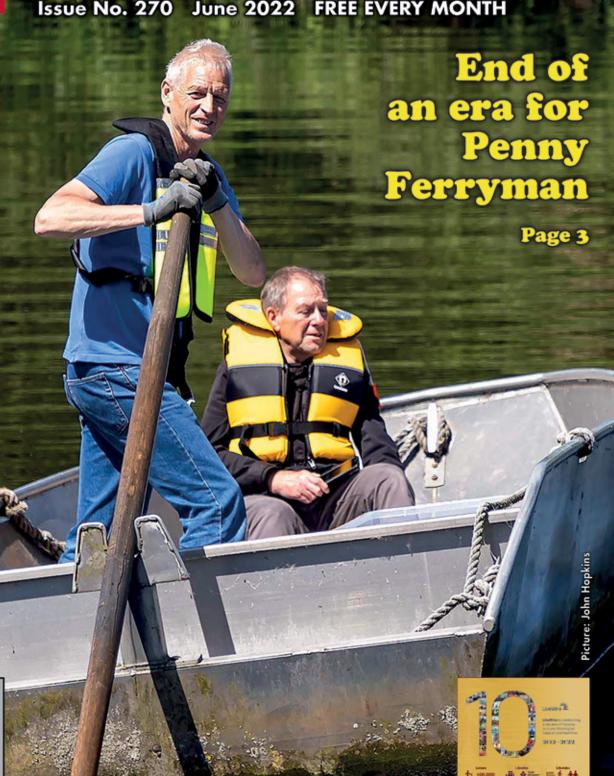
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# Editor's Comment



THERE will be a lot of disappointed, frustrated and angry people following the Government's decision not to call in the controversial Six56 logistics development on Green Belt land near Appleton Thorn.

The Secretary of State decided not to call in the planning application by Langtree, approved 7-5 by Labour members of the borough council's development management committee, on the grounds that it should be a local decision - a local decision that is being currently challenged by local campaigners, who claim due process was not

At the time of press, I was still awaiting a statement from the council regarding the complaints, which alleges two members of the planning committee were not suitable. planning committee were not suitably qualified, having not completed the necessary training to enable them to vote on such a complex and important planning application. A complaint has also been made that the leader of the council, Cllr. Russ Bowden did not declare an interest in the application, as a director of Wire Regeneration - a joint venture between the borough council and Langtree.

Whatever the outcome, the most disappointing element is when an important decision like this, which impacts our green belt, appears to

be political.

When more than 1,000 people raise objections to something, our elected representatives should surely listen, not just to them - but also those who have been democratically elected to represent them. Is it little wonder many people are losing faith in the democratic process?

Every single democratically elected person representing the area impacted, opposed this development, as well as local MP Andy Carter. Yet the decision to allow it was made by those on the opposite side of town. Is this a true democracy?

If the decision is ruled null and void and has to be reconsidered, it will be a first in my reporting career, so I am not holding my breath.

Meanwhile, on a more positive

note, I would like to congratulate all those involved in organising community events, especially the many Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations taking place across the town. After the past two years we certainly all need something to lift our spirits!

The latest organisations to benefit from a Warrington Worldwide Legacy Project grant of £500 include Lymm Festival- which makes a welcome return after being impacted by COVID. We are also delighted to be the main media partner for the TedX event taking place at the Pyramid which you can read all about elsewhere in this edition. As another beneficiary of a Legacy Project grant we have now donated a total of £4,500 to community organisations.

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# End of an era as Penny Ferryman hangs up his oar

IT will mark the end of an era when ferryman Kevin Wilkinson retires after almost 20 years of operating the historic Penny Ferry across the Manchester Ship Canal at Thelwall.

When Kevin hangs up his oar this month, it is understood the rowing boat will be replaced with a motorboat, although this is yet to be confirmed by operators Peel.

Meanwhile, grandad of six Keyin, who works 365 days a year, including Christmas Day, is looking forward to spending more time with his grandchildren while taking a well-earned rest from his duties.

