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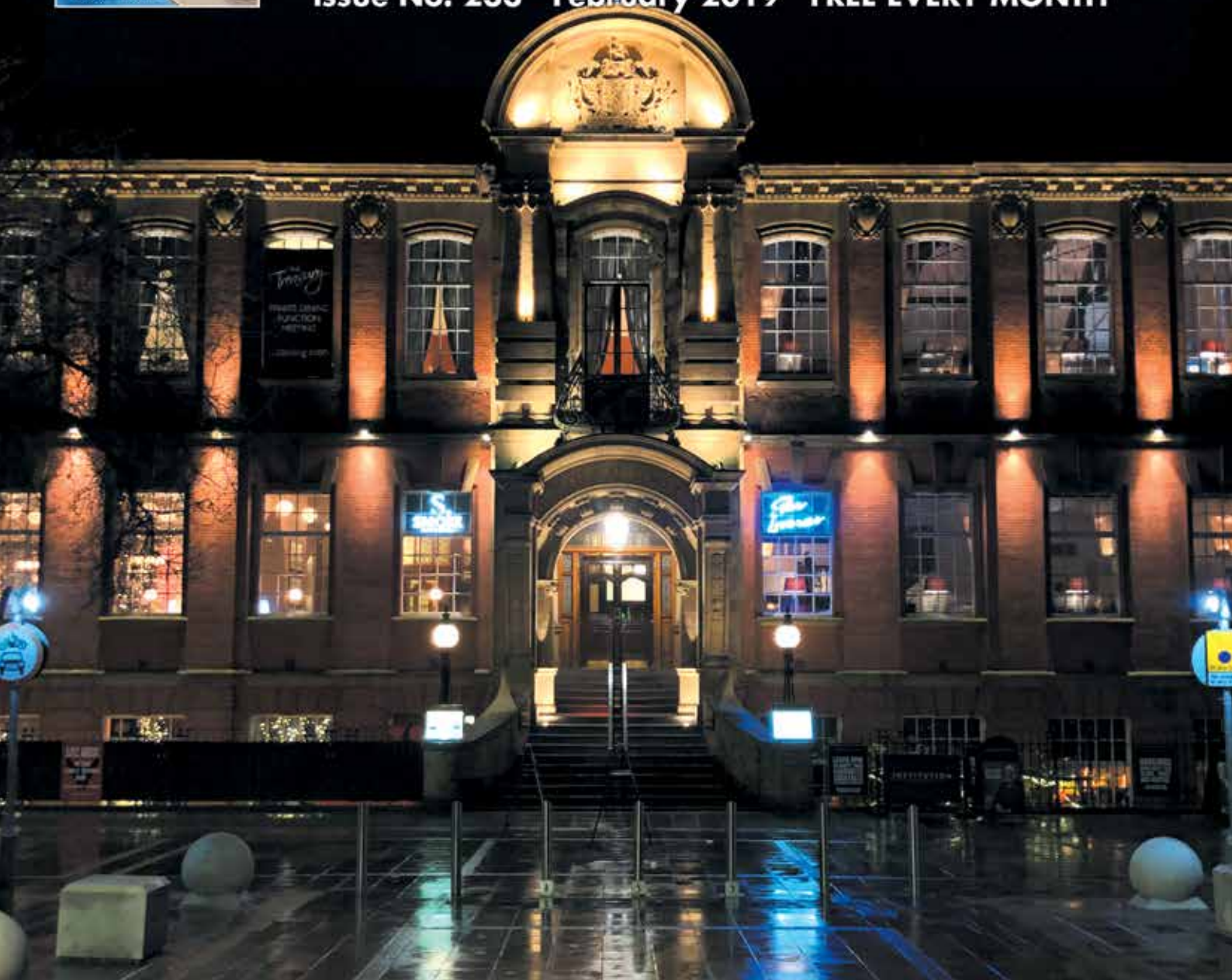
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WARRINGTON has received plenty of negative publicity over the years – and like any town or city it is far from perfect – but there is still plenty to be positive about.

The amount of positive comments we have received to our new #LoveWarrington show, which includes live broadcasts around the town on social media has been truly inspiring.

During the first three episodes we teamed up with local housing expert Gary Pemberton from Belvoir Sales & Lettings to take a tour of the town centre looking at the issues facing the area, promoting local businesses, encouraging people to shop local and supporting the high street.

