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Editor's Comment



I am sure many local business people are feeling the pinch in the tough economic climate which is not going to get any easier with the traditionally quiet school holidays upon us and the swine flu pandemic which is going to get worse before it gets better.

It is more important than ever that as a town we pull together and try and help each other through some of the toughest economic times ever known, although we have not been hit as hard as some of our friends in the media.

In my other role as Chief Executive at Warrington Town FC I know how tough it is to get people to part with money at the moment, although I am pleased to say that sponsorship is actually up on last season and season ticket sales have remained strong.

Boost

The new sponsorship deal with Warrington Collegiate is a major boost for the club and I hope the long term benefit will be local lads coming through the ranks and forging themselves a successful career on and off the pitch, learning news skills for life after football at the college.

I am convinced that a successful football team in Warrington, aligned to our neighbours at Warrington Wolves, who have themselves felt the pinch with their main kit supplier going into administration, will provide a major boost for the town.

I have seen first hand how visiting fans can have an impact on the local economy visiting local pubs, hotels

and fast food outlets and a successful football club will help improve Warrington's profile on the national map.

Here at *warrington-worldwide* we have taken steps to help local businesses with our special shop local feature (see page 22) , providing affordable advertising.

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WARRINGTON Town Football Club have announced a new Principal Sponsor for the forthcoming season – the club's diamond jubilee.

Town have teamed up with Warrington Collegiate, the town's largest education provider, who have signed up as the club's main shirt sponsor for the next 12 months, with the aim of making it a long term partnership.

With matching "corporate colours" the two organisations are also linked by England World Cup Winner Roger Hunt, who was spotted playing on Cantilever Park by Liverpool in the club's Stockton Heath days and is also an honorary fellow at the Collegiate.

The sponsorship deal will involve the Collegiate's academy football team becoming a feeder team for Town's reserves – with the potential of college students stepping up to the first team, if they achieve the required standard.

The Collegiate are already linked with Warrington Wolves' Rugby League Academy and see the link with the town's premier football team as the next step in ensuring the best possible opportunities for their students.

Collegiate Principal Paul Hafren said: "We are well aware of Warrington Town's ambitions to move the club forward and up the league tables and we hope the Collegiate can be part of that success."

"A town the size of Warrington should have a football team playing at a higher level and this is a great opportunity for our students to gain invaluable experience and hopefully help move the club forward."

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"It is a a win, win opportunity for both the football club and ourselves."

Warrington Town manager Joey Dunn, said: "This is a really exciting opportunity for Warrington Town and it is fantastic to get the backing of one of the largest organisations in town behind us."

"Hopefully we can uncover some untapped local talent – and you never know a Roger Hunt of the future!"

The sponsorship deal will include Warrington Town helping out with coaching sessions at the Collegiate. It will also allow free admission to all Warrington Town home games for college students on production of their

student cards – helping swell attendances at Cantilever Park.

To mark the club's sixty year celebration special commemorative shirts have been made, emblazoned with the Collegiate logo and a special Diamond Jubilee badge.

The Collegiate are teaming up with the club's other sponsors, Warrington Borough Transport, the Environment Agency, Business Link North West, Select Leisure and intraining.

Town will kick start their league season at home to Clitheroe on Saturday, August 15.

Season tickets are available at a special price of £100 until the end of July. Admission at all home games this season is **free** for children aged under 16 are free when accompanied by a parent, or those holding Warrington Borough Transport Saver Cards, or are students enrolled at Warrington Collegiate on production of their student card.



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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

Fear is temporary, regret is forever!

BY the time you read this I will have taken part in a short television program for a regional TV company who was interested in my Laid Off, Move On audio program, designed specifically for those who have been made redundant and how to recognise and deal with the emotional implications redundancy brings with it.

I am of course familiar with working in the recording studio developing my self help and self development audio programmes, and I have been a guest on several radio stations over the years, but TV crews are something different, for someone who spends most of his life in a small room working with clients, shouting about the work I do seems quite alien. However I realise that I have a story to tell, in fact our publicist thinks I have many. So this is something that I am going to have to get used too, and this TV program is a good place to start.

No doubt it will all be fine, but it prompted several thoughts. The main one was how easy it would be to shy away from something so new and

unfamiliar. How easy to make up an excuse and avoid putting myself out of my comfort zone. And yet what would be the point? Afterwards I would regret it, and have missed a wonderful opportunity to express my thoughts, describe my work and get a positive message across.

I remembered something I tell my clients. Fear is temporary, regret is forever! FEAR for some people can stand for Forget Everything And Run, or it can stand for Fiction Envisioned As Real. I wondered how many people choose to walk away from opportunities because of short term fear. How many people sabotage their thoughts and future and livelihoods simply because of some short term emotional discomfort only to have lots of time to regret it later? How many people I wondered chose to not pick up the phone to tell someone they were sorry, or that they loved them, or to phone for a job application, or apply for a course at college, or those who don't apply for promotion simply because of short term fear?

