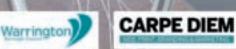


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THE CORRIDORS of power at Warrington Town Hall are once again reverberating around an alleged split in the controlling Labour group.

While the leadership are adament that the split is nothing more than rumour and gossip, a series of leaked emails would suggest otherwise.

Labour had been in the shadows Labour had been in the shadows for five years following a serious split within its own ranks which triggered a reaction from the national and regional offices, resulting in a cull of some senior political figures within the group - and ultimately loss of control. The last thing our town needs during these tough economic times is disharmony amongst those who are

disharmony amongst those who are running our town hall - which despite various cut backs and redundancies is still the largest single employer in the area, pumping millions of pounds into the local economy.

Whatever differences there are within the Labour group and indeed with the opposition councillors, it is time to put them to one side and all work together for the benefit of Warrington.

Local people don't want to see political fall outs and bickering within the corridors of power - they want to see positive action

On the other side of the fence the council has a workforce fearing for its future, with some facing job losses, with others changes in their terms and

conditions of employment. Once again the unions (who only represent a third of the work force) are doing their best to rock the boat, at a time when we we need a steady ship.

While it is indeed an unfortunate consequence that people are losing their jobs and facing pay cuts, it is a sign of the times, not just in Warrington but across the whole

world. Yes the Unions must look after their members and ensure no one is unfairly treated - but they must also realise that we are in difficult times and endeavour to work closely with

those making the tough decisions instead of publicly bashing them.

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New shop offers Golden opportunity for charity

WARRINGTON Disability Partnership have launched their latest innovative new Mobility and service - a Independent Living store located in the Golden Square Shopping Centre. The new shop, donated by Golden

Square and opposite the Old Market Place, will add to the charity's nationally recognised range of complementary services that support independent living for the tens of thousands of disabled people living in the Warrington area and beyond. Situated at the lower end of the

Situated at the lower end of the Shopping Centre adjacent to the Barley Mow and Blue Bell pubs, the Mobility and Independent Living store offers a range of high quality mobility and independent living products at competitive prices, backed up by an extensive range of support services.

The product range has been disabled people, carers and statif from health and social care services and includes three and four wheeled scotters, manual and four wheeled wheelchairs, rise and recliner, and high back chairs, adjustable beds, bath seats and raisers, ramps, three/four wheeled walkers, three/four wheeled walkers, batteries, tyres and a large range of small daily living products. A team from the Golden Square

and Lend Lease worked hard to help with painting and other jobs preparing the store for its official

Dave Thompson MBE founder and chairman of WDP said: "We are delighted to have developed this new service in partnership with the

management team at the Golden Square. It builds on the recognition we received from the Department of Health when they reviewed our Centre for Independent Living. They have promoted WDP as an example of 'best practice' in terms of the development of innovative user led services. We have followed national recommendations to develop this new receiving interest from Councils, Primary Care Trusts and other User Led Organisations with a view to them developing similar services"

All profits generated through the new service will be reinvested into supporting the continued delivery of Supporting the continued delivery of WDP services, many of which are self funded including the Wizard Narrow-boat operated on the Bridgewater Canal, two accessible holiday homes (caravans) located in North Wales, the fleet of over 300 wheelchairs that are made available on free loan for

up to six weeks, and the Disability Information Point located inside the Warrington Market which offers advice and support on disability

advice and support on disability related welfare benefits, a Shopmobility satellite service and general disability information. In addition to the self-funded services WDP has continued to operate services that have faced huge cuts implemented by the Council and Primary Care Trust as they and Primary Care Trust as they

attempt to balance their books during the current economic downturn.

For more details about this and other WDP services please visit www.disabilitypartnership.org.uk or telephone 01925 240064 or drop in at the Centre for Independent Living, Market Disability Information Point, Legh Street Shopmobility Point, Legh Street Shopma Service or the Mobility Independent Living Store. and



The Golden Sauare and Lend Lease team during a painting day.



Tailormade eyewear from

Why compromise when it comes to glasses? British spectacle designer Tom Davies brings the luxury of bespoke frames to Warrington town centre based Richard Shaw Opticians.

Consumers can spend thousands on their wardrobe.

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The frame is hand - made for the customer using a combination of

OM DAVIES

traditional techniques and modern machinery. And the finishing touch, one of the features Tom's customers like the most, is their name laser engraved discreetly on the inside of one of the arms.

HOW ARE BESPOKE FRAMES DESIGNED?

Just as an experienced tailor has a set group of measurements which he uses to assess body type and how the cloth will hang on an individual, Tom's seven principles guide his team of designers when they are working on customers' design portfolios.







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learn so much from them!

Here is a sample private email:

Thank you số mụch. You know l have never found anyone...not my family, not my friends, not doctors, no one that has ever understood my condition - what you have said is exactly how it is. It is good to know that someone else understands. I really appreciate you, you are very nice and kind and understanding." Tim H.

What kind comments and I appreciate them so much! So in honour of people like Tim, I would like to extend my services a bit further.

