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Editor's Comment

TWENTY years ago this month warrington-worldwide launched as the first independent daily online newspaper in the country.

It went live at the former Business Connections event, which at the time was the largest business networking event of its kind in the town, taking place at the old Burtonwood airbase - now the site of the huge Omega development which has created 6,000 new jobs in the past six years.

6,000 new jobs in the past six years. Unlike many publications, the website actually came BEFORE the magazine, as local news agency Orbit News (publishers of this magazine) saw the way the media world was changing, as more and more people started to digest their daily news online daily news online.

In those early days around 50-100 people visited the website each day, many of them ex-pats keeping

ady, highly of intern expans keeping in touch with their home town. Now the website can attract anywhere between 5,000 to 20,000 people a day, depending on the latest breaking news stories. The media world has changed at

an incredible pace over the past two decades.

Twenty years ago there was no social media like facebook or twitter and mobile phones were just starting to come into the market place in the business world – now almost everybody has one and it has become the main source of obtaining information.

Here at warrington-worldwide we have kept pace with the times and reached out across the town with localised community magazines, all with interactive online platforms and digital editions which can easily be read online.

Meanwhile turning back the clock 20 years, at a time when many people would have been considering retirement, I would like to pay tribute to my father David Skentelbery, who back in the last century visited way WH Smith and bought a book on how to code a website using HTML.

He read the book, mastered

the art of building a website using

raw coding (Dreamscape and such programmes did not exist in those days) and created the very first edition of warrington-worldwide.

The rest is history – although I am pleased to say my dad is still going . strong!

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Eight-year-old Anna creates soap business

AN 8-year-old Warrington girl has successfully created a soap business after thinking of idea after visiting her local gym.

After a particularly hard workout at her local CrossFit gym, Anna limped and limbered out of the arena and into the shop with a group of other athletes who were sweaty, tired and aching. 'Dad,' she observed, 'there are lots of things here to help; T-Shirts and clathing energy bars and

and clothing, energy bars and drinks, but what's the first thing everyone does?'

'Erm, I'm not too sure Anna,' was the response from a sweaty, tired and aching dad Ben. 'Get a shower, I hope,' was the response, 'but there's no soap!'

In January 2019 after this astute observation, SoapFIT was born as the brainchild of an eight-year-old

child who spotted an opportunity. With little more than some guidance and questioning, Anna picked her own brand name, dealt with graphic designers to pick a company logo and designed and created a range of soaps, naming them each after her favourite CrossFit athletes. As interest in the product grew, Dad took on the necessary safety and cosmetic regulation bureaucracies to make sure all I's were dotted and t's crossed so Anna could sell her

scaps as a legitimate business. With the support of 21st century tech, websites and social media to promote the soap, it was with a twist of fate that Anna's first market stall, with the Warrington Makers Market, was re-sited to Golden

Gates Old Market Square.

sixth-generation As α Warringtonian, Anna was treading Warringtonian, Anna was treading in the steps of her Great-Great Grandfathers who had shops nearby. Great-Great Grandfather Britton owned 'Brittons' furniture shop on Bold Street and Great-Great Grandfather Hart owned 'Ye Olde Bacon Shoppe' on Lime Street.

Warrington's industrial history is coming full circle as Mr Britton, prior to being in the furniture business, was a wire-drawer at Rylands, playing as a Prop for their Rugby team.

"With Warrington's three major trades being Wire, Brewing and Soap – I'm sure Anna's forebears would approve of her venture," added proud dad Ben.

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trading despite some pretty chilly weather and grew in confidence as the day went on. Learning about profit and loss accounts (maths), describing her soaps and scents (English Language), designing the logos (art) and growing the business (business management) didn't seem like school, but she's learnt a huge amount in these early stages!

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Buckley's Restaurant celebrates prestigious AA College Rosette for second year running

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Buckley's restaurant, located at the college's Warrington campus, was visited by AA Inspector Mr Euan Davidson to see if it was worthy of retaining the accreditation.

The hard work and dedication of staff and students paid off, with the restaurant maintaining its Highly Commended AA College Rosette the maximum that can be awarded to a college.

Andrew Macleod, Curriculum Manager for the Service Industries, said: "Retaining an AA College Rosette is an incredible achievement and something we as a department are extremely proud of. It really reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment we continue to put in here at the college to ensure our learners are getting the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in

"Buckley's is not just a place for students to come and learn about hospitality and catering – it is a state-of-the-art commercial restaurant, one which they leave as qualified chefs and front-of house professionals.

