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**OUR cover story this month features the truly inspirational Dave Thompson who set himself the challenge of raising £5,000 by doing a sponsored scuba dive - a feat made even more remarkable when you consider he only has the use of one arm after breaking his neck during a sporting accident two decades ago.**

Dave put himself forward for the challenge due to a funding shortfall for the 20th anniversary of Disability Awareness Day which takes place at Walton Gardens on July 10.

The demise of the North West Development Agency has resulted in a massive funding shortfall for the annual event.

### Determined

Dave and his hard working team are determined to ensure the event takes place and despite the funding problems I know he will succeed.

Dave and his team at Warrington Disability Partnership are a fine example of the "Big Society" we keep hearing about from central government.

They will find a way around the funding shortfalls for the event, roll up

their sleeves and find other ways to keep the show on the road.

Dave and Warrington Disability Partnership launched "Go the extra mile" to tackle the funding shortfall

head on - and Dave decided to start the ball rolling with his scuba dive challenge.

I knew Dave before his accident and have seen him overcome adversity on more than one occasion.

He is truly inspirational and a shining beacon of how we should all try to deal with adversity, whether it be in our personal or business lives.

Keep up the good work Dave!

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Your insurers will have appointed their loss adjusters to come to visit you to assess the damage and they may also have contacted their preferred restoration company to come and commence drying out procedures.

On the other hand, many policyholders are still, two months after the damage occurred, still waiting to see a loss adjuster due to excessive volumes of work and inadequate numbers of loss adjusters.

This, however, is possibly the beginning of the problems.

The secret now is to make sure that the premises are dried properly, and that the damage is reinstated properly.

We have come across, over the years, many cases of restoration "experts" installing dehumidifiers, heaters, etc. and drying out only the surfaces and internal finishes (ceilings, partition walls) to premises.

Many restoration "experts" instructed by insurers and their loss adjusters are franchise operations and in some cases the franchisees' do not have a great deal of experience, coupled with, sometimes, a lack of adequate education.

We have been involved in many cases where water has leaked upstairs, and penetrated the lower storey. It is not rocket science that this water has passed through the intermediate floor which, in the upstairs room, would be made of timber floorboards or water resistant chipboard laid on top of timber floor joists, to which the downstairs ceiling is attached.

Similarly partition walls are, in modern buildings, constructed of a layer of plasterboard attached to each side of a timber frame.

When water passes through the intermediate floor or runs down a partition wall, it is absolutely necessary to remove the ceiling to dry the intermediate timber floor joists, and to remove a least one side of the partition wall to ensure that the timber frame work is dried out properly.

Similarly when water penetrates a suspended timber floor at ground level, it is necessary to ensure that the sub-floor void is dried out properly and the timber is treated.

If this work is not carried out, there is every possibility that dry rot may develop in the concealed areas which should have been exposed and dried properly, and this will create a bigger problem in the future.

The insurers' contractor networks do not always provide the policyholder with a copy of the specification for work which has been agreed, and sometimes the

necessary work is not specified properly thus potentially creating future problems. The policyholder should insist upon seeing what work is to be carried out before allowing the insurance company's contractor to do any work.

It is absolutely necessary to ensure that concealed areas are exposed by removal of finishes, and that you received a drying out certificate from the restoration company employed by your insurers.

These problems will not occur on cases where Cherry and Griffiths have been employed because we look after our clients' interests by ensuring that repairs are carried out properly, so as not to cause future problems.

If you believe that you have any such problems involving your insurers or their restoration or building contractors, please do not hesitate to contact us as it is never too late to request our assistance.



# Dave takes the plunge

**DAVE Thompson - founder and co-ordinator of the internationally acclaimed Disability Awareness Day at Warrington - took the plunge to raise money to avert a funding crisis threatening the 20th anniversary of the event.**

Warrington Disability Partnership - organisers of DAD - have launched the "Go the Extra Mile" challenge to raise £10,000 to fill a funding gap caused by the impending demise of its main sponsor, the North West Development Agency.

Dave, who received the MBE for services to disabled people in 2001, decided to kick-start the challenge himself - with an ambitious one mile scuba dive.

The feat - 66 lengths of a standard swimming pool - would be an ordeal for most people, but is more so for Dave who has been a full-time wheelchair user since breaking his neck playing American football in 1989.

This left him with only limited use in his left arm and none in his right arm or legs.

Dave completed his Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) Open Water qualification in May last year and then, last October, achieved the Advanced Open Water qualification. He is now one of only a relatively small number of disabled divers across the world.

