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# Editor's Comment



**WARRINGTON Borough Council's proposed demolition of the historic Garnett's Cabinet Works has caused a storm of protest from local residents who are upset that the iconic water tower feature will be lost from the town's skyline.**

I for one will be sad to see it go and as a member of the local Civic Society would have loved to see it somehow retained as part of any new development.

Sadly, while it was in private ownership it was allowed to fall into a state of ruin and is now so dangerous it needs to come down sooner rather than later.

I suspect cost prohibits any meaningful attempt to retain the water tower, although it would be worth attempting to include something similar in any future development.

Over the years we have lost far too many historic buildings in Warrington and this will leave a big hole on our skyline.

On the plus side this will open up Warrington's Cultural Quarter and link it up with the Time

Square development which is now gathering pace.

I have been impressed with the new temporary market and can't wait to see the new one when it comes out onto Bridge Street through the old Boots building.

Hopefully then we will have a town centre we can be proud of.

With FREE parking in the new multi-storey car park as well for up

to three hours, subject to getting your ticket stamped in the market, there is plenty to be positive about.

Meanwhile I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Warrington Wolves' new coaching team of Steve Price and Andrew Henderson.

If their passion and enthusiasm can be matched on the pitch we could be looking forward to an exciting season ahead.

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# Beth's Princess dreams come true

**AS a young girl Beth Trainer lived in a fairytale world of Disney Princess films to help cope with the tragic loss of her mother.**

Now her dreams have come true after setting up her own "Magical memories" business which has seen her land roles as Cinderella and Rapunzel in festive shows.

The former Bridgewater High School pupil describes her own life as a "fairy tale with a modern twist."

Talking about her journey Beth said: "For me the definition of a 'Princess' is a woman who stands up for what she believes in, helping the world and others along the way."

"I grew up constantly watching Disney films. The consistent similarity for most of the young characters and Princesses throughout the Disney films are usually a tale of the loss of a parent and the strong will to find their happy ending."

"This is why I personally could relate to these stories. When I was 13 I knew my life had changed forever. My small comfort was now knowing I could watch a Disney film, and for a few moments in time feel just like a Princess, because I now was one."

"I witnessed throughout the films stories that by not giving-up and being true to who you are that the characters found their own version of their happy ending in the end. This is when I knew that my present situation would not define my future. I would go through more

tough times, but I was still just a girl, looking for her path and direction, as I had suddenly lost my way."

"I would now turn to my dad for the advice my mum could no longer give to me. This is why my dad is my hero, because despite circumstance he chose to keep going, keep doing his best by my two brothers and I, by beautifully doing the job of two parents. He is one of the most selfless people I know, and is the greatest father I could have ever wished for as he gave the strength and support of himself and of a mother who could sadly no longer be with us."

"During this time, I was still working my way through high school, where I had constant waves of up's and down's because I was not only physically changing but quickly changing as a person too. I was coming to terms with loss and learning how to cope with sadness. I was facing my own fears. Fears of failing those I loved, fears of no longer being liked at school as I no longer knew who I was. I had lost my confidence and it replaced itself with fear. Fears I may fail at making my family proud."

Beth added: "The best part of my story is years later everything changed in my life. I realised that what I was doing wasn't working for me. I tried to be more like myself and less of this idea that our media

creates of 'perfection'.

"After years of trying and failing but being okay to fail, knowing I was happy with failure as it was one step closer to my dream. I am now the owner and founder of the Warrington-based entertainment business 'Magical Memories', which has grown from strength to strength, incorporating Superheroes as well as Princesses and bringing magical memories all across the UK."

"My story is now my fuel, and I want to inspire more people to live the best life they can".

It is now a year since Beth was "blessed" by Miss British Isles to be representing her County by being crowned Miss Cheshire Elegance 2016/2017. "The glistening cherries on top of my cake then came only a few months later after being kindly made an Ambassador for Warrington through charitable giving, and volunteering to make a positive difference."

"I try to always give more than I already have. Mother Teresa said, 'Just do small things with great love'."

"This love of helping others, then made me a Patron for the sensational Shannon Bradshaw Trust, and it is an honour and a privilege to be part of their special journey. My partner Matt and I are also proud to announce that we have both been recently made Patrons for the heart-warming charity 'Room at the Inn - The Y Project' through our organisation 'In The Know Warrington'.

Meanwhile Beth will be appearing in more Productions across the UK and recently starred as Cinderella at Runcorn Shopping Centre and also the Princess Rapunzel, at Stratford Shopping Centre in the heart of London.

As a thank you for another amazing year Beth is giving away FIVE FREE Advent Calendar home-visits from your child's favourite character just in time for Christmas!

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# College celebrates Black History

**COLLEGE students have gained an insight into black heritage and embraced diversity as part of Warrington & Vale Royal College's celebration of Black History Month.**

A variety of workshops and enrichment activities have given students at the college's Warrington and Hartford Campuses the chance to explore the importance of tolerance and respect in today's society.

Black History Month is an annual event aimed at promoting and celebrating black contributions to British society, as well as fostering an understanding of black history in general.

As part of the week-long celebration – the first in a series of events this academic year aimed at promoting equality and diversity – students visited the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool to learn about the turmoil and hardship of black slaves. Wall and book displays were created in the college's libraries to promote discussion and enhance the student learning experience.

Cheshire Police delivered a number of talks on hate crime, focusing on the theme of black minority groups and how to combat and report all hate crime, while students were also able to take part in demonstrations of Capoeira – an Afro-Brazilian martial art combining elements of dance, acrobatics and music.

Budding young actors and dancers at the college were able to take part in African dance workshops thanks to a visit from

the 2 Dance dance company, culminating in a performance of their own choreographed piece during the college's weekly staff briefing.

Emma Bennett, a level 3 dance student at the Warrington Campus, said: "Working with Tinu and Karim from 2 Dance gave us a fantastic opportunity to learn about black history through dance. Learning about African dance helped us to better understand the culture and also how this kind of dance

and movement is used to express freedom."

The week ended with a screening of the thought-provoking film, *12 Years a Slave*.

Following the screening, one student said: "I have learned that it is important to acknowledge the fact that black people were treated in a disgusting way. We as a society need to become more accepting of others and not have this separation and discrimination anymore."

Michael Smith, Director of Teaching, Learning and Professional Development, and Equality & Diversity Co-ordinator at the

college, said: "As a college, we are proud to endeavour to celebrate diversity each and every day. Celebrating Black History Month has allowed us to further enhance staff and student awareness and encourage discussion and debate. By celebrating and embracing diversity, we are ensuring students understand the importance of tolerance, respect and treating everyone equally."

Michael added: "We are passionate as a college to embrace equality & diversity as movement, not a moment. It is at the heart of what we do."





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# Free parking at Warrington Market!

**The old Warrington Market Hall with its pyramid roof has almost disappeared as construction company Vinci press on with the main phase of the Time Square build. At the time of writing, the new multi-storey car park was within days of opening. It will formally open on 27 November.**

The car park will be the second element of the Time Square project to be opened and completed. It's a state of the art facility with 1160 parking spaces including electric car charging points. What's more, initially, it's possible to get three hours free parking by having your ticket validated by visiting reception at the market which will help boost trade in the market and for local shops in the town centre.

