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Editor's Comment



It is hard to believe twenty years has passed since our very first edition of Warrington Worldwide magazine – which was actually launched AFTER we started publishing local news online!

Despite the many changes in the media world over the past 20 years Warrington Worldwide has managed to stand the test of time and is now one of six publications we produce in and around the area. It is also fantastic to see many key organisations and businesses who supported us in our very first issue are still with us today.

The pace at which the media world has changed since I penned my first article as a young reporter

four decades ago is staggering to say the least. My first articles were written on a typewriter, stories had to be dictated via telephone and photographs were created in a dark room in the cellar!

Now a mobile phone provides a one stop shop for everything!

There was no such thing as facebook, twitter or Instagram and one wonders what the next twenty years will bring in our ever changing media world!

Looking back at my notes from issue one I welcomed everyone to a whole new world predicting

it wouldn't be long before the worldwide web was being beamed through our TVs. While mobile phones were on the scene little did I know just how much they would change our lives.

Who knows what changes we will see over the next 20 years!!!???

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Miss Cheshire embarks on fund-raising campaign in memory of Manchester bomb victims

A TEENAGE girl who witnessed the Ariana Grande Manchester bomb attack is embarking on a fund-raising campaign in memory of the victims after being crowned Miss Cheshire.

Rachael Woollam, 19, from, Stockton Heath, Warrington, has already been raising money for Variety, a children's charity to help improve the lives of disadvantaged or disabled children and now

has lots of fundraising ideas to support "Hope house", "Mind" and "We Love Manchester".

Rachael, a former Bridgewater High School and Priestley College student said: "I was at the Ariana Grande attack and therefore I want to raise as much money as possible for these charities as Mind is a mental health charity, Hope House supports children with life long illnesses and also families who have lost a member of their family and We Love Manchester, as that is the charity supporting people after the attack."

She is currently organising a charity abseil and hoping to get 35 people to join her in abseiling down Millers Dale Bridge in Buxton.

The Miss Cheshire Final was at the end of May. She was crowned

Miss Cheshire at the end of May.

During the run up to the final she raised £350 for the charity "Variety" by climbing Snowdon, doing car boot sales, raffles, singing showcases and much more. She also did a lot of community work, especially with the homeless.

"I gave out around 10 meals to homeless people, donated clothes to the homeless shelters and to charity shops."

At the final Rachael had to make a hand made/ recycled outfit based on the theme "this is me".

"For this, I based mine around the Manchester Bee, to show respect for the people that passed at the Ariana concert."

This was part a four scene cat walk with outfits being a Variety T shirt and jeans, a black sparkles outfit, evening/ prom wear and eco wear.

Rachael says entered the competition to improve her self-confidence and to embrace the empowerment of other women.

She added: "I want to become a role model for younger children and help improve the community."



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Pictured: Rayner Cuniffe (top),
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Modern Day Monks crowned North West's Young Traders of the Year



WARRINGTON based Micro-brewery Modern Day Monks has been crowned the region's Young Traders of the Year for 2019.

The Warrington-based duo will now battle it out with other finalists from across the UK in the national final for a chance to win the coveted Young Traders of the Year title.

More than 25 budding businesses, which had each won a place from various local heats across the North West, came together in Warrington, to showcase their business to around 4,000 people at the regional final of the Young Traders Market.

The event, which was hosted by the National Market Traders Federation (NMTF), in partnership with Warrington Market, saw 13 finalists compete to secure a place in the final.

Ten of the final 13 traders came from last month's Warrington heat, giving the borough a great chance at retaining the Young Trader of the Year crown, after it was won last year by Warrington Market's own greengrocer, Rob Leicester.

Other Warrington businesses to move forward in the contest include Sustainable Living, a category winner on the day, The Botanical Boutique and Warrington Market's own Zack's Pet Stop.

Warrington Borough Council Leader, Cllr Russ Bowden, judged the traders on the day, alongside Harriett Roberts from Warrington BID, and they were blown away by the talent on display. He said: "It was a pleasure to judge so many talented young traders from across the North West this weekend. The Young Traders Market is a great initiative and we're very proud to have so many people from Warrington through to the national final.

