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Editor's Comment



OVER the years I have always tried to remain positive but the past four months have been a testing time for many and whatever I write about the current COVID-19 situation could be over taken by events as Government messages and instructions can change in the blink of an eye.

I am sure like many you will be struggling to keep up with the latest information regarding wearing masks and which countries you can and cannot travel to.

Localised lockdowns are now

starting to happen and I think it is fair to say these could happen pretty much anywhere where there are large populations, so there is no room for complacency.

Unfortunately there still seem to be a lot of people who think they are immune to this killer disease and even if they don't think they are high risk they need to think of those who are. On a positive note it is good to see a thriving Warrington Market which has certainly become the heartbeat of the town centre.

I have made numerous visits during the first few weeks since the opening and I have got to say it is an credit to the town – and judging by the footfall figures it is proving popular with many people – and of course it is the new home of the town's community radio station, Radio Warrington, where I host my own Classic Rock show every Saturday at 10pm. If you enjoy a bit of classic rock tune in on 1332Am or online via the Radio Warrington App.

Belong Warrington secures Gold for investing in people and handling of pandemic

LEADING dementia care provider, Belong Warrington, has retained its prestigious Gold Investors in People accreditation while earning recognition for the positive impact on outcomes achieved for residents during the pandemic.

The assessor noted that: "Actions taken prior to Covid and the buy-in of employees to deliver the Covid-free Belong which we now see, confirms that high-quality communication and an empowering leadership style are bringing out the best in people."

During a comprehensive assessment period which concluded in July, Belong Warrington demonstrated an exceptional



Tracey Stakes.

performance for its leadership, colleague support, and drive to continuously improve.

Tracey Stakes, chief executive at Belong, said: "We're delighted to receive the Gold Investors in People accreditation, and to have our customer-focused culture recognised in the midst of a

pandemic is real testament to all our teams and the values that are enabling us to pull through these challenging times.

"We can confidently say that the Belong culture is alive and well. Of course, there is always room for improvement and we will continue to build on our success, supporting colleagues in their work and providing outstanding support for our customers."

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LEGO® master creates sculpture of iconic Golden Gates as part of Time Machine Project

A 5,000 piece replica of the town's iconic Golden Gates is set to feature as part of a special Heritage Open Days Time Machine Project.

The amazing two metre LEGO model of the historic Golden Gates has been created by local Champion LEGO master builder, Steve Guinness. The sculpture is going to be on display in the new Warrington Borough Council buildings, Time Square.

The model which was created during lockdown in 2020 depicts every intricate detail of the impressive Warrington landmark which was built in 1862 including the four winged figures of Nike, the



Steve Guinness

goddess of victory and Warrington's coat of arms. Before moving to its permanent home in the civic offices there's an opportunity to get a sneak preview of the model on display at Warrington Museum and Art Gallery during this year's Heritage Open Days festival from Saturday 12th September to Sunday 20th September during normal opening hours Wednesday to Friday 10am – 4.30pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm and Sundays 11am – 3pm.

The programme of culture and heritage events was launched in August with a pop up people's history space on Bridge Street

as part of a partnership project financially supported by Heritage Open Days, National Trust and coordinated by Warrington Business Improvement District and Culture Warrington.

Meanwhile Steve, winner of Channel 4's LEGO® Masters 2017 and LEGO® Education trainer with Warrington's Creative Hut, has yet again proven himself to be a design champion.

With over 10,000 votes, Steve's typewriter creation was chosen by LEGO® Ideas to be released as an official set.

An expansion upon part of his final build for LEGO® Masters, the 1254 piece replica typewriter, which he has dedicated to his wife Rachael, is built to scale and even includes a working hand cranked mechanism. Describing the typewriter as having a 'fun, retro appeal,' the ex-Design and Technology teacher hopes to 'bring nostalgia to adult fans and wonder and curiosity to younger fans who might not have ever seen a typewriter.'

Keen to share his love for learning with LEGO®, Steve also works as a Certified LEGO® Education trainer with CreativeHUT; a Warrington



based STEAM Education resource provider which facilitate workshops and training for schools and teachers.

With Creative Hut, Steve equips teachers with the ability to deliver fun, educational, hands-on STEAM experiences for pupils, which harness their creativity and build foundations for future careers in STEAM.

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£1.5m Birth Centre nears delivery

A NEW £1.5m midwife-led birth centre at Warrington Hospital is nearing completion with plans for the first births there in the autumn.

The new Birth Centre will be an addition to the Trust's existing maternity services which currently include an alongside midwife-led unit, community midwife-supported home birthing and obstetric-led care for women who require additional support from a multi-disciplinary team.

Every aspect of the design has been carefully planned in partnership with new and expectant mums and midwives. The additional complementary services aromatherapy, acupuncture and massage area will promote a feeling of calm and relaxation.

The four new birthing rooms will be offering a home from home experience creating a welcoming and comfortable ambience. Focusing around state-of-the-art birthing pools, the birthing suites will feature sofas, birthing cubes, cushions and wall art with mood lighting; music and candles creating a relaxed, peaceful and calm experience. This investment has allowed us to redevelop our offering for all mums to be including complex cases who will also experience their maternity care and labour in a more homely environment.

Midwife and antenatal appointments will also be held at the new Centre and women can choose this option instead of being seen at their nearest GP practice and Sure Start centre.

Following birth, a new post-natal suite will enable partners to stay overnight in comfortable surroundings with their new family in ensuite rooms. Contemporary cots, side tables, changing tables, soft lighting and luxurious bedding will make this room feel like a 'special home from home'.

Maternity Matron Tracy Thomas and Maternity Integrated Care Manager Claire Braithwaite are

really looking forward to opening the centre.

"The new birth centre provides an exciting opportunity to deliver care for some of our ladies who choose to birth their baby in a low risk environment. Providing continuity of care across all areas including antenatal and the postnatal period, it will undoubtedly enhance the experience for our ladies and their families.

"We are so pleased and proud to be able to offer this option to women and their families. Giving birth in a relaxed calm environment where intervention is reduced is the foundation of a healthy start in life."



£550,000 grant to help tackle crime

A £550,000 Government grant has been secured by Cheshire police and crime commissioner David Keane for a project to reduce burglaries in Warrington.

The money will be used by police to crack down on burglary and theft in the Bewsey and Whitecross areas of the town.

It will go towards measures proven to cut crime. These include an individual security assessment for every property and improving measures where required and will also involve the roll-out of Cheshire police's successful Operation Shield in the area – a DNA property marking exercise which has reduced burglary by up to 83 per cent in other areas of Cheshire.

