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Editor's Comment

HAVE you submitted your comments on Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan and Transport Plan - if not why not? - This will shape the future of our town and impact not just on our lives but those of future generations.

It is certainly worrying when you hear the former head of the town's planning department describing the Local Plan as "flimsy" and urging people to challenge and question it, especially the proposed development of our Green Belt, which is exactly what John Groves did, when I attended a recent event organised attended a recent event organised by residents' groups and local parish councils. While

Mr Groves has been employed by parish council's in the south to challenge the Local Plan, especially the development of Green Belt, he is certainly an "expert" and knows the planning process better than most.

We mustn't let apathy win the day as it did when a proposed event for the local business community was cancelled due to lack of interest - apparently I was one of the few who responded an interest to attend! Whatever our council decide your views will count when the whole plan comes before a Government Inspector at a future date. You have until 5pm Monday June 15 to lodge

your comments/objections. Meanwhile congratulations to the Local Parish Councils and residents' groups who have come together to put forward a "professional" team to ensure no stone is left unturned in the bid to protect our precious Green Belt for future generations to enjoy.

While this group has come together in the South the Local Plan impacts on our whole town so please don't adopt a NIMBY attitude – everybody needs to work together to ensure whatever future developments take place have the right infrastructure with the least impact on our environment. There has been some excellent campaigning going on in the North at Peel Hall,



while over in Culcheth, Croft and Glazebury, campaigning is ongoing to save the Green Belt. The council does need to

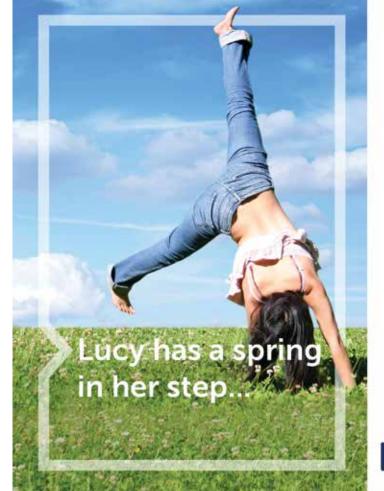
develop our town and provide more affordable housing and indeed some excellent work is going on in our town centre, regenerating it and encouraging more residential development. But we must ensure no stone is left unturned in developing brownfield sites before we consider building on any green belt.



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Eleventh woman Mayor of Warrington helping create history

LIB Dem Cllr Wendy Johnson has been elected as the 136th Mayor of Warrington – and only the 11th woman to hold the office, following in the footsteps of retiring Mayor Cllr Karen Mundry.

But with Labour's Maureen Creaghan elected as her deputy, the balance is gradually being readdressed at the town hall - and means when the Deputy Mayor succeeds as Mayor next year, it will be the first time is Warrington's history that three women will have served consecutively as Mayor.

Cllr Johnson, who represents Lymm North & Thelwall has chosen Warrington Disability Partnership, Walton Lea Project, MacIntyre and Contact the Elderly as her charities for the year.

Born in Warrington at Great

Sankey, she moved to Thelwall aged one.

In nominating Cllr Johnson, fellow Cllr Bob Barr said it was quite appropriate that she was becoming Mayor at the time the Golden Gates were being renovated. Her grandfather had been a planner at the town hall and was involved in the project the last time the gates had been restored.

had been restored. She has served on a range of committees and working groups and has particularly enjoyed her time as the Chairperson of the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee. She will be focusing on two themes in particular, tolerance and homelessness, in her year as Mayor.

Mayor. Cllr Johnson said, "I have been a long-serving council member since I first joined in 1998. To now succeed to the role of Mayor of Warrington is an honour.

"I look forward to the year ahead and being able to support the charities under the Mayor's Appeal. I'm excited to get out and meet all the different residents of Warrington and to take on the new responsibilities of the mayoral role."

Her sister, Beverley Hallam, will be the Mayor's consort and support her throughout her mayoral year.



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Death of Freeman of Warrington Norman Banner MBE

FREEMAN of Warrington Norman Banner MBE has died aged 71 after a near two year battle with cancer.

Born and bred in Warrington, Norman, who recently retired as a solicitor with FDR Law, was well known and hugely respected across the town for his various

across the town for his various charitable and community roles spanning more than 50 years. He leaves wife Louise and his sons Mark (21) and Edward (15). His voluntary work began over 50 years ago when he built and ran up the Youth Club at Grappenhall Independent Methodist Church for a number of years a number of years.