What would you the reader like to ask me? Do you have questions about

how you can help your body and mind to heal? Perhaps you would like to know more about what hypnotherapy can do for you?

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So don't be shy! Remember, I have worked with many patients over the years for a wide variety of life's problems.

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

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Some days I can't believe how honoured I am to be working with such courageous and wonderful people, who have faced people, who nave racea insurmountable odds, and have come through these things – and not just that – they have gone forward to a better and happier life. To all my readers, thank you for your continued support your

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Hairdressing duo win trip to New York

TWO Jakata hair stylists made a huge impression at the grand final of the Redken NYC Awards in London, winning an all expenses paid trip to New York!

Isobelle Lamb, aged 23, from Walton, Warrington (now at sister salon Paul Kemp Hairdressing) and Natalie Doxey, aged 18 from Warrington, teamed up to produce a fashion forward look based around the theme of 'Shapes and Shadows' which they had to recreate for the final time in front of a panel of influential judges. The panel included two times

British hairdresser of the year Angelo Seminara, along with other big industry names including Lee Stafford and Andrew Barton.

To get to this stage in the competition was tough going starting with photo shoots carried out in Jakata's studio back in February, which involved weeks of pre-planning by the artistic team. Images for all three categories were submitted to the competition. The Jakata hair team were picked for a place in each category at the regional finals -selected from thousands of other entries.

The team travelled to London

where they recreated their looks. Two out of the three looks were selected to win a place in the national final's 'Style Innovator' and 'Male Expert' categories.

The national final was part of the Redken Tribe event held at the Brixton academy, a huge hairdressing and fashion show held annually. The look had to once again be recreated - this time competing against all the regional winners. Izzy said: "We never expected to

get a place in the final, the standards of the competition were so high, I have never been so nervous in my life

Jakata won their category outright. Natalie added: "I was so shocked that we won. I was convinced we didn't do enough to win during the judging process'

Adam Carter, salon owner said "It's another amazing achievement for the team, everyone put so much time and effort in, it makes it all worthwhile.

Izzy and Nat now look forward to a whole host of prizes including hair photo shoots, national media/press coverage, plus an all expenses paid trip to New York.



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Company celebrates 35 years by embracing community project

TO celebrate 35 years of business a Warrington company is embracing a community project, which provides valuable work experience opportunities for disabled people.

Chris Ross from J&K Ross has teamed up with the Long Lane Garden Centre, which provides a variety of volunteering and work experience opportunities for people with various disabilities and special



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Contact Gareth Tel: 0870 460 5175 Email: gareth@devaservices.com Chris has agreed to become a monthly benefactor for the charity, as well as helping raise its profile by showcasing the work of its members at his premises on Kerfoot Street, Warrington.

Volunteering

He has also agreed to supply various materials including gloves and safety equipment free of charge and allow members of his staff paid leave to work on volunteering

Projects at the centre. He has worked closely with one of his clients, Fiddlers Ferry power of his clients, Fiddlers Ferry power station, for many years as a supporter of their various community projects, which includes the Long Lane Garden Centre. Now as part of his company's 35th anniversary celebrations Chris has pledged to get more involved. Despite receiving a funding boost from Channel 4's Secret Millionaire the charity, which helps people with physical and mental health problems, is facing various funding

physical and mental health problems, is facing various funding . cuts.

They raise money by selling plants, woodwork and arts products created by members.

Chris said: "We have supported various charities and community projects over the years but never really said much about it.

"We have worked closely with Fiddlers Ferry power station for a number of years as one of their suppliers and we are delighted to get involved with one of their community projects."

Billy Vaughan, Community Project Manager at Fiddlers Ferry said: "The work done at Long Lane is quite humbling and we are delighted Chris has agreed to get more involved in helping raise the profile of this fantastic charity."

Project co-ordinator Kath Jones said: "With all the funding cuts we are facing at the moment this support has come just at the right time and is greatly appreciated."



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Hat-trick of 5 star awards for Crazy Catering

THE Crazy Catering Company, launched three years ago by lan Robinson from Appleton, has succes-sfully maintained its 5 Stars for food hygiene and safety, systems from Warrington Barough Council

systems from Warrington Borough Council. The inspection was done at their new supersize unit at Birchwood, which is the third time this has been achieved in the last three vers

the last three years. It has been the busiest year ever for The Crazy Catering Company, feeding over 20,000 clients with fine dining marquee events, and their famous Hog Roast, Barbecues, Big Pans & Giant chocolate fountains. Clients

have included Manchester United, Warrington Wolves, Audi, Warrington Transport and now Crazy Catering have become the official caterers for Warrington Town Football

Warrington Iown Football club. Commenting on his third five star success lan said: "It has been an absolutely fantatsic year for our company which is continuing to grow during these tough economic times. "People will not compromise on quality and I am delighted to say we are picking up lots

to say we are picking up lots of repeat business as well as new clients through recom-mendations."