The AA College Rosette Scheme aims to recognise students – both front and back of house – who are the future of the hospitality industry. The college accreditation process, provided by People 1st, also recognises colleges offering exceptional hospitality training. In his report, Mr Davidson declared the food at Buckley's as the "stand out feature" and highlighted the impressive standards or the the

the impressive standards set by the

team. He commented: "There may be some flashier college restaurants but few produce food like here.

Mr Davidson also acknowledged the student's good attention to detail in table set-up and the relaxed ambience maintained by the staff and students.



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

AS I write we are on the cusp of hosting two major events in the Warrington & Co. calendar; the first Warrington Business Exchange Annual Conference and our 21st Annual Property Review. It's a busy time ahead for the Warrington & Co. team planning working up to these events as both are major 'must attend' fixtures' in the North West business calendar. The Warrington Business Exchange celebrated its first birthday last month after a busy and successful year hosting over forty AS I write we are on the cusp of

events and with membership now standing at over 200. The full day Annual Conference was packed full of activity with panel discussions, networking and some excellent and high-profile keynote speakers including Karl Susol from the Department of International Trade, Rebecca Long-Bailey, Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Jessica Zhang from the China-Britain Business Council. Meanwhile the Warrington Annual Property Review is now an

established institution in the property calendar. The document and report calendar. The document and report looking at 2018 is now produced and ready and will be handed out and announced at the event on March 29th. I alluded last time to it including some positive and encouraging statistics for the year 2018 and I'll be writing about these part time. next time.

Finally, a thanks to all the sponsors who have kindly supported these two events. Without their support they would not be possible.



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Gary is passionate about our town and his recent work on the Love Warrington show has gone a long way in showing support to businesses and charities in the town.

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New Great Sankey swimming pools set to open

THE new swimming pools at Great Sankey Neighbourhood Hub will officially open on Saturday, April 6.

The six-lane main pool has been handed over by the contractor, BAM,

nanaea over by the contractor, bAW, to Warrington Borough council, along with the new-look training pool. The main pool has been completely refurbished, with new filtration systems, full insulation and retiling, and is now deck level. The training pool has also been fully insulated and its width extended to 7.6 metres, providing improved access to swimming lessons.

Major improvements have also been made to the pool hall, with a new roof, insulation and ventilation system. The old ceilings have been removed to provide a light and airy feel, complemented with new energy efficient LED lighting.

A new viewing gallery, accessed from the first floor, will give spectators great views across both pools, as well as easy access to the vending and library areas.

There is also a new, high quality changing village – with single, double and family cubicles as well as two large group changing rooms, accessible changing room and Changing Places space with full hoist system. The changing village provides improved access to the pool, with pre-swim showers and a stateof-the-art 'Pool Pod' accessible lift.

Featuring new showers, vanity areas with hair dryers and a range of lockers to suit all needs – the changing village also provides access to the new sauna and steam rooms, with their own shower facilities.

Warrington Borough Council's lead member for leisure and community, Cllr Tony Higgins, said: "It's great news that work on delivering this fantastic facility has now been completed. The major investment we have made will help bring new opportunities for local people to get active, discover a new hobby and improve their wellbeing.

People have been patient with us as this work has progressed, and I think they will be delighted with what has been delivered – first class pools in high quality surroundings, which will benefit thousands of local people for many years to come. "The dementia-friendly Great

Sankey Hub is already a tremendous asset for the north of Warrington, and the completion of the new pools means there are now even more reasons for people to visit and enjoy this wonderful facility."

Emma Hutchinson, managing director of operators LiveWire, said: 'We are grateful to have had people's patience and understanding during the renovation of the pools at Great Sankey and we are pleased to now be in a position to announce that they will be opening soon. We know the pools will be a fantastic resource for the local community and, along with the other state-of-the-art facilities at the Hub, they will make a real difference to the health and wellbeing of people in the area.

"As well as the regular swimming sessions, we will have a comprehensive



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Swim England accredited Learn to Swim programme in place at Great Sankey which will be starting after the Easter Holidays. This is suitable for non-swimmers right through to those with some experience looking to progress to deep water swimming or competitive opportunities. "Again, thank you to everyone

for your patience during the work to the pools – and we look forward to seeing everyone enjoying them

come opening date and beyond." To register an interest in the Swim England accredited Learn to Swim programme, visit www. livewirewarrington.co.uk/leisure/ swimming/livewire-swimming-lessons



Students step into the limelight

STUDENTS from Priestley College now make up more than 10% of those accepted onto one of the UK's leading theatre production courses.