His dive buddy is his brother-in-law and DAD stewards controller Graham Horton.

The DAD team has already restructured the event to minimise the impact of the loss of NWDA funding.

But Dave said: "Even after a complete restructure we are still £10,000 short."

Anyone who would like to organise their own "Go the Extra Mile" challenge to help DAD should contact the fundraising team on 01925 240064.



Dave (centre) is pictured with brother-in-law Graham (left) and their sponsor Terry

## More members!

A CHARITY group which caters for divorced, separated and widowed people is struggling to survive.

The National Council for the Divorced, Separated and Widowed (NCDSW) is a national charity and has two clubs in Warrington.

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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

# Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

## Time marches on in March! So can you!

OK, so I got a bit carried away with using the month as a verb. But it can be a bit alarming to realise that time is marching on. There are so many things that we all would have liked to have accomplished by now, but haven't. It is just a fact of life, that time moves on whether we want it to or not. Never enough of it when you want it, and too much of it when you don't! You know, like when holiday time isn't enough, but time in the dentist chair is far too much!

Sometimes I have my patients imagine time marching on with two viewpoints. One viewpoint being a path where life in the future is the same – one week down the road, two weeks, two months, a year - nothing has changed in their life.

Then there is the other road or viewpoint, where they have focused on one specific and much desired goal. Try it. Imagine yourself two weeks into the future taking the needed steps and beginning to achieve your goal, how you would feel, then picture yourself in two months, then 6 months, then a year having accomplished just what you want. Keep this visualisation in your

mind's eye as often as you can, try it several times a day and with as much detail, colour, and embellishment as you can. Imagine time marching on in just the way you envision it to be. Sort of exciting isn't it?

But so many times we do just the opposite. We expect things to just carry on as they have, and even though we may go through some half-hearted emotions or attempts of doing things differently, our mind isn't along for the ride. How do we get our mind to not only go along, but be totally vested?

Well, the subconscious mind has a lot of control – you may not think of it much, but did you ever drive home without much thought of where you turned, what streets you were on, but you just ended up there? Or out of habit, driving one place, but going to another because that is your usual route? I imagine most readers are nodding. Yep, that's the subconscious mind running things.

But we know from past experience, and from stories of people who accomplish seemingly impossible things, that we can get ourselves

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vested on all levels.

So how about it – you can achieve anything you set your mind to. If your mind isn't in it, then it isn't going to happen. Sometimes it is because we know we "should" do something, but don't want to do it. Sometimes we want to, but the price to get there may seem to be too high.

But you can trick your subconscious mind and help it to help you. Do you want to know how? Well in addition to allowing yourself to have a complete and clear visualisation of what you want to achieve as time marches on, you can also consider "marching" over to see me for a visit! A consultation may be the very first step to experiencing a reality that you have hoped for and dreamed of for many years.

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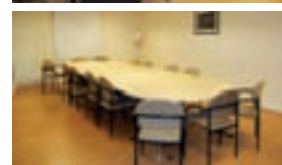
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# BiG Storage team up with Wolfie!

**WARRINGTON Wolves and local storage & business centre company BiG Storage have teamed up once again in a new sponsorship deal for the 2011 season.**

It is the third consecutive season BiG storage have done a sponsorship deal with the Wolves.

Since opening its site in Warrington in late 2007 BiG Storage has gone all out to build its brand and reputation in town as a community driven business.

BiG teamed up with the Wolves in 2009 which became a great year for both the Wolves and BiG Storage as they both won major trophies; Carnegie Challenge Cup Winners and Warrington Business of the Year respectively.

This season BiG Storage has extended the sponsorship at the club advertising its brand on a range of club items including the Engage Super League XVI fixture cards.

This season will also see the BiG Storage brand on the arm of the club's community mascot Wolfie.

Dave Hutchinson, Wolves' sales and marketing controller, said: "Warrington Wolves are committed to their work in the local community

and have worked side by side with BiG Storage over the last two years in many ventures including the successful Christmas Toy Appeal. We are proud to work alongside such a driven local company and look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship already in place."

Andrew Donaldson, partner at BiG Storage, added: "I don't know which event I enjoyed more, seeing the Wolves winning at Wembley or winning the local business of the year award. It's too close to call. The Wolves have been a sponsors dream winning back-to-back Challenge Cups and we've really enjoyed working with both the club and the Foundation. I'm sure this year we'll be doing lots of things together."

Donaldson said about the shirt sponsorship of Wolfie: "When I first got to know Wolfie I could not believe what a cult status he has. The mascot is a local hero and all the kids love him. He has become a

role model mascot so much so that we're helping Chester FC follow in Wolfie's footsteps with their new mascot."

