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WARRINGTON Hospital's current car parking policy is certainly causing a lot of stress and anxiety for visitors - with large numbers being fined - some even after they have paid.

The current camera technology seems to be less than perfect.

I am not sure why the previous system had to be changed, with many "victims" claiming a predatory system aimed purely at income generation.

I have called on hospital Chief Executive Mel Pickup to review the charging policy and will continue to do so until a fair system is in place.

The hospital is at the heart of our community and a place where people often visit poorly and sometimes dying loved ones.

The last thing they need during their times of anxiety and grief is a £75 parking fine landing in the post!

Meanwhile Warrington Wolves' decision to launch a new brand has received a mixed response across the community.

The decision to reintroduce the old nickname the Wire, is hardly

earth shattering, as to us dyed in the wool supporters it had never really gone away.

But the new logo and #HardWired tag line seems to have really generated a mixed response.

Personally I preferred the old logo as it packed more bite - and it would have been quite easy to add The Wire to it, if it was felt important to re-establish the club's link with the past.

New brands come and go with lots of sporting organisations - but at the end of the day the most important thing is results on the pitch.

Warrington Wolves are just 80 minutes away from another Wembley appearance when they take on Hull KR on August 1 - if they win that game I am sure the controversy of the new branding will soon become a distant memory for many.

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New director joins board at LiveWire

WARRINGTON businessman Carl Oates has joined the main board at local leisure, libraries and lifestyles provider LiveWire.

Carl, aged 34, has recently launched MBS Site Supplies in the town where he has lived with his family for the past five years.

A delighted Carl said: "I am looking to give something back to a town which has been so kind to us. LiveWire seemed like the perfect opportunity to do this operating on a voluntary basis at board level. LiveWire is embarking upon considerable development of its estate with new buildings approved and refurbishment of existing buildings. Given that I own a builders merchants and have nearly 15 years' experience in the construction industry, my skillset and experience seemed to fit well with the needs of LiveWire going forwards as it continues to grow."

Carl has a BA (hons) degree in communication and an MSc in Marketing Management and is looking forward to helping the not for profit community interest company, launch new products and services to local communities related to cancer, weight loss, dementia and other personal challenges.

"Given that I have made a lot of friends across both public and private sectors in Warrington, it is hoped that I will add continued value to developing relationships and strategic alliances across Warrington to benefit LiveWire and

the communities in which it operates.

Carl added: "The chance to work with people like Jan Souness (Managing Director) and Alan Yates (Chairman) – both of whom have done so much for the development and progress of the Warrington communities in their own right is very exciting. I'm keen to continue my own personal development and surrounding myself with good people ensures this happens. I will do everything I can to help LiveWire continue towards delivering its vision of making Warrington the most active and healthy town in the country."

It has been a busy few weeks for Carl who lives in Appleton with his wife Rachel, as the couple recently celebrated the birth of their second child Joshua a month early - much to the delight of big sister Harriet, aged three.

As well as joining the board at LiveWire Carl is a supporter of Warrington Disability Partnership and a former semi-professional footballer, including a spell at Runcorn Linnets.



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Hello and welcome to my monthly column . . .

Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

Emotional Energy

During any given day your physical and emotional energy levels fluctuate, for some people it can be like the ebb and flow of a gentle tide, or for others it's more like crashing waves, and then brief moments of quiet before the tide hits again.

As the mind and body are so intertwined, emotional states dictate the physical energy levels, and if depleted regularly can lead to short or long term illnesses.

It is therefore important to be mindful about what affects the emotional energy levels. People are often unaware that their energy is being drained, whether by other people (usually unintentionally), or by certain situations or within negative environments. People who give a lot of themselves to others, or work in emotionally charged places where there is a lot of negative energy i.e. people angry, frustrated and unhappy, will be affected by this energy, whereby they may feel drained all the time, as if their own energy is being sucked from them. If then they feel they have no control over their environment they may repress their own emotions or try to make things better, but may feel

they are stuck in a vicious cycle. This can increase stress levels and affect confidence and self esteem, ultimately resulting in disturbed sleeping and eating patterns, depleting pain tolerance, and likely resulting in illnesses, where the body is trying to right itself.