For more information visit www.thecrazyhog.co.uk

MPs on the buses

LOCAL bus company Network Warrington hosted educational visits for both of the town's MPs. Helen Jones MP,(Warrington

David North) and Mowat (Warrington South), both visited the company for an information and education session with the Chair and Company Directors.

Director, commented, "We were delighted to host visits from both of the town's MPs. It was an opportunity to show them how the company is modernising itself, talk them through issues that we face and inform them of our future developments.

"They also had time to tour the premises and were presented with a model bus to remember their visit to us. They both gave us very positive feedback about their visits and we look forward to working with them in the future".

How do you know if your employees are ripping you off?

PART of Uniqwin services is to employ all the service personnel on a site for our clients starting from the Site Manager, administors, mainten-ance people, security personnel or cleaners. Recently when taking over the employment of personnel on two separate sites we over the employment of personnel on two separate sites we discovered that some highly paid senior employees have been 'Creaming off' cash takings for themselves from their employer, for several years. It was clear that the change in the overall employment and management of the site employees and the review and reassessments that took place, created a situation that 'disturbed' the existing systems. Actions being the existing systems. Actions being used to deceive the employer enabled the criminal activity to take place. Both matters have now been handled appropriately and I have no doubt that justice will provide an appropriate outcome particularly for the two offenders.

The danger for owners, asset and The danger for owners, asset and facility managers are 'complacency'. The assumption that long term employees are totally loyal and honest is usually born out of the fact that they apparently keep things running smoothly without a hitch. This being the case they may feel that such employees do not have to be monitored or audited and sign offs are not taken with due diligence. Allowing people to and sign one are not taken with due diligence. Allowing people to work financial activity without any double checking can be asking for long term problems and losses. Never take anything for granted. Some offenders never like to take lengthy periods of time off for fear that sceneono may uncover their

lengthy periods of time off for fear that someone may uncover their misdeeds. Making employees take two weeks holiday together can save companies from fraud and theft. The summer holiday season is the peak time for detecting fraud as staff take a long break. Alarm bells can start to ring from suspicious bosses and co workers after cheats are obliged to leave their desk. When offenders are away they are not able to cover their tracks so easily. Those thefts and frauds such as accounts manipulation that have been covered over during the course of time can be spotted when their colleagues or new their colleagues or new management take over and notice management take over and nonce that things don't seem quite right or systems are neglected or distorted. There will be times when colleagues, supervisors or managers have suspicions but are afraid to speak up for one reason or another.

or another. Typically the profile of an accounts fraudster would be a long accounts traudster would be a long serving trusted employee who regularly works long hours and does not want to take long periods of any kind of leave of absence even when they are sick. The same person may be reluctant to accept change in the systems being used and will raise all kinds of excuses to keep the status guo. Some keep the status quo. Some fraudsters and thieves would also ensure that would be whistle

blowers are taken care of by reward, bullying, deceit or implied threats. However the clever offender does not involve everyone, working alone reduces the risks. Watch out for those employees who are apparently spending beyond their means, or may have a high debt rate, habitual gamblers, heavy drinkers or with drug addictions, habits that have high cost maintenance. However do not assume that these indications need assume that these indications need

assume that these indications need be apparent in a fraudster. Hiding their weaknesses is part of their skill. So this highlights the ways of identifying signs of fraud or criminal activity and simple anti fraud measures that employers can take. Apart from consecutive two week holidays you should ensure that impromptu and unannounced, in depth audits/checks are carried out occasionally particularly where there are cash transactions involved involved.

Be sure that every detected fraud is reported to the police as this will deter others from being tempted. Give other employees every opportunity to whistle blow and follow their suspicions carefully. Where it seems to be a minor infringement there could be an



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underlying major one so don't let people off the hook too easily. Investigate thoroughly any complaint or report of suspicious circumstances. Take time out to speak to employees on a one to one private conversation private conversation, allowing employees the opportunity to voice suspicions in confidence. If need be suspicions in confidence. If need be promise anonymity. Even if you feel there is a bit of character destruction going on, check it out. Sometimes employees only want a good opportunity to whistle blow without repercussions from others. Be wice and aine there there Be wise and give them that opportunity.



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Flood relief scheme at park

THE main entrance to Victoria Park Warrington, is to be given a facelift as part of an Environment Agency scheme to reduce the risk of flooding to more than 2,000 homes in the borough.

Experts from the agency organised a consultation meeting with local residents and more than 50 turned up - many with strong views.

As a result, a number of changes were made to the proposals. Among the concerns expressed by

residents were fears that a proposed flood wall could attract graffiti and that too many trees along Knutsford Road would have to be felled.

As a result, the agency improved



the design of the park entrance, with flower beds, grassed areas and additional trees.

The agency is also running a competition for pupils at Latchford St James CE Primary School to design

art work which may be incorporated into the wall

Dermot Smith, project executive, id: "Over 2,000 homes in said: "Over 2,000 homes in Warrington are at significant risk of flooding from the River Mersey. We are planning to reduce that risk greatly.

