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IT is hard to believe that this month marks the 15th anniversary of warrington-worldwide magazine which was launched to help promote our online daily newspaper while also providing local businesses and organisations with a cost-effective medium to promote themselves.

Fifteen years ago we were all worrying about the "millennium bug" which was set to bring the world to a standstill, while also making plans to celebrate the year 2000.

Then came the dot-com bubble burst and in more recent years one of the toughest recessions many of us have ever known. We have reported on many thousands of news stories and events from around the town and seen our online readership grow from a few hundred a week to many thousands every day.

Mobile phones were like bricks and tablets were for headaches – the change in technology has been breath taking – and then of course there is facebook and twitter – how did we survive without them!!?

But one thing that hasn't changed is our desire and passion to provide a community publication for our town via our website and various magazines which now number six, covering Warrington, Lymm, Stockton Heath and surrounding villages, Culcheth and Frodsham – and most recently our new Lifestyle publication.

Lack of space doesn't permit me to thank all those who have made our journey possible and sadly some of our early supporters are no longer around, due to changes in shopping habits, advancing years or meeting

their maker! But looking back at our very first issue I am delighted to see that many of those who supported us from the beginning are still around, albeit some under a different name/brand.

We will adapt and move with the times while at the same time continuing with what we set out to achieve by providing the town we are

proud of with an independent voice, which will criticise when required and congratulate and champion success.

All in all I think Warrington as a town has come a long way in 15 years and having reported on the news for more than 35 years I have pretty much seen the good, the bad and the ugly!

Finally can I take this opportunity of thanking you, our readers and most importantly, our advertisers who make this possible – thank you for your support! Now I can feel a tweet coming on! I wonder what it will be in another 15 years!?

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New look for Yellows!



WARRINGTON Town FC have unveiled a brand new look for the forthcoming season - with a new club badge and a new front of shirt sponsor as Shaun Reid's team look to go one better than last season when they made the play-offs for the first time in the club's history.

With at least six clubs, including former football league teams Darlington and Scarborough, competing for promotion, it will be a tough ask - but Town have had an excellent pre-season beating teams from higher divisions and also a record-breaking 10-0 triumph in the Peace Cup, after draws in the past two years.

Reid's squad for the forthcoming season has been strengthened and includes five local lads in the team, including new keeper Karl Wills, who has joined from Runcorn Town, defender Matt Doughty, who has rejoined his home town club after helping Altrincham win promotion to the Conference last season, who will line-up alongside fans favourite Chris Gaghan. Youngsters Dylan Glass and Chris Bandell, who have progressed through the club's youth team are also in the first team squad.

Meanwhile Cheshire based Enterprise Software, who specialise in the development and implementation of market leading solutions for Transport and Fleet Management, are the new front of shirt sponsors.

The new Umbro kit, features the club's traditional yellow and features a brand new badge, created by young fan Tom Greaves, who won a competition run by the club to come up with the design. (see full story on page 27).

The kit will be on show at the club's opening home league game against Salford City on Tuesday August 19, kick off 7.45pm.

The game will attract great interest following the investment in Salford by Manchester United legends, Gary Neville, Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes and Nicky Butt.

For all the latest news on the club and forthcoming fixtures check out www.warringtontownfc.co.uk - the future's bright the future's yellow!

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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

Opportunities in life

Opportunities arrive in many guises, some are obvious whereas many are not. There is often a right time or set of circumstances which make it possible to do something different which will set the course of life in a new direction.

When they get it right, people often describe it as a game of chance; the luck of the draw; a golden opportunity; or the right set of circumstances have arrived to take appropriate action.

However, they fail to see that they may have influenced their change of circumstances by having a positive mental attitude, and they themselves have set their desired goals into action. We so often fail to see that we can all influence our future, and there are many opportunities available to us which we often ignore or are blinkered to. This occurs when we have a self defeating mind set or hold onto damaging emotions or behaviours which get in the way of us seeing the opportunities available to us.

Many people are of the opinion that good things only happen to others, and never themselves, but why should those things i.e. winning

the lottery happen for someone else and not you? If you have the attitude that you have to work twice as hard as everyone else to have the things you need in life, then that is what you will have to do, as that belief is set in stone until you change it yourself.

It is a shame that so much human potential is dampened down by poor self belief, confidence issues, and messages received by others as we have grown up. As humans we are our worse enemies. We look for fault in ourselves and others before we acknowledge the good things. We become envious of others achievements and accomplishments, or put them on a pedestal thinking they have achieved greatness because of luck or because they are better than we are in some way. In fact we make our own luck, and therefore should be open to the possibility of success, and ready for the opportunity that comes our way.