Awareness is the key, sensing the energy levels dipping, and knowing what things are affecting it. It is also important to be more aware of how you deal with difficult situations and people. Do you avoid confrontation, and try to keep the peace? Do you push down your own feelings and needs to keep others happy? Do you worry about things, but are fearful of taking any form of action? Do you remain in unhealthy relationships because you don't want to be alone, or are more focused on the other person's needs more than your own? Are you driven by 'shoulds', and feel contained within other people's rules and boundaries, resulting in you feeling you don't know your own mind? This can also lead to repressed emotions, turning feelings inwards on yourself or expressing them inappropriately. If any, or all of these questions rings warning bells for you, it is now time to start taking care of your emotional energy

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levels. If they are regularly depleted, there is a high probability that you are already feeling it physically too.

It is also important to notice if you feel drained after being with certain people. If someone else is low in energy or holding onto negative energy, then they will naturally try to get the energy they need from other people. You may need to limit your time with these people, then give yourself time to relax and re-coup your energy.

It may help to keep a diary of events that trigger symptoms of depleted energy i.e. fatigue, problems with eating or sleeping, shutting off from others, or heightened emotions.

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Inspirational teacher who 'touched the lives of many'

THE last remaining teacher at Warrington's Sir Thomas Boteler CE High School to have taught there when it was a grammar school has retired after 38 years' service.

Assistant head Hugh Chambers, a graduate of Durham University, joined the old Boteler Grammar School in 1977 to teach French and German.

He became head of modern languages at Victoria Park High School after the amalgamation with Richard Fairclough High in 1983 and thereafter at Sir Thomas Boteler High.

He said: "The school has had to face many challenges whilst I've worked here but has done everything possible to overcome them."

"Although the faces have changed over the years, what has never been in doubt has been the entire staff's commitment to providing the best possible education for the young people in our community"

Head teacher Bev Scott-Herron said: "Hugh was a very inspirational teacher, leader and person who touched and enriched the lives of so many people, both colleagues and students."

"His legacy will remain within the soul of Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School for years to come. We are very honoured to have him serve at the school for so many years and we are all better people for knowing Hugh. And learning from him."

"We really do wish him all the best for a happy, healthy retirement and he will be missed."

Mr Chambers ran trips to Normandy and Paris for 15 years and took over leadership of the school's long-standing language exchange programme with twin town Hilden in Germany, giving an estimated 600 young Warringtonians the opportunity to travel abroad with the school over the years.



Mr Chambers with Bev Scott-Herron.

In more recent times he handed over his head of department role to a colleague in order to concentrate on his senior leadership roles. In response to temporary staffing issues, he also taught in the design and technology and science departments.

In 2012 Mr Chambers won the prestigious North West Region "Ted Wragg" Award for Lifetime Achievement through the Pearson Teaching Awards system, having been initially nominated by pupils

at the school.

Hundreds of Boteler's former basketball players, several now in their fifties, will probably remember Mr Chambers best for his coaching and Friday evening training sessions.

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The former Time Square site is now cleared as part of the Bridge Street Regeneration Scheme and site works there will continue throughout the summer with construction works to build the new temporary market hall starting early next year. At the Stadium Quarter the Business Incubator will be completed this month and will open for business in October. Works are also now on site on the construction of the £10 million University Technical College Warrington facility which sits next door. And there's lots more going on.

But as it's summer and a time to get fit for business, this year for the first time Warrington & Co.

and Contest Sports are launching a new Corporate Challenge for local businesses at the 7th annual English Half Marathon.

The event takes place on Sunday 20th September and is a great opportunity for staff to pit themselves against colleagues, senior staff, business rivals and competitors whilst empowering employees to become more active and work towards a common goal.

There's a great new course too that incorporates many of Warrington's landmarks including the Golden Gates, Halliwell Jones Stadium and the Cultural Quarter, it promises to showcase Warrington at its best.

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For more details, visit our website <http://warringtonandco.com/warrington-co-corporate-challenge/>



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Business leader launches new telecoms business

LOCAL Businessman Paul Taylor, MD of Taylor Business Park, Vice Chair of Cheshire Business Leaders and Board Member at LiveWire Warrington has started a new venture here in the town, called Cheshire Telecom.

Paul said: "We're changing the way people think about communication technology. Instead of frustration and constant issues we can show businesses how to have their technology work around them so they can get on doing what they do best."

He added: "When we upgraded the Internet on Taylor Business Park we went all out and delivered what is still the fastest business internet connection offered to tenants in Cheshire and Warrington. The first thing we noticed was that tenants immediately wanted to upgrade their phones and IT equipment to make the most use of the speed and reliability. We did so ourselves and noticed how much it changed the way we worked. It improved the way we communicate with our customers, each other and it made our own workloads much easier to manage. We realised everyone should be able to do this and we've become quite evangelical about getting our message across. The more successful our businesses are, the better it is for the town and everyone else."

