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Editor's Comment

WARRINGTON will soon be gripped by election fever – or more likely – apathy from more than half the electorate, who are happy to moan but unwilling to vote!

This is your chance to make a difference in the local elections, if you are disatisified with your local councillor or the local authority, which currently has a shared administration between the Lib Dems and Tories.

Chance to relax in style

warrington-worldwide readers are being given the chance to win a relaxing spa break at one of the North West's top hotels.

Being run in conjunction with The Paddington House Hotel in Warrington, the competition prize is for two nights bed and breakfast and one night's dinner at the Dene Hotel and Castra Brasserie.

There is also a prize available for a pamper spa day for two at the Dove Spa Hotel. To be in with a chance of winning these fantastic prizes, all entrants have to do is tell venture hotels, the owning group of the hotels involved, the name of their seven new mini break packages.

As a sneaky hint, venture hotels are suggesting people visit their website www.venturehotels.co.uk to find the answer.

All answers must be sent via email to competiton@venturehotels.co.uk

Those within the Labour group are now paying the penalty for years of infighting and with the current national climate, it could be many years before they ever have a chance to regain control - although a week can be a long time in politics.

Personally I believe it is always a great shame when national politics cloud local issues and I am aware of hard working councillors in all the of the main political parties on the borough councillor.

Their role should be to represent their local constituents, irrespective of their own political beliefs.

If you want to see what the hot topics are check out our readers discussion forum on **www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk**, which is set to get a major new look in the near future along with a whole new look for our pioneering website which reports the local news on a daily basis.





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Model student Stacy flies town's flag

A GLAMOROUS student from the Warrington Campus of the University of Chester will be flying the town's flag at the grand final of Miss Student UK 2008.

Stacy Hunt, 20, has won a place in the London final of the competition after wowing judges and audiences in the regional heats.

Stacy, who is studying for a BA in business at Padgate campus, will go head to head with 50 other regional winners to compete for the £10,000, plus a holiday for two to a European destination grand prize.

The competition takes the form of a

text messaging vote combined with opinion of judges, resulting in the candidate who is most popular with the judges and has the most text votes received progressing through to the next round. next round.

Stacy commented: "A couple of my mates had entered the competition and we were sitting at the computer and they said I should enter. I thought it would be a laugh and then ended

"I came second in the regional heat in Liverpool and got £200 for it. About 30 or 40 girls got through to the regional heat so I was made up to do so well. I think it had a lot to do with the support I got off the people from Padgate campus that came to Liverpool with me.

Success in the Miss Student UK -More than just a Pretty Face competition is becoming something of a Warrington tradition, as the 2006/07 overall winner was Culcheth's Holly Ikin.

For this year's competition, four girls were selected from Padgate campus to compete in the regional finals.

Stacy believes the backing from her friends and the people of Warrington is a major factor why she is doing so well.

She said: "It's quite different from home really, but I like it! I work in the town centre and the number of people who have voted for me from Warrington is amazing.

"I've still got another year left at Padgate and it would unbelievable to win the £10,000!"

The date for the grand final is still to be confirmed and votes for Stacy can still be registered by visiting www.missstudent.com/finals.asp

Alternatively, votes can registered via text message by sending Stacy 2290 to 63333.





Objectors fail to save old church

PLANS to demolish a 148-year-old church have been given the green light by Town Hall planning chiefs despite objections from councillors and

by lown Hall planning criefs aespite objections from coordinates and neighbours.

Penketh Methodist Church in Chapel Road, Penketh, will now be levelled to make way for a new church, hall and parking facilities.

The initial planning application divided local opinion, including Conservative councillor Fiona Bruce, who supported demolition, and Labour councillor Linda Dirir, who was opposed to them.

A number of residents joined councillor Dirir in objecting to the plans on the grounds of the significant historic value of the old church and its listing on the council's schedule of locally important buildings.

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Despite planners conceding the new building would be less attractive, they believe the benefits of the scheme will far outweigh the loss of the old structure.



