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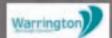
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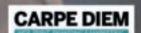
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# ditor's Comment

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Some may think this is inevitable after a change of political control at the Town Hall, but we feel it must impede the real business of local government, which is to run the town efficiently and for the benefit of residents'.

Press releases and "leaks" have come from all sides, some containing personal attacks on individuals. We are pleased to be able to report that the most scurrilous of these appear not to have got into print - to the credit of

the much-maligned media.

One story which did create headlines, however, and in the opinion of some, misleading headlines, concerned pay rises for misleading senior council officers at a time when some Town Hall staff were facing

redundancy or pay cuts.

Can such pay rises be justified?

We cannot pretend to know, but would point out that local authority wages and salaries are negotiated as part of a national agreement and cover not only senior management but everyone else down to the most junior employee. Warrington's review was carried out in 2009.

It is not unusual when political control of a council changes for

rumours to circulate that senior officers appointed by the outgoing party should be looking for new employment.

Such rumours can only be strengthened when named individuals are asked, publicly, to decline pay awards.

Whether this helps run the town efficiently and for the benefit of residents we, again, could not

pretend to know.

But what could help is if those who are earning six figure salaries that many of us can only dream of, should consider setting an example, so those below them who have lost their jobs, or had their pay decreased, do not feel so aggrieved.

It may also help if they connected better in the town where they work by

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# Classic cars draw the crowds





WARRINGTON fourth ann WARRINGTON Market's fourth annual classic transport show drew large crowds to the town centre.

Classic cars from the North West Casual Classics and St Helens Car Club joined forces with many local owners of vintage vehicles showing off their pride and joy on the day.

Visitors were able to get close up

to a Jaguar formula one car, a model steam train and a lifeboat. Vintage buses supplied by Warrington Borough Transport and the St Helens Bus Museum offered people the chance to take a trip down memory

One attraction was a one previous owner 1967 Corsair (pictured left) with just 2,500 miles on the clock! There was also entertainment

including Morris dancers from Thelwall and donkey rides for children.

Cllr Mike Hannon, (pictured below) deputy leader of Warrington Borough Council, attended the event, congratulating market manager Stephen Pickering (pictured below left) on attracting extra footfall into the

town centre.

He said: "This is the fourth year the classic transport show has taken place at Warrington Market and it was bigger and better than ever this year. Everyone was really enjoying themselves and there was a festival atmosphere. I hope this event will grow and continue to be a great success in years to come."









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Hypnotes Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . . by Michael Mahoney

# Celebrating 25 years! Wow, that's a quarter of a Century!

Little did I know back in 1986, that my calling as a clinical hypnotherapist would take me on such an interesting and rewarding journey! Twenty-five years later I can look back on so many years later I can look back on so many wonderful experiences and recall the faces of many of my patients who taught me a thing or two along the way to their own healing.

My most long-term and rewarding

privilege has been learning from my patients in order to develop gut-specific protocols for them in the treatment of Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) for both adults and children. I was very honoured to have received Warrington Business Innovation and Research Awards for my work in this field, as well as another for my Emotional Recovery after Breast Cancer protocol.

Looking back, I never would have dreamed that I would travel to the United States several times to share my work with other professionals or that my efforts would be shared in several publications in both the UK and the US.

publications in both the UK and the US.

I suppose I could list my credentials and affiliations that my professional peers like to look over, but I will spare you, because I really feel that my

qualifications encompass the people that have graced my life either professionally as I continue to learn and grow, or my patients, by allowing me to help them take a journey of their own healing.

I have never forgotten the despondent faces of those very first IBS sufferers who came to see me back in 1991, and so my hypnotherapy practice sponsored the UK's first IBS Awareness evening at Liverpool University in 1997. My IBS patients touched my heart, and with so patients touched my heart, and with so many too sick to travel to my practice office, I would mail tapes of my IBS protocol to them – and gradually, via a very grass roots effort, the IBS Audio Program 100® was born and became available to the public in 1998 and now listened to by sufferers in over 40 countries!