Dave Roxburgh, Course Leader for Theatre Production at Guildford School of Acting, said Priestley College's backstage talent had impressed him.

He said: The course regularly cruits students from Priestley recruits College. GSA regard their students as both highly motivated and well prepared for professional training. As of October 2018, Priestley graduates represent over 10% of the students at the GSA production programme.

the GSA production programme. "The connection between Priestley and GSA is now well established and I look forward to a long and prosperous relationship." Every year dozens of young performers reach the country's top theatre schools after studying A lough and PECs in deares drame

A-Levels and BTECs in dance, drama and musical theatre at Priestley.

that success is being Now replicated behind the scenes as those students with a passion for sound mixing, lighting and set construction are also stealing some of the limelight.

Tutor Mark Edgington said the opportunities to stage their own productions was setting Priestley

students apart from their peers.

"The talent on stage is matched by the professionalism and skill of our production artists," he said. "They are confident enough by the end of their time at college to manage the production of a performance with little, if any, guidance from tutors." Among those in this year's cohort

who are aiming to study at Guildford School of Acting is Aaron Cartwright. The former Irlam and Cadishead College pupil said: "I am hoping to go on to become a sound operator

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Technology In Business – 10 point security tips

By Andrew Horrocks

We all use various forms of technology at home, in business and on the move. It's become a vital part of our every-day life allowing us to work from anywhere, providing up to the minute communications and of course providing entertainment.

Computers, servers, networks, internet, wifi, hosted telecoms, cloud software.... all are vital to the successful running of a modern business. They add significant value and, in many cases, transparently contribute to increased profitability and success.

Fast and reliable internet has allowed businesses to work better and embrace some awesome cloud technologies. This is wonderful, but what about security ... how can you better protect your data and avoid becoming a Cyber Crime Statistic?

Well your IT support company, should have most of this in hand and a good provider will meet you on a quarterly basis to you on a quarterly basis to review their performance and run through the security you have in place and any suggestions for improvement. However, people who use computers are often the most significant risk as their actions can invite viruses and ransomware to infect their computers and poor working practices can result in security avoidable breaches.

Cyber crime is a serious problem but most business owners believe they are too small to be a victim. In reality most cyber crime is not targeted to an individual or business, it's random based upon poor security and the unwitting actions of people. A 2018 survey showed that in the UK 43% of small businesses and 19% of charities had been significantly impacted by ransomware and other cyber issues.

So should you stop using technology to avoid losing sleep over the risks? Not at all. I would advise you to simply engage with your IT company and ask them for a security review, then take remedial actions immediately. I would be happy to do this for you or even review a security report

free of charge. My 10 Point IT Security Tips contains essential MUST DO actions for every business, although these only scratch the surface. Most of these apply to home computer users, also the majority are totally free, so there's no excuse.

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Council's new partner 'Changing Lives' to help people get rid of bulky waste

WARRINGTON Borough Council has a new "Changing Lives" partner to help local people dispose of old furniture and household goods responsibly.

household goods responsibly. The council's new-look Bulky Waste Service will be carried out by the social enterprise "Changing Lives in Warrington" (CLiW) The not for protit, charitable organisation has bases in Warrington and Cheshire and is committed to delivering high quality environmental, social and community services to local and community services to local communities.

It helps protect the environment by recycling and restoring pre-loved household furniture and electrical items. Items that can restored or reused are sold at affordable prices, helping those who may be on a low income.

items that cannot be Other used again are recycled in many innovative ways. Changing Lives in Warrington exceeded the council's re-use and recycling target of 40 per

cent in the first month by recycling or reusing 46 per cent of the items collected in Bulky Waste Service. The council's lead member for environment Cllr Judith Guthrie said: "I am delighted we've formed this new partnership with a local this new partnership with a local enterprise which does so much great work in the community. It's part of our commitment to driving up recycling levels in Warrington while supporting low income households.

"I'm looking forward to Changing Lives in Warrington helping many local people dispose of their bulky items responsibly. It's a great way to protect the environment and make essential household items affordable through recycling, restoring and re-using. It also helps us combat flytipping.

Gary Cliffe, chief executive officer and founder of CLiW added: "This is a really exciting development for us and means we can help even more people in the local Warrington community. We are all about reusing items at the same time as providing opportunities for individuals to move forward and build skills and confidence.'

Anyone with household goods that they no longer want can get in touch with the service and book a collection by calling: 01925 443322.