Launched way back in 1894, to continue a public right of way

across the newly constructed Manchester Ship Canal, inflation has seen the ferry charge increase from 1p to 11p or 20p return. Describing it as "the best job

in the world" during the summer, Kevin says he couldn't do another winter, which can be tough going. Meanwhile Kevin is a hugely popular character who will be sadly

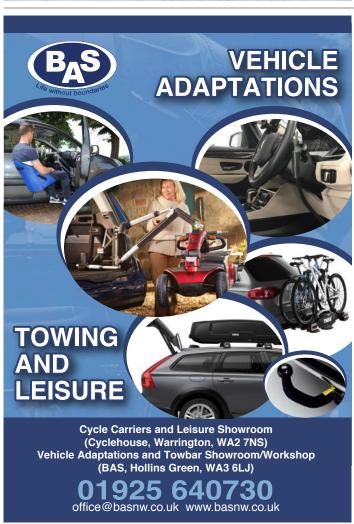
missed by his passengers, who are mainly walkers who number on average around 600 a year.

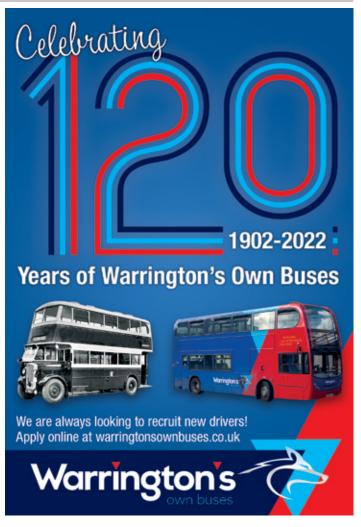
His most unusual clients were a group of boating enthusiasts, who after experiencing some of the largest ships in the world, wanted to sail on one of the smallest!

The ferry is an aluminum rowing boat that is operated with one rear oar from a neat little jetty when needed from 7am to 9am, 12 noon to 2pm and 4pm to 6pm.









## New Businesses launch on the Warrington high-street

FIVE new businesses have opened on the Warrington high street as the town bounces back from the impact of the pandemic.

Whilst some towns and cities are wrapped up in trying to salvage what they had, Warrington appears to be rewriting the high street and developing an offer that works for the

The aesthetics of the town centre are evolving, the offer is shifting, and the new businesses that have chosen Warrington as their new home are what would be expected to see pop up in cities across the UK and further

In recent months a diverse selection of new businesses set up shop within Time Square, Golden Square and in the quarters across the town centre.

Here's a few that have chosen

Warrington as the new home for their business.

Local resident, Doug Brown has opened the Warrington franchise of Geek Retreat on Crown Street after 20 years working for leading brands in the hospitality and catering industry. Doug is on a mission to share his love for all things geeky – from games and superhero movies to anime and sci-fi. Geek Retreat is the friendliest place to meet, eat, trade and game. Its vibrant venue offers comfort eats, non-stop sunny service and shakes.

The Brass Monkey Sports Bar and Nightclub opened in Cairo Street at the end of April, it is the first of the Hive WA1 offerings and is based in

the former Fat Cat Ball Room unit.

Sports, music and live performances do well in Warrington, but the owners are also going to take the venue down the club route. Warrington has seen a gap on the nightclub front since losing the legendary Mr Smiths. Let's hope Brass Monkey can bring back some nostalgia of the nightclub days of the town centre.

All the rumours are true... SKECHERS has officially opened in the Golden Square in May. They are guaranteed to be your go-to shop if you're looking for comfortable yet affordable shoes in different styles.

a family-focused Skechers was founded to put people first – offering comfort and care to customers. Skechers' shoes are comfortable, supportive and offer fantastic performance.

Located near Costa, the store



provides a variety of Men's, women, and children footwear. They also stock clothing and accessorie's such as bags, sunglasses, and socks.

Another new arrival to the Golden Square is Jamaica Blue, delivering contemporary café dishes with a twist. Their belief is to source the very best coffee and deliver this to the people of Warrington.

They are located next to Boots, open 7 days a week serving great coffee and food, with their passionate crew of chefs, baristas, and service

Their name, Jamaica Blue, is drawn from the majestic Blue Mountains of Jamaica, one of the best coffee producing regions in the world and home to their exclusive Jamaica Blue Mountain coffee, They pride themselves on offering a diverse range of high-quality dishes, freshly made on the premises, and prepared using premium, local ingredients.