As one of the founding members of #LoveWarrington, a consortium of local business people who give up their time to promote the town in a positive way, I care passionately about the place where I live and work.

The past year has been a tough one for many businesses and with much uncertainty created by #Brexit and changes in shopping habits, it

more important than ever that we work hard to support our town and local businesses.

It is easy to sit back and be negative and while our first broadcast did attract some negative comments, the vast majority of people applauded our positive attitude.

So much more can be achieved in life with a positive attitude and while there is still a lot of work to

be done, Warrington, as a town, is leading the way.

Everybody needs to work together in a positive manner to ensure Warrington continues to prosper. There will be bumps in the road, just like the journey of life – but together we will be stronger!

If you want to become involved with the #LoveWarrington group – or have a positive story to tell drop me a line to garys@warrington-worldwide.co.uk

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Hospital and College team up to 'home grow' local NHS workforce

Warrington and Halton Hospitals and Warrington & Vale Royal College have teamed up signalling a commitment to 'home grow' the local NHS workforce of the future.

Hospital Chief Executive Mel Pickup and College Principal Nicola Newton have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to cement the new partnership.

The Trust's relationship with the college is the latest in a number of academic partnerships and is intended to promote initiatives and opportunities for developing the employability skills of and opportunities for college learners and apprentices.

The Trust's Chief Executive Mel Pickup said: "We have launched our new strategy 'Becoming an Outstanding organisation for our patients, our communities and our

staff' and have committed to being an employer of choice with a specific 'People' pledge that states 'We will be the best place to work with a diverse, engaged workforce that is fit for the future'.

"This MoU is an important step in ensuring that we can access and develop local talent required for our future workforce. We offer so many apprenticeship, volunteering and job opportunities that are both clinical and non-clinical – there really is something for everyone as part of our team."

Key to the partnership is the focus on learners' experiences in the workplace and the potential

employment pipeline into the Trust. Together the MoU sets out how the parties will work on:

- Improving the skills of the workforce so more people can access jobs from the local population
- Giving those without the right skills a second chance to get job ready skills
- Building on the successful apprenticeship hub and work with businesses to develop higher skilled apprenticeships
- Concentrating on supporting graduate level jobs to attract the highest skilled workers
- Enabling school leavers to get the qualifications they need to access and create the jobs of the future.

College CEO Nichola Newton said: "Our partnership will develop

opportunities that will meet the needs of learners on a range of programmes, enabling them to participate in high quality and realistic work place experiences. The College will ensure that learners are prepared for work place experience through promoting the high expectations of the Trust ensuring that our local NHS has committed and motivated learners in the work place, who could be considered viable candidates for future employment within the Trust on successful completion of their study.

Cementing the relationship the College joins the Trust's Council of Governors as a partner governor while the Trust's Director of HR and Organisation Development Michelle Cloney, joins Warrington & Vale Royal College's Governing Body.



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£725,000 heart unit opens at hospital

A NEW £725,000 acute cardiac care unit has been officially opened at Warrington Hospital.

The new unit merges the former cardiac ward C21 in Croft wing with the coronary care unit in Appleton wing in the former ward A3 and enables the concentration of cardiac specialist staff, facilities and equipment for the seamless treatment, recovery and rehabilitation of patients living with heart problems.

The first patients have been transferred to the unit which comprises the eight bed coronary care unit and the 18-bed ward C21.

It has been adapted to create two 3-bed bays and two single side rooms for the CCU part of the ward

and three 5-bed en-suite bays and three side rooms for the ward area.

The new CCU zone benefits from a large nurse base which offers greater observation of bed bays while at the same time retaining patient privacy and dignity between male and female patients. The unit is fully air conditioned and has adjustable lighting and designated quiet spaces to create a calming environment.

