 2015 she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and underwent chemotherapy at Alder Hey. She had every side effect going and her family were prepared for the worst when she contracted sepsis, CDiff and Ecoli in addition to many other life threatening infections.

Colleen said: "Never once did she feel sorry for herself, instead she was determined to make a difference and has since gone on to speak at a charity night in front of 800 people at the Parr Hall and has helped to raise thousands to buy chemotherapy for children in Bolivia."

"She recently told me that that Anorexia is so much worse than cancer - no 17 year old should have to say that and no Mum wants to hear it!"

"Elizabeth is absolutely determined to make a difference and help others."

Her interview went viral on social media attracting more than 15,000 viewings inspiring viewers who bombarded her with messages of support.

She wrote a poem about her experiences to help mark National Eating Disorder Week.

To see Elizabeth reading her poem check out the video broadcast on [warrington-worldwide](http://www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk) by searching for "anorexia"



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The team favour super sleek German kitchen manufacturer Schuller and are particularly interested in finding out what will be revealed in their luxury brand NEXT 125 range.

Dave said: "I am an engineer by trade, so the designs from Schuller really appeal to me. Exacting

standards, with precision finish and beautiful workmanship. That, and their eco credentials are why we've chosen to be the only supplier in Warrington, and we're keen to stay ahead of the game.

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Dave Charlton.

## Pupils proud to attend ambitious Lymm High School

A recent OFSTED inspection found pupils were proud to attend ambitious Lymm High School – which has been rated as good.

OFSTED inspected the school in February, and its report has just been published – praising the school for the improvements made under headteacher Gwyn Williams since he was appointed in 2015 and lauding its combination of "inclusivity and scholastic ambition".

OFSTED's report says that at A level "students made some of the strongest rates of progress seen across the whole country" and that

they also made excellent progress in GCSEs.

It rated the school good, saying "pupils are extremely proud to attend Lymm High School" and "are an absolute credit to the school".

The inspection team met with staff, governors and students, observed teaching and learning and scrutinised student books and other documents, as well as having almost 400 responses from parents to the ParentView questionnaire.

Writing to Mr Williams, the inspection team said "You, your leadership team and governors have an accurate understanding

of the quality of education that the school provides. Without doubt, you have created a culture of thorough monitoring and evaluation that is underpinned by honesty and integrity."

Mr Williams said: "This is a great report, which we think really reflects where the school is at the moment, and how hard staff and students have worked to improve things over the last few years.

"Nevertheless, there is no room for complacency – we know that we and our students are still capable of doing even better."



Gwyn Williams.

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# Overwhelming response to launch of new Business Exchange

By Steve Park

HUNDREDS of people attended the launch of the Business Exchange by Warrington & Co on Wednesday, March 7 at the Halliwell Jones Stadium. The response was overwhelming and exceeded even our expectations.

Indeed there was palpable excitement in the room for the Business Exchange. Many businesses signed up on the night. More are signing up every day.

The initiative promises to be the 'go to' networking organisation for Warrington businesses to connect, collaborate and grow.

The event comprised networking and a presentation demonstrating the Business Exchanges objectives and plans by Steve Park, managing director of Warrington & Co, who followed an introduction by Steven Broomhead, Chairman of Warrington & Co. We also had a message from MP Faisal Rashid relayed by video.

A panel discussion led by former BBC political correspondent Jim Hancock followed a speech by Mike Lomax of Total Steel who expounded his views on the importance of face-to-face networking and the significance of

the Warrington Business Exchange. The panel comprised Dave Pickering of Eddie Stobart, Annie Brown of the Park Royal Hotel, Gary Jenkins of No Brainer and Mike Lomax.

The Warrington Business Exchange sets out to be the place where businesses of all sizes and sectors, individual entrepreneurs, established business networks and trade associations can collaborate with the aim of creating a better connected, more cohesive and stronger economy in Warrington.

The programme of activities is planned that members will be able to access which will include:

- Networking Events
- Social Events
- A monthly newsletter
- Masterclasses

- Business events with speakers
- Sector clubs
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This is the start of something really exciting and special for Warrington Businesses. If you weren't able to get a ticket to the 'sold out' launch event, or want to find out more either check out the website [www.wbex.co.uk](http://www.wbex.co.uk) or call Jackie Emson on 01925 443294.

Warrington has an incredible number of talented businesses and entrepreneurs, from micro businesses to businesses with multi-million pound turnovers. The Business Exchange by Warrington & Co. will provide a forum for all these businesses to interact with each other and become more cohesive.



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Fri 27 Apr	Mother's Ruin - A Cabaret About Gin



## £6.5 million Warrington Youth Zone a step closer

**PLANS for a new £6.5million OnSide Youth Zone, supporting thousands of young people across Warrington, have moved a step closer as a planning application has been submitted.**

The joint venture between national young people's charity OnSide and Warrington Borough Council will see a purpose-built facility which will raise aspirations, enhance prospects and improve health and wellbeing for young people, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds in Warrington.

The new Youth Zone will offer affordable activities in sports, arts, music, employability and mentoring to young people aged from eight to 19, or up to 25 for those with a disability, every day of the week.

The confirmed site for the new state-of-the-art facility in the Stadium Quarter next to the UTC, which when completed will see Warrington Youth Club move to its new Youth Zone home. The proposed location is extremely central and accessible by public transport, enabling it to be reached by large numbers of young people from across the borough.

Cllr Jean Carter, executive board member for children's services said: "As a major partner in this project, Warrington Borough Council is thrilled the Youth Zone is moving forward. The opportunities it will

offer young people from sports to media, arts and preparing for work are hugely exciting. Not only will it offer a safe and inspiring place for young people to meet, the Youth Zone will play an important part in helping to raise young people's aspirations, provide jobs, and help them achieve their true potential. The project will benefit the whole town and we look forward to seeing it take shape."