The charges for the service are:

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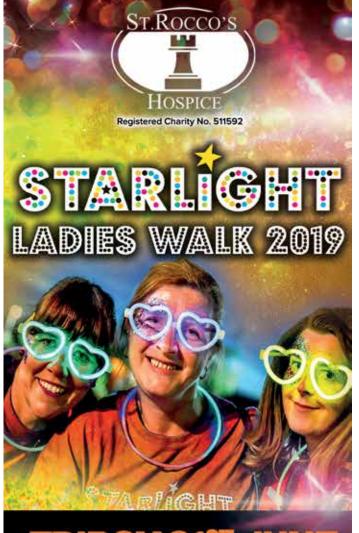


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Alicia's Army launch Friday Feeling Starlight t-shirt

A group of 19 ladies walking together in the St. Rocco's Starlight Ladies Walk on Friday June 21 were the first to reveal this year's Friday Feeling Starlight T-shirt.

They will all be walking in memory of Alicia Callaghan and say she would be furious if she knew she was missing out on being part of their fabulous team for this year's event.

Alicia from Latchford, passed away after being cared for by staff at St. Rocco's in September last year, aged 37. However, she left a wealth of love and affection behind her which

has motivated her friends and close daughter Lily, sisters Sadie and Emily and niece Madalyn to form a team in her memory for this year's walk. family, including her Mum Frances,

Before she died Alicia was determined to make great memories and travelled widely including trips to Malta, Tenerife, Portugal and New York, as well as having the honeymoon they'd never had with her husband, Richard.

with her husband, Kichard. She called her friends her 'jigsaw pieces'. The Christmas before she died she gave them all key rings in the shape of an individual jigsaw piece inscribed with their names. All the individual pieces fit together to make a

tit together to make a complete puzzle. "Alicia was a lovely, warm and funny person, adored by everyone who knew her. She was determined to make the best of things," said her friend, Kim Rowan, "She would hate to be missing out on the walk, especially as St. Rocco's was close to her heart." They have all come

They have all come together to walk as Alicia's Army and were thrilled to be the first walkers to get a glimpse of this year's Friday Feeling Starlight T-shirt. In a departure from previous year's the new T-shirt is bright orange, making new I-shirt is bright orange, making all the ladies even more visible as they walk the new route around Warrington from midnight on 21st lune.

As in previous year's the walkers will set off and finish at the Livewire Orford Jubilee Hub, but for the first time the route will come right

tirst time the route will come right past St. Rocco's where there will be the opportunity to pause and remember loved ones. Registration costs £15 until the end of April and is a great way of bringing together friends and family for a girl's night out. You can sign up now at www. starlightladieswalk.co.uk.

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The company was first established by Fred Dawes, (Martin's Dad) as the Rumbelows chain of television and radio rental shops in the 1950s.

Martin Dawes was then Established in 1969 by son Martin who carried on the family name in the electrical and electronic

retailing sector. Since then they have continued to keep up with the latest in technology and pass their experience, advice and knowledge onto their valued customers making sure that they always buy a product that fits their requirement.

Martin Dawes Ltd has evolved ensuring that they serve their customers with a multi-platform customers approach.

Their customer care centre at Their customer care centre at Westbrook, Warrington looks after their customers using their rental service, offering next day in home service and support for their base of over 25,000 products. The flagship showroom has everything from the latest TV's,

home entertainment and audio equipment to a complete range of

home appliances. For those of us who have been left a little behind with technology don't fear Martin Dawes has a team of experts on hand to offer advise – and install all the latest high tech gadgets in your home. So apart from affordability, why

has rental become so popular again?

Many people moving into their first homes are now turning to rental so they can keep in touch with the latest technology.

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New Pub & Grill now open at Village Hotel



The Village Hotel has undergone a major refurbishment with the opening of the brand new Pub & Grill, taking recent investment to over $\mbox{\mbox{$\pounds$}}$ 1m.

investment to over £1m. The new facility provides all day dining facilities alongside big screen TVs for sports fans, alongside a plush dining area for those who prefer a more intimate dining experience. As well as the traditional big screens at the bar, there is also a mini cinema with 10 theatre seats and a 99 inch screen, to help with the big match experience. Centre piece is a brand new bar serving a variety of drinks to suit all tastes, while the dining area also

tastes, while the dining area also boasts a "living moss" wall as one of its features.

The latest investment comes on the back of a major refurbishment to the

leisure club facilities, taking recent

spending to over £1m. General Manager Donn Timmons said: "We have done a full refurbishment spending more than £1m in the last 12 months - and we

are not finished yet! "We are now open all day long with our new menu. We have our traditional menus but we are also at the cutting edge and have now introduced the latest technology so customers can order their food

through our new tablets. "We also have the village app so everyone can order their food on their phones."