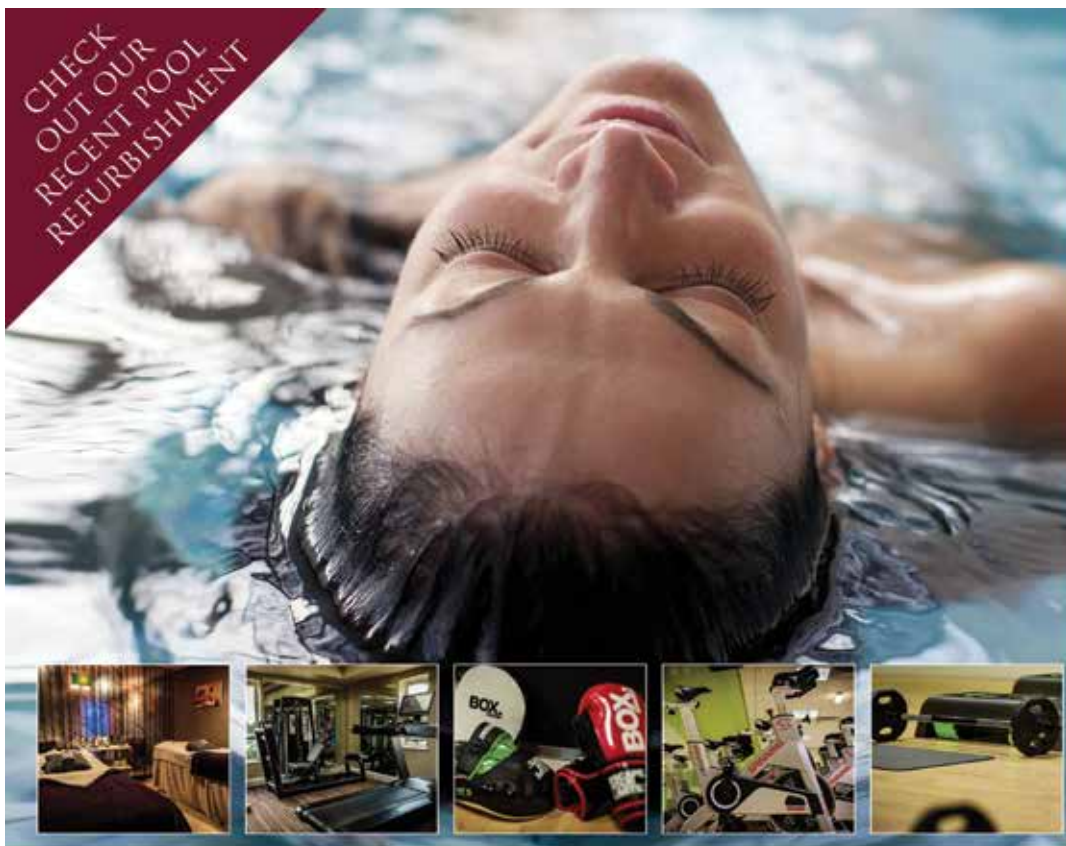
As well as the significantly enhanced care and experience benefits for heart patients, the former ward C21 has been released as a potential winter ward to allow for an increase in bed pressures

during the winter period. However, the plan after winter is to develop a state of the art midwifery-led maternity unit alongside the existing delivery suite to offer greater choice to women in pregnancy.

Professor Simon Constable, deputy chief executive and executive medical director said: "We have long wished to locate all of our acute speciality wards in the hospital's main ward block, close to acute medicine, radiology and the

emergency department. The estates team have done a fantastic job within the confines of our ageing estate and our specialist cardiac and support teams are delighted with the new environment and purpose built space within which to treat our patients."

Mayor of Warrington Cllr Karen Mundry and hospital Trust chairman Steve McGuirk met patients and staff at the formal opening of the new facility.



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"Everything is great about the college, but mainly the teaching is great - if the teachers don't care then the students aren't going to be engaged. Here the teachers care about your future and do everything to make sure you are learning and on the right track."

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Warrington retains status as a safe commercial investment location

by Steve Park – Director of Growth & MD of Warrington & Co

Whilst Warrington business surges ahead as ever, we start the year with an undoubted level of uncertainty regarding Brexit.

Nevertheless Warrington retains its international status as a safe commercial investment location. Statistics just out from Cushman & Wakefield predict a 2.7 % rise in Industrial Capital Values in 2019 for the North West. I'm certain that if Warrington were singled out that figure would be higher.

In the coming months we'll be announcing the findings of our Annual Property Review, and early versions of the findings are already indicating another strong year for Warrington property performance.

All of the units at Omega are now either occupied or under offer and further investment is certain.

Time Square continues apace. The units are rapidly nearing practical completion whereupon fit out will commence - starting this Summer. The project will open in a little over a year now. Very soon we'll be announcing the first of the restaurant units who will be taking occupancy.

Great to see the new £50 million residential scheme on Winwick Street is now on site with construction underway. For anyone unfamiliar with the site it sits adjacent to Central Station and opposite Stadium Quarter.