Mark Brocklehurst, Chair of Warrington Youth Club said: "A lot of hard work has gone into gathering the thoughts of young people, the council and local residents in order to prepare the Youth Zone's planning application. The young people of Warrington deserve an OnSide Youth Zone which will give them a safe and inspiring place to spend their leisure time, and we are on the road to making that dream a reality."

Warrington Youth Zone's capital cost of £6.5m is being funded by Warrington Borough Council and a number of additional generous funders who are keen to see Warrington benefit from an OnSide Youth Zone.





# Comedy legend dies aged 90

**COMEDY** legend Sir Ken Dodd has died aged 90, just days after cancelling his Happiness Show at Warrington's Parr Hall, which was due to take place next month.

The 90-year-old entertainer died just days after leaving hospital and marrying his partner of 40 years, Anne Jones.

The comedian had been a regular visitor to Warrington over the years and was infamous for his lengthy stage shows which often went on into the early hours, even with his advancing years.

He had twice had to postpone

his latest proposed visit due to a serious chest infection that saw him hospitalised for six weeks.

His publicist Robert Holmes, who described him as "one of the last music hall greats" announced that he had died on Mother's Day, just two days after getting married.

Sir Ken passed away in the same house in Liverpool that he grew up in.



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# Wolves Foundation sign up Bubble Customised Clothing



**THE charitable arm of Warrington Wolves Rugby League Club has made local clothing company Bubble Customised Clothing its official apparel sponsors.**

The Wolves' Charitable Foundation has teamed up with Bubble Customised Clothing, which has already supplied 50 free t-shirts to the Foundation's Wolf Club – a weekly youth club offering a huge variety of activities to young people with additional needs.

The agreement is the first of its kind for the foundation and Bubble will be supplying more embroidered and printed clothing for projects and events throughout 2018.

It also means Wolves' Prop Mike Cooper, who is also a director at Bubble, is able to give something back to the club where he started his career thanks to a significant saving on clothing.

"The Wolf Club t-shirts give the youngsters a sense of belonging to the club. I hope they'll wear them with pride when they meet every Thursday," says Mike, who is enjoying a second spell at the

Wolves after playing for St George Illawarra in the NRL down under.

"As a local lad it's been a dream come true to play for the Wolves. The foundation does great work and anything Bubble can do to help the cause is a bonus for me personally and a boost for the charitable causes we support."

Bubble is based on the Palatine Industrial Estate on Causeway Avenue, and MD Sam Wareing says: "This is a great opportunity for the foundation to use its own clothing and apparel to raise money to update the timeline in the Halliwell Jones Stadium."

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## School flies the flag for war heroes



PUPILS at St James C of E school Warrington are flying the flag for war heroes thanks to local campaigner Julie Francis.

Julie, who has campaigned tirelessly for improvements to be carried out to the war memorial cenotaph on Bridge Foot, has donated a Union flag to the school, along with poppies which are left at the memorial each Remembrance Day.

Julie has arranged with Warrington Borough Council for a flag to be flown at the cenotaph for the past four years – and each year after 12 months, she arranges for the flag to be replaced – with the one being removed then donated to a local good cause.

She met with St James' Head Mr Flute and pupils from school council to talk about the flag and what it represents.

Julie said: "Last year after November 11 I took the wreaths to the school which now form part of a display.

"It's to teach the youngsters the importance of why we are on the soil we live on and to remember our fallen heroes.

"I donate each flag to a worthy home each time I take one down," added Julie



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# Council to buy its own solar farm – in Gloucestershire

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The borough council's executive board has approved the business case for the purchase of the facility which would be providing power for the borough by October next year.

All the power generated by the farm would be used to meet the council's energy needs and any surplus generated could be sold back into the National Grid.

The council's total electricity needs are 22.8Mw a year, including 9.2Mw to schools. Current cost is £2.7 million a year. But using power from the council's own solar farm will save the authority money.

In a report to the executive board finance chief Cllr Russ Bowden (pictured), said the solar farm would be built this year by the UK's second largest solar operator. It would not be purchased until it is completed.

Cllr Bowden pointed out the council has been a leader in promoting green energy for several years. It has installed solar heating on 3,000 Golden Gates properties and has developed solar bond investments other councils have invested in and which generate a commercial return to Warrington.

In addition, the council led on the structuring of a solar bond investment with Thurrock and Newham councils which involved

the purchase of the UK's second largest solar farm in Swindon. This is now generating a commercial return to the council and is showing considerable equity uplift since its purchase.

A risk assessment has shown that the initiative is considered to be financial prudent and of a high investment grade, there is no development risk because the council will not purchase the farm until it is completed, and that the farm will be subject to

an environmental study, will be developed to the highest ethical standards and in consultation with the local community.

The site chosen already has full development rights and grid connection permissions and has been chosen for its excellent sunny location.

The council will receive £5.3 million Local Growth Funding monies via the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership and £3.386 million of Housing Infrastructure funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government.



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# Phase one of Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub now open

**The new state-of-the-art fitness suite at Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub is now officially open – and aims to become the first public building in England to achieve University of Stirling's Gold Accreditation Certificate for Dementia Design.**

It has been kitted out with the latest equipment including Wattbikes, Technogym Skillmills and Climbs as well as Inclusive Fitness Initiative (IFI) equipment that can safely be used by those with cognitive impairments such as dementia.

The new functional training area is designed to make workouts more socially-focused and engaging and will be the venue for gym floor classes for members.