"For years now all we've heard is people who are fed up with slow pace of the high speed internet roll out across Cheshire, they've had enough of the usual trouble they get when dealing with the big telephony and internet providers like BT and even some of the bigger local companies."

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New president for Warrington Rotary Club



PETER Berryman has been installed as the new president of the Rotary Club of Warrington.

A resident of Walton, he intends to continue to embrace the club's motto of "Service Above Self."

This year the club's aim is to again support local, regional and international charities through its Oktoberfest beer festival and other activities.

Peter said: "I intend to use my year of office to further help both the local community and wider charitable causes by encouraging members and their friends to join me by offering their services to help those in need by whatever it takes."

Record number of young people get active



MORE young people than ever before are getting active in Warrington and connecting with their community thanks to Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT).

Figures released in a report from GGHT show that between April 2014 and March 2015, more than 2,500 young people took part in activities and projects organised by the Trust. With projects linked to sport, the local environment and the arts, GGHT have been able to address a number of issues affecting young people who live in its homes and neighbourhoods, raising their aspirations and

encouraging them to get more involved in their community.

The report showed GGHT has directly delivered 12 youth engagement projects during the period, provided 600 hours of activity and delivered 242 hours of volunteering. They have also supported 13 community projects and provided £11k in funding for external groups that provide activities for young people.

The outcomes have been achieved through the Trust's partnerships with a host of local providers across the town, including Warrington Borough

Council (WBC), Warrington Wolves Foundation, LiveWire and Warrington Town Football Club.

Vikki Jones, GGHT Regeneration Officer said: "GGHT recognises the impact of engaging young people and the outcomes it can bring not only to the individual but to the communities in which they live. We are very proud of the wide range of engagement opportunities we offer to young people in Warrington and the difference which we see it makes to them."

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Powerful road safety message hits home

SCHOOL pupils in Warrington got first-hand experience of the horrific impact a road traffic collision at a special road safety event, designed to help keep them safe on the town's roads.

Warrington Borough Council delivered their first ever 'Impact Day' at Penketh High School, an awareness day designed to get pupils to think about the effects a road traffic collision has on everybody in the community, not just friends and family.

Working together, emergency response teams and the council set-up a 'live' crash scene in the school playground. Pupils from Penketh High acted as the casualties and the other students then saw for themselves the effects of a crash and how the emergency services all work very hard together to save lives in an incident.

Once the crash scene part of the event was over, the students were split into groups to take part in classroom sessions. During these they had the opportunity to think about what happened during the crash and to decide why they thought the crash happened. They then had to work out all the people who would be affected from a road traffic collision.

There were also guest speakers who had felt the effects of a crash, giving a first-hand account of their experiences to pupils. A Family Liaison Police officer discussed his experience of attending a crash scene, and having to tell somebody that their loved one has been killed on the road. A Trauma Doctor from Countess of Chester A&E

department spoke about his role in the hospital when a victim is brought into A&E. There was a Magistrate who spoke about his time in court dealing with road traffic cases and how the families react in court. A victim of an accident, who was on duty as a Highways Agency officer when his vehicle was hit by a drunk HGV driver, spoke about the injuries he sustained and the long term effect it has had on his life.

Councillor Hans Mundry, executive board member for highways, transportation and the public realm, said: "We are committed to ensuring road safety

for everyone in the borough and this exercise gave school pupils a chance to focus on how normal life can be destroyed by a road accident in a split second.

"We have targeted young people with this campaign as normally they just think of friends and family, but so many others feel the impact in their lives - emergency services personnel will be affected along with their families, magistrates, teachers, neighbours, witnesses... the list goes on and on, and it is vital we get this important message across to people at an early age."

Mr Ben Dunne, Headteacher said: "This was one of the most powerful reconstructions I have ever seen. In the 'life-like' virtual world of video games and

computer generated images, powerful messages that require a hard hitting impact can be difficult to get across to youngsters.

"The impact team, with the support of all the emergency services, did an amazing job in bringing their important road safety messages to life at Penketh High School. This was very difficult for our pupils to watch but I'm certain that if all youngsters across Warrington get to see this very real insight into the horror of a road traffic accident, dozens of lives could be saved across the region each year."