The offer at Warrington Market continues to go from strength to strength and it is great to see new arrivals Singh's Grillhouse a Punjabi takeaway, the Liverpool Cheese Company and returners Funky Dory who have come back into the market. There's a great mix and selection of products there and is ideal for your complete Christmas shop. The food court is proving a great draw; it's busy all day and creates an energy and vibrancy in the market hall. Warrington & Co. is the Boroughs partnership for growth, and we implement Warrington's framework for growth, Warrington Means Business, a key element of which

is nurturing small businesses and helping them grow and develop. The market is a great incubator for small businesses and it is a key objective that we encourage the market to thrive and the businesses within it to flourish and grow as we move toward the opening of the new permanent market hall which will open in 2019.

The Time Square project continues at a tremendous pace. We'll be announcing an additional major leisure offer that will be another complementary big draw to the scheme in the coming weeks.

We are making great headway in potentially creating a Business Improvement District (BID) for Warrington Town Centre. The question as to whether to create a BID will be put out to a business ballot. Effectively if a BID is created it sets up a collective and independent voice for Warrington town centre businesses empowered to make decisions regarding the management of the town centre and events within it. Successful BIDs are in existence all over the country with local examples in Liverpool, Chester and Manchester. The ballot will be held throughout March and all businesses are encouraged to make their vote count. This is a great opportunity to shape the future of the town centre for years to come.



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# Council chief named as 'face of a vibrant economy'



**WARRINGTON Council's Chief Executive was chosen for a national exhibition, celebrating inspiring leaders, innovators and those who contribute to communities.**

Professor Steven Broomhead's work to support the ongoing growth of Warrington – and his commitment to making the borough a great place to live, work and visit – has seen him chosen as one of the 'Faces of a Vibrant Economy'.

The London exhibition – featuring 100 public, private and third sectors figures who are delivering growth, innovation and social purpose – has been curated by professional services firm, Grant Thornton.

Steven takes his place in the exhibition alongside leading entrepreneurs, technologists, policymakers and business visionaries – drawn from across the UK.

He is praised for helping Warrington people 'live their best lives', through leading a range of activity, including finding ways for the council to do more with

less; managing opportunity and risk, delivering new educational facilities and driving forward the borough's regeneration.

Steven said: "My priority is to ensure that, as a council, we deliver the best possible services for Warrington. On a personal level, it's always nice to receive recognition for doing a job you are so passionate about."

"However, what delights me most about this accolade is that it really represents Warrington's growing profile as a place of innovation. I'm delighted that the work that is going on here to ensure that our borough continues to thrive is receiving this national recognition."

Steven's portrait features in the 'Faces' exhibition, along with his profile and the message he would give to his younger self: "Take time to sniff the flowers, rather than always trying to rearrange them."

## ...and sweeps the streets!

Meanwhile Steven has also hit the streets to play his part in cleaning up the town centre.

He donned his hi-vis uniform picked up a broom and joined the council's town centre wardens for a special clean-up operation.

It is part of his commitment to 'get on the shop floor', spend time with staff and learn more about the work they are doing on a day-to-day basis.

Steven said: "It's really important to me to see at first hand the excellent work our staff are doing, and how they are going the

extra mile to provide high quality services for our residents during these challenging times for local authorities.

"It was great to get out on the streets of Warrington, actively take part in the clean-up and talk to the team about the work they do."

Steven plans to join other teams across the council in the near future to gain more experience and understanding of the work they do and the challenges they face. He has previously spent time with the waste collection team and has also acted as a "lollipop person".



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## Bus company launches discounted '£1.70 to Westy' scheme

**NETWORK Warrington has revealed its latest discounted route, offering a cheaper service for passengers travelling to and from the interchange via Knutsford Road.**

The number 2 and 12 buses now running into the town centre, and the number 1 and 11 services that run from the town centre back to Westy, are all subject to the new, cheaper ticketing scheme.

The discounted fares – £1.70 for a single and £3 return – which apply to all Network Warrington services along Knutsford Road, include stops like the cenotaph, Victoria Park, Kingsway South and Whitley Avenue.

Ben Wakerley, managing director at Network Warrington, said: "I'm pleased to announce another discounted route for our customers."

"We have listened again to our passengers who have asked for us to review our fares and I'm delighted that we've been able to

reduce the ticket costs for those travelling along Knutsford Road.

"The new ticketing structure comes into effect on a trial basis, but if passengers continue to use these discounted bus routes and support a truly multi-modal Cheshire, we will be able to maintain the cheaper fares."

"We've had success introducing lower fares on the 'Dallam Discount' and 'the Pops', so I'm equally hopeful that the new '£1.70 to Westy' scheme will prove a success for our customers too."

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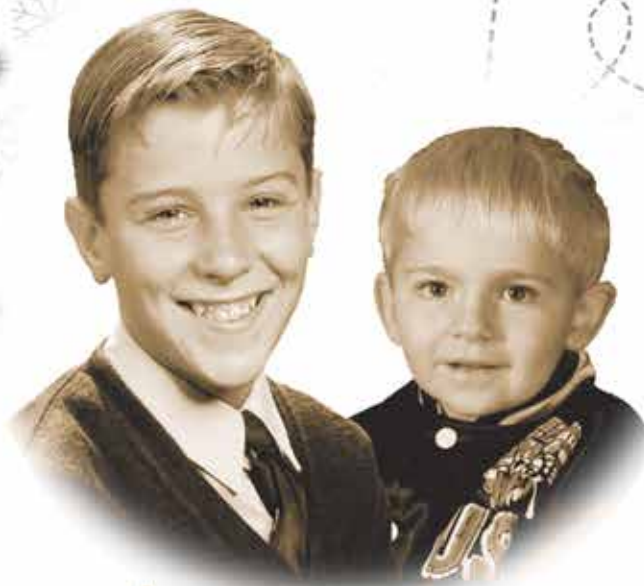
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# PeaceTALKS



*Join us for our 25th Anniversary in 2018*

**Unique Achievement Campaign**

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# Nick Taylor, Chief Executive

In 1993 the IRA exploded two bombs without warning in Warrington, killing two boys Johnathan Ball (3) and Tim Parry (12), seriously injuring 54 people.

Nearly 25 years on, in Manchester, 22 people lost their lives, numerous others sustained life-changing injuries and there are hundreds of survivors. In recent months, in London we have witnessed major four incidents.

Extremism isn't new.

Our founders, Colin and Wendy Parry, like many other victims, looked for answers to why extremists had murdered their son, and realised that a way to stop people using violence was to work with children to build their abilities and resilience to cope within the modern world. It started simply by bringing young people together, recognising differences and sharing their similarities.

The Parry's understood that you had to go further and work with families, women (mothers), communities, to support survivors of terror attacks and confront perpetrators.

The Peace Foundation is a leading UK charity that works to prevent violent extremism and support those affected. In the last four months, over 650 people

affected by the recent attacks have sought our support. But, importantly we have also been considering how best to prevent such an attack happening again.