The 2.1 acre site will become a

nine storey mixed use complex which will include circa 6,400sq ft of retail and leisure space, a 796 parking space Multi Storey Car park and 362 contemporary apartments. As I've mentioned before, Warrington Town Centre is enjoying a residential renaissance with hundreds of planning applications approved or construction underway. In fact just up the road on Horsemarket Street, Emerald Bay has just obtained planning approval for phase II of their Kings Court Scheme, Phase I having been fully let within three months of opening. Endorsement indeed that the private sector is responding to the Time Square regeneration realisation.

I am confident that Warrington Businesses will rise to and overcome any challenges that the year presents and I remain confident that Warrington is and will remain a safe commercial property investment haven during the unsettled waters that inevitably lie ahead.



New strategic partnership



North West based Yellowbus Solutions Ltd and Cheshire Telecom Ltd have joined forces in strategic partnership.

Yellowbus have joined forces with Warrington based Cheshire Telecom to form a strategic alliance to improve managed telecoms, connectivity and associated technology services to local businesses in and around Cheshire.

Yellowbus already have a track record in offering Managed IT, connectivity and hosted telecoms with a strong technical offering and skillset.

With the introduction of Cheshire Telecom this bolsters the sales advisory and consultancy services around telecoms and mobile offerings to complement existing services.

"The team at Yellowbus are really excited about opportunities now available with this joint venture. Both Yellowbus & Cheshire Telecom have a strong background in providing connectivity and telecoms within the

commercial property space, and this is an area we are looking to expand"

Mike Douglass – Commercial Director at Yellowbus said: "Cheshire Telecom have been looking to partner with an IT provider that has the capacity to deal with both large and smaller companies for a good while now and we were extremely happy to realise that the answer was right in front of us all this time! Yellowbus are a fantastic Warrington company and we're expecting a productive year ahead of us as the extra capacity that they bring allows us to expand our reach and offer larger companies the level of support they expect and deserve."

Paul Taylor – Managing Director at Cheshire Telecom said: "Going into 2019 Yellowbus and Cheshire Telecom are already working on some impressive projects for clients and are looking at several joint sponsorship and marketing efforts throughout the year.



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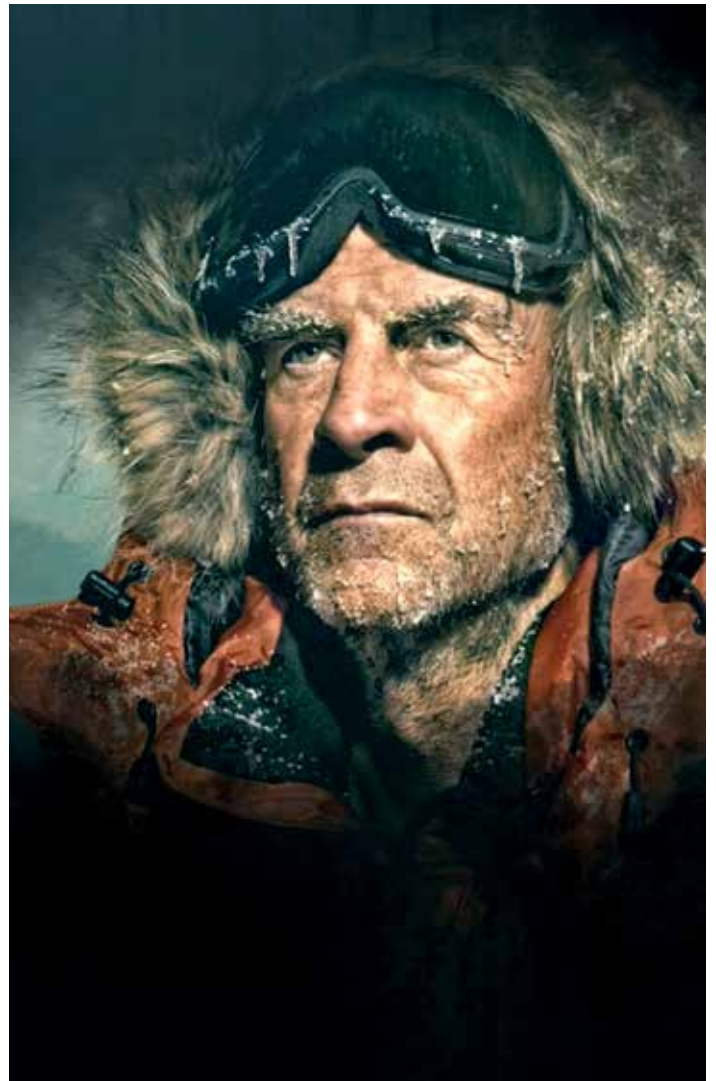
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World's 'greatest living explorer' Sir Ranulph Fiennes to visit Parr Hall



The world's 'greatest living explorer' Sir Ranulph Fiennes is visiting Warrington Parr Hall to tell tales about his record-breaking adventures.