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# No Brainer bags Healthcare Campaign of the Year at PRmoment Awards

WARRINGTON-based Digital PR, SEO and content agency, No Brainer, has been awarded Healthcare Campaign of the Year at this year's PRmoment Awards.

at this year's PRmoment Awar No Brainer were awarded the top spot for their work with MAC Clinical Research, one of Europe's leading clinical research firms. The digital communications agency worked alongside MAC Clinical Research to support their marketing team in exposing the brand and its range of clinical trials to new, niche audiences through traditional and non-traditional PR activity.

activity.

Working to change the narrative and perceptions of clinical trials in the UK, No Brainer increased trial volunteer sign-ups through an innovative blend of influencer marketing, UX website enhancements, leveraging strong brand spokespeople, advertorials and targeted media placements.

No Brainer was also shortlisted in three other categories at the Awards: Independent Agency of the Year, Integrated Agency of the Year and Senior Account Manager, Hannah Jones, was shortlisted for

Hannah Jones, was shortlisted for Young Professional of the Year.

The award win comes after No Brainer was named PR Agency of the Year at the CIPR PRide Awards earlier this year.
Gary Jenkins, director and cofounder of No Brainer, said of the award win: "I'm so proud of the team for this award – it really goes to show that we're at the forefront

team for this award – it really goes to show that we're at the forefront of digital marketing, leading the way with both traditional and nontraditional tactics.

"We're proud to be a dataled agency, combining intelligent insights with creative ideas to produce great results – and our work with MAC really is a testament to that. For each campaign, the team does its homework and tailors its approach according to the findings of its research – finding new platforms and avenues to promote MAC's current trials. This really is a well-deserved win – well done to the team!

"We're also so proud to have

"We're also so proud to have been nominated in three other categories at the PRmoment

Awards. Although we didn't win, getting shortlisted in four categories is an achievement in itself and I'm proud of the team for getting this

type of peer recognition."
The PRmoment Awards celebrate excellence and recognise and

reward outstanding campaigns and exceptional talent in the UK PR and Communications sector.

For more information about No Brainer and its team, visit www. nobraineragency.co.uk







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# Best way to appreciate new Youth Zone is to get involved

by John Laverick - Warrington & Co

I was very pleased to be invited to and have a guided tour around the new Youth Zone a couple of weeks ago. The problem is, I can't really do justice to this facility on paper.

Not only are the facilities fantastic but the ethos and purpose of the Youth Zone can only really be appreciated in context of what the building does. in context of what the building does. It offers probably every constructive activity that I could think of from boxing to cooking, hairdressing to art, which together with a hot food offer and most importantly someone to talk to if needed, should make this a great place for young people to go to. And that is the point to engage young people to get them off the streets and into something constructive, either literally of as part of the development of the rest of their

life.

The best way to appreciate this is to get involved either as a young person or if you really want to get some life satisfaction as a volunteer. I don't think the website does it justice either, but it is clear that a huge amount of thought has gone into the offer, style, approach and manner in which the WYZ approaches and engages young people. Truly humbling to see its potential.

Warrington & Co have had a long association with the project having created the site by relocating the Showmen from their long established

site on Dallam Lane, but I was really impressed with what Onside have done in and around the facility and really extracted every ounce of value out of the site and its location on Dallam Lane in between the UTC and Central Station, near the bus

and Certific Station, field the bus interchange
I really would encourage people to get involved. The opening is planned for 2nd July.

for 2nd July.

In other news we are starting to see more information come through on the UK's Shared Prosperity Fund (of which I will write next month) and a number of large scale new employment opportunities. I mention these as the link between these two is not immediately apparent but it is part of an overall approach, strategy may be too strong a word, that looks to bring all these elements together that an economically successful borough needs to grow.

together that an economically successful borough needs to grow. Businesses need people and people need businesses and young people who are able to engage, learn and take on responsibility are key to any businesses.

people have the opportunity to engage with training and education and take up the opportunities that employment developments within the borough offer. Recent employment developments have the ability to deliver new jobs within the borough through a large of seniorities and salaries and I do believe that many of these will be taken up by young people in Warrington. Warrington & Co undertake developments and links businesses to people and we see this operate effectively all the time and I trust we will soon be seeing this with new employment opportunities as The engagement of young people is critical to this, as I have written before regeneration and development takes time and the true new employment opportunities as they come through the local plan.