After graduating in law from Manchester Polytechnic, Norman joined Robert Davies & Co and served a total of over 48 years with one or other of the component firms that comprise FDR Law. He became a partner in the practice and rose to

a partner in the practice and rose to Senior Partner before retiring from the partnership at 65 continuing as a consultant solicitor with the tirm until earlier this year. Shortly after qualifying Norman was approached by well known local head teacher, magistrate and charity champion Marjorie Griffiths and was invited to join the recently formed Warrington Committee for Disabled People, an umbrella group representing local charities and statutory organisations to encourage collaborative work and an improvement to the provisions an improvement to the provisions for people with a disability.

Norman chaired the committee for many years and out of their work was formed Warrington Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme which Norman also chaired and from which he also obtained the occupancy vehicle with a tail-lift to Warrington Community Transport. Involvement with Crossroads Care took Norman onto the national

board which he also chaired for 10 years. Crossroads was based in Rugby and apart from monthly evenings, Norman spent many evenings addressing the AGMs of member schemes across the UK, visiting schemes in Scotland, Ireland and the Netherlands and attended and hosted many events in London including three receptions at No. 10 Downing Street. His weekday Crossroads commitments were taken as annual leave from

his legal work. Crossroads Care grew under his chairmanship from around 50 schemes to over 200 at the time of his_retirement.

his retirement. Following Crossroads, Sir Donald Wilson the chair of the Regional Health Authority invited Norman to sit on the board of the authority following which he appointed him as the first chair of Warrington Hospital Trust which office Norman held for 12 years,

the last four following the merger with Halton.

It was in the first weeks of the Trust that Warrington Hospital was at the centre of the town's brave response to the IRA bombing. For 10 years Norman was on the board of St Rocco's Hospice for

most of that time as Chair.

For the last few years he served as a Deputy Lieutenant of Cheshire and was a founder member of Cheshire Community Foundation where he was able to assist in the creation of a \pounds 1m + trust fund for the benefit of projects for elderly people ring-fenced for Warrington. In 2016 he was awarded the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award at the Warrington Business Awards.

There were many other local voluntary and statutory organisations that Norman has been involved with including the Warrington Festival Trust and Warrington Community Health Council.

He was also a regular at the Warrington Club, where he was a popular character, still visiting for lunches on a regular basis following his retirement.



Norman pictured with his family.



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Digital app to showcase Warrington's best local businesses

YOU can't buy happiness, but you can buy local, and that's more or less the same thing according to the innovators leading the Warrington Buyers Club (WBC) which officially launches in July.

Entrepreneurs met at real5 Networking and conceptualised a new Entrepreneurs met at real5 Networking and conceptualised a new way to support the town's business community. Financial expertise coming from the Warrington Mortgage Centre, digital and connection into local business injected from iSupply/real5 Networking, business leaders. Warrington Buyers Club is a digital App rewarding the people of the town for supporting local businesses. As the official media partner for the Warrington Buyers Club, warrington worldwide Editor Gary Skentelbery met with three of the founders as they sponsored the Warrington Music Festival, to understand what this means for both the people and the businesses of the town. "If you took my phone away for a day, I wouldn't know what to do," said Sam Fox, founder of WBC. "That is how much I use the damn device! But I am not alone, pretty much everyone of my generation is like me. "Then it struck us; why don't we convert this into an opportunity for local businesses to reach new customers!

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"We created the Buyers Club because we love Warrington. To us it is more than just a town, or a place to live, it's a community full of creativity, know-how and expertise. Warrington has a thriving economy, and we want to support the growth aspirations. We have three very simple goals, to highlight and support Warrington's best local businesses, to get you fantastic deals everyday and to give back to the community through charitable donations." charitable donations.

charitable donations." Co-founder Andrew Hibbert, explained what the Buyers Club is looking to achieve. "We know a number of Warrington's best kept secrets that are struggling to drive their businesses forward and lack the support, funds and skill set required to develop effective marketing. With an app that could automate and facilitate that, imagine the wonders that local businesses could do. "Mobile technology and online shopping is now part of everyday culture, and the local high-street has also come under immense pressure as mobile technology has changed consumer behaviour significantly".

Close to 1000 people have signed up ahead of the App launch in July, and over 400 local businesses are queueing to be buyers club partners when the app launches. Co-founder, David McMullen, spoke about the innovation behind the project. "To capture the imagination we knew this club needed to be digital - for convenience and to give partners the opportunity to deliver instant offers to target customers. A traditional loyalty card for the town simply can't do this. Offers to thousands of potential customers can be sent within seconds customers can be sent within seconds

and, and this is a big and, each time a business joins the £19.99 joining fee is donated to local charities.