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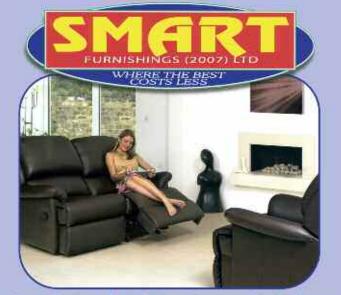
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Hello and welcome to my monthly column ... otes

Hyp by Michael Mahoney

It Costs Nothing To Smile

ON one of my morning walks a few weeks ago, the sky was overcast, the wind had a chill, and a few drops of rain were warning of the shortly delüge come. to Approaching me, was a young woman of perhaps 18 to 20 years of age and suddenly she gave me a wonderful smile. It was such a delight and a wonderful change from the usual people who I pass who don't even look up. As a student of human observation, that smile said several things; it conveyed a message of happiness, friendliness, and a confidence that is rarely seen these days.

It brightened my day, how nice to have received the smile; I hope the one I returned was as equally well received. And it made me think that the smile cost nothing to give, but can be worth a fortune. I remember W.C Fields the comedian and actor once said "Start everyday with a smile and get it over with." I like to think that was the comedian in him, and side more with the sentiments of Phyllis Diller the American comedienne who said, "a smile is a

curve which sets everything straight."

That one smile given by a total stranger made a big impact. But sadly it is rare these days to receive an honest smile. A true smile is seen also in the eyes, and yet they are in danger of becoming extinct. These days it seems to be seen by many as a sign of weakness. Don't show a weakness, don't raise your head and give eye contact as you walk past, don't acknowledge your tellow human beings because then you're leaving yourself open, exposed and vulnerable – you might have to communicate! And then I considered the fact that perhaps many had forgotten how to smile, or was it true that it may be seen as a sign of weakness? But I believe the giving of a genuine smile, no matter how difficult life is, or how worried we are can give us strength. It can show the outside world we are approachable, a scowl doesn't. And from that outward sign, from that simple smile we may receive it back, we may be offered help, we may begin conversation, we may

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But is it true that we can be seen as vulnerable or submissive if we smile and are friendly? I think not. In fact the opposite may be true. If we show we are secure in ourselves, that we have the confidence and self belief and self esteem to openly show our genuine self, then we have learned to be stronger than the many around us who don't share a smile, but would rather ignore others or wear a frown to protect them from the fear of interacting. The simple act of smiling can say a lot about us, how we feel and the confidence we have. Those who know me would, I hope, agree I wear a smile more often than a frown, but perhaps the cynic would add, it's because I have no idea of what's going on!



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The 66 earn rave reviews

ANOTHER bright young Warrington band are taking venues across the North West by storm with performances that have earned them gigs in London, Las Vegas and Spain.

Self described electro psychedelic rock group, The 66, have earned rave reviews from music critics, from the Manchester music scene in particular, after

reviews from music critics, from the Manchester music scene in particular, after a string of popular performances in the city during 2007. Now vocalist Daniel Rimmer, lead guitarist Mike Bee, Bass Guitarist Craig Harman, keyboard player Paul Glover and drummer lan Wilson, have their sights firmly set on conquering the UK and even foreign shores.

Their biggest up and coming gig is a performance at Maps Festival May, but at the end of April, The 66 will perform in Warrington with a specially invited band from New York.

It's off to Spain for the South by South Coast gig in June, before entering the winter months with a trip to Las Vegas in November for a House of Blues solo

This has been somewhat of a meteoric rise to prominence for the band who only formed in August 2007 and whose influences include Sex Pistols, Oasis, Primal Scream and Pink Floyd, to give them a distinctive sound that has seen them build up a substantial following from Warrington and other towns.

To hear some of The 66's tracks and to check performance dates log on to the standard service of the following from the following fro

www.myspace.com/the66uk, or to view some performances, visit www.youtube.com/the66uk practice sessions and





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Ted Fryer, Barclays Business Manager

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A £40 booking fee is payable for each course attended and if additional staff want to attend there is a £85 course fee plus the booking

fee.
More information is available from 0845 601 5962 or from Ted Fryer at the Warrington branch on 01925 782130.

Soroptimist meetings

WARRINGTON Soroptimist International has announced all future meetings

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For the past 18 years the club has held its annual installation dinner, where the new president is installed, at the hotel.

An open evening for potential new members will be held at Statham Lodge on Tuesday, April 29 from 7pm to 9pm.

