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Editor's Comment

THE theft of the River of Life memorial from Bridge Street attracted national and international coverage for our town - and the old adage there is 'no such thing as bad publicity' springs to mind.

With court proceedings now pending against those alleged to have been responsible there is little more I can say on the issue - other than welcome news that local MP David Mowat has successfully campaigned for stiffer sentences for those found guilty of desecrating such memorials.

Meanwhile the visit of the Queen hardly created a ripple outside of our town - despite the fact she was officially opening the only Olympic legacy North of London at the new Orford Park Jubilee hub - which I can testify is a fantastic facility for the people of Warrington - and well worth a visit if you haven't already done so.

Our Olympic legacy more than

Have you got a story? Send your news items and pictures to info@warringtonworldwide.co.uk or phone 01925 623631 makes up for Warrington missing out on a share of the government money set aside to revitalise ailing town and city centres and has not deterred the hard work going on in Warrington, to breathe new life into the Bridge Street area.

The recent Jubilee Street party coordinated by market manager Steve Pickering, showed what can be achieved with a little hard work, active partnership working and imagination.

Despite somewhat inclement weather the town centre was

absolutely buzzing, with the event attracting literally thousands of

With plenty of other events lined up for the town centre throughout the summer hopefully we can build towards a vibrant town centre

throughout the year.

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New Mayor's 'working class hero'

WARRINGTON'S new Mayor Cllr Steve Wright was described as a 'true working class hero' when he was elected at the annual meeting of the council.



Cllr Wright, who represents the Latchford East Ward, took over from retiring Mayor Cllr Mike Biggin.
A born and bred Warringtonian,

Cllr Wright, was nominated by his fellow ward councillor Hans Mundry.

'Steve is a true working class hero who shows that anyone can achieve anything if they work hard enough," said Cllr Mundry. Cllr Wright, father of five, who

works as a community coordinator at St Margaret's Community Centre, will be supported by his childhood sweet heart Julie, as Mayoress. Former

finance chief Peter Carey, was elected deputy mayor.

Commenting on his appointment as Mayor Cllr Wright said: "To be made Mayor of my home town is truly

"I am extremely proud to be the 129th Mayor of Warrington.

Duty of Service

"I will strive to ensure that everything I do is for the benefit of the people of Warrington but I will never forget my duty of service as the elected member for Latchford East.

"I am extremely proud of my Warrington roots and I see my role of Mayor as being an opportunity to put something back into the community and I want this role to be delivered as value for money.'

Cllr Wright was born in Orford and went to English Martyrs school and served an apprenticeship as a plasterer. He later worked at Alcan before his community work.

He has supported many community initiatives and was a volunteer with St John Ambulance for many years.

The new Mayor took his duties seriously at the annual Lymm May Queen parade, when he walked through the village "meeting the people" rather than being chauffeur driven in the mayoral car.





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Tory group has new leader



THE Conservative group on Warrington Borough Council has a new leader. Cllr Paul Kennedy (pictured), who represents Hatton, Stretton and Walton, has taken over from former councillor Keith Bland, of Culcheth, who lost his rest in the elections. seat in the elections.

With former councillor Paul Campbell also losing his seat at Penketh, the group has been reduced to

Cllr Kennedy, who comfortably retained his seat, said: "I will work with the controlling Labour group for the good of Warrington.

"This means we will support them when we think they are doing things right, but will not hesitate to say so if we think they are not."