In 2003, imagine my surprise as I was listed first in the Independent on

Sunday 'Top Brass Section' of leading hypnotherapists in the UK. Recently, I have had the honour to be invited by The Lord Chamberlain to attend Queen Elizabeth's Garden Party by recommendation from UK Trade and Investment for recognition of my work with patients and recordings which

Mahoney is a Clinical Hypnotherapist. He has research and patient trials experience. He is a



He is a member of the Hypnotherapy Association, an associate of the Primary Care Society for Gastroenterology, he is a non NHS service provider and Private Health Service Provider

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encompass not only IBS, but also other treatment areas such as anxiety and emotional recovery from cancer and breast cancer.

One of my biggest satisfactions though, along with the wonderful honours I have been so blessed to receive, is the feedback that I receive receive, is the feedback that I receive from my in-practice patients that I see face-to-face, as well as from sufferers all over the world who have successfully used my recorded programs! These letters or emails hold a place of honour in my heart, and their kind words of gratefulness remind me of why I do what

As a simple Northern lad, it amazes and humbles me to think that someone in the far corners of the world – Australia, Japan, Greece – or wherever they may be – has come to trust my voice and know my name. And through my voice and experience, they now feel better and have taken that journey to healing. How marvelous is that? I wonder what the next 25 years will bring?

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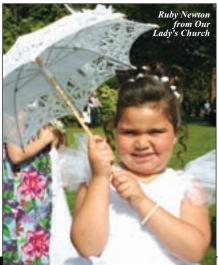
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# New bid to boost Omega project

WARRINGTON'S sleeping giant - the sprawling, 550-acre Omega development site - has been put forward for enterprise

If successful, the designation would mean the site would win a package of government incentives designed to stimulate economic

growth.

The bid has been put forward by the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership - the new organisation created to take over some of the functions of the North West Development Agency.

#### **Enterprise zones**

Last year, the government outlined plans to create 21 new enterprise zones across the country.

These zones would benefit from simplified planning rules, priority super-fast broadband access and tax breaks for businesses choosing

to locate there.

The first four sites were confirmed earlier this year in Nottingham, Liverpool, Manchester and London and applications are now open for the next round.

Omega is in the north of Warrington and has huge potential for growth and diverse job creation.

But it has lain unused for years because of insufficient interest from

A spokesperson for the LEP said: "A number of sites and opportunities across Cheshire and Warrington were carefully considered and Omega was put forward as the single preferred site

for the region.
"We feel that our bid measures up well against the criteria the government will consider but we must exercise a note of caution as it will be up against stiff competition."

A decision on the application is expected before the end of the

Omega is a joint venture between Miller Developments and a subsidiary of Royal Bank of Scotland, in conjunction with the Homes and Community Agency.

Last month, planning chiefs at Warrington approved amendments to planning conditions attached to Omega - also designed to improve the economic attractiveness of the

# Today Team celebrate 6th birthday



BIRCHWOOD Park based courier company Today Team have celebrated

Starting out in 2005 making local bed and sofa deliveries they now deliver throughout UK and in to Europe on a daily basis with clients as far afield as Aberdeen and Cardiff.

Managing Director Jamie Boyd recalls the journey over the last few years: "It's been hard work as the industry we are in is super competitive but it's been enjoyable, building the business from scratch was always going to be a challenge but starting out on the road in the vans was the best way to get a true understanding of the industry"

They must be doing something right as they can list companies such as ITV, Nestle and Eddie Stobarts as clients. So what does the future hold for Today Team?

"We've already been approached by larger companies with a view to buying us out but I feel the business has a long way to go before it reaches its full potential, we've just moved to larger offices and are about to recruit a new member of staff. We are very positive about the coming years."

Today Team can be contacted on 01925 202 101 or via their website www.todayteam.co.uk Managing Director Jamie Boyd recalls the journey over the last few years:

# Trade your car for a bus!



Graham Price – Manager of cartakeback (L) and David Squire MD of Network Warrington

WARRINGTON bus company Network Warrington is urging people to trade their old cars in for a bus!