In addition to sponsorship with the club, BiG Storage also has a strong relationship with the club's charity arm The Wolves Foundation strengthening their presence within the community. Over the last 12 months BiG Storage have been working hand in hand with the Foundation to bring basketball back to Warrington and have recruited Delme Herriman, fifth all-time capped England International, to deliver basketball to lots of local schools in the community.



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Left to right: Dave Hutchinson, Wolfie, Andrew Donaldson

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# Was radioactive waste dumped on tip?

## WAS radioactive waste ever dumped on the former Gatewarth landfill site at Warrington?

Local environmental campaigner John Mulhall (below) claims to have knowledge of radioactive materials from UKAEA, Risley and from the Copenhurst uranium enrichment plant near Chester being dumped at Gatewarth years ago.

The 132-acre site was run by the former Cheshire County Council between 1971 and 1988. It is known to have received a variety of domestic, commercial and industrial waste from a wide area.

Now a major study, involving the borough council and the Environment Agency is being carried out over a period of three months, to find out exactly what is there.

Cllr Mike Biggin, the council's executive member for climate change



and public protection said: "This joint undertaking with the Environment Agency is good news for Warrington."

"Once the study has been completed we hope to be able to use the findings to improve the way that the site is managed."

Environment Agency environment manager Claire Bunter said: "By working together, we are able to use the expertise of both organisations to get the best understanding possible of the former landfill site".

Specialist contractors are drilling boreholes into and around the site. Soil, vapour, gas and water samples will be taken from some of the boreholes and water samples will also be taken from the St Helens Canal and other watercourses around the site.

Parts of the site are of special biological interest and because of this, the work is being carried out during the winter months to minimise any disruption to natural habitats and the local people that use the area for recreation.

The findings of the investigation will be made known in due course.

If the council decides the land meets the legal definition of 'contaminated land' they will have to decide whether any clean up is necessary.



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## "What's On"

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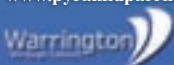
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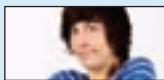


# Fun and frolics at Pyramid & Parr Hall

It's all going on at Pyramid and Parr Hall over the next few weeks. From utter comedy genius to the enchanting sounds of classical music - a treat for your ear holes!

### Fri 25 Feb - Russell Kane

Russell Kane brings his smash-hit comedy show to town with guaranteed silliness and high energy contortions. Don't miss this great comedian on his way to the top. (£14/£12)



### Sun 6 Mar - Julian Lloyd Webber

Our classical music offering is second to none over the next few weeks with performances from Julian Lloyd Webber. He brings his Travels With My Cello show to Parr Hall and takes us on an amazing journey through his amazing career. (£21/£19)



### Mon 7 Mar - The Kilkennys



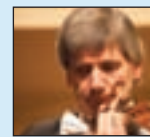
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### Wed 9 Mar - Neil Morrissey

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# £30 million project on schedule

**DESPITE the recession and the bad weather Warrington's £30m Orford Park Project is well on schedule and set to open early in 2012, providing a lasting Olympic legacy for the town.**

Delighted local councillor, "Orford Champion" Mike Hannon (below) says the facility will provide a major boost to the town and an area of social deprivation.

"Despite the bad weather and the difficult economy the project is moving ahead according to plan," he said.

Cllr Hannon said it was hoped to

announce a major new retail partner in the near future and because local consultation had been maximised he was anticipating that the whole community would buy into the project.

"Despite the huge building project which has obviously caused some disruption in the neighbourhood, there have been very few complaints."

Fifty acres of land are being transformed into a valuable community asset providing a wide variety of leisure, health and education facilities on one site. There will be football pitches, library, health centre and numerous other facilities.

The village is designed to promote healthy lifestyles and independence, increase the number of people

participating in physical activity and improve lifelong learning, the local skill base and employability of local people.

### Boost

The sports village will not only provide a focal point for the local community and boost local pride and identity, it will also represent a London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games legacy for the North West.

Partners in the scheme include Sport England, the Football Foundation, Warrington Town FC, NHS Warrington, William Beamont High School and Warrington Collegiate.



## Wanted: 3,000 women on the run

THE annual Race for Life organised by Cancer Research UK will be held at Arley Hall on Sunday, July 17 and local women are being asked to sign up and make it a record breaking event.

Last year, 2,183 women took part and raised more than £118,000. This year, the organisers hope to attract 3,000 women and raise more than £190,000. Entry is now open.

