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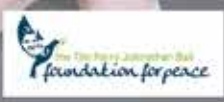
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## THE local elections are looming on Thursday May 22 and will also involve the European elections.

I realise more than half of you reading this column will not bother voting because you will feel it will make no difference.

Please don't waste your vote – make the effort to go out and put your X next to the person you think will represent your community best in the town hall and best in the European Parliament.

There is no point complaining about the outcomes of elections if you haven't voted.

During my work in the community I see "politicians" from all parties – some good, some bad, some indifferent.

It is our job to make sure those who are elected do a good job – and the only way we can do that is to go out and vote.

Don't be blinkered by the party machines or the propoganda we sometimes see on leaflets. Don't take any notice of the political point scoring which goes on – just simple

sit back for a few minutes, think about who you have actually seen or heard about doing their bit in the local community – and put your cross against their name.

If they have been doing their job properly, or are planning to do their job properly, you will have somehow heard about them – forget what colour their rosette is – vote for the best person for the job!

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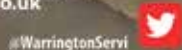
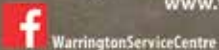
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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

# Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

## Signs

**We live in a world full of 'signs', they tell us what to do, what not to do, how to do things; we may even feel controlled by them. They are everywhere we look as we drive or walk to our destinations, as we shop, socialise, within all forms of media.**

Our external world bombards us during every waking hour with constant information, and some of us go to sleep listening to it! However, our brains can only retain so much information, then we switch off from the implicit messages that signs are there to convey.

For instance, when some new 20 mile per hour road signs were being installed on the side roads near to our home, we wondered whether people could actually drive any faster down roads which had parked cars either side and tight junctions. So were these signs another waste of taxpayers money? We felt perplexed as we reflected on the rapid increase of signs all around us, and wondered if people actually noticed them, and if so, did they adhere to the message on the sign.

Are we, as a nation getting to a point of information overload! If so, does that also impact on us being open to 'signs' that can ultimately

help us to have a better quality of life? What about the 'signs' that help us to choose the right path in life, to grasp opportunities as they arise, to embrace change which is healthy for us. Are we becoming too blinkered in our view of the world which is consumer focussed, and constantly changing rules and regulations?

It seems that perhaps most of us are becoming more discerning, and do still think for ourselves, rather than being told what to do and think. Good old fashioned common sense and morals need to over-ride a media led society, in order to read the important signs for our wellbeing as individuals and ensure we interact with others in a meaningful and caring way.

What 'signs' may we be referring to? Positive statements from those who guide us and want the best for us; career opportunities that help us to grow and develop in meaningful ways; spiritual and philosophical messages that are all around us, which we often miss when we are stressed and anxious; the simple things in life, and loving interactions with others.

For instance, people often say that children are our best teachers. Their innocent questioning, openness and creativity can encourage us to recognise what is important to us. When a person feels child-like and

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are happy and relaxed, they can then be open to observing and hearing the signs which impact strongly on a personal sense of self and increased awareness of future wants and needs.

Spend a few moments each day noticing the variety of signs around you, and make a note of which have no obvious meaning to you; those which you need to adhere to; and then allow yourself to be open to the signs which you wholeheartedly need to be more aware of. Ask your higher consciousness for inner guidance for the 'signs' that are most relevant to you and your life now.

To explore this in more depth, especially if you are facing inner turmoil in regards to what direction to take in life, then contact us, and we can help you to see and hear intuitively the 'signs' most pertinent to your life right now.

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Beamont Collegiate Academy will open from September 2015 when students will be housed in a brand new facility thanks to funding from the Government's Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP).

The schools construction partner, Wates Construction and architect, local firm Ellis Williams Architects are delighted to have won the contract for the school.

School Principal Mr Andrew Moorcroft said: "We are delighted that Wates have been appointed to provide us with a brand new academy building.

"It is exciting for the whole school community to know that in just over a year's time we will be moving into an amazing new learning environment with state of the art facilities including brand new classrooms and science laboratories, a robotics workshop, CAD / CAM design studio, music recording studio, activity studio and fitness suite and many other inspirational learning spaces."

Building work is due to commence from this summer and students and staff will be able to see their new school take shape over the following 12 months.

The new school will be open to students from September 2015. Current Year 5 students in local primary schools will be invited to visit the site at various times throughout the build process. This will allow them to see how their secondary school is developing ahead of them joining in 2015.



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# End of an era as Waysiders closes after 70 years

**ANOTHER of Warrington's long established family businesses - the Waysiders on Horsemarket Street, is calling time on trading in the town centre.**

Just weeks after Whites Sports announced the end of 113 years trading in the town, Martin Hales, a second generation owner of the Waysiders, which was established 70 years ago by his father John and Uncle Tony, has decided it is time to retire, aged 61.

"It was a tough decision and I am sure I will shed a few tears when we close for the last time," said Martin.

"There have been a lot of changes in Warrington and a lot not for the better. People no longer want quality goods as we now live in a throw away culture - and I am not prepared to go down that route.

"But I have many happy memories and wouldn't change anything."

