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Editor's Comment



SEEING the Football League Trophy at Warrington Town's family fun day hammered home just how much work is required if the town will ever be able to boast a professional football team.

As the largest town in the country without a professional team, it is long over due - just look down the road at Wigan!

The club certainly seems to be moving in the right direction and securing the backing of Johnstone's Paints as principal sponsors for the forthcoming season, has provided a major boost.

To succeed the club really does need the full support of the local community and this is already happening.

At the family fun day it saw local charities like Claire House Hospice, Warrington Disability Partnership and the Shannon Bradshaw Trust, all

working together.

Warrington Borough Council and the town's Super League club Warrington Wolves are also fully supportive of the club's ambitions as everyone can see the benefits of having a professional football league club in the town.

Being involved as a director of the club I certainly hope Warrington Town can reach the dizzy heights of the Football League and full understand the

huge effort required to achieve this goal.

It would be great to see as many people as possible down at Cantilever Park throughout the season and a full list of fixtures can be found at the club's website www.warringtontownfc.co.uk

To encourage more people to come along the club has decided to allow ALL children aged under 16 FREE admission to all league and cup games this season, when accompanied by an adult.

Hospital reunion

A FORMER employee of Newchurch Hospital, Culcheth is holding a reunion for anyone who was involved at the hospital before it closed 16 years ago.

Helena Campbell, a former Clinical Nursing Officer at the hospital, is organising a reunion at the Harrow Pub in Culcheth for all ex-members of staff to take part in.

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Town get a taste of future

WARRINGTON Town got a taste of their possible future when the the Johnstone's Paints Football League Trophy was paraded at Cantilever Park as part of a special charity family fun day to help kick start their season.

Now in the Unibond Division One North, Town romped to victory beating Claire House Hospice All Stars 6-0 in the pre-season friendly, which also saw the reserves clinch a 2-1 win over New Longton FC from Preston.

The All stars suffered an early blow when ex-Man United star Lee Martin, who won the FA Cup with United against Crystal Palace in 1990, limped off with a ham string injury.

Town also suffered a major blow with last seasons leading scorer Thomas Lamb suffering a groin injury.

The two games were part of a family fun day in aid of Claire House Childrens Hospice and special guests included former Man City star Gary Owen, now the club's ambassador, FA Cup Final referee Joe Worrall, who was made an honorary member of the club, TV presenter Mark Olly and Lord Hoyle, Chairman of Warrington Wolves.

The event was also featured live on Radio Warrington, the town's community radio station and provided an opportunity for other charities, including Warrington Disability Partnership and the Shannon Bradshaw Trust, to showcase their work in the community.

The club's new sponsors Johnstone's Paints, sponsors of the

Johnstone's Paints Trophy, paraded the Football League Trophy at the ground giving the Town players a taste of their possible future, with the ambitious club aiming to be knocking on the door of the Football League in the next five years.

With the club also set to launch a new mascot to rival Wolfie – the future's bright – the future's yellow!



Johnstone's Paints Managing Director Greg Molyneux (right) and Matthew Baines, Channel Marketing Controller, Richy Sutton and club ambassador Gary Owen.



Left: Kevin Read, Doug Hoyle, Jeff Greenwood, Gary Owen, international referee Joe Worrall, and Matthew Baines.

Front cover picture shows new signing James Thomas and club ambassador Gary Owen with Claire Bear and the Football League Trophy.

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Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

A simple question!

I would like to ask you a question and would request you think about the answer. The question is this, "Who is the most important person in your life at the moment"? Think about it, and when you have thought about it many readers might reply, wife, husband, girlfriend, boyfriend, children, parents, sons, daughters, niece, nephews, perhaps close friends for some it might be the cat, dog or budgie. But I wonder how many readers would say them-selves?

Many of you who took the time would have identified perhaps six or ten people (or pets) who you would have thought about before yourself. And yet if you stop to think about it, why did you not include yourself? Or if you did, why were you lower down the order of importance?

Think of it this way. If you identified six people or ten people when you answered this simple question, what you have really identified are six or ten people, who would have a hole ripped out of their lives if you were not part of their lives. Therefore it is important to remember we are important. We may have people depending on us; we have people to support, work to do, goals to

achieve, and if we don't look after ourselves how can we look after others, how can we continue supporting and providing for them, financially, emotionally and physically. The simple answer is we can't.

