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# Editor's Comment

**I FEAR** troubled times are ahead at Warrington Borough Council in the wake of the ongoing restructuring process which has seen a number of senior officers departing and many staff still fearing for their futures regarding job security and pay.

While I applaud the council on its attempts to be more business like and making better use of public money whenever possible, there is a limit to how much you can cut a service before the wheels start to fall off.

In the case of two jobs becoming one, someone is going to become extremely busy, or someone else has been having a laugh!

I have worked closely with the borough council for the best part of 30 years and year on year the council has been looking to make savings!

While I am sure the budgets are now many millions more than they were 30 years ago it is a fact that many services are not what they were.

## Danger

There is a limit to how many cut backs you can make and I fear the council is now in danger of going too far.

The number of senior experienced officers who have departed or departing must have some kind of impact, while few council departments have escaped financial cut backs.

In this modern world we have all become too reliant on new technology, especially emails. People are being

replaced by computers. Why have a secretary when you've got email!

The days when you picked the phone and spoke to a human being are almost gone – I am just as guilty on that account.

Requests for information now sit hidden away in email queues, leaving those asking the questions

wondering whether they are being dealt with or forgotten.

Some times you wonder if the email has ever arrived!

Perhaps it is time for those running the council to realise their ambitions to be more business like are just too ambitious – there is a million miles between the public sector and the private sector – and the gap is not closing!



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# Twin divers make a splash

**WARRINGTON-born twins Carol and Helen Galashan have been selected to represent Great Britain at this year's World University Games in Belgrade month.**

The pair, who both study Sport and Exercise Science at Leeds Met University are the only British representatives in diving at the games and will compete together in the 10m platform synchro event.

The girls were gold medallists in the 2009 British Diving Championships and are keen to use the university games as a step towards representing Great Britain at the 2012 London Olympics.

Former gymnasts, Carol and Helen

retired after competing in the gymnastics event at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. The inspiration to try their hand at diving came after the twins spotted an ex-gymnast diving at the Melbourne Games. Since the switch the twins have excelled with many domestic and international honours.

On their selection for the Belgrade team, the twins said:

"To be competing on the world stage in a multi-sport event is very exciting for us. We are greatly looking forward to the whole atmosphere of the games including the athletes' village and the opportunity for us to compete outdoors.

"Our hopes for the games are to enjoy the event and gain valuable

experience competing in a major event. With only being involved in diving for two and a half years it is a great opportunity for us to compete on the world stage which will help us in our development and our journey to London 2012."

Competing in the 10m platform synchro event, the twins will have a distinct advantage with a natural understanding of each other that other competitors can spend years training to achieve.

Carol said: "Competing with each other is something we have always dreamed of.

"To be in a sport together, working as a team to achieve our goals is incredible. To have the opportunity to compete in the World University Games together is the best feeling ever and is very exciting."

The girls will compete on July 6 at the Republic Institute of Sport - an outdoor 1500-capacity arena.



## New cafe bar to open

A NEW bar and cafe being launched at the Pyramid Arts Centre, Warrington, is set to be a hub of the community.

It will be launched during the week July 6-11 and staff will be out in the town offering special free treats and tasters of what's to come.

Staff say the breakfast, snack and lunch menus are expected to be popular with office workers and shoppers.

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# Hypnotes

by Michael Mahoney

## Coping with economic downturn

A FEW days ago I was reminiscing with a few friends about an experience I had in the early 1980s, and it was something that changed my life. In those days I was a young chap who was concerned for my job as the economic downturn was closing factories and organisations.

In those days I was in an office and 12 months earlier had been given the job of doing some book-keeping work since the book-keeper had gone off sick. He was a way several months; he had the type of personality that was widely acknowledged as not being the most understanding of people. I was concerned that I did a good job, the books were important, some however more important than others. I was told that every calculation had to be recorded and kept. Then once the calculations had been made it had to be entered into the ledgers. I lost hours of sleep; I worried and lost weight, and smoked more than ever, it was so important to get it right.