We do not see the effort, determination and inner strength that others have which get them to where they are. We do not see the obstacles they have had to overcome, the doubts and insecurities they may have had, and still have. They seem to have an inner knowing or belief that the path they have taken and

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the opportunities that have come their way have happened for a reason, and that they deserve to be successful.

Seize the moments, the times of inspiration, and times when you feel positive and focused and act on those thoughts. See those thoughts as bricks of positivity in a wall that you are building towards the goals you wish to achieve.

As you continue to build the wall, see different patterns in the bricks, these are the opportunities now coming to you, to help you create something unique and special, that only you can create, even though there are similarities to other walls, yours is created from your own perseverance and self-belief and held together by a growing belief that you can do and be more.

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Mr Daniels says the introduction of yet more road signs in Warrington continues the anti-motorist theme of the thinking and actions of highway planners and presumably councillors who approve of these actions.

He said: "Our transport planners appear to be driven by a mania for more traffic lights with questionable sequencing, road markings, and who can forget the Bridgefoot debacle and highway signage.

"There is no doubt the growing clutter of street signs has become confusing and seriously blights the street scene and surely it is time that a serious survey was undertaken to remove some of this clutter.

"It makes one wonder what an inward investor let alone existing businesses in Warrington make of this situation.

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Logistics is now a super high-tech, multi billion pound business and a far cry from the warehousing

of yesteryear.

Warrington has traditionally excelled in this sector with its roots being in the former Burtonwood Airfield. At its zenith in World War 2 the base was the main repair and logistics depot for the US airforce serving the whole of European operations.

There is set to be a massive growth in the logistics sector particularly with the development of the Liverpool 2 new deep

waterport, the Atlantic Corridor initiative and the development of HS2. Over the next few years the north west region has the potential to become one of the major european hubs for the import and export of goods and once again Warrington is in a prime position to benefit as we are situated at the transport axis of the north west.

Finally we would like to congratulate **warrington-worldwide** on their 15th anniversary.



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Ben Evans on the road to success with GreenApple Leasing

WARRINGTON Wolves' Prop Ben Evans is on the road to success thanks to locally based Green Apple Leasing.

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Mr Evans commented: "I am pleased to visit The Centre for Reproductive Health to learn more about how they are supporting couples seeking fertility treatments. Couples struggling to build their

own families need both emotional and medical support during their journey. I am very proud that we have such an innovative facility here in Weaver Vale which will support couples across the North West."

Other principal guests included the Mayor of Halton, Councillor Shaun Osborne, alongside representatives from other local businesses, including **Warrington Worldwide** Editor Gary Skentelbery.

Mr Luciano Nardo, Consultant

in Reproductive Medicine and Clinical Director at the Centre for Reproductive Health said: "The Centre, which is one of only a few of its kind in Europe and the only one in the North West of England, offers patients the very latest technologies and the highest quality individualised, integrated care to ensure the best possible outcomes. I am delighted to work with such a highly skilled and strongly committed multidisciplinary team that make a real difference to each patient's story."

Managing Director Simon Shepherd added: "Because the clinic was designed by consultants and embryologists, and because we offer much more than just IVF, we

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One student with cerebral palsy received a donation to help pay for a specialist wheelchair that enables him to play competitive basketball.

“As a college this is something of which we are very proud and delighted to see the difference it is making to the lives of so many young people,” said Matthew Grant, Priestley’s Deputy Principal and Chairman of PETT.

“We estimate that around 150 young people will benefit each year and that has been made possible thanks to the support of parents and local businesses.”

Two scholarship awards have gone to students who are continuing their education at locations where they do not attract any funding via the Student Loan Company, including some of the country’s leading drama colleges.

A further three scholarships have gone to current students who will continue to receive support until they finish their courses at Priestley College assuming they meet requirements for progress and attendance.

PETT has also rewarded 48 past students for their achievements – either academically or in their contribution to college life – to the

value of £4,000.

“The primary objective is to encourage, assist and enable young learners in their educational aims and objectives,” said Matthew.

“We are helping those who need support, but also recognising high achievers who have made a difference to college life.”

Many parents have made donations to the registered charity as their children apply for places at Priestley after the college waived its application fee.

Others have made Gift Aid donations while many charity events – most staged by students and tutors – are held throughout the year in college.

