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Editor's Comment



NEWS that Warrington Borough Council and Peel Ports – owners of the Manchester Ship Canal – have reached agreement to minimise traffic disruption in the town when the bridges are swung, should on the face of it be welcomed.

Leader of the council Terry O'Neill and lead member for transport, Cllr Linda Dirir, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the company.

Disruption

The agreement should reduce traffic disruption by limiting the number of occasions on which the bridges are operated during peak periods to less than 100 a year.

In addition, Peel have agreed to allow free use of the Warburton Toll Bridge at times of serious traffic hold-ups on the M6 at Thelwall Viaduct.

But what is the definition of "serious traffic hold ups."

Hardly a day passes in Warrington when there isn't a serious traffic hold up caused by an accident on one of the motorways, or road works.

The incident involving a lorry crashing, scattering 6,000 chickens across the M62 near Irlam, is a classic example.

Also less than 100 bridge openings a year during peak periods, still means the bridges could be open up to twice a week - and again what exactly is "Peak times" - with many people working flexi hours and part time these

days, there isn't an exact peak time - from my own experience this can be from any time from 7.30am-10am or from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

I sincerely hope the new agreement will improve travel times around Warrington, because as a growing successful town, we need a free flowing road system.

But I fear when we look back

over the next 12 months, few of us will have noticed any difference.

The Memorandum of Understanding also commits Peel Ports to support the introduction of an early warning system for motorists about swing bridge closures.

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Eden aims to dance her way into new acting career

MODEL Eden Garrity is seeking a career on TV or stage after spending five years working alongside Caroline Quentin in ITV's "Blue Murder."

Eden, now aged 21, appeared as Caroline's on screen daughter Eleanor and is now busy working as a model as she bids to get back on the small screen or stage.

Being a ballet dancer since the age of two, she decided to update her modelling portfolio using the talents of Warrington based photographer Nick Giles, who skilfully captured her dancing through the flowers in the countryside near Stretton (see front cover).

"I've always loved dancing and acting and wanted something bright and colourful to update my portfolio," said Eden.

"I have worked with Nick in the past and knew he would be able to deliver the perfect images."

As well as modelling up and down the country Eden also works in a busy Manchester restaurant.

"My dream is to get back into acting. I had a great time working on Blue Murder and would love to be back on the small screen – or if not on TV working in theatre," she added.



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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

Identifying with 'Labels'

Labels assist with communication in all arenas of our lives, identifying products and consumer services, and also help us to identify with each other personally and within work and social groups. In fact, people often live according to the labels they have been given or chosen to adopt, i.e. job role. Labels also help us to function within perceived societal norms, and highlight the expectations placed on us at work, school or college, and at home. We therefore tend to live within the confines of 'labelling', which impact on the way we go about our daily routines.

A young child recently remarked to me on how people spend so much time within boxes, meaning buildings of all shapes and sizes and various forms of vehicles. This then led us to discuss the subject of labels, which also identify the role of buildings, and the roles of the people living or working within them.

It is interesting that many people tend to live the labels they are given by the medical profession or other establishments. We often hear statements such as 'I'm asthmatic'; or 'I'm obese'. We have become a nation of individuals that are

identified because of conditions or behaviours, rather than the unique people that we are.

This is becoming more apparent with younger children who come to see us for Hypnotherapy and Counselling. We get informed about their problematic behaviour or their medical condition, which is causing problems at home or school, and are asked to find a solution to the problem. This is before we even get to meet the child and hear from them what it is like to be them. The child may have already been labelled as a 'problem child'. However, the problem is most likely to do with their environment and the expectations placed upon them. The child will be left with this label unless something significantly changes.

It is important to identify the many expectations placed on children, and how difficult it is for them to just be themselves, no matter how different that may be to what we expect as 'normal' behaviour. As babies and toddlers we think it is wonderful when we witness unique and creative behaviours, however, as the child commences school, the same behaviours we have encouraged, now start to be discouraged, and may also become

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unacceptable or seem odd within the home. The child may then negatively react to people and situations, resulting in an increase in problematic behaviour, then poor health conditions may arise due to the stress they are under, and family relationships become fraught.