To cut a long story short the book-keeper finally returned, the books were fine, despite his grudging acceptance that a young chap had been able to do his job. Then twelve months later the recession hit, jobs were being cut and mine was one of them. Being one of the last few to go, I was given the job to shred whatever I was given, whatever was deemed to be unimportant.

And in the mounds of papers due for shredding, I found the calculation sheets that just 12 months earlier were deemed to be so important, and yet there I was in the process of shredding them! All that worry, all those sleepless nights and there I was shredding the lot. Initially it annoyed me; the cost to me personally seemed high at the time. However the annoyance passed and I enjoyed shredding them. And for me that was a massively important lesson.

I learned how things can change so quickly. I knew doing a good job was important, but learned not for it to be done to the detriment of myself

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or family. And to this day I teach others to understand that there are very few jobs, worth the surrender of our personal health, in either mind or body. In fact I can't think of one, for sooner or later that massively important job, the one that must be done to the deadline will inevitably prove to be less important that it actually appeared to be, and the urgency will pass.

But not always will the emotional or physical cost be as easy to recover from. When the damage is done, it gets more and more difficult to recover.

So I learned a very important lesson, and I have tried to teach it to anyone who will listen. It is much better to learn how to mitigate the effects of destructive routines and work patterns when you still have your health, than it is to change when you are battling poor health too.

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# MP stands down

**WARRINGTON** South MP Helen Southworth has announced that she will not be standing for re-election at the next General Election.

Helen, Labour MP for Warrington South, says she has not made a "sudden decision" but has decided to stand down as a result of a lot of thought over the last 12 months.

She also wants to give local Labour Party chiefs time to find a replacement candidate.

Mrs Southworth (pictured) said: "For 12 years now I have had the tremendous privilege of representing the people of our constituency in Parliament.

"As I go round Warrington and talk to people I keep realising over and over the huge positive changes brought by our Labour Government. It has been a privilege to be part of improving life for local people. I also really value the personal support and friendship I have received from so many people in Warrington."

"It is always very hard to decide it is time to move on. This is not a sudden decision but the result of a lot of thought over the last year as to whether I should stand again for Parliament at the next election."

Coun Steve Wright, chairman of Warrington South Constituency Labour Party, said: "Helen has worked extremely hard for 12 years as our local Member of Parliament and we are very proud of her and what she has achieved. We know she will carry on doing her best for local people right up to Election Day. She wants to move on from Parliament then for family reasons and to focus



on work to protect vulnerable children. We support her absolutely."

Warrington South Labour Party will choose a Parliamentary candidate in the next few weeks. We will all work together with Helen, to let people know what the Labour Government has achieved for local families and communities, and to elect a Labour MP in Warrington South at the next election".



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### War veterans could be exempt from inheritance tax

War veterans, including doctors and nurses – and even journalists – who were wounded or fell ill on active service could be exempt from inheritance tax if it can be proved after their death that they died as a result, even indirectly, of their injuries.

Gemma Kelly of Forshaws Davies Ridgway LLP, recently represented the family of a Second World War veteran.

The gentleman in question passed away recently from bronchial pneumonia, but Gemma and the FDR team successfully claimed back all inheritance tax on his estate by showing that his death was indirectly linked to a wound he received in Burma in the 1940s. As a soldier, he had received a shrapnel injury to the head which was treated with the insertion of a metal plate. Gemma highlighted how this led to later health conditions and ultimately the fatal bronchial pneumonia.

All inheritance tax, worth over £20,000 was returned to the family. Gemma calls for anybody injured in conflict, or the families of lost loved-ones, to speak with their solicitor. "This exemption from IHT appears to be little known. This not only affects elderly war veterans but recent and current military personnel as well. We would strongly advise that everyone speaks to a qualified solicitor when drawing up a Will so they can fully explain what is to be taken in to account and whether there may be legitimate exemptions to IHT rules. Spending the time and money on seeking professional advice is likely to save your family much more hassle and money once you have gone, so is well worth the effort."

encourage service men and women who are injured during conflict to ensure they keep a record of the injury and provide this information to their solicitor when writing or updating their Will."

