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# Editor's Comment

I THINK it is fair to say the Olympic games have been a resounding success which have provided a massive lift to the whole country - helping lift the doom and gloom of the recession.

Nearly everywhere I have been the major talking point has been the Olympics and Team GB's fantastic medal haul, which has probably exceeded most expectations.

Hopefully our own sporting heroes Warrington Wolves can help continue the feel good factor for the people of Warrington with another Wembley final on the horizon and possibly even greater things in the end of season Grand Final end of s showdown. While

admiring the Olympians, including a handful from our own town, I couldn't help but think of the great local talent we have at Warrington Wolves with the likes of young winger Chris Riley, (pictured in



action on the front cover) now on the verge of his third Wembley final at the age of just 24 - many players go through their entire careers without gracing a show piece final, so to make three at such a young age is a

fantastic achievement.

Of course with the amount of talent currently on offer at the Wolves Chris is not guaranteed a place at Wembley,although his recent form suggests he must have a reasonable

chance barring injury.

But what is even more pleasing he is one of a new generation of players who are Warrington born and bred alongside the likes of Matty Blythe, Mike Cooper and 20-year-old half back Gareth O'Brien, who looks set to be a star of the future.

Here's hoping the Wolves can keep our spirits high and continue with a production line of local talent.

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### Getting fit4fifty!

warrington-worldwide Editor Gary Skentelbery has embarked on a fit4fifty campaign while at the same time helping raise funds for two local good

"A review of recent holiday snaps and with the scales starting to creak at nearly 18 stone and my half-

century looming on the horizon, it inspired me to get "fit4fifty."

"Having previously been on a diet, which nearly killed me – quite literally, I decided it was time for some urgent sections as I have arrived the hole of action so I have enlisted the help of

personal trainer.

"My first dieting experience in my early 30s left me in hospital with gallstones and an operation, which didn't quite work out, resulting in emergency surgery and accidentally overdosing on morphine! That diet involved cutting all fatty foods out of my diet – which effectively caused my gállbladder to pack in.

gallbladder to pack in.

"A second diet in my 40s saw me shed a couple of stone but as soon as I ended it the weight, as it does for many people, piled back on."

Now with a proper diet plan recommended by Paul Mason from Cheshire Personal Training, which includes a 30 day de-tox, cutting out all processed foods, caffeine, chocolate, bread and alcohol, the weight has started to fall off weight has started to fall off.

Paul has more than 30 experience in the health and fitness

'To maintain the weight loss ! now have a new fitness regime, which I can work around my busy schedule and a healthy diet 80 per cent of the time. If I stick to this I am

told the weight will stay off especially after re-booting my metabolism, which had become very sluggish," added Gary.

" As well as improving my health !

also intend to improve the wealth of two local charities I am involved with, The Tim Parry Foundation4Peace, where I am a patron and the "Warrington Disability Partnership, where I am a trustee.

"By going public with my campaign it will help me retain focus and hopefully inspire others to get themselves báck into shape.

For regular progress reports and on how to make donations to the charities visit http://garyskent.blog spot.co.uk/



# Teacher by day -singer by

BY day, she's a school teacher and of an evening she tours venues across the North West with her own take on iconic

vocalists from the past.
These days, Tanya Ellison is even busier - working on material for a debut album to be released by the independent record label Night Owl'Records.

Tanya, from Gorse Covert, Warrington, teaches English and Music at Penketh High School - but away from the classroom she concentrates on live, acoustic sets and what she describes as "vintage

inspired music."

She has been singing and recording professionally for more than 10 years in cabaret groups and with soul bands, on cruise ships

and independently.
Two songs she has written have earned her thousands of hits on You Tube and Sound Cloud and produced plenty of positive teedback from the public.

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### pnotes Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . . by Michael Mahoney

### Once in a blue moon

Some readers may be interested to know that 31 August 2012 has a blue moon (rarely blue in colour however) that is the second full moon in the month, the first being on the 2nd of August. There are several definitions of this event, but space limits detailed explanation, however the above reference relates to the modern definition. This event is not particularly rare, but enough importance has been given to it, to coin the phrase "Once in a blue moon" meaning every now and then, or rarely.

The phrase once in a blue moon is used quite often by people who come into my practice. It's not that I hold special sessions for astronomers however; it is simply that people make this statement, most usually when they are talking about their own needs not being met. Simply they are not receiving or obtaining

what they want or need.

