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Editor's Comment

**THE possibility of a giant 'Titan' super prison on the Omega site has become a political hot potato.**

Let's face it – who in their right mind would want a prison as their neighbour?

The current 'credit crunch' we keep hearing about has resulted in the owners of the land, which was once part of the former US Army airbase at Burtonwood, looking at alternative development opportunities – and the prison plan is the one currently making all the headlines.

Unfortunately if the government decide it is the right location for a prison few would bet against it becoming a reality.

Hundreds of local residents have already signed an online petition and local councillors have also voiced strong opposition.

Unfortunately local democracy often goes out of the window with such a big development as it would get 'called in' by a Government inspector who would make a decision based on the 'facts.'

Proposals

Whatever the outcome something will one day be developed on the land. It has previously been earmarked as a car plant, Nato HQ as well as the recent proposals for light industrial/commercial storage facilities.

With the current landfill problems, Warrington will one day probably have to have some kind of waste

incinerator.

Unfortunately those residents opposing the prison will undoubtedly be faced one day with something nobody would want in their back yard.

If it ever came down to the choice of a prison or a waste incinerator I know which I would prefer to live next to - sometimes you have to accept the lesser of two evils.

I hasten to add I have no 'inside information' on any proposals for an

incinerator, I am just aware they are popping up in other areas!

I would appeal to our elected members from all parties to put on a united front and work together to help represent the views of the people and work towards a solution which will bring the most benefits to our town, while at the same time taking on board the views of those they are elected to represent.

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Road safety message for women at risk

ROAD safety chiefs are staging a special roadshow to help women drivers who are most at risk.

Casualty statistics show that female drivers living in Warrington, particularly in the WA4 area, have a higher risk of being involved in a collision.

In a bid to tackle the problem Warrington Road Safety Unit is hosting, 'Heelz on Wheelz', a special ladies night at the Fir Grove Hotel on November 6.

Event co-ordinator Bev Mercer from Warrington's Road safety team said: "Heelz on Wheelz is not just a Road Safety show, it's all about looking after you and looking after your car."

As well as offering road safety advice the event will include hair demonstrations by Johnson's Hair Salon; a fashion show by Ibizaar Boutique (Stockton Heath) along with make-up and beauty demonstrations.

One of the models involved in the event is 16-year-old Ami Hindle from Stockton Heath, Warrington (pictured right and on the front cover).

Ami has already done a number of modelling assignments for Warrington based photographer Nick Giles.

She is helping promote the event, which is targeting young women drivers.

"We wanted to make it a special night to help get the safety messages across," added Bev.

"If we had just done a road safety advice event it probably wouldn't have made much impact but by

involving hair and beauty and fashion we aim to make it much more appealing to women."

Visitors to the event will be shown how to change a tyre, how to check water, when to change oil, winter driving advice, as well as keeping safe when driving alone.

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Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

The light at the end of the tunnel

When things are difficult and on going we often use or hear the phrase about the light at the end of the tunnel. The user of the phrase is basically saying that things are difficult, but there remains hope. Hope that the light will be the solution to the individuals' problem. And yet if we think about that for a while, we often reflect that the tunnel is usually long, straight and dark, and imagining treading through that tunnel is like wading through treacle, that is to say it is not an easy journey.

And yet the light at the end of the tunnel, I feel, is self limiting, it is self sabotaging, it gives little if any motivation to keep going on the difficult journey. And things are difficult for many at this time, and those with greater brains than mine tell us to expect even more difficulties in the economy, which will have an impact on finance, jobs, prices and much more. And there is always an emotional cost to bear too the anxiety and worry, the sleepless nights and fears of job losses and more. Once the emotional price starts to be paid, that is when the phrase the light at

the end of the tunnel is heard and used more often.

And yet, if we self sabotage ourselves by using that phrase, how can we expect to progress to better things, and to a more enjoyable way of life? One of the ways you could help yourself is this: If you imagine the tunnel as long and straight, with a faint glimmer of light at the end, then in your imagination, screw it up, and throw it away! Why? Because since the time you were born you have never had a long straight journey in your life. Life is a series of peaks and troughs, lefts and rights, twists and turns and ups and downs, and if you remind yourself of this at difficult times on your journey through life, you can realise that you only have to take a few steps forward and then look left or right and that's where the light may be. Light doesn't travel around corners, so you could be very close to a solution to your problem, or there maybe someone or something around the next corner that could help you. And if not, you can look forward to taking the next few steps

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and looking around the next corners, and this way you maintain a feeling of taking part in your own healing or solutions.

No longer with the sense of feeling that you just have to put up with whatever is going on and hope for the best. You can be, and do more than that. And perhaps that's a message we should all heed in these more challenging times.

If something isn't the way you want it to be, change it to something else, sometimes its scary, sometimes its exciting and always worth the journey. So when you hear people use that phrase, simply remind yourself that your journey doesn't have to be trodden in the same way.

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The award allows students to practice in Early Years and Health and Social Care related fields at management level.

The Level Five qualification is a new addition to Priestley's syllabus.

At the ceremony former teacher Coun Celia Jordan, an executive member of Warrington Borough Council, handed out certificates to the students and spoke of her experiences studying and teaching.

Bev Devlin, curriculum manager for the area, said: "Our graduates have been such an inspiration to others, to sample, and sign up for learning that will improve their lives, transform their careers and help them to enjoy the many benefits."

"For them, their graduation marks the culmination of many years of hard work and although it is the end point of one stage in their life it is also the beginning of an exciting and promising future."

Picture shows the graduates on the HNC course.



Mountaineer meets his match

WARRINGTON mountaineer Stuart Peacock, who has climbed the world's highest peaks including Everest, was married in a ceremony in the Lake District.

Stuart, son of Mrs Mavis Peacock, of Penketh, and the late Mr Allan Peacock, married Miss Kelly Weston, formerly of Sankey, daughter of Mr Barry Weston and Mrs Alex Bicker.

When Stuart lost his job as an electronics technician, he decided to sell his house to fund his first ascent of Mount Everest.

After tackling some of the world's highest mountains, he obtained a job as a mountain expedition leader.

In 2006 he climbed Everest for the second time, leading a team which included two 19-year-olds, the youngest British climbers to scale the world's highest mountain.

By then he had climbed three of the world's highest 14 peaks - Everest (29,035ft), Kanchenjunga (28,169ft) and Cho Oyu.

He said: "I had dreamed of getting a job in climbing," he said, "but I never really expected the dream to come true - getting paid for doing what I love most. It opens up all sorts of possibilities."