Problematic behaviour and resulting mental and physical health problems can then affect children as they grow into adulthood, and by this time, may be living with multi labelled identity.

If this strikes a chord personally with the adults who are reading this, or for those who are parents concerned about a child, we would be happy to talk to you about your concerns. Please contact either Cate for child and family work, or myself, for the adults out there, who want to be finally free from their unwanted labels. Please contact us to arrange an Initial Consultation. Tel: 01925 658322.

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Callaghan's are enjoying a great 2014 so far with the salon team members growing and The Cheshire Academy of Hairdressing going from strength to strength and recruiting now for next year. The Cheshire Academy of Hairdressing

is the first facility of its kind in the area and is based at Callaghan's Hairdressing Salon.

Meanwhile Forever Ink which is based downstairs in the salon is continuing to grow and flourish and now has two tattoo artists with the addition of Sophie Brown who joined them earlier this year.

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Welcome to Warrington & Co.

This is the first Business page in Warrington Worldwide produced in association with Warrington & Co. I am sure that you are already aware of Warrington & Co., we work in partnership with Warrington Borough Council and other public/private businesses to drive economic growth and exist to implement the town's framework for growth, Warrington Means Business.

The Warrington Means Business framework was endorsed by Warrington Borough Council last summer as was reported in Warrington Worldwide at the time. It is an ambitious programme that sets out the Council's ambition for growth over the coming years. It is available to view on the Council website and I'd encourage you to

take a look <http://www.warrington.gov.uk/warringtonmeansbusiness>.

I'm pleased to report that we are well advanced in the implementation of that framework. Last year investment projects totalling £476 million were announced and so far £217 million are either built or underway. Omega is happening and you

cannot miss it from the M62, Bridge Street will be on site early next year and Stadium Quarter will start on site this month when work starts on the £8.5 million business incubator. Elsewhere a masterplan has been drafted to regenerate the Cabinetworks area and joint venture has been signed with Langtree and a new company formed, 'Wire Regeneration', to work together to maximise and regenerate our assets to the south of the Town Centre.

Things are moving fast and I'll be reporting more next month.

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Steve Park
MD of Warrington & Co.

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Council unveils plans for £8.5 million business incubator

PLANS for a new £8.5 million business incubator in Warrington town centre's "Stadium Quarter" have been unveiled by the borough council.

The new 50,000sq ft. business incubator will occupy the site of the former Dallam Centre in Dallam Lane.

The site sits at the heart of Warrington Borough Council's ambitious £190 million Stadium Quarter project.

It follows the declaration made in January that a £10 million University Technical College will also be funded and built on the Stadium Quarter site. When constructed the two developments which sit adjacent to each other.

The new Business Incubator will provide a contemporary, high-quality workplace specifically aimed at providing prestigious accommodation for start-up

businesses.

The five storey state-of-the-art building will feature a café at ground floor level and offices and research and development facilities on the upper floors. Its contemporary look will be enhanced by high quality stone and glass elevations and feature a double-height glazed entrance lobby.

Funding has come from a £1.7 million European Regional Development Fund grant and £6.7 million investment from Warrington Borough Council's capital programme.

It is expected that the facility will in itself create 11 new jobs and approximately the same number during the construction period. When the facility is operational in Summer, it could house up to 100 small businesses.

The Stadium Quarter project

was announced by Warrington Borough Council in March 2013. The scheme will connect the bus interchange with the Warrington Wolves' Halliwell Jones Stadium and create a new, vibrant mixed-use development comprising educational, business, leisure and housing uses.

A phased programme of development over the next decade will create up to 1,000 construction jobs and nearly 4000 new permanent jobs when fully completed in 2024.

Councillor Terry O'Neill, leader of Warrington Borough Council, said: "Warrington is recognised as the number one location outside of London for Business start-up companies and this new facility is being built in response to demand. It will provide a first class base in which new businesses can develop and grow.