How often I ask, do they do what they want to do, once in a blue moon, they reply. How often do you use that phrase? How often do you allow your needs to be heard or met? So often people put others first, they sacrifice what they want for the sake of others, and that is a good thing to do, but not all the

We all have a right to live the life we want to live as long as we don't hurt other people doing it. We all deserve to exercise our right to learn how to do things differently, to change and adapt, and to feel more comfortable in ourselves, to experience self-development and growth. We should pursue these aims often, not rarely, like so many people do. We need to recognise that we have a right to live our lives in the best possible way we can.
The present economic difficulties

are making life more difficult for most of us. We have more demands made upon us for our time, our skills and our knowledge. Demands from employers, customers and loved ones and socially too. We should learn to put ourselves first sometimes, and then expect to do it more frequently too. Looking after ourselves 'once in a blue moon' should not be acceptable.

If you find yourself using the phrase 'once in a blue moon', stop

Making life

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and ask yourself why. Don't you owe it to yourself and ultimately to those who are important to you, to look after yourself, to do what you want to do for your own development, and to make life a little easier for yourself; to become more comfortable in yourself, and acknowledge your talents and gifts?

If you don't know how to start to

do this, or need some guidance in developing your needs and wants, then contact me and let us work together to make a plan and structure for your self-development. It can only help in the long term, and perhaps by the next blue moon you will be well on your path of change, and positive self-development.

By doing so you will feel more in charge of your life and future, and the phrase 'once in a blue moon' will then only be used.... 'once in a

blue moon'!



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### When Folly Lane led to heaven!

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Dating from 1888 and capable of holding 40 locomotives, it had a 65ft diameter turntable and a coaling stage with a water tank above.

There was always a wide variety of steam locomotives there making it a veritable paradise for trainspotters who would watch, mesmerised from a distance, discussing their chances of successfully "bunking" the smoke hazed shed without attracting the attention of the dust-coated, hatted shedmaster.

This is one of the happy memories recalled in a new book, "Shed Side in South Lancashire and Cheshire" by one-time trainspotter Kenn Pearce, now resident in South Australia but once to be regularly

Australia but once to be regularly found with notebook and pencil near engine sheds in Warrington, Widnes, Wigan and Northwich.

The book is full of wonderful photographs of the steam locomotives which were once to be seen amid the smoke and steam of Dallam Shed, Arpley sub-shed, Warrington Central and other trackside locations.

Although the 176-page book is largely aimed at railway

largely aimed up 1911..., enthusiasts, it is not all about grimy leasonatives and the steam locomotives and the characters who worked on them. It also contains much of interest to anyone interested in the history of Warrington and other railway towns in Cheshire and South Lancashire.

It chronicles the last days of steam when the railways played an important role in building the prosperity of towns like Warrington. Most of all it is a nostalgic record of what Kenn now calls a "misspent youth."

But what could be "misspent" about golden summer evenings when a courteous request from a schoolboy could earn the reward of a spin up the shed yard in the cab of a grimy steam locomotive?

The book is published by The History Press at £14.99.



### A caring service from an unlikely partnership!

WHEN Mike Jenkins and Anthony Wilkinson are not fitting stairlift's they are usually arguing - about football!

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Anthony's mother died tragically of cancer and Mike's mother suffers from

MS.
Said Mike: "We know what people are going through because

we have been through it ourselves."
Advances in technology mean staitlifts are now less expensive than most people realise - and with Mike and Anthony you get a friendly service, with some football banter, throwar int. thrown in!



**Business** 

### Ironman Mark completes his challenge

WARRINGTON businessman and committed charity fundraiser Mark Brocklehurst completed a gruelling triathlon course in an incredible 14 hours and 13 minutes despite an 11th hour crisis which threatened to leave him out of the running completely. completely.

The 50 years old Managing Director of Warrington-based documents management experts the Sharples Group, who crossed the finishing line in 49th place in his age group, had only 24 hours earlier faced disaster when the frame of his racing bike literally fell

apart. The ultra-lightweight bike was crucial if he was to complete a challenging 112 mile cycle ride, a 2.4 miles swim and ending the event with a challenging 26.2 miles

marathon run.
"After a pre-race check-up my

engineer informed me that the carbon fibre frame of my bike was disintegrating before his very eyes," explained Mark.

"After declaring the bike a total write-off, he immediately closed his shop, drove down to the cycle

write-off, he immediately closed his shop, drove down to the cycle factory in Derby and collected a replacement. That meant I could fulfil my promise to enter the race to raise badly needed funds for the Bolton Lads & Girls Club.