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01925 658322 www.healthyaudio.com Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

pnotes by Michael Mahoney

Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Twenty one years ago this month, I decided that I needed to do something to help those people suffering with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), a common digestive disorder which is poorly understood by the medical profession in its causes and its treatment. There is no cure for and its treatment. There is no cure for IBS, yet it affects up to one in five of the population at some time in their

The journey I began twenty one years ago is still being taken, I am still learning about the IBS condition, and yet there have been many landmarks of progress on the way. In 1998 I launched the IBS Audio Program 100 for adults, which is now the leading

hypnotherapy programme available, used by sufferers in 46 countries. The use of hypnotherapy for managing the IBS condition has a long and proven track record, backed up by medical and scientific research in many countries. In the UK the NICE guidelines for IBS mention hypnotherapy as a treatment option after 12 months of non-effective drug treatment. The recommendation is there; I hope in time it will be followed more often than presently seems to be the case. Another more recent IBS landmark was the development and subsequent release of my IBS Audio Program 60 for children which is also

making a positive contribution in treatment management. Since IBS is a condition of exclusion, that is, nothing physically wrong can be found in medical investigations, sufferers are often deemed to have IBS, and because nothing can be found medically wrong, it means that there is nothing to cure! Yet the diarrhoea, pain bleating, cramps, constitution pain, bloating, cramps, constipation and other symptoms remain.

There are also some important and significant emotional implications to this too, anxiety, increased stress and depression for example, and there are social factors, family outings cancelled at the last minute, shopping trip and nights out cancelled, increased absenteeism from work and school, relationship issues too. IBS is much more than an uncomfortable stomach; it is no respecter of age or background. It is frustrating for the medical profession, costly to diagnose with often limited medical treatment options, and certainly much more than troublesome for the sufferer. So while I do not have IBS myself, I will continue living with it, for

my clients' sake.

Regular readers will be aware that I often say that things are ever changing, and to end on a happier note, I am pleased to say my practice is changing, in fact it is growing. I am

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delighted to say that Cate Todd, a respected hypnotherapist and child and family therapist with over 20 years' experience has agreed to join my practice. Cate is based at 7 Bold Street and her website can be found www.warringtonchildandfamily

www.warringioneniaanaramily therapy.co.uk She has specialist knowledge of working with adults and young people who have suffered childhood abuse or other traumatic events such as road traffic accidents, physical illness, bereavement and loss amongst others. She is especially skilled at helping families with relationship difficulties using a child centred approach. With a centred approach. With a background as trainer and working in respected charitable organisations Cate provides a new dynamic to my practice, filling a gap with her professional approach. Cate can be contacted on my usual number of 01925 658322 or by email at

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Council chief 'overwhelmed' by torch occasion

THE leader of Warrington Borough Council has thanked the estimated 35,000 people who lined the town's streets to welcome the Olympic Flame.

Cllr Terry O'Neill said he had been overwhelmed by the show of local support and described it as a day that the town could be incredibly proud

He said: "It was our turn to be part of an historic occasion and I'd like to thank all the local residents, workers and schools who turned out in their thousands to line the route and cheer on the inspirational Torchbearers carrying the flame through our town.

"It is fitting that the torch has visited Orford Park as it is nationally a recognised Olympic legacy facility

that will benefit a new generation of local sporting heroes for many years to come.

Just before the Torch arrived at Orford Park, 500 school children from more than 20 Warrington schools put on a spectacular 30-minute dance performance.

This huge collaborative piece was the grand finale of the Malaga Comenius Regio Project, which has been funded over the last three years by the British Council and had an Ólympic theme.

Á delegation from Malaga was at

The Olympic flames changes hands at Market Gate.

Orford Park to see the performance.

Orford Park to see the performance.

The Mayor, Cllr Steve Wright was with Cllr O'Neill at Orford Park to give a warm welcome to the Torch.

Warrington did not lay on good weather for the Olympic Torch - but it laid on just about everything else.

Thousands of cheering people lined the town's streets to welcome the torch convoy as it arrived along

torch convoy as it arrived along Liverpool Road from Widnes.

Warrington Male Voice choir sang at Market Gate, there were "Giant Queens" standing in line outside the Town Hall. Meanwhile children took part in a "mini-Olympics" in Bank Park

Celebrity torchbearer Schmidt - the former Brazilian basketball player - bore the flame from the Golden Gates and along Sankey Street, holding it on high for

hanging out of first floor windows.

Altogether, 12 torchbearers were involved in the run through the town.

From Market Gate, the procession went down Horsemarket Street and along Winwick Street and Winwick Road out to Orford Jubilee Park.