German kitchen supplier provides "Brexit certainty" for local kitchen company

WARRINGTON based JD Kitchens has been given some "Brexit certainty" by their Germany based kitchen suppliers. JD Kitchens is a bespoke kitchen "The letter from Schuller was

JD Kitchens is a bespoke kitchen company based in Padgate. They specialise in designer German manufactured Schuller kitchens, and are reliant on regular and reliable imports, so the recent uncertainty over trading has been a real concern.

In a recently, it is clear that the uncertainty of Brexit is clearly being felt across both sides of the pond, but one thing that has been made clear is how important trade relations with Britain are.

The letter from Schuller to JD Kitchens entitled 'letter of support instead of waiting for Plan B' goes beyond a token offer of reassurance. It explains how Schuller will guarantee a quick delivery service and will bear the costs of any additional fees of import, so that there are no effects on the customer purchase price, something that Dave Charlton, the owner at JD Kitchens has been concerned with for some time.

"The changes to the exchange interest rate have been a significant challenge to me as a small business. I've almost become an expert in currency. I have been buying Euros for several months in advance to help us manage to hold prices when the Euro/Pound exchange rates are unfavourable. "The letter from Schuller was extremely supportive, and has allowed us to reassure our customers, that the sale price of their kitchen will hold steady.

Dave continued;"At the end of the day, we can't do anything and that's frustrating. The good news is that we've been given reassurances from several of our overseas suppliers and the KBSA that they'll work with us and get us over the other side as pain free as possible, so we're remaining positive". Richard Hibbert, National Chair of Kbsa reflected on the findings

Richard Hibbert, National Chair of Kbsa reflected on the findings of their recent industry survey on the outcome of Brexit."A snapshot survey of members views on the current situation found that when asked which outcome they preferred, between leaving without a deal, negotiating a delay or Theresa May getting her deal approved, most Kbsa members voted in favour of Theresa May negotiating her deal. There was a handful of votes to leave without a deal and one vote for another referendum or cancelling Bravit elbaather"

Brexit altogether". So, its clear that it is still business as usual for JD Kitchens in their 18th year, and the future whilst not straightforward, remains positive, with a full order book well into spring.





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No Brainer celebrates trio of new client wins

Warrington based No Brainer is celebrating a trio of new client wins, including the UK's leading second-hand retailer Cash Converters, innovative mobile accessories brand Tech Energi and management consultancy, Imagile Professional Services Limited (IPSL).

The new client wins follow the agency's recent raft of new hires in 2018 and 2019, and their expansion into new premises, recently dubbed 'Warrington's coolest office'.

No Brainer won a competitive pitch and will support Cash

Converters with its UK PR profile, assisting with integrated media, CSR and community relations alongside reputation management.

For Tech Energi and IPSL, the team's remit will involve assisting with PR alongside social media, building their presence and driving leads and sales with B2C and B2B audiences respectively.

Gary Jenkins, co-owner and founder at No Brainer said: "We're really proud to have grown our business organically, largely through recommendations and referrals, over the last four years but winning strong, competitive pitches to work with national brands is a real statement of intent.

"We're delighted all three of our amazing new clients have put their faith and trust in us to help them realise their goals for their businesses. We don't take that lightly and we won't let them down. "All three companies have

"All three companies have some incredible future plans, and we're glad to be by their side. Our aim as an agency and trusted partner is always to add value and creativity for our clients, whether that's through PR, social or content, the year ahead holds some very exciting projects."



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Dawsons to close Warrington HQ after 121 year presence in the town

WARRINGTON based Dawsons Music has become the latest victim of online buying, announcing the closure of its Sankey Street HQ, ending a 121-year-presence in the town.

As one of the UK's oldest music retailers Dawsons Music was sold last December to the private equity

last December to the private equity company, SKG Capital Nominees. A total of three stores will be closed by the Warrington-HQ retailer, with its Altrincham and Huddersfield shops also shutting. It now has just eight shops left, the nearest being in Chester and Manchester Manchester.

A statement from the retailer said

a physical presence in the town was "no longer viable". It read: "It is with great sadness that we announce the closure of this store. We have tried to maintain a presence in the town for as long as we can but it is unfortunately no

We would like to say thank you "We would like to say thank you to all of our customers and to wish you all the very best in your future musical endeavours."

Dawsons is the latest in a long list of high street brands to close following the growth of online

shopping. The business was founded in 1898 by piano tuner John Dawson and has had a major presence from its Sankey Street HQ, since 1914.