The intrepid explorer, fundraiser and author is to bring 'Living Dangerously' to Warrington's Parr Hall at 7.30pm on Friday October 31.

Named by the Guinness Book of Records as 'the world's greatest living explorer', Sir Ranulph Fiennes has spent his life in pursuit of extreme adventure, risking life and limb in some of the most ambitious private expeditions ever undertaken.

Among his many record-breaking achievements, he was the first to reach both Poles, the first to cross the Antarctic and Arctic Ocean, and the first to circumnavigate the world along its polar axis.

In 'Living Dangerously', Sir Ranulph offers a personal journey through his life, from his early years to the present day.

Both light-hearted and strikingly poignant, 'Living Dangerously' spans Sir Ranulph's childhood and school misdemeanours, his army life and early expeditions, right through the Transglobe Expedition to his current Global Reach Challenge - his goal to become the first person in the world to cross both polar ice caps and climb the highest mountain on each of the seven continents.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes' many endeavours have pushed his endurance levels to the very limits, inspiring generations and making him a pioneer of exploration with an unparalleled story to tell.

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Bid to unlock students' full potential

STUDENTS from Warrington have visited some of the world's most successful and innovative businesses to help raise their own ambitions.

Priestley College has teamed up with Bryanston Square and entrepreneur Marcus Orlovsky to give 10 young people the chance to learn from inspiring leaders beyond Warrington's borders as part of the Unlock programme.

They started a whistle-stop tour of London by meeting Dan Ison who helped create the BBC iPlayer and is now media and entertainment lead partner at auditors Deloitte UK.

Next stop was the offices of Lucky Generals marketing agency where they met the team who produced a Superbowl halftime advert for Amazon and who have worked with the likes of Hollywood star Jeff Bridges and singer Mariah Carey.

Harry James, a former Sir Thomas Boteler student said: "What we found out is that the businesses don't want people from any particular background so I can see myself working for one of

them."

"They are looking for a range of skills and backgrounds because they think they can do their job better that way."

Also during the packed day they met a team from Metro Bank, the UK's fastest growing bank, award-winning Brigade, a restaurant that trains and employs homeless people to give them a chance in life, while the final appointment was with Andrew Buisson, a senior partner at the international law firm Norton Rose Fulbright, hosted lunch.

Mark Salmon, a Senior Tutor

at Priestley College, said: "I was so impressed with the range and diverse experiences of the hosts.

"Particularly captivating was Dan at Deloitte who talked so candidly about the discipline, skill and motivation that drove him in his childhood to pursue his ambition to become an actor, attributes that he now uses in his current career."

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Ben Wakerley, Managing Director of Warrington's Own Buses said: "This latest round of discount tickets is in addition to a fourth year of fares freezes for our main fares.

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Sadia Mian said "Northwood Warrington are extremely excited to continue building the business and to go from strength to strength in 2019. Through our hard work and dedication, we have secured gold awards consecutively for the last 4 years, with 2018 exceeding our expectations."

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As an added incentive, there's 30 per cent off entry fees for adults during January with the code RFL30 – and for the first time ever it won't be a "women only" event.

Warrington's Victoria Park will be hosting a "Pretty Muddy" run and a "Kids' Pretty Muddy" run on June 2.

But other events for people of all ages and abilities will be taking place at Tatton Park, Stockport, Chester and Cholmondeley Castle.

Event manager Laura Cass said: "Our Race for Life events are fun, colourful, emotional and uplifting. They help people with cancer by raising money for research, including clinical trials which give patients in Cheshire access to the latest treatments.

"You don't have to be sporty to take part. You don't need to train or compete against anyone else. All you need to do is go to the Race for Life website, pick an event, sign up and then have fun raising money in whatever way you like."

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is an inspiring series of 5k, 10k, Pretty Muddy and Pretty Muddy Kids events which raise millions of pounds every year to help beat cancer by funding crucial research.