So this is not about being selfish, for many it is more like self preservation! It isn't about being intransigent it is simply about caring for yourself and in this way you are more able to meet your commitments to others, and continue to be an important part of their lives.

It is more important than ever that we learn how to cope with internal and external demands. External demands are quite easily identified; open any newspaper and we read about the credit crunch, negative equity, high prices, wage restraint, higher taxes, poorer services, society's downfalls and much more.

Yet these serve to compound the internal demands, the worries, and the anxieties and fears which many experience. Work overload, relationship difficulties, disharmony in the workplace, perhaps being out of work or being too ill to work. Nobody ever asks for anything tomorrow, these

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days things always seem to be needed now, or yesterday. If we don't get enough rest and self nurturing we can make matters a whole lot worse, and that is in nobody's interest. So what can you do? You can share your worries and concerns, discuss health issues, you can learn to relax.

The reality is many of the situations I mention may not be easy to change, but we can see them through different eyes! Regular readers will know that each thought creates a physical response, by improving your thoughts, sharing problems, being open to new options of choice and considerations you can see situation in a new way, put things in perspective, bring the resources of your mind and body together to achieve your goals. If you need guidance ask, if you don't have time to come to see me, visit my website mentioned on the left of this page. Remember the question I asked, and now consider your reply, and notice any difference.

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Danny performed flawlessly at Priestley College, not dropping a single mark in his Art A-level over a two-year course earning him the title of Student of the Year.

He has just completed the first year of an Architecture course at Cambridge University after attaining A-grades in his three other A-levels physics, geology and maths at the Loushers Lane college.

Natalie has just left Birchwood High School where she studied



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Pathways to Work is a high profile government funded programme that focuses on helping individuals on health related benefits back into sustainable employment.

Chris Bailey, CEO of the Intraining Group thanked staff for their obvious hard work and addressed a packed house which included high profile

employers, local support agencies and representatives of DWVP and Jobcentre Plus.

"Many people on health related benefits are able and truly want to work," said Chris.

"Some people may have had careers in the past and their illness has forced them to re-evaluate what they feel comfortable and able to do. Illness or disability doesn't just impact on an individual; it impacts on the whole family."

Other speakers at the event included Mark Wilson, District Manager of Warrington/Cheshire JCP and Dave Thompson MBE,

Assistant Director of Inclusions & Partnerships for NHS and Chair of the Warrington Disability Partnership.

Richard Hatley representing Tesco Stores plc, gave an employer's perspective:

"Tesco is committed to supporting the Pathways to Work programme. Individuals that have been out of employment for a period of time prove to be some of our most dedicated and reliable members of staff."

After the presentation, guests

enjoyed a complimentary hot buffet and a networking opportunity. The delegates clearly enjoyed the event and are now looking forward to engaging with the Intraining team to create employment in the region.

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Sunday 28 September - Paddy McGuinness

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Thursday 9 October - Cara Dillion



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Saturday 11 October - North Cheshire Wind Orchestra



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TBC - Heather Small

Heather Small, known as 'the voice' of Manchester-based band 'M People' makes a welcome appearance on still TBC (7.30pm £22.50). In



2005, Heather's solo single 'Proud' became the official soundtrack for London's 2012 Olympic bid.

Other not to be missed highlights for the autumn season include: Justin Moorhouse's 'Ever Decreasing Social Circle' on Sat 18 Oct (8pm £11/£13), Colin Fry on Thurs 23 Oct (£20 7.30pm), The Vagina Monologues on Fri 31 Oct (8pm £18/£16) and Jane McDonald on Sun 2 Nov (7.30pm £27.50/£22.50) and 4 Poofs & a Piano on Sat 8 Nov (£14.50/£12.50 8pm).

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A team of 12 from the 'Cherry Wheelers' made up of regulars at the Cherry Tree Pub, Culcheth and sponsored by J&K Ross, raised in excess of £6,000 for Christies Hospital.

