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# Editor's Comment



**AS host town to the Samoan Rugby League team I would urge everyone to embrace the RL World Cup which is creating an economic boost for the town.**

While the Halliwell Jones Stadium is set to host two World Cup games, including Samoa's opening game against the much fancied New Zealand team, the Village Hotel will be home for the squad, with the USA team staying just down the road at the Park Royal in Stretton.

As well as the economic boost provided by the visiting teams, thousands of Rugby League fans will visit the town, providing a much needed economic boost in the run up to the festive season.

Three years hard work has gone into preparing for this World Cup event - so let's ensure it is something

we can look back on with pride.

Meanwhile the World Cup celebrations will also see a unique event, when a mummified head, believed to be that of a Maori chief, and held in Warrington Museum for about 170 years, is set to be returned to New Zealand.

The head, known as a Toi moko, is believed to have been kept at Warrington since 1843.

How it came to Warrington is a

mystery but it was removed from public show in the museum many years ago and carefully stored away.

Now the Te Papa Tongarewa, one of the national museums of New Zealand, has called for all such artefacts to be repatriated, at their expense, and Warrington Borough Council has quite rightly agreed to return it during an event at the town hall (Oct 25) which is set to get global coverage - yet again putting Warrington on the worldwide map in a positive light.



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# Mum's fund-raiser for play centre

**A WARRINGTON mum who fears for the future of the town's Sensory and Play Centre has embarked on a number of fundraising events.**

Mother-of-two Laura Bringau, from Birchwood is producing a calendar called "Making Autism Matter" featuring all real mums with children who suffer from autism.

She says the centre, based at the Woolston Neighbourhood Hub, is in need of financial support due to a lack of funds.

Laura's two sons, James aged six and two-year-old Louie both have autism, and are regular visitors to the centre.

They are both included in the calendar, along with other members of the sensory centre, and members of the Warrington Wolves squad, who got involved with the calendar photo-shoot through the club's community foundation.

Laura said: "The calendar is about changing the perception of autism. It's quite powerful. I wanted to get the other mums and children involved so that it shows real life.

"I've been really enthusiastic about it, it's so personal and close to my heart. People don't realise how difficult it is having autistic children. You hear about it, but having them is a different story.

"Naturally you compare your kids to other children, but it makes you stronger, and it's very challenging and rewarding being able to look after them.

"I've wanted to raise money for the centre for a while, and we've got a load of ideas, but it's only

since my youngest started nursery that I've had chance to do it."

Autism affects one in 100 people in the UK, and places like the sensory centre provide an invaluable environment for affected children and their families to visit.

Laura added: "To be honest, I wouldn't be able to take my kids anywhere else.

"It has to be a prepared and safe environment, because they just won't respond to commands, and they get upset and anxious in other

places.

"You get judged by the way your children act, and you get remarks said to the kids.

"Claire Perrins, Moe Smith and the staff at the centre are all trained to work with children with disabilities, and they're brilliant."

Rugby stars Ben Westwood, Stefan Ratchford and Ben Harrison (pictured below) all feature in the calendar after Laura approached the club, who said they were more than happy to support the cause.

The project has been funded by Laura's husband Chris, who owns the business Springview

Services, and the calendar was shot by Orford-based Carrie Ann Photography.

The calendar will be on sale through the Warrington Disability Partnership, at the Warrington Sensory and Play Centre, Birchwood Centre and through a website, which will launch soon.



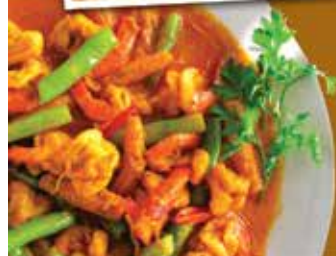
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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

# Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

## Fulfilment & Purpose

Life offers many lessons to be learnt to enable us to feel happy and fulfilled within our relationships, our choices of education, careers and home life. Many people don't feel they have choices and therefore never feel happy and fulfilled and this also results in them feeling that they have no life purpose. Ultimately we naturally, as human beings, seek experiences which will make us feel good about ourselves and want to be liked and appreciated by others. When people look outside of themselves they often presume that others are happier, luckier, and have more fulfilling lives, but this isn't always the case.

A sense of fulfilment and purpose comes in many guises and is unique to each of us. Usually it is within relationships we feel this most, and as, with most emotions, the feelings may fluctuate or be quite stable over periods of time. Knowing we have a purpose in life, no matter what our religious or spiritual beliefs are, it is a human need to feel we are doing good and are being valued by others for our actions, and ultimately affirming who we are.

We are responsible for the choices we make and the forms of learning we undertake to grow as purposeful individuals. We cannot expect others to do it for us, they can help to show the way and guide us, but they cannot truly know what is right for another person. One person's purpose may not suit another, and even similar, can be experienced differently. Some people set themselves up to fail by comparing themselves to others, who they think have got it made. Money and fame tends to influence, especially younger people, and those who have low self belief, who also do not realise that all things need to be worked towards, especially having material possessions and well paid jobs.

Purposeful activity and lifestyles can be seen within loving supportive families and communities all around us. We don't all have to aspire to be 'Mother Teresa's' or the 'Secret Millionaire'. People who enjoy their jobs and are serving others in some capacity, offering simply a smile or a kind word can make everything worthwhile for the giver and the receiver. Learning a new skill, becoming a parent or grandparent, making new friends are all times when people feel fulfilled and have a

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purpose.

Many people are currently breaking away from jobs and relationships that are leaving them feeling unfulfilled and unhappy and unable to feel a sense of purpose. They are taking risks, often because they choose to, and sometimes because they are forced to. However, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel when they can get through it and see the opportunities that are out there. Their life's purpose may just be waiting for them round the corner once they have embraced change.

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Danny aged 30, who has opened up new town centre premises based at Callaghan's Hair Studio on Sankey Street, has worked locally for the past nine years and also specialises in body piercing.

Specialising in custom tattoos, he recently created tattoos for Whitesnake's lead guitarist Doug Aldridge and bassist Michael Devin and Journey's drummer Deen Castronovo.

He met up with the band members after their gig at the MEN arena.

"It was a great experience and the band members were great to work with," said Danny, who earlier this year won a national award for "Best female large tattoo" in Coventry.

Now running his own business "Forever Ink" Danny honed his skills by practising on himself in the early years and now has tattoos on large areas of his body.

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# Town is tops for business start-ups

**A NEW report has placed Warrington postcode WA1 as the top location in the UK outside of London for new business start-ups.**

The report, by chartered accountants UHY Hacker Young ranks Warrington 14th in the 20 elite postcodes, with 1,510 new businesses launched in the 12 months up to March 31.

WA1 was one of only three postcodes in the top 20 outside the capital.

The statistics ratify and reaffirm recently released findings by company formation specialists, Dupont Associates.

The Dupont Business Confidence Report showed an 80 per cent rise in net company growth in Warrington last year, almost double the UK average of 44 per cent. The number of Warrington start-ups also showed a 24 per cent increase on the number recorded the previous year.

Average UK growth trailed at only nine per cent.

The Dupont report commented that: "The past three decades have seen a huge amount of investment in

regenerating the Warrington area. The continued regeneration and attempts at social inclusion could be a factor in the growth in business start-ups, as more people gain the confidence and know-how to form their own companies".

Leader of Warrington Borough Council Terry O'Neill said: "This is further good news for the town.