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Two latest additions recently joined the team after a lengthy recruitment drive. Caleb Barrie and Leanne Bartlett both demonstrated exceptional skills during a gruelling interview process, where they each had to demonstrate their abilities to salon management.

Manager Jimmy Sharpe said "Both Caleb & Leanne really stood out as talented stylists, their technical skills were of an exceptionally high standard. What really made them stand out is how passionate about hairdressing they are, which reflects in the fantastic service they give to their clients".

Caleb has been hairdressing for four years and has built up a strong following in the salon he worked at in Frodsham. He said "I'm really looking forward to joining a new, vibrant team where I can push my skills to the next level".

Leanne started out in hairdressing three years ago. After completing her level 3 at

a reputable Stockton Heath salon she decided it was time for a change and Paul Kemp Hairdressing seemed the right salon for her. She said "The PK team is a great mix of relaxed, friendly and professional stylists, always sending clients out with amazing hairstyles".

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Countdown begins for 25th Disability Awareness Day

NO sooner was the dust settling at the 24th annual Disability Awareness Day, Warrington Disability Partnership's Chief Executive and charity founder Dave Thompson, was planning next year's 25th anniversary event!

DAD 2015 was the culmination of a week of various events, showcasing disability awareness, with a "can do" approach.

It is now a global event, replicated around the world, with another DAD scheduled to take place in India next week, as well as being replicated at other outposts across the world.

Supported by various sponsors, including Principal Sponsors Your Housing Group, the event has come along way in the past 24 years and is now seen as one of the highlights of the year in Warrington.

Dave said: "It's amazing, when we came in here in 1992 we thought it was a one off event but it has survived and got stronger year on year."

The 25th anniversary event takes place on July 10 next year – for more details visit www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk



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Community rallies to show support for brave Caitlyn

MEMBERS of Warrington's Irish club supported by members of the local community at Orford teamed up to help raise funds for a 10-year-old girl who battled against the odds after being born with half a heart.

More than 80 people took part in a sponsored walk from Alder Hey's Children's Hospital, where little Caitlyn Whitehead was born, to Warrington, helping raise thousands of pounds to send her on a dream holiday to Florida and for the hospital's heart unit.

They were joined by local councillor's Mike Hannon and Kerri Morris, who were showing support for Caitlyn and her grandad Chris Whitehead, who organised a number of peace walks and charity events following the Warrington bombing.

Cllr Hannon, who raised over £300 in sponsorship said: "We were delighted to support Chris and his family after all the good work he has done in the past."

Caitlyn's Mum Natalie Whitehead recalled her daughter's battle for life. "At five days old her only chance of survival was to undergo open heart surgery. Following 12 hours in theatre Dr Marco Pozzi, Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon discussed my daughter's critical condition.

"To this day I remember asking him "Will she die?" in which he responded "I don't know".

"It was at this point I began to realise how poorly my little girl was and mentally made plans to say goodbye. Weeks went by and Caitlyn remained on a life support machine, receiving the maximum level of treatment available to her.

February had been and gone. Each day I sat next to her, holding her hand and speaking few words I had within me to comfort her.

"March arrived and so did the day when my miracle baby was able to breathe for herself. After many more weeks of recovery Caitlyn was finally allowed home for the first time since birth.

"Relief, distress and fear shook through my body. It was my time to take over and care for her precious life."

Two years went by and then it was time for Caitlyn to endure her second heart operation.

Natalie added: "I still have to pinch myself when I say this but after 10 hours in theatre, a few days in intensive care and the odd day or two on the cardiac ward, my little lady was discharged eight days following open heart surgery. Amazing. A quick recovery according to the doctors and nurses."

Then in October 2010 Caitlyn endured complex heart surgery for the third time. This operation would redesign the plumbing in and round her heart giving her the best chance of making it into adult hood and living with half a heart. Six weeks post-surgery, Caitlyn was still in hospital and her condition began to deteriorate. The Cardiologist decided further invasive investigations was needed to determine why her current

state was weakening.

"The news was heart-breaking, unbearable and difficult to comprehend. Caitlyn's new circulation had collapsed meaning she would have to go through further heart surgery. She spent a total of 12 weeks in hospital, seven operations and finally she was discharged a few days before Christmas," added Natalie.

As a consequence of Caitlyn's circumstances the courageous nine year old became the creator and founder of the Katie Heart Fund.

She was also the driving force behind the setup of the charity graciously organised by Warrington Irish club family and friends in 2014.

