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Editor's Comment

**ANOTHER Creamfields festival has come and gone, with an estimated 40,000 people attending on both Bank Holiday Saturday and Sunday – many staying for both days.**

Police say they are extremely pleased with the policing operation, particularly as the number attending was some 10,000 more than last year.

They say there were no reports of any serious incidents and that, as a result of meticulous planning, a high-profile police presence and a proactive approach by police and the organisers, a good natured crowd was able to enjoy the event safely.

Of course, the police and, indeed, all the emergency services, become rather blasé about the things they deal with on a regular basis.

What to the rest of us appears a serious matter to them often appears trivial. So the fact that they believe

there were "no serious incidents" should be treated with some caution.

What we do know is that 32 people were arrested for offences such as possessing drugs with intent to supply, possessing Class A drugs, theft, assault, robbery, public order, drunk and disorderly, police obstruction, drink driving and driving while disqualified.

There were also 122 cautions, mostly for possessing drugs and 15 street warnings for possessing cannabis.

There were also 44 thefts, six assaults and four robberies for which no arrests were made.

All despite the high-profile police presence and security guards outside

most, if not all, the houses along the A56 – and in a rural area which would normally in 12 months be able to count the number of incidents, "serious" or otherwise, on one hand.

We don't doubt the vast majority of people attending Creamfields are law-abiding citizens, intent only on enjoying themselves, but it is also clear the event attracts a good number of people we could well do without.

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Pupils celebrate making the grade

BRIDGEWATER High School celebrated a 28 per cent increase in the number of pupils gaining A grade A-Levels - with eight per cent of them getting the new A* grades brought in this year to mark out the high-flyers.

There was jubilation too because - despite fears over a shortage of university places nationally - pupils from Bridgewater were, in the main, getting their choice of university.

Across the borough, 70 per cent of pupils gained A-C grades and 90 per cent obtained A-E grades.

Coun Sheila Woodyatt, the borough council's executive member for Education and Young People said: "We are delighted with the excellent A level and GCSE results achieved by our students."

"Our interim results indicate that Warrington continues to be a borough where a high quality of

education is provided and our students continue to set a shining example.

"These great results are a credit to all the hard work and determination shown by students and the excellent teaching and support from teachers, school staff, governors and parents - we are very proud of them and wish them the best of luck for the future."

Bridgewater High School, Appleton students with results. Front row from left, Hai Wang 4A stars, 1D, Charlotte Coy 1A star, 2B, 1C and Georgina Hannah 1A, 2C. Back row from left, Samuel Jones 2A star, 2A, Aysha Hussain 1B, 1C, 1D and Sam Norman 4A.



Church hall grant

A £22,000 grant will help Stockton Heath Methodist Church improve its community hall in Walton Road.

The money from The Veolia Environmental Trust, via the Landfill Communities Fund, will help the continued development of the hall into a more comfortable, energy efficient and flexible venue.

This stage of the project will see the construction of a new access ramp and porch for the hall and will take approximately five weeks to com-

plete. The new, safer ramp will guide pedestrians away from the car park.

The new porch will have two sets of doors giving the venue advantages.

Kit Heald, from the church, said: "Users with pushchairs, wheelchairs or carrying bulky items will be shielded from bad weather while they unlock or open the doors and it will help retain heat. The locking system will prevent the doors being accidentally opened from the inside by toddlers."

"And the posters and leaflets inside the building will not now be blown all over the place by gusts of wind!"

A variety of fundraising events have been held for the project during the past three years.

Kit said: "There have been many creative ideas such as an Open Gardens Day, a wedding event, various concerts and a talents event where church members have been given sums of money as seed corn to start a venture."

"Over £1,000 has already been raised with much more still to come in through the sale of dolls' clothes, bags and holdalls, bird boxes, lemon cheese, paintings to name just a few of the wide variety of talents. Trips on the Llangollen railway have contributed and over the winter we are having a season of Tea Dances."

From the proceeds of its fundraising the church gives 10 per cent to other charitable causes.

Plans are for the hall to be developed during the next two years as a major community resource in the village.