Significantly by autumn of next year Stadium Quarter will be home to two top class facilities; the business incubator that will help new businesses grow and the University Technical College which will train and equip our young people in nuclear and engineering skills'.

Steve Park, managing director,

Warrington & Co., Warrington's partnership for driving economic growth added: "This is great news for Warrington and a great start for Stadium Quarter. The business incubator is exactly what start up businesses need. It will provide office and R & D space on flexible lets into which they can develop and expand. The business location too could not be better. Warrington & Co. will also work with the new tenants to ensure that their growth needs are met.

"Stadium Quarter is now underway. This is an exciting moment in the regeneration of Warrington town centre."



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Aldi embark on recruitment drive

SUPERMARKET Aldi is on an ambitious recruitment drive in 2014, as it sees continued growth across the country and plans a significant number of new store openings, including the new Winwick Road store in Warrington.

The company is looking to recruit 100 new Store Assistants throughout the year just in the Warrington area, a role which promises fantastic career progression and responsibility.

The company is also recruiting for other job roles across the company including Store Management positions ranging from Deputy Store Managers, and Assistant Store Managers to Store Managers.

There are many examples of positive recruitment in the Warrington area. One such example is Harry Sangan, of Grappenhall, Warrington, who joined Aldi initially as a Store Assistant in November 2013 and currently works in the Birchwood store.

Harry opted for a complete change in career after going to University to study Film Studies and Journalism. Harry's sister also works for Aldi and when asked why he joined Aldi Harry said his sister's quick progression into management made him want to apply.

Harry also commented that there are a number of qualities that you need to work at Aldi: "You have to ensure that you are a confident

individual with a strong work ethic. It is important to push yourself during your shift to make your colleague's job easier when they come in and take over from you."

Quick-fire questions:

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Slydigs warm up for UK tour in home town

WARRINGTON based rockers Slydigs returned to their home town for a warm up gig at the Dog House to prepare for their UK tour and the release of their new EP "Down With The Mockery."

Released on May 25 the EP has been produced by George Shilling (Primal Scream, Ocean Colour Scene, Slade) featuring the collaborative works of Dean Fairhurst and Louis Menguy.

The release features "Stiff Upper Lip" the first official single of the EP. The UK Tour will be followed by a couple of gigs in Dubai (United Arab Emirates) starting June 20th.

Slydigs was formed by four school friends. Dean Fairhurst: Vocals and rhythm guitar Louis Menguy: Lead guitar, Ben Breslin: Bass and Peter Fleming: Drums.

To find out more about the band visit www.slydigs.co.uk



Bus company announce significant changes

LOCAL bus company Network Warrington have announced a number of changes to services which will take effect from Monday June 2.

These changes are designed to simplify the network and allow efficiencies to be made where there are not enough customers travelling.

These are the most significant changes the company has made in a number of years and all of Network Warrington's bus services will be affected.

"We have redesigned our network in certain areas to improve reliability and to better serve our customers' needs" said Interim Managing Director Damian Graham.

"Some customers will just notice a slight timetable change, but for others we have changed the route or the service number so it is important to find out how the changes have affected your service before you travel."

All customers are advised to go to www.networkwarrington.co.uk or to visit the Travel Centre to pick up a new timetable before June 2.



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International pianist opens new facility at St Rocco's Hospice



INTERNATIONAL classical pianist, composer and writer **Stephen Hough CBE**, joined staff, volunteers, patients and supporters to celebrate the opening of the new Patient and Family Lounge and Quiet Room in the In-patient Unit at St. Rocco's Hospice.

The new facility was made possible thanks to a Department of Health Grant of £295k, plus support from volunteers and businesses within Warrington who helped fund the furnishings of the new building as part of a Corporate Challenge.

Chief Executive Officer, Pam Massey, said: "Having this new communal space for both patients, and their families, gives the opportunity for people to come

together in a social and supportive manner, which enables and enhances care for patients and their families. New buildings alone don't make great care but providing a space that enables choice and support, together with expert care, lifts people's spirits in pursuit of excellent care".