Ms Cass added: "The Race for Life is a powerful, inspirational movement which unites participants in Cheshire with people across the

North West and the whole of the UK.

"Taking part in our Race for Life events enables like-minded people to get together and remember loved ones lost to cancer or celebrate the lives of those who have survived. At the same time, they are helping to make a difference to people with cancer, right now."

Thanks to everyone who raises money, Cancer Research UK is able to fund research to fight 200 types of cancer. The good news is more people are surviving the disease

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Vegans and their non-vegan friends can now find on the sweets menu a sumptuous, individually presented moist carrot cake using fresh carrots, wheat and almond flours. It is made in Naples and imported from Italy weekly.

A vegan lunch that can be enjoyed by all, including a soya latte, black bun and carrot cake for under £9 provides excellent quality at a reasonable price.

The Heritage Café wants to continue to extend its provision and the team explained: "We are also exploring the potential of introducing a vegan savoury pie and we have samples from a couple of local suppliers that really interest us."

Stef Manfredi, proprietor of the

Heritage Café at Walton added: "All we need now is a vegan breakfast sandwich. We have some ideas but are always open to suggestions from our customers."

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The move is an indication on the success of the business over the last 12 months after winning new business of the year at the Warrington Business Awards 2018.

The company's client base has grown exponentially in the town and they are now employing 15 full time staff whilst finding employment for over 400 people on a weekly basis.

Co-owner/Director Andrew Hibbert said: "When the building became available we were instantly interested in moving from our previous offices in Bold Street as not only did it give us a greater presence but it enabled us to house some of our other businesses such as real5 Networking and i-Kaboodle under the one roof. The building itself has many of the original features and a fantastic view over looking the wonderful queens gardens.

"We see the new premises

as a platform for us to develop further success and help support the thriving Warrington Economy. If anyone is looking for new employment or is interested in business networking opportunities then please call in and see us, we'll put the kettle on!"



Co-director Andrew Hibbert and Steve Lewis with Warrington Wolves' Ryan Atkins

Business owner thrilled with response to local advertising

BUSINESS owner Michele Butterworth has been thrilled with the response to her local advertising campaigns with **warrington-worldwide** and now has two new members of staff.

Michele who runs Shelly's Restaurant and Michele & Co hairdressing salon on Bold Street in Warrington town centre, posted job adverts via **warrington-worldwide** and filled both almost instantly.

Hairstylist Hayley Brown, aged 21, who lives in the town centre, responded within a couple of minutes and was soon enjoying her new job alongside manageress Joanne Whorton.

Meanwhile Samantha Heaps

from Penketh was alerted by a friend who had seen the advert for a position at Shelly's and was having a successful trial the following day!

A delighted Michele, who has been advertising both businesses within **warrington-worldwide** for many years, said: "Not only was I thrilled by the speed of response but also at the quality of the applicants."

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Boteler wins gold for its high quality art and culture

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Culture and creativity increases students' confidence, critical thinking, communication and literacy skills, improving attainment and bringing core subjects to life.

In order to achieve Artsmark Gold status, the school has demonstrated its commitment to incorporating art and culture into every student's life and learning, as

well as showing, ambitious plans for the future.

The school will now continue this journey with the support of Curious Minds – the Arts Council England appointed regional agency for creative and cultural education.

As part of its statement of commitment, Boteler highlighted the strengths of its music, art, drama and dance provision. The school is known nationally for the work it does with World Music and the successes of its samba band (Samboteler), African drummers (Djoliba) and steel pan groups.

Headteacher Beverley Scott-Herron said: "We are so proud to have achieved this status. The arts are so important. They transform young people's lives and must never be forgotten both within and outside the curriculum."

"I am delighted that all our students benefit from all the wonderful provision we have in place and their successes and talents must be celebrated. The arts are accessible to all and it is wonderful to see our young people have that sense of achievement and

pride in what they are doing."

Darren Henley, chief executive of Arts Council England, said: "I would like to congratulate Sir Thomas Boteler CE High School on achieving Artsmark and welcome them into our growing family of Artsmark schools."

"It has put together an ambitious plan which will ensure that each of its students is given the opportunity to explore and build a love of the arts that will remain with them as they go through adult life."



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New team and new name for care company

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Having started from humble beginnings the company now employs over 80 people and care for over 200 clients and cover all areas of Warrington from its base in Padgate.