"This was my first IronMan triathlon and I have to admit that it was one of the most challenging events I have ever faced," added Mark "The run was very difficult and very hot and we experienced some windy conditions during the bike ride. Thankfully I very quickly got used to my new bike and achieved my aim."

When Mark arrived home to his wife Tracy and eight year old son Tom, the family celebrated two achievements - Mark's IronMan Triathlon success and Tom's successful completion of the IronKids race, which was held the same weekend.



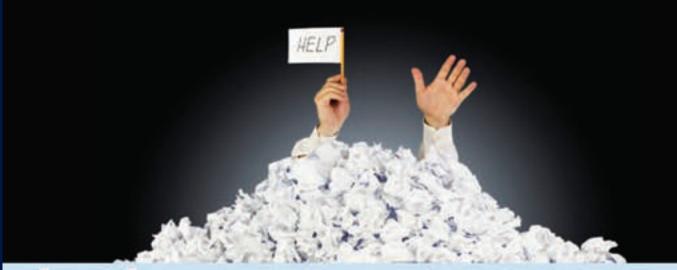




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Business

# First Warrington CIPS Study Centre launched

Boulsworth Services Ltd (BwL), an approved provider of training for purchasing professionals, has teamed up with Warrington Collegiate to launch the first CIPS (Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply) Study Centre in Warrington.

Located at the Winwick Road campus, the CIPS Study Centre offers students the opportunity to undertake study programmes approved by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply and progress to become a full member of the institute (MCIPS).

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of the institute (MCIPS).

BwL provide training and cost reduction services to the business community across the northwest and the M62 corridor, and have gone through a rigorous assessment process to secure the status as an approved CIPS provider. This ensures BwL has the systems in place to ensure students are dealing with a quality provider determined to help students and their employers with professional development.

So why should a company, or an employee engaged in purchasing, consider CIPS training?

Mark Parker (pictured), Director of BwL said: "Bought-in goods & services can account for over 50% of a companies' cost of sales, so Buyers have control of half of a companies' cost base. However,

90% of Buyers have no formal training. Therefore, it makes good commercial sense for a company to invest in training its' purchasing people in professional techniques because this will improve the profitability of the company in both the short and long term".

CIPS has 90,000 members in 120 countries is a globally

CIPS has 90,000 members in 120 countries, is a globally recognised qualification and over 50% of job advertisements for purchasing roles specify candidates need to be CIPS qualified. As a member of CIPS you are part of a network of professionally recognised and qualified people with access to advice, support and information. As an employer you can be sure that your staff will be professionally trained to address your cost base and help you achieve value for money and performance across the whole supply chain for the measurable benefit of your business.

The two Directors who deliver CIPS training also bring a wealth of industrial experience to the

industrial experience

classroom, mixing the academic theory with practical examples of how purchasing techniques are deployed in the workplace. Dominic Lee, Director of BwL said, "We are focused on developing Warrington as one of our core "We are focused on developing Warrington as one of our core markets and have linked up with Warrington Collegiate to start delivering CIPS courses from August 2012. We are looking forward to assisting businesses in the Warrington area to develop the procurement skills of their people and making a positive impact on their bottom line".

The Study Centre offers different learning formats to fit most preferences:

learning formats to fit most preferences:

• A weekly day-release schedule (1pm-8pm) - four days study to cover each of the five modules within each level

• A three-day intensive workshop for each of the five modules within each level – this normally runs Friday-Sunday

• We can also deliver incompany and inter-company programmes at client premises.

These options mean procurement personnel need to spend less time away from work and reduce



travelling time and expenses to a

minimum.

Mark Harris, Director of Higher Education at Warrington Collegiate said, "By providing CIPS training, this enhances our suite of professional courses to the business community, and further helps establish Warrington Collegiate as a one-stop-shop for local employers. CIPS training will improve both the skills of the employee and the profitability of the company, and is therefore added value training in every sense".

every sense".

For more information on CIPS courses, dates and fees you can contact Mark Parker on 07810 528468 or email info@boulsworth services.co.uk or markparker 179@ btinternet.com shodge@ or warrington.ac.uk



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# Housing HQ gets go-ahead

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a new flagship headquarters new flagship headquarters building for Warrington's Golden Gates Housing Trust have been given the green light by Town Hall planners

Members of the borough council's development manage-ment committee visited the site

They decided objections from English Heritage, nearby residents and from local councillor Steve Parish were not sufficient to block the proposals

the proposals.