"We're here to make a difference and have already announced our commitment to St. Rocco's Hospice, but more local charities will be announced in the coming weeks", explained McMullen.

McMullen. It's time to shine a light on Warrington, promote the best-kept secrets and rejuvenate our high streets. To become a business partner or a member, visit www. WarringtonBuyersClub.com today!



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Exciting start for Summer with The Botanist coming to Warrington

The summer begins with the exciting news of The Botanist coming to Warrington, a real coup for the Town Centre and a significant vote of confidence in the Time Square development. The team at Warrington & Co have been working diligently over the last few months to enable this high standard restaurant to join the flagship town centre scheme, at a time when the wider leisure/restaurant sector continues to go through a difficult economic period. That said, the message we get loud and clear is that the restaurant sector, despite the ongoing economic difficulties they face, are still prepared to invest in good quality developments - and Time Square is certainly one of them. The team are continuing to work on The team are continuing to work on other restaurant occupiers joining The Botanist and I hope to be able to make announcements throughout the summer in this regard.

summer in this regard. The Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID) is fully operational, and unbelievably is rapidly heading towards its first anniversary. A Board is in place to decide how best to improve the visitor experience for the town centre and I can see the hard work being put into some great initiatives that are planned in areas such as night time security, themed festivals, marketing and yes,

Christmas! It was wonderful to see Hoover Candy (pictured below) recently invest in an office letting in Birchwood Park, joining other global brands across Birchwood such as New Balance, Rolls Royce, Sellafield and Wood (previously Amec Foster Wheeler), to name but a few. There are over 20,000 people now employed in and around Birchwood Park, including 6,000 highly skilled engineers. It is widely recognised as an economic powerhouse, not just for Warrington but also for the whole of the North West. The feedback we get from businesses is that the recent investment in the refurbishment and rebranding of the Centre at Birchwood Park to The Engine Rooms' has been very welcomed by their staff and is playing a significant role in attracting and retaining businesses to the Birchwood Park area. Park area.

It's vitally important that towns and cities in 2019 support their growing companies with the best digital infrastructure so that they can serve their customers effectively and efficiently. At the end of 2018 we were delighted to support the launch of Opus at the Pyramid, a Digital Hub for micro businesses You may recall several at the Pyramid, a Digital Hub for micro businesses. You may recall several years ago that the Council, along with other local authorities, invested in an initiative called Connecting Cheshire which was designed to improve internet speeds across the Borough. As this project now draws to a close I can this project now draws to a close I can confirm that Warrington now benefits from 98% coverage in superfast broadband which generates internet speeds of at least 30mbps. However, we also have 75% of properties able to access speeds up to 100mbps through Ultrafast broadband, meaning that Warrington is the most digitally connected town in all of Cheshire.





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It was yet another record breaking month for real5 Networking as the group collectively smashed through £6.7 million of referred business in the last 14 months. April also saw the biggest single referral fee of £1.8 million handed over in a deal that is soon to be complete.

Seeing these type of figures being generated by our members is mind blowing' said real5 founder Andrew Hibbert, 'although it doesn't surprise me, with the right people and a thriving economy

in Warrington, we knew the right environment would ensure top results'.

Member of the month went to John Duggan of 4 Seasons Air Conditioning who has not only been a extremely proactive member of Warrington but has had a real helping hand in supporting real5 with the set up of the new Chester group.



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Exhibition explores students' 'Fear of the Unknown'

A GROUP exhibition by final year college students explores the pressures they face at an important turning point in life. Now / Fear of the Unknown, created by students at Warrington and Vale

Royal College (WVRC) and on display now at Warrington Museum and Art Gallery, takes Charlie Brooker's Black Mirror as a starting point. Inspired by the cult TV series which examines techno-paranoia and unease about the modern world, the work explores the pressures put on students by society and themselves at this point in their artistic and academic careers. The group of budding artists have worked as a professional collective for the project, gaining valuable work-based learning alongside their academic studies

at college

Each of them has approached the project with their own ideas, concepts and beliefs about what is the next stage of their lives. Subjects explored include self-identity and social conformity while the work on display combines traditional and non-traditional media including interactive installations.