The wedding took place at Leighton Hall, Carnforth, with an evening



reception at the Castle Green Hotel in Kendal. The couple honeymooned in Sharm, Egypt.

Best man was Craig Peacock, bridegroom's brother and Matron of Honour was Mrs Lucy Weston-Small, bride's sister. Bridesmaid's were Louisa Bellis and Laura Bennett, and flower girl was Isla Peacock, bridegroom's niece.

The couple have set up home in the Lake District. Kelly is a nursery nurse working in Kendal and Stuart is a logistics manager and expedition leader for Adventure Peaks in Ambleside.




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Economic conditions in many markets are presently far from ideal. The media is full of negative comment on the state of the banking industry, and the knock-on effect on the economy as a whole. Within Barclays Local Business the message is clear – BUSINESS AS USUAL – we laid down policy and procedures over many years, even when competition within our market indicated we were out of step, we stuck to our guns. The result is we have lent more funds, attracted more credits balances and taken more customers from competitor banks than we had at this time last year. Our proposition and policies have not changed and we are still looking for more businesses to come and join us.

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Actress signs up for peace initiative

OSCAR winning actress Emma Thompson became one of the first to join a unique "100 club" set up to support Warrington's ground-breaking national peace charity.

The '100 Club' is a business club launched by the educational peace charity, The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace, offering like-minded business people and companies the opportunity to benefit from networking events, forums and events in return for commitment to support the Foundation annually.

Ms Thompson, a patron of the Foundation, was one of the first 12 members to sign up to the Club.

Keynote speaker during the launch



was business strategy expert, Chris Daffy.

Chris has a reputation for providing practical, easy to understand ideas and advice based on experience, research and common sense.

His presentations are entertaining, energetic, inspirational and packed with simple concepts that are of immediate value to any organisation, large or small.

Any business representatives wishing to sign up to the 100 Club should contact Wendy Parry on 01925 581 231.



Chris Daffy (left) with Colin Parry at the launch event.

Security company retains quality status

NWSG & Security Staff Training Services Ltd has successfully retained its SIA approved contractor status following a two day audit at their Warrington HQ.

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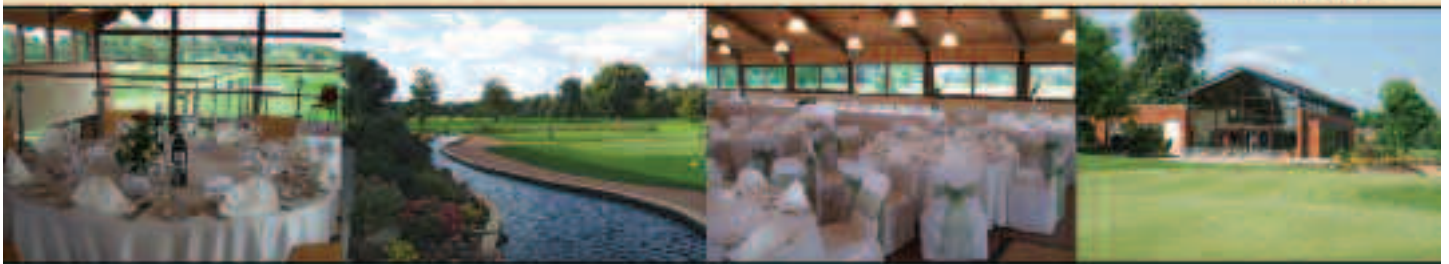
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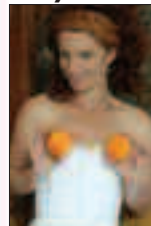
The rain may be pouring, the nights may be getting darker, but Pyramid and Parr Hall have come up with a sure-fire way to lighten the autumn evenings ... a jam-packed programme of music, theatre and comedy!

Tuesday 21 October – Heather Small

Heather Small takes to the Parr Hall on Tues 21 Oct for a special one off tribute to some of her greatest influences and inspirations from the world of jazz in a show which is sure to showcase the power, expression and intensity of her unique talent. (7.30pm, £22.50, Parr Hall)



Thursday 23 October – Pretty Witty Nell



The rich tale of 'Pretty Witty Nell' comes to Pyramid on Thurs 23 Oct (8pm, £10/£9). This witty and colourful one woman-show tells the tale of Charles II's most infamous mistress Nell Gwyn. It follows her journey from the gutters of Covent Garden to become one of the best-loved characters of her day.

Friday 31 October – The Vagina Monologues

The Vagina Monologues is back in town on Fri 31 Oct, 8pm £18/£16 (Parr Hall). As sharp as Sex and The City, as unmissable as Friends and as

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Monday 17 November – Circus of Horrors

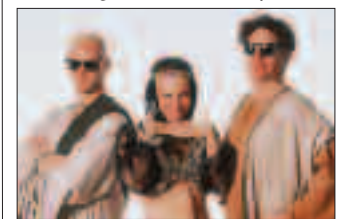


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Tuesday 18 November – The Bible, The Complete Word of God (Abridged)

The Bible, The Complete Word of God (Abridged) on Tue 18 Nov, 7.30pm £16.50/£14.50 is an affectionate and irreverent

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Brand new Jimmy Carr show just announced! Jimmy Carr is bringing his latest show 'Joke Technician' to Parr Hall on Sat 14 March, 7pm £20. Tickets are selling fast for this show, so book now! on 01925 442345.

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The Regulations have now been extended to include the rental and commercial property sectors. From the 1st October, anyone who wants to sell, lease, construct or modify a property will have to supply an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). This will include sub-letting. An EPC must be made available to any prospective buyer or tenant at the earliest opportunity and no later than when a viewing is conducted or when written information is provided about the building.

Where commercial properties are concerned, the type of information

that the assessor will need in order to prepare the EPC will be a lot more detailed than for a residential property. The assessor will need detailed information on the dimensions and construction of the building, plus details of heating and ventilation services.

Unlike residential transactions, the EPC may well be used by tenants as

a negotiating tool – perhaps to reduce the rent payable if the property is not energy efficient. There could also be scope for some landlord to try to increase the rent or the service charge for providing a 'greener' property!

The penalty for not providing an EPC is fixed, in most cases, at 12.5% of the rateable value of the building, subject to a minimum penalty of £500 and a maximum of £5,000. And remember – even if a fine is

imposed, the EPC will still be required! It is important to remember that it is the responsibility of the Seller or Landlord to provide the EPC – even if an estate agent or letting agent has been appointed – so be sure to double check that any agents acting on your behalf are complying with the Regulations.