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Law firm appoints new partner

SOLICITOR Jennifer Roulston has been promoted to partner at legal practice Forshaws Davies Ridgway (FDR), after four years with the firm.

She is based at the firm's office on Walton Road, Stockton Heath, and specialises in family law. She advises clients on divorce, separation, children, co-habitation and financial matters.

Before joining the practice, Jennifer spent several years working for a specialist family law firm in Preston and Blackpool and gained a law degree from Hull University. Her post-graduate solicitor qualification was from the Chester College of Law.

Senior Partner Norman Banner said: "Jennifer is an exceptional family lawyer who has shown the skill, dedication and drive to become a partner.

"With legal services undergoing unprecedented change, it is important we continue to reward excellence and embrace new thinking and ideas. We are confident Jennifer will make a significant contribution to the future development of the practice."

Jennifer said: "Despite

increasing competition in the legal sector, I believe clients still want a professional service from legal experts with the knowledge and experience to provide accurate, up-to-date advice."



Players all set for 60th season

A DRAMA group kicks off its 60th season with an Agatha Christie thriller, 'The Unexpected Guest'.

It will be the 160th production for the Bridgewater Players and will be staged at Thelwall Village Hall from Thursday, November 18 to Saturday, November 20. It will be produced by Alison Hornby.

The next production will be a comedy, yet to be selected, produced by June Brogdale. Performance dates will be Thursday, February 10 until Saturday, February 12.

A black comedy will be staged for the third production – possibly the classic, "The Killing of Sister George". It will be produced by Andy Rushman and staged from Thursday, April 14 to Saturday, April 16 next year.

Andy Rushman, ticket secretary, said: "Unfortunately due to increasing costs associated with rehearsals, hire of the hall, play books and the cost of the performance license, it has been necessary to increase the cost of tickets for this coming season. The ticket price will still include an interval drink and biscuit."

The ticket price for each play is £4.50 and £12 season tickets for all three plays are also available. Details are available on www.bridgewaterplayers.co.uk

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Village Life Editor Gary Skentelbery experiences the delights of Turkey.

AFTER hearing so many positive reports about Turkey from family and friends - not least the excellent value in the Euro free zone I decided to take the plunge and venture into the unknown.

Our base was the Club Xanthos Hotel in Kalkan, a four star family run hotel in Southern Turkey, two-and-half hours from Dalaman airport.

Set on a hillside overlooking the sea, the views are spectacular and dining alfresco on the balcony was a must.

We chose the all inclusive option but bed and breakfast and half board

were also available with a good mix of nationalities, including German, American, Russian and most importantly Turkish.

You can choose to relax and unwind by a fresh salt water pool or explore the nearby coastline, while if you are looking for something a little more exciting a trip into the main harbour resort of Kalkan is a must -

where there is vast array of shops and restaurants.

Various boat trips are available from the harbour if you are looking for a little adventure. We chose the Sea Bella which was a day long trip taking in the local coastline.

One of the stop offs involves experiencing the delights of a Turkish mudbath!

So how can I sum up my first experience of Turkey?

Well the weather is fantastic, the countryside is incredibly beautiful and the people are just about the friendliest I have every met anywhere in the world.

Our evenings were often spent in the company of the hotel band, who became good friends and helped make the holiday extra special.

A big thank you to Soner, Sefa and Hakan - and not forgetting "Sonny boy" who never missed out on a photo opportunity!

Now I know why everyone is raving about Turkey - if you haven't tried it yet I recommend you do.

Finally to ensure a hassle free holiday we booked using local travel agency Stockton Heath Travel, where you are always guaranteed a friendly smile from Linda and her team - and a nice coffee!

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Dogs banned from playground

GRAPPENHALL and Thelwall Parish Council has moved swiftly to ban dogs from a children's playground following complaints of "uncontrollable" dogs terrorising youngsters and their parents.

A sign stating "No Dogs except Guide Dogs" is to be erected at the play area in the park at the top of Euclid Avenue, Grappenhall.