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beneficiaries of this are the young people with whom the YZ seeks to engage, to make sure that young people have the opportunity to

### Creamfields organisers pledge to make some changes following concerns raised by residents

the annual festival have ORGANISERS of ORGANISERS of the annual Creamfields music festival have pledged to make some changes ahead of this year's event during a public meeting hosted by Warrington South MP Andy Carter.

Mr Carter hosted a second open meeting for residents in Hatton, Stretton and Walton with Creamfields Festival Organiser John Probyn in

Festival Organiser John Probyn, in preparation for the music festival

later this year.

later this year.

The meeting held at the parish rooms in Higher Walton follows a similar event after the 2021 festival highlighting concerns with dangerous parking, a lack of event marshals and difficulties with access for residents to the control of the contr

difficulties with access for residents to their homes during the event.

As well as Borough and Parish Councillors from each village, the meeting was also attended by Cheshire Police who gave an update on Operation Servator to secure the site and prevent drugs from being available to festival-goers.

Commenting after the meeting Mr Carter said: "More than 80,000 music lovers converge on South

music lovers converge on South

Warrington for this festival each year, it benefits our local economy with millions of pounds going to the hospitality sector but it also impacts

people who live nearby.

"The festival organisers have made "The festival organisers have made a number of changes after feedback received last year, in particular moving some of the car parks close to houses, increasing the number of security officers outside the perimeter and building a temporary footbridge over Daresbury Lane to allow the road to stay open to residents."

Mr Carter added: "Organisers are keen to hear from local charities who may want to support the post-event clear-up operation, collecting tents

clear-up operation, collecting tents and camping equipment left behind. There will be a further open meeting for residents in early July where the traffic management company will provide a briefing on temporary will provide a briefing on temporary traffic orders which will be in place during the bank holiday weekend."

Anyone who wants to attend the open meeting can email Andy. Carter.MP@parliament.uk



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# St Rocco's Passes Go to become first to feature on new Monopoly board game

WITH more than 4,000 votes pouring in for Warrington charities to feature on the town's brand new official MONOPOLY board – the first charity and indeed organisation to 'Pass GO' is St Rocco's Hospice!

St. Rocco's Hospice topped a public vote for three Warrington charities to feature in the game on the board's three Community Chest spaces. The hospice's mission is to support terminally ill people and their families and they have been doing this since being set up in 1985.

"We're thrilled to have made it onto the board," says Russ Fry, Marketing and Communications Manager at St. Rocco's Hospice.

"We are also very excited at this opportunity to raise more awareness for our charity. A very big thank you to everyone who nominated us.

"Since 1985 we have been working to ensure everyone in our community diagnosed with a life-limiting disease can live well, and

towards the end of their life have a dignified death in a place of their choice. We care for the whole person and those who matter to them."

The new board will see every one of the multi-coloured famous property sites like Mayfair and Park Lane handed over to Warrington landmarks. The Golden Gates, Walton Hall & Gardens, The Transporter Bridge and the rugby club are all being hotly tipped to land on leading squares.

on leading squares.
Jennifer Lau, Custom Games
Executive at Winning Moves UK —
who are producing the board under
licensing from Hasbro – said "A huge
congratulations to St. Rocco's, who
topped our charity poll.
"Three Warrington charities are

Three Varrington charities are each getting to feature on the board's three Community Chest locations. The response from the public was overwhelming and thank you to

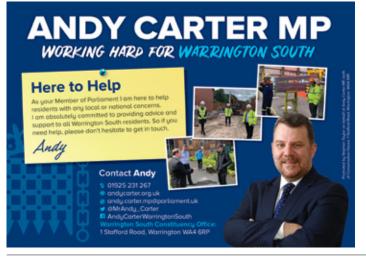
everyone who sent in nominations.