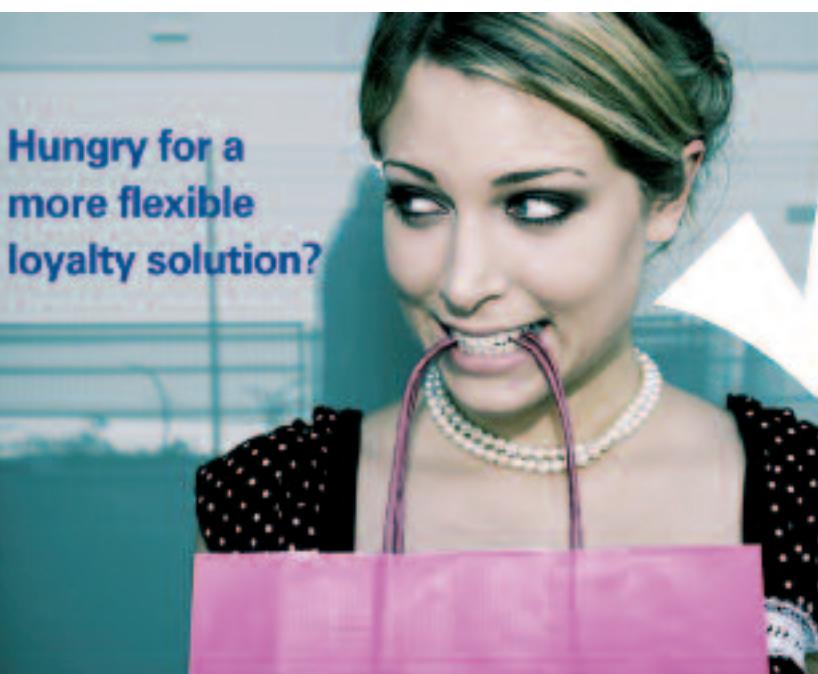
Gemma cites a famous case where this exemption has also been granted. "The fourth Duke of Westminster was wounded in the leg by a shell splinter on 18 July 1944 and suffered from attacks of septicaemia for the remainder of his life. He eventually died of cancer in 1967 and, on appeal, in 1979 the courts found his war wound to be a contributing cause of death and his entire estate was exempted from IHT – which must've been a fair amount!"

Inheritance Tax is only payable on estates worth over £325,000 but Gemma points out that this includes many unsuspecting people. £325,000 may appear to be a lot of money, but when families consider property, savings, possessions, pensions, trusts, investments, etc it can often mount up to greater than expected. Of course I would say so, but I would strongly advise that everyone speaks to a qualified solicitor when drawing up a Will so they can fully explain what is to be taken in to account and whether there may be legitimate exemptions to IHT rules.

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It is hoped that the new sponsorship with the Wolves will extend far beyond mere financial support as BiG Storage is keen to work side by side with the Wolves in joint community ventures as the relationship develops.

Andrew Donaldson, partner of BiG Storage, says: "We recognise what a fantastic community driven club Warrington Wolves operates - one

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# Thousands flock to May Queen festival

THOUSANDS of people flocked to the annual Lymm May Queen Festival as Town Crier Peter Powell (below) led the parade for the 15th consecutive year.

**warrington-worldwide** was on hand to capture the event in sound and vision, with footage of the parade and interviews with the main characters now being broadcast on line.

Eleven Year-old Natasha Royle, a pupil at Statham Primary School was crowned May Queen while nine-year-old Jamie Cox, a pupil at Cherry tree Primary School was crowned Rose Queen.

Villagers entered into the spirit of the occasion by dressing up as movie stars from various Hollywood blockbusters.

Following the parade through the village the May Queen and Rose Queen were crowned on the May Queen Field.



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# Record breaking Starlight Walk

**NEARLY 2,000** Warrington women have raised more than £175,000 in a recording breaking St Rocco's Hospice Starlight Walk.