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Pie-lovers mourn death of Bessie Ardern

PIE-LOVERS are mourning the loss of Bessie Ardern, the founder of Warrington's world-famous Arden's pies.

Bessie, whose granddaughter Joanne still runs the Willis Street based bakery with her husband John Hull, passed away quietly in her sleep aged 101.

She started the business in 1932, supported by her late husband Jack

Wood, converting a terraced property in Willis Street during an era when being a businesswoman with your own shop was relatively unheard of.

In the 1980's Bessie passed the bakery over to her son Geoff Wood

but still played a major part in the business, getting up at 4am to turn on the ovens.

It was only in her 90's that she was forced to give up her role due to failing eyesight.

In 2001 the bakery was passed to Joanne.

Bessie was solely responsible for creating the famous meat and potato pies and the recipe is still exactly the way she would have liked it.

Joanne said: "My grand-mother was a unique woman and we are sure she would be delighted to know that so many people still love her pies.

"We are all extremely proud of what she has achieved."

In recent years the business has expanded with outlets around the



town - but the pies are still baked where it all began in Willis Street.

Popularity of the pies remains so strong that when ex-pats revisit the town one of the first things they do is take a trip down memory lane to sample one of Bessie's legendary meat and potato pies.

A fisherman's tale!

MEMBERS of Penketh and Old Hall Angling Society (POHAS) are pictured avidly reading their 25th Anniversary article published in the October issue of the **warrington-worldwide** magazine.

They picked up copies to keep them occupied while waiting for the fish to bite during their final Summer League match which was held at Cudmore Fishery near Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire.

For all the latest news on the fishing society which encourages youngsters to get involved in the sport visit www.pohas.co.uk/news.html



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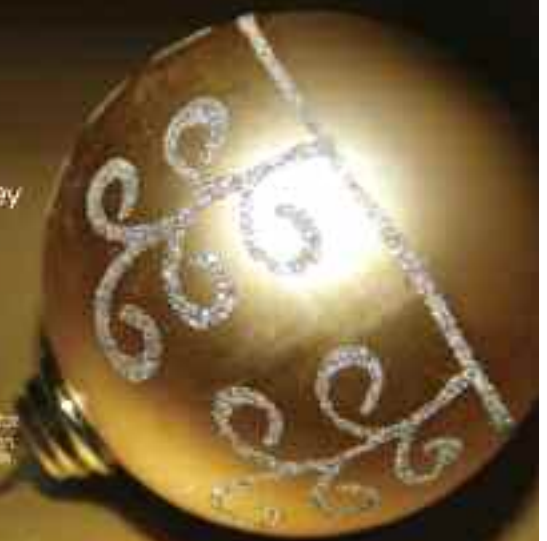
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Hospital unveils £2.5m scanner

A NEW state-of-the-art MRI scanner has opened at Warrington's Spire Cheshire Hospital, as part of a £2.5 million imaging suite.

The 1.5T Siemens Magnetom Avanto scanner is housed in a spacious scanning suite which blends seamlessly with the existing hospital at Stretton.

It houses a control room, a consultant reporting room, a reception and waiting area along with welfare facilities and changing rooms.

The Siemens Magnetom Avanto - formally opened by the Mayor, Coun Graham Welborn - offers new levels of excellence in MRI scanning.

Patient comfort is the key. Innovative design with a wider bore, makes it easier for patients to get on and off the scanner.

For claustrophobic patients, the new scanner enables feet first examinations for the majority of MR procedures.

For obese patients, it supports up to 200 kg (400lbs), without table movement restrictions.

Ultra lightweight coils make it significantly more comfortable for all patients, especially those who are very sick and audio comfort

technology reduces decibel levels up to 97 per cent.

The Avanto also delivers the kind of performance needed for the most demanding MRI exam with high performance technology, impressive image quality, high speed and high resolution and shorter scan times.

All aspects of MRI are available - musculoskeletal, neurological, ENT and abdominal and pelvic imaging.

Specialist examinations include breast imaging, cardiac and stroke assessment.

A hospital spokesperson said: "The suite is staffed by highly specialised radiographers with extensive MRI experience and all examinations are reported on and protocolled by consultant radiologists who are experts in their specialist areas."

"The suite operates seven days a week and reports are usually available within 48 hours of the examinations."

More details are available from 01925 215067.



Charities urged to bid for funding

Charities and community organisations in Warrington have until November 12 to bid for a share of a £2.33m funding pot to help vulnerable people reduce debt and get the right benefits and tax.

Voluntary and community organisations, charities, social enterprises, mutuals and co-operatives can apply.

The HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) funding available for 2009/2010 is £1.05m, with another £1.28m available for 2010/2011.

The head of HMRC's third sector team, Derek Tilstone, said: "Many vulnerable people don't claim benefits that they are entitled to. This money will assist the people who need it most."

"Our aim is to ensure also that people are made aware of how they can reduce their debts and pay the right tax."

Organisations will be told if their bids have been successful by January 19 next year.

For the funding guidance check: www.hmrc.gov.uk/vcs/guidance0809.htm

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James has the Midas touch!

by Gary Skentelbery

A WARRINGTON based archaeologist who has been carrying out research into an ancient settlement for the past 10 years is celebrating in style after strike gold at the double!

Using his trusty metal detector James Balme struck gold twice in local fields, unearthing rare gold sovereign coins.

Well known in the region for his discovery of ancient treasures left behind from the Bronze Age, Iron age and Roman periods of history at Warburton near Lymm, James has now uncovered two gold finds from a different era.

James from Woolston, explained: "I have been carrying out intensive historical and archaeological research for a decade which is a landmark in itself. The ten years has flown by and during that time my research has unearthed countless treasures from ancient times proving that the area was populated from the prehistoric period right through until the present day. My work has attracted a lot of media and TV coverage during



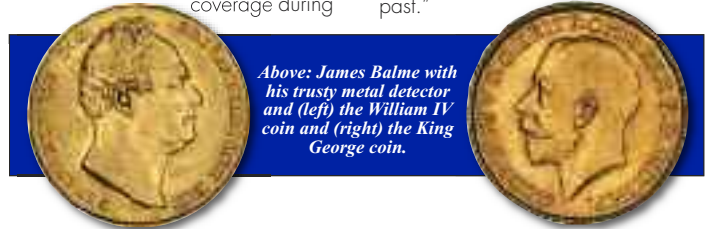
that time culminating in a Time Team programme filmed in the village in 2006.

"My latest discoveries are just as exciting as many of the ancient treasures I have made. Whilst searching a new area of land recently I recovered two gold coins in pristine condition within just a few days of each other.

