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Editor's Comment



WHILE I was not surprised to hear Tony Smith will be leaving Warrington Wolves at the end of the current season, I will be sorry to see him go.

After delivering almost instant success when he joined the club nine years ago, expectations were always going to be high.

Despite finishing top of the table and reaching the Challenge Cup final and the Grand Final in 2016, this was obviously deemed not good enough to retain his services, following a poor campaign this year.

For a club of Warrington's stature finishing in the Middle 8s was simply not good enough and certainly had a growing number of fans calling for his head!

Having followed the club's fortunes for more than four decades, Smith has certainly been the most successful coach at the club for many a generation - but sadly he failed to deliver the elusive holy grail, despite three attempts at Old Trafford.

With the club needing to make a decision on his contract situation again next year, both parties

agreed by "mutual consent" that it was time to part company.

Tony will leave pretty big boots to fill and will be a hard act to follow after the way he helped transformed the club both on and off the field.

I wish him well for the future and will miss our catch ups. He was always totally professional and never ducked a difficult issue.

Meanwhile on a positive note I

was at the official opening of the new temporary market recently - and what an opening it was, attracting an estimated 10,000 visitors.

Our live coverage of the event also attracted huge interest.

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10,000 visit new temporary market on opening day

BUSINESS was booming as Warrington Market moved into its new temporary home, the first completed building in the Time Square project.

Celebrations commenced with a ribbon cutting by Warrington's Mayor Cllr Les Morgan accompanied by former Market Trader Mrs Josie Butterworth who had recently retired having worked at the market for 65 years.

An estimated 10,000 customers visited the market on the opening day.

A programme of entertainment took place throughout the morning by Pete Pinnington Presents which included face painting, music and entertainment and various characters from Star Wars.

The ambitious Time Square regeneration project will open in full in 2019 and will incorporate a brand new bespoke market that will front onto Bridge Street and incorporate the historic Grade II listed façade of the former Boots Building. Other elements of the £130 million scheme

will include a 1160 space multi storey car park which is nearing completion and will be open before Christmas this year, a 13 screen Cineworld cinema with Superscreen, family friendly restaurants, new council offices and a new public square.

The 750 year old multi-award winning market is a vibrant mix of traders old and new. Some businesses have traded in the market for over a century.

Leader of Warrington Borough Council Cllr Terry O'Neill, said: "This is a fabulous and historic day in Warrington's history as our Time Square development takes a leap forward. Warrington Market has been an integral part of Warrington's trade for the past 750 years and the temporary home for the market is vibrant and exciting. If you haven't been down to the market come down it's a superb shopping experience".



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The Friends, who have the full support of Warrington Borough Council Bereavement Services, are proud of their achievements over the past years. They constantly carry out ongoing repairs and

improvements to all aspects of the cemetery.

The first burial at the site was on July 3, 1881 and was of a little girl called Emily Goulden who was only 18 months old for whom a new headstone has been purchased and placed. The cemetery was then officially closed on May 8 2003 at a meeting of the Privy Council, chaired by The Queen, at Buckingham Palace.

The cemetery has numerous military graves and memorials ranging from war graves of fallen

heroes from three conflicts, a grave of an "unknown warrior" and Sgt James Donohue, one of the buglers who sounded the charge for the Light Brigade in the Crimean War.

It has, on site, a listed war memorial which is the focal point of the annual Armistice Day commemorations for Penketh and Great Sankey at which up to 500 can be present. Also resting in the cemetery are family members of

people from both local and global history, from the local tannery families to a relative of Sir William Morgan Stanley, the man who uttered the immortal words "Dr Livingstone, I presume".

Volunteers are on hand at the weekend to help or advise visitors.

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Exciting times as first project completed

By Steve Park

Warrington's market has moved into the building that will be its home until the entire Time Square scheme opens in 2019. The move was a landmark occasion for a couple of reasons; it's the first building to be completed as part of the Time Square project and also, despite the market being 750 years old, it's representative of how our market is continuing to evolve and adapt with the times. It's very much a metaphor for Warrington's resilient business economy in general.

I was there at the opening on 2 September and it was very reassuring to see shoppers pouring in through the doors and the traders fills ringing. Albeit only in a temporary location, the market looks fabulous, vibrant and refreshed.

There is a great mix of old favourite traders - at least four of whom are fourth generation - and new. The food court seating area is already proving a big draw into the building. The market seems to have its old energy and bustle back and this is just a taste of what is to come when the permanent market opens in 2019. If you haven't visited I'd urge you to pop in and take a look. It's a great shopping experience.