"We are investing in the future of our town centre with the multi-million pound Time Square development, including a brand new indoor market, which will provide opportunities for young traders and independent retailers to grow their businesses in Warrington. I'd like to wish all of the finalists the best of luck in the next stage of the competition and hopefully it will be another local trader taking home the title."

Joe Harrison, Chief Executive of the NMTF said: "We had a fantastic day in Warrington and the market management did us proud. We were delighted with the layout and all the young traders enjoyed themselves - as well as taking a few bob on the day.

"For the National Young Traders Market to succeed it needs the full support of market operators and on Saturday this was there in abundance. We wish all the North West young traders who have got through to the national final the best of luck. I'm always amazed at these events that the professionalism and expertise of these young people are at such a high level."

The Grand Final of the Young Traders Market takes place in Stratford-upon-Avon on 30 and 31 August.

Celebrating two decades of success

by Stephen Fitzsimons

IT'S a great honour to take over this monthly column from Warrington & Co's MD, Steve Park, however also to appear in a publication that now has two decades of success under its belt.

When Warrington Worldwide was first launched in 1999 I'm sure Gary Skentelbery was worrying about the Millennium Bug and whether his Windows 98 software would last the year!

The Halliwell Jones stadium was a twinkle in the rugby club's eye; we couldn't shop under cover in the Golden Square extension, however could still dance the night away at Mr Smiths.

Successful economic development is anticipating when it's appropriate to preserve our heritage and when we need to embrace the future.

The Warrington economy has evolved significantly in the last 20 years and although there is some sadness in reminiscing about the likes of Greenings, Monks and Richmond's there is new pride in hosting world class brands such as Sellafield, New Balance and EMR.

It is much easier to encourage existing companies to invest in their operations and expand their workforce than it is to attract new entrants into the town.

This is why Warrington & Co meet regularly with our most

significant employers to explore how best to support them in the future.

Readers of a certain age will recall when Warrington was part of Lancashire, with remaining clues including the South Lancs Regiment statue in Queen's Gardens.

Today the town is in the Cheshire family and we work very closely with our friends in Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Chester and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

There are some exciting initiatives across the county with

energy a key theme. Hydrogen offers a significant opportunity to decarbonise fuel use along the Ship Canal, complementing the Council's investment in solar farms.

We'll also be exploring how best to strengthen our tourism offer. Of course, Chester has an internationally recognised appeal, however those of you at Walton Gardens for Jools Holland (pictured below) will know that we do have a very attractive calendar of events throughout the year. We just need a little more sunshine occasionally ...



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A huge well done to all who took part in the National 3 Peaks Challenge which looks set to have raised around £5000 for St Rocco's Hospice, there were a few tired legs at the lunch club to say the least!

A huge milestone was reached by member Gary Skentelbery of Warrington Worldwide this month, celebrating 20 years of publishing the free community magazine, huge congratulations from all at real5 Networking.

This month's member of the month went to Jim Toohey. Jim, a local entrepreneur, has been a truly active member of the group, referring thousand of pounds to fellow members. In addition to the hard work Jim puts into the group he was also recognised for his outstanding contribution to the recent charity event.

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As a keen Rugby League player Michelle is passionate about educating all athletes from all sports about LPAs and other ways to plan and protect their assets for the future.

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The couple, who run oven valeting business Ovenu Warrington, learned about the three-year-old who had been retired from racing because, despite showing early promise, he had only won one of his seven races.

During his final race at Nottingham, he was disqualified because he preferred playing to running!

He ended up with independent charity Lincolnshire Greyhound Trust and while at their kennels

contributed to saving the lives of fellow canines by becoming a doggy blood donor. He still sports the "lifesaver" red bandana he was given as a result.

Paul and Andrea learnt of his plight and initially offered to take care of his vet and food bills for the remainder of his life. But he quickly captured their affections and they formally adopted him – re-naming him Flash.

Paul said: "Flash had such a compelling story that once we got to know him, we fell in love with him and just had to make him part



of our family.

"He is a sweet-natured dog and the fact that he was disqualified from a race because he preferred to play just goes to prove he has great character.

"I called him Flash simply because, despite his spirited nature, he remains very fast indeed!