There will also be simple changes to the design of streets such as increased street-lighting and the installation of CCTV alongside intensive work by local officers with the community to develop Neighbourhood Watch schemes for every street.

The funding will also be used to bring Warrington's problem solving team to the area with a sergeant, six constables and local authority representatives dedicated to working with the community to develop local problem solving approaches and community resilience.



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Major Furlough Changes

AUGUST 1 2020 saw the start of some of the most significant changes to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ("Scheme").

From August 1 2020, the level of Government grant will reduce and the reduction will continue each month until the end of the Scheme on 31 October 2020. Although the level of Government grant will reduce, employees need not fear. The amount an employee receives will remain at the same 80% of their wages up to £2,5000 assuming they are furloughed full time). With the new flexibility to the Scheme, the £2,500 per month wage cap is proportional to the hours work and so if an employee is furloughed for 50% of their normal hours, they are only then entitled to 50% of the £2,500 cap.

From August 1, the Government will still provide a grant of 80% of salary up to £2,500, however employers will now become responsible for paying Employer's National Insurance Contributions (ER NICs) and pension contributions for the hours in which the employees are on furlough.

From 01 September employers will start to see even more significant changes. The Government will only pay 70% of wages (down from 80%) up to a cap of £2,187.50 for the hours the employee is on

furlough (down from £2,500). Employers will still pay ER NICs and pension contributions as they were required from August 1, but in addition, they will now need to top up employees' wages to ensure they receive the original 80% salary up to a cap of £2,500, for time they are furloughed.

From October, the Government contribution reduces further to 60% of wages up to a cap of £1,875

for the hours the employee is on furlough. Once again, an employer will then have to pay ER NICs and pension contributions and top up the employees' pay to 80% salary up to a cap of £2,500, for time they are furloughed.

A table showing the changes for an employee on furlough for 100% of their hours has been produced on the Government website, as shown below.

	July	August	September	October
Government contribution: employer NICs and pension contributions	Yes	No	No	No
Government contribution: wages	80% up to £2,500	80% up to £2,500	70% up to £2,187.50	60% up to £1,875
Employer contribution: employer NICs and pension contributions	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Employer contribution: wages	-	-	10% up to £312.50	20% up to £625
Employee receives	80% up to £2,500 per month	80% up to £2,500 per month	80% up to £2,500 per month	80% up to £2,500 per month

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme/changes-to-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

As before, employers can continue to top up wages to 100% should they wish, although they are not legally required to do so. Any top ups offered by employers may reduce as the sliding scale of contributions will no doubt take its toll on businesses still struggling to recover.

If businesses do manage to retain staff after the furlough scheme ends and keep them until January 2021, Chancellor Rishi Sunak will now also offer an incentive bonus of £1,000 per employee. Whether the £1,000 incentive will be enough for business to continue employing the employee after January 2021 is unknown.

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Warrington Market continues to exceed expectations during the "new normal"

by Stephen Fitzsimons

IT is really frustrating not being able to talk about the economy without mentioning Covid-19, however it is sadly a part of normal life for at least the rest of the year.

Businesses are tentatively returning to town and I recently found myself in something called a "traffic jam" – had to Google that one.

Most shops have re-opened and the footfall sensors continue to give us positive signs – the Time Square car park is nearly back to the volumes of this time last year.

The Market continues to exceed expectations and a 40th birthday party was spotted in there recently – don't think that would have happened in the old market!

We appreciate it's not the same shopping experience and the masks, sanitisation and queues do put some people off. However, they are enabling us to regain much of what we previously took for granted.

They are also helping local retail, hospitality and leisure operators generate much needed revenue. We have seen more gloom from the likes of Pizza Hut, DW Sports and Pizza Express.

If we can do our bit by wearing a mask we continue to save lives and livelihoods.

The initiatives from central government have been most welcome and Warrington Council distributed nearly £38m through the Small Business/Retail and Discretionary Grants. Further support is now available through the Cheshire & Warrington



Recovery & Restructure Grant. Up to £5,000 can be obtained for Covid-secure enhancements such as tablets/iPads, shielding screens and website updates. The Cheshire & Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership are behind this valuable assistance.

You may recall me talking about the (Stronger) Towns Fund at the beginning of the year and we were fearful of this £25m funding being postponed indefinitely. Thankfully, it did return and we submitted our Investment Plan to central government at the end of July. We have 7 potentially transformative projects that address multiple areas including transport, culture, skills and health. Thank you if you contributed your thoughts on-line or at one of the shopping centre stands before the lockdown. Warrington has a reputation within government for establishing strong partnerships with relevant stakeholders and this was again evident throughout this process.

Finally, the holiday season has been another aspect of our lives

that has been severely affected by the pandemic. For those of you not risking a potential quarantine period, check out Marketing Cheshire's website as you might have forgotten the "staycation" treats on the doorstep. We all know about Gulliver's World for the (big) kids, however Chester Zoo is open again, as are the country parks across the county. I'm off to Cumbria for a week – who wouldn't want to be cooped in a caravan for a week with my lot.



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The launch of the 22nd Warrington Annual Property Review took place online, providing an in-depth analysis of the Warrington property development and investment market.

While the Review launch is usually held in front of a packed audience of business and property professionals, the restrictions currently in place meant, for the first time, the event was held virtually.

The launch took place online, on Warrington & Co's YouTube Channel featuring presentations of statistics and reports independently commissioned, compiled and collated by Warrington-based commercial property agents, The BE Group.

Successes include:

- Warrington's economy being announced last year by the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership as the second highest performing in England, outside of London.
- The annual Centre for Cities update listing Warrington as the fifth highest performing economic hub in the country.
- Success for Warrington's office market, with the town achieving the joint highest number of deals completed, nationally, above 200 sqm.
- High levels of activity continuing at Omega Business Park, reflecting the consistent appetite for high quality distribution units of 9,000 sqm or more.
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Prom season success despite Lockdown

IN recent years, prom has become one of the main highlights for those finishing school. Whilst many may think this is just an American trend, this is now a rite of passage for British students and has been growing year on year.

The Dress Studio, prom specialists in Warrington, who opened in 2012, can vouch for this – they have seen growth every year and had to expand to keep coping with increased demand.

Girls start planning their dresses over a year in advance and excitement bubbles as they plan what transportation they will take to their special event, how they will wear their hair & make-up and.....

However, 2020 has been quite different and when lockdown was introduced in March, prom plans came to a grinding halt. Everyone is in the same storm but all have different experiences, and it is safe to say it's been a disappointing year for Year 11 students. The joy of finally finishing the last exam, dreaming of endless summer plans with friends, perhaps the first holiday abroad without their families, the anticipation of results day, and of course, prom, has all been put on hold. However, customers of the Warrington prom superstore, The Dress Studio, have been proving that Covid19 will not rain on their parade.