Martin, who lives in Grappenhall, with his wife Morag and two daughters Francesca and Georgina, now in their 20s, joined the family business in his late teens, at a time when he excelled at tennis, turning down the chance of a professional career after competing at Junior Wimbledon.

The business, which Martin runs assisted by his sister Cathy, was originally situated near the old market but during the regeneration of the town centre in the 1970s relocated to the former Timothy

Whites store on Horsemarket Street.

The shop was hugely popular with the GIs based at Burtonwood airbase and still occasionally attracts visitors from the States who are taking a trip down memory lane.

The business has specialised in glassware and china goods, stocking many of the high end brands.

As well as a change in peoples shopping habits Martin says out of

town shopping areas like Gemini had impacted heavily on town centre trade.

"If the council looked at cheaper rent and rates there would still be the opportunity for private individuals to give it a go," he added.

Meanwhile the Waysiders now looks set to become a new home for town centre Italian Restaurant Cafe Caruso, which is looking to relocate from Time Square this summer.



## Bus company appoint new interim MD

WARRINGTON bus company Network Warrington have appointed their long serving technical director Damian Graham as Interim Managing Director for the next six months.

Damian has worked for the company for over 36 years and has vast experience and knowledge of how the company operates across all departments.

His immediate role will be to undertake a review of all departments to ensure that the company remains sustainable for the foreseeable future.

Maureen Banner (Chair) said "We are delighted that Damian has accepted this role and I, the Board of Network Warrington and the Shareholder give him our full support in his new position."

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But the cuts mean the council is now getting "close to the bone" according to council leader Terry O'Neill (pictured below).

He said: "Councils continue to be asked to make savings and, overall, those in the north of England have taken a bigger hit than those in the south.

"The difference in average spending power per head between councils in the north and those in the south is £69.

"While we do want to ensure local residents get value for money, councils over many years have had to salami slice budgets across a wide number of services, but now the long term impact of those cuts means we are getting very close to the bone.

"We are really concerned about having to continue to take huge amounts of money away from services, particularly those for vulnerable people who rely on us to provide support in difficult times.

"That is why we have done our very best to find innovative ways of reducing our costs, attract new sources of funding and protect services.

"But the figure - £50 million out of a revenue budget which now stands at £145 million - speaks for itself.

"It does feel like residents in the

north of England are being treated unfairly compared with those in the south. In Warrington, we start from a particularly low funding base where funding from council tax is around six per cent less than the national average".

The council's lead member for corporate resources, Cllr Russ Bowden, said in December 2012 the Government produced a list of suggestions to save money without having too much impact on services.

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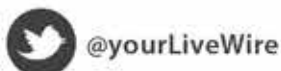
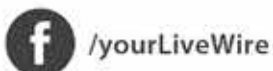
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# Adrian on the road to success with anti-hate campaign

**WARRINGTON** paralympian Adrian Derbyshire is on the road to success to help stamp out hate crime by going the extra mile with his hand-cycle marathon.

The multiple medal-winning sword fencing champion embarked on his journey, with a launch outside Warrington Market, waved off by the Mayor of Warrington Peter Carey and Warrington Wolves' mascot Wolfie.

Using a specially-constructed hand-trike Adrian is cycling the 355 miles from Warrington to Land's End via an awareness-raising tour of the North West – a total journey

of 1,000 miles.

His journey will take six months to complete during which time he will be visiting schools, colleges and universities to promote sport, health and wellbeing and disability awareness as well as educating children about hate crime and the affect it has on its victims. He will also be cycling the Isle of Man TT circuit.

Warrington-born Adrian has

won two gold and three silver medals for Great Britain in the sport of wheelchair fencing.

Commenting on the launch and his journey so far, Adrian said: "The hand cycle launch outside the market was a great success; visitors to the town had the opportunity to talk to me about my campaign and also had a chance to sit on the hand cycle!"

The event attracted the Mayor Peter Carey, Cheshire police, who were security marking bicycles for free and various charities.

Adrian continued his journey by visiting Christ the King Primary School in Macclesfield where he was greeted by 177 enthusiastic

youngsters.

"I was completely exhausted but on a tremendous high," said Adrian.

"Staff and children made me feel so welcome and they weren't shy and asked questions about Hate Crime and different types of disability."

It was then time to 'Go the Extra Mile' with the children who changed into fancy dress and either walked or ran around the school playground for a whole mile. Much fun was had by all in raising awareness.

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**The Foundation's Survivors for  
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## Looking back over 2013

March 2013 was a milestone anniversary year for the families of all the people directly affected by the IRA's bomb in Bridge Street and was marked by a very moving ceremony at the exact place where the bomb detonated. Hundreds gathered to listen to people recount their memories of that terrifying day, but spirits were lifted by the singing of a children's choir

from Tim's old school Barrowhall Lane Primary & Great Sankey High School.

As the year unfolded, there were many other significant events to mark the anniversary, including the Annual Peace Lecture, delivered by the Deputy First Minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly, Martin McGuinness, who did so at my personal invitation. The lecture was a controversial occasion, and though it led to a small group of protesters gathering outside the Centre, the overwhelming response from those who attended and others who made their views clear, was extremely positive.