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Mother leads parade supporting veterans



VETERANS and their supporters joined the mother of a young Warrington soldier killed in Afghanistan for a special parade through town urging people to show their support for troops and veterans she feels have been let down by the Government.

Lisa Billing, whose son 20-year-old Daniel Wade was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2012, organised the parade "Warrington Behind Our Veterans", which set off from Warrington town hall, walking down Sankey Street and down Bridge Street.

They were joined by a convoy of bikers who followed an alternative route to meet at the bottom of Bridge Street. Lisa organised the event, inspired by her son Daniel, a former Sir Thomas Boteler CE High School pupil, who was one of six British soldiers killed by a massive Taliban bomb in Afghanistan in March 2012.

Private Wade and the five other soldiers had been on a security patrol in a Warrior armoured fighting vehicle when it was caught in an explosion in the Kandahar province.

Lisa said: "This is for all the soldiers that have been let down by the government, my son being one of them.

"What is happening to the Northern Ireland veterans is very much the same. They have been let down and abandoned by their employer.

"They served queen and country and yet this is how they are repaid in their later years."

As well as supporting the veterans let down by the government Lisa is supporting a charity set up to help those suffering from PTSD.

Any one interested in supporting the group is invited to join the facebook group Warrington Behind Our Veterans.

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Due to their growth, Dreamscape has recently appointed two senior hires, in addition to celebrating long service awards for existing staff.

"Our Head of Development, Matt, has been with the company for ten years now. He joined as a junior but has gone on to become an accredited leader in digital technology. We see investment in people as critical. Our recent appointments, a Head of Strategy and Digital Manager, further underlines our commitment to people and growth," added Bernard.

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Youth club gets a £5,000 boost

WARRINGTON Youth Club has received a £5,000 boost to help it with its work supporting young people's development.

The boost comes from the Amazon team in Warrington – and it is the second year running the club has been chosen as the company's Stand Out charity of the year.

Last year, the club received £6,000 from the company.

The charity was nominated by members of the fulfilment centre team who are working with Warrington Youth Club to deliver a "Dragon's Den" style employability session, mock interviews and further educational sessions.

The support is part of a UK-wide

programme that enables Amazon sites to provide on-going support to local charities, encouraging positive change in the community.

Improve aspirations

The donation will in part help towards the club's Girls Group programme, which aims to improve positivity, outlook and aspirations for girls and young women and empowers them for their future aspirations and careers.

Site Leader at Amazon in Warrington, Prashant Pandey, said: "Warrington Youth Club does such a great job helping in our local community. We couldn't be happier to be supporting the



charity again as our Stand Out charity this year for the second year running. This initiative will help us support those working to make the local community a better place for children and young people. We're excited to see what we can achieve with Warrington Youth Club over the coming months."

Leon Carroll, general manager at Warrington Youth Club added: "We're incredibly grateful

to everyone at Amazon Warrington for their vote of support. The donation will make a big difference, helping us continue to provide young people in the local area with an excellent facility whereby they can take time for themselves and also grow their skills. We'd like to take the chance to say a big thank you to Prashant and the team for helping us reach as many young people as possible."

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David, who with his family moved to Warrington in 1996, has a wealth of procurement experience having previously lead procurement teams for a number of household recognised companies including Sainsbury's, Littlewoods and the Manchester Airport Group. David's excellent track record of delivering cost reduction programmes has resulted in multi million pound savings to his companies. David now wants to offer his array of procurement knowledge to businesses that do not have this level of procurement expertise in-house.

Apart from his desire to improve businesses bottom line, David's other hobbies include football and golf and is also a keen traveller.

David is keen to hear from anyone who's company has a requirement to use his procurement expertise and can be contacted at david.kendall@outsourcedprocurement.co.uk also further details about Outsourced Procurement can be found at www.outsourcedprocurement.co.uk

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Clearing weeds from canal could take several years

COUNCIL chiefs are assuring anglers, residents and visitors that everything possible is being done to control weeds on the canal in Warrington's Sankey Valley Park.

But it could be several years before any improvement is noticeable, they have warned.