"Warrington is flourishing in terms of business growth. New business is a life blood and these statistics are very reassuring as new business is vital in order to maintain that position in the future.

"It is a great endorsement that new businesses looking to start up make Warrington their number one location of choice".

Steve Park, managing director of Warrington & Co, the town's partnership for economic growth, said: "Continually, Warrington's economic performance tops the tables. This is the sixth set of independent economic stats released this year that show the borough is outperforming the rest of the UK.

"This is a great position for us to be in and the council, working in partnership with businesses through Warrington & Co, has set in place a robust framework - Warrington Means Business - that will ensure that we grow and build upon that position of strength".

## Solicitors tee-up success for Warrington Youth Club



Forshaw Davies Ridgway partners Tim Jordan and Margaret Evans (seated) present a cheque for £530 to Warrington Youth Club and their chief executive Dave McNicholl (standing centre)

A new hot meal service is being launched at Warrington Youth Club, thanks to a donation of £530 raised by Warrington solicitors Forshaw Davies Ridgway (FDR) who organised a charity golf day.

Youth club CEO Dave McNicholl says the money will be used to pump prime the new service, enabling youngsters attending after-school and evening sessions at the Peace Centre to eat a cheap, hot, healthy meal before returning home. FDR conveyancing partner Tim Jordan, who is a trustee of the youth club and commercial partner Margaret Evans organised the charity golf day in Delamere for the firm's clients and contacts.

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She also received a visit from the Mayor of Warrington Cllr Peter Carey who joined in the birthday celebrations at Birch Court, Howley.

Sarah, who moved to Warrington from Rotherham in Yorkshire when she was 18, also received her special telegram from the Queen.

She says the secret to long life is work and only retired from her

cleaning jobs when she was 85!

A lover of Rugby League, she has been a widow for more than 40 years, husband Albert, dying at the age of 56.

They had three children, Neville and Ruth, and Pauline who died when she was just 56, six grand children, nine great grand children and three great, great grandchildren.



## Santas Dash for Brainwave

IT'S Santa Dash time again! Brainwave's Santa Dash, held at and sponsored by Birchwood Shopping Centre, is taking place again this year on Sunday December 8.

The 5km Dash starts at 10.00am. It's a festive family event open to all ages. You can run or walk 5km to raise funds for the Brainwave Centre at Birchwood. This year they also have a 1km children's Santa Parade led by Father Christmas himself so be sure to come along in your fancy dress costume.

The Birchwood Santa Dash costs £10 per adult and £5.00 per child. The entry fee for the Dash covers the cost of a 3 piece Santa outfit and the children's fee covers the cost of a Santa hat.

The 1km Children's Santa Parade costs £10 per family of 5.

The funds raised from the Dash will contribute towards the cost of the Brainwave Centre in Warrington. Brainwave supports children across the Northwest who have disabilities and developmental delay assisting them to achieve life changing skills and greater independence.

To register and pay for the Brainwave Santa Dash online visit [www.brainwave.org.uk/events/north-west-santa-dash](http://www.brainwave.org.uk/events/north-west-santa-dash) or phone Joanne Freeman on 07872411580

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# Call for urgent action on tipping

**A WARRINGTON councillor is calling for urgent action to halt tipping which she claims is causing a safety hazard close to houses.**

Cllr Maureen McLaughlin says the site, at the rear of Marbury Street, Latchford is unsightly and unsafe – particularly in view of the number of children who live in the area.

She said: "I have asked the council to take immediate action to make this land safe and to ensure that any work that takes place is suitable for this location and for the local residents."

The land changed ownership last winter and residents were hoping it would be cleaned up as it had been attracting fly-tippers.

But large amounts of rubble and debris have appeared at the north end of the site and fencing has come down, making the area unsafe.

A tipper truck has been seen

dumping on the site and there have been weekends of disruption caused by heavy diggers.

Cllr McLaughlin said: "I have been working with council officers for several months now to ensure this landowner acts responsibly and within the law, but this latest tipping is the last straw."

"With so many children in the area the land is not safe – it's not fenced off and there is a large mound of earth very close to the boundary with the railway line."

"Apart from that, it's unsightly to have what is effectively a tip at the back of people's houses."

"I have asked for immediate action to make this land safe, and to ensure that any work that takes place is suitable for this location and for the local residents."



*Cllr McLaughlin on the rubble strewn site*

## Grants up for grabs

WARRINGTON Charities Trust would like to hear from struggling voluntary and community groups who could benefit from small grants of up to £750.

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## Craig dreams of Hollywood X Factor!

WARRINGTON actor Craig Davies is hoping he has the X-Factor as he bids to fulfill his dream of a career in Hollywood.

Craig first got the taste for fame in Warrington based boyband JABB (just another boy band) and was pretty successful doing gigs all over the country singing and dancing, after making the last 20 in the first ever series of X Factor.

Since then Craig (pictured below) has featured in Big Brother's "Bit on the side" on Channel 5 and a number of TV adverts.

He has also featured in two films, a gangster movie called "Stitched up" where he features as a mobster's henchman and a WW2 movie called "Soldiers of

the Damned" as a German soldier.

Craig, aged 28, who attended Bridgewater High School, said: "X Factor was a really great experience and I would love to have many more like it."

"The roles I suit best our bad boys, army guys, drug dealers, hardman, security, police, mobsters and gang members."

"I can also play a nice guy too - after all it is acting!"

"Since being on set it has made me want to do more in a main acting role."

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**AN action-packed arts and crafts programme drew hundreds of visitors to Hollins Park Art 2013 event.**

Members of the public, patients and staff basked in the sun and the creative atmosphere at Hollins Park Hospital in Winwick - enjoying

willow art; chainsaw sculpture and live music and poetry performances. Hosted by 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust the event -

now in its second year - offered a unique opportunity to appreciate works of art produced by people with mental ill-health.

It also marked the official opening of the Trust's new 1km nature trail which circles the hospital's grounds.

Nick Rowe, Director of Corporate Services, who cut the ribbon said: "Hollins Park is home to many different species of trees, plants and wildlife. We wanted to give patients, staff and visitors the opportunity to learn more about them while enjoying a relaxing stroll or push round our grounds."

"We've added educational signs at points of interest and superb chainsaw sculptures by the terrifically talented PN Tree Services. Huge thanks to Dave Thompson, our Assistant Director of Inclusion and

Partnerships for leading on this project, and to designer Nick White for all his hard work."

Entries into the Trust's Scarecrow Contest were displayed near the De La Mere Restaurant. The winning effort was made by patients from the Trust's Byron Unit, which cares for people with learning disabilities.

The winner of the service user and staff photographic competition was Sarah Cross from Warrington. Second place went to Steven Darbyshire from Wigan.

Bernard Pilkington, Chairman of the Trust said: "I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to come and support our patients and celebrate their artistic talents yesterday. I was impressed by the turnout and excellent programme of events. Congratulations to everyone involved on a truly superb effort."

## Sad cafe roll back the years at Parr Hall



IT'S over 30 years since Sad Café last performed in Warrington and that night they were led by the enigmatic front man Paul Young who strutted around the stage like a young Mick Jagger.

Stardom beckoned and the band went on to score a succession of hit singles and albums. They are best known for their top 40 singles Every Day Hurts, "Strange Little Girl" and "My Oh My."