The hub contains three group fitness studios, including a dedicated group cycle studio, which accommodates an extensive group exercise programme of over 100 classes every week.

Virtual classes are available on the big screen in one of the mainstream studios and in the cycle studio - allowing members to participate in a variety of Les Mills classes without a live instructor. One of the mainstream studios also features the very latest Les Mills Smart Tech equipment.

Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub has been designed to be accessible and includes a range of dementia-friendly features such as free-flowing reception pods,

natural and artificial lighting, clear signage and floor finishes, and fully accessible toilets.

Outdoor training facilities have been installed around the centre, including a floodlit 3G football pitch and four floodlit tennis courts. The tennis courts provide a full programme of tennis all year round.

At Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub you will find an integrated library with books being available throughout the building with plenty of places to sit and relax. There is a lovely, bright children's area – perfect for sharing stories of fun and adventure. Free computer use means you can explore a range of online information; from help with your homework, finding health information, job searching or getting ready for your driving test.

As well as new health services, a fully-accessible swimming pool, sports hall and a new luxury spa are set to be opened later in 2018.

Interested in joining? Visit [www.greatsankeyneighbourhoodhub.co.uk](http://www.greatsankeyneighbourhoodhub.co.uk) to join online, or if you would like more information, call 01925 724411.



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# MP welcomes launch of Business Exchange

**WARRINGTON South MP Faisal Rashid has welcomed the launch of Warrington and Co.'s new networking initiative The Business Exchange.**

The initiative was originally developed and launched by Faisal during his time as the Mayor of Warrington. During his tenure Faisal developed the idea, initially called Circle the Future, and invited businesses to sign up to create new opportunities and enhance existing ones while creating a culturally cohesive society.

The newly launched Business Exchange by Warrington and Co. has been established as a new networking organisation for Warrington businesses to connect, collaborate and grow. It aims to be the place where businesses of all sizes and sectors, individual entrepreneurs, established business networks and trade associations collaborate with the aim of creating a better connected, more cohesive and stronger economy in Warrington.

Due to parliamentary commitments Faisal was not able to attend the launch event but did send his best wishes via video.

Faisal said: "I want to wish The Business Exchange team the best of luck.

"It is great that Warrington Borough Council and Warrington and Co. are taking forward this initiative, which is a continuation of Circle the Future, which I developed and launched in my mayoral year. I am proud to see my idea is being taken forward for the benefit of current and future generations of local businesses.

"I have always believed that interacting with business is very important, which is why in Parliament I am launching, and will chair, a new All Party Parliamentary Group on Business Support and Engagement. The new group will work with businesses from all sectors and sizes to help identify issues, promote best ethical business practices and corporate responsibility and provide engagement and networking forums. The group will be launching on 28th March.

"It is crucial that we both support and engage with our local businesses because they create jobs and wealth and help to ensure that our town prospers.

"I look forward to seeing how the initiative develops and to working

with The Business Exchange in the future."

Guest speakers at the event hosted by Lymm based TV presenter Jim Hanock were, Warrington & Co MD Steve Park, Dave Pickering, COO of Eddie Stobart Logistics Limited, Mike Lomax, MD of Total Steel and a director of Warrington Wolves, Annie Brown, GM of the Park Royal Hotel and Gary Jenkins MD of No Brainer Marketing Agency.



## New CEO appointed at FDR Law



WARRINGTON based full service law firm, FDR Law has appointed Mark Lockett as CEO following the departure of Oliver Burton last December.

Lockett, with over 18 years' experience in the legal sector joins FDR Law from a private consultancy where he worked with law firms advising on strategic requirements and helping them improve efficiency operationally.

He has previously held senior management roles at Foot Anstey LLP, Mills & Reeve and George Davies Solicitors LLP.

He will work closely with the partnership to further develop and execute the firm's business and growth strategy and his responsibilities will include all operations, projects, quality and compliance and on-site business

functions supporting the offices in Warrington, Frodsham and Stockton Heath.

On his move to FDR Lockett said: "I am joining FDR Law at an exciting time and am very much looking forward to developing and growing the business"

Commenting on his appointment, FDR Law Chairman Charles Agar said: "We are delighted to welcome Mark to the business, we were impressed with his considerable depth of experience and we are looking forward to utilising his expertise to develop our business further. We are confident he will be a tremendous asset to FDR Law and his appointment is testament to our commitment to growing the practice".



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# A Team Talk from our Trustees

At the Warrington Wolves Charitable Foundation we aim to build a stronger community through sport. In this Impact Report we focus our work on our key achievements in disability, mental health, volunteering, physical activity and of course rugby league. We would also like to acknowledge the support we receive from the rugby club, where the ongoing support of the players and coaches is extremely important.

## 2017 saw Wolfie support **101 activities and events**

They assist the charity in many ways not only by their hands on involvement across all aspects of our work, but just as importantly, in passing on some of their own life experiences to help our participants. Held in high esteem as role models across the town, their words of encouragement have inspired many to engage and achieve through our projects.

Plus how can we forget Wolfie, one of Super League's favourite mascots, loved by young and old alike. Wolfie visits many of our activities and events and is a great attraction in engaging members of our community.

## 2017 saw the Wolves Squad make **105 community visits**

Cllr Terry O'Neill Tony Coyne Pat Kitto Alan Yates John Gartside OBE  
Peter Astley MBE Dr Dan Bunstone Karen Houghton Rev Neil Shaw Stuart Hurst



## Offload

Offload is a Big Lottery funded initiative, offering a creative, engaging and effective mental fitness project for men. We aim to help men develop better coping strategies, have a better understanding of their own wellbeing needs and gain tools designed to help them cope better with life.