The development, on the overgrown site of the Bank Park Depot, off Kendrick Street, will mean the demolition of existing buildings, including the locally listed but derelict Crosfields

Conservatory.
The most severe criticism of the scheme had come from English Heritage, who were critical of the design of the part two, part three, storey building proposed.

They suggested the application should be withdrawn "until such time as a scheme is produced.

which more clearly enhances the conservation area and the setting of the Town Hall."

But planning officers argued that development on the site would bring a derelict corner of Bank Park to life.

They point out that the conservatory building is derelict,

with no glass remaining in it. Nearby residents objected on the grounds that the land was

originally gifted to the town as a park - including the depot area.

But officers pointed out that the building would occupy a site which is already not open to the

public.
The park itself would remain in its entirety for the benefit of the public.

Parish Cllr also

Cllr Parish also had reservations about the design of the building which, he described as "a fairly unremarkable modern office building."

The planning approval is subject to the housing trust contributing £50,000 towards the cost of sustainable transport improvements in the vicinity of the improvements in the vicinity of the

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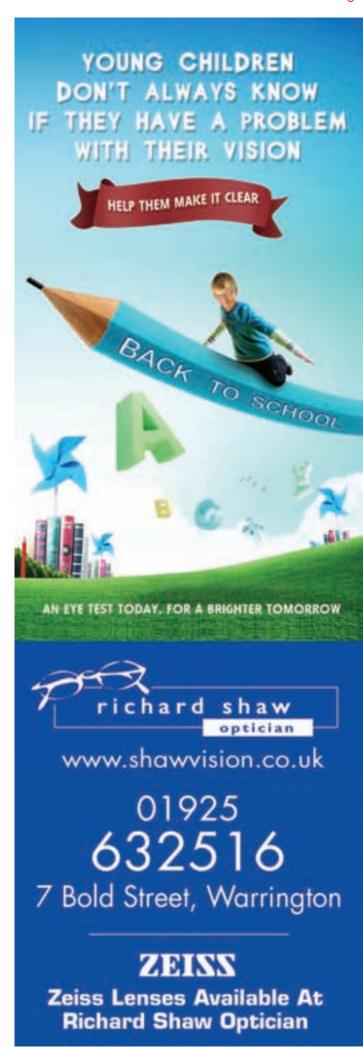
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Bringing home the bacon: Kevin RFarrell (right) and his team with Mayor Steve Wright.



# Dad brings home the

bacon!

A WARRINGTON dad has "brought home the bacon" after embarking on a charity bike ride with his three sons in memory of his teenage daughter who died suddenly from epilepsy.

Kevin Farrell was given a heroes reception as he rode up the drive way of Warrington town hall with his three sons Tan, Alex and Seb after completing a marathaon 1,000 cycle ride from Copenhagen in Denmark to Warrington.

Together with their support team they received gold medals as they were greeted by the Mayor of Warrington Cllr Steve Wright, along with family

and friends.

#### Memory

Entitled "Bringing Home the Bacon - Charity Cycle Ride for Epilepsy," they have raised more than £7,000 for Epilepsy Action in memory of 15 year-old Felicity who died from sudden unexpected epilepsy in 2008.

They set off from Tan's home in

They set off 'from Tan's home in Copenhagen and covered the 1,000 miles over 14 days to Warrington.

Due to an unfortunate injury after coming off his bike Kevin only managed 500 of the 1,000 miles but cheered on his three sons as they rode through a total of six countries.

When they arrived back in the UK they actually cycled along part of the Olympic cycle route.

Olympic cycle route.
Kevin, who is a volunteer broadcaster with Radio Warrington in

his spare time, said: "I would like to say a big thankyou for everyone who has so far given to our just giving account which at the moment stands at about £7000 which is far more than we had 12 months ago and again a big thank you to everyone involved, especially our support team."

Between 600 and 1000 familes a year in the UK are affected by sudden

death in epilepsy (www.sudep.org).

The cyclying team arrived back in Warrington on the 4th anniversary of Felicity's death.

Donations can still be made on line at www.justgiving.com/bringinghome thebacon and more fund-raising is planned later in the year as they bid to reach £10.000.







### The importance of making a will

### by John Bullough

Approximately 70% of people fail to make a Will and this can cause severe complications.

If a person dies without making a Will the Beneficiaries of the Estate are determined by Intestacy Law. If you are married and leave an Estate worth more than £250,000, and you have children, your husband/wife inherits only the first £250k, plus personal chattels and the income only in half of what is left. The remaining half of it is divided equally between the children when they reach 18 or if they marry before then. The children also inherit the rest of the Estate when their surviving parent dies.