Women of all ages, fitness levels and abilities are invited to join in and walk, jog or run 5k, either in groups or as individuals, to raise money to help beat cancer.

Cancer Research UK event manager Hannah Thomas said: "Every hour, around four people are diagnosed with cancer in the North West."

"When Race for Life started in 1994, many people diagnosed with cancer did not survive. Since then, money generated by Race for Life has supported Cancer Research UK's work and now more people are beating the disease than ever before."

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Partner Paul Ireland, who is pictured with members of the team and the Challenge Cup said: "It seemed appropriate to celebrate our success alongside that of the Warrington Wolves.

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Motoring

# Is 20 plenty for you?

**MOST drivers believe their cars use more fuel and create more pollution at lower speeds - a view perpetuated by car manufacturers who claim that the optimum speed for fuel efficiency is between 50mph and 60mph.**

But a number of recent surveys indicate that the reverse is the case and that for some models the highest mileage is achieved at speeds as low as 20mph.

This has been seized upon by the

"20s Plenty for Us" campaign, founded by Lymm resident Rod King but now a national organisation, as further justification for their initiative to make the roads safer for all users - particularly cyclists and pedestrians.

So what is the truth of the situation? One study, involving five different vehicles ranging from a 1 litre Toyota to a 2.2 litre Landrover Freelander, show that the most efficient speed for all five was below 40mph and, in the case of two, was 20mph.

Another study found that fuel consumption increases sharply above 40mph and by 90mph has halved. When 30 km/h (18.6 mph) zones were introduced in Germany, it was found drivers changed gear 12 per cent less often, braked 14 per cent less often and required 12 per cent less fuel. At the same time, cycling increased by 23 per cent.

Department for Transport guidance is that, generally, driving more slowly at a steady pace saves fuel and carbon dioxide emissions, unless an unnecessarily low gear is used.

**Evidence**

So there is plenty of evidence to support the argument that lower speeds result in lower fuel bills, as well as reduced pollution and improved road safety.

Despite this, the issue is plagued by controversy, with many motorists refusing to accept arguments based on either cost, the environment or road safety.

Locally, the borough council is to introduce 20mph limits in many residential areas after experiments which are claimed to have reduced the accident rate, so drivers are going to have to show some restraint whether they like it or not.

## MPVs are getting sportier

THE popularity of the MPV remains unabated and manufacturers are moving towards sportier looking models to counter claims that multi-purpose vehicles are necessarily rather dull.

A range of new or re-vamped models are offered for 2011 including the first ever diesel hybrid, the Peugeot 3008 HYbrid4.

This is really a crossover car, combining SUV feature such as four wheel drive with the practicality of a people carrier.

It's stylish, with plenty of load space, flexible seating and CO2 emissions as low as 99g/km, making it exempt from both road tax and the London congestion charge.

By contrast the re-styled Chrysler Grand Voyager is bigger than most other MPVs with almost mini-bus proportions, seating for seven and a reputation for reliability.

The Mazda5 was introduced last year, but the New Year has brought a 1.6-litre diesel model in addition to the petrol options. It is a better drive than most, boasts practical sliding doors and has a dramatic style that will impress the kids and also improve the aerodynamics to help reduce CO2 emissions to just 138g/km - and a yearly road tax charge of £110.

Vauxhall's seven-seat Zafira remains a popular choice due to its flexible and versatile seating system and is being given a facelift this year.

New engines seem likely to be introduced, possibly including a low-CO2 ecoFLEX version.

Chevrolet are entering the MPV market with the Orlando, a seven-seater with a high roof and a massive 1,487 litres of boot space with the rear seats folded.

It's a large, distinctive looking



vehicle with a 2.0-litre engine and will be available in diesel and petrol versions.

The Toyota Verso S is a stylish, supermini-size MPV with a high roofline to make more space for rear seat passengers. It will come with 1.0 and 1.33-litre engines producing low running costs and little environmental impact which is probably why there is no hybrid version on the horizon.

Honda, however, has added hybrid technology to its supermini-MPV, aiming it at younger buyers with distinctive colours and fresh design. Low running costs will give it more practicality and space than most similar sized cars.

## First Aid workshop



Louise Gee (left) and Laura Miller practice chest compressions

STUDENTS from the Health and Education curriculum area at Warrington's Priestley College were involved in a thought provoking workshop session on First Aid.

Visiting health practitioner Geoff Wareing, a welfare officer at Preston North End football club put the students through their paces in life saving treatments.

Many students will be embarking on careers in fields relating to the early years and caring industries meaning that such experience is essential.