From there it was on to the BT offices at Europa Boulevard and then the procession went on, out of the borough, heading for Lowton, Wigan and Bolton.

Runners who carried the torch in the Warrington area were St Peter's Primary School head teacher Helen



Oscar Schmidt holds the torch high.

Lea, Jason El-kaleh, a volunteer with the Warrington Wolves charitable foundation, Steve Deakin MBE, a 51year-old transplant games champion Warrington and Emily Woodward, aged 12, of Birchwood High School. Other torch bearers in Warrington were Tina Bye, from Brian Norris, Brighton, Manchester, John Smith, from Rainhill and Sue Stout, from Liverpool.

'Flame' trees memorial to Olympic Torch



FIVE trees, known as the "Olympic Flame" have been planted in a special ceremony at Warrington as a permanent reminder of the passage of the Olympic Torch through the town.

The trees were planted by the Mayor, Cllr Steve Wright, and park user group representatives.

The ceremony also marked the start of a project to refurbish and upgrade the

sports facilities in the arena.

Representatives from Warrington Athletics Club and local running club
Spectrum Striders, Latchford Albion and Unicorns Rugby League clubs and
Warrington Junior Football League joined the Mayor in planting the special

variety of Mountain Ash.

Construction work will begin in September and should be completed in time for the next year's athletics season.

The borough council has approved the upgrading of the arena and its facilities

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it makes to the health and wellbeing of residents

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The athletics track will be resurfaced, a new land drainage system installed and the central area will be redesigned to accommodate adult and junior Rugby league matches as well as football.





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National award for Carpe Diem

WARRINGTON digital creative agency Carpe Diem is celebrating after achieving success at a national marketing awards ceremony. Carpe Diem lifted the award for Best Digital Agency On Budget in the Recommended Agency Register (RAR) 2012 Awards, beating off competition from ten other finalists in the 'Under 30 Staff' category.

And Carpe Diem then went on be awarded the runners-up spot in the overall Grand Prix final of the event. The Grand Prix winners are chosen from the Top 100 RAR recommended advertising, PR and digital agencies across the UK. The RAR Awards are one of the UK's most respected marketing industry awards schemes because winners are chosen based on feedback from clients. They paint a genuine picture of the results that agencies are achieving.

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The RAR collects over 5,000 client 'ratings' every year and then assesses each agency's creativity, value for money and service levels.

"Winning these awards means a huge amount to us because they are based on what our clients think of our work and the quality of services we deliver." said Carpe Diem managing director Bill Carr.

The awards were presented at a glittering awards ceremony held at the Bloomsbury Hotel in London.

"The funny thing is that we had nearly left the award ceremony when the Grand Prix award was announced, as we were late for our train back to

Grand Prix award was announced, as we were late for our train back to Warrington and the ceremony had overrun greatly," added Bill.
"We were really pleased to have won the On Budget category. Being recognised as one of the overall Grand Prix winners was a real surprise. I hope we didn't look too shocked!"

Carpe Diem specialises in digital marketing, back end development and web design. Sportswear brand ASICS, The Ombudsman Service for Energy, Communication, Property and Copyright and international food manufacturer Dr Oetker are among the agency's high profile clients.

Carpe Diem business development manager Jessy Gill and managing director Bill Carr receive an award from Steve Antoniewicz, Director of RAR.

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pushover, and most customers are reasonable people who will not take undue advantage of generous customer service policies. And even if a few do, the advantages in

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Town centre will continue to thrive

WARRINGTON town centre will continue to thrive despite missing out on being one of the first 'Portas Pilot' towns according to town centre champion Mike Hannon.

Cllr Hannon, deputy leader of the council with special responsibility for rejuvenating the town centre, said: "The work that we put into our Portas bid won't go to waste as we had already pledged to deliver many of the planned improvements and quick wins for Warrington town centre. "We've got a great team in

Warrington who are committed to filling up empty shops, working together to put on new events and activities to entice more shoppers and visitors, and improving the environment to make our town a more pleasant place to be."