The council took action after receiving a letter from a local woman who has taken her daughter and her friends to the park for years but has recently faced problems because of

dogs.

Jennifer Wright told the council she had complained to a woman who had let her dog off its lead in the enclosed play area after the animal had jumped at her daughter, aged eight and two nieces, aged one and three.

The woman had responded by shouting that the dog was causing no

problem and to "leave it alone."

In fact, the dog ran away from its owner and was climbing all over the children's play equipment, when two toddlers were trying to use it. In the end, all the children were forced to leave the park to get away from the animal.

Coun Mike Biggin, chairman of the parish council said: "We took this matter very seriously and decided to have the sign erected as soon as possible. Whether it will be enough remains to be seen."

He said the council had particularly had in mind the recent case of a two-year-old girl from



Manchester who was at risk of losing the sight of one eye as a result of catching toxocariasis, a potentially lethal disease caused by dog faeces which could also cause blindness.

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September 14

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September 21

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September 18

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First and third Wednesday each month

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8pm. Details: 01925 268311

Every third Wednesday

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7.45pm. Details 01925 262001.

Every Thursday

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Grappenhall Village Sports Club
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Every second Thursday

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'Lost' history is recovered

A UNIQUE book detailing the history of Grappenhall and Thelwall which was feared 'lost' has been found.

The parish council Millennium Book of Record 2000 was located by parish clerk Janet Richards in the Chester Archives, where it had been deposited by the previous clerk.

Now the illustrated volume has been returned to the parish council for safe keeping.

A copy has been made which can be viewed at Grappenhall Library by

appointment, along with the Village Design Statement, a document outlining planning policy for the parish.

Council chairman Mike Biggin said: "They are both extremely interesting and valuable books. "The Millennium Book of Record" was compiled by the parish council of the time in 2000 and the Design Statement was drawn up by a group of volunteers in the village."

Spreading colour - with flowers

STOCKTON Heath Parish Council is investigating ways of spreading colour across the village centre - with flowers.

There are already 15 planters - five on each side of London Road, three in Victoria Square and two in Walton Road.

One idea to be considered is "spreading out" the existing planters to

cover a wider area. But this may prove difficult as the planters may be bolted down and there are only a limited number of places where they could be sited and still leave the required 1.2 metre width of footway.

Coun Sheila Dean has suggested as an alternative that barrier baskets on the railings surrounding Victoria Square could be provided, as in Northwich.



School runs charity golf competition

ST WILFRID'S Primary School, Grappenhall, is running a charity golf day and wants local people to join in.

It will be the third year in succession the school has run the event, which will be at Lymm Golf Club on Friday September 24 with a shotgun start at 12.30pm. Entry fee is £120 per team of four.

Events start at 11am with coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, and at 5pm there will be an informal meal. During the day there will be a series of course challenges and a variety of great prizes.

Money raised will go towards school projects and for its contribution towards the IMAGINE Appeal - a fundraising campaign at Alder Hey to provide high standards of care for young patients.

Anyone who would like to enter a team can do so by emailing hazelfryman7@hotmail.co.uk or by ringing the school on 01925 262721.

Cutting the cost of Christmas

A LESS expensive Christmas tree will be provided in Stockton Heath village centre this year to help keep costs down.

The parish council has approved funding of £2,975 for festive lights and a 30 feet high tree.

Decorations will include the tree in Victoria Square and lights in five adjacent real trees.

There will also be lights in St Thomas' churchyard, London Road/Orchard Street, Pilling Gardens and Walton Road/Whitefield Road.

This year the lights in Victoria Square will be turned on from Friday December 3 at 6pm.

As a goodwill gesture members agreed to buy Christmas trees each costing £30 for outside the four charity shops in the village on the understanding that they provide their own lights.

A further £290 was approved to provide a public address system.

School choirs from Stockton Heath Primary School and St Thomas' CE Primary School will be invited to sing carols and 400 programmes/carol sheets are to be ordered.

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Green Flag for park

POPULAR Alexandra Park in Stockton Heath has been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award.