"There were more than 4,000 votes specifically for charities. And about the same number of suggestions generally for landmarks in the town.

"The game is being released in October in time for this Christmas. The other charities featuring on the board will be revealed then."

In March this year, it was announced that Warrington is getting its very own official version of the world's most popular board game. The announcement was made at The Golden Gates and at the time the public was invited to send in general nominations and suggestions for landmarks and organisations to feature in the game. Later a separate specific poll for charities took place.

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TICKETS for the Vaudeville Show at Lymm Rugby Club on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 21, 22 and 23 July, are now on sale to the general public.

The show, performed by the world renowned Lymm Panto troupe, has a classic variety show format, and will be on stage in the rugby clubhouse for three consecutive nights.

"This is an all-seated, theatre show for 150 each night and our lovely and loyal audience can expect great entertainment with some classic favourites like 'Cheap

Flights', 'Send in the Clowns' and Charlie the vent dummy,' said impresario and show creator Simon

"We are also producing new sketches and songs, routines. This classic variety-style show is great fun, not to be missed

and now in its seventh year!"

"It is recommended you buy tickets, at £25 each as soon as

possible as we are expecting a sell-out, commented Simon.

All proceeds go to the Lymm Grass Roots Clubhouse Appeal.

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## Bawming the Thorn is back!

The annual Bawming the Thorn tradition is back after a break due to the

This year it is being held on June 18 when the roads around the village will be closed from 11.50am until 1pm.

The procession, which begins at Appleton Thorn Village Hall, leaves at 12 noon and parades around the village, led by the Cadishead Public Band and arrives at the tree for the ceremony at 12.30pm.

Interim 'entertainment' at the tree will be carried out by Mark Olly.

The year six children of Appleton Thorn Primary School will dance around the tree singing to the Bawming song. Bawm meaning decorate, where the tree is decorated with bows and ribbons.

The original tree is reputed to be planted by Adam-de-Dutton, a knight returning from the crusades and planting a cutting from the Glastonbury thorn.

After the ceremony the procession will make its way back to the field at the

village hall where there will be stalls, performances and attractions for all ages.

Admittance is £1 per person with children under 13 free.

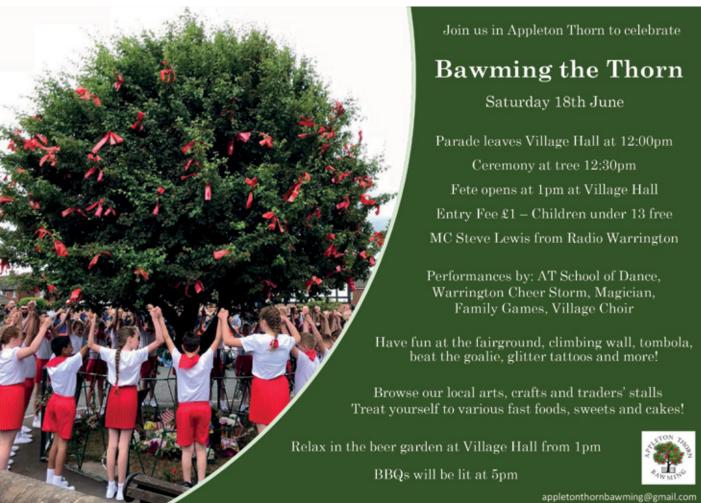
The MC for the event will be Steve Lewis from Radio Warrington. The committee would like to thank previous MC, Jim Jefferies for being MC for the

last 12 years.

St Cross Church will be hosting a Jubilee Festival with Flowers on Bawming weekend 17th-19th at 11am to 3pm and 1pm to 4pm on Bawming Day.

The village hall bar opens to the public at 1pm, at approximately 5pm the BBQ's will be lit for you to cook your own meat and enjoy a selection of salads provided by the village hall. Everyone is welcome.





# Warrington's newest railway station wins award



Retail Supervisor Lewis Evans, Cllr Steve Parish, and Northern Railway Regional Stakeholder Manager Owain Roberts

## THE railway station at Warrington West, which opened in 2019, has won an award for best kept station in Warrington and Halton.

Warrington Borough Cllr Steve Parish (Lab, Chapelford and Old Hall) presented the award, in the shape of the old British Railways "totem", to staff at the station recently.