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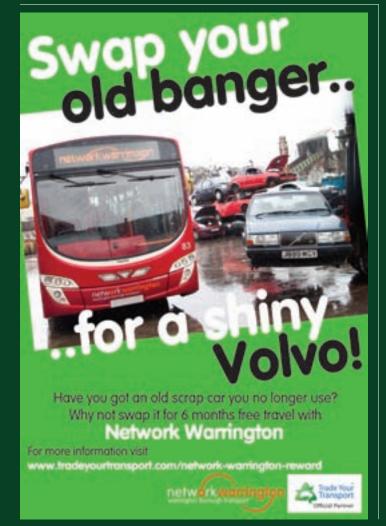
The bus company has launched a partnership with Trade Your Transport, and is encouraging local residents to go green and environmentally dispose of their old scrap car, in return for 6 months worth of local bus travel across the whole of their Network.

Rebecca Roddis, Press Officer for Cartakeback.com, the Company behind trade your transport, said: "The idea is to encourage people to dispose of their end of life vehicles legally and responsibly. We will reward them by giving them better value for their scrap car in the form of a 6 month Network Warrington (Network Zone) bus pass valued at £250, which is worth more than the scrap value of the car alone."

David Squire, Managing Director of Network Warrington added: "When we heard about Trade Your Transport, we thought it was a great idea, not just to encourage the use of alternative forms of transport, but also because of the positive effect it will have on the environment, by taking older cars off the road and helping to reduce carbon emissions."

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# 'Caught on camera' - The benefits of CCTV off site monitoring

YOU know it's always nice to be able to show the benefits of a particular crime prevention and detection measure. Two recently reported cases showing the benefits of CCTV showed how thieves where 'caught on camera'.

A thief who allegedly stole CCTV cameras from a former public house has been captured on camera by

cameras from a former public house has been captured on camera by the very same CCTV system that he was stealing. The thief took the cameras on a Sunday afternoon. The owner of the property was furious when he discovered the theft 2 days later. However when he reviewed the footage the thief had made identification of himself too easy. The thief had risked life and limb to get the cameras. A 22 year old man has been arrested. old man has been arrested.

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Another man was caught on CCTV in full face close up as he tried to climb a pole to disable a camera before breaking into a boat yard. This happened at 4.30am on a Saturday. The image has been published by the police to try to identify the man. In the first case the offender was identified later but if

the cameras had been off site remotely monitored, in both cases the offenders would have been seen

remotely monitored, in both cases the offenders would have been seen on camera at the very time they where committing the crime. The police or security officers could have been dispatched to the scene whilst the offender was in the process of committing the crime.

Even better if there had been a Tannoy system on site the offender may not have even got to the stage of committing the crime, why? The reason is that off site live monitoring would have picked up their presence as soon as they where entering the site. The Control Centre officers would have spoken to them directly on the Tannoy system to tell them that they where under surveillance and the police where on their way. They would have no doubt left in a mighty hurry. Thus the crime has been prevented, no damage, no loss to the owner. The skilled CCTV operatives would also have captured images of the offenders. Live observation provides for active crime prevention and peace of mind. Alternatively if there for active crime prevention and peace of mind. Alternatively if there had not been a Tannoy system on the site the police or security would

have been dispatched to the site to catch them 'at it'. Having CCTV cameras without off site remote live monitoring is like having a dog with three legs, its still willing to run but its achievements is greatly reduced.

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# MC2's

STOCKTON Heath's MC2 Hair Design have faced down competition from across the UK to be recognised as having some of the best young stylists in the country. The team includes Danielle Brookes

who won the Young Total Beauty
Award and Tom Price who was
accepted into Creactiv UK, a UK
wide exclusive team of stylists.
They join a roll of honour that
includes Vickie Gourley winning the

includes Vickie Gourley winning the La Biosthetique UK Hair & Beauty Awards in 2009 and Stacey Mills who was Runner up in 2010. Meanwhile back in Warrington, young assistant Poppy Bridge has also been wowing the crowds with her stunning voice, winning Warrington's Got Talent at Chicago



All are overseen by proud Salon Manager Melissa Jacks, a member of the La Biosthetique UK Artistic Team. Salon owner Martin Coleman said of their achievement, "People think

that winning these awards makes us exclusive, but the whole reason we push ourselves is to simply improve and give our Warrington clients the very best in hair design and service."