If only they chose a different path,

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to pick up the phone, to send an email, to apply for the promotion, or tell someone they are sorry or to tell someone they loved them. How much better we would feel, sharing our feelings, learning to push back our barriers and limitations and to live life as fully as we can. To do so is more important than ever in these days of uncertainty. The worst someone can say to you is no. When I think about doing the TV programme, I know I will be working with professionals, and I know I will have lots more experience when it is finished. Experience I can then take with me to do something else, challenging my comfort zone once again, but with it bringing growth and development to my life. And the excitement that thought brings will dilute any short term discomfort. And looking back on the day, I will be able to say I did it. Have you challenged your comfort zone today?

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George, who was walking with St Mary's Church, Buttermarket Street, has been walking since he was five, making it his 83rd Warrington Walking Day!

He arrived armed for all weathers with his sun hat and brolly!

It was also a special day for Ron and Maynard Glover (above) who were walking with St Elphins Parish Church and celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

Meanwhile Mary Oultram (right) was celebrating her 70th birthday with daughter Shelly who had flown over from Italy especially for the occasion.

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FDR was officially one year old on July 1st following the joining together of Forshaw's and Davies Ridgway in Warrington, Stockton Heath and Frodsham had a birthday celebration with birthday cake and bubbly.

The practice also had an additional cake made which was donated to the day care unit at St Rocco's Hospice of which Norman Banner, Partner at FDR, is a trustee.

Norman commented, "The past twelve months have been challenging.



Norman Banner presenting a birthday cake to Pam Sherratt, Staff Nurse at the Day Care Centre at St Rocco's

Most of us Members have been through mergers before and through recessions before but never both in the same year. Despite the challenges we've had an incredibly successful first year and wanted to celebrate with our colleagues, and as everyone knows the best way to celebrate a birthday is with cake! The larger combined practice now means that FDR can provide clients with specialist legal advice in a whole array of legal specialisms. Even in the rare cases where we can't help a client with a query we will know someone who can!"

Norman added, "We have a great relationship with St Rocco's and everyone at FDR felt it right that we share our birthday cake with them. As a trustee of the Hospice I know that supporting them isn't always about grand gestures and raising money but is often about the small details which can make a real difference to guests at the Hospice, whether that is providing a friendly face or in this case cake."

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Christina's gamble pays off

A WARRINGTON woman who sold her home and moved her family in a flat above her shop, has won a local business award.

Christina Houghton, 40, of Window Dreams, Egypt Street, won the award in the Investing in Warrington category.

Christina, who also has a stall in Warrington Market, decided to set up the shop three years ago.

Her husband Adrian, 38, agreed and the couple decided to sell up and move into the flat with two young children. The couple now have three children Christian, 11, Adriana, six, and two-years-old Jack.

"We had to sell our home in Callands and move into the town centre flat with two small children. We had to do up and develop the flat and a former book shop," she said.

"We have now restored part of the Georgian building. Also downstairs we rent space to new business start ups."



The gamble paid off - the shop is successful, Christina has won the award and the family have recently moved out to a new home - back in Callands.

Free networking event

A FREE B2B networking event is taking place on Thursday July 30, between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm for local business leaders, new enterprise and entrepreneurs at the Director's Club, 3 -5, Bewsey Road, Warrington, WA2 7LN.

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Friday 4 September – Tim Minchin - Ready For This?

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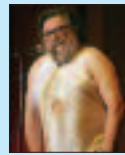


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Titled, "The Scottish Brick Society", the film is the work of a fledgling production company, Effortless Pictures, founded by 16-year-old George Miller Atkinson, from Culcheth, last year.

George has directed the film and plays a leading role in it as well.

Others in the cast include Zac Bradley, 15, Liam McLeod-Eccles, 14, Upile Benjamin, 16, all from Culcheth, Amy Vinton, 16 and James Frangleton, 16, from Hollins Green and Kadie Gray, 16, from Leigh.

The film will be screened at the Pyramid Arts Centre on August 15.

George says Effortless Pictures will specialise in feature length sci-fi films aimed at a young audience.

He said: "I hope this will be a promising addition to the creative community of Warrington."

George describes "The Scottish Brick Society" as an action/surrealistic drama based on the works of Canadian surrealist artist George Grief. The team have had some support and encouragement from Warrington Borough Council's Arts and Sports Engagement Team.

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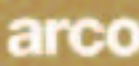
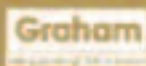
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THE Northwest Disability Awareness Day (DAD) held at Walton Gardens, Warrington has been hailed as 'the biggest and best' in its 18 year history. Organised by Warrington Disability Partnership, DAD 2009 attracted over 27,000 visitors from across the region and over 280 exhibitors from across the UK and Europe - two travelled in from Spain and Cyprus.