The students looked at the correct way to put people in the recovery position, how to check for signs of life, the kiss of life and the way in which to administer chest compressions without causing further injury.

College tutor Rachel Walsh said: "Geoff is a regular yearly visitor to campus and once again his workshop session proved to be very informative.

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# Celebrity soccer match



**A CELEBRITY soccer match is set to take place in Warrington featuring the stars of hit TV soap Hollyoaks.**

The game between Hollyoaks and a Warrington Town XI will take place at Cantilever Park on Sunday March 27.

It is being organised by Pete Barratt from Big Red Events with the main aim of raising funds for the Broomfields Youth Project and Warrington Town Football Club.

Since October 2009 Broomfields Youth Project has gone from strength to strength. Set up to address the anti-social behaviour issues in the Warrington South area, the project is managed by Bridgewater Churches Together. The project started with small numbers of youths playing football on the pitches and has developed significantly over the past six months.

There are now up to 130 young people aged 12 to 17 playing football. The partners involved in the project are Cheshire Police, Bridgewater Churches Together, Youth For Christ, Warrington Borough

Council and Bridgewater High School.

On the day, the gates will open at 12:00 noon with a childrens football match kicking off at 12:30pm. There will be plenty of things going on around the ground during the day with raffles, auction, food stalls, music and childrens rides all available.

Admission prices are £6 each or you can get a family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children for £20. A VIP package is available at £30 for the day including an exclusive VIP area, champagne on arrival, meet and mingle with the stars of Hollyoaks, meal prepared by a specialist chef from Su Casa, wine included on the table and exclusive picture opportunities.

It is the second time Warrington Town have hosted Hollyoaks, with Warrington winning the last encounter on penalties!

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# Financially yours

By David Watkinson

## Changes to the tax return for 2011

Once again we have passed the tax return deadline, and we are pleased to say that every client who provided us with their information had their returns submitted on time, even the one who gave us the necessary information at seven in the evening of 31st January. However, I am certain that our firm is not alone in having clients who are late because they have not provided us with that information. These people will suffer automatic penalties, but from next year they will find that ignoring their tax responsibilities will get even more expensive.

Currently, no late filing penalty can exceed the tax due on 31st January. Therefore, penalties can be avoided by ensuring that the tax due is paid before this date. From the 2011 tax return, however, the following penalties will apply to late returns irrespective of the tax due:

1. all returns submitted after the due date will suffer an automatic penalty of £100, the due date being 31st October 2011 for paper returns and 31st January 2012 for electronic returns.

2. any return still not submitted after 3 months will receive daily penalties.
3. any return still not submitted after 6 months will receive a further penalty of the higher of £300 or 5% of the tax due.
4. any return still not submitted after 12 months will receive a further penalty of the higher of £300 or 5% of the tax due.

This will result in some clearly inequitable results, to the extent that some people may suspect that this will be used as a hidden tax rise. For instance, a pensioner who is due a tax refund on bank interest received but to whom the tax office decide to issue a tax return will find themselves facing automatic penalties in excess of £700 if they fail to complete and send in their paper return by 31st October 2012.

But if you think that is inequitable then look at the recent case of "Steed v Regina". In this case the taxpayer, Steed, pleaded guilty to moonlighting and evading tax of £3,558. However, following his conviction the tax office pursued confiscation proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act. The tax office argued that he had lead a



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

criminal lifestyle for at least 6 months, resulting in criminal proceeds of at least £5,000 as the taxpayer would have needed to pay a further £3,558 on account of the following year's tax. The taxpayer recently lost his appeal against the Crown Court's confiscation order. And how much was the confiscation order for? It was the not inconsiderable sum of £707,200. For the sake of everyone's sanity let us hope that there is more to this case than the headline facts!

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Nigel said: “We moved from a similar style house not far away but the difference in life here is just amazing.”

“We really do feel like we are on holiday. It is a very safe place and we don’t worry about Sandy going out to play, it is like one big adventure playground for him.”

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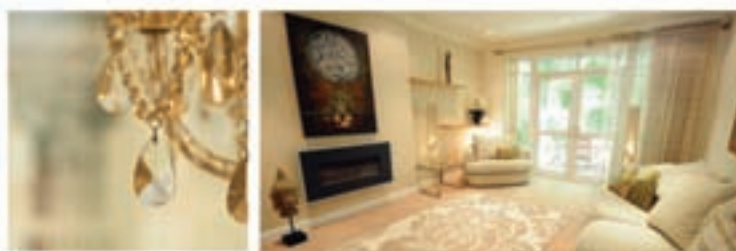
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