There's no show in Warrington

without Wolfie who was of course present at the market opening and indeed is now sponsored by Warrington Market. Wolfie's Warrington Wolves shirt now proudly sports the new Warrington Market logo.

Excitingly the new car park is almost complete and will be open prior to Christmas.

Very soon you'll see the old market hall start to disappear as our appointed contractor, Vinci, set to work clearing the site and

constructing the main elements of the Time Square project; the cinema, restaurants, new council offices and the public square itself. Warrington & Co. helped Vinci host a Meet the Buyer event on 4 September which was an opportunity for small businesses, local suppliers and contracting businesses to meet them with a view to assisting in and working on the project. We had a record turn out with over 300 attending the event and had to split the group into two shifts.



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Warrington Market traders with Wolfie.

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Withington Girls' school celebrate outstanding results

Withington Girls' School has achieved another set of outstanding results in A-Level and GCSE examinations, which have seen them ranked as the best girls' independent school in the north of England across several league tables published in the national press since the 2017 results were released.

The School's Sixth Form cohort of 69 girls achieved exceptional A-Level results, with 91% of subjects taken securing A*, A or B grades, while Year 11 pupils celebrated their success in GCSEs, attaining 93% grades A* and A, or 9-7 under the new numerical grading system.

At GCSE, A* was the average grade achieved, including in Mathematics where 91% of entries were graded A*, Biology (91%), Chemistry (87%), Physics (91%), Double Award Science (84%), and Geography (80%). In Computer Science and ICT 100% of grades were A* and in Further Mathematics 81% of the 47 entries were awarded the exceptional A* grade 'with Distinction' or A*.

This year, ten girls – which represents more than 14% of the

cohort – will take up their places at Oxford or Cambridge to read for degrees in a variety of subjects including Classics, Fine Art, Engineering, History, Medicine, Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Of 64 girls heading to university this year, 54 have gained places at a Russell Group university (84%) with others going to UK top-ranked universities such as St Andrews and Lancaster.

Headmistress, Mrs Sarah Haslam, said of the A-Level results: 'It has been an absolute pleasure to work with this year group who have made such a fantastic contribution to the life of the school. They fully deserve these wonderful results which not only reflect their high academic ability, but also their commitment and their passion for learning.'



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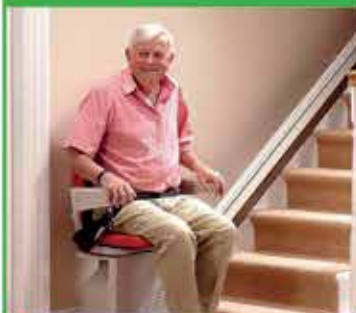
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FDR Law make a splash with unique local art

WARRINGTON based FDR Law has commissioned local artist Ben Ashford to produce twelve new unique pieces of contemporary art for their new look offices in the town.

The eye-catching series include colours from the company's branding palette of blue, green and purple, have also been influenced by Ben's own style and colouring choices to ensure they stand out.

These are now displayed in its local commercial offices in Bold Street, complementing the company's newly refurbished meeting rooms, company boardroom and main reception area. The first pieces went on display last month and the full series will be available to view soon.

The firm, which works for private clients and businesses across the region, has long supported local artists and talent as part of its collaborative work with the local community. FDR have an ongoing relationship with Warrington Collegiate Art & Design department and has displayed several pieces of from the students in its Palmyra Square reception and meeting rooms. These include abstract textile pieces as well as photographic art.

Ben, who has a background in graphic design, started his business

'Splash Art' in 2016 after having the idea to create a bright and colourful piece of art for his own house.

Ben said: "I was delighted to receive this commission from FDR Law, who are recognised as a leading business in Warrington. When I decided on this style of art, I had no idea how effective and modern it would look – or how the business would take off. Getting support from local businesses has been important in my success and I'm proud to see the new unique, bespoke pieces gain attention amongst FDR Law's clients."

Charles Agar, Chairman at FDR, commented, "Ben's paintings have certainly added a new dimension to the office in Bold Street and we are, of course, delighted to be able to support up-and-coming local artists. As a growing business in the North West, it's important to us that we continue to invest in the local community. At the same time, these new pieces help to ensure we stand out from the crowd with creative and unique art."



Patient sacrifices birthday gifts to fund new equipment

A former patient of Warrington Hospital has raised a total of £1,477 to fund a brand new blood pressure monitor to say thank you for the ward that took care of her.