**34%**

of men feel constantly  
under stress or pressure  
(HSE)

**75%**

of all mental ill health  
develops before the age  
of 18 (Murphy & Fonagy 2012)

## Heads Up

A peer education project delivered by our Young Trustees and funded by Cheshire Community Foundation's Youth Social Action Fund. Heads Up aims to increase young people's awareness of mental health by equipping them with ways to improve their own emotional wellbeing and look out signs of ill-health in others.



# SKY TRY

We deliver coaching to all 70 Primary schools and 11 High schools within Warrington. Each six-week block of coaching within the Primary schools has culminated in a Community Club Festival where we invite those schools in the cluster to their local Community Club. Here they meet the Club's coaches and see the facilities on offer in the hope that they will continue their rugby.

# 4372

primary school children  
years 3 and 4 received  
SKY TRY coaching in 2017

## Schools History “The Pack”

Devised by local primary school teachers “The Pack” is aimed at KS2 children. The pack consists of 6 game (lesson) plans based around the history of the town and club.

# “

The Pack was a great way to introduce local history into our curriculum, it was easy and very adaptable the children love it plus meeting past players and a visit to the stadium.

**- Adrian O Callaghan St. Albans RC Primary School**



# WolfClub

We host a weekly youth club for young people aged 12+ at Woolston 6th Form College. Each week the young people choose from a timetable of activities to choose from including dance, cooking, sport, music, art and DJing! The success of WolfClub comes from creating a relaxed and inclusive environment where our participants can socialise with their friends, develop social skills and relationships with other young people.

Honest to God it's amazing!

- **Pheobe Iddon (WolfClub member)**

Our participants love being 'part of a club' and over **100 young people** have accessed the WolfClub since it began!

Lauren goes home buzzing, she has more confidence and has learnt many new things.

- **Linda Bell (Lauren's Mum)**



# Disability Rugby League



It's the thing I'm talking about most to people in my life. They're like, don't you host a TV show as well? And I'm like I don't care about that I'm playing disability rugby league - it's awesome.

**- Adam Hills**

The Warrington Wolves Charitable Foundation is supporting the development of an inclusive rugby league programme to include physical, learning and wheelchair users in all facets of the game. Using funding obtained through Children in Need and Awards for All, the Foundation will develop teams and training sessions. It will help tackle the physical, logistical and psychological sport participation barriers often faced by young people with disabilities aged 14+.

Warrington hosted the  
**1st Physical Disability Rugby  
League game** at the Asics Stadium



# Volunteering our Game Changers

Game Changers is our dedicated volunteering programme.

Since 2005, we have had the support of many volunteers and with their dedication and commitment, plus support from the local voluntary service, we were able to create 'Game Changers' to develop and recognise volunteers' contribution to our work.

**Alone we can do so little  
together we can do so much more**

Volunteering Opportunities include;

- Sports Leadership/Management
- Meet and Greet
- Health Mentors
- Disability/ Inclusion Support
- Event Support
- Stadium Tour Guides
- Media Supporter 2 Reporter
- Photographer
- Reading Champion
- Pen Pal Project
- Archivist
- Buddy Support
- Administration Support

The more we give, the happier we feel. Volunteering has increased our self confidence. We are doing good for our community, which provides a sense of accomplishment. Our role as Game Changers has given us all a sense of pride and identity.



## Supporting Us

Warrington Wolves Charitable Foundation plays such an active role within our community, we are proud that so many choose to support us. There are many different ways in which the Charity funds its projects, from corporate support and fundraising events to Trust applications. We also acknowledge the many individuals that support us with their generosity.

## Corporate Support

One of the easiest ways to support The Wolves Foundation is to become one of our Business Patrons. As a Business Patron you become one of the unique members that support our work in the community. By giving something back you will join like minded businesses and are invited to use our good news and Business Patron logo to promote your involvement.

## Fundraising & Events

There are so many ways you can help to fundraise for our Charity. We have an amazing calendar of events throughout the year that you can get involved with while many individuals choose to organise their own. It could be simple things like a coffee morning, race night or even climbing a mountain. Whatever you choose to do you can rely on the team here at the Foundation to support you every step of the way! 'We have also seen an increase in legacy donations which are gratefully received, often in memory of beloved Wire supporters.

### For more information

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# Hospital parking should be free says MP

**HOSPITAL car parking should be free – paid for by a tax on healthcare insurance.**

That's the view of Warrington North MP Helen Jones after discovering that the Government does not know what proportion of each NHS Trust's income came from parking charges.

She said: "It is outrageous that the minister does not know how much each NHS Trust makes from car parking charges and how reliant our hospitals are on this income source, given that they are so cash strapped as a result of government policy."

Ms Jones had asked a number of written questions in Parliament and was told the figures for the income gained from NHS parking charges were not collected centrally. The average fee charged per hour for patients and visitors at NHS Trusts was £1.32 per hour and for staff 19p per hour.

She said Warrington Hospital

charges £2.50 for up to two hours and £3.50 for up to 4 hours – with the first 30 minutes free.

The minister made clear that the provision of parking spaces and the level of any charges made to use them are matters for individual NHS Trusts, taking into account operational circumstances and community interests. The NHS itself is responsible for ensuring that charges are fairly applied.

An angry Ms Jones said: "The Secretary of State for Health recently stated that patients and families shouldn't have to deal with the added stress of unfair parking charges. How can he possibly do anything about it when he doesn't know the scale of the problem and is leaving the decisions of how fair the charges are to the NHS itself? It is an abdication of his responsibilities."



## Bus boss praises local community which rallies after blaze

BUS boss David Fairbrother has praised the local community which rallied following a large blaze at his Bewsey premises.