The team completed their ride in just over five hours, suffering nothing worse than a little sun burn! Special thanks to support drivers Mark Sinclair and Gary Holcroft.

Pictured (top) are back row, left to right: Mike Robertson, Colin Hewerton, Nigel Berry, Stuart Forshaw, Chris Ross, Simon Hurt, Paul Jones and Sian Heron. Front row, left to right: Red Evans, Colin Scott, John Mooney and James Millar.

Meanwhile five people completed the ride on behalf of the Warrington Disability Partnership.

Graham Horton, Tommy Hammond, Derek Crossley, Gavin Thompson and Matthew Lewis completed the 62 mile ride to raise funds towards the cost of a new fully accessible caravan, which will enable more local disabled people, their families and carers to enjoy an affordable and accessible break.

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The editor's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Runner aids charity



A CHARITABLE runner from Warrington has put his best foot forward to complete a half marathon in aid of local charity Sparc.

Matt Pitt, senior supervisor at Iceland in Warrington, completed the 13-mile Chester half marathon to raise £217.50 for the charity that helps disabled people find employment.

Matt was made aware of the charity's work by fellow employee and Sparc member Derek Prescott, who has worked for the supermarket for four years.

The money will now go towards general finances for the charity, with Matt planning to complete another marathon in aid of Sparc next year.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with Sparc should contact the charity directly on 01925 494 423 or email sparc@warrington.ac.uk

Matt Pitt left, Derek Prescott centre and Job Coach Caroline O'Brien right

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Adopt a red squirrel

YOUNGSTERS from across the borough turned out to support a Red Squirrel open day at Walton Hall Gardens.

Around 30 youngsters visited the gardens to learn more about the squirrels and how to adopt them.

They were taken on a guided tour of the children's zoo, before painting and making models of the animals and embarking on a scavenger trail.

Ranger Peter Cookson said: "A lot of people have been asking about the Red Squirrels, which is why we put on this special event.

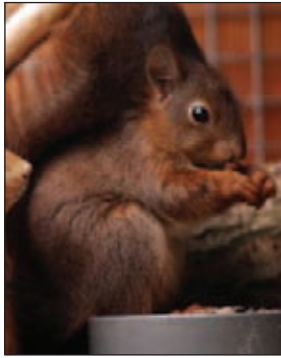
"We've been running the adoption scheme for four years and it has been going from strength to strength."

The Friends of Walton Estate run the adoption schemes that help children and families adopt one of the animals at the Walton zoo.

Red squirrels are nearly extinct in England and Wales, with only some lone colonies remaining on The Fylde, in the Lake District and Northumberland.

Currently the children's zoo at Walton has raised 14 Red Squirrels, three of which have gone into a special programme to be released back into the wild.

Adopting a red squirrel costs £20 per person with everyone who opts into the programme receiving a newsletter, adoption certificate, invite to an adopters evening and a card



on their birthday from the squirrel.

Peter added: "This is great scheme to get involved in and funds raised will go towards our next project of having an animal hospital and food storage facility."

For more information about getting involved in the Red Squirrel adoption scheme,

or any of the other adoption schemes, contact the rangers on 01925 601 617.



Left to right: Jason Mansell, 10, Jake Williams, six, Catherine Penrose, five and Georgia Maddock, nine.

Police accused of 'spin' over crime figures

CHESHIRE police have been accused of 'putting their own spin' on crime figures for Warrington to make it appear they are winning the war with the criminal.

Local campaigner John Mulhall raised the issue at a meeting of Warrington Police Forum when he claimed the town accounted for 29 per cent of all crime across the county while having less than 20 per cent of the population.

He said: "That is a massive difference and what it means is that Warrington needs more police officers.

"The level of crime is disproportionate when compared with the population of the town."

But Chief Supt Gary Finchett said Mr Mulhall's figures were incorrect. In fact, he said, crime in Warrington accounted for only 21 per cent of the whole of the county. He claimed the figures given at the Police Forum meeting

were for the police northern area, which included Widnes and Runcorn as well as Warrington.

British Crime Survey comparator Crimes figures for April 2007 to March 2008 show total crimes for Warrington were 10,197, compared with the Cheshire figure of 47,384.