Rebecca Rogers, WVRC's senior practitioner for art and design, said: "As a department we are exceptionally proud of our students and what they have

a department we are exceptionally pro-achieved. "They have worked to professional standards and time frames, and demonstrated maturity and management skills when liaising with the curator. "They have gained valuable work-based learning experience as professional artists and received an insight into the creative world they will be progressing into after higher education and apprenticeships." The exhibition is on display at Warrington Museum and Art Gallery until Saturday lune 15





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Students aiming for places at the UK's top universities

STUDENTS from Warrington's Priestley College are taking part in a programme designed to give them the best chance of securing places at the UK's top universities.

Priestley students make up nearly a quarter of those on the Pembroke North programme, which is organised by Pembroke College , Oxford University. Former University

Former University Academy Warrington pupil Ethan Holton said he was enjoying working alongside young people from other North West colleges.

colleges. "As much as it's challenging, it's very open and there's an inherent comfort knowing this is a challenge for not only yourself, but for those around you," he said. "The style in which the course is taught means the only way to succeed is through communicating with other people. Not only does the course provide the academic

challenge, but also one of teamwork and communication. To me that has been the most enjoyable thing." Nine students from Priestley attend

the Pembroke North sessions every Tuesday after college.

The unique humanities programme prepares them for the intensive learning required by competitive universities.

It includes support with applications, a study day and a residential at Pembroke College as well as a number of seminars in Manchester.

Megan Byrom, a former pupil at Hope Academy, now studies A-Levels in English Literature, Classical Civilisation, Geography and Politics at Priestley College.



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High School pupil Ewan Craven the Pembroke North programme has allowed him to develop valuable

skills such as critical reading. "The academic literature that has been given to us is very challenging, but I have developed the skills needed to follow a difficult text and

All the Priestley students also take part in the college's Graduate programme, which is designed to make them as competitive as possible when applying for top university places.

Long service award for Lifeguard

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The award was presented by Lord Storey at Worcester cathedral during the RLSS presentation of honours for 2018. Greg said: "I accepted the award on behalf of two Warrington legends in lifesaving, Mr Frank Carey and Mr Tommy Holbrook, sadly no longer with us, but gave their time and support on a voluntary basis to train countless children throughout many years." children throughout many years.



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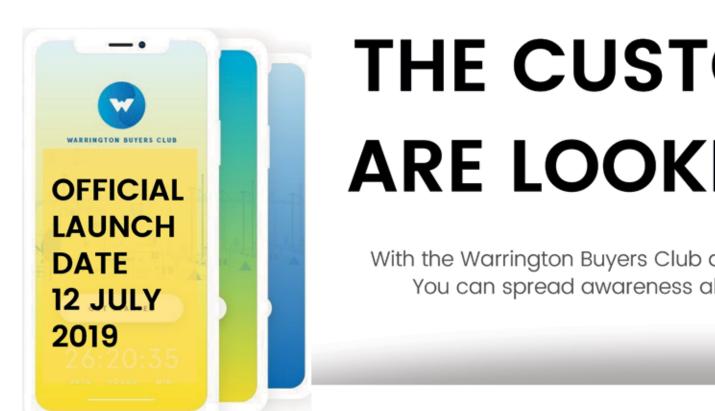


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College celebrates top 10 ranking for third consecutive year

WARRINGTON & Vale Royal College is celebrating some of the highest pass rates in England, with the latest figures ranking it in the top 10 colleges nationally for the third consecutive year.

Statistics from the Further Education and Skills Agency (March 2019) put the college in the top 5% of General Further Education (GFE) colleges, with 96.4% of its cohort passing their qualifications.

These figures put the college 3.8 percentage points above the sector average, higher than colleges in the surrounding area.

Nichola Newton, Principal and Chief Executive of Warrington & Vale Royal College, said: "We're delighted to be ranked within the top 10 General Further Education colleges in the UK for pass rates for the third year running. This fantastic achievement reflects the continued hard work and dedication of our staff and students in maintaining our status as a first-rate further education provider.

"The college has come a long way

in recent years and these figures demonstrate that. As a college, we are passionate about ensuring every single one of our learners -

no matter what their age – leaves us having achieved their qualification and with the opportunities and career prospects they deserve."



Mayor's charity appeal raised more than £12,000

RETIRING Mayor of Warrington Karen Mundry's charity appeal raised more than £12,000 during her year in office. Cllr Mundry hosted a small reception at the Town Hall to honour the charities

honour the charities.