In the days after the bombing, we experienced an incredible sense of community and amazing acts of kindness. However, as time has moved on, that 'spirit' of action has not been sustained. A woman, whose husband died in the Tunisia attack, summed it up: "I got frustrated a few months ago after the attacks in London, Westminster, Manchester and Finsbury Park, but took heart from the people and communities that came together, to help one another and I saw resilience. I decided it wasn't enough to see the flags lowered to half mast, for arrangements to be made for a minute's silence and books of condolence to be made available, whilst respectful it didn't bring about change. A day later everyone was back to working as 'normal' but for me and all those who have ever lived through, or been affected by a terror or hate crime, well, life just doesn't go back to 'normal' and no doubt, it never will."

That is why we need to take action and why we all need to 'stand together' to create lasting peace and to challenge those who use violence and show them that we are strong, resilient and unified

against hatred and violent extremism.

Violent extremism and terrorism must be confronted, and we need to capture the spirit and actions show in defiance of the recent attacks to defeat hatred and promote peace. Please join us. #WeStandTogether



*Nick Taylor, CEO Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation*

## Jonathan Ford - Peace Foundation Trustee

A big thank you to Jonathan for completing the daunting 'Lakes in a Day' challenge to raise money for the Foundation.

Lakes in A Day is a 50 mile off road run that starts in Caldbeck in the far north and ends in Cartmel in the far south. The route takes in more than a few mountain summits including Blencathra, Clough Head, Helvellyn and the Fairfield Horseshoe.

Jonathan said: "The training for the event



was great. I love running in the Lakes and had loads of fun planning 'bus stop' runs where I'd get a bus to somewhere remote and run back to the caravan we have in Bowness. It was certainly a challenge but one I can now tick off my list of things to do".

Wendy Parry said: "I am so impressed

with Jonathan's determination to complete this challenge. I never, for one-minute, thought he wouldn't do it, but getting up at 4.00am in the morning when the weather isn't on your side is not fun. It was such a big challenge and I can't thank him enough for raising £2345 for the Foundation"





# 25th Anniversary Year

January 2018 will be the start of our 25th anniversary year and we are hoping that it will be a year of commemoration as well as a year of fun. Several fabulous events have been planned and we would be delighted if you could be a part of this memorable time.

In the run up to 2018, we would like to encourage local and national companies to support the Foundation by taking us as their Charity of the Year, fundraising on our behalf, or becoming a Foundation Partner.

Warrington Council will be commemorating the Warrington bombing along with the families, friends and supporters of the Foundation on Tuesday 20th March in the town centre.

This will be a time when we can remember Tim and Johnathan and those who were injured on that terrible day, but also a time when we can celebrate all that has been achieved in the Boys' name.

## Join our Unique Achievement Campaign for 2018



January 2018, the Peace Foundation will be launching a 'Unique Achievement Campaign' to raise awareness of our work, and with your help, we can make 2018 an amazing time when we not only commemorate the 20th March 1993, but when we celebrate all that has been achieved over the past 25 years.

In memory of the Boys, we have been able to support and change the lives of thousands of people. The Peace Centre, built as a living memorial to Tim and Johnathan, is well known for the fantastic

work of our Charity, but it is also a hub for the local community and a fantastic place to stay.

During the year, we are asking people to pledge their support and help the Foundation to reach a fundraising target of £150,000. This will allow the Foundation to increase the work undertaken throughout the UK, to reach more victims affected by terrorism, and to take our work into schools all over the UK.

**The words 'Unique Achievement' are taken from the eulogy delivered at Tim's funeral by Colin Parry, Tim's father, who said "If my son becomes a symbol for peace and gives everyone a new sense of hope, that will be Tim's unique achievement".**

**THE FOUNDATION'S WORK HAS NEVER BEEN SO IMPORTANT AND NEEDED BY SO MANY, SO MAKE YOUR 2018 A TIME TO SUPPORT THE PEACE FOUNDATION**



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### Colours For Peace

Also, on 20th March we are asking Companies, Schools, Colleges and Universities to help commemorate the 25th Anniversary by taking part in our Colours for Peace fundraising event.

Dress in the Foundation's colours blue, white or green, and pay a £1.00 to take part.

A simple dress down day which will help victims who have been affected by incidents such as London, Manchester, Tunisia, 7/7, Brussels and Warrington.



# Travis Frain - The latest addition to our Board of Trustees

In March of this year, I travelled to London with a class from my University, as part of my studies towards a History with Politics degree. However, the trip was cut short when myself and three other friends were injured in the Terror attack that took place on Westminster Bridge, and later in the Palace grounds itself.

It has certainly been a difficult few months since then, both physically and psychologically, made worse by the lack of support from sources where I would have expected. Speaking to other survivors, not only from the attack that I was involved in, but also from others that have happened previously, I've found that I have not been the only person in this position. The only support I received came from the people running the Survivor's Assistance Network which is a

programme of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation. They have been by my side throughout, supporting and aiding me in any way possible. Terry, Donna, and Will have done a fantastic job since then and I cannot thank them enough.

I'm a strong believer in giving something back, one good turn deserves another, and as such I applied to become a Trustee of the Foundation a little under six months following the attack. I wish to help the Foundation to grow over the years to come, and channel publicity towards the charity, thereby raising the profile of the amazing work it carries out. It is also my hope that I will be able to address the numerous issues that I and others faced in the aftermath of these heinous attacks. Whether that be the surprising torrents of abuse received, or

the sense of abandonment that many have felt upon returning home – for example we were not assigned Police Liaison Officers, as is usually the case for victims of serious violent crimes.

If I can succeed in my goal to steer attention towards the Foundation, even if it is just to make more people aware of it, then I'll be more than happy.



## The International Day of Peace - Leading Women Take Centre Stage

In September, the Foundation held its inaugural Women for Peace conference to mark International Peace Day 2017. Leading female campaigners, academics and politicians took centre stage for the event at the Peace Centre, which was attended by 70 of our Women for Peace programme alumni.

Speakers included Moss-Side anti-violence campaigner Dr Erinna Bell who was the first woman to be honoured with a sculpture in Manchester Town

Hall and Nicola Benyahia, Director of Families for Life, an organisation working to support and empower families to combat radicalisation. Closing the event was Tabitha Morton, Women's Equality Party candidate in May's Liverpool City Region Mayoral race. Tabitha campaigned to bring greater attention to the issue of gender equality across the northern powerhouse.

Also in attendance was Figen Murray, mother of Martyn Hett, one of the

22 victims of the Manchester Arena bombing. She spoke about the influence of mothers in tackling radicalisation and how she is working with the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation to build a positive legacy from her son's death.

Hannah Larn, project lead for the Women for Peace programme said:

"Around the world, women are disproportionately affected by violent conflict. Yet despite this, women are frequently excluded from the measures taken to seek peace - from grassroots level right up to international peace agreements. The Peace Foundation's Women for Peace project aims to train and support women in preventing and resolving community and family conflict and challenging extreme and prejudiced narratives. To date, the Peace Foundation has worked with over 200 women across the North of England. We want to empower women to become effective peacebuilders in their communities."





# Small Steps for Peace

The Peace Foundation has designed a programme named 'Small Steps for Peace' which is targeted at Year 5 (9-10-year-old) school children.