Cllr Parish, who worked for British Rail in the 1970s, has been involved with Council officers in trying to secure a better service

Cllr Parish, who worked for British Rail in the 1970s, has been involved with Council officers in trying to secure a better service at the railway station, after cuts during Covid left the station with just one stopping train an hour in each direction.

Timetable changes to address congestion in Manchester will see

express services return to the station next December in the morning and evening peak, along with an extra off-peak stopping train between Liverpool and Warrington Central with a fast connection to Manchester.

Cllr Parish said: "It's great to add this award to the award for the station's design, and passenger numbers are building up again despite the poor frequency. Warrington has lost out because of the cuts in Manchester, but we'll keep pressing for a better service".

















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## **Charlotte Nichols reselected to** stand in Warrington North

WARRINGTON North MP Charlotte Nichols has been unanimously reselected to stand for Labour again at the next General Election, whenever that might be.

Commenting on her reselection Charlotte said: "The next General get rid of this scandal-mired, incompetent Government, frankly

can't come soon enough.

"I'm proud to have been reselected unanimously by all

participating branches affiliated organisations Warrington North Constituency Labour Party, as Labour's candidate ready for when the time comes." She added: "I want to thank

every participating member, Branch, Trade Union and affiliate

for unanimously reselecting the Labour candidate Warrington North.

"It has been an honour and privilege to represent Warrington North since 2019 – championing and advocating for our town's communities.

"I am thankful for the continued trust and support of my constituents to get on with the job of tackling the cost of living crisis and building towards a Labour government that delivers for Warrington and

The MP's arrival in Warrington North met with some controversy when originally selected for the 2019 election, as she won the nomination over local candidates.

She went on to win the election, holding off a strong challenge from Conservative candidate from Conservative candidate Wendy Maisey with a majority of just 1,509 compared to a Labour majority of over 9,000 when her predecessor, Helen Jones was last elected in 2017.

### Jubilee fun for the family at Warrington Library

WARRINGTON Central Library is inviting families to join in the Jubilee fun from 10.30am on Saturday 4th June with lots of activities to celebrate the Queen's platinum milestone.

The family fun day includes a performance from The Warrington Signing Choir, storytelling from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service including a chance to have a look around their fire engine, and an interactive history role play from Imagining Histories. There will also be lots of

opportunities to get crafting with Union Jack bunting, a 3D printing demo, jewellery-making and cake decorating, as well as paper crafts and calligraphy from Mulan

Culture and Warrington Museum's ever popular Crafternoons.

Throughout the day artist Stef Woof will be creating a piece of artwork with the help of everyone who attends which will then become a permanent mural commemorating the Platinum Jubilee.

You can take a break with tea and cake while you watch the Jubilee slide show and take a trip

Jubilee slide show and take a trip down memory lane with items from the museum collection and items specially made by some of Warrington craft groups.

The Jubilee celebrations mark the launch of Warrington LitFest (June 4-11) - a full week of events organised by LiveWire to encourage reading for pleasure encourage reading for pleasure.





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# TEDx on track to promote growth, development and wellbeing in Warrington

TEDx-talks are coming to Warrington this June involving inspirational speakers from across the region and beyond. With talks on topics as diverse as mental health, conservation, neurodiversity, disability, music and comedy, the evening promises to be a learning smorgasbord and event highlight for 2022.

So, how well do you know the global TED and TEDx brands? And what will TEDx offer Warrington? We asked organiser and Warrington business-owner Kirsty James to answer some key questions.

### Why is TEDx good news for Warrington?

Obtaining the Warrington licence and bringing TEDx talks to Warrington is a huge cultural milestone for the town and one that has already generated huge amounts of positive feedback and social engagement.

This is a community event that will enhance the cultural fabric of the town. It brings a global brand to Warrington and shines the spotlight on the town, the Pyramid Parr Hall venue, local people and congenisations. organisations.

The chosen theme 'Build Connection and Strengthen Communities' and talk categories 'Embracing Change'

and 'Diversity and Inclusion', were chosen to complement Warrington's independent thinking and collaborative spirit and reflect the challenges of 2020-21. They align perfectly with the exciting redevelopment and cultural priorities of a town that is asserting a strong position as a vibrant point of connectivity in the North.