Warrington has recently been successful in attracting money from

the £10m 'High Street Innovation

the £10m 'High Street Innovation Fund' which over time will see more funding come into the town to tackle the problem of empty shops.

Cllr Hannon says there is even more positive news for Warrington on the horizon: "There are now so many more reasons for people to come to Warrington and to stay and spend money in the town. and spend money in the town. We've already reduced parking charges and started to offer a

programme of arts, entertainment and cultural activities, as well as blitzing some of the 'grot spots'. With all the buzz for the Rugby League World Cup in 2013, and the longer term regeneration of Bridge Street, we think Warrington town centre has a very bright future which we're determined to make a



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Memorial thieves face tougher sentencing

CALLOUS thieves who steal memorial plaques from war graves and other monuments look set to face tougher sentencing thanks to a campaign by Warrington South MP David Mowat.

Premier David Cameron has agreed to beef up penalties for such "specially aggravated" offences after the recent theft of the River of Life Memorial Plaque, commemorating the 1993 IRA bombing which killed three-year-old Johnathan Ball and 12year-old Tim Parry. Mr Mowat raised the issue recently at Prime Minister's Questions.

Mr Cameron, in a letter to the MP,





confirmed that the government will ask the Sentencing Council to consider "how the aggravated harm caused by theft of, or criminal damage to monuments, can best be reflected in sentencing and whether

reflected in sentencing and whether there is a case for a specific aggravated offence."

The Sentencing Council will look at this matter as part of its wider review of sentencing guidelines for local magistrates' courts.

Mr Mowat said: "Memorial plagues like these often have a scrap

plaques like these often have a scrap metal value of $\mathbb{\xi}$ 30 or less, but in relation to the events they commemorate, they are priceless to local communities.

"Across the country we are seeing increasing numbers of thefts from war memorials and of course, just recently



from Warrington.

"It's time we sent a very clear message that these actions are simply not acceptable."

Two men have been arrested on suspicion of theft of the memorial from Bridge Street, which has now been recovered and have been bailed until

Radio station secures FM licence

WARRINGTON'S online community vakking ion soline community radio station Radio Warrington has secured an FM licence to broadcast on 87.8FM for nine days next month starting on Saturday July 7 until Sunday July 15.

Broadcasting with a Restricted Sevice License (RSL) it will allow the setice License (KSL) if Will allow the station to support and broadcast various local events including Warrington Market's Classic Transport show, Stockton Heath Festival, Warrington Music Festival, Disability Awareness Day (and associated events) and the build up to the start of Warrington Town FC's new season.

Transmitting from the roof of Warrington Market, there will also be a small studio at the market while the evening programming will still be from Cinnamon Brow Farm Community

Station manager Steve Lewis, one of the founder members of the volunteer team who established the online service five years ago, said: "This is a great opportunity to broadcast to a local audience within

broadcast to a local abuterice within the Warrington area.

"We already have a strong audience base which we have built up over the past five years and this will enable us to go from strength to strength

strength.
"We have been fortunate to have received support from Stronger Together, Warrington Market, Warrington Chamber of Commerce and a number of other businesses and supporters.

Our aim is to be on air full time in not too distant

complementing our online service which is the only radio station actually based in Warrington.

Warrington Radio regularly provides live coverage from many community events and follows the town's football team Warrington Town home and away, as well as providing full match day commentary at all Warrington Wolves' home games.

warrington-worldwide editor Gary Skentelbery will be broadcasting two rock shows each Saturday morning from 8am-10am ensuring a lively start to the weekend!

Have your say on health

PEOPLE in Warrington are being invited to have their say on the wellbeing of the town during a

consultation event.

The Warrington Partnership and Health and Wellbeing Board have produced a Strategy for Wellbeing. They are inviting people to give their views on the document before Friday July 6.

It identifies priority areas where resources and services should be targeted in order to promote the overall wellbeing of people and communities. The consultation documents can be viewed online through the council's website at www.warrington.gov.uk/consultation or call 01925 443513 for more details.