An Amazon link on the college website ensures a donation is made to PETT whenever someone clicks through and buys from the online store.

Matthew said the support of parents had been vital in the success of PETT in its first full year.

“So many parents have supported the fund and we have to thank them on behalf of all the students who have benefitted so far,” he said.

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WARRINGTON Borough Council marked 100 years since the start of World War One with the official naming of a room in the Town Hall.

The Mayor of Warrington, Cllr Ted Finnegan, opened the World War One Remembrance Room – formerly known simply as Committee Room Three - in front of council representatives including leader Cllr Terry O’Neill, deputy leader, Cllr Mike Hannon, and chief executive Professor Steven Broomhead.

The Mayor said: “As a council, we have thought long and hard about a fitting tribute that will leave a lasting legacy in Warrington. The Town Hall is and will always remain at the centre of our town – the place where the good people of Warrington flock at times of trouble and celebration.

“It is only right then that we rename this committee room. From today it will be officially known as the World War One Remembrance Room.”

The council also invited residents to take part in the national “Lights Out” commemoration evening by leaving only one light or candle on between 10 and 11pm.

Millions of people across of the country took part in this shared moment of reflection.

The small ceremony also marked the start of the council’s four-year First World War commemoration programme.



The Mayor in the World War One Remembrance Room

A foodie day out for all the family



THE Cheshire Food Festival returns to Arley Hall on Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21 for a fun, foodie day out for the whole family.

Arley will be full of food lovers, chefs and artisan cooks for the return of an event showcasing more than 80 top local producers, a big serving of stunning hot food, real ale and wine bars.

There will also be craft and gift stalls, lots of activities and rides for the kids, top chef demos, stir in a cake competition and the popular Men v Food, with lashings of excellent live music.

The main chef demo area inside the Crook Barn hosts great local and regional chefs, all demos are free - as part of the admission ticket - to enter so everyone can pick up top foodie tips.

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For decades education has been a priority for successive governments seeking to raise standards and participation.

These aims are laudable – there can be few things more important to parents or the future of our country.

Initiatives have included Free Schools, Academies, the Pupil Premium, changes to inspection and exam reform. In recent years both A-levels and GCSEs have become modular in structure, with more coursework and more frequent exams.

These changes have enabled more children to achieve, but critics argue that they have led to a lowering of standards, a re-sits culture, pressure on teachers to teach to the test and too much time spent on assessing rather than learning. Crucially, do modular courses provide sufficient challenge for all children? Some headteachers think not, and have switched to linear qualifications (with end-of course exams only) such as International GCSEs and, at

Sixth Form, International A-levels, Pre-Us and the International Baccalaureate.

Government reforms aim to make UK-based GCSEs and A-levels linear once again, with greater academic challenge; critics fear that the new approach will leave behind the less academically able. This all underlines the weakness of a ‘one size fits all’ approach. Meanwhile, the future is uncertain: an election looms, the reform process is incomplete and changes will take years to bed in. What is certain is that education will remain on the agenda, whatever the government.



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During the weekend visit Crewe United, who were the first organisation to visit Warrington offering the hand of peace following the bombing in March 1993, were based at the Village Hotel, who sponsored a civic welcome for the Mayor of Warrington Cllr Ted Finnegan and the Mayor of Lisburn Cllr Andrew Ewing, while also providing accommodation for the team.

The following day Warrington Borough Council, hosted a civic reception at the town hall prior to the match, with Network

Warrington providing transport arrangements.

DUP Mayor of Lisburn Cllr Andrew Ewing, who narrowly escaped injury himself in Ballynahinch in 1997 when he was unwittingly parked beside a car which had a bomb attached by the IRA five minutes before it exploded. He left the vehicle to get something to eat just a few minutes before the bomb went off.

The IRA were targeting an off duty soldier at the time who also narrowly escaped injury.

During the weekend he visited the Peace Centre (pictured right) created by Colin and Wendy Parry and also visited the scene of the bombings in Bridge Street. The Mayor commented: "I was humbled to have visited the Warrington peace centre and was impressed with the excellent facilities. It is nice

to see something so positive come out of such a horrendous atrocity which resulted in Tim Parry and Johnathan Ball losing their young lives and many others injured."

The mayor also visited the scene of the Warrington bombs in Bridge Street and presented Wendy Parry with a crystal candle holder on behalf of the people of Lisburn.

Wendy also gave the Mayor a personal tour of the Warrington peace centre.