The award recognise the best parks in the country and the venue impressed judges with its excellent use of green space, well-maintained facilities and high standard of safety and security.

It is the first community park in Warrington to be recognised for the award.

Paula Darlington, assistant director of environment and public protection services at the council, said: "I am delighted that Alexandra Park has been officially named as an outstanding green space.

"The staff and friends who contributed to this award thoroughly deserve to be rewarded in this way."



The 'green team' at Alexandra Park

Green Belt building can go ahead

PLANS to demolish a house on Green Belt land and replace it with a larger house have - unusually - been given the go-ahead.

Members of the borough's planning sub-committee approved the scheme at Orsett Cottage, Half Acre Lane, Thelwall after hearing of "special circumstances" - the fact that if they refused consent, permitted development rights would allow the applicant to extend the existing house to an even larger size.

Over-development

Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council had objected to the scheme on the grounds it represented over-development in the Green Belt and that a similar scheme in Broad Lane, Grappenhall, had been refused at appeal.

Two residents also opposed the scheme on the grounds the existing property was a "lovely house" and should be saved.

But officers, while accepting the plan represented a disproportionate increase in size, said this was outweighed by the special circumstances.

The case in Broad Lane was entirely different, they said.

No objection had been received from the immediate neighbours.

Laboratory launches lecture programme

DARESBUY Laboratory launches its new season of 'Talking Science' lectures on Friday, September 24 - and for the first time it will be webcast live and published on line.

The first lecture will deal with the engineering involved in building some of the most complicated machines ever built - such as the Large Hadron Collider at CERN and Daresbury Laboratory's own ALICE and EMMA particle accelerators.

Booking for the free lecture started on September 1 - and demand is usually high.

Other lectures in the coming months will explore the science behind how scientists are trying to unravel the mysteries of the universe; how we interpret the visual world around us; how space weather affects our day-to-day lives; how synthetic biology could mean cheaper and faster drugs and cleaner fuels; what climate change means to the polar regions; and how astronomers can pinpoint the exact moment that the Romans invaded Britain from closely examining a painting.

Tony Buckley, head of Science in Society at Daresbury said: "Everything around us has been touched by science but we don't always get the chance to understand how and why this is."

"The Daresbury Laboratory 'Talking Science' lecture programme gives everyone a chance to hear from the experts, get to grips with the latest developments in science and technology and have their questions answered. You don't need to be a scientist to attend, everyone is invited."

For the first time, each lecture will now be webcast live and archived on the Science and Technology Facilities Council website.

Mr Buckley added: "I'm really pleased we're doing this. It's

tremendous that there's such a great interest in science locally that the Talking Science lectures are always fully booked, but it has meant that many who wanted to come were disappointed. They'll now be accessible to everyone, wherever they are."

The full programme of lectures can be found online at www.stfc.ac.uk/dlwbcasts

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Promotions for three solicitors

STOCKTON Heath based Forshaws Davies Ridgway LLP (FDR) has promoted three solicitors to the position of Associate Solicitor.

Jennifer McGuinness, Parveen Bunglawala and Victoria Andrews have started their new positions. Parveen specializes in commercial litigation and employment law whilst Jennifer and Victoria are both civil litigation experts.

The process to become an Associate Solicitor followed an application and interview process at which the three successful candidates demonstrated their legal expertise and their commitment to improving the practice.

Tim Jordan, Partner at FDR, led the process on behalf of the Partners and says, "We are delighted to be able to reward these three exceptional solicitors with the next step of progression in their careers. The three candidates made the decision making process extremely easy for us

by being proactive members of the FDR team. It is important to the Partners and Practice that we continue to reward excellence. All of our Associate Solicitors are well regarded individuals who are the future of the organisation."

Invaluable

Norman Banner, Senior Partner at FDR, adds, "Jennifer, Parveen and Victoria are invaluable members of the local legal community. Their skills not only benefit our firm but also the wider legal community. Much is being made at the moment about the impending introduction of 'Tesco Law' but we believe that the likes of these three highlight the benefit of seeking legal advice from experienced, approachable and local experts."