Problems are being caused by a range of aquatic plants. Some species remain submerged (hornwort), some are rooted in the canal bed but with leaves that emerge through the surface (water lily) and other plants float on the surface (azolla and duckweed). These plants can cause oxygen levels to drop during the night, which can impact on fish.

The council has developed a water management plan to address the issues, in partnership with the Environment Agency and the Dallam and District Community Angling Club. However, the council has stressed that it may take a number of years before people begin to see a real impact.

The council's cabinet member for leisure and community, Cllr Tony Higgins, said: "Green weeds and plants in Sankey Valley canal present a number of complex challenges for us. These are not easily overcome, as when we successfully remove one type of weed, it provides opportunities for others to flourish. They take advantage of this and reproduce rapidly.

"We know that these are unsightly and can impact on fish stocks, and we are listening to the concerns of local people. We are taking a pro-active approach, working with the Environment Agency and the angling club. Together, we are doing all we can to manage water plants on and in the canal to improve the look and appeal, benefit wildlife and improve angling. But it will take time.

"While this will not be resolved overnight, I want to ensure everyone that we are working hard to improve the water for anglers, walkers and everyone else who enjoys this important asset."

A major challenge at the canal currently is the rapid growth of a number of species of water lily. This plant, although beneficial to wildlife in small quantities, has developed significantly in recent years. Physical removal is very difficult as the plant regenerates with increased vigour from any small root pieces not removed.

The council will be spot treating a number of the plants this year with a herbicide, under licence from the Environment Agency, to reduce the coverage, with the aim of creating a central channel of lily-free water between Sankey Way and Callands Pool.

The lilies will be treated towards the end of the growing season, when plant nutrients are being reabsorbed by the plant as it naturally dies back for the winter. This is the most effective time to apply the herbicide, as it is absorbed into the root.

The treatment programme will be sustained over a number of years and



its success monitored.

Steps are also being taken to deal with the challenge of surface weed on the canal. Weed coverage experienced earlier in the year was predominantly Azolla, a non-native, fast growing plant. As in previous years, the council is managing this through biological control, introducing a specific species of weevil that only eats the Azolla plant.

This approach has proved to be a success, with azolla now scarce along the canal.

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Lifesavers' mountainous challenge for paralysed colleague

LIFESAVERS have set themselves a mountainous fundraising challenge involving a former Warrington firefighter who is paralysed from the waist down following a freak accident at a gym.

A joint team of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service firefighters and International Search and Rescue Team members have vowed to push Vicki Griffiths up the highest mountain in Wales on Friday September 6.

The 33-year-old broke her back and damaged her spinal cord at the gym in March 2017 when she was a member of the on-call crew at Birchwood Fire Station.

The mum-of-two lost her footing as she was lifting 130kg on a squat rack.

She was in hospital for three months and her house and car had to be adapted so that she could return home.

Firefighters have completed a range of fundraising activities to help pay for all the changes, including car washes and cycling to every fire station in Cheshire.

Assistant Chief Fire Officers Alex Waller and Gus O'Rourke even had their heads shaved to raise funds for Vicki, as did Craig Frost, a volunteer gardener at Birchwood Fire Station.

Made by Gary Senior in the fire service workshop, a bespoke chariot will be used for the latest

fundraising challenge.

Vicki will sit in the chariot's seat, donated by Wrexham-based motorsport products company Demon Tweeks, as the team attempt to push it along the Llanberis Path to the top of Snowdon, which is 1,085 metres above sea level.

Runcorn and Widnes fire stations' manager Stuart Devereux, who is organising and will take part in the Snowdon challenge, said: "What happened to Vicki hit everyone hard at Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

"We are one big family and Vicki, a popular member of the on-call crew at Birchwood, will always be one of us.

"Following her accident she is no longer able to work as a firefighter, but she now works at Safety Central, our interactive lifeskills education centre in Lymm.

"Vicki is incredibly resilient and since coming home to her two sons from hospital she has been determined to live her life to the full.

"We have helped Vicki and her family along the way with various fundraising activities and offered to raise more funds for them via the Snowdon challenge.

"But she wants the money raised to instead go to The Fire Fighters Charity, the UK's leading provider of services that enhance quality of life for serving and retired fire service personnel and their

families, and Classrooms in the Clouds, which support sustainable education for children in the poorest regions of Nepal.