Following the blaze David, who runs Fairbrothers Travel & Coach Hire at Catherine Street, Bewsey, Warrington, posted his words of

thanks on social media saying: "As you may know or not know we had a fire at my depot in Bewsey just after midnight.

"Nobody was hurt which is the main thing. I just want to say thank you to a local resident named Paul who raised the alarm and saved

more damage happening, a big thank you to the fire service who attended the fire.

"A couple of local companies rallied round with support of vehicles and help. Special mention to Ashcroft Travel and Tanseys. Lots of support from the local community

offering to help in any way and friends.

"All services are back to normal!"

Eight fire crews attended at the blaze which damaged six vehicles on March 2nd.





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# Robbie Fowler expands his academy through Sandymoor School and Warrington Town Football Club

**Sandymoor School and the Fowler Education & Football Academy (FEFA) are launching a new course at Sandymoor in conjunction with Warrington Town Football Club in September 2018. Emma Simpson, Principal at Sandymoor School stated, "This is an exciting moment in the development of our sixth form through our partnership with FEFA and Warrington Town Football Club; giving local young people a route into future careers in the football and sporting industry both locally and internationally."**

It's three years since Robbie Fowler launched his grand plan to help Merseyside youngsters.

The anniversary has been celebrated in style with a host of success stories both on and off the field for FEFA. The Wavertree Sports Park-based centre provides 16 to 19 year olds with a variety of courses, which combine football coaching with classroom work.

The Fowler Academy has around 60 students but that figure will exceed 100 come September when they expand into a second site at Sandymoor School following a link up with Warrington Town. There are close ties with the club as Warrington Town's assistant manager Mark Beesley is also in charge of FEFA's under-17s. Further expansion is planned with other sites in North Wales under consideration as well as a potential partnership in the Middle East.

FEFA are taking a 20-strong squad out to the Dubai Super Cup in April. Scott Fowler, Robbie's younger brother, is the Academy's head of operations. He said; "It's a four-day tournament with Brazilian Ronaldo's Academy being one of the other teams taking part so it will be a really good test for the lads."

On the field, FEFA's first team have just won the English Colleges Premier League. The second team are well placed to retain their Merseyside Elite title they won last season. The under-17s are five points clear at the top as they bid to retain the title they won last season. FEFA could actually win five trophies this season which would surpass any other college in the UK.

Academy Principal Brian McGorry, the former Bournemouth and Peterborough midfielder, is a qualified Sport Scientist and Teacher. He also has 20 years of teaching experience and working as a performance expert. He says, "We've already taken near our maximum of students for the next intake in September in Liverpool. We are the only College in the

UK offering the high standard of football and qualifications. The level of coaching rivals professional academies. Added to this is player analysis, heart rate and GPS data. It really is impressive."

The course will offer students the following pathways:

- Scholarships to the USA
- University
- Coaching in the USA
- Employment within the Sport and Leisure Industry

The list of qualifications that FEFA offer are impressive and unique within the UK:

- BTEC Sport and Exercise Science Extended Diploma
- Gym Instructor
- Personal Trainer
- Lifeguard
- FA coaching qualifications

McGorry continues, "Added to this is our Sports Science expertise, A licence coaches and Outstanding Teaching. The overall package that is offered to students is extremely strong."

The education results are highly impressive with some 80% of graduates moving on to university last September after two years with FEFA. This isn't a case of Robbie Fowler just putting his name to something and leaving us to it. We get brilliant support from him and he's very passionate about the education side. It's why he wanted to get involved."

Warrington Town Chairman Toby Macormac added, "This is a great opportunity for the club to partner up with a progressive local school and work with FEFA to provide a pathway to semi and professional football for the students. Recently nine FEFA students featured in First Team cup fixture's underlining the possibilities open to them and to enable Warrington Town FC to bring through some future stars."

Sandymoor School look forward to welcoming their new students in September.



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# Celebrating 50 years making and breaking news

**warrington-worldwide's publishers Orbit News Ltd is celebrating a golden year of making and breaking news in the town.**

Founded by David Skentelbery in 1968, and now led by David's son Gary, Orbit News originally set up as a news agency breaking exclusives for the major national newspapers and continues to break news online via a daily online newspaper which runs alongside a range of free, monthly magazines read by more than 100,000 people every month, including its flagship publication Warrington Worldwide.

David – now aged 80 – still works hand-in-hand with Gary on Orbit News' online and in print publications, which include Lymm Life, Village Life (serving Stockton Heath, Grappenhall, Appleton and High Legh), Culcheth Life, Frodsham Life and Lifestyle.

"My father is an incredible man and, despite being 80, he continues to enjoy the cut and thrust of making and breaking news for our online and offline publications," said Gary, who launched the magazine arm of the company in 1999 with former Warrington Mercury colleague Paul Walker, who heads up production.

In the tradition of many family businesses, David and Gary have received incredible support from their wives Patricia and Janet in accounts, with Gary's daughter Hannah also recently joining the business to focus on digital content.

"News is in the Skentelbery

DNA, it's what we've always done in the 50 years since Orbit News opened its doors for the first time," added Gary.

To mark the company's 50th anniversary, Gary will be raising funds for the Tim Parry Jonathan Ball Peace Foundation through a series of charity fundraising events, including 10k run and 24-hour tennis marathon later this year.

This year sees the 25th anniversary of the Warrington bombing, which claimed the lives of the two young boys. It is something incredibly close to the heart of Gary.

"I remember the day vividly," he said. "I was heading to play in a football match – so I was dressed in my goalkeeper kit – when I received the call into Orbit News from a national newspaper asking us to get to Bridge Street. I rushed to the scene, walking through the back streets and stepped straight into where the bomb had gone off. It was a scene I will never forget."