It sankey street FIG, since 1914. It was family owned until 1980 when it was purchased by David Briggs MBE, and expanded to nine stores with branches in Altrincham, Bangor, Belfast, Chester, Huddersfield, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, and Panding

Hudderstield, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and Reading. In 2010, Briggs was appointed Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire by Her Majesty the Queen. In 2011, Mark Taylor was appointed MD. During the 1970s and 1980s it was the "go to" store for youngsters buying their first records in Warrington

buying the Warrington.

Toy Tesla car donation brings joy to young patients

WARRINGTON and Halton Hospitals' Charity has received a brand new toy car for their Children's Ward thanks to a local businessman who is a member of the Tesla owners club.

Young patients can now drive the sports car up to theatre to make the prospect of going into surgery a little less daunting.

The bright red Tesla was gifted to the hospital by local businessman, Tim Sharrock, Managing Director of CellTech, who is a member of the Tesla Owners Club.

Tesla Owners Club. Tim was joined by another Tesla Owners Club member, Daniel Johannson, and CellTech Retail Manager, Kath Wells, when delivering the car to the hospital, where they got the chance to spend time with the staff and children. Tim said, "I have always had a passion for cars and wanted to spread a little happiness to children in hospital. I am delighted that the Tesla has been received so well by the hospital – and especially by the children."

children.

Helen Higginson, WHH Charity Fundraising Manager, said: "Since hearing the news about the car, we have been hearing a constant buzz of excitement and the Children's Ward staff have been looking forward to being able to offer our young patients the opportunity to drive up to theatre

in a testa." Jill Holland, play specialist at WHH, said: "It will be such a great distraction for both patient and family members who normally would walk to theatre, and although we have great distraction techniques in place this will just be an additional item, which is actually is so cool – we hugely appreciate Tim thinking of us." Helen continued: "Within minutes

of the car being delivered, we had children wanting to get in and drive it children wanting to get in and arive it around our large outdoor play area. "It showed us all just how much this will make a difference to our young patients' experiences in our hospitals and we are so very grateful to everyone involved in making this hanner " happeń.



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Children's Ward staff with Tim Sharrock, Daniel Johansson, Amelia Robinson (aged two, from Bewsey), Kath Wells and Helen Higginson

Mayor helps Care at Home launch new business name and recruitment drive

THE Mayor of Warrington Cllr Karen Mundry was on hand to help a local care company unveil their new name and launch a recruitment drive in the town.

The company, who are under new ownership and with new investment, have recently changed their name and rebranded as Care at Home.

rebranded as Care at Home. They welcomed the Mayor to the official opening at their Padgate office, where she met with some of the Company's staff and clients.

ottice, where she met with some of the Company's staff and clients. The Group has recently recruited over 30 new staff as part of their expansion plans, said Care Manager Lisa Collins, who added: "We want to show people that being a Carer in the community is a rewarding role and can also be a fulfilling career for those who are looking for one. We believe that the more people we can bring into the care industry, the more people we can care for. Our moto is Our Care, Your Independence."

those who are looking for one. We believe that the more people we can bring into the care industry, the more people we can care for. Our moto is Our Care, Your Independence." The Mayor commented: "How we care for our elderly and those in need is a measure of any society and is crucial to the success of our community. It is therefore pleasing to meet a company that is so committed to its employees and its community and in its drive to bring new people to an industry that is so desperate to have them and to what can be an extremely rewarding and satisfying career." As part of its growth plans, the

As part of its growth plans, the company has recruited a new Private Business Manager – Jane Stanton, who commented: "We are looking to take our 25 years' experience working in social care and expand into the Private sector. We already have in excess of 25 private clients and are looking to grow this to 100 by the end of the year. We are also growing our business outside of just Warrington and into the surrounding areas. We put our clients at the heart of everything we do, and believe they benefit immensely from our flexible and responsive approach which allows them to remain living as independently as possible in their own homes". To achieve this goal the company has just launched their second recruitment campaign of the year and are looking to recruit a further 30 new Carers.

30 new Carers. HR & Recruitment Manager Jenny Hughes explained: "We are focusing our recruitment on both experienced carers and also those who are new to care and are looking for a rewarding career. We offer a highly competitive rate and pay travel time and mileage. We also offer a comprehensive training program which includes both classroom training and on the job training, shadowing with existing experienced staff in the field until the new Carers are competent and confident enough to start on their own. We also offer all staff the ability to gain an NVQ qualification in Care."