Chief Supt Finchett said the Northern area figures were compared by police to "most similar basic command units", such as those in Merseyside, rather than rural areas of Cheshire such as Knutsford. On this basis, he said, the area performed well.

Crime figures in Warrington were affected by "pockets of deprivation" in the town. But he stressed that overall levels of crime in the past year were down by 10.6 per cent. He said Police Community Support Officers were making an impact.



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Spotlight

'Cracking a smile'

Since Crackpots! opened in Latchford village at the beginning of July, owner Alison Reed has been smiling despite the dismal weather.



A unique venture, the Crackpots! offers adults and children alike the chance to pass a few hours in a welcoming and creative setting.

Equipped with an onsite kiln, visitors to the café can paint their own pottery safe in the knowledge that they'll be able to use it every day once they've taken it home.

Meanwhile, younger children can kick back, run around and have fun in the soft play area - meaning adults can relax or get crafty. Even babies can get in on the action - handprints or imprints make handy keepsakes for the family, especially as we all know how quickly those kiddies can grow. Alison used to be a primary school art teacher - possibly one of the reasons that Crackpots! offer imaginative children's parties and school bookings too.

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Spotlight on Latchford

Amoda Beauty

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With nearly 10 years in the beauty industry, proprietor Anna and assistant manager Gemma offer experience and quality in all aspects of beauty; and with a clear ambition to continue and expand on the phenomenal success of the first six months, it's obvious that it will continue in the way it has started.

Regular client, Carolyn of Grappenhall would highly recommend the salon "After trying numerous salons around Warrington, I decided to try Amoda Beauty. I was first attracted to the salon by the Guinot treatments and when I enquired I was welcomed with fantastic knowledge and advice of what would suit me best. The salon has a great atmosphere that's not only

relaxed but friendly as well. The different monthly packages on offer make it affordable and give the opportunity to try all sorts of treatments, which I wouldn't have tried otherwise".



WELCOME to *warrington-worldwide's* spotlight on Latchford village, at the heart of the local community.

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Streets set to come alive!



Residents are being invited to Warrington town centre when the streets will come alive during the August bank holiday as Warrington Town Centre Partnership presents two days of street theatre.

Warrington Streets Alive will feature performances outside the market, at Market Gate and in Bridge Street from some of the North West's top entertainers.

There will be a mixture of static and live shows each day between 12 and 2pm outside the market and between 12 and 3.0pm on Market Gate and Bridge Street.

"In a Spin" will feature in the static show and is based around a musical washing machine and 'ironing board of death'.

"Bar Ha Ha" is also part of the static show and is a performance of multiplying bottles, flying glasses and country music.

The walkabout show will feature 'The Crooning Captain', which gives the audience the chance to join the captain in his mobile barrel bar for live songs and tomfoolery.

"Los'Ironaut" will be asking for directions during the bank holiday as this intrepid spaceman taxis along the streets on his electrically propelled space shuttle in search of mission control.

Picture shows Stilt Walker one of the acts appearing during the two day street festival.

BBC in media initiative

THE BBC is to work together with the Warrington-based North West Media Centre to open up pathways into employment in the media industry and develop new talent within the region.

A partnership agreement has been signed between the University of Chester – whose Warrington campus houses the media centre - and the BBC ahead of the corporation's move to Salford in 2011, which will see the creation of a modern, multimedia broadcast and production centre in the north, part of moves to better reflect and represent the whole of the UK.

The new centre at MediaCityUK in Salford will be home to around 2,400 BBC staff. Five key London-based departments, including two TV channels and two radio stations, will be making their new homes in Salford: BBC Children's (including CBBC and CBeebies); BBC Formal Learning; BBC Future Media and Technology; BBC Radio Five Live (including Five Live Sports Extra); and BBC Sport.

The partnership between the university and the BBC will help to identify new talent, focus on learning and development, build relationships within communities, and develop clear pathways into the BBC and the wider industry.

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Get walking - to discover Warrington!

RESIDENTS in Warrington are being encouraged to discover some of the "hidden" wonders of the town by venturing out into the miles of countryside the borough has to offer.

Warrington has more than 450 public rights of way, stretching a vast 215km through fields, woodlands and by watersides, all of which have hidden treasures waiting to be discovered.