Following the Opening Ceremony, which involved former Warrington resident Stephen, cutting a ribbon, everyone enjoyed afternoon tea.

Reproductive Health group back fertility charity

LOCALLY based Reproductive Health Group are helping raise funds for the national fertility charity – Infertility Network UK.

Based at their new state of the art clinic at Daresbury Park, the Centre for Reproductive Health, Reproductive Health Group provide high quality, patient centred care in fertility, gynaecology and IVF.

Amongst the latest technologies available at the Centre is EEVA (early embryo viability assessment). Developed at Stanford University, this is a technique used in IVF treatment to help determine which fertilised embryos have the greatest potential for a successful outcome to the treatment.

Whilst there are many factors which affect the chances of pregnancy through an IVF cycle, selecting the best embryos is an important one and EEVA provides additional information which makes it more likely that the embryo with the highest pregnancy potential is chosen. Until June 15, clinics in the UK which currently offer EEVA have been invited to help raise funds for the national fertility charity, Infertility Network UK, and Reproductive Health Group are proud to be a part of this campaign. More details about the campaign are available at www.reproductivehealthgroup.co.uk.

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Pupils come out on top for protest songs

TWO pupils from Warrington's Sir Thomas Boteler CE High School came first and second in a competition for protest songs organised by Amnesty International.

More than 7,000 entries were received for the competition and Boteler's Lucy Meakin (pictured) was judged overall winner while school friend Lucy Ryan was runner-up.

The two Year 11 pupils wowed the judges with their songs "Journey of Hope" and "Motionless."

Among the judges was Jerry Dammers, who founded the group "The Specials" and wrote the famous song "Free Nelson Mandela" which played a major part in getting Mandela eventually freed from prison.

Boteler headteacher John Sharples said: "I'm delighted that Amnesty International engages young people in this way."

"As you can see, Lucy Meakin and Lucy Ryan have expressed a passion for 'Justice and Human Rights' which struck the right chord with some of my all-time favourites such as Billy Bragg, Jerry Dammers and Esperanza Spalding."



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Housing Trust Open New HQ in Warrington

WARRINGTON'S largest social housing landlord Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT) held a special celebration event to mark the official opening of its new head office, Bank Park House (BPH).

The event took place at the Trust's new building in Kendrick Street, which looks onto Bank Park.

Guests included the Mayor Cllr Peter Carey, Board Members, staff, local Councillors and children from local primary school St Barnabas.

Speeches were made by GGHT Chair Roy Smith, GGHT Chief Executive Peter Mercer and the Mayor ahead of an official "ribbon cutting" ceremony.

Guests at the event also witnessed the Trust placing a time capsule in the floor of the reception of the new building. The capsule contained a number of contents themed around 'Warrington in 30 years' and was developed in conjunction with Year 5 and 6 pupils from St Barnabas Primary School.

There were also items added on the day from local partners including [warrington-worldwide](http://www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk), Warrington Wolves and Warrington Town FC.

Guests were given the chance to have a tour of the new building and were shown its 'green' features, such as a green roof forming a roof top garden, roof mounted photovoltaic panels which will generate up to 21,000 KVa of electricity, highly insulated and rendered external walls and a sophisticated heat recovery system which provides the building with hot water. They were also shown how GGHT's ICT team has invested in upgrading and installing new technology.

GGHT is the largest Registered Provider of Social Housing in Warrington. The Trust own and manage over 8,600 properties and are committed to improving local communities and resident's lives. The new office accommodation will help the Trust to achieve these ambitions, while continuing to grow and improve the services that it provides. Prior to completion the Trust's staff were based at a number of office locations across Warrington. The office's central location will provide improved access for staff and more importantly for customers.

The completion of the building also marks a key milestone in the wider regeneration of Bank Park, which is currently benefiting from a £1.3 million investment programme led by Warrington Borough Council.