Holly Pirrie, the owner of the specialist boutique explained: "It has been heartbreaking to see the disappointment for so many of our customers but we have found that with restrictions easing, our prom girls have been taking matters into their own hands. They have still wanted their special prom moment and so, they have been arranging smaller gatherings in their gardens and getting dressed up, as if it were the real thing.

"We know it's not the same but 2020 has to be about making new memories and we can tell that our customers have loved these alternatives. The photos will be ones that they can look back at fondly and know they made the best of their situation."

Prom may be just a party to many but the industry has been massively affected by lockdown. It is crippling, not just for retailers of dresses & suits, but for all the sectors involved. Prom is a critical event for many, small and local businesses. Holly explained:

"Physically, The Dress Studio is a large store with over 30 fitting rooms, but the reality is that we are a small business. March – June is typically one of our busiest times due to the girls choosing their prom dresses, but this was completely cut short due to the pandemic, like most retailers, this is a difficult time for us. It is not just us that are feeling the affects of this – venues, transport companies (like limo hire), beauty salons, hairdressers, photographers, make-up artists, musicians, caterers... many are devastated by the cancellation or postponement of proms.

"Many schools have postponed prom and we hope that all will consider this when restrictions ease. The students may be making the most of an unfortunate situation in their gardens now, but they definitely deserve that proper farewell. For now, we are super proud of customers for getting glam and making the most out of their dresses!"

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Much needed support

WARRINGTON based health and safety specialists J&K Ross has provided much needed support to two local charities during the coronavirus pandemic.

PPE worth £2,000 has been donated to Warrington Disability Partnership, while a £2,000 donations has been made to St Rocco's Hospice in the town.

Managing Director Chris Ross said: "During the entirety of the pandemic our business has remained open in order to provide PPE to industry and healthcare, sadly this had not been possible for charities who rely heavily on their shops as a means to raise funds. With this in mind we decided to help out Warrington Disability Partnership with a donation of PPE and other items to assist with their safe re-opening process, we also made a cash donation to St Rocco's Hospice to help them fill an underfunding gap. Both organisations have continued to provide much needed support throughout the crisis and we felt it was only right to help them as much as we could at this difficult time."

The company has also donated some full face masks and filters to Knox funerals along with donations to Venture Arts (£1000.00), The Booth Centre (£2000.00) and Anabel's Challenge (£1000.00).

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Work starts on Virtual Disability Awareness Day

WORK has started on creating a "Virtual" Disability Awareness Day after this year's event at Walton Gardens had to be called off due to the coronavirus pandemic.

On what should have been the 29th Warrington Disability Awareness Day, which has now become the largest event of its kind in the world, work started on launching Virtual DAD.

Due to the pandemic organisers had little choice but to call off the proposed event at Walton Gardens.

But undeterred work has now started on creating a virtual event on Sunday October 25, followed by a week of activities from Monday 26th to Friday 30th of October.

Warrington Disability Partnership will work in partnership to create a

highly engaging virtual DAD event emulating the 'real event' with a high quality look and feel online experience, including mix of real and virtual reality (mixed reality). Capable of taking large volume of online traffic.

It will include a new dedicated Website/Portal - capable of hosting live events, virtual models and high level of traffic up to 10,000 plus simultaneously. A click on bespoke graphical site plan or list/icon of sponsor/exhibitor, public will be able to navigate around the virtual marquees by virtual tour.

Commenting on the event WDP Chief Executive and Disability Awareness Day founder Dave Thompson said: "It feels really strange, and somewhat sad, sitting here at Walton Gardens on the day and the time when the grounds

should have been full of marquees, food vendors, over a hundred stewards and volunteers, hundreds of exhibitors and entertainers and getting ready for the tens of thousands of visitors who would have attended WDP's 29th annual Disability Awareness Day.

"But instead we are shooting a promotional video with Phil and the guys from 4wardfutures that will be used to introduce our virtual event being launched on Sunday 25th October. It's going to be amazing. Huge thanks to Tony Brown and his team from Expanse Learning Group, our principal sponsors."

It is hoped the new virtual event will create a legacy and become part of future events, enabling those who can not attend the chance to be involved.



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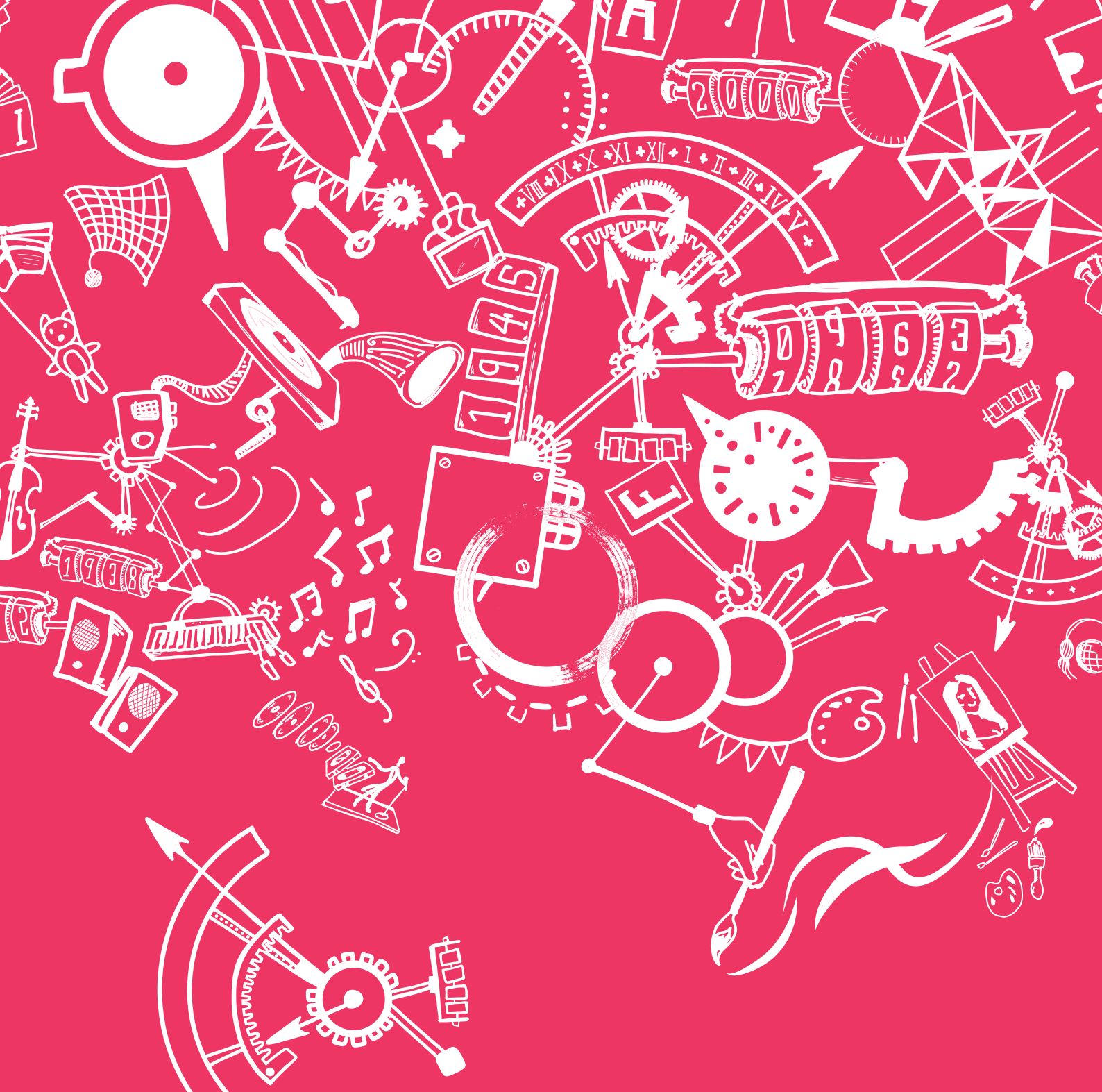
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ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS
ACROSS WARRINGTON