# Summer soccer schools launched in town

Warrington Town launching its first ever Summer Soccer at its new Centre of Footballing Ex Cantilever Park. Excellence based at

Running throughout August during the school summer holidays, boys and girls aged 6 to 12 years old can take part in a fun packed week.

The club's community development officer James Standing said: "The club will be using our new state of the art 3G pitches to run the summer soccer

"They will be great fun to take part in and will also introduce children to the football club and hopefully see them become our fans or players of the future.

The costs start from just £9 per day while discount will be given for full, weekly bookings.

The dates of the soccer schools

Week 1 - Commencing August 1st

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Week 2 - Commencing 8th August (5 Day Course)

Mon 8th, Tues 9th, Weds 10th, Thurs 11th, Fri 12th £9 per day or £40 for all 5 days.

Week 3 - Commencing 15th August (5 Day Course) Mon 15th, Tues 16th, Weds 17th, Thurs 18th, Fri 19th £9 per day or £40 for all 5 days.

Week 4 - Commencing 22nd August (5 Day Course) Mon 22nd, Tues 23rd, Weds 24th, Thurs 25th, Fri 26th

£9 per day or £40 for all 5 days.

Fun games, football tournaments, new skills and great games will be introduced to everyone with the day kicking off at 9:30am and finishing at

3:30pm.
The course will be run by FA qualified, first aid and CRB checked coaches who will have the safety and well being of each child as a number

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For more information please contact James on 0771 457 1452 or email james@warringtontown

# Festival will showcase arts talent

ARTISTS and performers will take to the streets during Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival. The free festival, from September 24 to October 29, will celebrate

emerging and acclaimed artists and performers as they take to the town's streets, parks and Cultural Quarter

It will include exhibitions, performances and live art, including a public art trail, arts and crafts fair, film festival and gallery readings.

Festival organiser Derek Dick said: "There is growing support and interest in contemporary arts in and around Warrington from the performing and visual arts sector.

#### Engage

"We are proud of the wealth of talent here and hope the festival will attract visitors from across the region, and engage those who may not normally visit their local art gallery or museum by bringing performances to streets and parks."

Cllr Kate Hannon, the borough council's executive member for leisure, community and culture, added: "This is a wonderful way to engage the local community in arts activities, and to allow local and regional talent to showcase their skills.

#### Cultural

"I hope it will encourage residents to take a more active interest in the cultural facilities available to them all year round.

Further details are available from www.warringtonartsfestival.co.uk



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# Charlotte's world-class bronze

Newton competed in the world powerboat championships for the first time - and picked up a bronze medal.

Charlotte, aged just 13, is a member of the Top Cat Racing team sponsored by Cheshire IT company Comcare Technology Ltd, of Lymm.

She competed in the UIM World GT15 Championships at Stewartby

Water Sports Club, Bedford.
A pupil at Culcheth High School, Charlotte has been involved in the adrenalin charged world of powerboat racing at junior level for four years.

She was introduced to the sport by her father, Andrew, who has been involved in powerboat racing for 30 years as a rescue diver, travelling the world with the Osprey Rescue Team.

He now concentrates Charlotte's racing and they are both members of Lancashire Powerboat Racing Club at St Helens.

Charlotte also competes in the RYA British National Championships at venues all over the country.

Since 2008 she has achieved considerable success, winning seven club races and several second and third places at national level.

Her bronze medal success was achieved very much against the odds.

Top Cat team manager Mark Andrews took delivery of a new before the event and it was only with help from fellow UK teams BRM Racing and Jelf Racing that he and Charlotte's dad managed to get her boat up and running in time.

Then the competition was held up for several hours due to dreadful weather conditions, strong winds and torrential rain.

When racing started, Charlotte, competing against drivers from the UK, Sweden, Norway and Estonia, started fourth on the grid after the qualifying heat.