If you are married but have parents, brothers, sisters, nephews or nieces living, your surviving spouse inherits the first £450k plus personal chattels and half of the remainder. The rest goes to your surviving parents, otherwise to your brothers and

sisters.

It is only if you are married and your Estate is less than £250k that your Spouse will inherit everything, or alternatively that you die without any children, parents, brothers, sisters, nephews or nieces living.

Common Law Spouses are not entitled to inherit anything under the Rules of Intestacy. Aside from this, no pre-arrangements have been made in order to limit the amount of Inheritance Tax owed. If assets exceeded the current nil rate band of £325k, everything above this limit will be subject to Inheritance Tax at 40%.

If you make a Will then an experienced firm of Solicitors would advise you and would almost certainly suggest that the full names and addresses of all Beneficiaries are included, so that the Executors of the Will will have no difficulty in tracing Beneficiaries.

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### Students set to compete on international stage is the

TWO 'skills stars' from Warrington Collegiate have earned a place in Squad UK for an international skills competition - WorldSkills Leipzig, next July 2013.

Rianne Chester, 18 from Howley, has been selected for Beauty Therapy and 19 year old Ashley Terron, from Appleton, for Brickwork by the

National Apprenticeship Service.

Rianne and Ashley have already won though in both regional and national competitions and have impressed the judges by the high standard of work they have produced, as well as their knowledge of their chosen skills area.

Ashley and Rianne were selected from among the UK's most talented apprentices, employees and learners after competing in a tough three-day selection event. They will now spend



the next year preparing to take on the very best from across the world, undergoing a specialised training programme supported by a dedicated Training Manager for each skill.

Ashley, who has also been chosen

to represent the UK at EuroSkills in Belgium in October says, "I'm over the moon. It is a dream come true to be able to represent the UK at something able to represent the UK at something love, with the chance to prove I have the ability and passion to be the best. To think that not long ago I was entering my first skillbuild regional final and now I am representing the UK at Euroskills 2012.

Proud tutor Paul Gould said: "Ashley is a very talented young man. This next challenge will be tough, but I'm sure that with his drive and determination Ashley will shine and we look forward to hearing that he is going to Leipzig in

Rianne said, "I'm really excited. This is once in a life-time opportunity. I've had such great support from everyone at the college and at work. I'm practicing hard so that I can do myself and the college credit.

Tania Gray, Lecturer in Beauty Therapy, adds, "Rianne has talent and poise as well as being an outstanding student. It's an amazing experience for such a young competitor and I have asked Rianne to come into college to do a master class for the Beauty Therapy students to share her expertise and knowledge for the students training for this year's competition.

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international skills competition in the world. Held every two years in one of its 61 member countries/regions, the competition sees around 1000 young people aged 18 - 23 from across the world come together to compete for medals in more than 40 different skills including Electrical Installation, Mobile Robotics, Web Design, Cooking and Landscape Gardening.

Ashley and Rianne have one final hurdle. They will compete for a coveted place in Team UK at the selection event which will be held in March 2013. If selected they will carry on training intensively with Team UK before heading to WorldSkills Leipzig, which takes place next July.



### Walton Hall Country Fayre

WALTON Hall and Gardens Country Fayre returns on Sunday September 9 showcasing its fabulous, fantastic and fascinating mix of live acts, traditional

showcasing its fabulous, fantastic and fascinating mix of live acts, traditional rural crafts, cottage industries, live music and much much more.

Savage Skills Mountain Bike Display Team, fresh from their appearance on TV's 'let's get gold!' headline the main arena together with the West Lancs Dog Display Team and the English Civil War Society.