Further details are available on the website www.environmentagency.gov.uk/floodnorthwest under "flood risk in Warrington."

Seeking volunteer board members

WARRINGTON'S biggest landlord is looking for volunteers from among its tenants to fill vacancies on its board

and scrutiny panel. Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT) manages more than 8,700 properties across the borough and the successful candidates will have a key role to play in the management of the role to play in the management of the services it provides. Tenants recruited onto the board will be appointed until 2014 and will play a key role in setting the Trust's aims and policies. The scrutiny panel consists of nine tenants who are actively involved in shaping the organisation's services through involvement in decision

through involvement in decision making. Successful candidates for both positions will receive comprehensive training and develop skills that will help them build their CV and

progress their own career. Tenants who are interested in either Martin, board support and development officer on 0800 25 26 27 or email charlie or email charlie.martin@ gght.org.uk GGHT chief executive Peter

Mercer said: "We are committed to involving our tenants in everything we do. These important roles will play a key role in helping us to achieve our vision of being a leading housing provider and will provide the successful individuals with a great opportunity to develop their own skills and experience.

A RESIDENTS' group campaigning to keep a community flat open has been

overwhelmed by public support. The Victoria Park Residents Association (VIPRA) was delighted with the response to their campaign stall to support the local Community Flat on Knutsford Road.

More than 170 people signed the petition to support community facilities in the area, following the announcement by Golden Gates Housing Trust that they are to close theflat. Several people also came forward to volunteer to help support the activities going on in the flat. At the present time there are very

few community facilities in the area, which makes community activity difficult. The flat is the nerve centre of the Victoria Park Residents Association, and as well as the various activities on offer - including computer training, arts and crafts, the credit union, police drop-ins and councillor surgeries - it is a place where people can turn for information and advice.

At an emergency meeting held at the flat Golden Gates remained firm about their decision, citing costs, housing need, the limited space available and a lack of participation as the reasons for their decision. as the reasons for their decision. However, they promised to work with VIPRA officers to find viable alternatives in the area, and support a move to a new different venue. Cllr Maureen McLaughlin (Labour, Latchford West) who helped to



Campaign to save community flat

organise the stall, along with local residents and Labour supporters, said: 'What we are most concerned about GGHT have now promised that the little support residents have in the area may be taken away. GGHT have now promised that they will give financial and advisory support to help identify a suitable alternative, and I welcome this approach. However, we need to be approach. However, we need to be sure that any alternative will be acceptable to the local residents. I am currently working with Council Officers to explore all possible alternatives and I am seeking a meeting with Roy Smith, Chair of GGHT Board and Peter Mercer Chief

Executive of GGHT to discuss the decision further

Members of the Kent Street Mission attended the emergency meeting and pledged to support local residents when the new building is open to the public early next year. St Hilda's Mission

have also offered assistance to VIPRA and there may be other alternatives.

Ken Wormald Vice Chair of VIPRA said: "The turn-out and interest was far greater than we had anticipated and it only goes to show that when local people are made fully aware of what they may lose they come forward and show they are still interested".

Wolves star to launch Santa dash

WARRINGTON Wolves star Ryan Atkins will start the Brainwave charity Santa Dash at Birchwood Shopping Centre on Saturday, December 11 at 10am. Funds raised will go towards the charity's work helping children with disabilities.

Ryan, an ambassador for the charity, said: "The Santa Dash is a great way to start the festive season, and also to help a wonderful children's charity that supports many local Warrington families."

Supports many local VVarrington tamilies." Participants can jog, run or walk the 5k route starting from the shopping centre, passing through Risley Moss Park and returning to the centre. Festive music will be played during the day and all dashers will receive a goody bag. There will be face painting, a Santa Jive warm up and spot prizes for the best costumes. Entry forms can be downloaded at: www.brainwave.org.uk or obtained by calling Joanne Freeman on 07872 411 580.





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from a friendly team, who are more than helpful in ensuring your stay is an enjoyable one. Judging by the numbers dining on a Friday evening The Spice Lounge is a popular dining out venue

While the restaurant was busy it did not detract from the high level of customer care or speed of

service. The purpose built restaurant has a modern decor and an exciting and extensive menu - and has certainly become a major asset to the

village. The menu includes everything you could wish for, including a section dedicated to those who are not a particular fan of hot and spicy curries

Our party was a mixture of those

Our party was a mixture of those who enjoy a hot curry and those who prefer the milder options and all left happy and most certainly heartily full. For those who did not fancy a hot and spicy dish the Chicken Takka Massalla was a most enjoyable dish, involving tender pieces of kebabs in a blend of tomatoes, butter, cream, ground almonds cooked in a mild

flavoured sauce with fresh herbs and spices.

At the other end of the spectrum the Nepalese chicken, described as very hot, also proved most enjoyable as one of the signature dishés at the restaurant.