Neighbours fail to block house plan

NEARBY residents have failed in a bid to block plans for a new house in Windmill Lane, Appleton.

Borough council planners have given the go-ahead for the development despite receiving five objections.

The scheme involves demolition of a single-storey, self-contained annexe attached to St Ann's, a dormer bungalow in Windmill Lane.

In its place, a four-bedroomed, traditional two-storey house will be built, towards the rear of the site.

Objectors claimed the house would be out of character with the area, adding a large property to a road already overdeveloped. They queried the ability of the sewerage system to cope with the development and claimed the new house would have an "overbearing height."

Planning officers said the proposals complied with council privacy and daylight standards and could be carried out without unacceptable detriment to the amenities of nearby properties.

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Maidens bowled them over!

APPLETON women's cricket team are champions of the Cheshire Women's League for the first time in their history.

They clinched the title with a massive victory over outgoing champions Poynton when captain Emma Barlow scored 103 - her second successive century - and Jenna Mape hit 52 as Appleton posted a league record score of 266-4.

Poynton were dismissed for 94 with Ellie Barnett taking three wickets for three runs for Appleton.

It was a super summer for the Appleton women who lost only one

league match all season.

They achieved a Cheshire cricket "treble", also winning the Knock-Out Cup and the Twenty20 competitions - both in exciting last ball finishes.

Captain Emma Barlow was the mainstay of the batting but there were consistently good performances from most of the team, including Anni Rashid, Jen Regan, Chloe Page, Natalie Lyons, Ellie Barnett and Heather Peters.



Appleton captain Emma Barlow and club stalwart Chris Moore with the Twenty20 and league trophies.

Tattoo studio raises money for Help the Heroes

A new tattoo and body piercing studio covering Stockton Heath and Lymm areas has been helping raise funds for Help the Heroes.

Tatturiam has been set up by two local young men, Matthew Dempsey and Neil Scott from Lymm who have been donating free tattoo sessions in the studio to be auctioned off at charity events.

They said "We were really happy to be able to support such a worthwhile cause."

As tattooing and piercing becomes a new high in fashion, not only for the younger generation but for everyone, the industry has quickly become recognised as a form of art. This is also true with Body Piercing, influenced by some of the stunning ranges of jewellery now available.

Tatturiam have opened a new studio at Statham near Lymm, that appeals to a wide range of people. It offers a relaxed, helpful, friendly, high standard of service to all customers. They are also keen to offer piece of mind to not only their customers, but to parents and guardians of the younger

generation wanting piercings, and pride themselves on clean, clinical and safe working environment.

They are fully certified by Warrington Borough Council, liability insured and registered as safe handlers for the removal of clinical waste. They encourage any one considering a tattoo or piercing to call in any time to discuss any concerns they may be having.

Artist Neil is quickly becoming one of the North West's up and coming artists. After completing his training and working for some of the most recognised artists in the area, he is now coming into his own. Not only turning images into incredible tattoos but excelling in his custom work.

Manager Matthew trained as a Chef and worked in Lymm for many years. He has always been interested and involved with the tattoo industry, just not professionally. After training and becoming a catering manager he decided to transfer his business knowledge and management skills into his passion.



Matthew and Neil in their studio

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PEOPLE are being encouraged to get out their walking shoes and join in a 5k charity walk in Grappenhall.

It is the sixth year that the walk has been organised in the village by Roy Kettle, and so far the walks have raised £15,000 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

It will be on Sunday October 31 and starts from 11am from Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane.

Anyone interested in joining in, helping to organise or sponsor the event should contact Roy at roy.kettle1@ntlworld.com or phone 262 851.

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Money Column

By Margaret Black

Do you have a Limited Company?

WatkinsonBlack have noted a degree of confusion in the minds of some Limited Company clients of the documents to be submitted to Companies House, and so we take this opportunity to remind people of these. All companies need to file two annual documents at Companies House. Companies House send reminders for all documents that are due or are even overdue to the company's registered office. The two documents are:

1. The Annual Return. This is a return reporting the names of the company's officers, as well as details of the share capital and shareholders. Unless a return is made up to an earlier date, a return is made up to each anniversary of the company's formation, and needs to be submitted within one month. There is a filing fee of £15 if submitted electronically. There are no automatic financial penalties for filing these returns late.