Paul Young went on to enjoy worldwide success as a member of Mike & the Mechanics. Sadly Paul passed away in 2000. Last year founding member guitarist Ian Wilson, put the band back together with Ashley Mulford, lead guitar, Dave Irving, drums, Des Tong, bass and new members Steve Whaley, guitar and keyboard players Simon Waggott and Sue Quin.

The band has just completed their first nationwide tour in over twenty five years. In Warrington the band performed songs from across their entire career to a small but very appreciative audience.

The new line up are all accomplished musicians and do an excellent job of recreating the melodic rock sound and vocal harmonies of the original band.

Rather than trying to replace Paul Young, the band have taken the bold step to share the vocal duties between Ian, Steve, Sue and Ashley. The gamble has paid off the vocal arrangements help breathe new life into tracks such as "Black Rose" and "Fanx Ta-Ra".

The band obviously enjoys playing together and there was real warmth between the performers and audience. Another excellent night of live music at Warrington's Parr Hall.



(Left to right) Nick Rowe, Dave Thompson and Nick White

## Festive fun for the whole family!

**Friday 15 Nov**

**LIVE in the Square!**

2pm-6pm, Old Market Place

**Christmas Lights Switch-On**

6pm, Golden Square

**Sat 30 Nov**

**St Andrew's Day and**

**Warrington's Christmas Market Weekend**

10am-4pm, Time Square & Town Centre

**Sun 1 Dec**

**Christmas Cabins**

10am-4pm, Market Gate

**Thu 12 Dec**

**Lantern Parade with Laser Show**

6pm-9pm, Queens Gardens & Town Centre

**Christmas in the Cultural Quarter**

Thu 12 & Fri 13 Dec, 5pm-9pm, Queens Gardens

**Sat 21 Dec**

**Warrington Market Christmas Carol Service**

11am, Warrington Market

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ST. ROCCO'S HOSPICE

# news

Light Up  Life

## CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF A LOVED ONE!

The St Rocco's 'Light up a Life' Appeal brings together family and friends to remember the lives of someone special by dedicating a light on the hospice Christmas tree. Every donation helps raise funds to care for patients and their families at the hospice this Christmas.

### Amy's story

*"Just over 3 years ago my dad, Andy Bye aged 46, passed away in St Rocco's Hospice. In the months before his death, the hospice became a second home for my family; the staff showing us truly great care and compassion at the worst time in our lives. Because of this, I want to raise as much money as I can for such a worthy cause and to encourage others to do the same. I do this for my Dad and for our whole family. Dedicating a light on the tree for Light up a Life is just one of the many ways we have of honouring Dad's life. He was truly loved!"*

### JOIN US AT THE 'LIGHT UP A LIFE' SERVICES

In the grounds of St Rocco's on Sunday 8th December 2013 at 4pm and St. Elphin's Parish Church, Warrington on Thursday 12th December at 7pm.

To dedicate a light, please see the enclosed form or log onto our website [www.stroccos.org.uk](http://www.stroccos.org.uk)



## Forthcoming Events 2013

### October

**5th** St Rocco's Hospice Chari – Tea afternoon and Christmas Card Launch – St Rocco's Day Therapy Centre 1 – 4.30pm.

**5th** Suzette Pulman's Christmas Fayre – Lymm High School

**7th-13th** Hospice Care Week – events throughout Warrington, featuring Hair for Hospices

**24th** Coffee Morning – Woolston Mission 10 – 2pm

**25th** Coffee Morning – Glazebury Methodist Church 10am – 12pm

### November

**14th** Ladies Lunch – Statham Lodge Hotel, featuring guest speaker Babs Powell of Pan's People

### December

**1st** Strictly St. Rocco's – Strictly Come Dancing event held at Mere Golf and Country Club, Tickets £50.

**1st** Liverpool Santa Dash

**7th** Christmas Bell Appeal and draw for the St. Rocco's Christmas Raffle

**8th & 12th** Light up a Life

**18th** Stepping Out Concert at Walton Hall

### January 2014

**11th & 12th** Christmas Tree Collection

For more information on any of the above events, please call the Fundraising Team on 01925 575780

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# A day in the life...

Pam Massey, Chief Executive at St. Rocco's Hospice

**Pam Massey joined St. Rocco's on 1st July 2012, moving from Jersey in the Channel Islands to Warrington to take up the position.**

As Pam explained... "I was a CEO for a charity organisation in Jersey called 'Family Nursing and Homecare', providing district nursing, health visiting, school nursing and social care. After five years in Jersey, my mother, who lives in Cheshire became ill so I made the decision to move back home to be with her. The role at St. Rocco's came up at around the same time. I felt my skills matched the position being advertised and that I could make a real difference so I applied.

I have always had a passion for palliative care, having been a district nurse and a MacMillan nurse as well as a commissioner for end of life care. From these experiences I feel I have a good overview on what constitutes good patient care for people with life limiting illness and for end of life care. I am responsible for making long term differences at the hospice - differences that involve looking after lots of different areas and people. Gratification is much slower in my position as it's all about the long term positive changes that will impact on the organisation. I have to be patient, as the results are not immediate but are extremely rewarding; especially when we are able to implement developments that enhance our services.

Part of my role is to influence others to work together and to be part of a team. All the departments at St. Rocco's are interrelated and all depend on one another and as such, are all of equal value. Everyone here has mutual respect for one another and that is key to what makes St. Rocco's such a caring environment. One of my favourite parts of the job is developing St. Rocco's services to meet the needs of the people we care for. The people are what make this organisation the place it is.

**My vision for St. Rocco's future is an organisation which reaches out...** that the excellent quality care provided within the four walls of St. Rocco's can be delivered to more and more patients and families who live in Warrington. This will be achieved by raising awareness in the community and by care delivered at clinic appointments, group sessions and by receiving support and episodes of care at home.



I try to attend as many external events as possible, as it's a chance to meet the wonderful supporters who are key contributors to our fundraising. I was privileged to start the Starlight Walk this year and to lead 1400 ladies out into the night as they walked in aid of St. Rocco's - what an emotional experience that was!

Pam has volunteered to be one of the dancers for the forthcoming Strictly St. Rocco's dancing event. Pam will be training throughout the autumn to compete with 9 other hopefuls at a glittering event at Mere Golf and Country Club on 1st December. "I'm petrified!" says Pam at the thought of the event. "The Strictly event is kept in a little box inside my head with the lid firmly shut - every now and then I peek into that box and it terrifies me!... but part of me is REALLY EXCITED to step completely out of my comfort zone. It will be a great event, that hopefully will raise thousands for St. Rocco's".

**If you would like to sponsor Pam for taking part as one of our amateur dancers, then please head to her online fundraising page... [http://strictlystroccos.everydayhero.com/uk/pam\\_massey](http://strictlystroccos.everydayhero.com/uk/pam_massey)**





# Pets as Therapy

When Judith Pickering chose her Golden Retriever puppy Willoughby at eight weeks old, she knew she wanted to share him with others! Willoughby comes from a long line of 'Pets as Therapy' (PAT) dogs; his father and grandfather had both worked hard to bring joy to people's lives

Pets as Therapy (PAT) dogs and cats provide therapeutic visits to a variety of health care and residential establishments. Every year some of these wonderful dogs need to retire and new dogs, having first passed a health, temperament, and suitability assessment, join Pets as Therapy.