In 2018 a new team of Investors and Management joined the business, which has now been renamed and rebranded as Care At Home, to align with the Company's strategy of providing the highest quality of Domiciliary Care in Warrington.

The new team, led by new Managing Director, Karl Jacobie, has vast experience in providing Care in Warrington and are passionate about quality in every aspect of its business. They offer a full range of home care services that can be bespoke to match your individual requirements.

The business has seen substantial investment over the past 9 months with the appointment of a completely new management team including Lisa Collins, Care Manager, Laura Ellis, Training Manager, Jenny Hughes, HR and Recruitment Manager, Jane Stanton, Private Business Manager and Lynn Patterson, Quality & Compliance Manager. This new team brings a combined 100 plus years of experience in the care industry to the company.

"With these appointments I believe we now have the best

management team in the industry" said Karl, adding "our Company ethos is to provide the best care possible, whilst treating all of our Clients with Respect, Dignity and Integrity, at all times. We treat each person as an individual and therefore provide bespoke care packages in each client's home".

The new investors in the company (two of whom were born in Warrington) have a wealth of experience managing their own successful businesses as well as working in large global corporate organisations. "We decided to become involved in the Care Sector due to the personal experiences we have had with our own family members who have required home care in recent years" said Karl, adding "We felt that if we could bring our years of experience running our own businesses and also working in world class corporate companies into the Care sector we could truly make a difference".

Care at Home are one of the largest providers of Home Care Services to Warrington Borough Council. The care business is led by Lisa Collins who has over 25 years' experience working in the sector. "I was excited to have joined Care At Home and was impressed by its values and ethics and also by the vision of the Investors to provide the best domiciliary care service in the

area."

Care at Home recently launched a new Private Home Care Division, led by Jane Stanton, who has over 15 years' experience managing Private Home Care in Warrington and Cheshire. "I am delighted to be joining such an ambitious, exciting, proactive company and I am looking forward to growing our Private Business by providing a unique service to Private Clients, with tailored visit times and personal packages for each individual".

Karl added "Being at Home, is where we all feel the happiest and most comfortable, our aim at Care At Home, is to help you maintain this."

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Thirty years on from when Jonathan Davies shocked the rugby world

THIRTY years ago Welsh wizard Jonathan Davies shocked the rugby world by switching codes including a spell at Warrington Wolves.

Although his stay at Warrington was relatively short, he made an major impact during his time in the town on and off the pitch – and proved a big hit all over the town, where he moved with his family, living at Westbrook near the cinema.

He was often in demand for photo shoots, including this never seen before PR picture taken at the former US Army Burtonwood Airbase by local photographer Eddie Whitham.

It was on January 7 1989 when Widnes Coach Doug Laughton pulled off one of the biggest coups in the game by convincing Davies to switch from a successful international career at Wales to join Widnes, where he had four successful years.

But when Widnes hit financial problems Davies switched to arch rivals Warrington for three seasons, making 67 appearances, scoring 43 tries, 232 conversions and 26 drop goals.

While at Warrington he was also named player of the 1993–94 season, winning the RFL's Man of Steel Award.

The switch also saw fellow Welsh Rugby Union stars Allan Bateman and Rowland Phillips become Widlerspool favourites.

Prior to joining Warrington, Davies took on a further challenge when he spent the summer in Sydney playing in the 1991 NSWRL season for the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs.

During his time in rugby league he represented both Great Britain and Wales, scoring a solo try in Great Britain's defeat of the Kangaroos at the old Wembley in 1994 where he sprinted 50 metres to score in the corner. Although he left the field with a dislocated shoulder, his efforts in both attack and defence saw him named as man of the match.

Davies again played in Australia when he joined the newly-formed North Queensland Cowboys in 1995.

His last rugby league match was as captain of Wales against England in the 1995 World Cup Semi-final at Old Trafford, which Wales lost 25–10.

Playing as a stand-off, Davies kicked 3 goals for Wales taking his total score for Wales to 21 points (10 goals, 1 field goal), all scored in the 1995 World Cup.

After the birth of daughter Geena in 1995, Davies' wife Karen was diagnosed with cancer. In need of family support, and as rugby union had turned professional, Davies went back to South Wales and

signed to play for Cardiff RFC.

In 1996, Davies was awarded an MBE and went with his family to Buckingham Palace to collect his award. In 1997, his wife Karen

died.