This project has proved to be an excellent way of promoting society's finest values to the young. Peace Studies is not about singing kumbaya and hoping for the best, but embodies the ethos of positive action.

Ciara Kinsella, the Programme Lead, said: "We have seen 'Small Steps for Peace' delivered in the classroom and watched



Ciara Kinsella, THINK & Small Steps for Peace Project Lead

how children respond to it. We have also heard the testimony of teachers who are using our programmes to improve their pupils' behaviour and understanding of one another. The Foundation has developed a Teachers pack which includes a book, games and activities, which are simple on the surface, but help young people to explain and address their feelings with confidence. The aim is that as they move into their teenage years and adulthood they will have the tools to resolve problems without violence".

Nick Taylor, CEO of the Peace Foundation, said: "The Government is setting up a commission to counter extremism and

promote British values in schools. We think they must go further, we are talking about fundamental human values, like compassion, courage, kindness. These are difficult to teach but they can be learned through experience."



## ***Small Steps for Peace' gets a commendation from OFSTED***

Although the Foundation has designed this programme to work with Year 5 pupils, it piloted a programme for Year 2 which has received a commendation from OFSTED. Here are their comments...

Pupils genuinely care about others and demonstrate a high capacity for empathy. 'Small Steps for Peace' gave pupils in Year 2 opportunities to explore their understanding of peace. The written responses from pupils demonstrated a high level of emotional understanding and engagement.



For more information regarding Small Steps For Peace contact Ann Snagg on [ann.snagg@foundation4peace.org](mailto:ann.snagg@foundation4peace.org)

## **Young Women for Peace host The Great Get Together**

In June, alumni from the Young Women for Peace project in Liverpool used their new peacebuilding and leadership skills to organise a community picnic. Across the country, 9.3 million people took part in various events for the 'Great Get Together' to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the murder of Jo Cox, and to celebrate communities coming together. The group in Liverpool aged 16 to 24 years old, hosted a public event in Princes Park on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

The event was attended by over 60 local community members. There was a bring and share picnic, face painting, arts and crafts, henna, and outdoor sports. Children and adults had the chance to meet their neighbours, and speak to those who they had not met previously.

One attendee commented "I heard about the event on BBC Radio Merseyside, and was keen to bring along my 8-year-old daughter. I want her to witness the power that young women have to make a positive difference."

Young Women for Peace was a six-week long project held in Liverpool, and at the Peace Centre. During this time, 15 young women explored their own identities and the struggles they sometimes faced. They built confidence in conflict resolution skills through role plays, and developed leadership abilities including public speaking. These skills were then put into practice when the young women hosted a community event to celebrate the end of the course, and to explore how their friends and family felt about issues they see in their own city.



Hannah Larn  
Young Women for Peace Project Lead





# Launch of the #WeStandTogether

On Monday 25th September, the Manchester Evening News, along with the Peace Foundation, Greater Manchester Police and families affected by the Manchester Arena bombing, called on all its readers to join our campaign for a more peaceful, more tolerant and even more caring place to live.

Our three goals are:

**1** To make sure every child in Greater Manchester is taught about how to solve life's problems peacefully and without turning to violence

**2** To encourage and celebrate acts of love and kindness – especially when you are helping someone you don't know

**3** To fight every kind of crime which is driven by hatred and instead get people from different communities talking – and together stand up to violent extremism and hate crimes

Manchester Evening News editor Rob Irvine said: "A dreadful, unforgivable atrocity happened in Manchester on May 22. This was an act of evil and hatred,

pure and simple. We had the sad duty to report the tragedy of 22 lives stolen, of many more lives scarred forever, of families and communities wracked by grief, sadness and anger. We also told countless stories that spoke of a city and its people filled with love, affection and a genuine desire to help others. In those first few days. Many thousands of you sent out a defiant message to those who want to divide our society through hatred and that message was 'We Stand Together'. So, let's take that message and turn it into positive action, starting today."

Nick Taylor, CEO of the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation said: "Over the coming weeks, we will show you how individuals, families, businesses, community organisations, schools, colleges and faith groups can get involved. The Foundation will offer schools, communities and individuals, opportunities to run projects and take actions. Violent extremism and terrorism must be stopped, and we need to capture the spirit and actions shown by Mancunians to defeat hatred and promote peace. Please join us."

Greater Manchester Chief Constable Ian



Hopkins said: "History teaches us many lessons. Let's learn from what we've been through as a city this year. Let's build on that hope and defiance to create a better, more peaceful and more tolerant society for everyone."

Relatives of those who lost their lives in the Manchester attack have also backed

## Communities for Peace Project

One of the Peace Foundation's Projects has made an enormous difference in the Moston area of Manchester.

Approached by the Council for our help, Christine Cox, the Project Leader, visited the neighbourhood to find what she described as a strong community spirit which had been tested by relatively elevated levels of

deprivation and rapid change.

Tension within the Moston area was much deeper than concerns about noise, parking, litter or loitering. Community tension /anxieties were about poverty, social change, people feeling left behind, ignored, threatened, misunderstood, powerless or victimised.

Christine's approach was to engage with Moston residents from diverse cultural backgrounds. To help resolve their differences, they were brought together firstly to discuss their issues and then, through several learning exercises that encourage bonding. This programme enabled people who have been bitterly at odds to take part in a three months training course to deal with their differences calmly.

Christine said: "Our work typically starts with 'conflict analysis' that looks at flashpoints in the area. We then recruit

people from these communities for free training at Peace Centre - training that can result in them emerging as local leaders".

"The programme gives people the skills to manage community conflicts, an awareness of how beliefs and values can impact on conflict, and to empower people through training them in public speaking and leading dialogue. It climaxes with an event which brings together scores of people from diverse backgrounds from the same neighbourhood".



Christine Cox, Project Manager





# ne Campaign ogether



our campaign. The families of Nell Jones, Olivia Campbell-Hardy, Alison Howe and Martyn Hett have all voiced their support for #WeStandTogether.

Our aim is to get Peace Studies onto the curriculum in every school in Greater Manchester.

Let's stop violence before it starts. No one is born to hate. Violence is taught.

But peace can be taught too.

We are already in talks with Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham and the chief executives of the 10 local authorities to see how we can get peace studies taught in all schools.

And we need your support – so sign up to join our campaign by clicking on [www.westandtogether.co.uk](http://www.westandtogether.co.uk)



## Survivors Assistance Network



The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation's 'Survivors Assistance Network' Programme is a free service available to all British residents who have been affected by a terror attack, regardless of whether they have been affected by what they have witnessed, the injuries they have sustained or having lost a loved one.

SAN support is available regardless of when or where the incident took place. We support people who were affected by IRA attacks in the 1980s and 1990s as well as people affected by London 7/7 and more recent attacks in Tunisia, Paris, Nice, Berlin, London and Manchester.

Our support is extensive and responsive to your needs. To find out how we can help you to cope with and recover from your experience, please call the SAN team on 01925 581231.