"The first coin is a rare gold sovereign of William IV dated 1832 and is in excellent condition. The second coin is a half sovereign of George V dated 1915.

"To find one gold sovereign is quite rare but to find two gold sovereigns in close proximity is a great achievement."

James said: "Following this latest discovery I will be continuing my research for the foreseeable future to uncover more evidence of our ancient past."



Above: James Balme with his trusty metal detector and (left) the William IV coin and (right) the King George coin.



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Drumming up support

POLICE are drumming up support for their band - and are looking for volunteers from the Warrington area.

Volunteers are needed for the Corps of Drums and the band's musical director, Inspector Dave Woollam, is urging volunteers to get in touch.

He said: "The Corps is a real focal point on our parades and we also intend to include them in our concert programmes. We currently have three side-drummers but would like more.

Anyone who is interested in joining the band and wants more information can contact Dave Woollam on 01244 613349 or by email on david.woollam@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

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Olympic medallist, Steve Parry, inspires young people

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***President Mary McAleese visits the Peace Centre
to learn more about the work of the Foundation***

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Welcome to the Autumn edition of Peace Talks



So far, the year has been exceptionally busy with no summer slow down as we normally encounter. Instead we have been receiving requests for our work from across the country.

As well as continuing our traditional 'Full On' programme with 13-16 year olds who are at risk of exclusion from mainstream education, we have developed the programme further so we can now offer progression points towards GCSEs through the Open College Network accreditation process: this adds value to what is already an exceptionally well received programme. The first two of these programmes began in September.

Demand for tailored programmes has increased and we are now delivering programmes to tackle specific conflicts in Leeds, Wiltshire, and Liverpool and will shortly begin in West Cheshire.

We have welcomed two new members of staff on our Youth and

Communities team and you can read more about them below.

September was a busy month with two key events held at the Centre: At the beginning of the month we launched our '100 Club' with the first fifteen members. Chris Daffy, a consultant in service strategy, was guest speaker to an audience of business people and supporters. See page 7 for further information about the 100 Club and its benefits to members.

On the 30th September, the Foundation held a 'Voice of the Victims' Conference with victims of terrorism from across Europe, and used this as a platform to officially launch our 'Survivors for Peace' programme, details of which can be found on page 5.

Clare White
Chief Executive

... new staff ... new staff ... new staff



Ellie Shrier

Ellie joined the Foundation as a Project Worker for the Youth and Communities Programme in September. She brings a diverse array of experience from working with young people in the US, UK, and Dominican Republic. Ellie recently completed her Masters Degree in Conflict Resolution at Bradford University.



Jon Nicholas

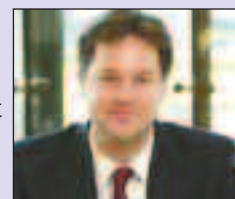
Jon joined the Foundation in September as the Senior Project Worker for Youth & Communities. He studied Psychology at The University of Glamorgan and Theatre at The Webber Douglas Academy in London. He joined Geese Theatre UK which provides interactive creative work for offenders and agencies that work

with all aspects of the criminal justice system. He further developed a career as a community theatre facilitator and has worked with many groups and individuals exploring issues around personal and group conflict.

Political figures visit the Foundation

Two prominent politicians visited the Centre to see and hear for themselves the outstanding work of the Foundation.

Newly appointed Leader of the Liberal Democrats, Nick Clegg, accompanied by the Lib Dem PPC for Warrington South, Jo Crotty, met Chairman Colin Parry and Chief Executive Clare White. Nick Clegg was fulsome in his praise for the vital work of the Foundation and expressed the wish to be kept informed of its progress.



In July, Shadow Minister and Conservative MP for Horsham, Francis Maude, visited the Centre with the Conservative PPC for Warrington South, David Mowat.

Francis Maude has the brief of developing party policy in respect of Charities and the Voluntary Sector and was impressed by the efforts of the Foundation to build on its successes despite the difficulties small charities face in raising the vital funds needed, not only to survive but also to expand and reach more people than ever before.

The President of Ireland visits the Peace Centre

President Mary McAleese visited the Peace Centre to learn more about the Foundation's work with young people and the 'Survivors for Peace' programme, which works with adults affected by terrorism or politically motivated violence across Europe.

After a tour of the Centre, President McAleese said that she came to Warrington "to pay tribute to the spirit of the people, including the Parrys, who have worked tirelessly towards peace and reconciliation and fashioned a new sense of hope. It is the debt we owe to children like Tim and Johnathan."

She recalled the bombing 15 years ago and said: "... That dreadful Saturday, when two gorgeous little lives, lovely innocent human beings, were extinguished, two routes were open to the families in their despair and sorrow - the route of anger, hatred and vengeance, or the courageous one taken by Colin and Wendy Parry."

Mr Parry said: "For a Head of State to find the time to visit the Centre and learn more about our work is fantastic. It is great recognition for those who work for the Foundation."

The Irish Government has committed 75,000 euros (approx £59,000) over the next three years to help the Foundation to continue its Leadership Development Programme.



Steve Parry inspires young people at presentation evening

In July, the Foundation held its bi-annual presentation evening which was supported by Olympic bronze medal winning swimmer, Steve Parry. Steve spoke about his own

experiences during the Sydney Olympics and the commitment, motivation and determination that he had to fulfil his lifetime's ambition. This proved to be an extremely powerful message to the young people who attended the event to celebrate their achievements in our 'Full On' programmes.



The 'Full On' programmes are focused on young people aged 13-16 years who are at risk of exclusion from school or who are disengaging from

education. The event recognised the individual accomplishments of students from 18 programmes held since January who had successfully completed their course. The hard work and commitment demonstrated by the students was evident in the enviable success rate of 87% of the students achieving formal accreditation from the Open College Network.

The 'Full On' programme continues to be delivered to young people across the country, including Warrington, and will also shortly be introduced to schools in Wigan through funding from the Learning + Skills Council.

Sir John raises awareness of the Foundation's work

The Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH, Patron and supporter of the Foundation, hosted a dinner at Arley Hall, Cheshire, to raise awareness and funds for the Foundation.

Guests, including leading figures from around the North West, came to hear Sir John speak about his experiences during his time in office as Prime Minister, and about the vitally important work the Foundation undertakes tackling violence, conflict, prejudice and discrimination.

Speaking of the event, Co-founder



and Trustee Wendy Parry, said: "We are extremely thankful for Sir John's support. This is the third time that he has given his time to host an event on our behalf and to help us raise awareness and support for our work. The setting of Arley Hall was ideal for

a small dinner of this kind and made for a great atmosphere for the event."