Broomhead back at council

FORMER North West Development Agency boss Steven Broomhead is to return to Warrington Borough Council - as interim chief executive.

Mr Broomhead, non-executive

chairman of Warrington Wolves RL club and a former chief executive at the council, will take the reins when current postholder Diana Terris leaves

in early July.

He has been appointed for a six month period from June 26 - subject to approval at the full council meeting

the previous day.

The appointment follows a unanimous cross-party decision by the chief officer employment committee.

Leader of the council Terry O'Neill said: "We are pleased that Steven has accepted our offer. He will play a critical role over the next six months in

critical role over the next six months in helping to reshape the council in the light of huge financial pressures.

"Steven has an outstanding track record and shares our vision for putting the people of Warrington first so I have every confidence his considerable experience will stand him in good stand for this role."

considerable experience will stand him in good stead for this role."

Mr Broomhead will work a four day week on a salary of about £120,000 pro rata, subject to negotiation, which represents a significant reduction on the current chief executive's salary.

Professor Broomhead holds the basis of Entrepresents at

chair of Entrepreneurial Education at Liverpool Hope University. He is also

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Steven Broomhead

the chief director of Institutional Advancement at the university.

As chief executive of the NWDA

he was responsible for a budget of £1.2bn, assets of around £200m, 480 staff and an extensive remit encompassing the economic, social and regeneration development of the region. He stood down at the end of January last year on an early retirement basis.

Prior to being chief executive at Warrington Borough Council he was principal and chief executive of Warrington Collegiate and before that, principal of a number of other higher and further education establishments.



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Disability Awareness Day comes of age

WARRINGTON'S Disability Awareness Day (DAD), Europe's largest 'not for profit' voluntary-led disability exhibition is set to come of age on Sunday July 15

when it celebrates its 21st anniversary.

Held annually in a huge tented village within the grounds of Walton Hall Gardens, last year's event, organised by Warrington Disability Partnership, attracted over 25,000 visitors.

Meanwhile volunteers are urgently needed to join "DAD's Army" of volunteer

Last year's event was supported by more than 100 volunteer stewards.

Terry Cook, head steward, said: "Being part of this event is a very rewarding experience. It's hard work but it's also really good fun and the people you meet are amazina

For more details about the event or to volunteer as a steward contact Caroline Thompson on 01925 240064



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Thousands flock to Jubilee street party

THOUSANDS of people braved the inclement weather to visit Warrington Market's Giant Jubilee Street Party.

The event included a day of street entertainment, fair ground rides, outdoor market stalls, antiques fair and a jubilee flotilla on the River of Life in Bridge St.

Event organiser, Market Manager Steve Pickering said: "It was great to see so many people having a fantastic time in the town centre. We have a series of

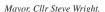
so many people naving a fantastic time in the town centre. We have a series of large scale town centre events planned for the rest the summer, including a Health and Well-being Day on Saturday June 23.

See the special pull out in this magazine for more information.

Meanwhile Steve raised over £900 for the Mayors Charities - the Warrington Charities Trust, St Joseph's Family Centre and BLESMA (British Limbless Ex Service Men's Association, by riding around the town centre on a giant chicken during the cruent.



Market manager, Steve Pickering and chicken friend.







Top dog catches fire bomber in wheelie bin!



TWO police dogs and their handlers who were involved in incidents at Warrington won awards at the annual Cheshire Police "Top Dogs"

ceremony.

PC Mark Sheehan and Merlin (pictured) won the award for best tracking ability and PC Garry Brownlow and Brit won the award for the best performance at an individual

Terry Savage, a member of Cheshire Police Authority who carries out routine welfare checks on police dogs, paid tribute to "the enormous variety of work" done by police dogs

and their handlers, at the ceremony.