Terry O'hara,  
SAN Programme Manager



Will Roberts,  
SAN Programme Professional



Donna Craine,  
SAN Programme Professional



# Young People's Conference

## *Why Should Young People be Involved in Peace?*

The Foundation welcomed 100 young people from across the North West to the Peace Centre to discuss the question 'Why Should Young People be Involved in Peace?'

The morning began with presentations from two of the Foundation's projects involving film making – RadEqual and Think Again. Schools and colleges from across Manchester created short films to address issues such as bullying, racism and unhealthy relationships. The films stimulated conversations about important challenges faced by young people, and issues that they wanted to express. These films are available as a free online resource at [www.think4peace.org](http://www.think4peace.org).

Students had the opportunity to participate in breakout sessions on a variety of topics. The sessions explored the role of young people in political

processes; learning about the history and significance of peace symbols; looking at conflict resolution skills; exploring how media and peace interact, and developing key skills of how to facilitate open conversations. We invited partner organisations to support the conference and run some of the breakout sessions, including the Politics Project, based in Manchester, the East Cheshire Quaker Peace Education Project, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and young people from Harehills in Leeds who have been engaged with the Peace Foundation through the Big Lottery Funded project, Bridging Communities.

Members of the audience were moved by the powerful songs of Parrs Wood High School choir, who sang alongside Ariana Grande at the One Love concert following the Manchester attack earlier in the year.

Colin Parry, our Chairman, spoke to the young people about the history of the Foundation and why young people have a big part to play in the future. During the day, two young peacemakers, Ben Osu and Laura Rietdyk from Liverpool, spoke about their experiences and the challenges they face as young people working towards peace. Later, Ben and Laura helped facilitate table discussions and asked participants to share their thoughts on how to overcome these challenges and explore their own role as young people in promoting peace in their communities.

The Foundation believes that to achieve sustainable peace, we must continue to seek collaborative ways to engage young people in peacebuilding.

Thank you to everyone for making the day an enormous success.





# MCR - Manchester Photographic Book by Tim Hanson

MCR is a beautifully produced collection of photographs taken over the last couple of years by amateur photographer Tim Hanson.

This unique book consists of 92 pages of photos punctuated by famous quotes about Manchester. It also includes the poem 'This is the Place' by Tony Longfellow Walsh.

Tim said "The events of 22nd May 2017 shook Manchester to its core. To have such a shocking act in my home City was horrendous. I took it personally,

with good reason. Eventually the anger turned to defiance and I was more determined than ever to show the Manchester I had seen through my lens and the Manchester that I'm proud to call home".

Released on the 1st October 2107, the book is priced at £25 and 60% of the profits will be donated to the Foundation.

To order, please go to:

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## Sculpture in Honour of Tim, Johnathan and Brown

Michael McGuire, a local sculptor, has donated a piece specially made to remember Tim, Johnathan and Brown Vickers.

The sculpture, titled 'PEACE', is made up of flowers and butterflies on a frame of clouds. The 3 butterflies represent the boys and Bronwen who was badly injured in Warrington bombing and sadly lost her life to cancer 12 months later. The flowers represent the families, relatives and friends who are supporting the butterflies.

Michael took 450 hours to complete the piece as everything was made by hand.

The Foundation would like to thank Michael for such a special and touching gift.



## Charity Ball in Leeds raises over £5,500



On Friday 3rd November, Victoria Sharp, a victim of the Manchester Arena bombing, organised a Charity Ball in her home town of Leeds on behalf of the Foundation. Vickie organised a fabulous evening at the Marriot Hotel after going through our Survivors Assistants Network (SAN) programme.

Wendy Parry said: "Vickie wanted to support other victims affected by the Manchester incident by raising funds for the Foundation and what better way to do it than having a fun packed evening with friends and family. We can't thank Vickie enough for all her hard work and support."

## The Mayors Charity

In 2016/17, Faisal Rashid became the Mayor of Warrington and raised over £60,000 for his nominated charities. This is, we believe, a record amount raised by any Mayor during his/ her term in office.

Wendy Parry said: "Faisal worked extremely hard throughout his Mayoral year and we were delighted when he chose the Foundation as one of the Charities to benefit from the money raised. Four Charities received £10,000 each and four received just over £4000 each. We would like to thank Faisal for all his support and wish him well in his new post as MP for Warrington South".

Thank you





# Charity Golf Day 2017

The Foundation hosted its annual Golf day in September at Warrington Golf Club and an enjoyable day was had by all.

Wendy Parry said: "We couldn't have asked for a better day. The weather was dry and sunny, the teams were in good spirits and ready for a great day of golf, and Malcolm Lord, who was MC and entertainment for the evening, was on form".

After costs the day raised £4,520 which will be put towards our work with UK victims of terrorism.

I would like to say a big thank to Brian Bennett, Peter & Barbara Saxton, Mike Lomax & Richard Lennon for their sponsorship of the prizes, Bill Hart who has helped me with the score cards over the past few years and the wonderful team at Warrington Golf Club, who ran around after me all day. I would also like to thank The Park Royal Hotel, Mike

Lomax, Reay Mackay, Andrew Collier, Dan Richards & Tracy Rawlinson for all the lovely prizes for the raffle.

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## Up and Coming Events for 2018

**19th March – The Same but Different Fashion show. Organised by Jackie Baines and Hameera Darr**  
At the Peace Centre /Clothes provided by John Lewis / Tickets £10.00/ Drinks on arrival

**20th March - Colours for Peace**

Bring a £1 to work or school, wear one of the Foundations colours green, white or blue and donate the money to the Foundation.

**20th March – Memorial Service in Warrington Town Centre**

**24th March – 25th Anniversary Ball at the Park Royal Hotel**

Tables of 10 £600.00/4 course meal/ live entertainment/ disco/ Casino and much more

**May – Royal Bank of Scotland Dinner at the Peace Centre**

Organised by RBS members of Staff

**May - Dragon Boat Race at Salford Quays**

**June – Bradford University Peace Concert**

**June - Warrington Business Awards**

Benefiting The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation

**19th September – 25th Anniversary Charity Golf Day at Warrington Golf Club**

**8th December – Peace Centre Christmas Party**

Tables of 10 £350.00/ 3 course meal / Entertainment

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT WENDY ON 01925 581234 OR EMAIL: [wendy.parry@foundation4peace.org](mailto:wendy.parry@foundation4peace.org)**



# 25th Anniversary Charity Ball

The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation is excited to announce that it will be hosting its 25th Anniversary Ball on Saturday 24th March 2018 at the Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, Warrington.

To start the evening, you will be greeted with a glass of chilled champagne before making your way to the Royal Suite for a fantastic 4 course meal. During the evening we have the fabulous Wayne Farrow to entertain you, Casino tables and of course lots of dancing to your favourite hits!

2018 will be a special year for the Foundation. Not only will it be a time when we remember Tim and Johnathan, but also a time when we will celebrate all that has been achieved in their names, a time when you can support a worthy cause!

So, it's time for you to book your tables and look forward to a fabulous evening.

For sponsorship opportunities, please call me on 01925 581234 or email [wendy.parry@foundation4peace.org](mailto:wendy.parry@foundation4peace.org)



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## 25th Anniversary Charity Ball

Saturday 24th March 2018  
at The Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, Warrington

Join us at our 25th Anniversary Ball. Great food, live entertainment with the fabulous Wayne Farrow, DJ and Casino all hosted by the one and only Paul Crone.