As Co-founder of the Foundation and its Chairman, I will always preserve and defend the principles upon which we established the Foundation...namely that we will be at the forefront of peace building and reconciliation within and between communities and individuals. Powerful intentions demand powerful actions if they are not to be just hot air, and real peace building demands that risks are taken.

Not surprisingly, the anniversary year presented not only challenges of the political kind, but also of the financial kind, and the threat of our Survivors programme ending after 12 years' of continuous delivery, was very real until Chancellor George Osborne's announcement in his Budget Speech, that he was pledging direct government support ....proof of just how far we have travelled since that darkest day back in 1993

## Nick Taylor CEO reviews 2013

Our history starts 21 years ago, a consequence of the Northern Ireland 'troubles' and at the end of 2013, is still dominated by the continuing daily journey towards a lasting peace related to that conflict. Not only was 2013 the twentieth anniversary since the IRA planted bombs in Warrington, but it was also a year in which the political parties in Northern Ireland have tried to confront and deal with the past as well as attempting to address contemporary conflicts relating to parades and flags.



At the same time, we are constantly reminded that our world is not immune to violent conflict - as the year ended, 14 people are killed in a trolleybus explosion, the day after 17 died in a railway station suicide attack in the same Russian city, Volgograd. From shopping centres in Kenya to refineries in Algeria to sporting events in Boston to the killing of Lee Rigby on a street in Woolwich, violent conflict and terrorism is a reality. As are the ideologies that underpin such actions, whether that be the militant extreme politics of the Far-Right through to al Qa'ida inspired acts or indeed anyone who believes they can further their aims through the use of violence.

proven - this is a world in which conflict, often violent, is a real risk not just to human life, but to the very fabric of society in upholding freedom and democracy and in creating a stable economy and safe environment. Prejudice and discrimination need to be challenged in our communities, schools, universities and prisons. There is no place for extremism or for those who seek to radicalise vulnerable people. Our health, social and welfare systems have to look after those affected, and the human cost - is just not something we can tolerate.

**Nick Taylor**  
Chief Executive

## Dame Tessa Jowell supports the Foundation



On 26 Feb Dame Tessa Jowell, came to the support of the Foundation and asked a question at Prime Minister's Question Time (PMQs). Dame Jowell asked if the Prime Minister would accept the overwhelming humanitarian case for guaranteeing long-term support to victims and survivors of terrorism and agree to meet with Colin Parry and survivors of the 7/7 London bombings who have benefited from the services of the Foundation and in doing so, remember his pledge that survivors of terrorism must know that they always have the support of the whole country.

The Prime Minister said: "I am very happy to have the meetings she discussed. The Foundation is a unique charity that does an extraordinary job in supporting victims and families. I will be discussing its future with my Hon. Friend the Member for Warrington South (David Mowat) too. Obviously, we want to make sure that all these institutions can continue their excellent work."



**David Mowat, MP**

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# Funding announced in the 2014 budget

Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, confirmed that the Foundation's work with victims and survivors of terrorism and political violence will continue. In his statement, the Chancellor also commits to working with the Foundation to "finding a lasting solution" to help fund this work.

The announcement forms a part of the 2014 Budget Statement to the House of Commons on Wednesday 19 March 2014. The Prime Minister, David Cameron met Colin and Wendy Parry along with Nick Taylor, the Foundation CEO, to confirm his personal support.

The confirmation of funding came after a period of uncertainty over the future of one of the Foundation's programmes called 'Survivors for Peace'. This programme has helped UK victims, survivors and their families who have been affected by global terrorism, war and political violence over the past 12 years.

Nick Taylor said: We welcomed the news: "This announcement follows 15 months



of intensive discussions and shows the positive face of politics. The Government, senior members of the opposition and the Northern Ireland Executive parties are completely engaged and supportive. This commitment by the Chancellor will send a strong message to those in our society who have been affected by terrorism and political violence that they are not alone."

Colin Parry said: "We bring people to the Foundation who have suffered at the hands of terrorism, as Wendy and I have.



We help reduce their sense of isolation, we give them a point of connection, we introduce them to other people, they develop friendships and they begin to find their normal lives, where previously they may have felt lost. Terrorism can affect anybody, anytime, anywhere and Governments alone cannot intercept and prevent all terrorism. The work of organisations like the Foundation is absolutely critical and Wendy, myself and the people we work with are immensely grateful for the funding announced in the budget."

## 10 Downing Street Meeting

On Monday 31st March, The Foundation met with The Prime Minister, David Cameron, to discuss the recent announcement in the budget to support the Foundation's programmes called 'Survivors for Peace'. George Osborne committed to a grant of £150,000 and promised to look at future funding to ensure victims are supported.

The meeting followed a question tabled by Tessa Jowell MP who, under the previous Government, established the Humanitarian Assistance Unit and was the responsible minister following incidents such as 9/11, the tsunami and London 7/7. The unit was closed down in 2010 and the Foundation is now the only organisation in Britain providing specialist assistance to victims of terrorism.