Soroptimist International is a worldwide organisation for women in management and the professions working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women human rights and the status of women.

For further information about the Soroptimists contact Joan Spiby on 01925

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Robin joins the team

WARRINGTON-based fit out and housing maintenance firm Morris and Spottiswood has appointed Robin Evans as their new business development manager.

Robin, 39, will be responsible for supporting the strategies and the activities of company's operations team to develop new business opportunities.

He said: "I'm pleased to be joining Morris and Spottiswood who have an excellent reputation for delivering quality service to local, regional and national clients."

"My priorities will be to build on our existing client relationships and raise our business profile throughout the North West, which I see as an exciting challenge."

Robin, who is married with two children, has 15 years experience in business development roles



New cutting edge science project at Daresbury

DARESBURY Laboratory, near Warrington, is to play a leading role in a new cutting edge science project.

The project, to develop the science and technology case for a new Light Source facility, has been initiated by the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC).

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What a season it's been so far! With appearances from the likes of Jimmy Carr, Frankie Boyle, Reverend & The Makers, Athlete and Kula Shaker already I'll bet you're thinking we have to run out of steam soon? Not a chance! The next couple of months alone boast some huge names and it all kicks off with an essential date for every ladies diary!

Saturday 26 April 8pm - Lucy Porter's Love-In Fresh from Edinburgh Fringe,

Lucy Porter invites the women of Warrington (and any brave men) to her 'Love-In' this month to take a hilarious look at all the aspects of that crazy little thing called love. This self-confessed love addict is

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Wednesday 7 May 7.30pm - Sleeping Beauty

For something little less The raucous, Vienna Festival Ballet celebrate



their 25th anniversary this year with this magical production which is sure to be a wonderful evening for the whole family. Following the traditional fairy tale of Sleeping Beauty and with the musical score by Tchaikovsky, the performance is certain to enchant performance is certain to enchant audiences of all £17/14.50/50

Sunday 18 May 7.30pm - Richard Hawley



News Just In: Following recent release of his new album Lady's Bridge, the fantastic

follow up to the Mercury Prize nominated Coles Corner, Richard Hawley comes to us on Sun, 20 May before launching into this year's Summer Festivals. £17.50

Saturday 24 May 8pm – John Bishop's 'Stick Your Job Up Your A***' - SOLD OUT

The show is all about the joys of telling your boss to do something

that most people might find impossible. Would you leave а successful career to



try and make people laugh for a living? John did. All in the name of 'comedy'. £12/£10

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High school lawyers won mock trial contest



Judge Nicholas Woodward with the winning Woolston High School team.

LEGAL eagles from Woolston High School have won a place in the regional finals of the national Mock Trial competition after impressing a panel of law experts at Warrington Magistrates court.

Mayor Celia Jordan opened the competition involving four schools, three from Warrington, who were all competing for a place in the regional final in

Manchester in May.

Woolston, Beamont and Lowton high schools were given a case to play out in front of a panel made up of magistrates, solicitors and barristers.

Judge Nicholas Woodward presented the 60 students, aged 12 to 14, who took part, with a medal and certificate, while also handing winners Woolston High School a special trophy.

Tony Clarke, chairman of the Community Panel, which jointly ran the event with the Magistrates Foundation, said: "The whole day was held in a competitive atmosphere and I have to say the standard was very high."

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Writer's emotional return to his bombed school

A WARRINGTON writer made a return visit to his school where he was trapped for seven hours in the rubble after a World War II bombing.



Eric Brady made the emotional trip to Sandhurst Road School in London, where he was injured and his older sister Kithy was killed as the bomb hit on January 20 1943.

Their parents had brought them back from evacuation just four months earlier. The bomb hit just after midday and there were 150 casualties with 35 children and teachers killed.

Eric, of Birdwell Drive, Great Sankey, was in hospital for 18 months after the incident and was sent home still severely disabled as 'they had done all they could'.

Describing the day he said: "More

children than usual were running around the playground that day because many were going to a performance of 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' that afternoon, and the fighterbomber pilot must have seen them.

Eric was eating his sandwiches in the school's ground floor dining area when the 500-pound bomb hit directly over it. Kitty had just run into the room when the bomb hit. Parts of the building collapsed burying children and teachers.