Today there are over 5,000 active PAT dogs & a smaller number of PAT cats working throughout the UK. Every week at hospitals, hospices and nursing homes up and down the country, visiting PAT teams bring comfort and companionship to thousands of people, both young and old, by giving them the opportunity to stroke, hold and talk to one of these calm and friendly dogs. The patient's visited each year number a staggering half a million!

"When I first chose Willoughby, it was always my intention to train him to become a Pets as Therapy dog" explained Judith. "His first experience of this was visiting the residential home where my mum stayed before she died. Willoughby would visit the residents there and they had the chance to hold him, stroke him and feed him dog biscuits. It meant the residents could really interact with him and talk about their own pets - he was a blissful distraction!"



"He has made a few visits to St Rocco's and will now be a regular visitor to the Hospice every Tuesday evening. It's wonderful to see him interacting with the patients and relatives. I've never seen a dog smile before, but Willoughby does - he has a way of pulling back his mouth and sneezing which makes him smile!"

**"He's such a character - I just want other people to enjoy him as much as I do!"**



## Ladies Autumn Lunch

*with Guest Speaker Babs Powell - 14th November 2013*

Back by popular demand, St. Rocco's Hospice will stage its second annual Ladies Lunch at the Statham Lodge Hotel, Lymm which will include a drinks reception, three course lunch and a variety of stalls stocking fabulous gifts and treats. Guest Speaker, Babs Powell, initially recognised for dancing with Pan's People on Top of The Pops for over a decade has spent the past couple of years taking on amazing challenges such as the BT Global Yacht Challenge and the Polar Race to raise money for charity. Her speeches are inspirational.

**Tickets for the lunch are strictly first come first served and are £35 each. For tickets and further information please contact Lauren Tilston at St.Rocco's on 01925 575780 or email [laurentilston@stroccos.org.uk](mailto:laurentilston@stroccos.org.uk)**





# Wheels and



## Great Orme Challenge raises thousands for St. Rocco's



Fifteen fabulous cyclists tackled one of the hardest rides this summer - cycling from Llandulas to Llandudno to raise funds for St Rocco's. The 21kms route took the team over the Great Orme - which climbs to a height of 285 metres. Collectively the team raised over £5700 to care for patients and their families at St Rocco's Hospice. The team was inspired to raise funds for St Rocco's by team members Julie Humphries and Neil Clucas who lost their dad, Albert Clucas earlier this year.

"We were inspired to do the Great Orme challenge for St Rocco's after our experience of the wonderful care given at the hospice" said Julie. "The time we spent as a family at St Rocco's with Dad was one of the most difficult of our lives,

but the whole families' journey was made bearable by the wonderful support we received at the Hospice."



## Cheshire Plains and Peaks Cycle Sportive 2013

**Another great success!** The 5th Cheshire Plains and Peaks in aid of St Rocco's took place Sunday 28th July. 130 cyclists took part with some completing a 60mile ride and others taking on the 100mile challenge. All of the motivated and enthusiastic cyclists crossed the finish line smiling (despite the rain!) to raise over **£11,000!**



## Ride London

Two lucky cyclists from Warrington were part of a huge throng of over 50,000 riders who took to the streets of London on Sunday 4th August in the inaugural RideLondon event! Cyclists Dave Brennan and Daniel Fortune took the places allocated to St Rocco's in the RideLondon event and raised over £1000 in

aid of the hospice. RideLondon cyclists ride the Olympic 2012 route of 100 miles from the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, out through the capital and into the Surrey Hills before returning to a heroes welcome on The Mall.

**St. Rocco's has 2 places in the RideLondon 2014 event. For more information please contact [laurentilston@stroccos.org.uk](mailto:laurentilston@stroccos.org.uk)**



# d Heels'

## Chapelhouse Cycling Club - Swapping pints for pedals!

48 riders plus support team rode from Cork to Galway via Killamey - 218 miles over 3 days to raise £4,610 in May.

One of the riders - Ruth - got a surprise visitor. Her boyfriend David travelled over from Germany to propose. She accepted and they plan to get married next year in Galway!



## BUPA Manchester 10k

A hundred Rocco's Runners joined the throng of 40,000 who took to the streets of Manchester on 26th May this year to run the BUPA Great Manchester 10k. Shirley Dunning - who ran for St Rocco's and also works at the Hospice, tells her story.

"8 Years ago I jumped out of plane to raise money for St Rocco's Hospice and thought it was about time I set myself another challenge so I entered the BUPA 10K. As crazy as it sounds, of the two challenges - this was the hardest, as I really hate running!! I started training 12 weeks before, running in all kinds of wet

and windy weather! So, when the day came with hot sunshine and rising temperatures, I panicked!

"I needn't have worried though, the atmosphere was amazing - it spurred me on to cross the finishing line in 1 hour 8 minutes. So whilst raising £220.00 for the hospice I've now discovered a new hobby - running! Who'd have thought it?"



# Starlight

## LADIES WALK 2013

## Oh what a night!

This year over 1300 ladies took to the streets of Warrington at midnight on June 21st to walk the 6 or 13 mile Starlight Walk route in aid of St. Rocco's Hospice. Over £130,000 was pledged on the night - a fantastic amount!

**The Starlight Walk 2014 date has now been set - Friday 20th June 2014!**

**For more information or to take part contact the Starlight Team on 01925 575780**



# Strictly

## St. Rocco's



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**For Further information and to purchase tickets for £50 each, please contact Lauren Tilston 01925 575780 Email: [laurentilston@stroccos.org.uk](mailto:laurentilston@stroccos.org.uk)**

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# Community Fundraising

with Malcolm Kindon

## Christmas 2013

**Christmas Cards & Calendars** - Our 2012 calendar, (Parks and Waterways of Warrington) was so popular that demand actually exceeded supply. St Rocco's Christmas cards and calendars will be available by post, in our shops and from the hospice.

**Christmas Raffle 2013** - with some fantastic prizes - tickets available now. If you are able to help us by selling the odd book or two, it would be greatly appreciated. 5 tickets to a book at only £1 per ticket.

**Christmas Fairs** - A Christmas Fair is being held in aid of St. Rocco's at Lymm High School on Oct 5th. Organised by Suzette Pulman, there will be many interesting stalls with plenty of Christmas goodies being available to buy.

**Christmas in Schools** - Following last year's successful launch, we will once again be asking primary schools and nurseries to take part in our sponsored **'St. Rocco's Reindeer Run'**. Ask your children / relatives etc. if their school is taking part.



## Coffee Mornings

By the time of printing, we will have just had an Afternoon Tea at Colin & Myrna's in Grappenhall. Dates for your diaries are Oct 5th Chari-tea at St. Rocco's Hospice Day Therapy Centre; Oct 24th 'Chat & Char' at Woolston Mission; Oct 25th Coffee Morning at Glazebury Methodist Church.

## Crown Green Bowling

This year showed a return of a fixture between two very strong Warrington Leagues - Warrington Catholic Bowling League (pictured) vs Warrington North Cheshire Bowls League. This extremely well organised and supported match, for the Mike Dolan Memorial Trophy, was held at St. Oswald's on July 6th; Many of these bowlers will also be playing in the annual Mike Roach Memorial Bowls competition at the Royal British Legion at Woolston on Sept 15th.