The money raised has been split between the Mayor's chosen charities – Warrington Disability Partnership, a voluntary organisation improving the quality of life for disabled people and their families – and the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Centre for Peace, a charity working nationally and internationally for peace and non-violent resolution of conflict.

Part of the money is also going to a local charity, Harry and Co, which supports maternity bereavement services and other charities will also be awarded sums

Cllr Mundry said: "It's an honour to host this event to present these charities with over £12,000 between them. This money will help them to support the people of Warrington and beyond, and enable the charities to further develop and carry out their services."

Warrington Disability Partnership and the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Centre for Peace each received £3,500. Other beneficiaries include: Harry and Co., Warrington Fire Cadets, Room at the Inn and Y Project and the Warrington Wolves Foundation

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Some of the old working boats, including those from the Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port, travel Museum at Ellesmere Port, travel for up to three days to take up their position as part of an incredible display of Lymm's unique history. Top of the bill at this year's event on Sunday, June 23, is a flypast by the RAF's last Dakota C-47. The Next

The North West Casuals Car Club, based in Warrington, are just one of the car clubs that has been coming since year one. Lancashire Traction Engine Club are also committed supporters with fifteen engines already booked in.

"The enthusiasm for this event has surpassed all our expectations" said Event Director Alan Williams

" This year, for the second time, we also have Warrington's Own Buses running a shuttle from the Bus Station with their own vintage bus. Our village is the perfect setting for what we hope will be another memorable year. Fingers crossed for sunshine".

Find out more at www lymmtransport.org.uk



Festival Trail Races are back for a seventh year

THE ever-popular Lymm Festival Trail Races event is on June 30.

Now in its seventh year, the day will start at 10.30am with a one mile fancy dress fun run for children on Lymm High School playing fields.

The theme will again be "Superheroes", with the children in pursuit of Billy Bikeman and a prize for the best dressed Superhero boy and girl.

This is followed by the 5k and 10k Trail Race for teens and adults through the beautiful Helsdale and Spud Wood with goody bags and medals for all who finish. In response to many requests from previous runners, veteran winner categories have been added. Prizes will be awarded to:

* 5k - junior male and female, senior male and female, V40 male

and female, V50 male and female * 10k - senior male and female, V40 male and female, V50 male and female

and temale Two charities are being supported. Race director Katy O'Connor said: "Running has a wonderful effect on health and wellbeing and this year, Lymm Festival Trail Races is proud to be supporting Mind, the mental health charity. Proceeds from the fun run will be donated to the Wood so every penny raised Spud Wood, so every penny raised from this year's event will go to good causes". Places are limited to 250 for

each race and are filling up fast, so anyone who doesn't want to miss lymmrunners.org.uk/lymm-festival-trail-races and click ENTER.





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Peel Hall campaigners team up with top planning consultant

SAVE Peel Hall campaigners have teamed up with one of the region's top planning consultants who claims residents still have 'everything to play for' in the fight to protect the future of the last natural green space in north Warrington.

Campaigners met up Manchester-based Peter Black to dissect the council's controversial Local Plan.

The meeting was arranged by Winwick Parish Council and supported by Poulton-with-Fearnhead Parish Council following a request by campaigner Wendy Johnson-Taylor, who wanted to know what the future may hold for the 65-hectare site.

the 65-hectare site. She said: "We had a very productive evening and the consensus was that we still have everything to play for and that the Local Plan needs to go back to the drawing board as there is a better plan out there that is simply being ignored. Our town deserves better than this."

Mr Black told Wendy "Warrington needs a different plan as urban sprawl has had its day. There is a different way of developing Warrington for the future in a more sustainable way. Warrington could become a much better place." He urged Peel Hall residents

He urged Peel Hall residents to continue concentrating on key technical issues which have already scuppered previous applications submitted by landowners Satnam Millennium Ltd.

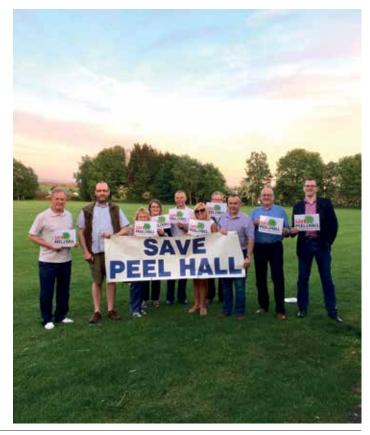
Winwick Parish Council's vice chairman Mike Matthews urged residents to keep fighting "We must continue to challenge this plan. We have not lost a battle yet and our next committed battle will be to get Peel Hall removed from this plan so we can safeguard it for future generations."