To book or for more details call us on 01925 581234 or email: [wendy.parry@foundation4peace.org](mailto:wendy.parry@foundation4peace.org)

## Thank you for your support

The Foundation would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported the Foundation throughout the year, those who make monthly donations, those who have fundraised on behalf of the Foundation and all our lovely volunteers who we couldn't function without.

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The Foundation would like to thank Mr Steve Turner at the Home Builders Federation for their very generous £16,000 donation. This will be used to continue our work with victims and their families of the Manchester and London terrorist attacks earlier this year.

Thank you to First Recruitment,  
Inspire Risk Management  
and Paul O'Tool  
for their continued support





## THE TIM PARRY JOHNATHAN BALL PEACE CENTRE CONFERENCE & ROOM HIRE

The Peace Centre is much more than a contemporary space which can be put to formal or informal use. It has a generous size car park and excellent public transport links. From the moment you book your meeting or event to the time you leave, we are committed to doing everything we can to make your time with us a success. Throughout the day our helpful and professional team will make sure your event runs as smoothly as possible and on time.

The Peace Centre is unique and an alternative to a hotel. The proceeds earned from room hire are used to keep the Peace Centre open and to continue the work of the Foundation.

For more information regarding the Foundation work, please go to [www.foundation4peace.org](http://www.foundation4peace.org)

## DELEGATE PACKAGES INCLUDE:

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## TEAM BUILDING DAYS

Corporate Team Building has moved on from being a 'Perk' to becoming an important way of building a forward thinking team. Breaking down barriers, encouraging competition in a fun environment and enhancing communication and collaboration skills are just some of the benefits to your company.

Multi activity days including laser clays, archery, bungee runs, inflatable beach volley ball, human table football, and land rafting are just a few of the activities available.

**Daily rate per delegate is £15.00 which includes room hire, food & breakout refreshments (one am & one pm)**

**Please ring 01925 581234 or email [events@foundation4peace.org](mailto:events@foundation4peace.org) for the cost and list of activities.**

**Minimum numbers of 20 apply.**



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# Civic Society would have opposed historic water tower demolition

**WARRINGTON Civic Society say they would have opposed the demolition of the iconic Garnett's cabinet works water tower which they say will be a "sad loss to the town's heritage and skyline."**

But they have welcomed news of the proposed restoration of the oldest building on the site - the former industrial school and council offices.

The Garnett Cabinet Works building on Barbauld Street, Warrington, will be demolished due to its unsafe and dangerous condition.

A Court order has been issued under Section 77 of the Building Act 1984 for the demolition of the building which has been unoccupied for more than 60 years.

Warrington Borough Council, who purchased the building last year from private owners, say demolition contractors will initially hoard off the site in order to preserve public safety and then commence immediate demolition works.

Civic Society Chair John Shipley said: "The demolition of the cabinet works, and especially the water tower, will be a sad loss to the town's heritage and skyline."

"Whilst we accept that certain parts of the buildings are unsafe, Warrington Civic Society did not feel that demolition of the entire site was necessary and would have objected had that been proposed in a planning application."

"Unfortunately, due to the legal route taken by the Council that was not possible."

John added: "We are pleased that restoration is proposed for oldest building on the site, the former industrial school and council offices."

"Whatever development eventually replaces the cabinet works must also be of the highest possible standard. The buildings have been unused since at least the 1990s and earlier intervention would have allowed a different outcome."

"The loss of the cabinet works highlights the importance of taking a proactive stance and this story of neglect and decay must not be repeated with the town's remaining heritage."

Andy Farrall, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director Economic Regeneration, Growth & Environment commented: "This is a key site in Warrington's growth agenda and will in the future provide a key linkage from Palmyra Square over to the Time Square project."

"The former Cabinet Works is in an extremely dangerous condition and has largely been unoccupied for 60 years. The roof

has collapsed and the building ravaged by vandalism and the passage of time, with numerous anti-social incursions having taken place."

The site is a key location within Warrington Borough Council's framework for growth Warrington Means Business. It will provide a direct link between the £130 million Time Square regeneration project and Warrington's Cultural Quarter and help grow Warrington town centre's leisure economy. It will allow easy access across town from the bars, restaurants

and cultural amenities surrounding Queens Gardens over to the Time Square project with its multiplex cinema, restaurants and new Market Hall.

Once cleared the site will initially be utilised as a temporary car park before works commence on an eventual residential scheme, subject to planning permission.

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# Redwood Bank is banking on Warrington!

**BRITAIN'S newest business bank, Redwood Bank, has officially launched its local office in the heart of Warrington – backed by the town's Borough Council which has a 33 per cent stake in the business.**

The new bank, which launched in August, aims to offer a real alternative for small and medium sized organisations in and around

Warrington, with the new office spearheading the bank's lending in the town and its heartland region of the North West.

## Lady guests help create history at Gentlemen's Book Society



A little bit of history was created when Warrington Gentlemen's Book Society held their 176th annual dinner at Statham Lodge Hotel, Lymm - with two lady guests attending for the first time ever.

Warrington & Vale Royal College Principal Nichola Newton and Director of English Elizabeth Draper were special guests of warrington-worldwide Editor Gary Skentelbery.

During the meeting Nichola and Elizabeth outlined the good work going on at the college, helping to improve reading standards.

Following a vote of thanks members of the Society agreed to donate £200 towards the college's reading programme, with £700 going to other local good causes.

Believed to be the oldest society in Warrington, the group meet once a year and auction current books helping raise funds for local charities.

Senior member, retired dentist Roger Bingham hosted proceedings, while local solicitor Norman Banner auctioned off the books.

Club records revealed that the society met in Statham Lodge 101 years ago, when it was a country house.

It has met at various other locations over the years, including the Warrington Club in Bold Street, but in more recent times has settled at Statham Lodge.

The bank provides loans to business owners in the area, secured on their commercial property, together with loans to professional landlords, secured on their residential or commercial investment properties. It has also launched Best Buy online notice savings accounts for businesses, clubs, societies, associations and charities. The bank's products are supported by a highly personalised, relationship driven service from a local, Warrington-based team.

Speaking at Redwood Bank Warrington's official launch event from the Halliwell Jones Stadium, Gary Wilkinson, CEO and Co-Founder of Redwood Bank, said: "We are delighted and proud to be open for business and to launch Redwood Bank Warrington and to confirm our commitment to helping local businesses thrive."

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Warrington community for welcoming us into your town and we look forward to helping local businesses unlock their full potential."

Warrington Borough Council is a major shareholder in the Bank in what is a unique public-private partnership which aims to stimulate sustainable

economic growth in Warrington and the surrounding area through community-style business lending.

Cllr Russ Bowden, executive board member for corporate finance, Warrington Borough Council added: "In Warrington, we are doing everything we can to support the local economy and help businesses thrive. It's an important part of securing a better future for the borough."

These proposals are part of this wider work. It's about us doing things differently and using innovative financial approaches to support growth and sustainability in Warrington.