#### What is TED?

Possibly one of the most famous speaker conferences globally, TED is a non-profit organisation devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading that started as a four-day conference in California 30 years ago.

#### What is TEDx?

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organised events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. These local, self-organised events are branded TEDx, where x = independentlyorganised TED event.

What are the TEDxWarrington plans?

The event will run at the Pyramid Parr Hall, Warrington on Thursday 23 June and involve up to 10 speakers.

#### Who is behind TEDxWarrington?

There are several groups of people involved in this event.

The Team - both a core organising team and an external support team.

The Event Partners - offer services, products and support to the event.

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The Speakers – our rising stars with their great Ideas Worth Spreading.

I'd invite you to visit the website www.tedxwarrington.com to read more about the people behind TEDxWarrington. might even pick up a top TED-talk recommendation too as everyone has shared their favourite.

#### Why is TEDx so valuable as an event format?

Let me quote our TEDx speaker coach, Catherine Sandland, "TEDx speakers present ideas that spark curiosity, start conversations and challenge beliefs and behaviour".

#### Will there only be talks?

You'll have to attend to find out but let's say we're keen to introduce

#### What will the programme involve?

This hasn't yet been shared yet. 12 speaker candidates have been in secret rehearsals and the final line up will be announced in June. What can say is that there are some

hidden gems about to hit the stage

#### Can you share 3 TED / TEDx facts?

- 1.TED has over 14.7 million subscribers & had over 2.6 billion
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#### Why should people support it?

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#### Are tickets available?

Tickets were released by the Pyramid Parr Hall Box Office on 18 May and sold out in hours. A waitlist system is now in operation via the www. tedxwarrington.com website for any subsequent releases of tickets. Tickets have also been ringfenced for our event sponsors.

#### Are there ways to support this event?

As a non-commercial event, the organising team are reliant on the goodwill of Warrington people and organisations to cover event costs by organisations to cover event costs by way of ticket and sponsor revenue. Organisers will be announcing confirmed sponsors very shortly but there is still chance to support something special and give back to the Warrington community plus benefit from some promotional benefit from some promotional exposure and a ticket. Get in touch to find out more.

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# Mental health campaigners lead 'Thank You Day' Parkrun Jubilee plans



LEADING mental health campaigners journalist and broadcaster Alastair Campbell and former professional footballer Clarke Carlisle visited Warrington Parkrun recently to help launch special 'Thank You day' events as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

With former Burnley FC Footballer Clarke now living in Newcastle and Alastair, a passionate Burnley FC supporter, living in London – Warrington was the perfect location to launch the campaign to help raise

mental health awareness.

Both men have suffered with mental health issues and are keen to help remove the stigma about talking

about it.

Organisers are calling on everyone, young and old, runners, walkers, spectators and their friends and family to get involved and join their local parkrun or junior parkrun on the weekend of 4th and 5th June.

Up to 1,000 parkruns and junior parkruns take place across the country every weekend. They are an opportunity for communities to come together in the great outdoors, enjoy one another's company, see old friends and make new ones, and take part in the wider Thank You Day celebrations.

The campaign behind 'Thank You Day' is also suggesting that people bring along a picnic as a way of coming together with up to ten million people across the country and getting behind Britain's biggest ever street party.

street party.

Launching the plans Alastair, probably best known for his days as an adviser to Tony Blair's Government, said: "Thank You Day is all about bringing us together and recognising what's important. That means thanking the people who

make the difference in our lives, coming together as a community, and making sure we tackle the feelings of isolation and loneliness that have

when the state of to let life get in the way. That's why the Thank You Day parkruns are so important.

"On the Saturday and Sunday of the Queen's Jubilee Weekend, there will be hundreds of parkrun events taking place up and down the country. Every single one is free, and

everyone is welcome.
"So whether you're a walker or a runner, a volunteer or spectator, it's time to get involved. Invite the neighbours, rope in your family and bring your friends. And if you'd like to join the biggest street party ever, pack your picnic and let's all get together to celebrate Thank You

Day."