Heritage Open Days

11th – 20th September 2020

Heritage Open Days is all about celebrating community and local stories, which feels more important than ever. The festival will go ahead as a combination of online events and any in-person opportunities possible within government guidelines at the time of the festival.

Warrington communities will be able to celebrate local stories from the comfort of their own homes, or discover some hidden local gems in person whilst maintaining current social distancing measures.

Here are a few of the activities on offer for this year's festival in Warrington:



Warrington Museum and Art Gallery

Bold St, Warrington, WA1 1DR

◆ An opportunity to see Warrington's iconic Golden Gates made entirely out of LEGO. Commissioned as part of the Warrington Time Machine festival, the 5000 piece LEGO model depicts every intricate detail of this impressive Warrington landmark.

Saturday 12th September to Sunday 20th September
Open during normal opening hours:

Wednesday to Friday 10am – 4.30pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm and Sundays 11am – 3pm.

◆ Meet the model maker, Master Builder Steve Guinness for a Q&A session – ideal for LEGO fans!

Saturday 12th September 10am and 11.30am (Bookable event)

◆ Download WMAG's brand new app to learn even more about the wonderful collections. The free app is available to

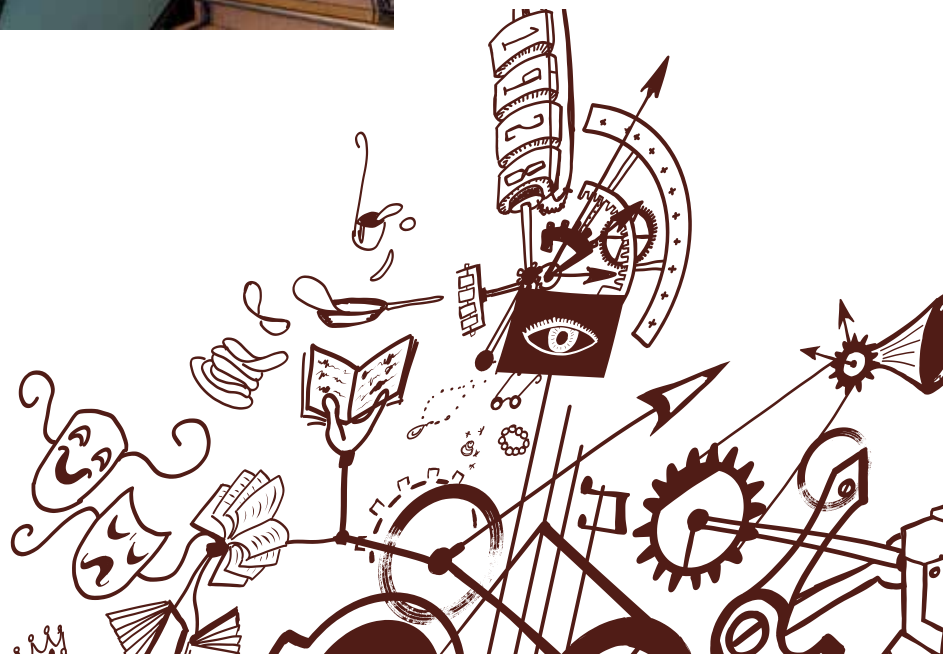
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◆ Warrington's annual Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival will be scaled back this year due to Covid-19. The main focus of this year's festival will be on the open exhibition and activity at Warrington Museum & Art Gallery throughout the autumn. This exciting programme includes showcasing the creative talent of local, regional and national artists, plus heritage inspired art work and performances taking place throughout the town centre this autumn. For updated information please visit Culture Warrington's website: <https://culturewarrington.org/>
Entry to the museum and the LEGO Q&A is free but booking is essential to comply with Covid-19 regulations and face coverings must be worn. Visit the museum website to book your place. <https://wmag.culturewarrington.org/>



Lymm Heritage Centre

1 Legh St, Lymm, WA13 0DA
Reopening and relaunch of the centre post-Covid with many exciting new exhibits and features including:
A reconstruction of 3 Lymm Edwardian shop windows, filled with items from the period;
A viewing kiosk for the newly updated Lymm Archive, including a Lockdown Gallery;
The Time Traveller's Handbook – a guided walk around Lymm within a book, including mini-movies to take you back in time as you walk around Lymm, a collection of stories and a quiz;
A Brazil 66 exhibit celebrating the visit of Brazil and Pele to Lymm for World Cup in 1966;
"The Lymm Story" – using the themes of Trades, Transport and Traditions;
A new Lymm Heritage Gift Shop. Open during normal opening hours – **Thursday to Sunday, 1-5pm.**
www.lymmhic.co.uk
facebook.com/lymmheritage





The Lewis Carroll Centre

The Lewis Carroll Centre at All Saints' Church was opened in 2012. It tells the story of the life of the world famous author of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, which began with his birth and boyhood spent in Daresbury. The side chapel of the church contains his memorial stained glass window, which includes characters from the Alice story.