A total of 1,900 women registered to take part in the walk, which set off from Victoria Park consisting of one lap around town at 6.5 miles or two laps 13.1 miles, the equivalent of a half marathon.

The women pledged over £175,000, beating last year's total and more funds are expected to

come in over the coming weeks.

Janice Connolly of Phoenix Nights fame was on hand to help launch the event alongside Warrington's Mayor Brian Axcell.

**Pictures: Paul Bryan**



Walkers were joined by Warrington Town mascot 'The Legend' and Ollie from Warrington Disability Partnership.

**More pictures at [www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk](http://www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk)**



Walkers Debbie Moseley, Doreen Jones, 'The Legend' and Tina Bryan.



Walkers were also joined by Warrington Wolves' mascot Wolfie.

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## Thousands flock to 'Food Fest'

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For more pictures visit [www.lymmlife.co.uk](http://www.lymmlife.co.uk)



Rosie Dutton and Sarah Sexton from Sexton's Village bakery are pictured offering a strawberry cream cake to Lymm Town Crier Peter Powell who helped launch the event.

## Employer Grants still available

WARRINGTON Chamber of Commerce is currently working with Jobcentre Plus and Warrington Borough Council to help unemployed people get back to work.

Under the 'Maximising Opportunities' scheme, local employers can currently claim financial assistance of up to £2,000 for taking on Jobcentre clients that reside in Warrington and have been unemployed for six months or longer.

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# Magnificent seven

**WARRINGTON** based cheerleaders **IndepenDANCE** won a magnificent seven trophies at the annual UK Cheerleading competition held at the **Velodrome, Manchester**.

IndepenDANCE entered seven teams into the competition, in the Teenies U9, Junior A U12, Junior B U16 and Senior categories.

In the national competition with teams travelling from all over the UK, IndepenDANCE won every single event, a magnificent 7 National Titles!

In addition the National coach of the year 2009 award for club development and achievement was presented to head coach Jenny Gittins, who has worked tirelessly to develop this dance club into one with clear national status.

Their other coach Cath Butler who has also been instrumental in

coaching all the teams, also competed in the senior team too!

To complete the fantastic day the team were invited as reigning UK street cheer champions to perform one of their National street cheer winning routines.

All parents are very thankful to Jenny and Cath for their outstanding coaching in cheerleading and pom dance, clearly putting Warrington on the map!



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#### Agenda Includes

- Understanding the business case for having a Mentally healthy workforce and workplace
- Details of Advice and Support available for Employers
- Providing effective Job Retention services
- Stress in the Workplace : Adjustments and Solutions
- The importance of Health Promotion and Stress Reduction from an Employer prospective

The session will be facilitated by Roger Butterworth a leading expert in Mental Health Job Retention Services and he will be supported by professionals from Local Service providers who will share their experiences.

To register for a **FREE** place now:

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# All set for Disabi

EUROPE'S largest voluntary-led independent living exhibition, Disability Awareness Day, takes place on Sunday July 12 at Walton Hall Gardens, Warrington.

"Absolutely inspirational" that's was the expression used by one visitor to last years Northwest Disability Awareness Day (DAD). Many of the record number of exhibitors and 22,000 visitors travelled from across the Northwest and UK.

DAD 2009 will be supported by a week of complimentary events leading up to the main event. The events will be held in a tented village located in the picturesque setting of Walton Hall Gardens situated off the A56 in Warrington, Cheshire.

Eighteen years of experience goes into producing an event that boasts something for everyone, with over

300 exhibition stands promoting independent living, with areas dedicated to Arts, Sports and family entertainments.

DAD covers all disabilities, ages, carers and families, and if you work in the field of health, social care or disability there will be plenty to interest you.

DAD offers a free and accessible park & ride service, free admission and programme.

For more information visit [www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk](http://www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk) or telephone Warrington Disability Partnership on 01925 240064.



Members of the WDP team.