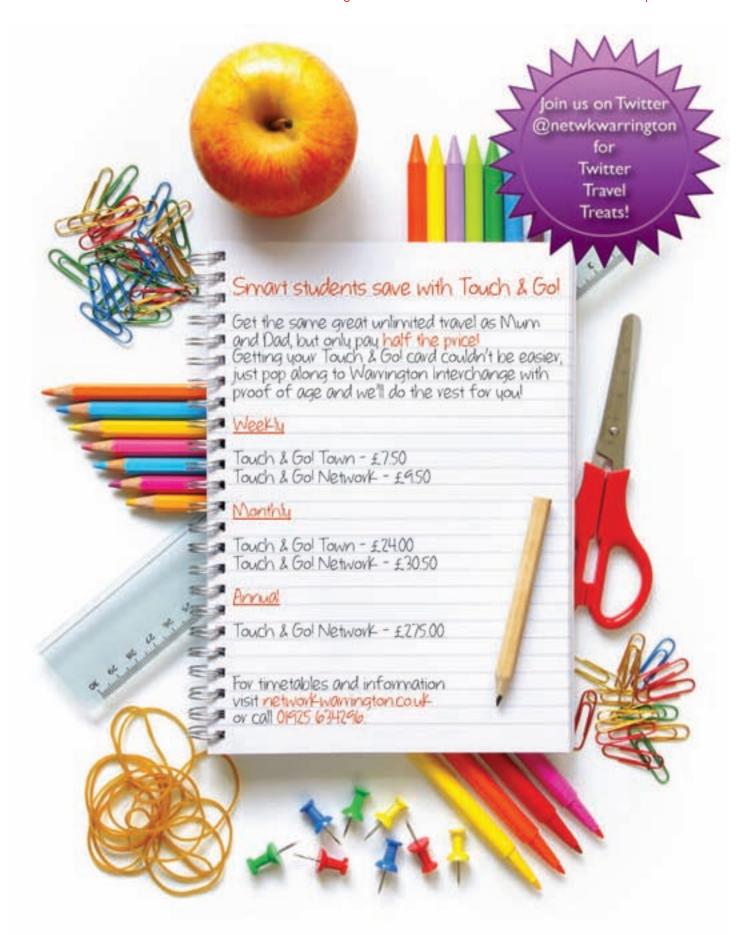
Traditional rural crafts include willow weaving, pottery, stick making, wool spinning and saddle making to name but a few.

Other attractions include cottage industry and charity stalls, local history groups, children's entertainer, vintage cars and buses, children's fun fair, hot food and bar, cake competition and more.

You can even take a narrow boat ride along the Bridgewater canal.

Now the most popular event it's one not to be missed and if that wasn't enough - entry is FREE!













### Bus company help Rosie win gold!

LOCAL bus company Network Warrington has supported the under 18 Great Britain Dragon Boat racing team, by providing kit sponsorship.

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Managing Director, David Squire explained, "We are delighted for Martin, Rosie and the family, it is great to see a young person so committed to their sport and doing really well in the European Championships.".

For more information on dragon racing,

boar racing, Visit www.dragonboat.org.uk Picture shows Rosie showing off her medal haul to Managing Director David Squire

### Students celebrate **BTEC** success

STUDENTS celebrated in style when they received their BTEC results at Warrington's Priestley College as many achieved 100 per cent pass rates across a wide range of subjects.

'This is the first time students on the full two-year BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma progamme have been able to receive the Distinction Star grade and our students and teachers have really stepped up to the mark," said Deputy Principal Matthew Grant.

Thése are a fantastic set of results and they underline just why we continue to be the area's leading provider for both BTEC and A Level

qualifications." Health and Education saw 60% of Level 3 Early Year Diploma students predicted to achieve the highest grade of D. Of these learners 40% have achieved a distinction in every unit. Health and Social Care Level 2 students have been equally successful with over 90% achieving above their predicted grades.

In Performing Arts, 79% of the cohort achieved a triple distinction or



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celebrated 50% of the class
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The BTEC Level 3 Diploma in
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26 students on the Level 3 Extended

26 students on the Level 3 Extended

Diploma programme.
Level 3 of the Extended Diploma in Art and Design saw 38 out of 40 Art and Design saw 38 out of 40 students achieve high grades, with seven achieving the maximum D\*D\*D\*. In Level 3 Extended Diploma in Graphic Design 15 out 15 students achieved High Grades with four students achieving the maximum D\*D\*D\* grade. There was further success at Level 2 and on the Level 3/4 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. and Design.

In Sport all three of the BTEC pathways (Exercise Science, Sports Development and Performance and Excellence) achieved a 100% pass rate with 17 learners achieving top marks of D\*. In the Sports Performance and Excellence and Exercise Science BTECs 80% of students achieved distinction grades overall with 14 students achieving the maximum grade of D\*D\*D\*. Ten of those students earned a distinction in every unit.

A 100% pass rate was also achieved on the Level 3 Diploma and Extended Diploma Public Services course as well as Level 2 Public Services with 13 students on Level 3 achieving distinction grades.

On results day the students enjoyed refreshments and left messages in a video booth about the highlights of their course.

Vocational Coordinator Rachel Williamson said: "The focus for the Results Day was on celebrating their achievements because they have worked so hard and done so well."