What? For Heritage Open Days, a walk, 'Lewis Carroll's Boyhood Walk' describing local sites and people known to the young Lewis Carroll will be available, following the field paths and lanes in the parish where his father, the Reverend Charles Dodgson, was the vicar in the 1830s. For more details go to:



Walton Hall and Gardens

Walton Hall and Gardens is the former home and gardens of Lord and Lady Daresbury and is considered Warrington's jewel in the crown. Set within acres of tranquil and idyllic parkland, steeped in local history, this has been a popular destination for nearly three generations. Discover the history of the estate over the last 180 years and visit the formal gardens, pond, recently refurbished Glass Houses and majestic hall. For updates about exhibitions and events to mark Heritage Open Days, visit <https://waltonhallgardens.co.uk/>



Wire 2 Wolves - Warrington Wolves Charitable Foundation Pass it Back Virtual Tour of Heritage Wall with special guests Our Heritage Open Day usually takes place in the south stand, with the Heritage Timeline open to the public and past players giving talks and Q&A sessions. This year unfortunately the doors will not be open but we intend to bring the rich history into your living room, pub or on your phone. Virtually, we will walk the club's history with some special guests who will reflect on that period of time and relive the memories of the past.

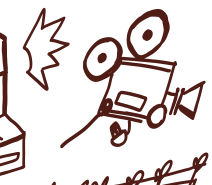
Friday 11th September, 6pm
Sunday 13th September, 3pm

Access the events on Youtube, Facebook and through The Foundation's website:
www.warringtonwolvesfoundation.com
www.warringtonwolves.com
Twitter: @Warringtonrflc1 - Pass it Back



Warrington Crafting Community

Warrington Crafting Community have been busy working on their 'Knit Warrington' project. Iconic buildings and landmarks across the borough have been knitted and crocheted into 3-D models which will be displayed in Warrington town centre during Heritage Open Days. Venue to be confirmed. For updated information go to: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/events>



Unfortunately, not all of Warrington's heritage assets will be able to open their doors this year during Heritage Open days, but we hope to welcome them back in the new year. Here are a few of Warrington's heritage organisations who work hard to keep the stories of Warrington's rich past alive in people's memories.



Friends of Warrington Transporter Bridge (FOWTB)

FOWTB was created to act as the independent voice of the transporter bridge, to publicise it and campaign for its eventual restoration.

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Transporter Bridge is the only rail transporter in the world and one of only eight surviving transporter bridges, seven in Europe and one in Argentina. There were once three transporters over the River Mersey, two in Warrington and one at Runcorn-Widnes. Visit the bridge, learn about it and treasure this unique part of Warrington's Industrial Heritage.

Sadly, it is the only one not working.

Directions to the bridge can be found at www.warringtontransporterbridge.co.uk. The Slutchers Lane route is currently blocked by Giant Hogweed and road works. Links to websites or social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaveWarrington-TransporterBridge/>

<http://www.warringtontransporterbridge.co.uk/index.html>

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Warrington Museum of Freemasonry

The Museum has a small international following and has carried out family history research following

enquiries from as far afield as the USA and Australia. The Warrington Masonic hall is a locally listed building and the first record of an English Lodge meeting was here in 1646, and we trace the history of Freemasonry from that date to the present. Under normal circumstances, the museum can offer tours of the museum and the Masonic meeting rooms and talks to groups, either in the building or at external venues. The building can offer excellent facilities for business meetings and social occasions backed up by excellent catering facilities.

Warrington Museum of Freemasonry
15 Winmarleigh Street
Warrington
WA1 1NB

<https://museum.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk/>



Padgate Heritage

The Padgate Heritage is a fantastic, comprehensive display shown on over 40 boards that reflect back to the 17th century and then into the 1800's when Padgate developed from farmers' fields into a thriving village. The display, which also encompasses the villages that surround Padgate, includes maps, photographs and stories that bring together treasured memories taken from scrap books, local residents and extensive

research.

The display and a booklet uncover the men who became well known national celebrities who joined over a million men to train at the RAF Padgate camp during and after the Second World War. Local churches, Scouts, Tennis and Bowling Club, Youth Club, Padgate Walking Day and a Tour of the Village all feature along with the history behind Padgate Railway Station. The Padgate Graveyard includes military graves and graves of notable people, including William Beamont, first mayor of Warrington.

The group would welcome additional memorable stories and photographs and for this display and for a new display that features Fearnhead and surrounding villages. For further information, please contact: Michael Bromwich, Mobile 07866 864376, Email mikebr@uwclub.net



Daresbury District Heritage Group (DDHG)

Originally formed to celebrate the lives of men from the parish commemorated on the war memorial in Daresbury churchyard, DDHG continues to tell their stories and those of the people they left behind. They are interested in every aspect of the history of the people and places of Daresbury, Moore, Hatton, Preston Brook, Newton-by-Daresbury, Keckwick and Sandymoor. With more than 1000 years to celebrate take a look at the website and facebook page for the latest news and projects: www.ddhg.org.uk



Ascension, Woolston

The Church of the Ascension is at the heart of Woolston. It was built to be a focal point for the growing Woolston community in 1970. This year The Ascension celebrates its 50th birthday. To mark the occasion and engage a younger and more diverse audience, Heritage Lottery funding has enabled a number of community events to take place, including 1970s retro and family cinema screenings, a picnic, fun days, special seasonal events and work experience opportunities. The building will also be undergoing a programme of repairs to enable it to serve the community for generations to come. On Saturday 26th September the church will be holding an exhibition of the history of the church for the last 50 years, including the original plans of the church building.

For more information on upcoming events: Facebook Page [@ascensionwoolston](https://www.facebook.com/ascensionwoolston)

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Neighbourhood hubs reopening is huge success

GYM-GOERS are enjoying being back on the treadmill and in group exercise classes – in a socially distanced and Covid-secure way – after LiveWire reopened its three Neighbourhood Hubs.

LiveWire, the Community Interest Company that manages leisure services for Warrington Borough Council, reopened Great Sankey, Orford and Woolston Neighbourhood Hubs on July 25th in accordance with Government Guidance for the gym and classes.

Outdoor tennis sessions previously reopened at Great Sankey and Birchwood Tennis & Leisure Complex in May.

Reopening plans for the gyms centred on the safety of customers and staff, and are aimed at giving customers plenty of space to exercise in a friendly, safe and hygienic manner.

LiveWire is using both indoor and outdoor spaces for workouts and equipment has been redistributed around all three Hubs, allowing over 90% of the kit to be kept in use.