This dish is cooked using fresh green chillies, garlic, ginger, red onions and Nepalese chilli sauce. Fresh lemon juice, leaves a sharp taste in

your mouth. A very tasty hot and

spicy dish! There are so many different dishes to choose from, your main problem will be deciding what to

have - but if you need any help deciding, one of the friendly staff is always close on hand to offer expert advice. For added value the Spice Lounge also offers a 20 per cent discount for people wishing to dine before 6pm or after 9.30pm. With the venue being extremely

With the venue being extremely popular for special occasions booking is always adviseable.



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to raise money for local cancer care. The group will be supporting the charity by raising vital funds to provide nurses to care for terminally ill cancer patients who want to spend their last days at home, instead of in hospital.

The new fundraising group will collections and also have the opportunity to share their own fundraising ideas, with lots of support from local fundraiser Michelle Bate.

Michelle explains what the new group can expect saying; "The support of these fundraising groups is support of mese functioning groups is absolutely invaluable to us and a group like this will certainly make fundraising even more fun for our supporters in South Warrington. We need different types of people with different skills, who can offer different amounts of time to help us raise money for palliative cancer care. You might be great at organising small or large events like coffee Mornings for example. You might be good with money and figures, you might be able to take minutes, or put a rota together, or be a happy to speak in public about the service that Marie Curie

about the service that Marie Curie provides. "Whatever your skills are the South Warrington fundraising group will need them. We are really excited about getting our South Warrington supporters together to raise even more money for the charity!" If you would like to be involved, or would like more details please call

would like more details please call Michelle on 0161 2552809 or Michelle.bate@mariecurie.org.uk

TOWN Hall chiefs at Warrington are to be asked to mount a full public consultation over the future of more than 840 garages and garage plots which could realise more than £2 million if sold.

The borough council currently receives an income of around £27,000-a-year from the properties but this barely covers the cost of repairs and management.

Officers have put forward a number of options for the future of the properties, including selling them, retaining them as garage sites, using them for affordable housing developments, allotments gypsy/travellers sites.

A report to be considered by the council's executive board states there are 709 garage plots across Warrington but only 272 are currently

In addition, there are 143 garages of which only 52 are let.

At the end of March, there were rent arrears of about £14,000 relating to the properties.

The report indicates that some residents, whose homes overlook garage sites, have extended their gardens into the garage site without permission. Some garage sites are subject to fly-tipping.

Many garages are used for storing property rather than cars - and some may be being used for business purposes.

The executive board will be asked to authorise a full community consultation and request a report, with recommendations on the future of the garages and garage plots following the consultation.

New title for inspirational Adrian

WARRINGTON'S British wheelchair fencing national champion Adrian Derbyshire has gained another title as an ambassador for locally based charity Brainwave.

Adrian has teamed up alongside fellow Brainwave Patron - X-Factor

tellow Brainwave Patron - X-Pactor finalist Olly Murs and is pictured teaching Olly and the group The Wanted a few smart fencing moves! Christine Cryne, Brainwave's Chief Executive Officer, said "We are so delighted to have Adrian on board, particularly when he is so busy training and competing for a position in next vegr's Paralympics"

year's Paralympics." "He has been an amazing success story, reaching the top of his sport in less than 18 months from the day he first took up fencing and now he has been battling back after an operation on his shoulder.

"It shows what courage and determination can achieve. We think he is an ideal Ambassador. Many of our families have a child with disabilities who are written off as having little future. But we have seen time and again cases that are almost miraculous

due to the families' commitment and hard work: children who were told they would never walk, walking and those who were told they would never get into mainstream education, studying for a degree. It's all about belief and hard work and Adrian is a wonderful role model."

Adrian's life was turned upside down when the lights literally went out as he was finishing a dáy at work at

Starbucks. He suffered a brain haemorrhage that left him critically ill and confined to

But now three years after his lifesaving operation, Adrian, now aged 37, is busy preparing for the biggest year of his life.

Adrian competes in two categories, Epee and Sabre at an international To date he has won two Domestic level Gold Medals and three Domestic Silver Medals and a National Championship but his aim is to be World Champion and to be selected to represent Great Britain in his first ever Paralympics in 2012

Brainwave works with families to



deliver home based therapies and exercises to help children with disabilities and Developmental Delay reach their full potential. It has three Centres (Essex, Cheshire

and Somerset) and undertakes satellite clinics in both Ireland and Scotland.

Places on the programme are available for children at all three Centres. For more information see www.brainwave.org.uk ; email: enquiries@brainwave.org.uk or phone: 01278 429089.

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It was the author Mark Twain who once famously stated that "news of his death had been greatly exaggerated". The same can be said for the rumours that well known Warrington Solicitor, Geoff Stokes has retired.

Geoff together with his loyal assistant Sharon Saunders has been helping the people of Warrington with their various legal problems for over 35 years.

Geoff, up until recently, worked for the entirety of his 35 years of practice for Frank Howards Solicitors. However, following Frank Howards' decision to retire and new owners taking over the practice Geoff decided the time was right to embark upon a new challenge and Widdows Mason are delighted to announce that Geoff had decided to take up that challenge with them.