"The group of 12 people taking on the Snowdon challenge are determined to complete it and to raise as much money as possible for these two fantastic charities."

Vicki added: "I am grateful for all the help and support that firefighters and staff have given my family and I since my accident. The money they raised has enabled me to move on with my life and it is now my turn to be a part of a fundraising challenge, as opposed to the beneficiary of them.

"I am really looking forward to going to the top of Snowdon,



something I thought I would never be able to do following my accident, and I urge people to donate what they can for the challenge and The Fire Fighters Charity and Classrooms in the Clouds."

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Huge congratulations to Gary and the Warrington Worldwide team on such a momentous milestone. Twenty years of making and breaking news across the town is some feat – and one that's been done with such professionalism and grit.

As the face of journalism changes, it's always fantastic to see Gary and his team continuously making the effort to get to know the many faces and stories behind the people of Warrington.

They certainly played a huge part in making our business feel like a welcome stitch in the fabric of Warrington's community, and continue to back us four years later.

Here's to the continued success of the magazine, and the next twenty years!

**Gary Jenkins, co-owner
No Brainer Agency**

DURING the past twenty years warrington-worldwide has worked with many businesses and organisations across the town, including some who featured in the first issue launched in 1999 who are still with us today.

Here are a selection of comments we have received as we celebrate 20 years of providing our great town with a free community magazine and online news service, providing affordable, cost effective advertising which has stood the test of time in an ever changing media world.

An incredible milestone and advertising that works!

Only feels like yesterday since welcoming first edition



Congratulations to Warrington Worldwide on reaching its 20th anniversary edition.

It feels like yesterday that I welcomed the first edition. Time goes by so quickly and it will, I am sure, seem like a blink of an eye before we mark the 30th anniversary.

Best wishes to Gary, David and the team for the future.

**Helen Jones MP
Warrington North**

Loyalty to everything Warrington is not matched!



ON the bus, in the supermarket, in the library, sat in the pub there is one thing that you can always be sure of, there will be a copy of Warrington Worldwide, and the other thing you can guarantee is that a copy will be coming home with me.

It doesn't surprise me that Gary is known as 'Mr Warrington,' and that the publication he started with his father, supported by the entire family, is nearing twenty years in print, and more recently augmented by online and adoption of social media, it is an incredible achievement.

If you live, work or play in Warrington then it is a 'must have' publication to pick up, read and take home.

Online it will tell you all you need to know, and if you want a local service, then it is the place to look. For local business it gives incredible advertising reach, and for local organisations and councils it is one of the best ways to communicate with their citizens. Warrington Worldwide's loyalty to everything Warrington is not matched.

Warrington Worldwide and its sister publications are what local news reporting is all about and I congratulate the team and all their advertisers, supporters, suppliers on this great 20-year milestone and look forward to continuing to pick up my monthly copy and reading the daily online and social media posts.

**Nick Taylor
Chief Executive
Tim Parry
Johnathan Ball
Foundation for Peace**

A really important part of our town



Congratulations to Warrington Worldwide on 20 years bringing news and views to our communities. The magazine provides the local communication channels to promote community identity, wellbeing and cohesiveness.

They are a really important part of our town.

**Prof Steven Broomhead
Chief Executive
Warrington Borough
Council**

An incredible milestone and advertising that works!



CONGRATULATIONS to Warrington Worldwide on your 20th anniversary - what an incredible milestone!

As a reader & advertiser, I know what a valuable service you provide to the Warrington community. As a former Miss Cheshire, I featured in the magazine several times and I knew the great reach that you had because so many people that I knew, who I had perhaps not seen for some considerable time, would contact me about it!

For that reason, I knew when I launched my prom dress store, The Dress Studio, that there was no doubt that I would advertise in Warrington Worldwide to promote the shop. It worked... despite being located in quite a remote area, the store was busy on opening! Thank you for all of your support...and for your monthly reminders that I need to send in artwork!

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**Ben Wakerley MD,
Warrington's Own
Buses**

Brilliant magazine!