The meeting was also attended by Warrington South MP, David Mowat, Founders Colin and Wendy Parry, Nick Taylor, the Foundations Chief Executive, survivors of the London 7/7 attacks, Thelma Stober and Sudhesh Dahad who spoke about the benefits given to them by the Survivors programme, and the

Minister for Policing, Justice and Victims, Damian Green.

The Foundation will continue meetings with the Government to take these matters forward.



# Home Secretary's special visit to Peace Centre

HOME Secretary Theresa May made a special visit to the Peace Centre to see firsthand the pioneering work of the Foundation.

The visit was organised by local MP David Mowat as part of his on-going support for the work carried out by the Foundation. They were able to talk about their vital work to prevent violent conflict and support victims and those affected by terrorism.

Colin and Wendy greeted Mrs May and gave her a tour of the building before hosting a lunch at which the Foundation team presented their work.

Nick Taylor, Chief Executive said: "We are very grateful to David Mowat for arranging this visit and for the Home Secretary taking time out of her busy schedule to visit us. Our work to prevent, resolve and respond to violent conflict is vital to creating the conditions for a secure, safe and peaceful society. As an independent charity, we hold a distinctive ability to influence change by



supporting victims, survivors and those affected by terrorism and in countering violent conflict."

Warrington South MP, David Mowat said: "I was delighted to be able to welcome the Home Secretary to Warrington to

show her the positive contribution the town is making to tackle radicalisation. What Colin & Wendy Parry have done at the Foundation is superb and I always enjoy showcasing it to my ministerial colleagues."

## Senior Minister, Baroness Warsi PC visits the Peace Centre

Baroness Warsi is a Senior Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Minister for Faith and Communities. She came to the Peace Centre at the invitation of Warrington South MP, David Mowat, to learn about what the Foundation does in supporting communities at home and abroad and in countering extremism and radicalisation.

Nick Taylor, Foundation Chief Executive said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Sayeeda and tell her about our work. The Foundation is unique in its approach combining work with victims and survivors of violent conflict with work to prevent such conflict taking place. Baroness Warsi works with religious and community leaders to promote faith, religious tolerance and stronger communities within the UK so we were delighted to be able to present our work to her."



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# Remembering Tim, Johnathan and Bronwen on the 21st Anniversary

On Thursday 20th March 2014, The Mayor of Warrington, Councillor Peter Carey, alongside the Council Leader Terry O'Neil and Deputy Leader Mike Hannon and other civic and faith leaders joined the families and survivors of the Warrington bombing to pay their respects at the 'River of Life' Bridge Street memorial.

The Mayor of Warrington spoke of his personal experiences on the day and the way such a tragic event had influenced the peace process as well as the continued work that reaches across the world. Colin Parry, the Foundations Chairman and Co Founder, spoke on behalf of the families in memory of Tim, Johnathan and Bronwen.



Wreaths and flowers were laid including scores of single daffodils placed by family members and local people. There was a minutes silence and reflection at 12:27 which was the time the second bomb exploded.

Water taken from the River of Life fountain was transported back to the Peace Centre and at a private ceremony, it was poured on the Peace Tree that grows in the grounds of the Peace Centre.



## Wendy receives an OBE



Wendy Parry, has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for her charity work.

Wendy is the co-Founder of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation established in the boy's memory supported by her husband Colin who received an OBE in 2004.

Wendy was the inspiration behind the creation of the international Peace Centre in Warrington, opened in 2000 to help support people affected by political violence/ terrorism and promote programmes in the prevention and resolution of violent conflict.

Wendy said: "I am very proud and honoured to be included in the Queen's birthday list. Everything we have done over the past 21 years has been to keep Tim and Johnathan's names alive and this is one of those occasions. Dominic, Abbi and Colin came so it was a real family affair and I took a picture of Tim in my pocket so it felt like we were all together."

Colin Parry said: This honour was very well deserved and I am delighted for my wife. You should never forget a life, no matter how short. My son Tim will be proudly smiling for his Mum and her OBE'.

# Our Programmes

## *The 'Survivor for Peace' programme*

The Foundations 'Survivors' programme has helped many victims and families who have been traumatised by terrorist attacks. With the Government commitment to support the Foundation's work, we will be able to continue helping our present participants and also extend our services and to help those who are unable to find the support they need.



### **Annie Bowman**

*The daughter of Barry Gritten, a soldier in the Bomb Disposal Squad*

The Survivors programme for me is about finally getting help after being traumatised for the majority of my life. It is about meeting people who understand that losing someone to terrorism is not the same as losing someone to illness or accident. Even though the pain may be the same, the response of family, friends and community isn't. I am no longer alone with my feelings. I have met people who have helped with the isolation and depression just through our shared experiences.



### **Sef Townsend**

*Lost his hearing in an IRA bomb blast in London, in 1982*

The Survivors programme has changed my life. I now feel I can do something to change a situation, which might otherwise have damaged me much more than just the physical results of losing my hearing to a terrorist bomb. The Foundation has played a huge part in my sense of doing something meaningful out of an otherwise very damaging and negative experience.