Deputy leader of Warrington council Mike Hannon, who helped organise the event, said: "We would like to thank those who helped make the event possible, especially Golden Gates Housing, the council, Donn Timmons and his team at the Village Hotel, Network Warrington and everyone at Warrington Town FC, for helping stage a fantastic event."





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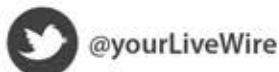


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The garden designer and LiveWire Community Park Keeper, Alan Nugent said: "The garden was originally designed to inspire Golden Gates Housing tenants to take ideas and develop their own gardens. We want to show everyone that gardening doesn't have to be expensive and can be fun."

Following the show the garden will be brought back to LiveWire's Orford Jubilee Park for Warrington residents to take inspiration from and enjoy.



Alan Nugent in the award winning garden.



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Retiring head teacher will remain active in town

WELL known local head teacher John Sharples has retired after 13 years at the helm at Sir Thomas Boteler High School.

But John has no intentions of taking things easy and will remain very much active in the Warrington area helping run Holby UK, the international leadership programme he helped set up.

John says the programme has been hugely successful and will continue to play a part in his life despite taking retirement in his 60th year.

Highlights of his career include overseeing Boteler becoming a Church of England Faith School and achieving "outstanding Anglican School."

The school also went on to achieve national recognition with the Archbishop of York award.

During his time in charge the school has grown in size from just under 600 pupils to over 750 while results have also improved year on year, now being close to the national average when previously well below.

Being a keen musician as bass player in his own band, John was also extremely proud of seeing Boteler becoming a specialist music college in 2008.

"This was a significant factor in shaping the way the school

developed," he said. "Music is massive in the school with well over half the pupils involved in music making," he added.

John has been replaced by his deputy for the past six years Bev Scott-Heron.





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Thumbs up for the planning department

WARRINGTON'S much criticised planning department has been given a "thumbs up" by applicants and councillors in a customer satisfaction survey.

Among applicants, 75 per cent said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the development management service compared with only 57 per cent in 2013.

Councillors and parish councils did not take part in the survey last year, but 73 per cent of councillors thought the planning enforcement service had improved in the last 18 months.

Only 11 per cent of councillors felt the service had not improved.

The survey was carried out in June and made comparisons with a survey carried out among applicants in June last year.

This year was the first time the survey had also been sent to councillors – ward councillors and parish councils

Some 263 applicants were sent the survey but only 10 per cent – 27 – responded.

Seventy ward councillors and parish councils were sent a questionnaire but only 19 per cent responded – a total of 13.

A report to the borough's development management committee said the survey results provide a useful benchmark in which to measure user satisfaction going forward.

Staff reductions are to take place in development management from October 1 which could have an impact on performance. But this will be closely monitored and a similar survey is expected to be carried out next year.

Sensory Centre open day celebrates second anniversary

WARRINGTON Wolves' skipper Michael Monaghan and club mascot Wolfie were on hand to help the town's sensory centre celebrate its second anniversary.

As part of the celebrations the centre opened its doors and welcomed new visitors to come and try out the facilities and see what the centre had to offer.

Cllr Steve Wright officially opened the Woolston based facility while centre coordinator, Mo Smith, along with the help of local parents and carers, designed the safe play area, sensory room and café with everyone's needs in mind.

The centre supports local families and provides a safe and fun environment for children, young

people and adults with additional needs whilst allowing peace of mind for parents and carers.

Two years on and the centre has been a great success with families praising the team for their hard work and amazing facilities.

Cllr Jean Carter, executive board member for children and young people's services said, 'It's great to be celebrating the sensory centre's second anniversary. The staff provide an excellent support to families and young people and the centre is a fantastic asset to the community.'

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Dr Ironman's charity challenge

A WARRINGTON doctor completed a gruelling ironman challenge to raise money for a children's charity.

Dr Edward Taylor swam 2.4 miles, cycled 113 miles, and then ran a full marathon for Birchwood-based Ciaran's Cause.

The charity donates defibrillators to Warrington schools, youth groups and clubs, in memory of seven-year-old Ciaran Latham-Geddes, who died at Locking Stumps Primary in 2012.

Dr Taylor, 46, Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group lead member for older people, said: "The swim was just like being in a washing machine, with 2,000 other people trying to get out."

"The bike ride was just like the Wacky races, with everyone constantly jostling for position."

"The run was a game of two

halves - the first a steady effort supported by the crowd and the second half dominated by the pain of a large blister on the sole of my foot."