If you are interested in joining the team as a Carer or Co-ordinator or if you are looking for care for yourself or a loved one then why not call 01925 652 800 or email care@ careathomegroup.com or why not drop in and have a coffee and a chat at 181, Padgate Lane, WA1 3SW.





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Teacher's year of marathons in memory of her father

A WARRINGTON teacher is to take on multiple running races throughout the year to raise awareness and funds for Pancreatic Cancer Action in memory of her father.

Sam Lawrence, 33, head of Year 10 at King's Leadership Academy, will be running the St Illtyd's 50k ultra marathon, Snowdonia Trail Marathon and the Chester Marathon, along with some other races during the year.

Her father, Pete, was misdiagnosed with IBS for 10 months prior to being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and sadly passed away just four weeks after this in 2016.

After Pete's death, Sam started running to help her cope with the grief and has completed one marathon, fourteen half marathons and eight

fourteen half marathons and eight 10k runs since. She said: "I can't get my head around how horrendous the statistics are and how they haven't changed in 40 years. "I have two girls, now aged nine and eight and they have been robbed of the time to make memories with their beloved grandad, there simply wasn't time after diagnosis to even think about a bucket list as he went downhill so quickly. It felt like one of those horrible stories you read about those horrible stories you read about but never expect to happen to you." Annie Whillians, events co-ordinator at Pancreatic Cancer Action said: "The

determination and dedication Sam has shown in honouring and remembering her Dad through her running challenges has inspired everyone at PCA. "I am amazed by her passion to

help spread awareness of pancreatic cancer and pay tribute to her Dad, Peter, in everything she does. I'm looking forward to seeing Sam triumph in her running challenges and it's brilliant to hear that she's managed to convince her husband, Dave, to run the 2019 Great North Run alongside her to support not only her own personal challenges, but our mission as an organisation to change the future of pancreatic cancer

Pancreatic cancer is the UK's fifth

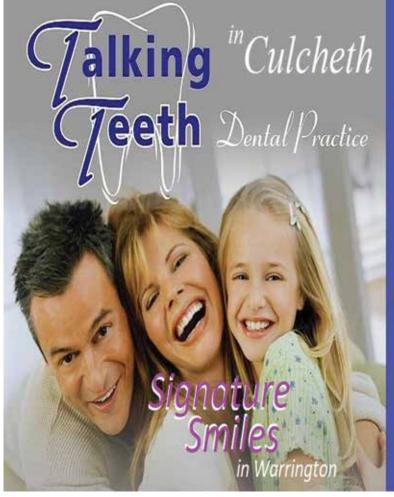
biggest cancer killer. The survival rate is under 7 per cent, which is the lowest of any cancer.

Pancreatic Cancer Action is committed to working towards earlier diagnosis of the disease so that surgery, currently the only cure, is made available to the sufferer. The charity funds research into early diagnosis, provides medical education programmes and launches national awareness campaigns. To sponsor Sam visit her Just

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Celebrating 20 years of warrington-worldwide online



Warrington Borough Council Chief Executive Steven Broomhead took a trip down memory lane as he reflected on the changes which have taken place in the town over the past 20 years, since the launch of the first independent online news service in the country in 1999.

Describing warrington-worldwide as the "social glue of the town" Mr Broomhead praised the publication for the way it had adapted to changes in the media over the years and for being "a fair and critical friend of the town."

The media has changed and hardly anybody buys newspapers

hardly anybody buys newspapers now – newsagents can't even deliver one to the town hall anymore," he said. Mr Broomhead, who first arrived in Warrington as the youngest principal in the country at Warrington Collegiate in 1994, later becoming chief executive at the council in 1997, before moving on to the North West Development Agency, returning to the town hall Agency, returning to the town hall in 2012, says the internet has been the biggest change over the past

20 years. "We have had to learn to react to instant media and to change the way we respond," he said. Another big change had been

the development of the Omega site, which six years ago was little more than a disused airfield but now had created 6,000 new jobs.

. Broomhead concluded Mr Broomhead concluded that **warrington-worldwide** had adapted well to change, played an important role in the success of Warrington and been a "great Mr advocate of Warrington."

Twenty years of warrington-worldwide online coincides with the 20th anniversary of Lymm Life magazine, the first of six local publications published by local publishers Orbit News, who celebrated their 50th and celebrated their 50th anniversary last year.

Meanwhile **warrington-worldwide** magazine will be celebrating 20 years in the town this coming September.