Clarke added: "Thank You Day is a brilliant initiative, and it's fantastic that Parkrun is getting involved. This is a day for us all to come together and the stock of what's important – and I take stock of what's important - and I can't think of any better way of doing that the joining your friends, families

and neighbours at a parkrun."

Thank You Day will take place this year on Sunday, June 5. Organisers hope 10 million people will take part in events across the country.

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# **Linancially yours**

By David Watkinson

# Can you get any help to counter some of the current high inflation rate?

As I write this inflation has hit 9%, it's highest rate for 40 years. The last time was in 1982 when all shops were closed by law on a Sunday, there were only 3 television channels which broadcast from lunchtime each day, and there were only 4 national radio stations all of which were operated by the BBC.

All expectation is that, despite the efforts of government, inflation will take years to come back down again. Indeed, many commentators are predicting that it may even increase further. Additionally, whilst the headline rate is 9%, the actual rate is currently calculated at about 10.5% for poorer households due to the largest increases being in fuel and in basic foodstuffs.

The next budget is due in the Autumn, but the Chancellor is under increasing pressure from all sides to bring in mitigating measures sooner, such as a reduction in the rate of VAT charged, or

shortening the previously announced freezing of tax allowances and thresholds until April 2026. However, there are a small number of things that you may meanwhile be able to do yourself.

Firstly, if you are married or in a civil partnership, AND one partner is a non-taxpayer and the other pays tax at basic rate, then the non-taxpayer can transfer 10% of his or her personal allowance to the other partner. This will save £250 in tax each year at present. Additionally, if the same conditions applied in previous years then the claim can be backdated for up to 6 years, resulting in a one-off tax refund of up to approximately £1,250.

It is very easy to apply and details of how to do so are at Apply for Marriage Allowance-GOV.UK (www. gov.uk).

**Secondly,** and as an extension to the above, if you earn above £50,270

then you will be paying tax at 40% on the excess rather than the basic rate of 20%. If you are above this income then you may be able to reduce your income to below this threshold by paying into a pension scheme. In the extreme, if you are earning £50,320 then you will not be a basic rate taxpayer and hence ineligible for the Marriage Allowance. However, provided only that your partner is a nontaxpayer then paying £51 into a pension will enable you to claim the £250 Marriage Allowance. Additionally, your contributions into the scheme will be grossed up by 25%!

Thirdly, if you have children and are receiving child benefit then a high-income charge, effectively clawing back the benefit, will be applied if your own or your partner's income is above £50,000. To avoid the clawback then you can similarly pay into a pension to reduce your income to



Margaret Black and David Watkinson

below this threshold and retain the child benefit. Again, any contributions will be grossed up by 25%.

Some people avoid the highincome charge by simply not claiming the child benefit. One very important thing to remember is that you will get Class 3 National Insurance Credits if you are registered for Child Benefit for a child under 12 even if you do not receive it, thus preserving your contribution record in respect of state pension. Therefore, do not avoid the high-income charge by just not claiming child benefit. If you are eligible, always register to receive it and then elect not to have it paid.

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# Warrington Wolves announce the capture of three big front-rowers



## WARRINGTON Wolves have announced the signing of three big front-rowers Thomas Mikaele, Sam Kasiano and Gil Dudson.

Mikaele is an explosive ball carrier who joins from Wests Tigers on a two-and-a-half-year deal with immediate effect.

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The 24-year-old New Zealandborn prop will add size to the pack at 6ft 4in and 17st 2lbs and has made 66 NRL appearances. Kasiano and Dudson join from Catalans Dragons on two-year deals for the 2023-2024 seasons.

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The duo bring a wealth of experience in the middle and have been instrumental in the Dragons' recent on-field success in Super League.

At 19st 12lb and 6ft 5in New Zealand and Samoa international Kasiano is a colossus figure through the middle and was named in the Super League Dream Team following a standout season in

Wales international Dudson is another big unit at 6ft 2in and 17st 11lb and is a Grand Final and Challenge Cup Final winner.

Meanwhile, the Wolves have also announced that they will not be retaining the services of winger Josh Charnley when his contract expires at the end of the season.

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