Dr Taylor completed the Ironman UK event in Bolton. His times were a 72 minute swim, a six hour 53 minute bike ride, and a four hour 48 minute marathon.

A GP at Fearnhead Cross Medical Centre, Dr Taylor has previously raised £2,500 for the Alzheimer's Society but decided to support a local charity this time.

He said: "I'm not a sure how much patients have donated yet - but I hope people give generously."

The charity's website is ciaranscause.co.uk.



Village Hotel sponsors Under 10s team

GRAPPENHALL Under 10s have landed themselves a new sponsor - in the shape of The Village Urban Resort Warrington.

The new kit was unveiled at the signing up ceremony at the resort, located on Centre Park in the town centre.

Donn Timmons, General Manager (pictured with the team) said: "The hotel are delighted to be supporting the local team. The children really seem to love their new kit and were really happy."

"This also gives us the opportunity to not only support health and fitness in our club but in the local community also."

"All of the families received complimentary passes so they can also enjoy our facilities which are undergoing a £330,000 refurbishment."



Housing Trust launch new Neighbourhoods team

WARRINGTON'S Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT) has completely over-hauled the way in which they deliver services to tenants with the launch of a new Neighbourhoods team.

In 2012 the Trust's board committed £600,000 to help prepare the organisation and its tenants to deal with the affects of Welfare Reforms.

GGHT was quick to react to ensure it could support its tenants in the wake of these reforms. This has seen the development of an Employment Initiatives Team and the roll out of a series of plans to change the way the Trust delivers its services.

These changes have seen GGHT place "digital" at the heart of its service delivery, bringing its staff even closer to the Trust's 20,000 tenants and residents. It has also led to the launch of a new dedicated Neighbourhoods team. The team consists of 28 Neighbourhood Officers, each delivering services across small geographical areas consisting of just over 300 GGHT properties. The officers are using the latest digital technology, allowing them to spend more time in their specific patch, providing a visible presence to tenants and members of the community. It also allows them to spend more time supporting and safeguarding their most vulnerable tenants and their families, helping them make an even bigger difference to their lives.

The team offer a broad range of services for tenants going beyond

the roll of a conventional Housing Officer. Each Neighbourhood Officer will deal with issues from low level ASB, untidy gardens, arrears management, investment programme tenant liaison, welfare reform support in particular Universal Credit, signing up of new tenants and tenancy and estate management. As well as offering support in numeracy and literacy issues to those tenants who need it.

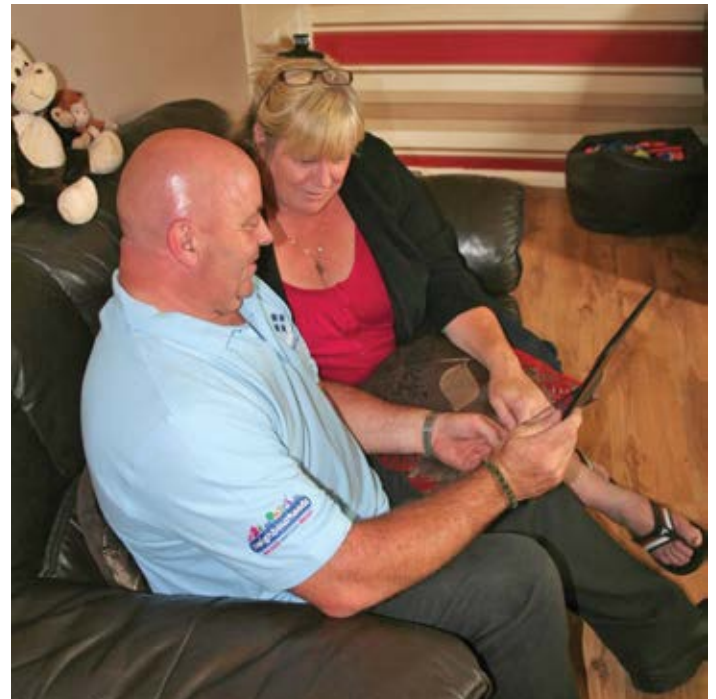
The team operate fully paperless, using iPads with software which was configured to automate GGHT's existing service forms to provide a quick and structured method of collecting information. Neighbourhood Officers are now able to provide several services in one visit to a tenant's home. This may include taking card payments, accessing tenants details, organising repairs and immediately being able to update central records, all direct from their iPad.

GGHT Director of Housing Management, Peter Fitzhenry, commented: "It is good to see that our new Neighbourhoods team are already making such a positive start. We recognise that investing in neighbourhoods is about much more than place and that to make lasting improvements we need to support local residents to improve their lives."