Catastrophic

Fellow campaigner Jim Sullivan added: "We have been fighting Satnam's plans for 30 years. These plans have failed because they would have a catastrophic impact on health, quality of life and traffic congestion. This is not the time to cave in – if anything those negative impacts are far worse now than they were three decades ago. We've still got everything to fight on for."

Meanwhile, Satnam is to go to the High Court a second time to appeal against the Secretary of State's decision to refuse planning consent for residential development at Peel Hall.

The hearing is due to start on July 16 and is listed for three days.



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UTC Warrington launches myth busting advertising campaign

UTC Warrington has launched a new advertising campaign aimed at shattering some of the common myths that have built up around University Technical Colleges.

The myth busting campaign features images of some UTC Warrington's students, those either still studying or who have recently joined apprentice schemes, all with different multi-national companies based in Warrington. The images are juxtaposed against some of the are juxtaposed against some of the comments that have been levied at UTC's across the country. The idea behind the campaign

is to demonstrate the reality of the opportunities students currently have and what those attending UTC Warrington have achieved. The overarching message is that results for students at the college do not conform to some of the typical misconceptions that surround UTC's and if students and parents want to and it students and parents want to find out what courses are on offer at UTC Warrington they can find out for themselves by joining one of the college tours or visiting the website to find out more. UTC Warrington has a huge amount of positive support, but the perception of a UTC can still be misunderstood, this campaign seeks

to address some of those views head on and demonstrate to both parents and students how successful

parents and students how successful students are and that they have a great future ahead on them. Principal Lee Barber said: "UTC's play a crucial role in providing industry with a talented local workforce, now more than ever; especially with the uncertainty of Brexit looming it's vital for education providers to foster strong links with employers. Here at UTC Warrington students benefit from a broad education; absolutely focused on growing the talent pipeline for industry, not only plugging the skills gap in Engineering, Cyber Security and Applied Science but also for careers such as HR and Project Management." The campaign has started

The campaign has started utilising various outdoor sites across Warrington town centre and will continue throughout May and June via warrington-worldwide website and magazine and through social media channels.

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June 2019 28th Disability Awareness Day set to be a cracker!

THE 28th annual Disability Awareness Day at Walton Hall Gardens on Sunday, July 14, is set to be a cracker.

More than 25,000 visitors are expected to attend this year's DAD, the world's largest not-for-profit, voluntary-led, pan-disability exhibition, which will once again be hosted at Walton Hall Gardens. Organisers Warrington Disability Partnership is proud to announce their new joint principal sponsors, Expanse Learning Group and Harry Fairclough Construction. A huge tented village will house over 220 exhibitors - including equipment suppliers; transport; holidays; leisure and employment providers; and support groups and More than 25,000 visitors are

providers; and support group's and services - is set to attract visitors to travel from all over the UK and beyond. Inclusive Arts is just one of the highlights, plus a free fully accessible Sports Zone with havea-go events, and a main arena and

children's rides and entertainment. Checkout the website for details on the free accessible Park and Ride service, plus a free bus service from Warrington Bus Interchange, British

Sign Language (BSL) interpreters, scooter / wheelchair loans. The big day on Sunday, July 14, from 10am to 5pm - will be a fitting finale to a week comprising a variable of componentary darktime variety of complementary daytime and evening events to savour, Tuesday 9th July 6.15pm – 9.30pm Frogtastic in

set to be a cracker. the Park - Arts Marquee, Walton Gardens: Featuring fantastic Tribute Artists 'Robbie Williams / UB40 / The 80's & Swing' plus special guests including DJ's from the famous Frogtastic Club Night. Come and enjoy a great evening of Live Music, Dance Floor and Licenced Bar, bring your own food. Advanced Tickets £6.00 call 07875 142233 or online at www. Idok.net/shop, £8 on the door. Wednesday 10th July 7pm - 10pm - "Ella's Summer Time Special" - Arts Marquee, Walton Gardens: The Ella

Performance Group, one of the UK's leading inclusive drama groups will be performing thrilling and entertaining songs from their recent productions. Adult tickets £8.00 and children's tickets £5.00 from The Ella Team on 01928 713877 or Kate 01925 240064. **Thursday 11th July** 6pm-9.30pm – Children's Party in the Park - Arts Marquee, Walton Gardens: Warrington Disability Partnership present a fun filled evening for disabled children/ young people, their families and

young people, their families and friends. Sports, Arts. Dance chill friends. Sports, Arts, Dance, chill out and fun areas. Free admission:

Contact Craig 01925 248894. Friday 12th July 7.30pm - 11.30pm DAD Mega Quiz Night, Charity Auction with Hot Food

Arts Marquee, Walton Gardens: Teams of up to 8 people, hundreds of £'s worth of prizes, fun quiz, great food, licensed bar and a charity auction. Tickets £8.00 (includes hot food). Contact Kate on 01925 240064.