A dedicated team works all year round to maintain and improve the standards of footpaths so that they are ready and available for residents.

A 2007 survey revealed that 74 per cent of the footpath network was considered "easy to use."

The borough council's executive member for Environmental Services, Alan Litton, said: "There are public paths throughout Warrington giving opportunities for access to the

countryside. Outdoor activity is beneficial for both physical and mental wellbeing.

"You may wish to explore the area that you live in or maybe try going further afield. And there are many ways of enjoying the countryside; on foot with the family and a picnic, or for the more energetic try cycling or even horse riding.

The council is asking residents to follow the countryside and cyclist guides when using the outdoor features of Warrington.

A list of the guidance points can be found by visiting www.warrington.gov.uk or by visiting the Contact Centre in Horsemarket Street.

Police get on bikes to fight crime

POLICE in Warrington are using pedal power in the fight against crime - thanks to the arrival of 12 new mountain bikes.

Warrington Central Neighbourhood Policing Unit will benefit from the bikes and new safety equipment.

Officers from the unit have spent weeks pounding the beat on foot, but

now they will be firmly in the saddle when out on patrols.

Inspector Andy Ross said: "The bikes are a great tool for neighbourhood officers as they enable them to cover a lot of ground. It means they can keep a close eye on larger parts of the community in short spaces of time.

Discreet

"The bikes help us access areas which are out of bounds to a car and enable us to approach areas in a much quieter, more discreet way - we can be alongside people before they have any idea we are around.

"These are great benefits when it comes to catching offenders or monitoring a problem in a particular area."

The mountain bikes are used by police officers, PCSOs and special constables and bear police livery and police markings.

Officers using the bikes will be equipped with helmets and high-visibility jackets, which were funded by the Safer Warrington Partnership.

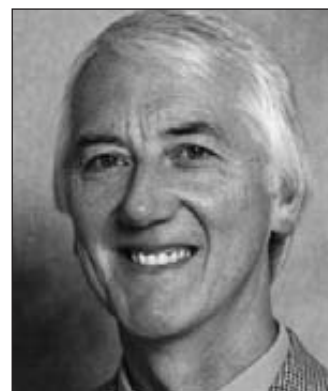
PCSO Kath Harkin said: "The bikes help improve our visibility and accessibility in the local area, which is vital when you are trying to build up close links with the local community.

"Residents want to see us out and about and they want to be able to stop and talk to us about issues in their area. If an officer is out and about on a bike then it makes it much easier to do that.

"We can cover a large area on the bikes but are still very accessible to anyone who wants to stop and talk to us - it is much easier to wave down an officer on a bike than one driving a patrol car.

"The bikes are a really effective tool in neighbourhood policing and are invaluable in our work with local communities."

Stockbroker on the move



KEVIN Culleton, a Stockbroker and Financial Adviser with Edward Jones, has moved to a new office in Latchford on Knutsford Road, from his previous premises at Warrington Business Park.

A familiar face in Warrington, Mr Culleton has lived and worked in the community for all his life, including 25 years in financial services before joining Edward Jones in 2006.

Kevin said, "I was already an experienced financial adviser before joining Edward Jones, though I can now also trade stocks and shares. I am supported by my colleague Cath Conroy who looks after all administration matters".

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Top award

STAFF at one of Warrington's most popular beauty spots are celebrating after being awarded a Visitor Attraction Quality Assurance Service award.

Walton Hall Gardens is now officially 'a great place to visit' after achieving the national award at the first year of entry.

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Volunteers will be 'green' voice

A GROUP of Warrington volunteers is set to become the voice for the town's green spaces, parks and waterways.

The newly created parks and green spaces forum was launched at the town hall and is made up of representatives from a variety of voluntary groups with a direct interest in Warrington's 'green spaces' networks.

Their duties will involve overseeing the future provision and use of facilities like water spaces, angling, parks, green spaces, sports, nature reserves and allotments.

Warrington Borough Council's project delivery team will directly support the forum who are already recognised as an important component in terms of decision making affecting the town's green



Members of the new Parks and Green Spaces Forum.

spaces.