Pam Caley was diagnosed and treated on ward A6 at Warrington Hospital, which is dedicated to patients with digestive diseases.

She was so grateful for the care she received she gave up gifts for her 65th birthday and instead asked her friends and family to donate money to go towards much needed equipment for the ward.

Pam's friends and family managed to club together an incredible £683 – this, along with a personal donation from Pam herself, provided enough funds to purchase the state-of-the-art blood pressure monitor, which

will undoubtedly make a huge difference to future patients on the ward.

Pam said, "I will never be able to repay the staff on ward A6, nor consultant surgeon Mr B. Taylor and his team for the wonderful care I received. They truly are amazing professionals and are a credit to the hospital and the NHS."

Helen Higginson, fundraising manager for Warrington and Halton Hospitals' Charity, expressed her gratitude to Pam saying, "Pam is a truly inspirational person who has been through challenging times and yet only thought of how best to repay the wonderful support she received whilst in our care."

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The 20 and 21 bus routes operate from the interchange to Poplars Avenue via the Halliwell Jones Stadium, Orford Jubilee Hub and Warrington and Vale College. The increase in frequency of the 20 and 21 services will not be the only change, as buses operating along the route are also getting a makeover.

Ben Wakerley, Managing Director at Network Warrington, said: "We're delighted to unveil the new-look 'Pops' service which will make it easier for our customers to get around Orford and its associated stops. I am also pleased to introduce more reduced bus fares in the town, building on our other recent reductions including the Dallam discount".

"We've listened to customer feedback and I'm delighted to say

that passengers using the 20 and 21 Pops routes won't have to wait longer than ten minutes to catch the bus anymore, during the day."

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by Suzette Pulman

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WARRINGTON Council's executive board has approved the proposed purchase of Birchwood Park from Oaktree Capital Management.

Although the council has not revealed the purchase price it is believed to be circa £200m, making it one of the largest property acquisitions in the local authority investment market.

Occupying a regionally-significant location in the east of the borough the 123-acre business park at the junction of the M6 and M62 motorways consists of 1.2million square feet of accommodation and is currently let to more than 150 businesses employing more than 6,000 people.

Detailed information remains commercially sensitive, but the council's investment is expected to deliver a substantial and secure income stream for many years – income that will go straight back into supporting the delivery of essential public services

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'Warrington's bank' is open for business

BRITAIN'S newest business bank – in which Warrington Borough Council has a 33 per cent stake – has officially opened.

Its North West regional office is in Warrington – at The Base, in Dallam Lane – and is ready for business.

The bank will help support the local economy while generating a return for the council, targeting secured lending to local Small Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs), as well as national businesses to drive economic growth in Warrington.

Cllr Russ Bowden, deputy leader of the council and lead member for corporate finance said: "We are gaining a fantastic reputation for our innovative financial practices, which are supporting the growth of the local economy and helping us protect council services. Our partnership with Redwood Bank is the latest example of how we are doing business, to secure a better future for the borough.

"It's fantastic news that, having been granted its initial banking licence only a few months ago, Redwood Bank is already up-and-running in Warrington. I'm looking forward to it giving a real boost to the local economy and helping Warrington businesses thrive."

It is just over four months since Redwood secured its initial banking licence and already it is offering secured SME mortgages for business owners, as well as for experienced commercial and residential property investors. It has also launched a competitive business deposit account. Its speed to market is the result of a combination of factors, including

having a very experienced and proven management team, and the fact that it's the first business bank with 100 per cent cloud-based infrastructure, which improves efficiency as well as security.

The bank has a unique ownership. It is wholly-owned by Redwood Financial Partners Ltd, a company controlled by Jonathan and David Rowland, in which Warrington Borough Council has a 33% stake. As part of this, the council's executive board has approved an investment of £30m in Redwood as part of the bank's capital funding.

Redwood Bank is headquartered in Letchworth, from which an experienced team provides a highly personalised, relationship-driven service nationwide. The bank's main focus will initially be Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire as well as in Warrington.

Gary Wilkinson, co-founder and chief executive of Redwood Bank, said: "We are delighted to be open for business so soon following the issuing of our initial banking licence. We aim to offer a real alternative for small and medium sized organisations, providing them with simple transparent loans and savings accounts, great service and a promise that our money is being invested into British businesses and our local communities.

"As many traditional banks are hampered by poor lending practices from their past and their legacy systems, we are perfectly

positioned to help British SMEs take advantage of property opportunities by offering a highly-tailored service for clients that is built around our very experienced regional managers."