Work on the 24,000 square foot building began in late March 2013. The building has been developed by Birchwood based contractor Globe Construction and was designed by The Fairhursts Design Group. The new building has also helped to generate local employment opportunities and has provided work for local suppliers and sub-contractors.

The open plan design will create an engaging space that will reflect the different type of work activity required across the Trust. The building has been designed to promote an inclusive and collaborative working dynamic, featuring a state of the art

IT training suite, Board Room and two community rooms. New technology within the building includes video conferencing and smart boards, which will make meetings more productive and training more effective.

The building is set to achieve a BREEAM rating of 'Very Good', recognising the Trust's commitment to meeting the highest standards for environmental sustainability. As part of the moving in process the Trust has developed a green travel plan for its staff and customers, encouraging those using the building to utilise green modes of travel wherever practicable. This includes promoting the use of public transport, car sharing or cycling to work.

GGHT Chief Executive, Peter Mercer said: "I'm delighted to have been able to open our new head office. The building will provide great new facilities for our staff and

customers and help us to further improve the services we are able to deliver. Feedback from staff and customers so far has been fantastic and is reward for the hard work many of them have put in to help us make the new building a reality."

GGHT Chair, Roy Smith said: "The Trust is committed to Warrington and its communities. The development of the new building has helped create jobs and put money back into the local economy. It has formed one element of our plans in how we are building a secure future for staff, customers and tenants."

Bank Park House is now open to the public and customers. Opening hours are Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday between 9am and 2pm. The building is fully accessible to the public and the reception area contains three dedicated internet kiosks for customers to use.



The Mayor of Warrington, Peter Carey cutting the ribbon with GGHT Chair, Roy Smith, CEO, Peter Mercer and school children from St Barnabas Primary School.

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Anti-hate crusader seeks extra support for marathon campaign

WARRINGTON paralympian Adrian Derbyshire urgently needs financial backing as he continues his anti-hate campaign around the country.

Fresh from meeting Prime Minister David Cameron at Number 10, Adrian now needs additional funds to help him reach out to thousands of school children around the country.

As a Patron for Warrington Wolves Foundation, he has been allowed to use their charity status to raise awareness for his Hate Crime, Disability Awareness, Sport, Health & Wellbeing, Going The Extra Mile and Hand Cycle Campaign.

Adrian, whose life changed forever after suffering a brain haemorrhage nearly six years ago, said: "I am travelling to schools, clubs and colleges talking to children and students about the affects Hate Crime has on it's victims, Disability Awareness and the stigma behind it, promotion of sport, health & wellbeing and being active.

"I am travelling over 1000 miles, one marathon a day on my hand cycle throughout the UK promoting my campaign.

"This is a huge multi partnership project including Gladstone Brookes, Cheshire Police, Sports Cheshire, Stop Hate UK, amongst

many more.

"Please give as much as you can - This will allow me to continue this project throughout the year to encourage children to speak up against Stigma & Crime which will encourage them to being positive role models.

Commenting on his visit to 10 Downing Street to meet David Cameron, Adrian added: "It was a great experience - one I will never forget."

Celebrating

The former international wheelchair athlete has won two gold and three silver medals as well as carrying both the Olympic and Paralympic torches and was invited by local MP David Mowat to a reception celebrating the work of community volunteers.

Adrian added: "It was an honour to meet the Prime Minister and tell him about my campaign. We continue to educate young people about what hate crime is."

To make a donation visit www.justgiving.com/AdrianDerbyshire/



Chancellor visits Peace Centre



Mr Osborne being welcomed by Colin and Wendy Parry with (L-R) Chief Executive Nick Taylor, Warrington South MP David Mowat and MEP Sajjad Kartir

CHANCELLOR of the Exchequer George Osborne visited Warrington to meet founders of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Centre and talk with people receiving assistance as part of the Foundation for Peace's "Survivors for Peace" project.

The Tatton MP was joined by Warrington South MP David Mowat – a patron of the foundation – and Sajjad Kartir, a North West Conservative MEP.