"Our partnership with Redwood Bank is the latest example of how we are doing business, through innovative financial practice to secure a better future for the borough."

"I'm looking forward to Redwood Bank giving a real boost to the local economy and helping Warrington businesses thrive."

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# Former Market Manager takes trip down memory lane

**FORMER** Warrington Market manager Jack Froggatt took a trip down memory lane as he watched the demolition of his former place of work.

Jack now aged 83, was watching the demolition work from the new temporary market, during a shopping visit with his wife Joan.

He was in charge when Warrington Market had to move from its original town centre site in the early 1970s.

"The traders had just one day to move out and set up in the new Market," recalled Jack. "It was all done in a rush and quite a bit of stuff got left behind!"

The old Market shut on the Saturday and traders had just the Sunday to move as the developers moved in on the old site on the Monday.

"The traders couldn't get back in to get things they had left!"

"There were quite a lot of teething problems with the new building, the

lifts were breaking down, people were commandeering the lifts and there was a lot of settling in needed," said Jack. "Quite a few of the traders didn't take to the new market and some of them faded away gradually."

Jack recalled his favourite memories including the atmosphere of the old fish market.

After managing the town's market and the historic move, Jack later went on to become the manager at Birchwood Shopping Centre and then following his retirement became the face of Warrington Hospital's £1m scanner appeal.

To see a video interview with Jack check out the [warrington-worldwide.co.uk](http://warrington-worldwide.co.uk) website and search "Jack Froggatt"



## Radio 1 is not in tune with us, say students

A BROADCAST journalist quizzed Warrington students about their radio listening habits in the wake of the falling popularity of Radio 1.

BBC Broadcast journalist Phil Pegum asked students at Priestley College about how they consume music and their answers will not have made easy listening for radio bosses.

They appeared to back up recent findings that showed Radio 1's flagship programme, helmed by Nick Grimshaw, had slumped to its lowest level on record.

Only one of more than 20 students was a regular listener to Radio 1 and many had never heard of Grimshaw.

Alex Highcock, a former Wade Deacon pupil who studies BTEC Music and the Extended Project said: "We tend to listen to our music through Spotify and YouTube."

"We like to listen to our own playlists and the problem with Radio 1 is they play the same songs all the time."

The Priestley students' comments are due to be used on Radio 4's Feedback show.

The Breakfast Show with Nick Grimshaw pulled in 4.93 million

listeners a week in the third quarter of 2017, down from 5.5 million in the second quarter and 5.25 million in the same period in 2016, according to the latest figures released by audience research body Rajar.

When asked how they

discover new music Priestley's students said they did so through recommendations from the likes of Spotify. The majority also opted out of listening to radio because they had no interest in hearing from a DJ.

Abigail Bamford, a former pupil

at St Peter & Paul Catholic College who is studying BTEC Music and A-level English Language and Literature at Priestley said: "I prefer to listen to songs and not people talking, Radio 1 doesn't stray from the charts and we all have a wider interest in music than that."



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# Busman's holiday for marshal Mark

By Eddie Whitham

**It was busman's holiday for Mark Noble from Great Sankey, Warrington when he took part in the Electrovapeco.uk XR Challenge races at the BRSCC NorthWestern Centre races at Oulton Park.**

Mark was competing in two races in his Ford Fiesta Si 1800.

Mark, who has had his car for three seasons, would normally be on the other side of the race track as he is also one of the senior marshals at Oulton Park.

"I take a fair bit of ribbing from the other marshals but it's all in good fun" said Mark.

He won his class in both races and finished a very creditable 5th and 6th in the races after putting in the third fastest lap times in both races.

"The XR Challenge races are great and there is a lot of keen competition and using the Foster Short Circuit makes racing even closer and gives all classes a

chance.

"Both races were cut short because of incidents on the track and the safety car was deployed" added Mark, who will still be marshalling when he is not racing.

Mark's time for his first race was an average speed of 76.64 mph for the twelve lap race and his fastest lap time was 78.84. In the second race his average time for the 12 lap race was 75.75 mph and his fastest lap was timed at 78.51mph.



## Padgate war hero GH (Harry) Kenwright remembered

By Paul Jackson

A war veteran has finally been able to lay a wreath in memory of the local hero he buried more than 70 years ago on a German battlefield.

Known to all as Harry Kenwright, the 2nd Battalion Irish Guardsman sadly died in April 1945. A special ceremony took place at Padgate War Memorial where fellow "Mick" and friend of Harry, John Welton Bent, now aged 92 laid a poppy wreath in his memory.

Over seventy two years ago GH Kenwright (25) and John Bent (19) were in the Armoured Division of the 2nd Battalion of the Irish Guards.

On March 30th, 1945 they crossed the Rhine in their respective Sherman tanks for what was going to be the final push to end the war in Europe. Tragically Harry was to be killed three days later and John with some of his comrades had the task of burying him in a nearby field before continuing their journey through the heart of Germany. Harry's grave has since been moved to the CWGC cemetery at Rheinberg. He is named on the Padgate War Memorial in Warrington.

The memorial service at Padgate was a truly remarkable and deeply personal event for many of the gathered friends, relatives, fellow Irish Guards officers, local school children and civic dignitaries. John not only fought with Harry but buried him in the midst of battle.

The laying of a poppy wreath in honour of his brother in arms at the War Memorial was a touching and poignant moment. Harry was killed

in a selfless act of bravery when he returned to his scuttled tank to rescue a fellow crewmember who was "rattling away" from the tank, providing cover. As he reached the Sherman he was shot and killed instantly.

After an introduction from the Mayor of Warrington, MD of Culture Warrington, Emma Hutchinson spoke of the history and heritage of the war memorials within the town.

Harry's story was then told by Chris Bent, the son of John Bent, using local history records at the Library and with great help from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Chris managed to find Harry's surviving brother and other members of the Kenwright family and they were represented at the memorial and a letter from Harry's brother John Kenwright was read to the gathered people.

Oakwood Avenue School Headmaster Gary Cunningham spoke of the ex pupil and explained how Chris had been visiting pupils to teach them of their heroic legacy.

Children from Oakwood Avenue School Choir sang "In the eyes of an angel" and "Amazing Grace" before a reading of Sassoons "At the Cenotaph" and Laurence Binyons "For the Fallen"

After a prayer by Rev'd Neil Shaw, of Christ Church, Padgate John Bent laid a wreath of poppies on the memorial bearing the name of his wartime companion.



John Bent reflects on his fallen brother in arms.



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By David Watkinson

### Christmas cheer

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Except, almost certainly, for one thing; you will need cheering up! And what better way to do that than to share with you a few jokes from the "WatkinsonBlack Book of Jokes". So here goes. Firstly a few about our favourite adversary:

Q: Why do scientists use tax inspectors rather than rats in laboratory experiments?

A: Because there are more of them, you cannot get attached to them, and there are some things that even rats won't do.

Q: What's the difference between a Doberman and a tax inspector?

A: The Doberman will eventually let go.

Q: Why did the patient having a heart transplant pick the heart of a 60 year old tax inspector rather than a 25 year marathon winner?

A: Because he knew the tax inspector's heart was unused.

And to balance things up a bit.