With regard to the Annual Return we rely on the Companies House reminders to prompt us to request the necessary information. Unless the company's registered office is at our office, all reminders from Companies House will be sent to the company directly, and it is then up to themselves to either submit the return or to contact us. If the registered office is at our address then we receive those reminders, and we will write to clients with details of how to pay the filing fee as well as enclosing a form authorising us to submit the

return on their behalf. In both cases we are happy, with proper authorisation, to submit the return electronically.

2. The Annual Accounts. Each company has an Accounting Reference Date which, unless changed, is the last day of the calendar month during which the company was formed. Accounts need to be completed up to each Accounting Reference Date and, generally, need to be submitted to Companies House within nine months of that date. Failure to submit the accounts by the due date attract a financial penalty increasing from £175 if less than one month late to several thousand pounds for longer failures. To not do so by the due date is a criminal offence which can lead to imprisonment.

With regard to the accounts, as the company's Accounting Reference Date, or year end, approaches we do write to our limited Company clients to remind them of the records that we require to prepare the accounts, and if these records are not received then we send two further reminders. Whilst we will always do our best to ensure that accounts are delivered on time, we cannot guarantee to do so unless we receive the records within four months of the company's year end and also receive a reply to information requests within a reasonable time. Please also note that we cannot submit any accounts until they have been authorised



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

for us to do so, this is usually by returning the signed copies of the accounts to us.

It is the company responsibility to meet these filing requirements. As agents we assist as far as possible to meet the required responsibility, however, in order to do this we do require our client companies to act in a timely manner at all times.

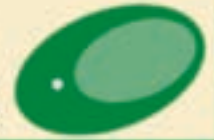
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Law firm show support for Town



STOCKTON Heath based solicitors FDR have signed up as a new sponsor of Warrington Town FC who kick started their season with a league record crowd of 1,500 for their historic clash with new look Chester FC.

The 'Wire' are playing in The newly branded Evo-Stick League Division One North and have high expectations for the new season following a number of new signings including former Everton and Republic of Ireland player Gareth Farrelly, who starred during the 1-1 draw with former football league outfit Chester.

FDR has a long standing relationship with the club as the club solicitors but this will be the first season as sponsors.

Partner Charles Agar said, "We are delighted to show support for our local team. I have been involved with the club for a couple of years in a legal capacity but it is great to now be

backing the team as a firm. Joey Dunn, the manager, is developing a good and ambitious group of players with a mixture of experience and youth.

"At FDR, we are always keen to support our local community and are delighted to see Warrington becoming a town of sporting excellence. With Warrington Wolves in a successive Challenge Cup Final and Warrington Town improving year on year we're certainly in a golden, or should that be primrose and blue, period for local sport."

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Town Striker Gavin Salmon (above) who scored during the draw with Chester and the two teams (top) lining up for a special presentation to mark the historic match.

Town team up with Moore

WARRINGTON Town have teamed up with locally based Moore United to be a 'feeder club' to help generate home grown players for the future while the club's junior set up has taken over Beechfields to further expand the Warrington Town brand.

The move to team up with the well respected Moore club follows the decision to disband Town's reserve team.

Town manager Joey Dunn said: "I am looking forward to the alliance as it gives us the opportunity to provide a feeder through for our first team for the Warrington based players.

"It is a great option for our squad of players to play locally with a really well respected local side, which is run by football people who want to see their club progress as a consequence.

"There are plans for it to expand over the years and the meetings between the two clubs have been really positive, and I believe it is a win win for both clubs."

Moore's Toby Macormac, who also sits on the board at Warrington said: "The expansion plans are the key which I'll heading up with Warrington Schoolboys and the teams at Warrington Collegiate.

"We are a long established side, formed in 1946 and hope to use our experience to supply quality players going forward."

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