The visit came in the wake of the Spring budget statement in which the Chancellor announced a year's funding to the charity of £150,000 and the completion of a grant agreement with the Government's Office of Civil Society to deliver a 12 month "Survivors" project.

Mr Osborne confirmed his personal commitment to find a sustainable funding solution to ensure that the Foundation's unique project assisting victims, survivors and those affected by terrorism, continues.

Colin and Wendy Parry established the Foundation in memory of their 12-year-old son Tim and three-year-old Johnathan Ball, who were killed in an IRA attack on Warrington 21 years ago.

Mr Parry thanked the Chancellor for his personal intervention and unprecedented budget statement, which, he said, was a welcome boost for people who work with the Foundation.

"We are delighted that he has taken his time to spend time at the centre to find out what that support means to the people we assist and that he has given his support to find a lasting solution to ensure our victims and survivors work continues over the long-term."

During the visit the Chancellor met with people affected by terrorism, political violence and war including a veteran of the Aden conflict in the 1960s, the teenage son and wife of a man killed by Al-Qaeda in Algeria last year, a refugee from the Yemen living in the North West, a first responder to a bomb explosion, the sister of a soldier killed by the IRA and an RAF veteran.

He also learned about the Foundation's work in the prevention, resolution and response to violent conflict. The visit finished with a tour of the Peace Centre.

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The management team of Adam Bartnik and Jasper Perry took over the Rams Head Inn just over 12 months ago in May 2013 and have

been working hard to embrace the local community. Having over 15 years of experience of owning and managing pubs, restaurants and bars they have been busy making improvements both to the pub itself with a new kitchen and front of house teams.

The existing building was built in 1893, and is listed as being of architectural and historical importance to the village. There has been an inn or hotel on the same site for much longer with the village recorded as far back as the Domesday Book of 1086.

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For more information on local events taking place this Summer visit www.warringtonpublichealth.org.uk



Jakata stylist on hand for A list celebrities

IT'S not your average hairdresser that gets invited to style the hair of A-list celebrities for a high profile shop launch, but Jakata manager Jimmy Sharpe isn't your average stylist.

Jimmy, who oversees the running of both Jakata and Paul Kemp Hairdressing salons in Warrington, was asked to go down to London for the grand opening of the new Bond Street Fendi store to style two celebrities hair!

The opportunity came about as part of his recent selection to be a part of the Schwarzkopf L.E.A.P team, where he was handpicked to join seven other talented stylists from around the UK for a year of training towards the highest Schwarzkopf

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Jimmy was designated stylist for Aluna Francis ('White Noise') and Holly Rose (face of Vogue). He spent the morning styling their hair ready for the eagerly anticipated Fendi launch event, other celebrities at the event included Lily Allen and Cara Delevingne.

Jimmy said: "To be involved in such a high profile event was seriously exciting and extremely nerve wracking in equal doses! Overall it was a fantastic experience and I'll hopefully be

involved in more events like this soon as part of the L.E.A.P team."

Adam Carter, owner of Jakata & Paul Kemp Hairdressing said: "It's great that Jimmy has been given this amazing opportunity. It's testament to his hard work in all aspects of his role - it really does prove that you always get back what you put in."

"Both Jakata & Paul Kemp Hairdressing have exceptionally skilful stylist's and I'm sure other team members will get these great opportunities too!"



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A spruce-up for The Wizard

WARRINGTON Disability Partnership's (WDP) special vessel - "The Wizard" - has been given a big spruce-up.

The charity's fully accessible narrow boat has been repainted for a new season of enchanting days out along Bridgewater Canal.

Brun Munslow, WDP's Partnerships Manager, said: "To get 'The Wizard' looking as good as it does has required a great team effort. I would like to especially thank the Cheshire Foundation Trust for the funding we required to repaint the boat and revitalise the artwork and logos. I hope that we have many years of happy sailing and many happy visitors ahead of us."

Volunteer crew members got stuck in to get rid of the build-up of dust, dirt and grime - as well as sanding the old paintwork for a fresh lick; cleaning the interior and putting back all the equipment that has to be removed for damp winters.