Chairman of the forum Dianne Jones, said: "We will be looking at a variety of topics and through sharing knowledge and information, talking about possibilities and problems we will seek to positively influence the continued development and improvement of Warrington's parks,

green spaces, and waterways'. For further information on the Parks and Green Spaces Forum contact

Dianne Jones on 01928 716389 or by email to jonesdianne@btinternet.com

It's a Knockout fun day!

A COMMUNITY family fun day being organised by the Shannon Bradshaw Trust is sure to be a knockout event.

The trust will be staging the event, which features an "It's A Knockout" competition, to raise money for local schools.

On the day there will be a guest appearance from local celebrity and patron to the trust, Steve Arnold (Ashley from Coronation Street), as well as fair ground rides, bouncy rides, tombolas, a barbeque area and beer tent.

Mary Bonner, Chairperson of the trust and organiser of the event, is still on the lookout for companies to sponsor teams for the competition.

She said: "I am looking for companies to sponsor or part sponsor teams taking part in the community fun day. Also, I am looking for individuals to compete in teams of 10, 24 teams in total.

"This particular event will go towards raising funds for It's a Knockout equipment. The charity wants to run an It's A Knockout competition fun day for schools to take part in. The winning schools will get funding to use in their individual development areas."

The Shannon Bradshaw Trust raises money for children in the UK who have life-threatening illnesses and local schools.

It was set up in the memory of Shannon Bradshaw, a young Warrington child who sadly lost her battle with Aplastic Anaemia in 2002.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or taking part in the event should contact Mary on 01925 407 058, or 01925 471 170.

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Warrington Farmers Market



Town Centre – Saturday 6th September

The countryside comes to Warrington Town Centre on Saturday 6th September as local producers from within a 30 mile radius sell a massive range of food from cheese, fish, honey, cakes, vegetables to meat, game and traditional poultry at this highly commended market.



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Traders from Warrington Market will combine with other local producers to put on the traditional farmers market in the town centre.



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School celebrates 100th birthday

PUPILS past and present packed out a primary school in Warrington to celebrate its 100 years of education in the town.

There wasn't a spare seat in the house as people visited Alderman Bolton Primary School in Latchford to celebrate the school's centenary.

Current pupils performed a musical show while the older former pupils relived the memories of by-gone days.

Former Mayor of Warrington Harry Whitehead, 85, became a pupil at the school in 1931.

He said: "There used to be unemployed men on street corners on my way to school. They came every day hoping to be picked up for work. It was a time of poverty; I do not remember ever having a coat and some children didn't even have shoes."

Brenda Elwell, who started in 1952, can distinctly remember the

headmistress of the time, Ms George.

She said: "She was strict, but fair and what I do remember about her was her jingly jangly charm bracelets. You could hear them before you saw her and knew to behave."

The oldest former pupil in attendance was Alice Fairbrother, who will be 97 in November.

She said: "We didn't speak to the boys - well not in school hours anyway. What happened outside of school gates is another story."

Current headteacher Lyndsey Glass, added: "The whole event has made us realise how special the school is to its community and how important schools are for the future."



Alice Fairbrother and George Crompton, former pupils of Alderman Bolton.

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A chance to shape the future

RESIDENTS are being given the chance to shape the future of Warrington by suggesting improvements to the town through a public consultation exercise.

The Warrington Partnership is aiming for the town to be one of the best places to live and work in the UK by 2030 and is asking residents for their thoughts on how to achieve this.

A draft of the Sustainable Communities Strategy has been drawn up and covers all aspects of community life including health services, leisure facilities, making areas safe, schools, and job opportunities.

Other ambitions for the strategy are to maintain a strong economy, provide a sustainable, attractive and vibrant environment, create safe, strong, flourishing communities, ensure everyone has good health and well-being, and inspire people to reach their potential and lead fulfilling lives.

The deadline for participating consultation questionnaires is Friday, October 3, and is open to all residents of the town to share their views and ideas for Warrington 2030.

Deputy leader of the borough council Keith Bland said: "This is a hugely ambitious plan but we believe we need to set bold aspirations if we are to make the improvements that our residents deserve. Residents have the right to influence the future of the town and we want people to be actively involved, giving ideas, taking ownership and making it happen."