Caitlyn endured several months of psychology enabling her to manage her demons and worries surrounding her life threatening heart condition.

Determination along with the support of her clinical psychologist, Susannah McNulty, resulted in Caitlyn giving her heart the name "Katie Heart".

The Charity board members and organisers dedicated their time to organising a 17 mile Charity Walk when over 80 people walked from Alder Hey Children's Hospital to Warrington. All donations for the 2015 walk and go fund me appeal will be split between Cardiac Pioneering Surgical Equipment, The "Hybrid Theatre" and towards a trip to Florida for Caitlyn.

To make a donation please visit www.gofundme.com/oyj9bk

Natalie concluded: "Caitlyn and her family would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who have supported us through these difficult times."



Caitlyn outside the Irish Club with mum Natalie and a cheque for £10,000 with Irish Club Chairman Frank O'Brien and his wife Irene and local councillors Mike Hannon and Kerri Morris.

Camera club set to showcase talent

MOORE Camera Club will be opening its doors to the public on the weekend of August 8-9 for its annual Photography Exhibition.

More than 90 images will be on display covering a wide range of subjects from Wildlife, Landscapes, Portraits and Architecture (to name a few). So there should be something of interest for everyone. Club members will be on hand to answer any questions you may have on photography, or to tell the story behind the photographs.

Prints will be available to buy, should you like to see any of the images adorning the walls of your own home or premises.

Established in June 2000 the club meets every Monday evening at Moore Rugby Club. Members enjoy a wide and varied syllabus, from field trips around the North West to places such as Salford Quays and Crosby, to photographing still life, model nights and dog agility.

They have even had Stormtroopers turn up at the club to pose for pictures! Every month there is a themed competition and at the end of the year prizes are given for the Photographer of the Year, along with 2nd and 3rd places.

The 12 winning shots from last years competition will all be on display. The venue for the exhibition is Moore Rugby Club, Moss Lane, Warrington WA4 6UU.

The exhibition will be open on Saturday August 8 11am -7pm and Sunday August 9 from 11am to 4pm.

Admission is free and refreshments will be available. For more information about the exhibition or if you'd wish to join the club please send an email to info@moorecameraclub.org



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£70k funding boost to get Warrington residents active!

A new fund, Active Anywhere, aimed at getting communities moving has been launched by Active Cheshire, the lead organisation in Warrington for creating, supporting and building healthy active lifestyles.

The charity has made an additional £71,399 of its own funds available to change the lives of local communities and will be working closely with the Active Warrington initiative to make the investment successful.

Active Anywhere is a far reaching and innovative programme which will enable new means of access to exercise and activity for the people of Warrington and will improve lives. The fund was launched at a conference of local partners at the Warrington Wolves stadium where the details were explained to prospective partners. Active Anywhere is now live and awaiting new applications and will run until 18th August.

Already this year, Active Cheshire have invested over £365,000 in Cheshire and Warrington in their mission to get 50,000 more people, more active more often by 2017. The cost of inactivity in the region is enormous, with sedentary lifestyles costing over £17.5 million per year across the subregion. As well as obvious healthcare savings, the new funds provide a means for communities to get active in a sustainable, measured and successful way.

People who exercise at least half

an hour a week are contributing hugely to their own future well-being as well as improving social interaction and lessening chances of mental ill health.

One of the key messages of Active Anywhere is to encourage new partners to come forward and work with Active Cheshire so that the joint aims of improving health, welfare and activity levels can be achieved together. As the providers and administrators of the fund, they are keen to work with these new groups and organisations so that maximum reach into non-traditionally active communities can be achieved.

Specifically, the fund has been created to improve levels of exercise and activity across the following themes:

- Young People (19-25 year olds)
- Older People (55+)
- Under 5's
- Disability/Inclusive Physical Activity
- Connecting Schools and the Community
- Deprived Wards
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- Adversity Fund

Councillor Kate Hannon said: "As chair of the Active Warrington Steering Group, news of this

funding is particularly welcome. It will sustain physical activity and sport for residents across Warrington, supporting the aims and vision of the Active Warrington strategy. The Active Warrington Partnership is looking forward to working with Active Cheshire to deliver these funds locally, building strong and lively communities by helping people get more active, more often.

Anne Boyd (pictured right), CEO of Active Cheshire said: "It is an enormous privilege for the team at Active Cheshire to be able to make this fund available. This is money that we have earned from the work we do and we are now proud and excited to invest this into the future health and wellbeing of local people. We can see from the interest and response of our partners today that they are crying out for ways to support communities to be more active and we are looking forward hugely to

the range of applications we will receive. We're sure we're going to be blown away by the dedication, imagination and innovation of local and national organisations."