The first job was to call in to Thorn Marine near the London Bridge Pub in Stockton Heath to fill the water tank - which is emptied for winter due to frost - so that things could be washed and cleaned.

The finishing touch was to hang new curtains in 'The Wizard'.

Phil Aikman, a Volunteer Support Worker on 'The Wizard', said: "'The Wizard' is back into its routine and I'm really pleased to see it out on the canal with passengers looking so smart."

The boat is popular with groups from nursing homes; sheltered accommodation; carers' groups; pensioners' clubs and families with disabled young people.

"A variety of trips on the Bridgewater Canal are available and can include stops where you can tuck into a pub lunch or fish and chips, but we also offer 'bring a picnic' trips," said Phil.

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Final curtain call for Wilderspool

— Pictures: Eddie Whitham —

WARRINGTON'S famous Wilderspool Stadium took its final curtain call as a sell out crowd saw Warrington's Under 16s stars of the future defeat Cumbria Academy Under 16s 46-16 as local photographer Eddie Whitham captured the occasion, as he took a trip down memory lane, remembering the many legends he had photographed since 1958.

Eddie had a tear in his eye as he bid farewell to Wilderspool home of the Wires/Wolves, with the old stadium now showing its age apart from the playing surface which in over 50 years of photographing games at the ground he have never seen better ... fit for Wembley!

The Wolves youngsters made sure that the last game at the stadium would be one to remember running out winners by 46 points to 16 over Cumbria.

Although there were no Bevan's (Brian and John), Harry Baths, Alex Murphys or Alfie Langers, the stars of the future put on a show that fans will remember for a long while. There was no shortage of effort from the young Wolves Academy side as they steadily built up their lead over a very good Cumbrian Academy side. A full house of almost 800 (a full house because of restriction on the number allowed into the stadium) fans cheered their hearts out to create a typical old Wilderspool atmosphere. This was the final game before the Stadium is demolished in a few months time. At the final whistle the crowd gave the players a well deserved standing ovation.

Eddie recalled: "In 1946 my father and Uncle Jim took me to my first game of Rugby League at Wilderspool and in those days almost every one walked to the ground and we were no exception.

"As we reached the old railway crossing and the gates closed to let the train through as we waited uncle Jim, who had been extolling the virtues of Wire's Australian winger Brian Bevan, said 'that's Bev'...I looked at the man in a rain coat and trilby hat with a small parcel under his arm and thought he was pulling my leg...he looked less like a rugby league super star than anything I could imagine. That man can 'catch pigeons' said uncle Jim.

The gates opened and the man in the rain coat went on his way and so did we...we got on the ground and soon the music Entry of the Gladiators rang out... "what numbers Bevan" I asked...number 2 was the reply...out came number 2...and I could not believe my eyes...a bald headed man with a stoop, no teeth and more bandages on his knees than were in a chemist shop came onto the field...I really could not believe my eyes...could it be the man at the crossings gate in the rain coat and trilby hat... after about ten minutes number 2 got the ball and ran...it was like magic...for me I had seen the WORLD'S



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"This was the start of me taking photographs of rugby and I reckon over the years I have seen and met the best players. Too many to mention but for me the greatest was 'BEV'. I met him and photographed him many times until his last game for the Wire in 1962 and it was still magic.

Now we have a statue to immortalise him out side the Halliwell-Jones for fans to look up to.

When the players go onto field at Wilderspool they go down several steps and up several steps on to the pitch...I think I have over the years gone up and down those steps more times than any player has and to this day it still makes me think of the famous names who have done the same.

"Wilderspool with all its memories brought a tear to my eyes as I went up and down those steps for the last time."



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Tax avoidance schemes

No doubt you have all heard about Gary Barlow and the other members of Take That who are facing a tax bill of about £20m following HMRC's success in challenging a "tax avoidance" scheme that they entered into.