For more details on exhibiting or attending #DAD2019 and 'DAD Week' events, please contact Warrington Disability Partnership on 01925 240064 or visit www. disabilityawarenessday.org.uk



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Arley to welcome top garden designer to festival

ONE of the UK's most renowned garden designers will attend this year's Arley Garden Festival.

Tom Stuart-Smith, who designed a garden at Windsor Castle to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee, will give a lecture at the festival which is in its 25th year.

"I am looking forward to being "I am looking forward to being part of this event, which I am aware attracts both horticultural enthusiasts as well as less experienced gardeners," said Tom. "Arley is the perfect place for a festival of this kind because it is

renowned in the horticultural world for its immaculate gardens and in particular the double herbaceous border."

Tom has designed a number of gardens for the Chelsea Flower Show, eight were awarded gold medals and three won 'Best in Show'

He runs a landscape design practice with an international reputation for making gardens that combine naturalism and modernity.

combine naturalism and modernity. His work ranges from large gardens and parks that open to the public, to smaller private gardens and is responsible for the masterplan of the RHS' new garden at Bridgewater, Salford to be opened in 2020.

Tom's lecture at the Arley Garden Festival, tickets to which can be booked now, will focus on walled gardens.

"I will be looking at examples as varied as an Islamic garden in the heart of Marrakech, the

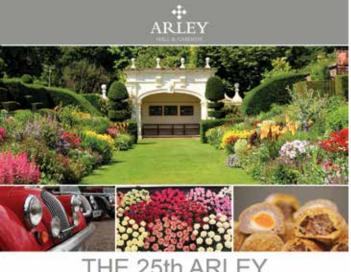
new Paradise garden at RHS Bridgewater and of course the proposals for a Memorial Garden soon to be built at Arley Hall," he said.

Every year around 5,000 enthusiasts – as well as those looking for a great family day out - visit the Arley Garden Festival. Among the highlights are specialist plant nurseries, a floral marquee, food fair, craft stalls and a Question Time with gardening experts.

There's also live music, a classic car display and children's entertainment.

The Arley Garden Festival is open 10am to 5pm on June 22 and 23. To book tickets for Tom Stuart-Smith and the garden festival go to www.arleyhallandgardens.com or call 01565 777353





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Previously, Pension Credit was available to someone who had reached pension age and who met the income criteria even if their partner was below pension age. From 15th May both partners need to be above pension age before a claim can be made so that same person would be ineligible to claim Pension Credit.



David Watkinson and Margaret Black Instead they would need to claim Universal Credit which would almost

certainly result in a loss of income. The income criteria for claiming Pension Credit is quite complex. Essentially, however, you may be eligible if your total weekly income is less than £200. If you think that you may be eligible then you should call the Pension Credit claim line on 0800 99 1234. You should have details of your income and savings, as well as your bank details. It is better to check your eligibility with them than to miss the opportunity to claim.

"But surely if the rules changed on 15th May then I am too late?" I can hear you ask. The answer is "No" provided that you act quickly enough. A claim for Pension Credit can be backdated 3 months. Therefore, provided you met all of the criteria on 15th May then you have until 15th August to make a claim. If you do so then ensure that you make it very clear that you are making a claim for Pension Credit rather than Universal Credit.

Talking of pension eligibility, a quick reminder to younger couples with a child that they should avoid losing pensions in the future. For several years now someone earning more than £50,000 would be subject to a **High Income Child Benefit Charge** if they or their partner claims and receives child benefit. To avoid this charge, and the resultant requirement to register for self-assessment, the government allows you to elect not to receive it.

Some couples, however, are shortcutting this process by not claiming the benefit in the first place, which is not the same. In order to receive a full state pension then you need to have a certain number of eligible NI contributions. If you claim the benefit and then elect not to receive it then the non-working partner will still receive notional NI contributions that will maintain their future pension eligibility. If you do not claim then that partner will not receive those notional contributions and may therefore only receive a lower pension in the future.