## Bag Packs / Collection Days

We have held a number of bucket collections and bag packs at various supermarkets throughout Warrington during 2013. A huge thank you to our volunteers and also to ASDA Westbrook, ASDA Cockhedge, M & S Golden Square, and Sainsburys Culcheth for allowing us to have space and time in their stores.

## Loose Change Boxes

Every issue we mention our loose change boxes - it's surprising how this adds up. Your loose change turns into thousands of pounds each year. Boxes are available from the hospice.

## Community Events Galore!

- Once again Suzette Pulman held her annual Quiz and Hot Pot Supper at Statham Lodge in March. An interesting and varied quiz, excellent food and good company, raising a fantastic £1096.31
- 'Proms in the Park'. This very popular annual event was again organised by 75 Engr Regiment at the Peninsular Barracks in Orford.
- The Hatter pub ran a Fashion Show in March
- Lymm Rotary held a concert at The Parr Hall in April. An excellent evening's entertainment raising £3000.00.
- Warrington Motor Cycle Club staged a weekend in Moore, with St. Rocco's being their named charity, raising £500.00
- Warrington BSA Owners Club held a number of events throughout the year and donated £750.00 to the hospice.



- Sophia, Millie and Madeline : Three friends selling cakes for us during their half term holiday.
- Lymm Open Gardens. After a year's absence, this much loved event came back and raised £4399.97. Beautiful gardens very kindly opened to the public. A great opportunity to see what can be done in your own homes!

• At the summit of Pen-y-Ghent, the last of their Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge! Three members of staff from the Adventure Centre took on this arduous challenge 'the wrong way round', taking on the climbs by a harder route than normal. Total time for the walk was 14 1/2 hours



## Talks in the Community

I have been delighted to give talks on the Hospice at a number of venues over the last few months. These have included the Inner Wheel of Lymm and St. Albans School in March, Underhill House in April, as well as a number of Schools during our annual 'Yellow Week'. Also, we have had visits from the Warrington Motorcycle Club, Warrington Rotary and the BSA Owners Club.

If you would like more information on how you can help in the Community, please contact Malcolm Kindon at St. Rocco's on 01925 579230 or email [malcolmkindon@stroccos.org.uk](mailto:malcolmkindon@stroccos.org.uk)





# Corporate Challenge

with Vanessa Simmons

January 31st 2013 saw the launch of the first ever St Rocco's Corporate Challenge - sponsored by Assura Group. Since that date, over 50 companies have joined the Challenge and pledged to turn £50 into as much as they can in aid of St Rocco's.



## Hochtief Facilities Management

Hochtief Facilities Management started the challenge early in Feb by organising a Quiz Night and raising £1400

## Renova Developments



Ten teams joined together to raise a staggering £3,000 at Renova Developments' recent five-a-side tournament and quiz night on the hottest night of the year at Orford Jubilee Park!

It might have been over thirty degrees but that didn't stop the competitive spirit, with Galliford Try victorious in the football and Opco Villa winning the quiz.

## Superb Wagon Pull raises £1,000 for St. Rocco's



An amazing feat of strength, skill and determination from a group of dedicated WBC workers raised £1,000 as part of their Corporate Challenge. Around 50 workers from

the Warrington Borough Council Waste and Recycling Centre used sheer brute force to pull a 25 tonne refuse lorry from the Town Hall Gates on Sankey Street to the Halliwell Jones Stadium on Sunday 2nd June.



## Yellow Bus

A crazy crew of five IT professionals from Yellowbus in Birchwood have taken on the awesome challenge of rowing the English Channel twice and raising £10,000 - all in aid of St Rocco's Hospice. The Crew will attempt

this feat in October, setting a new world record in the process! To follow the Yellowbus crew on their epic challenge log on to:

[www.yellowbus.co.uk/st-roccos](http://www.yellowbus.co.uk/st-roccos)

**For more information on corporate support, or to join the Corporate Challenge, contact Vanessa Simmons: [vanessasimmons@stroccos.org.uk](mailto:vanessasimmons@stroccos.org.uk)**

## Hospice care needs YOU...



The demand for hospice care is rising rapidly, with a huge expected increase in the number of older people in the UK over the next 20 years, as well as more young people living for longer with life-limiting conditions.

To raise awareness of the need for hospice care, a new website has been established by Help the Hospices - the umbrella members organisation for hospices in the UK. To get involved visit the Count me In pages of [www.hospicecareweek.org.uk](http://www.hospicecareweek.org.uk)

## Hair for Hospices!

To coincide with Hospice Care Week, St Rocco's is joining a growing number of hospices throughout the country to take part in Hair for Hospices. We are asking local people, clubs and businesses to get involved and raise money for St Rocco's by doing something wonderful with HAIR. Why not colour your hair, wear unusual ribbons in your hair, shave off a beard or moustache, wear a brightly coloured wig or simply make a donation.

*Calling Hairdressers - can you help raise funds and promote your business for Hair for Hospices?*

**For more information about Hair for Hospices please contact Malcolm Kindon on 01925 575780.**



# Thank You...



The Clanion Welsby Foundation awarded a grant of £20,000 towards service developments at St Rocco's



HUGE THANK YOU to Mike Astbury, family and friends who did a fancy dress fun run on Saturday 3rd August, and raised nearly £1200 for St Rocco's!!! And looked Brilliant!



Claire McColgan and Maggs Taylor from the Halifax, (part of Lloyds Banking Group) are taking part in St. Rocco's Corporate Challenge and had a bring a bag to work month. All bags of clothing were donated to St Rocco's Shops.



Brian McAdam and Jannette Pierce from Fiddlers Ferry with a cheque for £8,750 from their recent Golf Day. Since 2001, Fiddlers Ferry has raised a staggering £95,634 for St Rocco's.



Debbie Chadwick from Galliford Try pictured with Kath Hamilton from St. Rocco's. Staff at Galliford's organised a raffle as part of their Corporate Challenge and raised £950



A huge thanks to staff at B&Q Warrington! A team of staff from the store brought plants and materials and spent the day at Rocco's revamping the Day Therapy gardens. You really helped to make a difference!



## Top of the Shops

### St. Rocco's Shops celebrates after scooping a national retail award!

The Shops won the national award for most profitable retail operation from The Charity Retail Association, in the category 6-10 shops. This amazing achievement is down to the hard work of the incredible team of 345 volunteers and the generosity of the public who donate and buy items in the Shops.

Ros Everett, Volunteer Link Manager at St Rocco's Birchwood Shop, collected the award on behalf of the shop volunteers at the recent ceremony.

Ros said; "The Retail Conference was held at Keele University in Stoke. I felt honoured to collect this on behalf of St Rocco's volunteers and to be part of such a worthy charity".

Eric Russell, Trading Manager at St Rocco's, said: "We are so well supported by the people of Warrington! Thank you to everyone, volunteers and customers, for such a fantastic effort"

## Recycle your Christmas Tree with St. Rocco's

Do you buy a real tree at Christmas? St Rocco's Hospice, in conjunction with Warrington Borough Council are once again organising a Christmas Tree Collection on 11th & 12th January 2014. The service will be run solely by volunteers

supporting the Hospice. Bookings can be taken over the phone or online with credit card payments. There is no minimum donation required for your tree collection; all we ask is that you be as generous as you can.

Once booked, your tree collection will be on a list to collect during the dates specified and will be taken to a central point to be mulched and made into compost- raising funds and saving the planet too!