### **Jacqui Putnam**

*A survivor of the Edgware Road train bombing on 7th July, 2005*

On the morning of 7th July 2005 I had a normal life. After 8.51am nothing was ever going to be normal again.

The Foundation reached out and we held on gratefully, dragging our broken lives with us, bewildered but desperate to put the pieces back together and, somehow, get beyond just existing to find a new 'normal'. I have now gained perspective and a new 'normality'. It isn't what it was but I'm functioning and grateful to be here and, because of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation, there is hope.

## A Carers view

Conflict affects many people, not least the families and friends of those who give care and support. This is the view of one of those carers.

I am a carer to my partner who was diagnosed with Combat PTSD in 2009. We have had a traumatic five years with little help or treatment from our GP or the local hospital.

At times life has been particularly difficult for us both. My partner has had numerous stays in hospital and suicide attempts.

We first heard of the Peace Centre about four years ago and were invited to their 'Families Living with Trauma Day', part of the Survivors of Peace Programme. Until then everything we knew about the illness we lived with was self-taught. I had never sat and talked to others and neither had my partner.

The day was enlightening. The atmosphere was so relaxed. At last there were likeminded people with the same illness, but from very different circumstances. One thing in common is they

understood how each other felt and shared their symptoms. I found people to talk to who understood how difficult it was for me at times, even though I am not one to look at my own difficulties. I was happy to muddle on by, although inside I was falling to bits.

The Foundation and their work has been inspirational to us both. We have attended numerous events and met new people each time. We learn new coping techniques from others and share how we feel. What we share is confidential and we feel confident with those we share with.

We have learnt so much more about the illness than anyone has ever given us. We now recognise triggers earlier than we did in the early days. I know when to ask for help before the situation becomes an emergency. The staff are remarkable, understanding, supportive and keep in touch with us in between events. The Foundation has been our lifeline.



# Lisburn Leadership Development Programme, February – April 2014

March 2014 saw the Foundation working once again with Lisburn City Council delivering our acclaimed Leadership Programme to a group of young adults from Lisburn, Northern Ireland.

This partnership with Lisburn City Council came about after a Civic Lecture delivered to the city's political leaders in May 2011 by the Foundation's Programme Manager, Kelly Simcock. This led to the development of a programme designed to work with some of the future leaders from the area.



This 'Open Awards' accredited programme works with groups on all sides of divided communities and gives them the skills to manage conflict and become leaders in their homes and communities. The group of fifteen was made up of a mixture of youth workers, volunteers, unemployed young adults and students, aged 17 - 25 who had shown an interest in developing their skills and knowledge further.

This programme included young people from the Glenavy Youth Project and the Old Warren Resurgam Trust amongst other groups. During the programme they debated issues of identity, prejudice and discrimination with a focus on some of the disputes that are current in Northern Ireland including the recent 'Flag protest' as well as some of the more contemporary challenges facing some communities around racism and xenophobia.

Focused on the three key themes Leadership, Conflict Resolution and Prejudice and Discrimination, the programme began with two residential weekends in Northern Ireland in February and March. The March

workshop took place in the surroundings of the Ardnabannon Outdoor Education Centre in the shadow of the Mourne Mountains where they learned techniques for identifying and dealing with the underlying causes of conflict. This was followed in April by a weekend at the Peace Centre in Warrington which saw them develop their ideas further and included a field trip to see the kinds of work being carried out by leaders in different communities. The opportunity to meet with other leaders to exchange best practice and lessons learned was valuable for participants as they reflected on how these could be taken back to their own situations.

*"I am interested in increasing my knowledge and skills of conflict resolution within both my Youth Group setting and within my wider community."*  
**Susan, Laurel Hill Youth Club**

*"... I want to further develop my skills in communication, problem-solving and how to deal with and manage conflict."*  
**Danielle, Glenavy Youth Project**

## "Follow the Women"

The Foundation works to tackle the root causes of prejudice and discrimination in communities through a range of innovative programmes. We have just received funding to deliver a new project called, 'Follow the Women'. This project is designed to give groups of women the skills, confidence and capacity to understand and manage conflict and play active roles in tackling the issues facing them in their lives, their homes and their communities

Terry O'Hara from the Foundation said: "Although they may not think of it in these terms, women have always played a crucial leadership role in society, as mothers, wives, partners and advisors.

Women have always suffered as a result of the conflicts that divide people and yet, given the skills and confidence, they have the potential to influence the course of conflict and enable communities to respond positively".

'Follow the Women' explores conflict at a local, national and international level examining specific topics including identity, prejudice and issues 'back home', as well as creating increased confidence to respond to issues such as hate crime.

"Crucially, our workshops examine the impact of these events on the women, their families and wider communities."



# 10th Anniversary of the Madrid train disaster



On 11th March, representatives from the Foundation attended the official 10th Anniversary memorial following the 2004 Madrid train bombings and were present at the European Commission's 10th European Day on Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism.