Since retiring from rugby he has worked in the media as a commentator and pundit in both codes, mainly for the BBC.



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Dubious expense claims

Once again the tax return maelstrom has passed, and we accountants can have a breather. Therefore, I thought we would take a look at the lighter side of life.

The tax office has recently published some of the "dubious" expense claims received and which were rejected. They have even made a film about them, and this can be seen at <https://youtu.be/wbGhdPKfzQU>.



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

The rejected expenses include a claim for

- a TV and sound bar which was to help the trader price up jobs,
- woolly underwear, and
- a music subscription so that the trader could listen to music whilst they worked.

We have had personal experience of

- a sub-contractor (male) trying to claim for a sports bra and tennis dress as protective clothing, as well as
- a bricklayer claiming for a fortnight in August on the Isle of Wight, double room and a twin-bedded room, as conference expenses.

The claim for woolly underwear illustrates the hurdles that are placed in the way of claiming tax relief on any expense that could have a personal element. It is not difficult to understand that for someone working in an exposed location these items make working in the winter more comfortable.

However, for any expense to be tax deductible by someone in business then it must be "wholly and exclusively" incurred for the business. Any personal element precludes a deduction. This excludes most "normal" clothing which is necessary to protect the wearer's modesty.

For people in employment, as opposed to self-employment, the hurdles are even higher. For them the expense must be "wholly, exclusively and necessarily" incurred, which essentially means that not only must there be no personal element in the expense but the expense must be so fundamental that it would be impossible to perform the duties of the employment without them being incurred.

This does not mean, however, that incurring the expense must be unenjoyable before it can be claimed. As an example, we do recall the case of a photographer who successfully claimed for the cost of chartering a luxury yacht in the Caribbean for a fortnight which he shared with a bevy of beauties, as well as the travel costs in getting there from the UK. The time was spent in taking photos of the beauties on the yacht in various locations for a calendar that was subsequently published.

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Three times Wembley winner hangs up his boots

Pictures: Eddie Whitham



FORMER Warrington Wolves winger Chris Riley, who lived the dream of signing for his home town club as a 17-year-old, has announced his retirement from the game after being without a club for the past 12 months.

Warrington born Riley, who won three Challenge Cup medals with Warrington, said: "The time has come to finally announce my retirement from the sport of Rugby League.

The 30-year-old, who also played full-back, said: "I've been inactive and without a club for just over 12 months and I no longer have the same passion and desire as I did for the last 13 years or so playing and feel this is the right time to hang up the boots.

"I'm so grateful to have been given the opportunity to fulfill my dream of becoming a Rugby League player and also getting the chance to do this for a large part of my career with my home town club Warrington Wolves.

"I could never imagine when I debuted at the age 17 that in my time there I would go on and be involved in winning the Challenge Cup the club's first trophy in 35 years and to go on and win further trophies was more than I could ever of asked for. So I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs that gave me opportunity to represent them along the way, London, Wakefield and Rochdale. I enjoyed every minute with each one.

"I'd like to thank all the staff who have invested their time in me and getting the best from me on and off the field. I'd like to thank my peers

in making wonderful memories and building some strong friendships. Thank you to all the fans for their loyal support across the years. Big thanks to my family and friends for the love and guidance. To my wife and children for their unconditional love and support through all the ups and downs.

"I'm now looking forward to becoming a fan again and to enjoy watching this great game."

Riley played 180 times for Warrington from 2005-14 scoring 120 tries. During that time he had loan spells at Harlequins, Swinton and finally Wakefield, where he eventually joined full-time before moving on to Rochdale Hornets.

He also played for his country with England Knights in 2012.





Five new faces feature in Ryan Atkins' testimonial match

WARRINGTON Wolves marked Ryan Atkins' testimonial with a 38-12 win over local rivals Widnes as five new signings made their debuts.

In their first run out in 2019, the Wolves handed a debut to five players, with one of those, Jake Mamo, scoring a hat-trick of tries.

They found the going tough against their Championship opponents, and only led 12-6 at half time having trailed to a Liam Hood try before Mamo and fellow new recruit Blake Austin got them on the board.

Dec Patton scored within two minutes of the restart, but Widnes weren't ready to roll over and Brad Walker's converted score put them back within four.

But eventually the Wolves' class would tell, they led 22-12 by the hour mark thanks to Daryl Clark's touchdown, and there were further tries for widemen Tom Lineham and Josh Charnley.

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