Chief Executive, Clare White, said: "The Foundation is tackling some of the key issues facing our society today – violence, discrimination and prejudice. We work with adults and young people to help them find non-violent solutions to their conflicts. Unfortunately in today's society, these are skills that are increasingly in demand as we hear continually in the news of violence erupting on our streets. The young people that we have worked with see that they can make a positive difference in their own lives and their communities by using the skills and techniques we have shown them."

The event was sponsored by M&S Money and MWH UK Ltd.

Lee and Gemma receive Outstanding Young Citizens Awards

US Senator George Mitchell, who successfully led the political parties in Northern Ireland to the historic Good Friday Agreement in 1998, delivered the prestigious Roscoe Lecture on April 24 at Liverpool's Philharmonic Hall.

During the evening two outstanding young people, Lee Beswick and Gemma Bennis, who had graduated from the Tim Parry Leadership Development Programme, received an award for being Outstanding Young Citizens.

Kelly Simcock, the Foundation's Programme Manager said: "These young people truly deserve this award. Since participating in the programme, they have made an invaluable contribution to our organisation by taking part in everything from International workshops to promotional material for the Foundation.

Significantly, they have taken their learning from the Leadership Programme and have worked with younger peers in anti-bullying and



dance workshops in the wider community. We are very proud of their achievements."

In memory of a good friend and trustee

Mike Sanders, a leading figure in local government, planning and European co-operation, died suddenly at the age of 62. Mike was Chief Executive of Warrington Borough Council from 1989 to 1997, and in 1995 became a Trustee of the Foundation. A room at the Peace Centre has been dedicated to his memory. 'The Michael Sanders Room' was officially opened on 19th September by his wife Hilary and daughter Alison.



Launch of Survivors for Peace



Claire White with Dame Helen Reeves.



Delegates at the conference.

Voice of the Victims

On 30 September, the Foundation hosted the 'Voice of the Victims' Conference in conjunction with the European Network of Victims of Terrorism (VNET – see below).

The conference heard testimonies of people from across Europe who have been affected by acts of terrorism, including the London (7/7) bombings, the Madrid train bombings, Omagh and victims of terrorist attacks across the world.

Speaking at the event, the Foundation's Jo Dover said: "The Conference gives victims an opportunity to speak out and challenge the common misunderstanding that being a victim means you are powerless. They told

their fellow victims of the ways in which they have changed their lives for the better, and by doing so they showed solidarity with each other and were less isolated in their experience".

The keynote speaker was Dame Helen Reeves, founder and former Chief Executive of Victim Support, and also a Founder Member and Chair of Victim Support Europe. Dame Helen spoke of the role that victims can play in improving policy and services for other victims, and the moral authority they hold to effect change.

The Conference was the first of four to be held across Europe. It focused on victims and how they have transformed their lives in a positive way.

European Network of Victims of Terrorism (VNET)

The European Network of Victims of Terrorism (VNET) was initiated by the Asociación de Ayuda a las Víctimas del 11M (AAV11M), formed after the Madrid train bombings in March 2004. In 2008, funding was secured from the EU to create VNET II, The Voice of the Victims.

The year long project enables victims' voices to be heard and for them to contribute to National and pan European debate, policy and practice across the EU.

The first event was held in Warrington, and is being followed by

events in Amsterdam, Madrid and Turin.

As part of the year's events, a survey is being undertaken to better understand the needs of people affected by Terrorism.

VNET II partners are: AAV11M - Spain; Impact – The Netherlands; Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace; 7th July Assistance and Omagh Support & Self-Help Group – United Kingdom; Associação Portuguesa de Apoio à Vitima – Portugal; Familles du DC10 d'UTA – France; Associazione Vittime del Terrorismo – Italy.

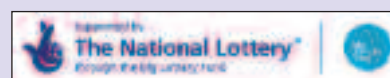


Official Launch of Survivors for Peace

The event also marked the official launch of our 'Survivors for Peace' programme, funded over three years by the Big Lottery Fund.

This programme offers people living in England affected by conflict and terrorism, the chance to turn their experiences into a positive

contribution to peace in their own lives and communities. This process provides activities such as: storytelling events where participants can share their experiences with others in a safe environment; advocacy skills training to develop participants' ability to advocate, and a new accredited leadership



development programme.

If you are interested in taking part in or finding out more about the Survivors for Peace programme, please visit our website (www.foundation4peace.org) or contact the team here at the Foundation.



Tim Roberts.

Annual charity golf day

The Foundation would like to thank Tim Roberts, MD of I-Com Internet Communication, for sponsoring our annual Charity Golf Tournament at Portal Golf & Country Club.

The winning teams were KPMG in 1st place, M&S Money in 2nd and the Royal Bank of Scotland in 3rd.

The winners of the 'Nearest to the Pin' were Gareth Moulson from Nat West Bank on the 16th and John Miller from I-Com on the 5th.

Wendy Parry, who organised the event said: "We had a fantastic day and with the help of our sponsors, we raised £5000. The weather

couldn't have been better and the staff at Portal, as always, went out of their way to make sure the event ran as smoothly as possible. After the evening meal, Vince Earl entertained the players which ended the event in a very special way."

The Foundation would also like to thank the Companies and their teams for taking part and making this event enjoyable and worthwhile.



Vince Earl.

Our Charity Golf Tournament for 2009 will be on Thursday 18th June.

If you would like to take part or sponsor the event please contact Wendy on 01925 581231.



Foundation volunteers join British Olympic swimmers in Great North Swim

Volunteers swimming to raise funds on behalf of the Foundation joined the Olympic GB team in the first ever Great North Swim. The event took place at Lake Windermere and over 2000 swimmers took up the challenge of the one mile open water course against the stunning backdrop of the Lake District National Park.

In addition, two young people from Warrington, Aisha Thornton and Mike Tujeshyn from Warrington Warriors Swimming Club, swam for the Foundation in the Elite races with the Olympic team. (Aisha won a silver medal in the 1500m freestyle at July's National Championships and Mike is a 800m freestyle specialist). Carol Nuttall, a Trustee of the Foundation, also took part, valiantly completing the swim to raise much needed funding for the Foundation.

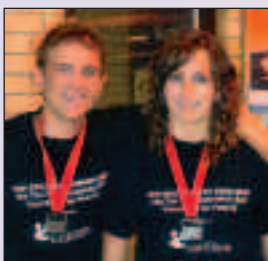
The Great North Swim is the latest event to be launched as part of Take To The Streets – a national activity programme designed to fight spiralling inactivity and obesity rates and raise funds for charity in the process.