"Despite all the pain the town went through – and the families in particular – Colin and Wendy have since gone on to become special friends and we're incredibly proud to champion the charity and all the amazing work they do in our 50th year," said Gary, who is now the Peace Foundation's longest serving patron. He also sits on the board of

the town's Chamber of Commerce and Warrington Disability Partnership.

He also spent 10 years on the board at local football club, Warrington Town, serving as Chairman for several years before retiring as a director last year.

As well as a series of fundraising challenges throughout 2018, Orbit News is sponsoring the Warrington Business Awards and will be giving back through a range of events and activities to support young people and businesses in the town.



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# Bags of clothing to help Third World countries

**EIGHTY bags of clothing have been donated by pupils at Warrington's Sir Thomas Boteler CE High School for children in Third World countries.**

It was all part of "Bag2School" an initiative organised by history teacher Mr M Morley to support the charity Limited Resource Teacher Training (LRTT).

The charity provides high quality training and mentoring programmes for teachers who live and work in

Third World countries.

More than 190 million children in developing countries cannot read and this is sparking a global learning crisis. The UN estimates that 33 countries will not have enough teachers to provide primary education by 2030.

Mr Morley said: "I have been lucky enough to have been selected to represent Sir Thomas Boteler CE High School in one of the LRTT's summer training programmes in Malaysia this July. I will connect with other inspirational teachers from around the world to support teachers in Malaysia through the running of mentoring programs and workshops to help increase the life chances of

the students under their duty of care.

"In order to help support my summer mentoring programme whilst in Malaysia I have decided to organise a school wide fundraising event which I shall be co-ordinating through the organisation 'Bag2School'. This is an organisation which collects and recycles unwanted textiles."



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# Twenty five years on - the legacy of Tim and Johnathan lives on

**AS Warrington commemorates the 25th anniversary of the IRA bomb attack on the town Editor Gary Skentelbery reflects on the events which helped shape the peace process and created the lasting legacy of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace.**

On March 20 1993, the day before Mother's day two IRA bombs exploded on Bridge Street, killing 12-year-old Tim Parry and three-year-old Johnathan Ball. More than 50 people were injured.

For me personally, it is a day I will never forget for the rest of my life. As a young journalist I suddenly saw my home town thrust onto the TV screens and the front pages of newspapers around the world with everyone asking the simple question "Why Warrington?"

Three-year-old Johnathan, the son of the late Wilf and Marie Ball, died at the scene, while Tim, the son of peace campaigners Colin and Wendy Parry, died five days later when his life support was switched off with his family by his side.

More than 50 shoppers were injured, several seriously including 32-year-old Bronwen Vickers, the mother of two young daughters, who had to have a leg amputated and died just over a year later from cancer.

No one was ever brought to justice for the atrocity which captured media attention and public outrage around the world, playing a major part in bringing about the Good Friday agreement.

From the atrocity came Warrington's pioneering Peace Centre, the dream of Tim's mum Wendy, to help keep the memory of the boys alive.

In the days, weeks, months and years following the bombing, it has been truly inspirational to see how something positive can be created from something so negative.

Warrington's response and in particular Colin and Wendy's unbelievable strength, ensured a lasting legacy, one I am extremely proud to be a Patron of. Our council and civic leaders must also take great credit for the way they responded to the tragedy.

I have made many friends over the years, not just here in Warrington but also over in Ireland. Friendships which will last a life time. I wish I could name all the inspirational people I have met over the years but I would undoubtedly miss someone – but you know who you all are. It is certainly a time of reflection for me. Later the same year I married, and soon had two beautiful daughters and now a granddaughter. I have seen Tim's brother Dom and sister Abbie grow up and have families of their own. There have been fun times and sad

times but always a determination to ensure the memory of the two boys will live on in the name of peace and reconciliation – not just here in Warrington – but around the world.

Atrocities continue on a daily basis and it is more important than ever that we recognise and support the work of the Foundation for Peace as I like many, believe educating our young people is the only real chance we have of living in harmony – still a distant dream in reality as there will always be splinter organisations who want to destroy our way of life – a way of life we should be able to all live in peace with mutual respect and understanding, whatever our religion, race or creed.

The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation was founded as an independent charity working nationally and internationally to support those affected by terrorism and violent conflict.

The Peace Foundation's Survivors Assistance Network (SAN) was also created and is now a specialist service offering practical and emotional support to victims of terrorism.

The charity is supporting individuals affected by recent terrorist incidents such as Manchester Arena, Borough Market and Westminster Bridge, as well as continuing to offer life-long support to victims of previous attacks.

SAN has worked with over 700 individuals in the past 12 months alone.

Now it is more important than ever that as a town we continue to support the ongoing work and keep the memories of those two young boys alive to inspire future generations to follow the path of peace.



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# The day flames brought the curtain down on iconic Mr Smiths

By Gordon Gandy

**In a regular feature, Radio Warrington's Gordon Gandy highlights the town's history. This month he looks at Mr Smiths Nightclub.**

Three years ago on April 14, the former Mr Smiths nightclub was destroyed by a devastating fire and later demolished.

The nightclub had also seen life as Synergy in 2008 and Halo in 2009/10.

But long before the Mr Smiths days, the venue started out as the Ritz Cinema, built by the Union Cinemas chain and officially opened on 23 August 1937 with seating for almost 2,000 people.

The first films shown featured Robert Armstrong in "Without Orders" and Chester Morris in "I Promise to Pay".

The Ritz also had a cafe for the convenience of its patrons.