Congratulations to Warrington Worldwide on celebrating 20 years

"A brilliant magazine which works great for Shelly's and Michele & Co.

Michele Butterworth

Nothing is ever too much trouble



Congratulations to Gary and the wonderful team at Warrington Worldwide on your 20th anniversary.

It is always a pleasure working with you all. Nothing is ever too much trouble, you always help us find a cost effective solution to our advertising needs.

We look forward to working with you for many more years to come.

**Dave Thompson MBE DL
Founder and
Chief Executive
Warrington Disability
Partnership**

A credit to our wonderful town



MYSELF and everyone at LiveWire would like to wish Warrington Worldwide a very happy 20th anniversary! Your success over the past two decades is a true testament to the whole Warrington Worldwide team – who are a credit to our wonderful town. Here's to the next 20 years!

**Emma Hutchinson MD
LiveWire**

Fabulous support for local businesses

Congratulations to Warrington Worldwide on their 20th Anniversary. They have been a fabulous support to all local businesses for the past two decades and we wish Gary and the team many more years of success.

**Stef Manfredi
Heritage Cafe, Walton**

Testament to our lively and active community



I want to offer my warmest congratulations to all at Warrington Worldwide on reaching their 20-year anniversary issue.

Our town's vibrant local press is something I always take great pride in and Warrington Worldwide is a credit to it. Since 1999, Warrington Worldwide has been a testament to our lively and active community here in Warrington – here's to 20 more years!

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College enhances adult education offer with more courses

WARRINGTON & Vale Royal College is encouraging adults to return to the classroom this September.

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New courses for 2019 include Bookkeeping, Life Coaching and Law & Practice, ranging from introductory courses to diplomas.

Former Media Make-up student Rayner Cuniffe, who lives in Warrington and features on the college's new adult course guide amongst a host of other inspiring adult students, is now employed as a Media Make-up lecturer at the college. She said: "After I had my daughter I knew I had to find a career that was flexible and could support us. Applying make-up came naturally to me and I picked it up easily."

Warrington student Graeme Myall progressed from the college's I Am I Can course to Counselling Skills Level 2. Graeme said: "I've a new sense of self-pride and motivation. I've made lots of new

friends who I can really relate to. Coming to college is the highlight of my week!"

The college is also encouraging adults to consider apprenticeships, which are often falsely identified as only available for 16 – 18 year olds.

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What's on – September events



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14 September – Warrington's Hungarian Market

15 September –  **ARTISAN
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28 September – Sustainable Living Market

For more information about the events, visit Warrington Market's Facebook page.



International PR brief is a 'No Brainer'

LEADING Warrington based PR, social and content agency No Brainer is celebrating after winning a competitive pitch to become the retained PR agency for In Touch, an award-winning global coaching and development network for elite professionals.

No Brainer will work with In Touch's in-house marketing team in Manchester to boost brand awareness of the company as well as its range of development, coaching and training services which are available to ambitious business executives across the UK and abroad.

In Touch – recently listed 19th on the Deloitte Technology Fast 50 awards and recognised by the Financial Times as one of the fastest-growing companies in Europe – is disrupting the executive network, development and coaching market and providing services that are revolutionising the way professionals further their careers.

Established five years ago, the company recently announced its intention to increase its Manchester workforce by more than 30 per cent over the next few months and to expand its service offering across the USA.

Oliver Tarpey, In Touch's Head of Marketing, said of the new partnership: "We're in an incredibly exciting period of growth, expanding our services across the globe, so we wanted a partner that could help us boost our corporate PR profile, strengthen

our position as an industry leader and innovator, and deepen awareness of our services across our audiences.

"No Brainer felt like a natural fit for us and we have high expectations about what we can achieve together."

Gary Jenkins, Director and co-founder at No Brainer said: "We're all genuinely excited to be working with In Touch at such a key phase in their growth. They are a fantastic company with some bold ambitions for the future and are at the forefront of the executive development and training industry. We look forward to becoming an integral extension



of their team."

No Brainer recently announced it has added three new members to its team based in Stockton

Heath, Cheshire and has been named among the leading PR and marketing agencies in the North West.

New osteopath joins the team

LYMM Osteopathic Practice would like to introduce their newest team member, osteopath, Wesley Tubb.