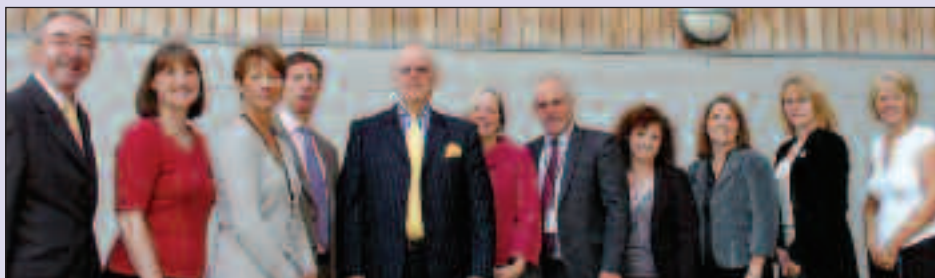
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Fiona Carson	28.48
Carl Francis	37.48
Katie Rimmer	
Roger Woodcock	38.48
Carol Nuttall	59.57
Willaim Singleton	40.20
Lee Doherty	40.38
Stein Pearson	37.55
Martin Robinson	49.00
David Pearson	
Kimberley Watts	38.55
Aisha Thornton	
Michael Tujeshyn	20.57
Amanda Mansfield	
Laura Wheatley	42.09
Thomas Wheatley	42.09
Caroline Bayne	37.29
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Nicholas Parker	33.23
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Thank you and well done!



Emma Thompson is one of the first to join the Foundation's '100 Club'



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The Foundation launched its '100 Club' on the 19th September and Oscar winning actress and Patron Emma Thompson was one of the first to join.

The '100 Club' is open to individuals and businesses and contributions to membership will help to create a sustainable income enabling the Foundation to plan for the future and continue the delivery and development of our programmes. Members will benefit from networking events, an online forum hosted by the Foundation,

recognition on the Foundation's website with links to their Company or personal website, and recognition in the Foundation's newsletter in return for their commitment.

Speaking of the Club, Ms Thompson said: "I have been a supporter of the Foundation's work for many years and I am delighted to be part of this new initiative which will benefit both local businesses and the Foundation and I urge you to support this vital work."

The Foundation was also delighted to



have Chris Daffy as keynote speaker at the launch. Chris, who is a business strategy expert, runs seminars around the world and kindly gave his time freely to help make the day a great success.

Speaking at the launch event, Co-founder and Chairman Colin Parry said: "We are delighted that Emma has become one of the first members of the '100 Club' and she has shown, yet again, how supportive she is of our work. We would also like to thank the companies and individuals who have become members and we hope they too will be as passionate and enthusiastic about our work as Emma."

Peace talks at Creamfields

The Foundation would like to thank Volunteers who helped to collect hundreds of pounds at this year's Creamfields festival. The Foundation would also like to thank James Barton and his staff who organised the event, Inspector Debbie Dobbs and her colleagues for their help and support before and during the event and Warrington Borough Transport.



Louise Blinkhorn, Catherine Carr, Louise Cullen, Jonathan Arundale, Gemma Kelly, Karita Bharti, Abbi Parry, Will Fields, Leanne Mowat, Huw Buckley, Wendy Parry, Joanne Neeson, Nicola Mowat, Parreen Bungawada and Carley Stevenson.



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Gary Unsworth
Steve & Clare O'Connor
Jonathan Ford Accountants Runcorn
Corporate Culture Liverpool & London
The Northwest Development Agency
Pitman Training
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If you would like further information about the '100 Club', or would like to become a member, please ring Wendy or Clare on 01925 581231.

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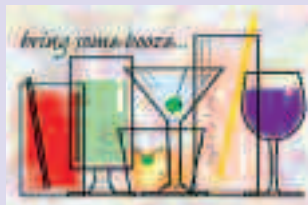
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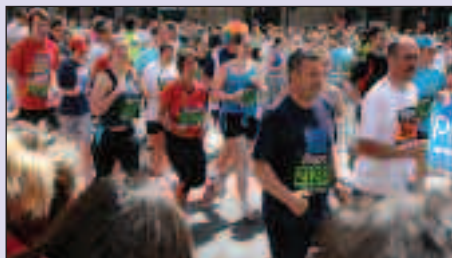
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New beast at Cantilever Park



WARRINGTON Town's new mascot The Legend made his debut at Boteler High School - the home of his creator 15-year-old Micheala Whitaker.



The Legend, who was designed by Micheala as part of a competition organised by the club, proved to be a huge hit with pupils who were handed free tickets to attend games at Cantilever Park.

Meanwhile Micheala had the honour of leading out The Legend at the club's home game with Lancaster, which included a community/business networking event prior to kick off. Also in attendance was Miss Warrington Holly Ikin to tame the new beast of Cantilever Park!

The Mayor of Warrington Council Graham Welbourne was on hand to show his support by meeting The Legend at the school, along with the mascot's sponsor Paul Wenlock from Print Magic and club manager Paul Moore.

Pupils were soon clamouring to get pictures of the mascot on their mobile phones.

"We hope The Legend will become

the talk of the town," said manager Paul.

"He will certainly bring a fun element to the game and I am sure he will be extremely popular with the players."

Warrington are the first club in the Unibond League Division One North to have an official club mascot and it is hoped to engage in some friendly rivalry with Warrington Wolves mascot Wolfie.

The mascot is just one of a number of new initiatives to raise the profile of football in Warrington, with the ultimate aim of having a Football League club in the town. The club is holding a sportsman's evening on Friday November 14 when Liverpool legend Ronnie Whelan will be guest speaker. Tickets cost just £25.

For more details contact **warrington-worldwide** Editor Gary Skentelbery.





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Craig with players Phil Hadland and Dave Tickle, manager Paul Moore and The Legend with members of the Johnstone's Paints team.

Celebrity teams up with Town to open new store

DIY expert and original Big Brother winner Craig Phillips was special guest at the opening of the new Johnstone's Paints store at the site of the former Penketh Paints in Buttermarket Street.

Craig, who hosts ITV 1's sixty minute makeover programme was joined by players from Warrington Town FC and new club mascot The Legend to celebrate the official opening of the new Johnstone's Decorating Centre.

Craig recently skipped Town in a charity match at Cantilever Park during a celebrity clash with stars from Channel 4's Hollyoaks, while Johnstone's have become the club's principal shirt sponsor.

Formerly Penketh Paints, the new Johnstone's Decorating Centre has reopened following a complete refurbishment programme.