He said: "Dogs and their handlers
play a vital role in policing, from
making arrests and maintaining public order to tracking missing people and tracing drugs and explosives. "The standards of training are

impressive and, in every case, the dog and handler are a real feam. However good the dog's natural instincts are, only patient training and a really good relationship between handler and dog brings the best results.

Sheehan and Merlin have

consistently been successful in getting a positive result when tracking skills were required.

In the Warrington incident, they were called to assist after a fire-bombing incident.

Merlin tracked a man for 20

minutes through gardens and woods and recovered several items of clothing, including a jacket which smelled heavily of petrol. The dog eventually went into a garden, walked straight to a green wheelie bin and

PC Sheehan found the offender hiding inside the bin. Merlin then recovered several other pieces of property which were vital to the prosecution of the offenders.

PC Brownlow and Brit assisted in a search for a man who was missing in

the Warrngton area.

By very skilful tracking they found the man's body quickly and broke the news to his relatives who were also

searching for him.

By their effective action they were able to prevent a great deal of added stress for the family at a very difficult



National Market Day

Sat 23 June



Health & Wellbeing Day

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Health & Wellbeing Day



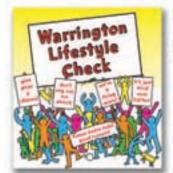
National Market Day

Sat 23 June

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Learn to live a healthier lifestyle with Warrington Market

It's all going on in Warrington town centre with lots of market stalls and other great attractions...



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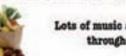
Support the team as they prepare for thier bike ride from Copenhagen to Warrington in aid of Epilepsy action





Cooking Demonstrations

T.V. celebrity chef Brian Mellor will be showing us how to cook a barbecue in a healthy way



Lots of music and entertainement throughout the town centre

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Once again, Warrington market is hosting a classic transport show across Warrington town centre on Saturday 7 July.

This is the fifth time the event has taken place in the town centre and this year proves to be even bigger and better than ever with all types of transport being exhibited on the day.

Accompanying car clubs such as North West Casual Classics, St Helens Classic Car Club, the Ford Sidevalve owners club and the St Helens Transport Museum will be a whole host of individual enthusiasts showing off their pride and joy.

If you own and would like to exhibit your classic car, motorbike, steam engine, or any other type of transport please contact Warrington market on 01925 632571 or email spickering@warrington.gov.uk to book your place,

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can assure you that neither me nor my dog have ever chased an ambulance.

That phrase originated in the USA as a derogatory term for trial lawyers, and recently spread to this country along with talk of there being a 'compensation culture' - in other words too many undeserving claims being brought, possibly egged on by unscrupulous lawyers.

But don't forget this is about justice, after all. If someone is injured because of someone else's fault, should they be left to bear the loss themselves? Only when you've been injured yourself can you really know what effect it can have on a person's life.

The Government withdrew Legal Aid funding in

The Government withdrew Legal Aid funding in Personal Injury claims in 2000 (it's still available in family and criminal cases), and 'no win, no fee' agreements (introduced in the mid-1990s) where the solicitor is only paid if the case succeeds began to fill the gap left by the withdrawal of

began to fill the gap left by the withdrawal of Legal Aid.

This led to the rise of Claims Management Companies. Basically a 'market' was created by the Government where claims had a value, and so a whole new industry grew up to harvest the claims, replacing the publicly funded system which had been in place before. A Claims Management Company generates an income very quickly by collecting basic information and selling it on to a solicitor. It is the solicitor who pursues

the case, collecting evidence, speaking to witnesses, consulting experts, obtaining reports, and preparing the claim for Court.

A claim can only be pursued if someone is at fault - because the point of the law in this area is to compensate someone who has suffered injury and loss which results from the fault of another. The aim is to put them in the position they would be in if the accident had not occurred.

The fault can be obvious - for instance where one driver crashes into the rear of the car in front. In other cases it isn't so easy to prove.

Sometimes accidents happen, and no-one is to blame. In that case, a claim cannot be made. It is in no solicitor's interest to pursue a hopeless case. That would be a waste of time and money.