It has been suggested in some circles that Geoff had decided to retire but that statement couldn't be further from the truth. He continues to provide the excellent service he has offered for years to his existing and new clients at Widdows Mason.

Geoff said "I am delighted to be at Widdows Mason. After 35 years at one practice I felt the time was right for a change. It has been a breath of fresh air joining Widdows Mason and I look forward to spending many more years assisting the people of Warrington in meeting all of their legal requirements".



Geoff Stokes, part of the Wills and Probate team at Widdows Mason.

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Peer mentors to help those fighting addiction

A GROUP of seven people from Warrington who have overcome substance abuse problems have gained an award so they can help others facing addiction.

The peer mentors from the CRI Pathways project have completed Open College Networks accredited training programme. They can now help others facing drug addiction and may use their qualification to find paid work.

A Graduation Ceremony was held at the Town Hall where they were congratulated by Cllr Pat Wright, executive board member for health and wellbeing and adult services. of

Executive director neighbourhood and community services Joe Blott presented the graduates with their certificates.

Many of the new peer mentors have already found employment in a range of organisations and different fields.

The CRI Pathways project in Warrington works to help people in their recovery and rehabilitation from substance misuse. This can have a on the positive impact local community by helping to reduce



reduce costs to the health service and by reuniting families. Picture shows the graduates at the Town Hall with Joe Blott (far left), Cllr

Cathy Pat Wright (centre) and Fitzgerald (second right), manager of the Warrington DAAT ((Drug and Alcohol Action Team).

When town was famed for its printing

IT might seem surprising today, that when John Howard, the legendary prison reformer published his iconic book "The State of the Prisons in England and Wales" in 1777, he should have chosen a printer from Warrington.

Wales' in 1/2/, he should have chosen a printer from Warrington. But in fact, at that time, Eyres' Press - publishers of the first newspaper in Lancashire, The Warrington Advertiser - were renowned as quality printers. Major London publishers chose to have their books printed by William Eyres. So Warrington was an ideal place for Howard to settle and he lived in lodgings in Bridge Street while the book was being prepared. The story is told in a new book, "The Curious Mr Howard" by Tessa West

(Waterside Press).

John Howard was indeed "curious." He became a self-appointed inspector of prisons, travelling the country, mostly alone, and arriving unannounced at prisons and making notes of the conditions he found.

His period in Warrington probably offered him some respite from his frequently dangerous travels which were often completed on foot.

He was able to mix with the circle of intellectuals centred on Warrington Academy, which at that time had become known as "the Athens of the North."

His friends included the writers John Aikin and his sister Anna Laetitia Barbauld both who were later honoured by having Warrington streets named after them.

The book details how Howard would spend long days at Eyres' printing room, "with the exception of the dinner hour when he took his usual daily walk into the suburbs of the town, eating as he walked his frugal dinner of bread and dried fruit.

William Eyres chose one of his staff, Daniel Grimshaw, as Howard's compositor and the two became friends, so much so that later, when the prison reformer was compiling a second edition of "The State of the Prisons" Grimshaw, having left Eyres' employment, was called back from London to do the work.

Howard, of course, gave his name to the UK's oldest penal reform charity, The Howard League

Tessa West's book paints a fascinating picture of his life, in Warrington and elsewhere, and as a former head of a prison education department who has worked for the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Department, she brings a wealth of knowledge to the subject.



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Motoring

Sporty - but 'sensible'



EARLIER this year, the 100,000th Audi A1 rolled off the assembly line - a considerable achievement for a model only introduced in the middle of last year. The A1 is Audi's most compact model at 3.95 metres (just under 13ft) in length but it packs a lot into the space and with its powerful engines and agile chassis is one of the sportiest cars in its sector. Yet, at the same time, among a clutch of awards it has won are two for "the most sensible car"

but in packs a for time space and with its powerfor engines and agrie classis is one of the sportiest cars in its sector. Yet, at the same time, among a clutch of awards it has won are two for "the most sensible car." There's a choice of six four-cylinder engines, three TFSI engines and three TDI units. All impress with exemplary fuel economy, ranging from 39.87 to 61.90mpg.

Out of the blue – a new colour for a new car!

BLUE is the colour most drivers would choose for their car if they had a choice, closely followed by silver and black, according to a poll of nearly 16,000 AA members.

Brown, gold and yellow were the least popular colours – but these days, quite a few drivers end up with a colour that would not have been their first choice anyway.

their first choice anyway. Perhaps surprisingly, younger drivers seem to have a preference for black. One in three 18-34 year olds would pick a black car if they had a choice but only one in six actually has a black car.

Just 13 per cent of 18-34 year olds would pick a silver car, yet 22 per cent have one.

Overall, a desire for silver can be satisfied, with 22 per cent of the entire sample wanting a silver car and 25 per cent having one. The same goes for red, blue and white, although the 208 brown car owners [1 per cent] must be the most frustrated as almost no-one wants one (0.27 per cent].