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Double boost for Wolves' Foundation

WARRINGTON Wolves' Foundation received a double boost at their 10th birthday celebration event at the Halliwell Jones Stadium.

The charitable arm of the rugby club received two donations, one of £2,000 from Sainsbury's and one for £1,000 from the organisers of the Warrington Business Awards, following the special birthday event organised for Foundation Patrons and supporters.

presented a "This is Your Life" of their work over the past 10 years, highlighting the various work they have done in the local community, helping change peoples' lives.

For more information on the work of the Foundation visit www.wolvesfoundation.com/

During the event the Foundation



Neil Kelly receiving a cheque for £2,000 from Sainsbury's Finance



Neil Kelly receiving a cheque for £1,000 from the Warrington Business Awards organising committee



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Deadline approaches for film festival

DEADLINE for submissions for this year's Long Shot film festival at Warrington is September 4.

Screenings are planned for October 10 at the Pyramid Arts Centre. The festival is an annual showcase for the film-making talent of Warrington and will present an opportunity to see a range of short films made by local enthusiasts.

Last year it took the form of a "mini-festival" as part of the Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival and proved a great success. Now organisers are preparing for a full festival this year.

They have set up an online archive where films made for previous festivals can be viewed.

More details are available from the website www.longshotfilmfestival.org.uk where an entry form can also be downloaded.

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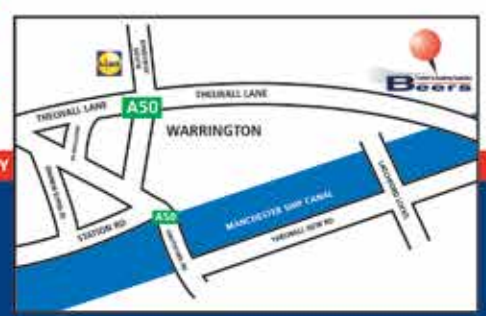
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CHARITY ballot places for this year's English Half Marathon are now available, offering discounted sign-up in return for sponsorship for two of Warrington's best loved causes.

St. Rocco's Hospice and the Warrington Wolves Charitable Foundation have been selected as the 2015 charity partners for the iconic sporting event, which this year takes on a new route around the town on Sunday, September 20 starting from Bank Park.

The charity places are available for just £10, with a commitment to raise at least £200 for taking part in the half-marathon or £150 in sponsorship on the 10k for either the Hospice or the Foundation.

Glen Moores and Taric Ladislav, will be running for Rocco's again this year, having already completed the Manchester Marathon back in April. They say "We enjoy Running for Rocco's and being a part of their team, being able to have fun

at the same time as supporting this great cause".

Amy Blackburn, Marketing and Office Manager from Warrington Wolves Charitable Foundation, added "2015's Half Marathon will be extra special with a section running through the stadium. It's a privilege to be selected as a charity partner alongside St. Rocco's during both our anniversary years, as it's a chance to link 2 well-loved local charities".

To secure a place in this year's charity ballot, visit www.joinforme.u.com/form/51242423688355 or contact either charity for more details.

Call St. Rocco's Hospice on 01925 575780 or the Wolves Foundation on 01925 248894.

Shares in £40,000 funding pot up for grabs

SHARES in a £40,000 funding pot are up for grabs at Warrington – designed to help groups and individuals supporting their neighbourhoods and communities.

Golden Gates Housing Trust's "Heart of the Community Fund" has already allocated more than £75,000 in funding to local groups and the fund is now again open for applications.

Deadline for applications is July 31.

Golden Gates Housing and building supplies firm Jewson created the fund to help individuals and groups achieve their aims to enhance the lives of local residents.

The fund is also supported by donations from a number of other partners including Sure Group, Omega Access North Ltd, Urban Building Projects Ltd, Upholland Property Services, Marbury Constructive Solutions Limited, Willmott Dixon Energy Services, MCP Environmental, A. G. Painting and Savills.

The fund is open to applications from all constituted voluntary and community groups in Warrington.

A new element of the scheme also allows tenants and residents who are not part of a constituted group to apply for funding to complete a community project that benefits a group of people.