Programme Manager Jo Dover, was joined by John Gartside, a Foundation Board Director and Trustee and Graham Foulkes who works in support of the Foundation. Graham's son, David, was killed in the London 7/7 bombings.

The Madrid bombings occurred on the morning of 11 March 2004 on the

Cercanias commuter train network and killed 191 people and injuring 1800, affecting many thousands of people.

During the morning of the memorial event, a Catholic Mass took place in the presence of the Spanish Royal Family at the Almudena Cathedral. This was followed by the official memorial services at Retiro Park, where flowers were placed into the 191 Cypress trees planted for each of the victims.

A special plaque from the Mayor of Warrington to convey the town's thoughts to the people of Madrid was presented to Ana Botella, the Mayor of



Madrid, by John Gartside who was the Council Leader in Warrington during the time of the 1993 IRA bombings in the town.

## Foundation speaks at the All Party Parliamentary Group

On Monday 17th March, the Foundation was invited to address a special St Patricks meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on the Irish in Britain.

The group aims are to raise awareness and represent within Parliament the interests and concerns of the Irish Community in Britain and is chaired by Chris Ruane. The charity, Irish in Britain, provides the secretariat.

Speakers on the night included: Sir Peter Bottomley MP (APPG Vice Chair), Theresa Villiers MP Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Dan Mullhall Ambassador of Ireland, Stephen Pound MP opposition spokesperson and shadow Northern Ireland Minister, Stephen Lloyd MP Liberal Democrat spokesperson on Northern Ireland, Jennie McShannon CEO Irish in Britain and Mary Tilki chair of Irish in Britain.

Nick Taylor, the Foundations CEO, was invited to address the 300 strong audience and to make the case for the Foundations' leading work supporting victims and survivors and those affected by violent conflict.

Nick's speech can be found on the Foundations website at [www.foundation4peace.org](http://www.foundation4peace.org).

# A real Knight visits Peckforton Castle!

On Friday 14th March, Sir John Major addressed an invited audience at a private dinner on behalf of the Foundation.

The exclusive event took place at Peckforton Castle, a stunning venue in Tarporley Cheshire where 38 guests came together to hear more about the Foundation's work and how they could

support the charity.

The Rt Hon Sir John Major has been a Patron of the Foundation since he delivered the Foundation Peace Lecture back in 2003. He is a great supporter of the Foundations work and has been a good friend to Colin and Wendy from when they met in 1993.



were very impressed with the service, the setting and the wonderful food."

Wendy Parry explains how important it is to get Sir John's support: "Sir John is a man with great skill and passion and we are extremely honoured to have him as part of the Foundation. The response from guests at the dinner was very positive and he delivered a truly emotional and entertaining speech. Peckforton Castle was the perfect setting for an exclusive event such as this. We

During the evening, guests were able to enjoyed drinks in the Castle's wine cellar before moving on to the Hexagon Room for dinner. Sir John spent time moving from table to table after each course talking to the guests.



Colin Parry and Vanessa Hall.



Tony Naylor, Lisa Power and Simon Hope.

## Global recruiter

First Recruitment Group honoured twenty years of tireless peace campaigning at the opening of their brand new UK headquarters in Birchwood Park Estates by naming the building 'Parry House' in recognition of the work Wendy and Colin do to promote peace.

First Recruitment Group employs more than 50 staff at its UK headquarters with offices in Ghana, Thailand and Australia. They also have strategic recruitment partners based in USA, Kazakhstan, Angola and Russia.

Wendy Parry said: We were surprised but delighted when Steve Farthing rang to ask if they could name the building after us. They have been so supportive over the past 12 months and we are extremely grateful that they see the Foundation has a worthy cause".



# Jonathan takes the Tough Mudder Challenge

We would like to thank Jonathan McKenna for taking part in a Tough Mudder Challenge and raising £1200 for the Foundation.

Tough Mudder events are hardcore 10-12 mile (18-20 km) obstacle course challenges designed to test all-around strength, stamina, mental grit and camaraderie. To get through miles of mud, ice-water and live dangling electric wires you need determination and drive.

Jonathan Said: "It was a real challenge but worth all the effort to support such a good cause"



  
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# Valentine's Ball helps to raise £11,500 for Victims of Violent Conflict

On Saturday 15th February, The Foundation hosted a Valentines Ball at The Park Royal Hotel to raise funding to continue their work with UK victims of violent conflict. Over 180 guests enjoyed a delicious 4-course meal, tried their luck on the Casino Tables or simply dance the night away with Wayne Farrow who provided the entertainment.

Wendy Parry said: "We had a brilliant evening and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the event a success. Paul Crone who was our MC for the evening, staff at the Park Royal Hotel, Wayne Farrow and Colin Clayton all played their part and the evening couldn't have been better. I would also like to thank those who gave raffle and auction prizes and First Recruitment for sponsoring the Champagne reception & entertainment".

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## Great Sankey High Fun Run

On Sunday 23rd March, Great Sankey High School organised a Fun Run in aid of the Foundation and raised £1160.