Other key elements of the reopening included:

- All gym sessions and group exercise classes must be booked in advance online
- Pay as you go options as well as all-inclusive memberships.
- Using outdoor and indoor spaces for physical activity.
- A contactless check in process and new one-way systems around parts of the buildings.
- Social distancing in reception, gym areas and group exercise classes.
- Redistribution of gym equipment around the Hubs to allow for social distancing.
- Enhanced deep cleaning schedules, including equipment between every gym session and class and a full close down every afternoon for a deep clean.
- Hand sanitiser available for customers and staff.

Matthew Parker, Operations Director of LiveWire, said: "We were really pleased to be able to reopen our Neighbourhood Hubs for gym sessions and group exercise classes. Looking after our bodies and minds has never been more important and we were delighted to welcome our members back through our doors.

"I'm really proud of our staff who have worked incredibly hard over the past few months getting everything ready to allow us to reopen in a manner that is as safe as possible.

"Things may be a bit different but we're confident the measures we have put in place will allow people to safely enjoy the benefits that physical exercise brings.

"We thank all of our members for their patience while we have been closed and our partners and Warrington Borough Council for their support."

The swimming pools at Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood Hub reopened for pre-bookable Lane and Family Swims from August 10th.

For more information visit www.livewirewarrington.co.uk





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Prime Minister Boris Johnson visits town



Boris Johnson (left) with Warrington South MP Andy Carter.

PRIME Minister Boris Johnson made a flying visit to Warrington to see first hand a new housing development underway at Stretton after announcing new radical planning reforms.

He met up with Warrington South MP Andy Carter who said: "I'm delighted the Prime Minister accepted my invitation to come to Warrington South.

He got to see for himself the difference that the planning reform proposals could have on the area, building better, quicker and in the right places.

"We got to lay some bricks at the Kings Quarter Barratt Homes development in Stretton. It was a chance to meet with apprentices who are learning skills and helping

to build homes for families in Warrington.

"Critically with today's announcements, brownfield development will be prioritised, so we can make use of regeneration sites like Fiddlers Ferry. Our current system makes it too difficult and slow to build on brownfield land which must change if we are to protect our precious green spaces.

"I was pleased that the Prime Minister agreed to come back to Warrington again to take a look at the opportunity Fiddlers Ferry presents, and the potential that it could unleash alongside schemes such as Northern Powerhouse Rail so that we can truly level up."

What's on in the villages

To list your event call Village Life on **01925 631592 option 2**

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Please Note: Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, many of these events will have been cancelled. Please check with the organisation before attending.

September 8
STOCKTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
Stockton Heath Library
7.30pm

Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road.
7.30pm

September 15
APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road
7.30pm

PHILOSOPHY IN PUBS DISCUSSION GROUP
Red Lion pub, Stockton Heath 7-9pm
Contact Bill Cooke cwncooke@gmail.com

September 17
GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane. 7.30pm

Second and fourth Monday
WARRINGTON ART GROUP
Bellhouse Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall.
7-9pm.

Every day except Monday
GRAPPENHALL HEYS WALLED GARDEN
Witherwin Avenue, Grappenhall Heys, WA4 3DS.
Café open Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday and Sunday, 10am-5pm. Garden open Tues/Wed/Thurs 1pm-4pm. Bank Holidays: Garden open but cafe closed.

Every fourth Monday
MARLFIELD WI
Grappenhall Community Library, Albert Road, Grappenhall. 7.30pm

Every Monday
COUNTRY DANCING CLUB
St Thomas' Primary School, Parkgate Road, Stockton Heath.
8-10pm. Details: 01925 262356

Every Tuesday
COFFEE MORNING
St Cross Church, Appleton Thorn. All welcome. 10am-12 noon

BRIDGE CLUB
Belong Warrington, Loushers Lane 7.20pm.
Details 01925 262534

COFFEE MORNING
Appleton Independent Methodist Church
Appleton Parish Hall, 10am-12 noon

HIGH LEGH BRIDGE CLUB
Village Hall, 7-10pm. Rubber, Duplicate and Chicago played. Details: Audrey Greaves 0161 904 0120

Every first Tuesday
STOCKTON HEATH FLOWER CLUB
Appleton Parish Hall, 7.15pm
Details: 01925 602016

Every second Monday
PARK (APPLETON) WI

Every second Tuesday
STOCKTON HEATH LIONS CLUB
London Bridge Inn, 8pm
Contact: Grahamclisse58@outlook.com.
Tel 01925 262669

Every second and fourth Tuesday
LYMM PROBUS CLUB
Lymm Baptist Church. 2.15pm.
Details: www.lymmprobus.club

Every Wednesday
APPLETON HALL BADMINTON CLUB
Sept to Easter at Hall Drive, Appleton.
7.45-9.45pm.
Details: 01925 262356

THELWALL MORRIS MEN
Thelwall Parish Hall, Bell Lane,
8.15pm. Details: 01925 767151

Every first Wednesday
WALTON WI
St John's Church Community Hall. 7.30pm
Details: 01925 604384

STOCKTON HEATH PROBUS CLUB
Warrington Sports Club, Walton Lea Road,
Higher Walton.
Details: 01925 268540

Every second and fourth Wednesday
APPLETON PROBUS CLUB
Warrington Sports Club, Walton Lea Road,
Higher Walton.
Visit appletonprobus.org.uk or ring Mike on 07713 162797

Every third Wednesday
HIGHER WALTON WI, Sandy Lane
Community Centre, Stockton Heath,
7.30pm. Details 01925 602486.

Every fourth Wednesday
ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY
Support Group, Brampton Lodge Day

Centre, Bridge Lane, Appleton. 6.30-8.30pm

BRIDGE CLUB
Belong Warrington, Loushers Lane 7.20pm.
Details 01925 262534

Every second Thursday
STRETTON WI
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road.
2.30pm.

GRAPPENHALL PROBUS CLUB
Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane, 10am.
Details: 01925 264427.

Every third Thursday
APPLETON AFTERNOON FLOWER CLUB
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road
2pm
Details: 01925 740419

BOARD GAME NIGHT.
Stockton Heath Library. 7.30pm
Tel 07824 499 780

GRAPPENHALL WI
Grappenhall Community Centre, Bellhouse Lane 2.15pm

LYMM & THELWALL U3A
Members' meetings 10am
Thelwall Parish Hall

Every Friday
APPLETOTS TODDLER GROUP
Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road.
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Broker or Lender?

By Nigel Garner



Statistics show that on average 50 percent of businesses will fail within their first four years after encountering irreparable financial difficulty. Often the first port of call business owners will turn to when facing initial cash flow problems is high street lenders in hopes that they can receive a business loan to see them through this period. However, this type of bank loan comes with a 'Catch 22' in that you must be able to prove that you don't necessarily need this money. As a result, business owners find dealing with these high street lenders to be extremely problematic and time-consuming. Even if they are able to eventually be approved, it may take the bank weeks, even months to finalise everything. At this point, it could be too late, and the loan wouldn't cover the necessary costs. This is where the next layer of alternative lenders comes into play, becoming a much more suitable and advantageous finance provider. To help you better understand the benefits associated with using this type of finance broker we have compiled a comprehensive guide below.