Basically, the scheme made use of perfectly legitimate tax reliefs that are available on investment in intellectual property. However, this scheme used bank borrowings to massively increase the amount "invested", and the tax returns were prepared on this basis. HMRC argued, and the Court agreed, that these borrowings were essentially used to repay the borrowings rather than to invest in the tax deductible assets. This in turn meant that the "investments" were circular in nature and as result were non allowable to tax purposes. The Court held, therefore, that the claim for tax relief on the amounts "invested" with the aid of bank borrowings should be disallowed.

The lesson to be learnt from this is simple. Do not indulge in fancy tax avoidance schemes unless you can afford to not only meet the substantial

fees that the promoters of these schemes charge but also the tax, interest and penalties that will result if the schemes fail (rumour is that Take That will need to make another European Tour to meet their liabilities, an option probably not available to you!).

WatkinsonBlack have never been in favour of these artificial schemes, and have always tried to dissuade clients from even considering them. As we have always said - if it seems too good to be true then it probably is.

This does not mean, of course, that we agree with HMRC's definition of the "right" amount of tax, which is that it means the maximum amount of tax that could be payable. Instead, we try to find out what you are trying to achieve, and then work with you to find the most economical way to achieve it and therefore make the most post-tax profit.

We also agree with those Members of Parliament who have opposed the latest "draconian" proposals to allow HMRC to steal taxpayer's money.

At first glance the proposals seem fairly reasonable; if you don't pay



your tax then HMRC can take it from your bank account without any recourse to the Courts or any other judicial body. However, HMRC make so many mistakes, and ignore not only equitable justice but also their own procedures so frequently, that this power will undoubtedly lead many cases of funds being removed without due cause. HMRC will then, no doubt, require the taxpayer to show why they are wrong in taking the funds before they make a repayment!

Big Brother may be 30 years late, but beware. He is coming at last!

WatkinsonBlack are pleased to advise on these as well as other matters, including providing a very cost-effective payroll bureau service. If you want to arrange a no-obligation initial meeting on any taxation or accounting matter then please contact us.

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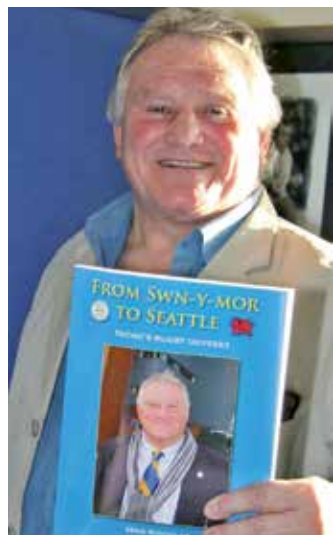
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Wolves legend launches new book



WARRINGTON Wolves' legend Mike Nicholas launched his life story 'From Swyn-y-Mor to Seattle' (Nicko's Odyssey) at the Martin Dawes suite at The Halliwell-Jones Stadium.

The event was supported by a host of rugby league legends including Alex Murphy, 'Big' Jim Mills, Andy Gregory and Paul Cullen who were kept in check by MC Angela Powers from SKY TV as they regaled to a large audience with tales of Mike's career.

Nicholas was a member of the Warrington Wembley teams in 1973-74 and 74-75 and coach or team manager of the Wales Rugby League team since the 1980s.

He is currently President of Wales Rugby League. He played club level rugby union for Aberavon. In rugby league he played for Warrington and the Cardiff Blue Dragons, and at representative Rugby League level for Wales and Great Britain, playing as a Front Row forward or Second Row.

Rugby League mourns loss of Hilary Steel MBE

THE RFL has paid tribute to Warrington based Rugby League stalwart Hilary Steel MBE, who has died following a battle with cancer.

Hilary was hugely influential in all aspects of the Community Game in the North West and held a host of roles in the region, the most recent as chair of the North West Youth League.

Her outstanding contribution to the game she loved, culminated in the recognition she received when awarded an MBE in 2009.

Over the last few years she played a critical role in the evolution of the Community Game and was a long serving member of both the RFL Youth and Junior Management Group and the RFL Community Game Regulatory Group. Her advice and knowledge as a most experienced administrator was invaluable.

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