Wesley has recently moved back to Cheshire after living in London for the past 12 years and Lymm Osteopathic Practice are delighted to welcome him into the local community.

Wesley's background prior to becoming an osteopath was personal training. Over the years he has developed a vast amount of knowledge and experience within this area and this is something that he will be putting to good use at the practice. Wesley will be running fitness/movement classes for the more mature clientele as well as pre and post-natal personal training for

all the new mums in the community.

Wesley is an experienced osteopath and has completed courses in cranial osteopathy and specialist post-graduation courses in paediatric and childhood health. As such, Wesley will be responsible for the practice's paediatric patients as well as the adult population. He is also a keen golfer and is a qualified Titleist Performance Institute medical professional and has experience treating golf related injuries.

Outside of work life Wesley loves to spend time with his wife, Lisa and their 2 year old (and very rambunctious) son Mason.

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But Osteopathy is much more than that and treats so much more than just back pain. Darren Hayward at Lymm Osteopathic Practice is testament to that.

In a typical day he can treat a whole variety of contrasting conditions using a whole range of physical techniques.

A first session could indeed present him with a back related injury. Maybe a builder who's having trouble walking because of a herniated disc brought about by lifting heavy blocks. However, the second, might entail a tennis player with intense elbow tendinitis pain caused by her poor posture on the court. Or later, there could be a patient with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome who just wants to be able to relax and have practical help dealing with his constant fatigue, headaches and muscle pain.

All are very diverse problems and all require a very different, individually formulated approach.

As Darren points out: "The goal is always to get a person's body functioning as it should. Most Osteopaths adopt a holistic approach and will look at the whole body and not just the painful region. This is why a first session is around an hour so that I can ask lots of questions about symptoms and general health, to really get to understand the nature of the problem."

The purely mechanical issues are the ones that are likely to result in manipulation, stretching and massage of the joints and soft tissues - which help the body's own healing mechanism. Usually bringing about the relief of pain and an increase in mobility and function.

A session can also include the devising of tailor-made exercises such as simple flexes and stretches as well as exercises to strengthen the core. There may well be lifestyle advice on subjects such as diet, working posture and even sleeping position.

Other conditions such as headaches and neuralgia are less likely to involve rigorous treatment and will use other soft tissue techniques that are often extremely gentle and soothing.

Because of Darren's own, personal enthusiasm for sport, (in the past, he has run ultra-marathons, played rugby and participated and coached in judo), he has a particular interest in sports injuries.

However, it may seem surprising that Darren also has a specialist involvement with M.E. or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS). At first, you would be forgiven for thinking that there is a huge disparity between the two areas, but he believes that there can be a striking similarity between them.

"Many patients who come to me with CFS, were, before diagnosis, extremely driven, ambitious and achieving individuals. They often had all the characteristics of sports people, which is why it is often so hard for them to accept the limitations that the condition brings."

Whilst there is no evidence to suggest that Osteopathy is a cure for ME/CFS, many people who use it say that it helps alleviate pain and stress, promotes relaxation and creates an overall feeling of wellbeing.

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Adults can go back to the classroom



ADULTS in Warrington can return to the classroom this September for a number of fascinating classes.

Priestley College will be running courses both during the day and in the evenings – everything from Creative Photography to Psychology.

Other courses include GCSE Maths and English, Russian for Beginners, Getting Started With Video and Biology.

Jude Leng (pictured) has been teaching Psychology to adults and young people for more than 15 years and has a BSc (Hons) in Psychology and Criminology.

She said: "I believe everyone has the ability to learn no matter what their age and I enjoy coming up with innovative and interesting ways to make psychological concepts accessible to everyone."

To find out more about the courses that are available go to www.priestley.ac.uk/adult-courses/

Twelve Green Flags flying over Warrington



TWELVE of Warrington's green spaces have been awarded with Keep Britain Tidy's internationally recognised Green Flag award.

Warrington Borough Council says it is delighted to receive the prestigious awards for the 12 sites – some of which have repeatedly won the accolade for more than 10 years.