Eric was dug out hours later and he was among the most seriously injured. His sister's body was found close by.

He said: "On this visit I stood and looked around the now quiet and deserted playground. In one corner is a memorial garden.

"One wing of the old school (first built in 1904) is still used and has a staircase I well remember. "But there has

been more rebuilding since I went over 10 years ago, and now covers the old dining area where Kitty and I had lain under those piles of rubble for so many long, cold hours."

Eric said it is believed that Kitty died instantly and he lapsed in and out of consciousness. He said the memories are 'etched' into his mind.

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His book Class War, describing his experiences of evacuation and being bombed, can be obtained from www.supamasu.co.uk or by ringing him on 01925 728677.







Army sculpture has pride of place

AN extraordinary sculpture of a Royal Engineers "Sapper" has been given pride of place at the entrance to the regiment's head quarters in Warrington. The striking off high commissioned piece has been carved using a chainsaw and chisel by North West sculptor Martin Bednarczuk.

It depicts a "Sapper", or private soldier from the Royal Engineers, dressed in modern style and is based on the famous Terence Cuneo painting of the Second

The 75 Engineer Regiment (Volunteers) last year became the new residents of The 75 Engineer Regiment (Volunteers) last year became the new residents of the barracks in O'Leary Street, Warrington, which had previously been a base for Territorial Army infantry and the sculpture is seen as a fitting way to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the formation of 75 Engineer Regiment, which also occurred during 2007.

It Col Sean Harris, Commanding Officer, 75 Engineer Regiment (Volunteers) said: "75 Engineer Regiment moved its headquarters last year from Manchester to Warrington and inherited an infantry barracks.

"It was very important in stamping our identity in the area that we looked at

to Warrington and inherited an intantry barracks.

"It was very important in stamping our identity in the area that we looked at commissioning a piece which was very specifically Royal Engineers.

"Of all the engineering roles that we carry out, mine clearance is synonymous with the Corps. Martyn has managed to produce a beautiful piece and where it currently stands in the RHQ entrance, with the back lighting, not only does it clearly show us as a Royal Engineers regiment within Warrington, it also serves as a great conversation piece and gives something for the soldiers to be proud about."





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Girls set to



TWO Warrington teenagers will soon be jetting off to the capital of the USA, Washington DC, to take part in a youth World Leadership Congress.

Jenny Clarke, 15, of Statham Avenue, Orford, and Rachel Jefferson, 15, of Bruce Avenue, Orford, are both pupils of William Beamont High School.

Avenue, Orford, are both pupils of William Beamont High School.

The pair were chosen for the trip after taking part in a three-day Hoby programme (Hugh O'Brien Youth) at Chester University, where they took part in a variety of events including a talent show, entrepreneur workshops and seminars.

They each have to raise £1,600 for the trip – from July 25 to August 2 – to cover flights and accommodation at George Washington University. They are organising fundraising and anyone able to help should call Jenny on 0773 1466921.

In her spare time Rachel enjoys running for Warrington and Cheshire and is soon taking part in a mini Marathan in London.

taking part in a mini Marathon in London. Jenny is Youth MP for Warrington North

She is keen to promote a positive image of young people to counteract what she sees as a negative press of "heavy drinking and fighting."

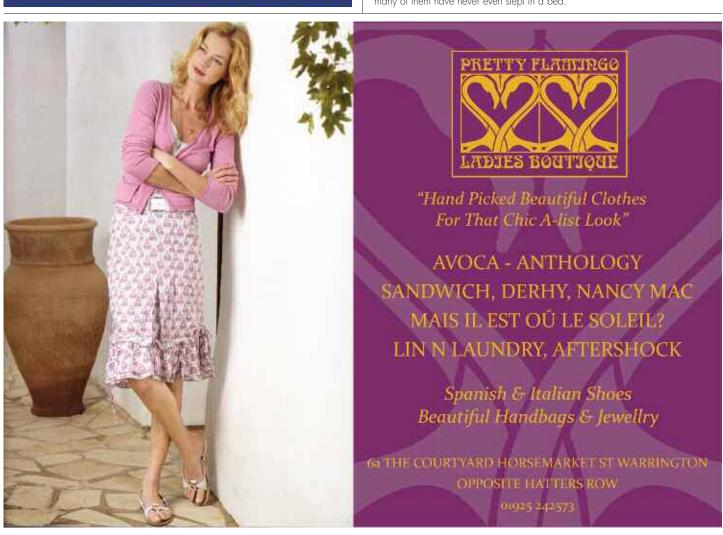
Jenny said: "I know there has been bad press about youths recently – a good example which is close to home is Garry Newlove – but maybe we need to change this outlook.