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Panto time!

PANTO season is fast approaching with the cast of the Parr Hall's fun-packed family pantomime, Robin Hood and The Babes in The Wood, limbering up for the annual event.

This year's panto will take place from Saturday, January 3 to Sunday January 11 2009.

Stars of the show are Laura Jarvis, as Robin Hood and Steve Luck, Nurse Dolly who are pictured with "Bad robber" Jonathan Richards and "Good robber" Craig Cousar.

Laura is a product of the Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts where she studied a three year performing arts diploma and has performed in various shows including UK tours of The Tempest and King Arthur with the Chapterhouse Theatre Company.

Steve has been in TV's Heartbeat and performed in various pantos and became a regular favourite with the Ugly Sisters Roadshow in Bournemouth for three years.

Last year he was one of the ugly sisters in Cinderella at the Opera House, Manchester.



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Tenants ask council to remain landlords

COUNCIL house tenants who have taken the lead in helping to shape their own future are recommending the council should remain in control of its own properties, via its 'arms length' organisation Golden Gates Housing.

The Housing Options Panel, created to lead a review of council's housing stock, has recommended to the council that the stock should be transferred to a Registered Social Landlord (RSL) and for Golden Gates Housing (GGH) to become the RSL to run it.

The decision comes following a survey of tenant's homes including feedback from tenants and GGH employees and prompted by the current GGH contract coming to an end in February 2009.

The panel, consisting of five tenants, five GGH staff and five councillors, was tasked with looking at various options to safeguard the future and standards of

all 8,800 houses and flats plus 220 leasehold properties.

The panel has been meeting since April and has taken evidence on all aspects of the decision with members visiting a number of housing management organisations to assess the advantages and disadvantages of different management models.

The whole exercise is geared towards securing the best future for the housing stock, meeting tenants' needs and making sure that all the homes at least meet the national Decent Homes Standards for the next 30 years.

The review also involved an independent survey of council homes,

which included assessing the current conditions of the properties, required repairs and improvements that could be made to bathrooms, double glazing, doors, heating, fences and gutters.

Tenants also held a variety of successful conferences where they could find out more about the survey, register their feedback and discuss the review as a whole.

All the information was then used to guide the panel's thinking on a number of options before making their recommendation.

Doreen Moors, chair of the panel, said: "As a tenant I found this to have been a very interesting and productive exercise.

"We looked at all the options, visits and most importantly the feedback we received from tenants, including the consultative panel, conferences and surveys, in a variety of ways.

"This proved invaluable in order to help the panel make the right recommendation for all council tenants, which will provide for continuous higher standards of decency to their homes."

Coun Bob Barr, Executive Board

member for planning, regeneration and housing, said: "We are determined to ensure that our current and future tenants get the best housing service possible which delivers decent homes in good neighbourhoods. This recommendation is critical to make sure that that happens.

"I am very grateful to all members of the panel and in particular the tenants and the Chair, for the time, the care and the attention they have given to considering this important recommendation. It points the way for the best future for Warrington's housing stock."

The panel's recommendations will now go to the council's Executive Board in November, followed by Full Council at the end of the year.

Subject to the outcomes of these council meetings a submission of options appraisal form will go to the Government Office North West for consideration and approval.

Find out more - visit www.warrington.gov.uk/housing and click on 'housing options appraisal', or call the housing options appraisal team on freephone 0800 952 9942.

Johns returns for one night only

AUSSIE rugby league star Andrew Johns, who guested for Warrington Wolves is returning to the club for one night only.

Johns will be special guest at the Warrington Wolves Supporters Trust and Squadbuilder fund-raising dinner on Saturday, December 13 at 7.30pm in the Platinum lounge, at The Halliwell Jones Stadium, Warrington.

The former Warrington Wolves, Newcastle Knights and Australia international will be part of an evening featuring a two course Heathcotes dinner and entertainment by comedian Venn Tracy. The MC for the night is Graham Lovett.

Tickets are £30 each. Tables for 10 or 12 people are available or individual tickets can be purchased. Places are strictly limited so please book your place now to avoid disappointment.

For more details call Roy on 01925 818064 or email: roy.chicken@squadbuilder.co.uk



WDP gear up for Christmas

THE first string of activities being organised by Warrington Disability Partnership will start on Saturday, November 8.

The Annual Christmas Tombola at WDP's Disability Information Point (in the rear hall of Warrington Market) aims to raise funds to support many of WDP's crucial services. With tickets just 25p (5 for £1) and fantastic prizes to be won, this is well worth a visit to support this local charity.

Join Ollie Owl, Father Christmas and friends for the official opening of Santa's grotto at noon, Saturday December 6, outside the Information Point.

Entrance to the grotto costs just £2.50 including a present from Father Christmas. The grotto will be running on a number of dates throughout December (See www.disabilitypartnership.org.uk for dates).

Tickets for the Christmas raffle draw will be on sale throughout November and December. Top prizes include a 19" flat screen colour television, digital camera and luxury christmas hamper.

Tickets cost just 50p and are available from: Shopmobility, Leigh Street Car Park, Warrington Town Centre; Disability Information Point, Warrington Retail Market Centre for Independent Living and Beaufort Street, Warrington.

For further details, please contact Caroline Thompson on 01925 240064.

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Looking for a gift? Trying to find items to brighten up your home? Fair 4 All is a great place to browse as there is always something different and inviting with new items frequently being displayed.

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Of course, it is also an ideal place to stock up on all your Fairtrade food such as coffee, tea, juice, dried fruit, pasta, rice, sugar, cereal, biscuits and snack bars, not to mention Divine Fairtrade chocolate!

Fair 4 All is a not for profit co-operative and all of the staff are volunteers. They are an enthusiastic team who believe fair trade is a practical, positive way of transforming lives in some of the poorest countries in the world: through justice rather than charity.

Customers return regularly because of the friendly, personal service and huge variety of

gifts for all ages. They also want to know that their purchase will give farmers and workers in developing countries a fair deal, providing decent wages, good health and safety standards and often bringing benefits to whole communities.

One of the business' aims is to increase understanding about fair trade and Fair 4 All give talks to local groups and schools and can also provide a sale or return stall. In addition, the shop always has a variety of free information on display.

Fair 4 All also run a number of awareness raising events throughout the year, these include the very popular Fair Trade Fashion Shows, Christmas Shopping event and various tasting & awareness days within the market. For information about the latest event contact the stall 01925 415121.