"The new approach will allow our staff to get even closer to our tenants, building stronger relationships and finding a better balance between proactive and

reactive work. We are already getting a much better idea of our tenants current circumstances and are using this information to work with partners to help them tackle issues linked to health, financial difficulties, unemployment and digital exclusion".

GGHT Tenant, Gill Caldwell said: "I think the changes are really positive and it is nice to see John, my GGHT Neighbourhood Officer more often out and about on my street. John has always been really helpful and nothing is ever too much trouble for him".



GGHT Neighbourhood Officer, John Murphy with tenant, Gill Caldwell.

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The event was organised by local community development officer Tracy Williams who was joined by local councillors Hans

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Top picture shows the Mayor meeting the Change4Life team

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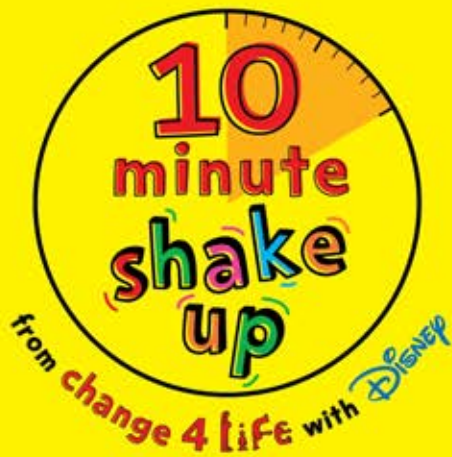
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By David Watkinson

Employed and self-employed income

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Whether you are employed or self-employed can have a huge impact on the net income received from a fixed amount of gross income, the reason being not only the massive difference in the National Insurance costs but also the different rules governing the deduction of expenses. As the terms of reference of this latest report state, getting the status wrong can be very costly for a business and for the individual concerned, and is a significant factor in the increase in personal service companies.

As part of its published policy of restructuring the tax system, the government have instructed The Office of Tax Simplification (OTS) to consider the dividing line between employment and self-employment and whether the distinction between the two should be redefined.

For the vast majority of people, of course, it is obvious whether they are employed or self-employed. However, there is an increasing view that the law in this area has not kept pace with changing work patterns, and that this is causing uncertainty for a large number of taxpayers. More and more frequently, people are working for more than one business and they can often find themselves classed as an employee for one job, but self-employed for the other.

The review will consider:

- Whether the UK's current employment status tests result in uncertainty and, if so, in which areas.
- Sectors and types of engagement where difficulties in administering the tax rules are relatively common for any or all of those involved.
- How well the current rules and guidelines deal people with multiple roles.
- Trends in employment law.
- HMRC guidance and advice.

The review, however, will not consider the IR35 or the CIS regulations. Equally, it will not look at the expenses rules for employed and



self-employed people.

The report will be prepared in time for next year's budget and the intention is that it will identify any areas which could be dealt with immediately. However, it is anticipated that if the report points the way to significant reforms then these could not be put into effect until after the next election.

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Young fan creates new club badge



WARRINGTON Town FC will proudly be wearing a new club badge on their shirts this season thanks to a design created by one of their young supporters.

University student Tom Greaves, aged 19, came up with the winning design after the club launched a competition to find a replacement club badge.

Tom's creative design captured the club's heritage and also includes part of the town's iconic Golden Gates.

His eye catching design has won Tom a Vice President Package worth £500 for the forthcoming season, along with a replica first team shirt, an England shirt signed by three footballing legends and £100 cash.

A delighted Tom said: "Obviously I am delighted to have had my design selected - it's going to be very exciting to see it used by the club and to see the players wearing it on their kit!"

"My thought process on the design was that I wanted it to say something about Warrington at the same time as being unique to the club and with the outline of the Golden Gates and the Cheshire flag on there I think it says a lot about the area the club represents."

"I also wanted the club colours to be prominent and the badge to include the club's year of foundation, which is important to our heritage but wasn't included on our previous crest."

"I would like to thank Toby and the other directors for selecting the design."

Club Chairman Toby Macormac, who judged the competition with fellow board members said: "We were looking for a fresh and simple approach that kept an icon of the Town whilst also acknowledging our County FA affiliation and Tom's entry did just that!"

Tom's winning design will feature on the club's brand new home kit to be launched at the start of the season and gradually be phased in over the coming months to replace the old club crest.



Tom Greaves and top the new club badge he designed

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