Arguably, the biggest advantage finance brokers have over high street lenders is the wide range of financing options available to them. With a bank, you will find that they are often only able to offer you a direct and non-negotiable loan without access to the wider market. Alternately, with brokers, you will find that they are much more committed to working on finding you the best deal for your business. They are able to network with a wide range of finance providers giving you as many financial options as possible.

As aforementioned, one of the biggest issues with high street lenders can be the time they take to assess, approve and finalise your loan. This can be extremely frustrating if you are in a position where you feel your business could benefit from a more immediate cash influx particularly if it is a cash flow issue. But with brokers, they are much more efficient at working on a timescale to suit your needs and if necessary they can ensure you receive your loan within a matter of days. They also can work to your needs if it is something such as a cash flow issue and you simply require a short-term loan that you wish to repay in the near future.

Due to their extensive range of finance providers, brokers are also able to find you loans that suit your repayment timescale and have affordable and realistic interest rates. The biggest issue with any loan from a high street lender will more often than not be the extortionate interest rates which will make you question if the loan is even worth it in the long term.

Brokers are much more understanding when it comes to financial loans, their job is to help you achieve the best outcome possible. They understand your business and will want to help you succeed in finding you the best available lender. Banks, on the other hand, struggle to elicit this same level of care as most of the time whoever you speak to will be looking to hit targets and won't share your concerns.

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Ben Wakerley, Warrington's Managing Director, commented: "The new Ticketeer machines give us a serious upgrade for our customers and my colleagues. We will have contactless card and mobile phone payments across our entire fleet, which can only be good news."

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Trikes give twins new lease of life



WARRINGTON twins Mia and Lucy Moran, who have cerebral palsy and a rare genetic condition, have been given a new lease of life after taking delivery of two specially adapted trikes.

The Terrier Hitch Combo Trikes cost £1,800 each and there was no way the girls' parents Michael and Emma, from Warrington, could afford to buy two.

Instead the Steve Morgan Foundation and The Boparan Charitable Trust stepped in and presented the trikes to the girls on the day of their eighth birthday.

Mum Emma said: "They've changed the girls' lives. It has given them a new lease of life. Their eyes lit up when they arrived on their birthday. We're so grateful to the Steve Morgan Foundation and The Boparan Charitable Trust."

Emma, who also has a 13-year-old son called Harry, had no idea there was anything wrong with the twins until they were diagnosed with cerebral palsy at the age of three.

"Lucy is more severe than Mia," said their Mum. "She wasn't sitting up. Then they were given a blood test and diagnosed with a genetic condition called Rett syndrome."

Rett syndrome is a brain disorder that occurs almost exclusively in girls. After birth, girls with classic Rett syndrome have six to 18 months of apparently normal development before developing severe problems with language and communication.

Emma said: "Lucy can't sit unaided so needs to be supported.

Because of Rett syndrome they can't talk but they both have lovely personalities."

The girls attend Fox Wood School, in Warrington, and her parents became aware of the Terrier Hitch Combo Trikes.

Emma explained: "Mia has a personalised physiotherapy programme in place at home and school and activities such as swimming and riding around on a specially adapted bike have been recommended by the children's physiotherapist.

"Mia was assessed for a Terrier Hitch Combo Trike but there's no way we could get one for Mia and not for Lucy so we approached The Boparan Charitable Trust and the Steve Morgan Foundation and they met the cost between them. We are so grateful.

"The trikes mean that instead of going in a specially adapted wheelchair they're able to ride around and be included. It means we can do normal things as a family and it makes such a difference.

"As soon as you put Mia on her trike she wants to get going. She gets so excited and wants to go straight away. It's lovely to hear them laughing and seeing them enjoy themselves."

Jane Harris, director of regional funding at the Steve Morgan Foundation, said: "Sometimes the smallest awards can make the biggest difference. This isn't a typical award for us but we were delighted to help and put a smile on Mia and Lucy's faces."

ANDY CARTER MP

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Speaking on the award, Bill Bradley, Owner and MD of BAS North West said "I am over the moon that we have won this award and it is a reflection of the hard work put in by all of the team, including the engineers, office staff, management, marketing and everyone involved in making BAS a success. I am proud of the progress and development BAS continues to make each year and our goal is to constantly strive to bring innovative, unique and hopefully life-changing products to the market."



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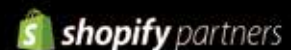
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Making Tax Digital

The whole of the UK economy is facing the prospect of massive traumas over the next few months and years. Coronavirus has caused a massive upset. Not only has the economy suffered it's biggest recorded contraction in the last quarter, but as the much welcomed government support under the Job Retention Scheme comes to an end we are seeing huge redundancies, especially in the retail and service industries, being announced. And on top of that, Brexit is beginning to rear it's ugly head again, with all of the resulting uncertainty in international trading relationships faced by UK institutions and industry.

With all this coming rapidly down the road you would expect the government to try and avoid causing more upset. Do not believe it! The whole of British business, including micro and small businesses are facing even more upset with the proposed extension of Making Tax Digital ("MTD"). Oh apologies, I meant, of course, Making Tax Digital.

On 21 July the Treasury set out a first draft of the government's ten-year plan to modernise the tax administration system, including restarting MTD program which had ground been delayed by Brexit and the coronavirus pandemic.

Value Added Tax

Firstly, VAT. Currently the MTD regime is only compulsory for VAT registered traders who are required to be VAT registered as they have taxable turnover of over £85,000. An estimated one million VAT registered businesses with lower annual turnover are not required to enter the MTD regime. It has now been confirmed that all VAT registered traders will have to use

MTD compatible software to file their VAT returns with effect for VAT periods starting on and after 1 April 2022. They will also be required to keep the VAT records in a digital format.

Around 30% of these small VAT-registered businesses have already been using MTD software voluntarily. The strategy paper says "there have also been lessons learned, which will be used to inform and shape the introduction of the next phases of digital implementation". Those lessons are certainly required, and need to extend beyond the fairytales told by Quickbooks in their TV advertising.

Income Tax

And then we come to Income Tax. The MTD programme was originally planned to start with quarterly reporting for income tax, but the focus switched to VAT as it was perceived to be an easier transition for businesses that were used to making at least quarterly returns.