"Warrington is already a great place. We have excellent education results, relatively low crime and unemployment levels and a very successful, regionally significant economy. We want to build on this success and make Warrington an even better place for everyone."

To take part in the consultation, visit the Warrington Partnership website www.warrington.gov.uk/lsp, or call 01925 443513 to request a hard copy of the draft.

Thanks for a memory...

A LOCAL library is celebrating its 40th birthday by asking residents to share their fondest memories.

Penketh Library celebrates its 40th birthday in October and staff are compiling a book of recollections to mark the occasion and want to hear from Penketh and Sankey residents.

The borough council's executive member for Community Services, Coun Roy Smith, said: "Anyone can contribute - age doesn't matter - the library would be happy to receive two or three sentences or something more substantial. Don't forget, things that are happening today will be history tomorrow and we are keen to record all of this for posterity."

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New legend in town

A NEW legend is set to appear at local soccer club Warrington Town this season - thanks to the talents of a 15-year-old schoolgirl.

Pupils at Boteler High School's art department were set a project to design a club mascot to rival Warrington Wolves' Wolfie and were told to create something which promoted a healthy sporty lifestyle, which could promote the club and the town.

The prize was a computer for the school, donated by IT specialists Pro-Networks, £100 for the winning pupil, plus a free season ticket for the winner and the two runners up.

The winner was Micheala Whitaker, aged 15, a Year 10 pupil who lives in Howley. Her stunning design featured a leopard named The Legend, which is now set to appear thanks to the sponsorship of local company Print Magic.

The prizes were presented by Club manager Paul Moore and striker Kev Towey (pictured right) at a special school assembly. Manager Paul said: "We were all stunned by Micheala's design. The amount of detail was fantastic and we can't wait to see the Legend running up and down the pitch cheering on the team. It will be inspirational. "We've already got



someone lined up to wear the costume and I am sure The Legend will be more than a match for Wolfie - and we are hoping for some friendly rivalry with our friends from down the road at the Halliwell Jones."

The Legend name is most appropriate as Warrington Town's most famous son is England World Cup winner Roger Hunt, who was talent spotted playing on Cantilever

Park for Stockton Heath, who later became Warrington Town.

Roger, who lives in Culcheth, was signed by Liverpool and became a legend winning the world cup.

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Downturn In Economic Activity

AFTER nearly 20 years of continuous growth we are now facing a downturn in economic activity, and there is more and more talk of the country going into recession. Particularly hard hit at the moment is the construction industry, but as the slowdown continues then the sectors affected will spread.

This is a particularly worrying time for all businesses, and it is perhaps time to look at a few ways to help ride out this storm.

It is always important to control costs and never more so than in difficult trading conditions, and one 'cost' that must be controlled is that of stock. It is very tempting to continue to produce goods when sales drop off in the hope of a recovery. This is often justified by saying that the stock will be required to meet orders when the sales do revive, but if that recovery is delayed then that stock must still be paid for, resulting in cashflow difficulties. These difficulties will be further amplified if that stock then needs to be cleared at a reduced profit or even at a loss. It is critical, therefore, for a business to closely monitor it's levels of stock and work-in-progress.

Controlling costs requires planning

and forecasting, and is part only of a much bigger process which includes forecasting your future cash receipts and payments. A sale is only completed once the cash has been received from that sale, and one major reason why some businesses become bankrupt is that a customer does not pay them for goods delivered or work done.

Sometimes it is very tempting to continue to deliver to a customer when payment of earlier invoices is late, especially if it is a major or long-standing customer. Often this happens due to the fear of losing that customer to your competitors. However, cash is king, and a business should ensure that:

- it has proper conditions of sale,
- it's customers are aware of those conditions of sale, and those conditions are vigorously enforced.

A good customer will always meet their liabilities on a timely basis and will not object to you reminding them of those liabilities. After all, any contract should be a two-way street. If they do not comply with agreed conditions of sale then you should consider whether you wish to continue with the relationship as getting rid of poor



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

customers benefits you in two ways:

1. It saves you aggravation
2. It passes that aggravation onto your competitors – it is better for them to incur a bad debt then for you to do so!

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