(0.27 per cent). Silver is the favourite of the greyhaired driver, being the number one choice of AA members aged 55-64 (23 per cent) and 65 and over (30 per cent). It is a desire they satisfy, with the highest proportion of 55-64 year olds having one [25 per cent] and also those aged 65 or more (31 per cent).

One of the attractions of silver is the

feeling that it is by far the easiest to keep clean. Some 27 per cent of survey respondents believe it is the colour that shows dirt the least. Gold, yellow, green and white cars were voted the least easy to keep clean

voted the least easy to keep clean. When it comes to selling a car, AA members consider that there are only two clear contenders for most saleable colours: silver (28 per cent) and black (15 per cent). Once again, the youngest drivers favour black (21 per cent) but AA members aged 25 or more increasingly bet on silver to sell first.

AA president Edmund King said: "Brighter coloured cars, which have been popular in the past when the economy was more buoyant, seem to have slipped way down the league. The results show a discrepancy between desired colour of choice and actual colour of car as often the owner may not have a choice.

"For younger drivers that hanker after black cars but end up with lighter-coloured ones, there is a silver lining in that if they hang on to them they will grow to prefer them.

they will grow to prefer them. "Whilst blue was the colour more drivers wanted to own, silver clearly tops the league when it comes to the car colour most likely to sell quickly, most fashionable and easiest to keep clean."

MP appointed Shadow Minister

LABOUR leader Ed Miliband has appointed Warrington North MP Helen Jones as the new Shadow Minister for Local Government.

Ms Jones (right) moves from her current role as Shadow Deputy Leader of the House of Commons to take up the new role - and says she is determined to get her teeth stuck into the challenge.

sure is determined to get her teeth stuck into the challenge. She said: "I am pleased to have been asked to serve as Shadow Minister for Local Government as part of Ed Miliband's Shadow Front Bench team.

Front Bench team. "The Tory-led Government has imposed savage cuts to local councils across the country. "Here in Warrington 21 per

"Here in Warrington 21 per cent of the council's funding from Government has been cut. This means that services that the community and some of the most vulnerable in our society rely upon will come under severe pressure.

"I am determined to get my teeth stuck into this new challenge and I will be working with my colleagues to hold the Tory-led Government to account. "The new Shadow Cabinet and



Front Bench team reflects the impressive blend of experience and emerging talent in the Labour Party."

Ed Miliband said: "I am determined that my Shadow Cabinet not only holds this Government to account but speaks to the public and the country. Families across Britain are worried about how they will make ends meet, anxious about what the future holds for their children and tired of the way irresponsibility is tolerated across our society.

Talent

"My decision to appoint half-a-dozen members of the 2010 intake shows the talent that Labour has and the way in which this new generation can join us in taking Labour's agenda forward. They will show how we aspire to be a government not for more of the same but to deliver a new bargain for the British people."

Helen has been the Warrington North MP since 1997, having previously unsuccessfully fought the North Shropshire and Ellesmere Port and Neston constituencies.

At last year's General Election she held the seat with 45.38 per cent of the vote.

Former Warrington councillor Yvonne Fovargue, who is now MP for Makerfield, also steps up as a result of Mr Miliband's reshuffle of the Labour team.

She is to joining the Whip's Office - a new role which recognises her contribution since her election in May last year.

Ms Fovargue has vowed that her No.1 priority will be to continue to champion her constituency in Parliament and the promotion will assist her in achieving this.

She said: "I am delighted to be invited to join Ed Miliband's team in Parliament and to play my part in fighting the damaging policies of this Tory-led Government."



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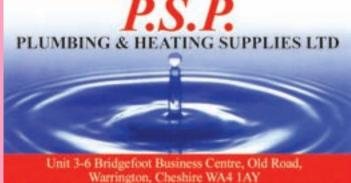
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A local author and photographer have teamed up to launch a new

Charlie Holland and Simon Gould have launched C&S photography after Charlie Holland and Simon Gould have launched C&S photography after Charlie decided to turn his life-long passion for photography into a business. Simon who works at local fast food restaurant helps run the business side

of the new project, while also finding time to write thrillers! The new photographic business offers family portraits, weddings, christenings, christmas parties, birthday parties hen / stag parties, pet portraits

and corporate events. They are offering Warrington Worldwide readers a 10% discount -enquiries to csphotography1@hotmail.com - and any event can be accomodated.

Meanwhile Simon has two titles available on Kindle which have now sold over 45,000 copies this year!

Uver 42,000 copies this year! While serving food in the MacDonald's Lymm restaurant he had the chance to fine tune his ideas for a gripping detective novel. His latest book "Playing the Game," is a thriller set in Los Angeles. In it serial killer The Chemist sets Detective Patton of the LAPD a series of challenges to save a life.

In each game he kidnaps a girl, poisons her and sends the antidote to police. Then the "game" starts as they have just 24 hours to find her to save her life.

Warrington-born Simon, 34, is a former pupil of Penketh High School and studied computer systems with business at Bangor University. He is manager of the Poplars 2000 McDonald's in charge of 110 staff.