"Look on life positively, that's one thing Hoby has definitely done for me. My life has been changed and I know that's down to the people I have met and heard their stories, but to have the chance to meet 425 people with new experiences, stories, cheers and tears from 15 different countries, would just be my dream come true!"

Both girls are looking forward to the trip and to meeting people from all over the

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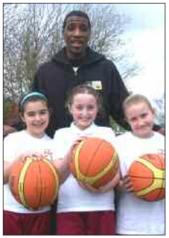
Jenny said: "It will be a really exciting trip and I am really looking forward to it.
"There will be people from Ethiopia there, which is a totally different way of life, many of them have never even slept in a bed."



Bras are big business for super model Caprice







BiG Storage Cheshire Jets star Trey Moore with (l to r) Katie Finnegan, Poppy Willock and Jade Barber.

Pupils enjoy hoops for health

PUPILS at St Peter's Primary School in Woolston, Warrington, got a special visit from the BiG Storage Cheshire Jets Basketball team as part of the

Hoops 4 Health programme. Nearly 70 year five and six students took part in afternoon activity sessions with players from the team, covering a range of issues from playing basketball to healthy eating. Deputy head teacher and head of PE, Helen Lea said: "We are delighted to have the Cheshire Jets visiting us. They have come to try and raise the profile of the sport in school and we will be competing in a competition against other primary schools in the coming weeks.
"We are really keen for the children to have access to different sports at the school. We've recently gained an Active Mark Award for delivering two hours of quality physical education a week and we have also received the National Healthy

received the National Healthy Schools Standard. Hopefully integrating basketball into the PE curriculum is something we are going to develop within school.

Hoops 4 Health has been running for five years in the UK and the BiĞ Storage Cheshire lets are promoting the initiative by visiting 40 primary schools in the Warrington and Chester areas.

Partner at the company Andrew Donaldson said: "For basketball to survive it's got to be a community product first. Hoops 4 Health is a great way to get basketball in the community. We will have visited nearly 70 schools by the end of May.

"We've now got our stall set out to do 120 schools in September, which will make us the number one team in the UK for delivering the programme and will mean we visit every primary school in Warrington."

Every child at St Peter's received a free ticket to the BiG Storage Cheshire Jets next home game at Birchwood Sports Arena on April 20.



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My Journey: Winston Bygrave - Inspector
One of a winning team at Network Warrington



The worm has turned into Radio Warrington

THE Worm has turned - into Radio Warrington and has two new presenters who are going down a storm across the world.

University students Sara Dumbell, aged 19 and Jenny Steel, 20, who are both media students at Padgate Campus, now present their own show every Wednesday from 8pm to 10pm on the town's online radio station www.radiowarrington.co.uk, the new name for Radio Worm.

Because the station broadcasts online it can be heard all over the world and Sara and Jenny, who have been described as "loose women on the radio" have built up

a cult following.

As well as playing their favourite music, which includes classic rock, the girls chat about current affairs and life in general.

Jenny said: "I moved to Warrington to

study Media (Radio Production) and Journalism at the University of Chester (Warrington Campus). I absolutely love it there – my tutors Dave Grimshaw and Rob Caissie are amazing – they're so supportive and really inspire us to work

hard.
"I'd recommend it to anybody who wants to do Radio. I'm really excited about joining Radio Warrington.

Mike Mason, Dave Lawrenson, Steve Lewis and Steve Harris are brilliant presenters so hopefully I will learn a lot from them! It plays a good mix of music and the focus on local radio for Warrington is great!"

Co-presenter Jenny added: "I've met some great people in Warrington and wouldn't want to be at University anywhere else!"

Regular listeners to the station can hear local news presented by the media students from Padgate campus during term time with all the latest breaking news from the Independent Radio Network.

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Cleaning company rescues homeless greyhound

A WARRINGTON based cleaning firm has come to the rescue of homeless greyhound Kizzy.