She got a great start in the first heat and finished second behind UK driver Ben Jelf.

Unfortunately she was washed out

at the start of the second heat and finished fourth.

With only three of the four heats to count, all was not lost and she went into the third heat with confidence and determination. She finished second again - making her level on points for second place with Estonian . Reio Kasnapuu.

Everything was to play for in the fourth and final heat but weather conditions changed and favoured the Estonian boat. Despite great efforts, Charlotte could not pass him and finished third overall.

All three heats were won convincingly by fellow UK driver 11year-old Ben Jelf.

Charlotte's bronze medal was



presented by UIM Commissioner Pelle Larson - a very proud moment indeed.

Lois Andrews, of Comcare, said: "We are all very proud of Charlotte. She showed great determination, courage and maturity for one so young and was not at all fazed by the grandeur of the occasion. Comcare are very proud to be associated with Top Cat Racing as are all the other



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# Royal seal of approval for DAD

HRH the Countess of Wessex gave a royal seal of approval to Warrington's pioneering Disability Awareness Day to help mark the 20th anniversary celebrations of the largest voluntary led disabled event in Europe.

Glorious sunshine greeted the the Countess as she arrived at Walton Gardens bringing a smile to the faces of the many voluntary groups and supporters who make up a "Dads army" to stage the annual event. She spent more than an hour chatting with a dedicated army of Queens Award for Volunteer winners and their supporters, who worked tirelessly in the run up to the event.

Event founder and co-ordinator Dave Thompson MBE DL said: "We were honoured to received Her Royal Highness who brought a smile to the faces of our many dedicated volunteers and supporters.

"Disability Awareness Day, and associated events, has been promoting a positive 'can-do' attitude towards disability for the past two decades. We were proud to share part of our landmark 20th anniversary with the Countess who graciously accepted our invitation to come and meet with the volunteers and management team - the heart and backbone of DAD.

"It was nice to see so many of the

DAD team sharing their experiences with the Countess."

The Countess's visit launched the start of 'Ignite Your Life' an event which involved an afternoon of workshops, exhibition and activities including a Poets Corner, music, drama, art, crafts and complementary therapies. The event focused on mental health and well-being.

The Countess also met with staff, service users and carers from local specialist mental health and learning disability services provider 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, who are sponsored the event.

Ex-soldier Keith Hudson from Combat Stress added: "It was good to get the word out about our network and be open about the problems faced by returning forces."

Kath Winders from the 5 Boroughs Partnership said:"I was able to tell the Countess about our Stamp Out Stigma Campaign which now has more than 108,000 signatures."

Duncan Barber from the 5 Boroughs Partnership added: "It was a great opportunity to exhibit the work of people with mental health problems and showcase their abilities."





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# Disability

THE 20th anniversary of Warrington's Disability Awareness Day once again proved to be a huge success as thousands of people flocked to the unique event at Walton Gardens.

The event organised by the Warrington Disability Partnership attracted visitors from far and wide, including a delegation from Thailand and a fly over by a World War II Dakota!

It proved to be an emotional occasion for WDP Chairman Dave Thompson, who reflected on how the event had grown over 20 years, starting from marking a couple of small sections for exhibitors with a tin of paint with his son Gavin, to a tented village now attracting tens of thousands of visitors.

Various sponsors and supporters were presented with special commemorative plaques in recognition of their support.

Dave explained how it had been even more difficult to attract sponsorship than previous years but various fund-raising events, including a sponsored scuba dive by himself and others, had ensured the event could continue in a similar format.

Plans are now in hand for the 21st anniversary event next year.



Town crier, Peter Powell launches the event.



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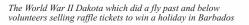


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marriage agreements 'Prenuptial Agreements') have become big news recently following the Supreme Court's decision in a case known as Radmacher.

The landmark case related to wealthy German Heiress, Katrin Radmacher whó finally succeeded in fighting off financial claims by her former husband Nicolas Granatino, a French Investment Banker.

At the insistence of Katrin's family, the parties signed a prenuptial contract before their marriage in 1998 which stated that Nicolas would not be entitled to any of Katrin's money if they divorced.