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**[www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk](http://www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk)**



# Disability Awareness Day 2009

## New temporary HQ

FOLLOWING the announcement that Warrington Borough Council, along with Warrington Disability Partnership, have successfully secured over £923,000 from the Big Lottery Community Assets funding, work has started on the redevelopment and renovation of WDP's base at the Centre for Independent Living.

Due to the nature of these developments, it has been necessary for all services based at the Centre for Independent Living to be relocated on a temporary basis to Festival Avenue, Orford (former home of the Orford Day Centre). The redevelopment work is scheduled to take around 12 months.

### Redevelopment

All of WDP's usual services will be available including their showrooms of independent living products, wheelchair loan service, Discover IT training suite, employment and independent living support teams.

The redevelopment of the existing CIL will result in more activity and meeting rooms, a community café, larger IT training suite and improved showroom areas, as well as providing improved facilities to the look and fabric of the building.

Dave Thompson chair and founder of WDP said: "It was a great achievement for the team to secure nearly £1million from the total

£30million that was available nationally.

### Dedication

It is a tribute to the hard work and dedication to our team of volunteers, staff and trustees. The refurbished centre will offer first class facilities that will compliment the great services offered by our team. We appreciate the role that our partners Warrington Borough Council have played in the project so far."

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Town Crier Peter Powell and Radio General's Jim Jeffries launch last year's DAD

## Friends meeting

THE newly formed Friends of Peel Hall Park will be holding their inaugural General Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, starting at 7pm.

The meeting will be held at Greenwood Community Centre, Meteor Crescent (off Greenwood Crescent).

Organisers want local people to come down and give us their thoughts about how we can improve the park, and also get involved with the group.

For more information contact Stronger Together in Warrington on 01925 415468 or email Adam Morgan at amorgan@warrington.gov.uk.

This group is being supported by Warrington Borough Council & Stronger Together in Warrington.

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# Students showcase their talents

**TALENTED** performing arts students from Warrington were given the opportunity to showcase their abilities during a three night run of their production of *Copacabana*.

The cast was made up from first year Performing Arts students from Priestley College who were using the production as their final assessment for their first year.

## Stunning

A stunning performance from the students was well received by the audiences who were given an added treat from BTEC Music Performance students, who provided a musical

backdrop to the evening.

The story told the tale of 'Steven' a writer in modern day New York who is trying to write a new musical. Through his dreams, he is taken back in time to the 1940's where he is transformed into the struggling song writer, Tony Forte, who works at the world famous Copacabana.

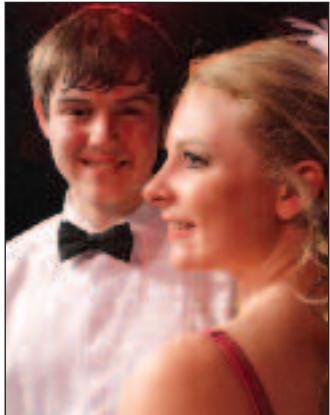
Here he meets the girl of his dreams and thus the story unfolds.

Tutor Abbie Ripon, said, "After a

year of hard work from the first year students, Copacabana was their opportunity to showcase their skills and abilities to a live audience.

"Although the group were less experienced than those who have just departed for university, it certainly didn't show and all bodes well for the future. Next year promises to be another great one for Performing Arts at Priestley."

*Pictures show members of the cast in performance.*



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Proving she is the best, not only in Warrington or the North West but in the entire UK when it comes to creating exceptional hair colour and the hottest catwalk looks, Chloe has guaranteed herself a glittering career in hairdressing.

"I created a graduated bob and used bright reds on top and a violet red underneath. A bold, striking style with a full fringe enhanced my models

face shape." After a nail-biting wait the winner was announced, a moment that Chloe will never forget. "I couldn't believe it – I was so shocked. The team were there supporting me and everyone was cheering. Collecting my trophy from Gethin Jones in front of all my peers was absolutely amazing."