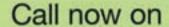
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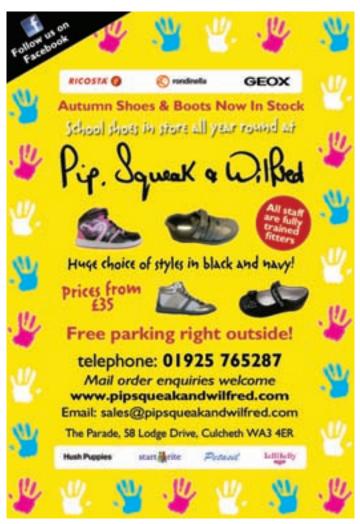
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4pm.
The event will showcase over 70 quality local producers and retailers offering a wide range of specialist items including Cheese, Jams, Chutneys, Vegetarian Specialties, Cakes, Specialist Meats, Vegetables, Artisan Breads, hot foods, including a Hog Roast, plus a selection of fine English Wines, Craft Beers and Ciders too.

In addition, Warrington's very own 'Created in WA'; a collective of crafters and producers living exclusively within the W.A postcode, will host a marquee to showcase their unusual, high quality, handmade items.

There is also a full programme of entertainment for all the family, including cooking demonstrations, fairground rides, madcap performers, a mini petting zoo from Stockley Farm, a birds of prey display, donkey rides and much more.

The following week Warrington Market welcomes the return of the Medieval Market when special guests include local historian Mark Olly.

For further details please contact Warrington Market on 01925 632571. www.facebook.com/ warrington retailmarket



Left to right: Deputy leader of the council Mike Hannon with Hazel Naseem from Corner Coffee Bar in the market and Michael Hancock from Hancock & Wood at last year's event.





### Warrington Market

### Sat 1 Sept

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Warrington Farmers Market



### Honours end even as Town honour Wembley legends

HONOURS ended even as Warrington Town and Crewe United shared the Styles and Co sponsored Peace Cup for the first time, following a 0-0 draw at Cantilever Park after a weekend which included honouring the club's Wembley squad of 1987.

The match followed on from a special civic reception at Warrington Town hall as the Irish visitors teamed up with members of Warrington's Wembley squad, to mark the 25th anniversray of the historic FA Vase final with St Helens Town - while at the same time kick starting the build up to the 20th anniversary of the Warrington bombing in March 1993, which claimed the lives of 12-year-old Tim Parry and three-year-old Jonathan Ball.

Special guests at the event included Tim's parents Colin and Wendy Parry who helped inspire the Warrington Peace Centre.

Meanwhile Colin was joined by former Everton and England legend Peter Reid at the Peace Cup game as Town unveiled their brand new 2012-13 kit and handed a debut to Peter Dogan, their major pre-season signing from National Conference side Barrow.

Although Warrington dominated

the game they could not find a way through the resolute Crewe defence meaning that the trophy will be shared by the clubs for the next twelve months before Town return to

Lisburn in summer of 2013.

As it was the first time Crewe had managed to avoid defeat in the history of the competition Warrington decided to allow the cup to travel back to Ireland, with the aim of regaining it next year!

> Pictures show the civic reception at Warrington town hall and Colin Parry with the two skippers and Ian Lloyd from Styles & Co.





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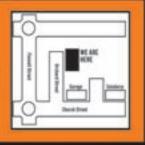






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Foremost, the duties of a director are to the company and not to the other directors, either in their capacity as director or in any personal capacity. However, many directors still look upon the company as being an extension of their own or their spouse's self employment. This will only be a problem, of course, if there is a divergence between the interests of the directors and those of the company.

Setting up a company is now a cheap and easy process. However,

there are governance laws affecting the relationship between the director, the company, and other parties such as lenders and creditors that need to be understood.

A board\_is made up of two or more directors. Each director must, however, always be aware that errors of always be aware that errors of judgement are the responsibility of all board members rather than just an individual. This is similar to a "quasi-partnership" and you can therefore be held responsible for errors made by other board members.

Before accepting a directorship you need to be comfortable in how the company has been and will be run, and in particular you need to ensure that you have confidence in the board and how it operates. You also need to be clear as to what your particular role will be and how the company and the board will make 'best use' of your skills in running the company.