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Historic season to be proud of for Rylands FC

By Garry Clarke

The champagne corks were popping as the bubbly flowed at Gorsey Lane on Easter Monday as Rylands FC crowned their first season playing at step 6 of the non-league football pyramid system by receiving the Hallmark Security League First Division South trophy.

Rylands completed their historic

Rylands completed their historic season by capturing a second piece of silverware beating their North Division counterparts Longridge Town 3-0 to lift the First Division Champions Cup. Having stepped up from the Cheshire Football League last summer, the club formed in 1911 topped the table seven points clear of their nearest rivals, having scored 111 goals and conceded just 27. just 27

Joint manager Dave McNabb writing in the club's programme on Easter Monday said "The players have been fantastic all season and every one of them deserves the success we've achieved. To win this league in our first year as well as a Liverpool Senior Cup semi-final shows just how special this bunch of players really are."

The Blues title triumph attracted congratulations from some of the biggest names in the sport taking to twitter to offer words of support. England's all-time record goalscorer Wayne Rooney; now playing with DC United in America's Major DC League Soccer was quick to convey

League Soccer was quick to convey his congratulation as were current England stars Harry Maguire and Jack Butland were also in touch, as was England women's team captain Toni Duggan. All four are represented by Paul Stretford, who is owner of the Rylands Recreation Club and through his company, Triple S Sports & Entertainment, is the major sponsor of the football club and has big plans for the club to move up big plans for the club to move up the leagues.

A former player with the club in the 1970's, Stretford's ambitious plans for the club are for them to eventually play in the Football League, as well as developing a football academy to develop Warrington based players. "Why not aim for the Football

League?" Said Stretford, "There's no point in setting a target we could achieve tomorrow. It might take 10 years, or 20. It might not happen in my lifetime. But you have

to aim for the stars." As a reference point as to where Rylands currently stand in the National Football League system, cross town rivals Warrington Town cross town rivals Warrington Iown were champions at the same level in 2000/01, a season in which the division was dominated by Warrington teams with Tetley Walker finishing second. To reach the holy grail of the Football League Ryland's would need to achieve five

Reflecting on the most successful season in their 108 year history secretary Tony Bennett said: "It's an historic moment for Rylands Football Club. This is the proudest device the sub-this is the proudest day in the club's history and also day in the club's history and also its most successful season. When we entered the league this year, our goal was to consolidate our position and plan to build on that over the next couple of seasons, what happened this year has accelerated those plans" adding "We will enjoy our success, but are already planning ahead for next year". ye<u>a</u>r'

year". The planning includes further improvements to the ground which in the past few years has seen a stand erected at pitch side, hard standing, a covered standing enclosure built, pitch side changing rooms, new dug outs, snack shack opened and floodlights installed. Top scorer Stuart Wellstead, who also doubles up as joint manager

also doubles up as joint manager with McNabb, won the Hallmark Security League Premier Division title as a player twelve months ago so is ideally placed to assess his team's chances next season and where they need to strengthen the squad for what he acknowledges will be a much tougher league.





Carden hoping to keep Warrington Town squad together

WARRINGTON Town boss Paul Carden says he will be trying his best to keep his squad together for another tilt at promotion next season.

The Yellows were cruelly denied promotion to National League North at the weekend, beaten 3-2 after extra-time by King's Lynn Town in the super play-off. In any other year, winning the Northern Premier League play-offs

would have been enough to go up, but due to a re-structuring of the football pyramid, an extra game was needed and that proved a hurdle too far.

Carden's men have finished in third in the table in each of the past two seasons, and last summer he had to virtually re-build his whole side due to a number of player departures, largely to teams in

leagues above. He said: "There will be a few vultures circling, as I would expect, because there's lad there who have had unbelievable seasons and are destined to go higher, so it'll be a

case of when they move and when they decide to move.

The thing is we knew it before the start of the season so there's no point moaning about it.

"Any other year gone by and any other year going forward, you're promoted. "It's just the way it seems to be,

we've had to overcome another hurdle but we're back staying in our division next season unfortunately.

"I said to the lads we don't need to rip it up and start again. Looking at the side there I think Tony Gray was the only one to play in the play-offs last season, which tells you how well and strong the lads have done.

"We will try our best to keep as many of them to take us forward, and we will be trying to keep it together.



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