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Stars shine for town

CELEBRITIES from TV soaps including Hollyoaks, Brookside, Emmerdale Farm and Coronation Street, turned out in force at Warrington Town FC during a special charity match organised to support two local charities.

Stars from Channel 4's Hollyoaks football team took to the field against a Warrington Town Select XI, led by Big Brother star Craig Phillips, to raise much needed funds for Warrington Disability Partnership and SPARC during the event at Cantilever Park.

More than 1,000 fans packed into the ground to help create a carnival atmosphere as the match ended in a 1-1 draw - with Hollyoaks winning the penalty shoot out.

The Hollyoaks team was led Nick Pickard, alias Tony Hutchinson, who appeared in the first ever episode of the Channel 4 soap.

Other celebrities who supported the event included Coronation Street star Kim Marsh and Carley Webb, alias Debbie Dingle in Emmerdale Farm.

Funds raised on the day helped raise money for Warrington Disability Partnership and SPARC, a local charity which helps people with learning difficulties find meaningful employment.

After the game there was a mini-pitch invasion from young autograph hunters as the celebrities posed for photos with their fans.



Kim Marsh (left) and Carley Webb.



Nick Pickard with fans.



Craig Philips with young fans.

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Death of a legend

WARRINGTON Rugby League legend Harry Bath, one of the club's greatest ever players and a former World Cup-winning coach, has died in his native Australia at the age of 83 after a long battle with illness.

Bath was recognised as one of the two greatest players never to have played for Australia - another Warrington favourite, Brian Bevan, being the other.

Bath and his wife Gwen kept in touch with Warrington, where they spent nearly 10 "very happy" years.

Just two years ago, Harry donated his treasured Championship medal to help raise funds for another club Captain Mike Gregory, who was suffering from a muscle wasting disease.

Harry and Gwen decided to donate the medal after hearing of Mike's plight via **warrington-worldwide**.

The medal now sits proudly in a



display case at the Halliwell Jones Stadium after a charity game organised by the club, helped raise thousands of pounds for the Mike Gregory Trust Fund.

Bath won Premierships with Brisbane Souths and Balmain before switching to an English competition in 1947, which at the time, was regarded as the strongest in the world.

Bath started out at Barrow before going on to enjoy tremendous success with Warrington, with whom he won the Challenge Cup in 1950 and 1954.

He was also a vital component of the Warrington team that completed the impressive League and Cup double in 1953/54, contributing more than 300 points to the cause and kicking goals in all the important matches.

By the time he returned home to Australia in 1957, he was the most prolific try-scoring forward, most prolific points scorer and second greatest goalkicker in the club's history.

Even now, almost half a century later, he still holds one club record, for scoring 363 points in the 1952/53 season.

The former goalkicking forward



captained Warrington to Challenge Cup glory in 1954 before a then world record crowd of 102,569 at Bradford's famed Odsal Stadium.

He is the only man to top the pointsoring table in both England and Australia.

He returned to Australia in 1957, finishing off his career with the Dragons. Aged 32, he helped St George to three Premierships in a row before enjoying similar success with Balmain and Newtown and also coached Australia to success in the 1968 and 1972 World Cups.

Bath passed away after a long illness and is certain to be honoured by the NRL.

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Capital Allowances

WHEN a business acquires a piece of plant or other capital asset then there will generally be some tax relief available in the form of 'Capital Allowances'. Until recently you were allowed relief at a rate of 25% per annum, with small and medium sized businesses being able to claim a higher proportion in the year of acquisition. From April, however, all this has changed.

1. Now all businesses, regardless of size, receive an Annual Investment Allowance of up to £50,000. Capital expenditure up to this level can be written off against tax in full in the year of acquisition, giving an effective rate of First Year allowance of 100%. Any expenditure above this limit is added to the 'pool' of assets, and will receive a Writing Down Allowance each year. The rate at which this is given has, however, been reduced from 25% to 20%.

Groups of Companies will only be entitled to one Annual Investment Allowance between them, and this also applies to companies and other businesses which are under common control if either:

- they share premises, or
- they operate in the same or similar trade

2. At the same time, a 'Special Rate Pool' was introduced for equipment that is integral to a building. These 'Integral Features' attract a Writing Down Allowance at the reduced rate of 10%. The type of assets to which this is applied includes:

- lighting and electrical systems
- cold water systems
- space or water heating systems
- air conditioning and air purification systems
- lifts, escalators and moving walkways.

Before the introduction of the Special Rate Pool any eligible assets of this nature were included in the main pool. These assets will continue to attract the normal Writing Down Allowance of 20% in the future.

3. Long life assets, that is assets with an expected life of more than 25 years previously attracted relief at 6% per annum. This has now been increased to 10% in line with the Integral Features, with which they will be amalgamated.

4. Industrial and Agricultural buildings also attracted an allowance although at a much lower rate of 4%. These Industrial Building Allowances and Agricultural Building Allowances are both being



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reduced by 1% each year until they are completely eliminated.

Some things have not changed. Allowances on cars are still restricted to the first £12,000 of costs although the rate is reduced from 25% to 20% meaning that the maximum allowance is now reduced from £3,000 per annum to £2,400 per annum. Similarly, the enhanced allowances of 100% are still available on energy-saving and environmentally efficient plant and machinery.

Please note that these ideas are intended to inform rather than advise and you should always obtain professional advice before taking any action.

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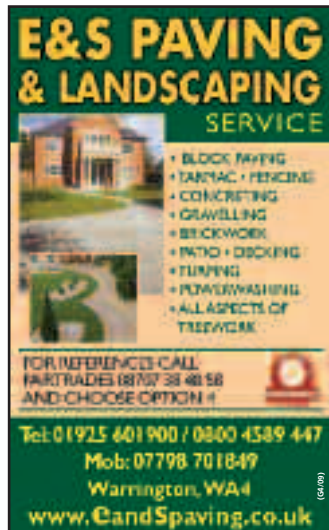
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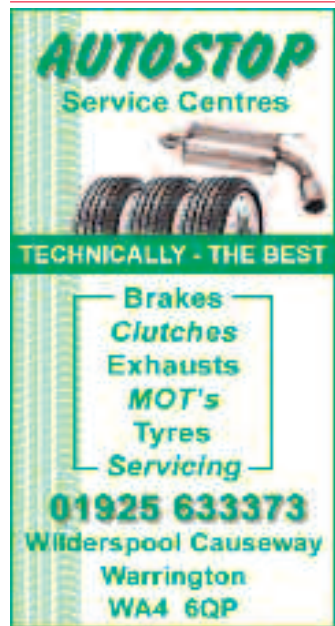
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