Q: How can you recognise an extroverted accountant?

A: He looks at your shoes when he is talking to you rather than his own.

And finally, a seasonal offering from the Christmas Edition.

The Crist family worked at a zoo. Each year they predicted what the general luck and overall mood of the forthcoming year would be by observing the gnu. If the gnu's ears were forward, that meant a successful, joyous year was almost certain to happen. But if his ears were laid back flat against his head, it meant that an unlucky or very unhappy year was sure to come. One year it was young Mary's turn to "survey" the animal and to come up with the prediction. It was her first time solo and, unfortunately, in her excitement she forgot to take the key to the cage and had to run back for it. This meant that she was late in observing the gnu. Well, she saw the wrong ear position and predicted a bad year, when in fact it turned out to be very successful and prosperous. To explain the error, the local newspaper ran the following headline a year later: MARY CRIST MISSES AN HAPPY GNU'S EAR!

I hope this has cheered you all up a bit, so have yourselves a very happy Xmas and let us all hope that the gnu's ears are very firmly forward. Meanwhile, don't forget that...

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David Watkinson and Margaret Black

## Stars turn out for Man of Steel Awards night



**SPORTING legends turned out in force at the fourth annual Warrington Man of Steel Awards at the Halliwell Jones Stadium.**

A sold out Martin Dawes Legends suite celebrated those teams and individuals who excel in the great game of Rugby League across Warrington.

Rugby League great and TV presenter, Brian Carney, hosted the evening, where over 300 attendees were joined by Warrington Wolves' stars past and present as well as former England football captain Stuart Pearce and Lancashire and England cricketing legend Neil Fairbrother. Both keen Wolves fans, they presented prizes and provided some inspiring words for the stars of the future.

Guests were also entertained by vocalist Amelia.

New Wolves head coach Steve Price was on hand to give his views on his appointment and to speak about his hopes for the future success for rugby league in Warrington. Youth development at the club is of huge importance to the former assistant coach at National Rugby League side Cronulla Sharks. He intends to "endeavour to build a tough and resilient team, that is attractive to watch and will enhance the Wire brand."

Each of the towns seven amateur clubs were asked to nominate their own Man of Steel, from age groups Under 12s to Under 18s, of which the top three at each age group were then shortlisted to attend on the evening. Other awards included: Play Touch Rugby League, Masters and also 'Community Heroes', with each amateur club selecting an individual who has gone above and beyond for their club. These are the unsung heroes underpinning the grass roots of the sport.

The evening came to a close with the 'Heart and Sole of Rugby League Awards', dedicated to those who

have made their mark and left their legacy on our sport in Warrington. The recipients all encapsulate everything that is special in the game they love. Each of the Heart and Sole winners will have their own footprint, to be displayed next to the Wire2Wolves Heritage Timeline in the South Stand at The Halliwell Jones Stadium.

#### THE WINNERS

Under 12s Man of Steel – Billy Myers (Bank Quay Bulls)

Under 13s Man of Steel – Leon Hayes (Rylands Sharks)

Under 14s Man of Steel – Toby Good-Marsh (Burtonwood Bulldogs)

Under 15s Man of Steel – Dean Beddall (Crosfields)

Under 16s Man of Steel – Oliver Livett (Rylands Sharks)

Under 18s Man of Steel – Kieran Moore (Woolston Rovers)

Open Age Man of Steel – Hayden James (Crosfields)

Play Touch Rugby League Award – David Sturgess

Masters Rugby League Award – Dave Reid

High School Award – Kings Academy

Referee of the year – Matt Charnock

Community Heroes

Bank Quay Bulls Community Hero – Kelly Cragg

Burtonwood Bulldogs Community Hero – Graham Southern

Crosfields Community Hero – Grahame Pike

Culcheth Eagles Community Hero – Adam Cooper

Latchford Giants Community Hero – John Wilkinson

Rylands Sharks Community Hero – Sarah Deloaze

Woolston Rovers Community Hero – Dave Whalley

Heart and Sole of Rugby League Award Winners

Harry Crank

Mike McLoughlin

Tony Parker

Colin Stanton

George Thornton (get well soon George)





## Warrington Wolves Fixtures 2018

WARRINGTON Wolves will kick start the 2018 season with a tough home opener against Bedford Super League Champions Leeds Rhinos at the Halliwell Jones Stadium.

The 2017 Grand Final winners will be hoping to start the defence of their title with an away win, whilst new Warrington Wolves Head Coach Steve Price will be eager to impress the home crowd when taking charge of his first ever Super League game.

Commenting on the season ahead, Rugby Football League Chief Commercial Officer and Super League Executive Director, Roger Draper, said: "2017 was a fantastic season with some of the most exciting action on the pitch I've ever seen. Super League also had an incredibly successful year off the field with commercial revenue up by 19% and more than 1.75 million tickets sold to Super League fixtures throughout the year, culminating in a brilliant sell-out Bedford Super League Grand Final.

"We believe that next season promises to be one of the most exciting ever, with plenty for Rugby League supporters to look forward to. The Dacia Magic Weekend returns to Newcastle for the fourth consecutive year, we have a first ever Super League game in Australia and we welcome back Hull Kingston Rovers to the competition following their promotion from the Championship.

"We also have the new free Our League membership, which has attracted more than 25,000 members in the first two weeks since its launch. It will give fans exclusive news, offers, insight and stats from all Super League games and we hope they enjoy the additional benefits that the membership brings."

Sky Sports will continue to show two games a week and following feedback from supporters, media and clubs, there will now be an earlier kick-off time of 7.45pm for all televised Thursday and Friday night matches.

### Wolves Fixtures 2018

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 Friday, Mar 9 (Sky) St Helens H 7.45pm  
 Saturday, Mar 17 Catalans Dragons A 6pm  
 Friday, Mar 23 Wakefield Trinity H 7.45pm  
 Friday, Mar 30 Widnes Vikings H TBC  
 Monday, Apr 2 Castleford Tigers A TBC  
 Saturday, Apr 7 (Sky) Salford Red Devils A TBC  
 Saturday, Apr 14 Hull Kingston Rovers H 3pm  
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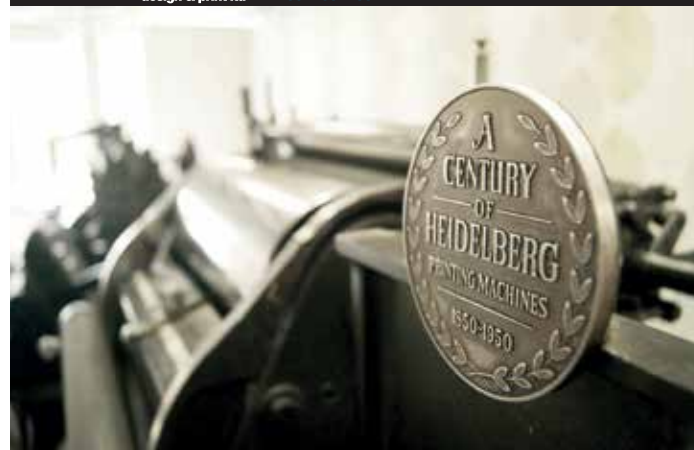
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