Nicolas's attempts to try and go against the contract failed and the Supreme Court upheld a previous Court's decision that he would not receive anything for himself from Katrin's fortune.

This decision marks a significant shift towards such agreements becoming legally binding.

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- 2. You may have already acquired assets and wish to preserve them on divorce. Some of those acquired assets may be from a previous relationship or marriage taking into consideration the fact that in a recent survey 17% of marriages were remarriages for both parties;
- 3. It may protect an inheritance;
- 4. Significant legal costs could be saved if the marriage breaks down;
- 5. It provides certainty.

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# Rugby legend's widow takes trip down memory lane

THE Widow of Warrington Rugby League legend Harry Bath one of the club's greatest ever servants, took a trip down memory lane during a special visit to the Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Visiting England for the first time since the 1970s, Gwen Bath was since the 1970s, Gwen Bath Was joined by her son Harry Junior and grandson David (pictured right) and teamed up with members of the Past Players Association (pictured below) to relive the memories of Warrington's Golden years in the 1950s.

Golden years in the 1930s.

Gwen recalled with great fondness her "very special" 10 years in Warrington, where she lived in Grappenhall, as well as running the old Britannia pub.

Gwen visited the hall of fame and

special trophy cabinet at the Halliwell Jones seing many photographs of her husband who is recognised as one of the club's greatest ever players who was also a former World Cupwinning coach.

Harry died in his native Australia

nearly three years ago aged 83.
Bath was recognised as one of the two greatest players never to have played for Australia - another Warrington favourite, Brian Bevan, being the other.

Before his death Harry donated his treasured Championship medal to help raise funds for another club captain Mike Gregory, who was suffering from a muscle wasting disease. The medal, which now sits

proudly in a display case at the stadium helped raise thousands of pounds for the Mike Gregory Trust

Bath won Premierships with Brisbane Souths and Balmain before arriving in England in 1947.He started out at Barrow before going on to enjoy tremendous success with Warrington, winning the Challenge Cup in 1950 and 1954. He was also a vital component of

the Warrington team that completed the impressive league and Cup double in 1953/54, contributing more than 300 points to the cause and kicking goals in all the important matches. By the time he returned home to Australia in 1957, he was the most prolific try-scoring forward, most prolific points scorer and second account of the solution of the solutio greatest goalkicker in the club's history. For many years he held the club points record for scoring 363 points in the 1952/53 season, only

points in the 1932/33 season, only surpassed by Lee Briers.
One of Gwen's most memorable moments during her time in Warrington was seeing Harry lift the Challenge Cup in 1954 before a then world record crowd of 102,569

at Bradford's famed Odsal Stadium.
"That was one of the stand out
moments of our time at Warrington,"
said Gwen. "It was unbelieveable seeing all those people pack into the

"It is something I shall never forget. "I will always remember with great fondness the people of Warrington who made us feel so welcome. Warrington will always have a



special place in my heart and it has been a wonderful experience visiting the Halliwell Jones Stadium.

"But the town has changed so much since my last visit and a lot of the history has gone and I could hardly recognise the town centre which is quite sad."

Harrry was the only man to top the pointscoring table in both England and Australia.

He returned to Australia in 1957, finishing off his career with the Dragons. Aged 32, he helped St George to three Premierships in a row before enjoying similar success with Balmain and Newtown and also coached Australia to success in the 1968 and 1972 World Cups.

# Dot didn't miss out on grandson's wedding

CARE home resident Dot Francis couldn't make it to her grandson Luke's wedding - so Luke

and his new wife Jasmin took the wedding to her.

The wedding party went to CLS care home Westy Hall at Latchford so Dot didn't miss out on the big day

Luke, who is a Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineer in the Army, is Dot's pride and joy. The two are very close and Dot was heartbroken that she could not make it to his wedding. Not wanting her to miss out on the occasion, Luke, Jasmin and the bridal party, which included Dot's daughter, Julie, and Dot's husband, David, surprised the 74-year-old with the visit that enabled her to be included in the wedding photos.