The cinema was taken over, together with all Union Cinemas, by Associated British Cinemas (ABC) in October 1937 and renamed the ABC in 1958.

Celebrity visitors included world-famous comedy duo Laurel and Hardy in 1952.

The ABC was closed on 19 August

1972 for alterations. The former stalls area downstairs were converted into a bingo club and a 474-seat cinema was created in the former balcony, which opened on 7 December 1972.

In 1980 a second, smaller screen, with video projection and seating for 90 patrons, was opened in the former cafe area.

The cinemas closed on 23 October 1982, followed soon after by the bingo club.

The venue was later converted into Mr Smith's nightclub, which opened in May 1986. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachen presented the Granada TV music and dance show, The Hitman and Her, from the venue in the 1980s.

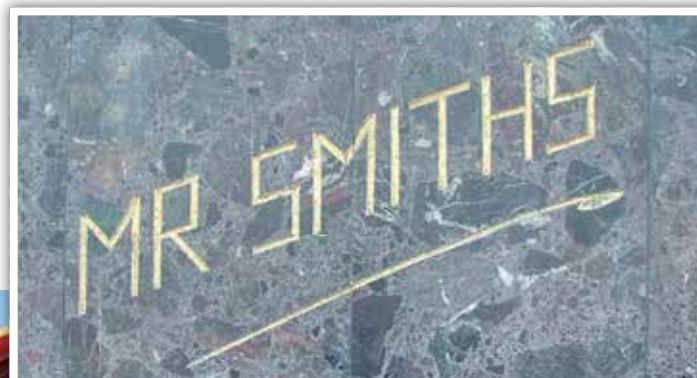
Michaela said, "It was the first place where we carried out the show and it became synonymous with The Hit Man and Her".

In later years as the building stood empty, a group called Theatre 4 Warrington campaigned for it to be converted into a theatre, and it was suggested by some that it should be

listed, but nothing came of it.

The buildings demise came with the blaze.

To contact Gordon email [warringtongordian@gmail.com](mailto:warringtongordian@gmail.com) and read more on the town's history at [www.mywarrington.me.uk](http://www.mywarrington.me.uk)





# Lecture to mark 70th anniversary of Berlin Airlift

**A lecture marking the 70th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift which involved the Burtonwood airbase is set to take place in Warrington on March 26.**

It will be given by Burtonwood Association founder and honorary lifetime president Aldon Ferguson (pictured) at the Gulliver's Hotel, next to the association's heritage centre.

Aldon said: "The subject is the Berlin Airlift as this year is the 70th anniversary of the Soviets blocking all road, rail, river and canal access to the city, totally besieging it and trying to force the British, American and French forces out.

"Fortunately the air routes were kept open and the three Allies decided to provide everything for the city by air. This was very difficult so long ago as there were no purpose-built transport aircraft and the world was recovering from all out war. A massive operation, known as the Berlin Airlift, was started and everything from coal, flour, newsprint, food, fuel, clothing etc had to be flown in. Massive building projects were necessary at the airports and a new one had to be built. Aircraft of this period had to be regularly maintained and all the American aircraft forming part of the Lift were serviced at Burtonwood.

"Burtonwood was only just being re-opened by the Americans after WWII and immediately had to go into overdrive working 24 hours a day 7 days a week and eventually servicing over 1,500 aircraft in a little over a year. Without Burtonwood it could not have

happened.

The talk is free to members of the Association but there is a charge of £5.00 per person for non members.

To make reservations please e-mail [aldonpf@aol.com](mailto:aldonpf@aol.com) or they can write to 18 Ridgeway Wargrave, Reading, RG10 8AS with a cheque for £5.00 per person

The talk starts at 7.00 pm on Monday 26 March and will finish by 10.30 pm. There will be a break at approximately 8.30. Car parking is free and the hotel facilities are available for drinks etc.

Previous lectures have sold out and seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



## Helpful advice to start your own business

**Starting up a new business may be daunting, challenging and time consuming. I have some tips and advice that may help you.**

"The best advice I could give anyone is to spend your time working on whatever you are passionate about in life." – Sir Richard Branson.

If you have an idea or think you can borrow (steal) someone else's idea and do it better than them, then go for it.

Morgan Branding are certainly not the first Marketing Agency, we are also not the best... yet! However, I spotted things I thought I could do better than other companies and went for it. My thoughts were if they could make money, and I could do it better, then I can make more money... my hypothesis has yet to be proved correct, but I am working on it.

So, how do you "just do it?"

You don't have to rock up to work tomorrow, hand in your notice and stroll out of the door into a better life. In fact, most businesses are created as a side project. That side project, if going well, could slowly work its way into a main project and replace your job. Alternatively, it could remain a side project, if that's what you want, and you don't want world domination or an Island next to Sir Richard (we can all dream right?).

So, once you've started it's essential to make a plan. Now this can come in the form of a formal business

plan, a plan on post it notes or something in your head, just make sure you have a plan! I don't tend to write things down however I do know where I want to be in 1,3,5,10 and even 20 years' time (Island next to Sir Richard) in business and in life. Some people are not planners, but I really think it's essential to set some plans and goals for any new company so you and your staff (if you have any) know where they are heading.

The main thing though, is WORK, nobody is an overnight success. "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life". If you go back to the quote from Sir Richard Branson,

choose something you are passionate about and "going to work" will never seem like a chore again.

One last piece of advice is, don't give up. If you're creating your dream and it's something you love to do, then use your ambition to get there, but nothing happens overnight. Starting a business will take time, effort and long hours. Patience will be rewarded in the end.