Wendy Parry said: "It was a really nice day with families turning up to run or walk the course together. The runners were only asked to pay a registration fee was £5 for adults and £2 for children which took away the stress of having to find sponsorship. I think it was a great family day and many stayed after the event to eat all the cakes and biscuits supplied by our Volunteers."

Super Head Alan Davies and Head Teacher at Great Sankey High Paula Cawley also attended the Fun Run and committed to supporting the Foundation in the future by making the Fun Run and annual event.

The Foundation would like to thank Andy Gee for organising the Fun Run, his colleagues and pupils who helped on the day, Neil Clough from the Apprentice and Ruby O'Donnell and Tom Cunningham (Ellis & Peri from HollyOaks) for starting the event, Volunteers and to all the families and friends who took part.

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- Tuesday 13th May 10am Orford Jubilee Hub
- Thursday 16th May 10-4pm Sainsbury's Church Street
- Saturday 17th May 10-4pm Golden Square Shopping Centre
- Sunday 18th May 12-3pm Walton Hall Gardens
- Tuesday 20th May 10am Starbucks, Golden Square Shopping Centre
- Friday 23rd May 10-4pm Morrisons, Stockton Heath
- Saturday 24th May 10-4pm Family Fun Day at Warrington Market
- Thursday 29th May 6pm Orford Jubilee Hub

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Reproductive Health Group are delighted to invite members of the public and healthcare professionals to attend the next focus event on fertility and IVF at the Centre for Reproductive Health, Daresbury Park, on Thursday May 15, 5.30pm – 8.30pm.

This meeting is in conjunction with the national infertility charity, Infertility Network UK, and will feature informal talks and advice on topics including

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make?

- Individualised stimulation protocols – the end of one size fits all
- Complementary medicine and IVF outcomes
- Fertility support and when is it dangerous to know too much

Refreshments and free parking are provided.

The event is free to attend but places must be reserved in advance.

Please contact Annette Eckersley, Education Manager, at [education@reproductivehealthgroup.co.uk](mailto:education@reproductivehealthgroup.co.uk) to reserve your place or book online at [www.reproductivehealthgroup.co.uk](http://www.reproductivehealthgroup.co.uk)

## Riding for Lilly

A GROUP of cyclists from Warrington are to ride 168 miles to raise money for a charity which helps maintain the bereavement rooms at Warrington Hospital's maternity department.

Aidan Dickenson and a group of friends will be riding from Formby to Whitby in memory of his daughter, Lilly-Rose Cooper-Dickenson who was stillborn on September 10, 2012,

The Ride4Lilly Coast2Coast event on September 5-8 will raise money for the charity Harry&Co, who help maintain the bereavement rooms.

Aidan said: "We are looking for sponsors to help to fund this ride and any other future Ride4Lilly

projects."

Last year, Aidan and his friends did a similar ride from Warrington to Southport in aid of the same cause.

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# Warrington - a 'garden city'

**WARRINGTON is making a significant contribution to this year's National Gardens Scheme - the nationwide initiative which enables householders to open their gardens to the public to raise money for charity.**

Four gardens across the borough will be open - helping NGS in its bid to beat last year's figure of more than £107,000 - plus money raised from the sale of teas, etc.

NGS is run by volunteers and, of course, the beautiful gardens which go on show are created and maintained by volunteers, but their efforts are appreciated by many - with the result that the scheme is the biggest single donor to Macmillan, Marie Cure and Help the Hospices.

In Warrington, the gardens to open this year are:  
 Beechwood Cottage, Crouchley Lane, Lymm, home of Ian and Amber Webb. This is a two and-a-half-acre garden looking out over fields with a large lawn, herbaceous borders, formal walkway with rose arches, topiary garden and orchard. It will be open on Sunday June 29 from 11am to 5pm, admission £4 but children free. Home made teas will be available.

Dingle Farm, Dingle Lane, Appleton. Robert Bilton will open his three-year-old garden which has a large pond, wild flower garden, vegetable patch with chicken run and a wooded area. Admission is £3 with children free and the garden will be open on Saturdays and Sundays July 26 and 27, July 2, 3, and August 9 and 10, from 10am to 5pm.

Holly Mere, Radley Lane, Houghton Green. Angela and Graham Harrop's half-acre garden will be open on Sunday June 8 and Sunday August 10 from 11am-5pm. There are extensive borders of herbaceous perennials, roses and grasses and a small kitchen garden. Adults £3.50, children free. Tea available.

Laskey Farm, Laskey Lane, Thelwall. Howard and Wendy Platt's one acre garden is open on Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17 and also, for groups of 10-plus by appointment, during May to August. The garden is packed with late summer colour, including herbaceous borders, rose garden, interconnected pools for wildlife and a fish and terrapin pond.



Some of the flowers at Laskey Farm.

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# SuperKart champion aiming for fourth title

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Paul is hoping to make this season his 4th time as winner of the BSA 250cc Championship.

He started off with a win in the first race crossing the line over 5 seconds ahead of his nearest rival.

Once again in his second race Paul lead from start to finish ending the day with two wins and the lap record.

"It's a really great start to the season and all the work the team has put in has paid off," said a jubilant Paul.