Mr Wilkinson will oversee the day-to-day running of the bank, and will be supported by an experienced management team. The board includes Jonathan Rowland, co-founder and non-executive director of Redwood Bank, as well as David Buckley, who became chairman in June this year. Mr Buckley has held various senior roles in financial services companies including Morgan

Stanley, Morgan Stanley Bank International and Goldman Sachs and is currently Independent non-executive director and chairman of the Audit Committee for CIBC World Markets Plc.

As well as providing tailored lending products to business owners and professional landlords, Redwood Bank has also launched a 35 Day Business Savings Account offering 0.45 per cent AER variable. Redwood Bank is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), the UK's deposit protection scheme, which protects customers' eligible deposits up to a total of £85,000.



WDP bid a temporary fond farewell to Warrington Market

WARRINGTON Disability Partnership have bid a fond farewell to Warrington Market while it moves to a temporary home but have pledged to be back when a brand new market opens on the site of the existing facility.

The Disability Information stall has had a home on Warrington Market for the past 23 years.

The charity organised a fond farewell event at the stall prior to closing, when Chief Executive Dave Thompson thanked all those who had made it such a success.

The information service will now transfer to the Shopmobility facility in the Golden Square Multi-storey car park.

During the time on the market, the stall as well as providing information for disabled people, also helped raise £350,000 in the sale of pin badges for various local charities.



New bus route launched for Penketh High School

LOCAL bus company Network Warrington has introduced buses to and from Penketh High School every 30 minutes.

Buses 14 and 15 are adapting their routes in time for the new academic year to ensure students can catch the bus directly to Penketh High.

These route changes also apply to evening and weekend services to ensure that students who take part in extra-curricular activities are also covered.

Operations Director at Network Warrington, David Blainey, said: "By slightly altering the bus routes to Penketh High we are continuing to serve our current passengers, as well as expanding our service to support students to travel around the borough without having to rely on the 'Mum and Dad taxi service'.

"We're committed to offering high quality and affordable travel to the people of Warrington and we're pleased that our discounted student Touch and Go cards are available for an annual fee which entitles them to unlimited travel on any day, at any time.

"We are hopeful that the student Touch and Go cards, alongside the route changes to Penketh High, make for a winning combination that will save both time and money for many of Warrington's young people and their families."

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By David Watkinson

Workplace pensions

Workplace pensions have now been with us for a number of years and, nationwide, more than 690,000 employers have already met their workplace pension duties since the previous Government introduced its automatic enrolment legislation in 2012.

This legislation applies to all employers even if they only have one employee. It made it a duty for business owners to automatically sign up employees to a pension scheme and into which they must legally contribute, unless an employee decides to "opt out". Even if all employees opt out the employer must still provide a scheme as they must repeat the process every three years. Not complying with the legislation can result in huge fines and even imprisonment for business owners and directors.

The legislation was introduced in stages, starting with larger employees and working towards the smallest. By the final deadline of 1st February 2018, a further 700,000 existing small and micro businesses are expected to have reached their staging date for workplace pension schemes. To help employers know when their staging date is due, The Pensions Regulator (TPR) has provided a checker which links the staging date to the PAYE scheme reference number.

If a business employs someone between 2nd April 2017 and 30th September 2017, the date of their auto-enrolment duties will vary. However, anyone setting up a new business and employing staff from 1st October will have auto-enrolment duties immediately. Therefore, time is running out to avoid these hefty penalties if they haven't set up an auto-enrolment scheme.

As part of a nationwide enforcement campaign launched in April, the TPR inspection teams have been carrying out spot checks to ensure employers are meeting their automatic enrolment duties and employees are gaining access to the workplace pensions they are entitled to. So far, the TPR has visited small companies in London, Greater Manchester, Sheffield, Edinburgh, Birmingham, and most recently Glasgow.

While the majority of small businesses have been successfully meeting their duties, the TPR has stated that the number of penalties being issued is rising due to the size of the employers staging getting smaller and the volume of employers increasing.

The TPR has recently reported that it has issued 9,265 compliance notices, 4,794 fixed penalty notices and 1,384 escalating penalty notices from 1st April to 30th June 2017. The escalating penalties are reported to have raised nearly £0.5m in penalties, so it is something that should not be ignored.

Unlike larger businesses, smaller firms often do not have the financial resources or staff dedicated to looking after their payroll and pension affairs, and are therefore more likely to fall foul of the regulations and incur penalties as a result. We assist many of our clients to fulfil their responsibilities, and would be pleased to assist you to do so!