Katya Lyon, home manager at Westy Hall said: "Dot was smiling from ear to ear when she

saw the wedding party arrive.

"She was thrilled to be included in such a special day. The bride and groom looked lovely and it was fantastic to see how close Dot, Luke and the whole family are - it was a day she will



# Crafty way to cope with stress!



A WOMAN who started crafts as therapy to help with the difficulties of bringing up two autistic sons is hoping to use her skills to help others cope with their problems.

Jacqueline Burton, 44, set up Eileen's Crafting Place, named after her mother, at Big Storage on Manchester Road, to teach jewellery and card making in a friendly, chatty, relaxed environment.

And the classes are proving popular - she already has several regulars, taking a break before picking up their grandchildren from school and two women with learning difficulties - who all enjoy making new friends and learning the delicate

Jacqueline and her husband have two sons Neil, 22, and Thomas, 13, who both have autism. She found card making a good way of dealing with stress.

She started her business February and converted one of the storage units into an informal workshop. The small friendly classes are for both beginners and those with some experience in crafts.

"People get a great deal of pleasure from making the jewellery and cards and they enjoying making something they can take away, she

"Classes take their mind of problems and enable people to relax.
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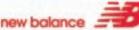
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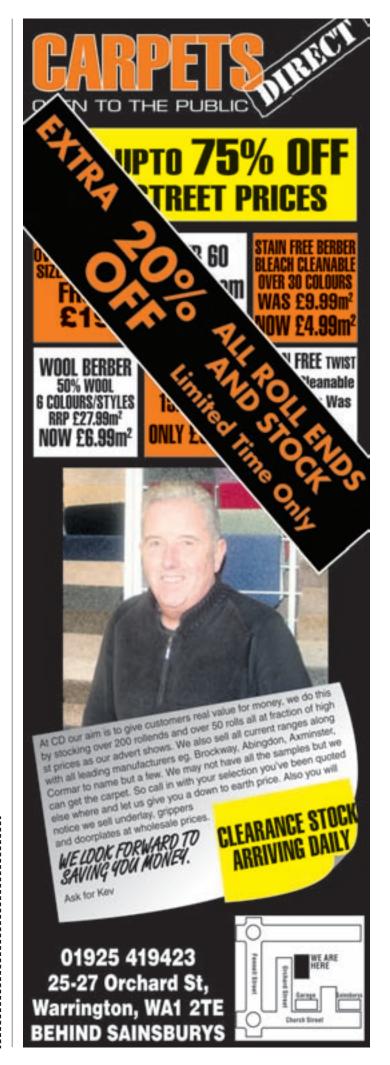
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# Motoring

# Sold out before it's available!

THE days of being able to walk into a car showroom and buy a new car of a particular model and colour without having to wait some considerable time for delivery appear to have gone.

Even so, the news that the first year's output of the Evoque - the new baby Range Rover - had sold out before the first one rolled off the Halewood production lines, is pretty startling.

Apparently, some 18,000 orders had already been placed for the stylish new SUV.

Land Rover have invested £2 billion in the vehicle and 1,500 new workers have been taken on to build it so the Eyoque has provided a major boost to the economy

Prices start at £27,995 for the two-wheel drive version, with a diesel engine and a manual gearbox which

delivers more than 50mpg.

But there are five engine and transmission combinations available, three trim levels and two body styles -5-door and coupe.

A top of the range model will cost £44,320.

Who got the first one? Well it was a white, five-door model with Dynamic trim and it went to the Heritage Motor Museum at Gaydon, in Warwickshire.

The Evoque is expected to appear in showrooms in September but would-be purchasers can expect to

join a queue.



# Fuel sales plummet

FILLING stations sold one billion litres less petrol and diesel in the first three months of this year compared to the same period in pre-credit crunch 2008, according to the AA.