Paul Clarke, owner of Ovenu, and his family have now taken Kizzy in from a Manchester dogs' home.

Kizzy's racing career was cut short by a muscle injury and she only managed to take part in 11 races

before retirement.

As a result, Paul has agreed to donate £2 from every oven cleaned to the Retired Greyhound Trust.

He said: "It is important for us to put something back out into the community, and my wife and I have always had an interest and passion to help and re-home greyhounds. Kizzy is a lovely addition to our family home and the children love having

home and the children love maying her around."

The Retired Greyhound Trust (RGT) is a national charity dedicated to finding homes for greyhounds at the end of their racing careers.

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Everyone at WDP would like to thank the Warrington residents for there continued support.



Rugby star tackles opening at Bluebird Care

WARRINGTON Wolves star Paul Rauhihi visited Bluebird Care to perform the official launch.

Paul said he was 'really pleased' to be at the launch because he carries personal sponsorship from Bluebird Care.

Tom Farrell, Warrington Wolves fan and Bluebird Care's managing director, delighted to welcome Rauhihi to his new office. "Bluebird Care provides care to people in their own homes we are already seeing considerable interest in what we do", he said. "With more and more people wanting to stay at home rather than to go into residential or institutional care, there is a huge need for a provider of care who sees things from the customer's point of view".

Tom has recruited Sue Mathieson

Care business. Sue has worked in healthcare all her adult life and feels strongly about quality and standards. "Not only do we provide high standards of care but we agree in advance exactly what we are going to do. In that way family members and the customers themselves can make sure they are getting the service they expect. Bluebird Care has been a phenomenal success with 20 offices opening in the last year alone and by providing care to individuals of all ages including those people with varying disabilities, they are fast becoming known as a key player in care provision.

One of the unusual things is that

as Care Manager for the Bluebird

Bluebird Care talks about 'customers' rather than the more traditional 'clients' or even 'patients'. Sue added: "By talking about the people provide care for 'customers' we acknowledge that they have a choice about whether they use our services or not, if we are not good enough, people won't use us. I always use the measure that I will never deliver a single visit of care that I wouldn't deliver to a yulnerable member of my own family. That always seems to work for me".



Paul Rauhihi (left) declares Bluebird Care (Warrington) open, watched by the company's managing director Tom Farrell.







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It won't be calories that Chris will be helping with however - for every item of clothing sold at his store JK Ross, he will donate a pound to Croney's marathon fund.

Croney visited the store on Kerfoot Street in Warrington wearing a specially made massive pound coin to cover his modesty as he bared it all for the North West Charity Wish Upon A Star.

The 45-year-old presenter completed the 26.2 mile London Marathon on April 13 for the third

time and has already raised more than half a million pounds for the charity with TV appeals. Chris Ross said: "We're delighted

to help Paul try and raise some money for such a worthy cause."

Croney completed a gruelling training regime to compete in best possible shape. He added: "This isn't the first time

that Chris and his company have sponsored me for the London Marathon, and they always support me so well. Knowing I'm raising money for charity will keep me going when I hit that infamous wall at 18 miles!"

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New honour for Jett

JEFF Greenwood, Chief Executive of NWSG & Security Staff Training services Ltd, has been appointed President of The Warrington Household Division Association were he has held the post of Chairman for the last three years.

Jeff served with the second Battalion Grenadier guards reaching the rank of Sergeant in a reventley short time and was devastated when forced to leave this great and historic regiment through injury after 12 years service to the colours.

Jeff specialised in combat communications and served in
Northern Ireland, Falklands, United States of America, Kenya and Canada.
While posted in the U/K Jeff was involved in several Queens birthday parades, and carried out guard duties at Buckingham palace, St. James's Palace, Windsor Castle and the Tower of London.

After leaving the regiment Jeff joined the Household Division Association and soon became a leading figure. After several years he was voted by all members to become Chairman, an honour that he relished.

At the Association AGM in March the members announced, that with the support of the Major General Household Division Horse Guards London, through all the hard work and devotion that Jeff has demonstrated through his time as a Grenadier Guard and chairman of the Warrington branch, they would like to honour him with the position of Branch President Household Division Association Warrington.