Wolves legend to star for GB again!

WARRINGTON Wolves' legend Mark Forster is set to pull on the GB jersey again to face the Pakistan national team in their first ever international. Forster, aged 47, will be part of a Great Britain over 35s team to face Pakistan in Dubai at the end of November, before representing his country again in a 9s competition the following weekend.

He played most of his career at wing or centre scoring 769 points between 1983-2000 - and is the fourth in the list of all time try scorers at the Wolves.

Forster, who now works as a builder, still plays for the Bank Quay Bulls as a centre or second rower, alongside his sons Daniel, 23 and Chris 22 and is relishing the prospect of pulling on the Great Britan shirt again Britain shirt again. He created history as the only

Rugby League player to be awarded two testimonials following a 20 year career with the Wolves – a record which is unlikely to ever be repeated.

unlikely to ever be repeated. Now he is looking for local businesses to help sponsor him towards his £600 costs to compete for Great Britain again. Meanwhile next year he is planning to fly out to the Gambia with the Youth Federation to coach

rugby league, while at the same

time passing on his building skills. Any one who would like to sponsor "Foz can do so by emailing him at markforster5@sky.com



'Foz' with Chris (left) and Daniel when they all featured in the Bank Quay Bulls Lancashire Cup winning team last season.

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New rules for late submission of tax returns

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The first penalties under the new rules for late submission of tax returns will come into effect at the end of October.

Under these new rules, paper tax returns must be submitted to the tax office by 31st October in each year. Any paper return submitted after that date will receive an automatic penalty of £100. Unlike previous years, this penalty does not depend on any tax being due. It can, however, be avoided by ensuring that any return submitted on or after 1st November is submitted electronically, in which case the former deadline of 31st January still applies. There is even worse news if the return

is still not submitted within 3 months of the deadline. If you file a paper return after 31st January, or an electronic return after 30th April, then this fine of £100 will increase by £10 per day up to about £1,000.

Remember, these are automatic penalties and apply to anyone submitting a tax return after 31st October if they submit it on paper, or 31st January if they do so electronically.

The next question, of course, is - Who must submit a tax return. The short answer is – Anyone who has received a notice from the tax office requiring them to do so. The tax office have issued a list of those people to whom this should apply. It includes the obvious people like people in self employment and directors, as well as people receiving investment income. One other category, however, are pensioners receiving total income in excess of a certain limit, currently £24,000.

Besides these, however, are those who may once have been within the self assessment categories but no longer, ie because they have retired. Whilst the tax office has attempted to remove these people from the self assessment system they have not always been successful in

doing so. Our advice is that unless you are certain that a "notice to complete a tax return" has not been issued either to you or your elderly relative then you should contact the tax office on 0845 900 0444 to find out. If you are calling on



behalf of someone else then do so in their presence and they should be prepared to answer some security questions.

Remember, if the tax office have issued a return to someone then it is the responsibility of that person to complete that return and send it back, otherwise they will face substantial penalties if it is not sent back within the time limits.

WatkinsonBlack are pleased to advise on these and other matters. They have considerable experience in here and 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. Please note that these ideas are intended to inform rather than advise and you should always obtain professional advice before taking any action.



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Briers backs new charity



WARRINGTON Wolves' star Lee Briers has pledged his support to a new charity exclusively focused on accelerating treatments and cures for a devastating childhood condition. Father of two Briers, 33, chose to

get behind the new charity Rett Syndrome Research Trust UK, because of his longtime friendship with Andy Stevenson, fellow dad and With Anay Stevenson, reliow dad and father of daughter, Beth age 11, who suffers from the condition. Rett Syndrome is a devastating childhood neurological disorder for

which there is no cure.

The condition first strikes previously healthy little girls between the ages of 6-36 months and robs them of their speech, normal movement and the ability to use their hands. Then begins the long regression that may leave her in a wheelchair. Extreme anxiety, Parkinson-like tremours, seizures and orthopaedic problems are common. Although many girls live into adulthood, all are at increased risk of sudden unexplained death.

Rett Syndrome Research Trust UK was set up last year as a grassroots effort by Stevenson and other families who want to see recent advances in

within their own children's lifetimes. Since the launch of the organisation in July 2010, Briers has shown his support in a number of ways, most notably by appearing in a Naked Golf Calendar for 2011, with a number of other Warrington players and former players.

Briers said: 'Having played Rugby League all my life, I can't imagine what it must be like to have a body that doesn't work properly and have to watch from the sidelines which is why I want to do all I can to help girls with Rett Syndrome. Andy is not only a great friend but is an absolute inspiration to me and to everybody who knows him. With his drive and determination I'm sure the charity will go from strength to strength and if I can do my little bit, hopefully we can get awareness about Rett Syndrome out there.

For Rett Syndrome Research Trust UK, this pledge of support could not come at a better time. Briers' team, Warrington Wolves have just won the League leaders shield for the first time in their history. Briers will be an integral part of the Welsh team who take on England, Australia and New Zealand in the Four Nations Tournament

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