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# New look Callands Fryer open for business

**CHIP shop boss Alex Alpas is delighted with the response he has been receiving from customers at the new look Callands Fryer.**

Formerly the Continental on Callands Road, the Callands Fryer, has now been fully refurbished by Alex who has been running the Stockton Fryer in Stockton Heath

for the past 10 years.

"The local people seem very pleased with the Callands Fryer and a lot of them know us by reputation from the Stockton Fryer,"

said Alex.

Some of the staff from the Stockton Fryer have transferred over to the new look Callands premises.

Traditional Fish and Chips, Chinese meals and chicken kebabs are proving to be the most popular

dishes.

Alex has specialised in gluten free menus at both premises and there are also a number of special offers to take advantage of.

"Our customers seem very pleased with the new premises, so far so good," added Alex.



Alex (far right) with members of his Callands Fryer team.

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## £inancially yours

By David Watkinson

### Time for a rant!

By the time you read this it will be very close to the end of the tax year. Last month we looked at some of the simple things that you should look at before the end of the tax year to ensure that you pay as little tax as legally required. We also have no major deadlines coming up in the next month. Therefore, I have time for a rant!

#### START OF RANT

Is anyone else totally fed up with "security" systems which are stated to be for your protection but which are, in reality, designed to protect the backsides of the institutions introducing them. The worst offenders at present are the banks who currently refuse to send post to the intended recipient but always send it to the registered office. This practice is putting you, their customers, at risk or at least compromising your confidentiality.

We act as registered office for a substantial number of companies, and are receiving increasing amounts of post addressed to those companies. We recently received, over two days in respect of one client company, a number of envelopes from Toytown Bank (name changed to protect the guilty) which contained the following:

- in envelope 1, a debit card (received on day 1)
- in envelope 2, the pin number associated with that card (received in the same post)
- in envelope 3, a cheque book for the account (received on day 2)
- in envelope 4. A paying-in book for the account (also received on day 2)

If we were intent on fraud, might we not find the first three items useful? As we were not so intent then we forwarded them to the client.

But how do we know what is in each envelope as they were addressed to the client and not to us? Because we opened them. And we opened them because we truly do have the security and interests of our clients genuinely at heart rather than simply following some box ticking checklist. Had we simply forwarded them on then we would have put all of them in one envelope meaning that the debit card and pin number would be in that envelope, something that would have saved us time and money but which would have been an extremely dangerous thing for the client. By opening them we could deal with these items in a safe and secure manner.

In our view by sending post to an address other than their client's physical location Toytown Bank was acting in at least a thoughtless manner and at worse negligently. However, it is not just them but many other organisations including other banks, Companies House and HMRC that act in this same cavalier manner in the name of so called "security". It really is about time that these institutions started acting again in the same sensible manner that they did until about 5 years ago.

#### END OF RANT

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David Watkinson and Margaret Black

## Footballer Thorniley follows in rugby dad's sporting footsteps



**PROFESSIONAL** footballer Jordan Thorniley, son of former Warrington Rugby League centre Tony Thorniley, is keeping the family sporting gene going after signing a new contract with Sheffield Wednesday FC.

Former Birchwood High School student Jordan, aged 21, has featured regularly for the Owls under manager Jos Luhukay and has committed to the club until summer 2021 after making his full debut in a televised clash with Cardiff in January, and was a regular for the first team until suffering a head injury against Millwall.

Jordan, whose dad Tony played for Warrington Wolves from 1986-97, scoring 49 tries, joined Wednesday in July 2016 following the expiry of his first professional contract at Everton.

After become a regular in the Development Squad, the young defender helped the Under-23s win the PDL2 North and National Championship in the 2016/17 campaign.

His progression through to the senior ranks at the Championship club has accelerated in 2017/18.

He joined League Two promotion candidates Accrington on a loan deal in September that ran until January, where he made 17

appearances in all competitions.

Upon his return to Hillsborough, Jordan has impressed at first team level, made his full debut in the televised clash with Cardiff in January. Jordan started his footballing career at Rope and Anchor u6 to u11 and then joined Everton academy 11-16 yrs old, becoming an Everton Scholar 16-18 then Everton pro u23s 18-19 before joining Sheff Wed u23s 19-20.

Proud dad Tony said: "He has a wand of a left foot which was spotted at an early age. He scored goals for fun for R&A juniors but developed into a central defender in his academy days at Everton."

"He's worked really hard through some tough times as a young, pro footballer but has now received the reward he truly deserves."

"Although he played a few games of RL at Birchwood football has always been his focus and I'd like to think the Thorniley sporting gene has passed down a generation."



Tony Thorniley (far right) as part of Warrington's Lancashire Cup winning team.





# England Test star to visit Appleton Cricket Club

**ENGLAND Test cricketer Liam Plunkett will be visiting Appleton Cricket Club on Sunday, March 25 when the club celebrates being one of only three "Showcase Clubs" in the country.**

NatWest Cricket Force day will give the club a major boost for the start of the new season – and the presence of the Yorkshire and England fast bowler will be a major draw for cricket fans.

The ECB (English Cricket Board), NatWest and Jewsons are all providing lots of resources on the day.

Appleton captain Alex Wright said: "It looks like it is going to be a terrific day for the club."

"There are only three clubs in the country that have been selected for NatWest Cricket Force this year so it's a real honour for our club."

"We met with the ECB recently and their reasons for selecting Appleton are because 'it's a club going in the right direction, engaging lots of people from within the community and a terrific ethos.'"

Appleton fields four teams in the Cheshire Cricket League and also the highly successful Appleton women's team which is one of the leading sides in the Cheshire Women's League.

The club plays at Lyons Lane, Appleton – a ground that has developed tremendously in recent years – and also at The Grange in Latchford and at Bridgewater High School.

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