**To book your collection, or for more information log onto [www.stroccos.org.uk](http://www.stroccos.org.uk) or contact Lauren Tilston on 01925 575780.**





# Home grown Tom lands dream job

**WARRINGTON Town Football Club's new community development officer is "home grown" Tom Everson.**

Tom aged 18, started playing at the club with the Under 12s moving up the age groups becoming part of the club's double winning Youth team last season, while studying at Priestley College.

He has also had a taste of first team experience and has now landed his "dream job" at the club.

"A lot of my mates hate getting up and going into work but I love my job," said Tom, who is currently a member of the new reserve team with first team ambitions.

"I played in the first team a couple of seasons ago when I was only 16 and I have been on the bench a few times and still have ambitions

to play first team football," added the young centre back.

Tom started working part-time for the club during his school holidays helping run the popular soccer camps.

From the age of 9-15 he was at the Crewe United Soccer Academy dreaming of being a professional footballer but is now delighted to have landed the role of community development officer.

As well as running soccer camps at the club Tom is visiting local schools, helping set up after school clubs.

But it is not just football. Other sports are involved and there is

a big emphasis on encouraging youngsters to live healthy lifestyles, playing sport and eating healthy foods.

"If the opportunity to play for the first team came a long I would take it but the coaching has to come first because it is my job," added Tom, who is sponsored by Golden Gates Housing Trust and United Utilities.

He is currently doing his FA Level Two coaching badge and is busy preparing for the hectic half term camps which will be running at the club starting on October 21.

For more details on the soccer camps or to contact Tom about running after school clubs or coaching activities call 07794 434345 or email tom@warringtontownfc.co.uk



— Advertiser's announcement —

## The right time to move into a new home with Golden Gates Housing Trust

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Properties with GGHT remain available at low rents, with a one bedroom flat costing from just over £67 per week and a 3 bedroom house from just £83 per week. The costs for those looking to share a tenancy can also work out even lower. Renting with GGHT also provides additional security than renting from the private sector and the Trust's tenants benefit from access to money advice and employment services. Repairs are also carried out 24 hours a day by the Trust's in-house repairs service and all homes receive a free annual gas safety check.

Moving into a GGHT property is also more accessible than ever. The Trust's properties, along with those from other local registered social landlords, are available through its CHOOSEaHOME allocations system. This has recently been reviewed and improved to deliver a more customer focussed service, resulting in a massive reduction of those on the waiting list to be rehoused.

These reductions have meant that people are no longer having to wait for long periods to find their ideal home and applications are being encouraged from people whatever their circumstances. CHOOSEaHOME currently advertise more than 40 new properties each week and residents who would like to find out more are encouraged to visit [www.chooseahome.org.uk](http://www.chooseahome.org.uk) and make their registration.

The Trust also has a number of properties "Available Now", which means they are ready to be viewed and moved into straight away. To find out more about these properties and how you can register your interest visit [www.gght.org.uk/available](http://www.gght.org.uk/available)

## Find a home with



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 [www.gght.org.uk](http://www.gght.org.uk)

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# Council unveils £52m town centre master plan

**A £52 million master plan to regenerate Warrington town centre, including a new state of the art market hall in the old Boots building on Bridge Street, has been unveiled by the borough council.**

Subject to a public consultation process which is set to run until November 7 and ratification by the council, the scheme will create a new family-friendly shopping, restaurant and leisure experience with a contemporary market hall at its heart.

Other key components of the scheme will comprise a state-of-the-art multiplex cinema and a new civic centre.

The new market will be built on the site of the former Boots building preserving and making a street front entrance feature of the Grade II listed brick façade.

The 3.4 hectare (8.4 acre) development site extends from Bridge Street and across the existing Time Square development and includes the site of the existing market.

The project will be delivered by

Warrington Borough Council with development partner, Muse. Muse was chosen by Warrington Borough Council as partner on the scheme because of their established track record of delivery in mixed-use town centre regeneration projects across the UK.

A phased programme of site development over the next five years will create up to 400 construction jobs and 400 new permanent jobs in the leisure, retail and restaurant sectors when fully completed in 2018.

A £400,000 programme of landscaping and environmental improvements to improve the appearance of Lower Bridge Street is already underway to be completed prior to Christmas 2013.

Subject to consultation, ratification and planning approvals,

the first construction phases of the project will start on site in Autumn 2014.

It will be necessary to deliver the scheme in two construction phases in order to minimise disruption for the market traders. The first building to be constructed on the site of Time Square will be fully equipped and fitted out to serve as a two-year provisional home for the market to allow the existing, outdated market hall to be demolished and the new market hall to be constructed.

This scheme is a key development area as identified in Warrington Borough Council's framework for growth, Warrington Means Business.

The project has been driven and will be managed by Warrington & Co., which was established to act as a partnership between Warrington Borough Council, business leaders and key organisations as a business friendly interface to deliver regeneration strategies and facilitate growth in the town.

Leader of the council Cllr Terry O'Neill, said: "This is a tremendously exciting moment for our town and a huge step forward in its regeneration and renaissance. Getting to this stage has been difficult and has taken time because of all of the different land and business interests involved in the project but I am very proud that we have finally reached this

pivotal moment.

"This scheme, complemented by the Stadium Quarter scheme and the potential of the Cabinet Works initiative, will herald the start of a return to a revitalised, vibrant town centre. Our vision, as set out in our regeneration framework Warrington Means Business is to re-stimulate, re-energise and repopulate the inner town.

"The opportunity to create a new market offers a tremendously exciting proposition not only to create a world-class market facility safeguarding its long-term future but also to bring the magnificent former Boots façade back into use."

Steve Pickering, Warrington's markets manager, said: "This regeneration project is a new milestone in the long and successful history of Warrington Market that will secure the market's long-term future. The new market hall with its entrance onto Bridge Street will offer a stunning, high profile entrance on the high street for shoppers and help stimulate and re-energise."

Businesses, stakeholders and the public are invited to view and comment upon the outline plan to undertake a two-phase move of the market hall.

Comments may be submitted online at [www.warrington.gov.uk/bridgestreet](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/bridgestreet) until November 7.



## Mariam takes gap year after A\* success

THE small size, community spirit and friendly atmosphere at Withington Girls School went along way to helping Mariam Aly, from Warrington, clinch an A\* in Maths and A grades in Chemistry and Biology.

She is now taking a gap year and hopes to study Medicine.

"I really enjoyed the vast range of extracurricular activities and tried to take full advantage of them when possible, including photography club, Duke of Edinburgh, Young Enterprise and religious societies," said Mariam.

"During my eight years at Withington I was able to succeed academically but I was also continuously encouraged to flourish as a person. I have gained many important life lessons due to the ongoing support I received from not only my peers but also the staff. The tight knit community at the school was really beneficial to me, I was always able to seek help and advice when needed with my studies as well as support and motivation from my friends."

Withington Girls' School's small size, community spirit and friendly atmosphere combined with inspirational teaching and a balanced approach to education were amongst the qualities most rated by pupils in a recent survey.

According to research questionnaires completed by this year's Sixth Form leavers, students celebrate the caring and supportive environment experienced during their time at Withington, enjoy the 'work hard, play hard' ethos and praise the variety and breadth of extra curricular opportunities available

at the school. Although consistently celebrating exceptional academic results – with 94% this year achieving A\* to B grades at A Level and 99.5% A\* to B at GCSE – girls reported that they enjoy a wide variety of activities from music and the arts, dance and drama to sports; subject-related clubs; fashion; enterprise; debating; a show jumping team; even a pets' club; community volunteering; a wide variety of school trips both at home and overseas and much more on offer – Withington's students agreed they are spoilt for choice.