There is no fund of money which is used to pay claims (except in criminal injury claims). The claims (except in criminal injury claims). The liability rests with the individual or company which is at fault. That is why people have insurance - to protect them when things go wrong. When the claim is brought, it is handed over to the insurer to deal with. They have teams of claims handlers and often appoint their own solicitors to defend the claims brought.

If fault can be established, that allows the claimant to recover compensation.

A medical report is needed to prove the injuries sustained: an independent medical expert examines the Claimant and reviews his or her medical records, before giving a diagnosis of the type of injury, the symptoms suffered and the

likely recovery period.

The losses suffered (such as loss of earnings, travel and medication costs, etc) also have to be proven by producing documentary evidence such as wage slips, receipts, and so on. In serious cases the injured person may need professional care or to change their accommodation, or have their house adapted to better meet their needs.

It may seem in poor taste to focus on the monetary value of an injury, but unfortunately that is the only way the law can handle a compensation claim.

The injured person now finds himself with a condition which he didn't have before, which was caused by someone's fault.

Every individual is different and reacts differently to an injury, and so there is no hard and fast rule to say what a case is worth.

A particular type of injury may inconvenience one person more than it does another, because of their lifestyle, activities, hobbies and interests.

Quality legal advice is the key, which only comes from experience. If you or anyone you know has the misfortune to need to pursue a claim, consider Widdows Mason, where a personal service is on offer from a local firm. Call Michael Stockton or Christina Geist on 01942 673311 for assistance.



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United legend says: "I'd have been better coached here"

MANCHESTER United legend Denis Irwin would have been a better player if he could have been coached at Warrington today.

The former full-back, who made 368 appearances for United as well as being capped by the Republic of Ireland, for who he played 56 times, made the admission at the launch of the Manchester United Soccer Schools (MUSS) facility at the £30 million Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood

He said: "I was brought up in Ireland, where there was virtually no



Denis Irwin shares a joke with soccer students.

coaching at all.
"If I had been able to come to a place like this at the start of my career, I would undoubtedly have been a more skilful player.

"Footballers åre more skilful today but there is still a shortage of goo'd

coaches.
"We are still playing catch-up with many other countries - and places like this will help us to make up lost ground."

The new facility is a partnership between Warrington Collegiate and MUSS and also involves LiveWire the borough's new leisure service - Warrington Wolves, Warrington Town FC, William Beamont Sports College and others.

It offers the latest cutting edge coaching and training, not just for would-be sports coaches but also for the local community.

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Collegiate principal Paul Hafren drew attention to the fact that, within the space of a few weeks, the Orford hub had been officially opened by the Queen, visited by the Olympic Torch and was now home to Manchester United Soccer Schools -

"an incredibly powerful brand."
"Warrington Collegiate was a vocational college and, together with MUSS would be turning out coaches

with teaching qualifications.
"Despite the recession, these are exciting times for the Collegiate," he

MUSS head Edoardo Abis said the students who went through the soccer schools would learn to coach "the Manchester United way" and would be highly valued by employers.

soccer schools expanding in the UK and internationally and it was intended to forge similar partnerships with other colleges.

It was important to stress that the soccer schools main emphasis was on training coaches, not players, although there would be an undoubted spin off for some players as coaching skills could make players

Dream job for Wolve's fan



A dream has come true for life long Warrington Wolves' fan David Rochford – after being appointed as the new heritage officer for the Wolves Foundation.

His new partitime role will involve creating a "living museum" within the Halliwell Jones Stadium, producing a Wire2Wolves timeline charting the run the full length of the South Stand concourse and will feature historic moments in the history of the town, as well as the rugby club.

His task now is to decide what to include and he has just 12 months to

complete it!

"I want to make comparisons between the full time professional players of today compared to those of yesteryear, working down the pit or in a factory and playing in front of their work mates.

"Most of all I want the memories of players and fans."

Any one with memories to share can contact David at daveRochford@warringtonwolves.co m or on 01925 248894. David

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Deputy leader of the council, Mike

Queen officially opens Orford Jubilee Park

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The Royal party were greeted by ousands of wellwishers who thousands welcomed them to the town.