The event was the finale of a week consisting of 12 complementary events attracting thousands of visitors including the Minister for Disabled People Jonathan Shaw, who praised the work of the team of volunteers who ensure the smooth running of the event.

Mr Shaw said: "DAD typifies the strength, tenacity and flexibility of the voluntary sector". He also paid further praise to the joint work between the voluntary, statutory and private sectors in supporting the event as sponsors and exhibitors.

Over 120 of the exhibitors were charities covering all age groups from children and young people to adults and older people, and physical, sensory and learning impairment, mental health and carers.

DAD 2009 was a huge community event that successfully involved over 230 volunteers stewards and young assistants including dozens of family and friends of Warrington Disability Partnership, Lions and Rotary Clubs, Sea Cadets, Thorn Cross Young Offenders Institute, St John Ambulance, Friends of Walton Gardens, Dial A Ride, in addition to over 400 volunteers who helped to

staff the charity exhibition stands.

The event is recognised as Europe's largest voluntary led disability exhibition and it's not surprising that the event organisers received royal recognition when they were presented with a Queens Award for Voluntary Services in 2006.

Successful

The Northwest Regional Development Agency is the principal sponsor of DAD 2009 and Chief Executive Steven Broomhead said: "The NWDA continues to work hard to ensure people across all communities have access to the facilities and infrastructure that contribute to a successful regional economy and enjoy a good quality of life."

"Disability Awareness Day has gone from strength to strength, raising awareness of disability issues and promoting the skills of the talented people within the region."

Chair of Warrington Disability Partnership and event co-ordinator Dave Thompson MBE DL, said: "Awareness and understanding of the availability of independent living support is of major importance to tens



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of thousands of the Northwest's two million disabled people and carers. We know that DAD provides a vital role in highlighting what is available, not just by attending the event but also by accessing the website during the 12 months between events".

Plans are already underway for Disability Awareness Day 2010 which will be held on Sunday, July 11, at Walton Hall Gardens Warrington Cheshire (Off A56).

For more details email dave.thompson@5bp.nhs.uk or visit www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk

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Finally the group completed a three-mile run on Woodbury Common, learned about rations and the art of observation, stalking and camouflage on the battlefield.

Priestley tutor Carol Chan, who accompanied the students, said: "This was an excellent opportunity for numerous members of the group who have expressed a desire to join the armed forces at the end of their studies.

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It was the first time anyone from Warrington had even made the final. Steve has been manager of the busy town centre market for ten years which scooped "Best Indoor Market of the Year" earlier this year.

A delighted Steve, who appealed

to *warrington-worldwide* readers to support his bid to win the title by voting online said: "I would like to thank *warrington-worldwide* readers for voting for me and for their many personal messages of support which have been really heartwarming."

He was nominated for the award for his consistent dedication shown to the market, its traders and the council.

It is also because of his "innovation and his willingness to always go the extra mile."

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Town wearing their new 'Diamond Jubilee' kit and fielding a strong first team, were more than a match for the submariners despite a spirited performance from the visitors led by their commanding officer Ryan Ramsay - with one of the highlights of the game seeing the ship's captain up-ending Town's star striker Jimmy McCarthy, who got his revenge with a four goal tally.

The match was in aid of Mayor of Warrington Brian Axcell's charity appeal fund, with money being raised for Warrington Charities Trust.

With Town leading 4-0 at the break, former player Joey, pulled on the famous yellow jersey for the first time in two decades, showing a thinner hairline and wider waistline made little difference in front of goal as he buried a stunning strike into the back of the net, also going close on



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Let us look at an example. You buy house A in 1990 for £75,000. You need to move to a new part of the country and in 2000 you move to house B. Unable to sell A you decide to let it, but in 2005 you find a buyer and sell house A for £345,000.

House A was your PPR for 10 years out of a total period of ownership of 15

years, after which house B became your PPR and became exempt. Therefore, 10/15th of the gain of £270,000 on house A is exempt. However, the last 3 years of ownership is also exempt. This is a further 3/15th of the gain. Taking these two together, £234,000 out of the total gain of £270,000 is exempt.

But there is more! Because you let the house you can claim letting relief. This applies if you let a house which has, at any time, been your PPR and exempts a further amount equal to the PPR relief up to a maximum of £40,000. As the remaining taxable amount of £36,000 is less than £40,000 then this will also be exempt meaning that the whole of the gain of £270,000 is tax free.

The value of this relief is shown by the fact that we have had to magnify the gain to an unrealistic figure even to get close to a taxable position. And remember, the benefit is multiplied 2x by the fact that any gain on house B during this period will also be exempt.

If this was not good enough then you



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

should always remember that "flipping" is not restricted to MPs! The PPR is initially given on a property which is, as a matter of fact, your main home. However, you can elect for another property to be your PPR subject only to the fact that you actually do live in it at some time and that it is, therefore, your residence, and also subject to certain time limits on making the election. By judicious use of these provisions it is open to everyone with more than one property to enjoy substantial tax free gains.

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