Successful applicants in the past have included:

- * Dallam and District Community Angling Group – £1,000 towards fishing equipment enabling children's matches to be held.
- * Bewsey Job Club – funding to purchase a laptop, printer and stationary.
- * Angels Dance Academy – £1,000 to enable the club to buy new kits.
- * Bank Quay Bulls RL club – £1,520 for new kit for the youth team.
- * Meadows Primary School – £2,000 to purchase an interactive smart board
- * Marsh House Gym – £500 to enable them to buy new equipment.

Golden Gates Housing chairman Roy Smith said: "I am delighted to be able to announce the launch of our new Heart of the Community Fund, which is bringing more money than ever before to the local community and will help us to support even more residents and groups across Warrington. I would like to thank Jewson and all of our partners who have contributed to the fund and made this possible."

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Conservative Budget impact for business

The first Conservative budget seemed tame at first sight. However, there were two measures that will have a massive impact on small businesses in the future. The first is the new tax treatment of dividends. The second is the removal of the NIC "Employment Allowance" from one-man limited companies.

Currently, dividends carry a tax credit of 10%. Whilst dividends are not deducted from the profits of the company before calculating the company's tax they do not attract any further tax on the recipient provided that the recipient is a basic rate taxpayer.

Also, there is currently a reduction in the employers NIC payable by a company of up to £2,000 in each tax year, and this is set to increase to £3,000 next year. This is the "Employment Allowance".

From April 2016, however, all this will change. Firstly, a new tax free dividend allowance of £5,000 per person will be introduced. However, all dividends received above that amount will be taxed at a minimum of 7.5%. At the same time, the Employment Allowance will be removed from "one-man" limited companies.

The combined effect of the above changes is to remove the current tax incentive to sole-traders to transfer their business into a limited company. There may still be a very small tax saving to businesses with profits of about £12,000 to £15,000 but the additional costs of operating as a company will most probably more than outweigh any savings, and even these possible small savings very rapidly disappear as profits increase.

There may still be a tax saving if a sole trader's profits exceed the basic rate tax band, and the excess profits are retained within the company for re-investment. Similarly, if there are other reasons to operate through a company then dividends may still show a tax saving compared to salaries subjected to PAYE and National Insurance. The only way to find out is to "number-crunch" in each case.

One thing is certain. The government have finally achieved their aim when the ill-fated IR35 provisions were introduced over 10 years ago, and the golden days of saving tax by operating through a company have disappeared.

WatkinsonBlack are pleased to advise on these as well as other matters, including providing a very cost-effective payroll bureau service. If you want to arrange a no-obligation initial meeting on any taxation or accounting matter then please contact us.

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Warrington Wolves go back to their roots with new brand

WARRINGTON Wolves Rugby League Football Club has unveiled a new brand identity at a launch event at Pyramid, Warrington last night attended by players, fans and sponsors.

Developed by Fogg Associates the new brands first public appearance was at the highly anticipated Wigan game on July 2.

Over the last three months the club has been working with the Warrington-based agency on a fan research study exploring perceptions and opinions of the club focusing on both the brand and the club's operations.

Following Roger Draper's arrival as chief executive in March 2015 the club will be seeing a number of changes throughout the remainder of the year.

Roger (pictured) said: "Our new brand signifies just the start of a very exciting journey for the club."

"Listening to our fans has given us the direction we need to become more connected to our supporters. We want to reward their loyalty and give them a club they can celebrate and be proud of both on and off the pitch."

Chris Fogg, Founder Fogg Associates, added: "The new identity has been designed by the fans. While the Wolf is still an incredibly important aspect of our brand fans have reminded us that both the town, Warrington and the

name, The Wire, play a crucial part in our club's success. Our new logo captures both the heritage and the future of our club.

"Over the next few months we will be launching a new-look website and membership scheme."

Along with the new identity Fogg Associates created a highly emotive video to launch the new brand. This was supported by a series of presentations made to key stakeholders involved in the project including players and sponsors.



520 children to read six books this summer

A TOTAL of 520 children at Warrington have made pledges to read six books during the summer holidays.

The youngsters were from Oakwood Primary School, Our Lady's Primary School and Orford Library and they were taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge – the Reading Agency's attempt to break the world record for the most reading pledges made in a single day.

Libraries across the country held "pledge" events simultaneously.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a major literacy campaign which encourages primary school children to keep reading throughout the summer holidays. To complete the challenge, children must read a total making the pledge of six books by September 6.

They can sign up at their local library and read six books of their choice, collecting stickers and other rewards along the way.