The hub is a unique project, which has been 15 years in the making, and transforms a former landfill site into a £30million state of the art community facility providing a wide range of leisure, health and cultural

services all under one roof.
The "Orford Park Project" is widely regarded as an example of best practice in promoting joint service in one of the town's most deprived areas. More than 20 national, regional and local organisations are actively involved in the delivery of the scheme which provides first-class community facilities.

community facilities.

Clir Terry O'Neill (pictured below), leader of Warrington Borough Council, who was among those to meet the Queen said: "I am absolutely delighted with what we have achieved; this brand new building pushes the boundaries of public service provision allowing the council and our partners to house many important services flexibly under one roof. This is something that will greatly benefit the local community and that the whole borough can be proud of.

"What we have here today is a state of the art facility in Warrington which will be the envy of the whole country.'

The project has been led throughout by the borough council, however it will be managed by LiveWire, a new not-for-profit LiveVVire, a new not-tor-profit community interest company in partnership with TONP (The Orford Neighbourhood Project), Warrington Collegiate, Warrington Wolves, William Beamont High School, Warrington Disability Partnership, Network Warrington and NHS Warrington Warrington.

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It was the Queen's fourth visit to Warrington. In 1968, she visited Bridge Street to see a renovation scheme masterminded by Warrington Civic Society and in 1979 she visited the Golden Square shopping centre, while in 1998 she opened the new





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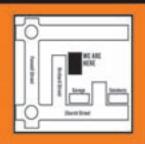


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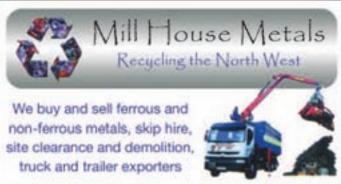
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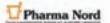


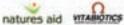
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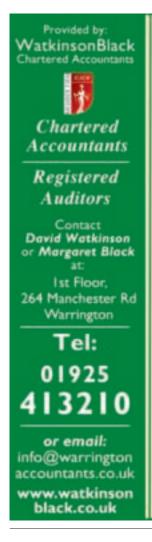












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Increased enquiries into IR35

The tax office have recently stated that they are seeking to increase their enquiries into IR35.

enquiries into IR35.

This is a piece of legislation well known to self employed contractors operating through one-man limited companies, and attempts to identify disguised employment and tax a business accordingly. As part of this new initiative, they have published a twelve point test to determine your risk of being enquired into. The test is to identify enquired into. The test is to identify targets for investigation and not to determine liability under IR35. However, the implications are clear. The tests to be applied and their related scores, are as follows:

 Business premises test - Do you own or rent separate business premises? 10 points if yes)

PII test – Do you need professional indemnity insurance? (2 points if yes)

Efficiency test - In the past two years have you had an opportunity to increase profits with efficiency savings? (10 points if yes)
Assistance test - Do you employ any workers bringing in at least 25% of the yearly turnover? (35 points if yes)
Advertising test - Have you spent

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past year, excluding emendinine (2) points if yes)

• Previous PAYE test - Have you been employed by the same client in the past year under similar working arrangements (Minus 15 points if yes)

• Business plan test - Have you a business plan with a regularly undeted cash flow forecast and a

updated cash flow forecast, and a business bank account separate from your personal account? (1 point if yes to both)

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Repair at own expense test - Would you have to bear the cost of rectifying any mistakes? (4 points if yes)

Client risk test - During the past two years, have you had bad debts of more than 10% of yearly turnover? (10 points if yes)

Billing test - Do you invoice for work carried out before being paid and negotiate payment terms? (2 points if yes)

Right of substitution test - Does the business have the right to send a substitute? (2 points if yes)
Actual substitution test - Has the

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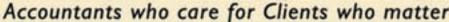
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After answering the above questions, if you score 10 or below then the tax office say that you are at a high risk of being investigated. If you score 20 or above then you are a low risk.

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