At the end of last season Paul

had a bad shunt and his kart was badly damaged. Time during the off season was spent working on the machine but in final testing he found that the kart was not handling properly.

This meant that with the help of dad Alan from Burtonwood they worked through the early hours replacing the chassis and then tested it ready for the races.

"All our efforts were not in vain as the kart went like a dream in the first race" said Paul.



Paul in action at Lodge Corner and after the race. Pictures by Eddie Whitham.



## Rugby legends inducted into Hall of Fame

TWO more Warrington Rugby League legends have been inducted into the Past Player's Hall of fame.

Mike Nicholas and Bob Eccles were inducted into Warrington RLFC Past players Hall of Fame at the Annual Past Players Lunch held in their Martin Dawes Stand at The Halliwell-Jones Stadium.

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.

Eccles is second in Warrington's "Most Tries In a Season" list with 37-tries scored in the 1982-83 season only bettered by the legendary Brian Bevan. Ten years later he topped the try scoring at Barrow RLFC with 20 Tries and he also equalled Warrington's "Most Tries In a Match" for a Forward record with 5-tries scored in the 36-15 victory over Blackpool Borough on Sunday 12 December 1982.

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## National Minimum Wage

**Whether you agree with it or not, the National Minimum Wage (NMW) has been with us for 15 years.**

Failure to comply can result in an employer not only having to make up the difference to the employee, but also substantial penalties. However, that does not stop some employers from ignoring their responsibilities and they then often attempt to find an excuse when caught out. The tax office has recently published 10 of the more elaborate ones given in the past year.

- One employer said a woman on the premises was not entitled to NMW as she was his wife. When asked what his wife's name was the employer responded "err, her name? err, what's your name love?"
- Another said "I don't think my workers know anything about the NMW because they don't speak English."
- A third said that he always increased wages when the NMW goes up even if the total pay was still below the NMW. He added "I don't think its right to ignore the rises in NMW."
- Several employers paying rates below NMW suggested that

accommodation they provided workers made up for their shortfall in wages.

- Another one responded "I know I am paying them too little, but they are happy to work for this amount because they are getting experience."
- In another case, an employee claimed to be just working for a few days with a view to buying the business. However, his name was found on historic records over a substantial period.
- One employer said that he knew he was not paying employees NMW and had just increased their wage. However, the new rate was still below NMW.
- Another claimed "It wasn't a conscious decision to say 'I'm not going to pay this', but I've never really considered doing it because I've not had people come to me and say, 'I'm not getting paid enough' or 'Is this the minimum wage?'"
- In another case, an employee ran out of the premises when HMRC arrived to check NMW. He then returned pretending to be a customer.
- Finally, an employee claimed to be a



friend of the owner and said that he was only in the restaurant on a visit. However, HMRC returned a few days later only to find that the person was in the kitchen preparing food.

Anyone who believes they are not being paid the National Minimum Wage can call the Pay and Work Rights Helpline, in confidence, for advice in over 100 languages on 0800 917 2368. Currently, calls to the helpline from interns who are working for nothing, or for "expenses only", are being fast-tracked to HMRC enforcement officers for investigation.

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# Photographer thanks women with made up selfie



Paul Jackson with his made up selfie!

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The trend was started when Fiona Cunningham, an 18-year-old mum, set up a No Make Up Selfie For Cancer Awareness Facebook page and encouraged others to post shots of themselves and donate £3 to Cancer Research UK.

Facebook users tagged their photos to enter into a special prize draw and five names were picked at random for the special shoot, which took place on 13th April in Paul's studio located in Bewsey business centre. One of the winners, Chloe Plunkett, was pictured in her 'selfie' with another young lady, Lana Grace Robinson aged 13 from Golborne. She was offered a special extra place in the photo shoot after Paul, who runs Unit 8 Photography, heard how she had been affected by cancer, losing her mum when she was just 11 years old. Andrea Robinson was 38 when she lost her seven year battle with Lymphoma and Sarcoma. One thing that each person on the day did have in common was that they had all been affected in some way by the big C.

Deborah Spencer from Penketh, said "I think the no make-up selfie campaign is a great way to bring more awareness to breast cancer. Any way of raising funds, and helping people to spot the warning signs early is always a good thing. I couldn't believe it when I won a place on the shoot. It was a fantastic day. So professional but so personal. Couldn't have put us anymore at ease. I can't wait to go back for another session, can't recommend them enough!"

On the day the women all spent around 30 minutes having a personal shoot done and afterwards they all had a group shot together. They were offered an array of refreshments bought in from local shops and all had a great time having their make overs done and getting 'glammed' up.

Sonya Hurst from Burtonwood helped host the event and added "The atmosphere was brilliant and everybody got on really well, Paul has a great way of making you feel relaxed. We were all really nervous, even I was and I was only making tea! But within a few minutes everybody starts to really enjoy themselves and get into it. The people in the local business community pulled together and offered their services for free to make the day really special for everybody involved. It was a pleasure to be a part of something so exciting."

It seems another thing that all these ladies have in common now is that they will be back using Paul for any future photography they will be having!

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