Headmistress Sue Marks is delighted at the recent research results and says that girls are nurtured and motivated to achieve their full potential both inside and outside the classroom, preparing them for their University years and their future lives. Students from Withington go on to study at the country's top universities, with 12 this year heading to Oxford or Cambridge, as well as other leading destinations – but, says Mrs Marks, they are also encouraged to develop their talents, follow their passions and "dare to dream".

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# Honesty saves wedding day

**A YOUNG couple's honesty spared a bride groom's blushes when he lost the all important wedding rings as they prepared to tie the knot at Warrington's Walton Hall.**

Lindsey and Ged Wyatt were looking forward to a ceremony outdoors in the beautiful bandstand in Walton Gardens surrounded by family and friends.

One of the features for them was Ged's traditional Wiccan handfasting ring which was designed especially for him, while Lindsey's ring was also unique and the result of much deliberation.

Around twenty minutes before the ceremony was due to start Ged and Chris, his Best Man, realized that they couldn't find the box with the rings in. After lots of head scratching, and going over their movements since leaving Ged's mum's house in Woolston, Ged decided he must have left them in the pocket of the jacket he wore that morning and had simply forgotten them.

With insufficient time for anyone to go back and pick them up they decided that the only real option was to borrow a couple of rings for the ceremony and have someone go and collect them afterwards. Rings were duly borrowed and Chris, the Best Man, explained the situation to Lindsey when she arrived in the Bridal car.

The ceremony began with a very embarrassed Groom apologizing to his Bride for somehow forgetting the rings.

On hand to capture the moments local wedding photographer Jim Hunter explained: "As they were signing the register a young couple arrived and spoke with one of the Ushers explaining that they had found a box with two rings in and, putting two and two together, decided they probably belonged to the Wedding they saw taking place.

"By the time the register was signed and photos taken Lindsey and Ged were wearing their Wedding rings and what could have been a very costly and disappointing day was saved by the honesty of a young Warrington couple out enjoying a walk in a local park with their little daughter," added Jim.

The couple, Steve Preston and Nicole Harney duly posed for a photo with the happy Bride and Groom as they expressed their gratitude and thanked them for their honesty.

The ring box had fallen unnoticed from Ged's pocket as he got out of the car on arrival at Walton Hall and not been spotted by anyone until Steve and Nicole came across it lying at the side of the path.

After their wedding Lindsey and Ged set off on a Mediterranean cruise for their Honeymoon.



— Pictures courtesy: [www.jimhunterphotography.co.uk](http://www.jimhunterphotography.co.uk) —



## Mayor opens new Money Box on market

MAYOR of Warrington Cllr Peter Carey and council leader Terry O'Neill were both on hand to officially open the new Warrington Money Box stall on the town's market.

Funded by Warrington Housing Association and the council, the new Money Box is linked to the town's Credit Unions, offering people ethical low cost loans or saving plans.

The organisation is not for profit. Barry Taylor from Warrington Money Box said: "It is a not for profit ethical organisation, offering financial help for people who want to save and borrow money."

(L-R) Cllr Terry O'Neill, Barry Taylor and Debbie Furness from the Money Box, Alan Kemp CEO of Warrington Housing and Mayor Cllr Peter Carey.







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## The Hillsborough inquests

by Jonathan Conder

Fresh inquests into the deaths of 96 Liverpool football fans at the Hillsborough Stadium in April 1989 will begin in Warrington on 31 March 2014. The original inquests took place in 1991 but the verdicts of accidental death were overturned by the High Court in December 2012 following the examination and disclosure of thousands of documents relating to the disaster by the Hillsborough Independent Panel. Their report was highly critical of the emergency response to the disaster and confirmed that there was a systematic attempt by the police and others to absolve themselves of blame.

What is the purpose of the inquest process? An inquest is an investigation into how, when and where a death occurred. It will take place in public in a coroner's court if the death is sudden, violent or unnatural, if it occurs in prison or police custody or where cause

of death remains unknown following a post mortem. After hearing the evidence the court can return one of a number of verdicts, typically accidental death, unlawful killing, natural causes, suicide or an open verdict. An inquest does not attribute responsibility for the death. However the verdict can influence legal proceedings which might follow. For example if Crown Prosecution Service lawyers (as in the Hillsborough case) decide not to instigate criminal proceedings, they will review that decision following a verdict of unlawful killing.

No-one who has seen television footage of the disaster will forget the harrowing sight of the dead and injured being carried away by fellow football supporters on advertising hoardings as only one ambulance entered the pitch area. Controversially, the coroner at the original inquests restricted evidence to events which occurred prior to 3.15pm

on the day of the disaster, reasoning that all those who died had received their fatal injuries by that time. This meant that no evidence relating to the emergency response after 3.15 was examined, despite the fact that there was, and remains, a strong suspicion that more lives could have been saved if the medical treatment at the scene had been more effective.

So although the fresh inquests will not be concerned with blame, they will thoroughly examine all of the circumstances of the 96 deaths without restriction of the evidence and there is now real hope that, in the words of the Lord Chief Justice when overturning the original verdicts, 'however distressing or unpalatable, the truth will be brought to light'. For further information see [www.hillsborough.independent.gov.uk](http://www.hillsborough.independent.gov.uk) and [www.hillsboroughinquests.independent.gov.uk](http://www.hillsboroughinquests.independent.gov.uk)



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# Former MPs defend Parry over McGuinness peace lecture controversy

**TWO former Warrington MPs have come to the defence of peace campaigner Colin Parry who has been criticised for inviting former IRA leader Martin McGuinness to give the annual Warrington peace lecture.**

Mike Hall, the former Warrington South MP, and Doug Hoyle, the former Warrington North MP and now Lord Hoyle, were both in the town centre on March 20, 1993 when the IRA detonated two bombs in Bridge Street, killing 12-year-old Tim Parry and three-year-old Johnathan Ball.

They were attending a meeting at the Parr Hall and saw at first hand the devastation the bomb caused.

In addition to the death of the two boys, who were shopping for Mother's Day presents, the explosions also injured 53 other people and led to the death of Bronwyn Vickers. Although they accept Mr Parry made a "brave and controversial" decision, they believe he was right to invite the Northern Ireland deputy First Minister to Warrington.

The two ex-MPs, in a joint statement, say: "At the time of the two Warrington bombings we were unaware that Martin McGuinness, on behalf of the IRA, was in secret negotiations with the British Government to call a ceasefire, end the Northern Ireland conflict and start peace talks.

"Before the Bridge Street bombing we did not know Colin and Wendy Parry or Wilf Ball and Marie Comerford. But from that moment we

worked closely with both families and to this day we remain good friends and strong supporters of Colin and Wendy.

"So should Colin have invited McGuinness to give this 20th anniversary peace lecture?

"The five cardinal issues involved here are peace, reconciliation, justice, contrition, and forgiveness but these are not mutually inclusive. Historically wherever armed conflict has existed it has either been resolved by the bloody subjugation of one side of the argument or by a negotiated cease to hostilities followed by peace and reconciliation.