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Fit to Tackle teams shed incredible 55 stone



TWO teams of 20 men and women taking part in LiveWire and Warrington Wolves' Fit to Tackle programme have managed to lose an incredible 55 stone between them.

The two groups completed the 18th Fit to Tackle programme, shedding the weight, thanks to the rugby themed sports activities and nutritional advice provided.

Over a 12 week period, they were put through their paces with up to three sessions a week of intense training at both the Halliwell Jones Stadium and Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood Hub.

This has enabled at least 35 of the participants to lose at least five per cent of their body weight.

They also dramatically improved their fitness during the course, with all participants completing a half-mile run at least one minute faster in the final week of the programme compared to the first week.

The programme is not just about exercise and nutrition, State of Mind – a mental health sports

charity – also visited during the programme to raise awareness of issues with mental wellbeing amongst sportsmen and women.

Paul Corless, a coach on the programme, said: "We've seen an incredible weight loss on this Fit to Tackle programme.

"The participants worked amazingly hard to reach their targets and really enjoyed all of the activities provided.

"We've seen so many people on this programme work closely together as a team and make long-lasting friendships with people who were strangers 12 weeks ago.

"The other coaches, Tom, Matt, Rachel and I are really proud of what they've achieved.

"Hopefully they've now got all the skills necessary to lead happy and healthy lifestyles."



A new home for "Ratty" in Padgate Brook

RIVERS in Warrington could soon become a haven for water voles thanks to a new flood defence scheme.

Immortalised as "Ratty" in Kenneth Grahame's "The Wind in the Willows", the tiny mammals face an uncertain future in the UK due to widespread habitat loss and predation.

But the £34 million scheme, which will provide greater protection from the risk of flooding to about 2,000 homes and businesses in Warrington, aims to offer a new stronghold for the species through the creation of conservation areas.

As part of the project, the Environment Agency and Warrington Borough Council, have created a new 250m stretch of river along Padgate Brook in Orford, specifically designed with water voles in mind.

The water voles' riverside home has also been boosted by the planting of wildflowers and the use of site-won turf which has allowed the area to establish quickly.

By creating the right conditions in the landscape, the Environment Agency hopes to not only attract



the iconic water voles but also birds, amphibians and insects to the area.

Spokesman Chris Stone said: "The River Mersey Warrington Flood Risk Management Scheme aims to provide multiple benefits to both people and wildlife and really is setting the benchmark for flood protection and environmental improvement in urban areas.

"One of our key aims is to create a long term sustainable future for the endangered water vole while safeguarding the people and property of Warrington from the threat of flooding.

"With 7.2km of new defences working side-by-side with the river restoration, the risk is greatly reduced while, at the same time, having a positive impact upon local biodiversity."

Wolves to part company with Tony Smith



WARRINGTON Wolves have announced that they will be parting company with Tony Smith at the end of the current 2017 season.

Smith will leave the club by mutual consent, after nine years in his position as head of coaching and rugby, having taken on the role in March 2009.

In his time at Warrington he guided the club to their first Challenge Cup final win in 35 years back in 2009 plus more success in 2010 and 2012. He transformed the team seeing them compete as a top-four side, claiming the League Leaders Shield in both 2011 and 2016, and making three appearances on the big stage in the Grand Final in 2012, 2013 and 2016.

Simon Moran, club owner, said: "We would like to thank Tony for everything he has done for us here at Warrington. He came in 2009 and turned the club around. He's seen us to four Challenge Cup finals lifting the trophy on three occasions. We've also secured two League Leaders' Shields and made three Grand Final appearances during his time in charge. Once again we thank Tony and wish him all the best in his future."

Tony Smith added: "I've really enjoyed my nine years at the club and feel that it's now in the best interests of all for us to go in different directions. I'm grateful for the relationship I've had with the board, in particular Simon Moran, and I'd like to thank them for their support over the time I've been at Warrington. I'd like to think that while this has been a tough year, the club has progressed in the time I've been there in many ways, on and off the field, and is now in a position that means they can go on to bigger and greater things. I'd like to thank all the staff and playing staff during my time at the club, as well as all the supporters. I hope you've enjoyed the successes we've had as much as the players and I have over the years."

Chief executive Karl Fitzpatrick said: "Since joining, Tony has helped transform the club and it is testimony to his time at Warrington that the club's expectations have been lifted. Unfortunately, things have not worked out this year but when people reflect back on his time here I'm sure they will do so with many fond memories. I'm sure everyone will show their appreciation for everything he has done for this club at his last game on Saturday 23 September."

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