Adam Carter, Style Director was overjoyed at Chloe's victory saying: "Chloe has achieved a massive win for her and the entire team. She is surpassing new stylists across the country with her incredible talent and dedication to hairdressing. Jakata is



continually creating innovative new techniques, translating high street trends into fantastic looks for our clients and we hope this tempts lots more new clients to the salon for a taste of what Jakata has to offer."

## Town well represented

**WARRINGTON** is well represented with talent in the latest Rugby Football League District squads.



The RFL have announced the South Lancashire Squads at U13, U14, and U15s for the up and coming District series.

South Lancashire will play two games against North Lancashire. The first game will be held at Leigh Miners on Saturday July 11, with the second game the following week on Sunday July

19 at Thatto Heath.

The District teams have been selected after the players were watched during the recent Warrington Service Area Games.

Warrington boasts eight Selections at U13s and eight at U14s, showing the strength Warrington have at these age groups with four selections at U15s.

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Advertiser's announcement

# Local company expands to tackle increasing crime on holiday island

A **HUGE** increase in crime on Cyprus has resulted in a Warrington security company branching out from the UK to tackle domestic and commercial break-ins, an increase in club-culture violence and drugs influx on the popular holiday island.

With the local police not having the manpower to combat the significant increase in crime and violence prevention is the focus of AKME SECURITAS, the new trading name of NWSG Security and Staff Training Services Ltd.

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(AKME) are leaders in the field of events' security management and have an objective to address issues current to Cyprus; football stadiums where crime has accelerated beyond control, clubs where drugs are now high in circulation and airport security.

Additionally, through their training surveillance programme, awareness is a priority, with a trusting and bonding relationship to feel secure, safe and protected from a changing culture in Cyprus that has seen a significant rise in crime.



AKME has been developed by former Grenadier Guard Jeff Greenwood who has been involved in security work for more than a decade in the UK.

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Jeff will be running both operations in the UK and Cyprus, splitting his time between the two.

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# Summer of fun

## IT'S going to be a fun summer for thousands of Warrington youngsters.

Warrington Borough Council's Summer Fun initiative, which will run throughout the school holidays in July and August, will provide a whole host of entertaining and challenging activities for children and young people from the ages of 0 to 20.

With something to suit every taste and interest, ranging from

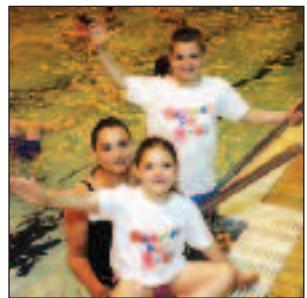
outdoor activities and arts and crafts to playgroups, sports and lots of fun workshops, the young people of Warrington are assured of an action-packed summer break.

Free swimming will continue throughout the holidays at Select Leisure centres and there will be a wide variety of activities throughout Warrington to keep everyone busy

over the summer. Highlights include a picnic in the park at Bewsey for a day of good old fashioned fun and games, a chance to train with Warrington Wolves and opportunities to try circus skills, street dancing and cheerleading.

For the more community minded you can sign up for a volunteering course, first aid or coaching. The Museum and Art Gallery also features in the exciting creative programme and youngsters can try their hand at kite building or creating their very own creepy crawlly! And there is so much more.

Councillor Sheila Woodyatt Executive member for Children's Services said: "Summer holidays can be quite stressful for parents and leave young people with time on their hands. We are delighted to be launching a programme of educational, stimulating and



entertaining activity to keep everyone happy over the summer months."

Full information on the Summer Fun programme, with times and venues will be published in the Summer Fun Brochure available from July, visit [www.warrington.gov.uk/summerfun](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/summerfun) or call 01925 443131.

## Bus company wins top award

WARRINGTON'S bus company has won a top award for customer service.

Council-owned Warrington Borough Transport has achieved a Customer Service Excellence Award - the new UK national standard for public sector organisations overseen by the Cabinet Office.

### Achieved

This award supersedes the charter mark and few organisations in the country have achieved the exacting standards set out by the Government to ensure citizens are always at the heart of operations.