"There are many examples throughout the history of the world but none as powerful as the creation of a democratic South Africa. If Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress (ANC) had refused to talk to President FW de Klerk and the governing National Party we would still have apartheid, racial segregation and violent unrest in South Africa.

"There is no doubt in our minds that McGuinness as head of the IRA leadership at the time of the Warrington bombings shares the responsibility for the murders of Johnathan and Tim and the death of Bronwyn. Likewise there is no

doubt McGuinness as an IRA leader played a paramount part and shares responsibility for bringing to an end the Northern Ireland conflict and the creation of an enduring peace.

"John Major and Tony Blair were right to negotiate with McGuinness because the prospect of achieving a lasting peace in Northern Ireland would save the future lives of countless British citizens and mean bloody tragedies like the Bridge Street bombing would be a thing of the past.

"Colin was right to invite McGuinness to give the Warrington Peace lecture. It gave McGuinness the opportunity to come to our town and explain his part in the whole issue as a leader of the IRA and his

reasons for giving up the bullet and the bomb to become a dedicated peacemaker. The event was an important milestone along the route of peace and reconciliation.

Of the five cardinal issues peace and reconciliation have been achieved. Justice, in the form of capturing the Bridge Street bombers and bringing them to trial, remains to be done. Contrition is a personal issue which McGuinness has yet to offer. Likewise forgiveness is personal. Colin and Wendy have not forgiven those responsible for the untimely death of their son Tim.

"Inviting Martin McGuinness to Warrington in 2013 cements another pillar of support into the Northern Ireland peace process."



Colin Parry and Martin McGuinness at the Peace Lecture

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David from Rixton, also clocked up the fastest lap of the race with 89mph time. David only had to finish in the second race to take the Championship.

His battle with Martin Short continued in the second race, with

Martin running out the winner and David who again put up the fastest lap time (88.72mph) finished in a close second place but the Championship was his.

"It's been a great season and to win the Championship is something very special" said David.

It has been a good season for the Motor Racing McArthur's... with father Neil and younger brother Tom all taking part in the Championship.

Pictures: Eddie Whitham



David McArthur car 15 leads brother Tom car 17 (both white cars) round Shell Oils hairpin bend



David (1st) left and Tom (3rd) right on the podium after the first race

## Westwood available for World Cup opener

WARRINGTON Wolves' forward Ben Westwood will be available for selection for England's opening fixture of Rugby League World Cup 2013 after picking up a one match ban after pleading guilty to a Grade B punch in the Super League Grand Final defeat to Wigan Warriors.

Westwood admitted punching Wigan Warriors half-back Blake Green in the second minute of the match and was banned for one match when he faced an RFL Disciplinary Tribunal by video link from England's high altitude training camp in South Africa.

Westwood who was also fined £300 was ruled out of England's pre-tournament friendly against Italy at Salford City Stadium.

He will be available for selection for the opening match of RLWC2013 against Australia at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, on Saturday October 26.

The second-rower, who has been named in the England squad alongside team mate Chris Hill, scored a try for the Wolves in Manchester, helping to give them a 16-2 lead. But Wigan hit back with 28 unanswered points to lift the title causing Grand Final heartbreak for the Wolves for a second consecutive year.



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# Financially yours

By David Watkinson

## Recent tax changes

**Two changes to the tax system came into force recently which may affect a number of people. The first attempts to clarify a situation which has been, in the past, sometimes unclear. To make up for this the second introduces a greater degree of wooliness into legislation than has existed in the past.**

The first item affects people who have foreign income. Whether this is taxable in the UK normally depends on whether or not the person is resident in the UK during the relevant tax year. For the first time, whether a person is resident depends upon a three stage statutory process:

- Firstly, non-residency is defined in a number of ways. If a person falls into one of these definitions then they are "automatically non-resident"
- Secondly, residency is defined in a number of ways. If, and only if, the first tests fail to apply then these are considered. If a person falls into one of these definitions then they are "automatically resident"
- Thirdly, if none of the above two sets of definitions apply then a "sufficient

ties" set of tests are applied. There are five elements to this test, and the number of elements required to be non-resident depends upon:

- the number of days that are spent within the UK during that tax year, and
  - whether you are arriving within the UK or leaving it
- Most people will be either "automatically resident" or "automatically non-resident". Only a very small number of people will need to consider the "sufficient ties" set of tests.

The second item affects people who are contemplating a little bit of tax avoidance, and is called the "General Anti Abuse Rule" or GAAR. This is aimed at reducing "abusive" tax arrangements, as opposed to tax avoidance. It introduces a "double reasonableness" test which is whether the tax arrangements can or cannot be reasonably regarded as a reasonable course of action. A "GAAR Advisory Panel" has been formed, one member of which has already been forced to resign, to advise on whether specific arrangements are abusive or not,



but the tax office is not bound by its judgements. We must all wait to see how this develops. Hopefully, it will be interpreted in the way that we all hope that it was intended. However, the cynical amongst us will think that if the tax statutes were properly drafted then this would not be necessary and that it is therefore a reaction by the government to their own incompetence!

*The details of both of the above are beyond the scope of this article, but if you think that you may be affected then WatkinsonBlack are pleased to advise on these as well as other matters, including providing a very cost-effective payroll bureau service. If you want to arrange a no-obligation initial meeting on any taxation or accounting matter then please contact us.*

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# Death of Wire legend Ally Naughton



**WARRINGTON'S** last Championship winning captain Ally Naughton, who was a world record signing from rivals Widnes, has died at the age of 84.

Naughton signed for Warrington in November 1949 from Widnes, costing £4,600 and played for the club in France in a friendly before making his debut in the 17-0 home defeat of Whitehaven, scoring a try.

That season he won a Challenge Cup winner's medal, beating a Widnes team containing his brother Johnny, but missing another brother Danny, who was on Tour at the time.

At 6ft and 12st 6lbs, he established himself as a centre with a rock-like defence, pace and great handling ability.

In 1950/51 "Ally" finished up with two runners-up medals for the Lancashire Cup and Championship. As captain of the 1953/54 side he was forced to miss out as both Challenge Cup and League Championship were won, due to an aggravated calf injury.

He was not to be denied however, for on May 14, 1955 he became Warrington's last captain to hold up the Championship trophy, when Oldham were beaten 7-3 in the mud at Maine Road. He also gained a Lancashire Cup winners' medal in 1959.

His last appearance for the club was at loose forward at Odsal, Bradford, in the 1961 Championship final, when Leeds won the trophy for their first time 25-10. Ally picked up a leg injury in a 1961/62 pre season trial game and was forced to retire.

He made 348 appearances for Warrington, scoring 167 tries, in a twelve year career at Wilderspool. He was inducted into the Warrington Wolves Hall of Fame in 2006, along with two other great servants of the Club Parry Gordon and George Thomas.

The highlight of his international career came in November 1954 when he helped Great Britain beat France 16-12 to win the inaugural World Cup Final in Paris. He earned two Great Britain caps, three for England, and four for Lancashire.

Ally took over as landlord of the Britannia Inn, on Scotland Road after Harry Bath did a moonlight flit back to Australia in February 1957.

When Ally retired he went to live in Onchan on the Isle of Man. He occasionally came back to the mainland to visit his family and friends.

He last visited The Halliwell Jones Stadium in April 2010, when he met up with some of his team mates from the 1950s.

Warrington Wolves pass on their condolences to his wife De, sister Tess and his family and friends.

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