Jeff said: "It was a great honour to be nominated and I accepted the position with pride." Last year he sponsored a trip for ex-servicemen to visit war graves in France. As well as running NWSG Jeff is also an executive board member and sponsor of Warrington Town FC.

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University students pounding the beat

A PAIR of crime fighting students from the Warrington campus of the University of Chester will soon be pounding the beat on the town's streets.

Daniel Richardson and Lucy Rushton (pictured below) are training to become special constables after completing a hectic six-month selection process.

Both were chosen from a pool of 300 applicants to join a select band of

Daniel, 21, from Warrington, who will be based at the town's central police station, said: "I've always been interested in the police force – I guess rigarians I watch.

"Although I'm currently pursuing a media degree, I would like to keep my

options open, and policing may be an alternative career for me. "He started a 16-week training regime in January and recently joined other special recruits at an Attestation Ceremony at Cheshire Police Headquarters in Winsford, officially recognising his Special Police Constable status.

"All my family came to the ceremony - it was a very proud moment. I can't wait to go out on the beat for real, and put all the skills I have learnt during the



training into practice.

"At first, I will be accompanied by a regular police officer until I achieve my own independent patrol status, which will mean I can patrol the streets by myself," Daniel added.

Lucy, 20, from Hull, will start her training in May and is currently studying Film Studies and Media production at

the Warrington campus.
She said: "It has always been something I have wanted to do from an early age. My dad is a paramedic and a lot of his friends are in the emergency services, so I have always been interested in policing. I would encourage anyone who is thinking about applying to have a go. The application process is very intensive; you have to complete both written and fitness tests, so your heart has to be in it. Personally, I can't wait to get out there and start patrolling the streets."

Volunteer co-ordinator at Warrington campus, Debra Donoghue, added: "The commitment with which both students contribute to voluntary work is outstanding, their enthusiasm and dedication is a credit to them.
There are many fantastic volunteering opportunities for the students to gain additional skills, which can help with

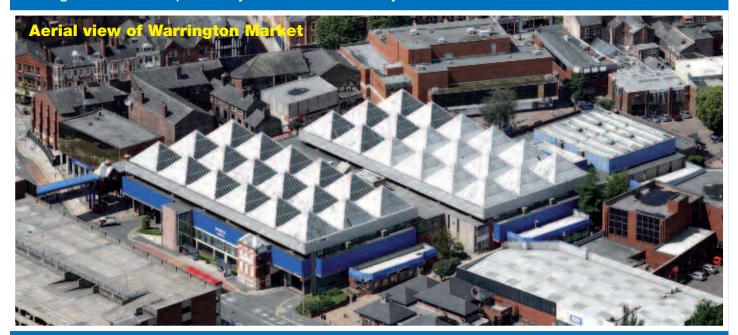
future careers.

"We have many students taking part in volunteer placements at the Warrington campus and in the community, and I am very proud of them all. We would like to hear from any organisation within the community which could benefit from the good work our volunteers do.

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Even if your circumstances mean that you don't qualify for the Enterprise Programme, there's still plenty of other ways you could start your own venture at Warrington Market.

For further information, please contact Paul Blaney at Warrington Retail Market on 01925 632571or by email on pblaney@warrington.gov.uk.





Football and religion – a match made in heaven



WARRINGTON Town football club is turning to God to help realise its dream of gaining promotion to the Football League, by enlisting the help of a club chaplain.

Lee Gilbert, student Minister from the Latchford Baptist Church has been appointed in the role to help people at the club when they need someone to talk to.

Leicester City fan Lee said: "The church is right next to Warrington Town and I wanted to offer the service to the club.

"It is just a case of being there for people who are perhaps going through some sort of crisis and need a friendly ear to listen to them.

He will be attending future matches

at the ground as well as training sessions to try and get to know the people involved at the club.

Registered charity SCORE are supporting Lee with this venture as they resource and network sports the LIV.

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Shadow sports minister shows support

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He met club sponsors and was given an over view of the plans to take the club

forward and into the Football League.