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Errors affecting some taxpayers

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of how much tax was due in January and they had paid that amount based on our advice. We were then surprised when they received a substantial part of that payment back. When we looked into this we found that the refund equalled the first payment on account of their

substantial part of that payment back. When we looked into this we found that the refund equalled the first payment on account of their 2018-19 tax liability. The tax office have now stated that this was due to a computer error. They have stated that people can pay what should have been due in January and also July, but if people do not do so then they will not be charged any interest or penalties. However, if you are one of those affected then you should ensure that you put this liability to one side as you will be facing a large tax bill next January. As an example, if you had a tax liability for 2017-18 of £4,000 then you would normally have paid £2,000 in January on account of 2018-19, with a further payment of £2,000 due in July. If your final liability for 2018-19 is £5,000 then next January you would have to pay the balance of £1,000 plus £2,500 on account of the following year, making a total payment due of £3,500. However, that January payment becomes £7,500 if you are one of those affected by this error. If you are not prepared for this then it will come as a very nasty shock, and could prove additionally expensive if you are unable to meet the liability immediately as any part of the £5,000 liability (in the example above) that remains unpaid by the end of next February will be subject to a penalty of 5%, or £250! The second error is smaller but could prove even more expensive in the long term. Some people in self-employment have not been asked for the Class 2 NIC liability, which was £148 for 2017-18. Whilst this is only a small amount, payment of Class 2 counts towards your retirement pension entitlement. This error may, therefore, affect your annual income when you eventually become entitled to receive your pension. If you think you may be affected then you should be aware that you can make this payment voluntarily to maintain your pension entitlement.

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New approach to dementia to be launched

A GROUND-breaking new approach to dementia is set to launch in Warrington.

The unique Reconnect model of care will move the treatment of dementia to a more holistic approach that is a big improvement over traditional dependence on medication.

It will launch at Green Park Care Home, Great Sankey, this summer. According to statistics from The Alzheimer's Society, the number of people living with dementia in the UK is set to reach one million by 2025.

This means a town like Warrington, inis means a town like Warrington, with a population in excess of 210,000, would be likely to see more than 700 residents diagnosed with dementia and around 3,000 living with the condition at any one time. Lorraine Lee, a key member of the team heling Decenance togaid. "The

team behind Reconnect, said: "The more we understand about dementia the more we can diagnose and treat the condition that recently overtook cancer and heart disease as the nation's biggest killer", Reconnect aims to change the

way the UK treats those living with dementia, reducing the use of medication.

Lorraine said we should not be alarmed by the latest figures. She said:"Over the last 20 years the

UK has changed the way we record and monitor dementia at varying stages. It means that the disease

is more commonly recognised and treated with the creation of specialist care facilities. This positive move also recognises that we do not just have to sit back and accept the fate of the elderly and dementia. Research into the condition and how we can slow its progression formed the basis of Reconnect".

With less reliance on medication and a more rounded approach based on small residential lounges of six residents with daily activities varying from routine self-reliance tasks to group engagement activities, the programme is based on three years solid research and development.

Reconnect is expected to deliver a better quality of life for residents and their families, while at the same time offering greater value for money to local authorities and individuals alike. Former mental health nurse Mark

Quarmy who co-developed the model for Reconnect, explained: "Reconnect aims to maintain a quality of life for an extended period via a person-centred, communication heavy approach. Integral to this concept are those who implement the care plan, the dementia therapists in the homes."

For more details visit www. orchardcarehomes.com/

New transmitter to give Radio Warrington a boost



RADIO Warrington – the town's community radio station – will soon be available to more listeners than ever before.

The not-for-profit station is taking delivery of a new transmitter at its site in Great Sankey

This will allow a stronger signal on 1332am, better quality sound and a

Radio Warrington is wholly run by volunteers from studios in Warrington Market. It has been broadcasting 24 hours a day since March 2007 in digital stereo online and since May 2016 on 1332 medium wave. It broadcasts national and local news, sport, local topic and events and music. Its outside broadcast team visits local events and of course there is music, including local wards and an events and of course there is music,

including locally produced and specialist music. The new transmitter will enable many more people to hear the station on the medium way.

Radio Warrington is keen to hear from any local people who want to get involved in running the station, either on air or behind the scenes. For more information about getting involved visit www.radiowarrington.co.uk



WARRINGTON Wolves head coach Steve Price met with the senior leadership at the town's bus company – and shared what drives him.

He explained what his leadership values and lessons are - and stressed the importance of building a team around trust, honest and shared values.

Steve also signed at Wolves' shirt, which will be presented to the bus company employee who gets the best customer commendation during February. Ben Wakerley,

managing director of Warrington's Own Buses

"Steve is an exceptional said: leader, who is charismatic and driven to succeed.

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