Children who finish the challenge by the end of August will be entered into a prize draw to win a tour of Warrington Wolves' Halliwell Jones stadium with everyone else being given a medal and certificate for their efforts at a special ceremony in September.

Chris Everett, senior LiveWire advisor for libraries said: "It is fantastic that LiveWire is helping to create a new official Guinness World Record."

"The pledging events created great excitement around reading and we hope that everyone will visit their local library and join in with the challenge over the summer holidays."

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 Sat 22 H Farsley Celtic
 Tue 25 A Burscough
 Sat 29 A Abbey Hey/Worksop Town (Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round)
 Mon 31 A Trafford

September
 Sat 5 H New Mills
 Tue 8 H Lancaster City
 Sat 12 Emirates FA Cup First Qualifying Round
 Sat 19 A Scarborough Athletic
 Tue 22 A Mossley
 Sat 26 H Clitheroe / Emirates FA Cup Second Qualifying Round
 Tue 29 A Ossett Albion

October
 Sat 3 A Ossett Town (FA Trophy Preliminary Round)
 Sat 10 H Harrogate Railway Athletic / Emirates FA Cup Third Qualifying Round
 Tue 13 H Droylsden
 Sat 17 A Kendal Town
 Tue 20 H Burscough
 Sat 24 A Farsley Celtic / Emirates FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round
 Sat 31 FA Trophy First Qualifying Round

November
 Sat 7 H Bamber Bridge / Emirates FA Cup First Round
 Wed 11 Integro League Cup First Round
 Sat 14 A Radcliffe Borough / FA Trophy Second Qualifying Round
 Sat 21 H Glossop North End
 Sat 28 A Brighouse Town / FA Trophy Third Qualifying Round

December
 Wed 2 Integro League Cup Second Round
 Sat 5 H Spennymoor Town / Emirates FA Cup Second Round
 Sat 12 A Prescot Cables / FA Trophy First Round
 Sat 19 H Mossley
 Sat 26 A Witton Albion
 Mon 28 H Trafford

January
 Sat 2 A Clitheroe
 Sat 9 A Ossett Town / Emirates FA Cup Third Round
 Wed 13 Integro League Cup Third Round
 Sat 16 H Northwich Victoria / FA Trophy Second Round
 Sat 23 A New Mills
 Sat 30 H Scarborough Athletic

February
 Sat 6 A Harrogate Railway Athletic
 Sat 13 H Ossett Albion
 Wed 17 Integro League Cup Fourth Round
 Sat 20 A Droylsden
 Sat 27 H Kendal Town

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Thank you Warrington!

I wanted to take this opportunity and utilise warrington-worldwide as a platform to express my sincere thanks to the many people & strategic partners whom have played a key role in giving MBS Site Supplies such a great start to life in Warrington.

I realise that this is somewhat unconventional – but hey ... I'm going to do it anyway! I've been overwhelmed by the kindness of the people of Warrington – who have helped me on both a personal & professional basis. I'll never forget it and I'm truly very grateful.

At a time where technology reigns supreme, the old fashioned "personal touch" has been instrumental in getting maximum brand awareness and new business opportunities for our business.

Gary Skentelbery of warrington-worldwide has worked tirelessly to connect us with decision makers across the construction sector. He has gone way beyond his "contractual obligations" as a media supply partner which has enabled us to develop a customer base beyond our wildest dreams and this is before our branch on Dallam Lane is actually open! With great coverage across his print and social

media products too – our brand is well placed on the Warrington map for years to come (I certainly hope so anyway!)

Steve Park and his team at Warrington & Co is another key contributor to our entrance into Warrington. He recently connected me to ITV which resulted in me passing comment LIVE on Good Morning Britain as to the business outlook in Warrington ahead of George Osborne's budget announcement.

Stood in Latchford with my MBS Site Supplies jacket on with exposure to over

5 million viewers as you might expect surreal and worth an awful lot of money in terms of brand awareness. There are a host of other examples I could cite to convey the kindness shown by Steve, suffice as to say much like Gary – he has gone way beyond what is expected of him within his remit as Managing Director of Warrington & Co.

Finally I would like to thank my friends and family, with particular mention for my Wife Rachel. We have recently welcomed our 2nd Child into the world at a time where MBS Site Supplies

in Warrington is our 2nd branch location within our near 2 years operating in business. Rachel has never once stood in the way of the hours, days and nights of relentless hard work that is required in getting a business established, so to her – my Life, my oxygen – Thank You x"

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