The ten-year plan sets a goal of April 2023 for micro self-employed businesses and unincorporated landlords to commence quarterly reporting through MTD software, and to keep digital records. Around four million unincorporated businesses and landlords with annual turnover exceeding £10,000 per year will be drawn into MTD.

However, the roll-out may be different to that initially envisaged as HMRC says it will draw on everything that has been learned from the implementation of the VAT service to date, and responses to the MTD evaluation document, which was published in March.

Corporation Tax

Finally, Corporation Tax. We have been waiting nearly four years for a consultation document on MTD for corporation tax, and now we are promised such a paper will be published in the autumn.

There is no mention of MTD for complex bodies such as large partnerships. When MTD for income tax was first proposed it was quickly apparent that quarterly reporting would not be practical for very large partnerships and LLPs which operate more like companies, but are legally partnerships where the individual partners pay income tax.

The thorny problem of mixed partnerships - LLPs with corporate members - was not addressed at all in the original MTD proposals. It will be interesting to see if the consultation paper released in the autumn squares the circle of corporation tax and income tax reporting by the same body

Paying The Right Tax

Most people recognise their responsibility to pay the right amount of tax, and the government is also exploring the timing and frequency of tax payments, to make them more "real time" to align with the reporting of tax information. HMRC says it wants to make it as easy as possible for people to pay the right amount of tax and make it harder for taxpayers to avoid paying tax. The government argues that using digital technologies, which permit HMRC to make interventions earlier, will prevent tax loss and reduce the tax gap.

Administration

The final part of the introduction of MTD is to identify a range of changes to include updating:



Margaret Black and David Watkinson

- Obligations of taxpayers and HMRC
- Penalties and sanctions for failing to comply with obligations
- Taxpayers rights and safeguards
- How taxpayers are identified and register with HMRC
- How tax liabilities are identified amended and assessed.

The plan says "Taxpayers should be able to view their tax position and tell HMRC anything it needs to know through a single online account." This implies that the personal tax account and business tax account will be merged.

The plan calls for the changes to be introduced steadily. We certainly agree with this. Education is critical. People operating small businesses are not bookkeepers, and our experience is that there are frequently extensive errors in the records even of those businesses currently caught by MTD. In the past, HMRC have placed much more emphasis on penalties and sanctions than on education. Hopefully, this will change in the future. Unfortunately, we very much doubt it.

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Rylands unveil ambitious plans to bring professional football to town

WITH ambitious plans to bring professional football to the town Rylands FC have renamed the club Warrington Rylands 1906 FC.

Currently playing at their highest ever level and former player and Triple S Sports & Entertainment Group MD Paul Stretford at the helm, the name change is the first phase of the that future plan.

The club has a rich history in the town.

In 1805 John Rylands and Sons were formed in Warrington to produce Iron and Steel Products and went on to become one of the towns biggest employers, and a leading manufacturer and exporter both in the UK and internationally.

Over the next 100 years, the business grew from strength to strength so much so that the Towns famous Rugby League Club became known as the "Wires".

The turn of the century saw the business grow from strength to strength and decided to invest in a facility that could be used to keep its employers fit and healthy both in a sporting and leisure perspective. Eventually they found a suitable site for their ambitions situated between Gorsey Lane and Orford Lane on the East side of Warrington and developed Rylands Recreation Club, providing opportunities for the workforce and their families to enjoy relaxation and sport. At the centre of this magnificent jewel was the Clubhouse building which provided facilities for indoor sports and a bar. The grounds were converted to create a Rugby Pitch, Cricket Field, Bowling Green, Tennis Courts and a Football Pitch situated in the same enclosed grounds as the Rylands FC first team play today. In 1906, the Clubhouse and Grounds were officially opened and the Rylands Works Association Football Team played football on their new home ground for the very first time. The pitch and facilities were the envy of most other teams in the area including Everton FC, whom Rylands hosted during this time.

Recently, another internationally renowned business based in Warrington has followed in the Rylands Bros footsteps to return the venue to former glories. Triple S Sports & Entertainment Group and its Managing Director Paul Stretford have slowly started to breathe life back in to this famous venue and facilities, with improvements to the Football Grounds and Clubhouse facilities, and further improvements scheduled to take place as development plans are approved.

At the forefront of this plan is the commitment to establish the Rylands Football 1st Team and enable it to compete at the highest level possible, with the ultimate ambition to bring Professional Football to the town.

Sitting alongside that is a strong



Paul Stretford

Community Club for junior, youth and senior football for both boys, girls, women and men. All of this will be supported by improved pitch and changing facilities alongside an improved hospitality and event space, which will include private hire and function suites and state of the art modern business meeting and conference facilities available to the local population and business community alike.

The decision to rename Rylands FC as Warrington Rylands 1906 FC is the first part of that future plan.

Paul Stretford, Managing Director of Triple S Sports & Entertainment Group said: "Having played at Rylands Football Club for over a decade in the mid 1970's and 80's and following a successful launch and rebranding of the clubhouse - "Stretties Sports Bar & Grill" - as Warrington's premier Sports Bar open to members, players, their families and the local community. We now take another step forward with the launch of Warrington Rylands 1906 FC as we continue our progress on and off the pitch to become one of Warrington's senior professional Football teams.

"As recognition of the foresight, hard work and ambitions of the Rylands Brothers when they opened the Rylands Recreation Club in 1906, Warrington Rylands 1906 will play in the North West Counties Premier League for the 2020-21 Season and continue to state our ambition to achieve promotion to the Northern Premier League.

"The team were on course to achieve that objective when the Coronavirus Pandemic forced the end of the 2019-20 season with the Club sitting second in the league at the point the FA declared the season null and void. But I can promise that our resolve has been tested but not deterred. I hope the hard core of supporters and sponsors continue to support the club and look forward to welcoming new fans and sponsors alike to the Gorsey Lane Ground during the course of this coming season.

"Of course, in this year of unprecedented times our thoughts go out to all the people of Warrington who were affected by Covid-19 and our appreciation goes out to all those on the frontline for their dedication and resolve. During the course of next season, we will celebrate and honour their achievements, as well raising money for the Warrington & Halton NHS Hospital".

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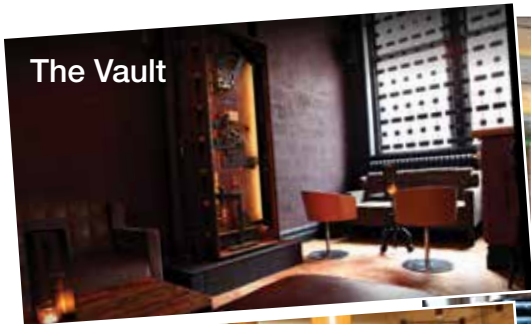
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