Mr Hunt was impressed by the enthusiasm of those involved and pledged to look at ways of ensuring funds are available for football and other sports at grass roots level

To see an exclusive interview with Mr Hunt log on to **www.warrington.tv**



Mr Hunt (2nd left) with club sponsors (L-R Gary Skentelbery from **warrington-worldwide**, Jeff Greenwood from North West Guards, Kevin Read from Read Properties and Warrington South election hopeful David Mowat, who arranged the visit.





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Past players honoured

THE man who last helped Warrington Rugby League Club to lift the challenge cup, full-back Derek Whitehead, who kicked seven goals from all angles in Rovers, has joined Warrington Past Players' Hall of Fame.

A butcher by trade, he carved up many defences and collected the Lance

Todd Trophy at Wembley during the victory over Featherstone in 1974.

He topped the club's points scoring charts for seven seasons, including a then record matching 162 goals in 1973-74. He made most appearances, with 46, in that seasons all conquering side. He gained three GB caps, two against France and one against New Zealand.

Derek was installed into the Hall of Fame at the Past Players'annual dinner at the Tetley Walker Club on Long Lane. Also added to the Hall of Fame was

Also added to the Hall of Fame was Welshman Ray Price, one of the finest stand-offs of the post war period who arrived at Wilderspool in 1953 from Belle Vue Rangers. He linked up with scrum half Gerry Helme, forming one of the greatest half back pairings the club has ever had. He died in 1988 aged 64 from a brain haemorrhage.

The third Past Player to be added to the Hall of Fame was Longford lad Jim Tranter, who scored 120 tries for the club between 1911 and 1928 and

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The Corporate Manslaughter Act

THE Corporate Manslaughter Act came into force on 6th April 2008 and places greater responsibility on all businesses to ensure that responsibility on all businesses to ensure that they put in place stringent health and safety practices. If they do not do so, and a death occurs as a result of "gross management failure", then a business could be publicly named and shamed and may also be fined up to 10% of its annual turnover.

There is a duty of care placed on all businesses to ensure the health and safety of everyone with whom it comes into contact. A "gross management failure" is where a company's conduct falls considerably short

company's conduct falls considerably short of that duty of care owed to the deceased. To counter a charge of Corporate Manslaughter the directors and managers of the business will need to show that they took all reasonable steps to ensure the health and

safety of those at risk.

The Chief Executive of The Forum of Private Businesses, Phil Orford, has said: Private Businesses, Phil Orford, has said:
"This new legislation means that failure to manage and monitor their procedures could lead to a heavy fine and public humiliation. It is vital that smaller firms undertake a full review of their systems and processes to create and enforce strict health and safety procedures..." Currently, more than 50% of employers have admitted that they are not

Two areas that need to be looked at are firstly the use by employees of their own vehicles in the course of their employment, and secondly the provision to employees of Company Cars. Because there is a relatively high rate of fatalities in road accidents, it is important that all companies ensure that employees are fully aware of the health and safety issues involved in their use.

The most obvious examples of risks that should be managed whilst employees are driving are firstly the requirement to take regular rest breaks during long journeys, and secondly the dangers of using mobile phones whilst driving. There would be little mitigation available to a company if an employee killed someone in a vehicle accident whilst on the phone to his employer unless there is a clear instruction that employees should switch off mobile phones whilst they are driving!

Other areas that need to be carefully considered are:

considered are:
• lone working. The risk of fatality in the event of an accident is greatly increased if an employee is alone on the premises.
• keyholding duties. The risks associated with sending an employee into a potential conflict situation must be identified, and



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

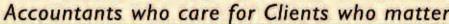
minimised or eliminated. For instance, you could consider using professionally qualified response services.

The above is only touching the surface of a very broad subject. It should be remembered that it has been a legal requirement for several years that all employers with more than five employees have a written risk assessment and health & safety manual. It is now more important than ever that this requirement is met and that the company ensures that they are up-to-date.

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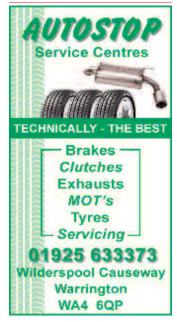
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Chris, an architectural technician with Countryside Properties, knows good quality and a good deal when he sees it and wanted to put his money where his mouth is. He and girlfriend

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He added: "I've been living in Warrington for the last five years and I think it is a great place to live, but my old house had just got too small and we wanted something with more space, especially with Gina's love of shoes!

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