The Green Flag award recognises high quality parks and open spaces across the country. The following places all received the commendation:

- Risley Moss Nature Reserve
- Lymm Dam
- St Peters Park
- St Elphins Park
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By David Watkinson

Tax law changes

I cannot believe it! 20 Years! We have been writing this column for 20 Years! Or at least nearly 20 years. We have found something new to write about, every month, for 20 years, nearly. And this month is no different. In fact, for one month, in this 20th Anniversary edition, we have three changes in tax law to write about. Unfortunately, we do not have three times as much space, so we had better get on with it.



David Watkinson and Margaret Black

The first change will only take effect next year. Probably. But it will affect a large(ish) number of readers. We refer, of course, to the changes in the "Off Payroll" taxation. These changes will probably apply from next April, and essentially mean that when the rules apply:

- The responsibility for determining this moves from the "worker" to the contractor, and
- All income which are deemed to be within the rules will be subject to tax and NI, unlike the current regulations which allow a 5% deduction for expenses.

Unfortunately, not even HM Revenue and Customs can accurately determine when the rules apply, and they wrote them! However, they estimate that the cost in additional tax to the taxpayer will exceed £30m per annum.

The second change is more imminent, applying from 1st October. It will affect VAT registered sub-contractors and contractors in construction. The change was introduced to counter apparent fraud in this area and introduces "reverse charge" provisions. This means that rather than the sub-contractor charging the contractor VAT on his invoices, the contractor charges himself that VAT and immediately claims it back on the same VAT return, so no money changes hands. Makes sense? We will leave you to answer that for yourself!

The third change is horrendous but is still subject to consultation! It involves the cost of diesel in pleasure craft. For many years, pleasure boats used on the inland waterways could use red diesel. A few years ago it was ruled that fuel used for propulsion must be white diesel, which carries higher rates of duties and VAT, but red diesel could continue to be used for heating and cooking. Unfortunately, most craft only have one diesel tank, the contents of which could be used for either/both purposes, so when boat users purchase diesel they had to say what proportion of that diesel was going to be used in which way. Surprisingly, very few boats appear ever to move! The solution? Sorry folks, it's white diesel for everything!

Well that's it. 20 years of providing (hopefully) useful information to the readers of this excellent magazine. Let us all look forward to another 20 years! Happy Anniversary, Warrington Worldwide.

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Huge crowds attend another successful Disability Awareness Day



Thousands of people visited another highly successful Warrington Disability Awareness Day at Walton Hall & Gardens which was celebrating its 28th anniversary.

Founded by Warrington Disability Partnership's Chief Executive and founder Dave Thompson MBE, the annual event once again attracted huge crowds on the back of a week long of activities promoting disability awareness.

Dave said: "I would like to thank all our amazing volunteers and our sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible."

During the event Lord-lieutenant of Cheshire David Briggs presented a special Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to the Ella Performing Group who have been entertaining crowds at the event for many years.

Town Crier Peter Powell helped start proceedings as crowds flocked to a tented village in the grounds of Walton Hall.

With around 250 exhibitors there was something for everyone as the event was blessed with warm dry weather.

DAD is the the biggest non-profit disability exhibition led by volunteers in Europe, if not the world.

The event aims to raise awareness to the voluntary, statutory and private services available to people with disabilities, allowing them to be more independent.

Many of the exhibitors demonstrated equipment showing what disabled people are capable of achieving in the home, work place, sports, arts and entertainment.



Ryan Atkins returns to Wakefield Trinity



Picture Eddie Whitham

WARRINGTON Wolves' veteran centre Ryan Atkins has returned to his home town club, fellow Betfred Super League side Wakefield Trinity.

Atkins, 33, joined the Wire back in 2010 from Wakefield, where he had previously spent four years between 2006 and 2009.

He made his Warrington debut in the February of 2010, earning heritage number 1089, marking his testimonial this year. He went on to make 273 appearances, crossing for 168 tries becoming the club's fifth highest try-scorer of all time

His career has seen him pick up international honours representing England. In his time at Warrington he has lifted two Challenge Cup trophies, in 2010 and 2012, made three Grand Final appearances and was part of the League Leaders squads of 2011 and 2016.

All at Warrington would like to thank him for being a great servant to the club and wish him well for the future.

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