Milder weather, including the ninth warmest February on record, means that snow disruption was barely a factor so soaring prices at the pumps and elsewhere get the blame. Retail sales of petrol from January to March were 835.654 million litres

lower than during the same period in For diesel, retail sales

dropped by 246,994 million litres over the same period.
This 15.2 per cent collapse in petrol sales and 6.0 per cent fall in diesel sales is largely explained by record prices which saw petrol rise 7.94p a litre and diesel 10.51p during the first three months.
Comparing this year to last LIK

Comparing this year to last, UK petrol retail sales from January to March this year were down 3.7 per cent on the same period last year. Diesel sales on forecourts were up 0.5 per cent. The AA say motorists

cut back on car use and other spending to compensate for the higher fuel costs.

For the Government, the fall in fuel sales has deprived the Treasury of £637.8 million in tax.

Supermarkets appear to have suffered less than non-supermarket rivals. Government figures show that, year on year, supermarket petrol sales fell by 1.2 per cent from January to March this year while their competitors lost 5.3 per cent.
Petrol and diesel prices continued

to set new records up until the second week of May, adding a further 4.3p a litre of petrol and 3.3p to diesel. But oil prices have been falling, so the next quarter's figures should be interesting.

AA president Edmund King said: "The full impact of higher VAT, unbridled stock market speculation and a weaker pound on fuel prices and drivers' ability to afford them have been laid bare.

"The first three months of this year saw the equivalent of 13.5 days of UK petrol sales wiped out - good for the environment but appalling for families, business, rural communities and the Treasury.



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By David Watkinson

# The VAT registration limit

Last month we looked at the the latest campaigns announced by the tax office. One of these was aimed at businesses trading above the VAT limit but not registered. We are going to look at this in more detail this month.

The VAT registration limit is a major disincentive to growth for small businesses in the UK. There are many industries where there is only a small amount of VAT reclaimable. Predominantly, these are in ther service sector, such as hairdressing, but other industries are similarly affected such as catering.

If a business has no deductible tax on purchases then if they increase sales from £72,999 to £73,000, then this £1 increase in sales will result in them having to pay VAT of over £12,500 to the tax office, and this comes straight off their profits! In fact, that business will need to increase it's sales to over £86,500 before it gets to the same position as before. This may be softened by schemes such as the flat rate scheme, but it is no

wonder that many businesses refuse to invest to grow above that level, and another group decide to cheat! Under the terms of the campaign,

Under the terms of the campaign, anyone who voluntarily discloses the amount of VAT underpaid will generally face a penalty of 10% of any VAT paid late. This must be done before the end of September to take advantage of these fixed penalties. After 30th September the tax office will investigate those businesses who have failed to come forward, and those businesses will face increased penalties or possibly even a criminal prosecution.

If you feel that you may owe VAT then this is a good opportunity to make a disclosure to the tax office. However, you do need advice before you do so tor a number of reasons.

Mainly, the tax office has said that

Mainly, the tax office has said that any business wishing to take advantage of this amnesty must disclose any other tax arrears. The tax office have, however, provided little guidance of value on what level of

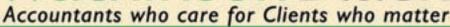


David Watkinson and Margaret Black

penalties can be expected in respect of these other arrears. They have said that increased penalties will be imposed if the tax payer should have been aware of the liability. However, the only guidance given is that they will be lower than those normally imposed

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the Year award. Yvonne Fovargue, represented Fairfield and Howley on the borough council until becoming Labour MP for Makerfield at the General Election in May, received the award at a reception in the House of Commons.

Gillian Guy, chief executive of Citizens Advice, said: "Yvonne was selected for her tireless championing of the Citizens Advice service and our clients in Parliament, since being elected in 2010.

"While still a relatively new MP, the time and sheer amount of determination she has put into keeping the issues Citizens Advice work with high on the political agenda, and the effective way in which she has secured the support of so many colleagues, on both sides of the House, has had a huge impact on

the service and on our clients.
"Yvonne's successful leadership is evidenced in her work as chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Legal Aid and the new chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Debt and Personal Finance. In these latter roles she has secured several debates on the impact of legal aid reform and on the impact other public spending cuts will have on the tuture of funding for free debt and welfare benefits advice.

# Town juniors seek new players

Warrington Town Juniors are looking for new players for their newly formed an U14 team which is set to be coached by former St Helens Rugby

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