Finally, if a company grows beyond the stage of being a family business, and it becomes clear that additional directors are needed to share the workload and responsibility of running the company, then it will be essential



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

create a formal corporate governance create a formal corporate governance framework. This will not only protect the individual directors, but also add value to the business. Companies that are run as extensions of families and, therefore, family problems can see their value to prospective purchasers dramatically

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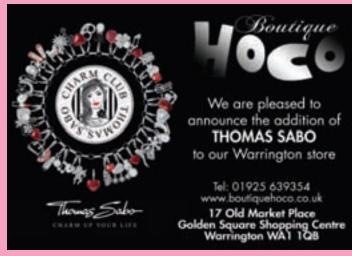
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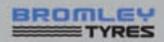
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# Stadium naming rights add up for Abacus

WARRINGTON Town's promotion push has received a major boost from local law firm Abacus Solicitors who have taken on the stadium naming rights for at least the next two years.

From the start of the forthcoming season Cantilever Park will become the Abacus Solicitors Community Stadium.

Managing partner Geoff Underhill saw the opportunity as a great way of promoting the expansion of his firm with well known local solicitor Paul Ireland joining the team to head up a new family department.

To celebrate the news they were joined by Take That star Jason Orange who became a "yellow" by signing one of the club's new shirts.

As well as looking after family law, Abacus also provides a full range of services including residential property, personal injury and civil and commercial litigation. They are also specialists in the sports and entertainment industry.

Paul, who has worked as a solicitor in Warrington for more than 20 years said: "We are extremely proud to be supporting our local football club and hopefully helping them on the road to promotion.

"We see this as a great opportunity to integrate in to the local community." To contact Paul or the team at Abacus call Tel: 01925 210999 or visit the website www.abacus-law.co.uk

### New link with Gulliver's



WARRINGTON Town Football Club have linked up with Warrington's

For the new season, Warrington Town are inviting local junior clubs to Cantilever Park to take part in a pre-match curtain raiser branded as the Gulliver's Game Day. Children will play on the main pitch, take part in a half time penalty shoot out, meet the players, receive a match day gift and a free ticket to Gulliver's theme park.

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Gulliver's have also agreed to sponsor Warrington Town's Junior section, focusing on the under 7's age group consisting of 25 children who have been presented with a brand new home and away kit.
Gulliver's World representatives Sharon Blake and Ian Gardner were on hand to present the new kits to the under 7's squad and Community Development Officer James Standing.
James said: "It's fantastic for Gulliver's to come on board with us and share our community vision by working with local children and interacting with them through football."
Gulliver's Operations director lan Gardner said: "It has been great to see

them through rootoan.

Gulliver's Operations director Ian Gardner said: "It has been great to see the kids in their new kits and to see them playing on the main pitch. The relationship with Warrington Town FC will grow stronger over the year and we want to support them in the community work they are doing along with

interacting with the junior teams they have."

James added"We already have United Utilities as our community partner and with Gulliver's coming on board to link in with the junior section and our

matchday curtain raisers, it expends our community links further."

Pictured from left to right is lan Gardner, James Standing and Sharon Blake with the Warrington Town under 7's.

### Carpe Diem create Olympic legacy

DIGITAL agency Carpe Diem have worked with Big Society Works to develop a Legacy Pledge website, designed to encourage people to do something different in recognition of the Olympic Games.

Big Society turned to locally based Carpe Diem for design and development of the website, which extends to Social Media.

Carpe Diem has also developed branding, an advertising campaign, promotional materials to support the

promotional materials to support the legacy Pledge to encourage people to make a positive pledge to try something new, inspired by the pledge made by Lord Coe to get two million people to take up physical activity as a legacy of the Games. The campaign doesn't only focus on sport. At www.legacypledge.org, people can make pledges of any kind, from community projects to simple activities that can be done at home. They can upload their pledge by video, make progress reports online, connect with friends who have also made pledges and be directed also made pledges and be directed toward businesses who offer products

and services related to the pledge.

Any profits made by the enterprise will be reinvested in community and

will be reinvested in community and sports development projects.
Legacy Pledge is the brainchild of Anne Ibrahim, a former director of Sport England who is now the executive director of social business Big Society Works.
Explaining Legacy Pledge she said: "We are very excited about legacy Pledge which is about getting people to take action individual and collectively. It is very infectious and collectively. It is very infectious and the interactive website allows us to connect those making pledges with local businesses and providers of services, who can help to accomplish the pledges made."

Bill Carr, managing director of Carpe Diem said: "This is a scheme we are proud to be involved with and it is brought us closer to the games. Every member of the Carpe Diem team will be making a pledge and uploading it to the site."

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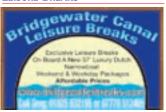
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