Service delivery, timeliness, information, professionalism and staff attitude in day to day operations are

all examined.

WBT chairman Coun Les Hoyle (pictured) said: "I am delighted that the service our staff work hard to deliver every day for our customers have been formally recognised with this award. I am also proud to say that we are the first bus operator to achieve this award."

Towards the end of last year WBT was named Shire Operator and UK Bus Operator of the year at the 2008 UK Bus Awards.



## Paintings inspired by a N° 29 bus!

PAINTINGS inspired by journeys on a Number 29 bus are to be sold at an auction in Warrington to raise money for charity.

Local artist Jan Newhouse has offered all the paintings in his Route 29 exhibition at Warrington Museum and Art Gallery and the money will go to St Rocco's Hospice.

Jan lost the ability to drive following several health problems and at first thought he had lost his independence because he was forced to use the bus to get from Great Sankey into Warrington.

But then he realised that by looking through the bus window, he had discovered a whole new world which he had not really noticed before from behind the wheel of his car.

The exhibition was a series of watercolours and oils depicting his journey on the Number 29 bus and proved very popular. The auction will take place at the Museum and Art Gallery on Thursday, July 9, starting at 7pm.

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Business students from Priestley College who were rewarded for their efforts during a successful year.

## Business students celebrate

BUSINESS students from Priestley College celebrated the end of their courses with a party to round off another highly successful year.

The curriculum area offered 11 different subjects to students in the areas of Business, Law, Public Services and Travel and Tourism alongside numerous enrichment activities.

During the course of the year, tutors from the pathways nominated students for the prestigious "Employee of the Month Award" and the recent party gave the ideal opportunity to present those successful with their awards.

The students were nominated for their commitment to their studies, the quality of their work, reliability and the contribution they had made towards the curriculum area and were delighted to receive certificates and

gift vouchers. A special presentation was also made to those students who had arranged the College's Fashion Show as part of their course, an event which raised over £600 for St Rocco's.

Business Tutor Julie McDonald said, "The year was such a very busy one for our curriculum area with more students than ever opting to take our courses.

"The awards ceremony was a suitable way to bring the curtain down on the year and I'd like to place on record to all the staff and students my thanks for their work and wish our leavers the very best for the future."

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If you would like to come and visit our school, or you would like to reserve a place for your child, please ring the Headteacher, Mrs A. Smith

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Here at **warrington-worldwide** and our associated magazines we aim to help you make the right choice and to help with your child's education by highlighting a variety of education providers in the area.

Schools and colleges who would like to feature in our September feature can contact us by email at [info@warrington-worldwide.co.uk](mailto:info@warrington-worldwide.co.uk) or by phone on 01925 62363

## New children's services chief

A NEW director of children's services has been appointed at Warrington.

The borough council has appointed Kath O'Dwyer, currently deputy head of children's services at Stoke-on-Trent City Council, to take over from Norma Cadwallader when she retires in the autumn.

Kath will bring 26 years of experience in the delivery of services to children and young people in local authorities, with particular expertise in leading transformational change.

In her new role, she will be seeking to build on the existing foundations of strong partnerships and positive performance to further enhance and improve opportunities for children and young people in the borough.

She will ensure that, through partnership working, the most



vulnerable children are safeguarded and that the council's work with all children and young people helps them to reach their full potential.

Diana Terris, the council's chief executive said: "I am confident we have attracted exactly the right person to help us develop children's services and look forward to working with Kath in the future."

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## Showers fail to dampen spirits

**HEAVY showers failed to dampen spirits at the annual Birchwood Carnival.**

Despite the downpours hundreds of people visited the event where dozens of community groups exhibited.

Birchwood Brass Band entertained the crowds as well as stilt walkers, jugglers and much more.



Tanisha aged 7 and her father Stephen Ryder spinning plates.



Connor Monteith aged 7 with prisoner on stilts Phil Price of Custard Storm Productions.



These youngsters made kites at the craft stall Birchwood Carnival. From left, Grace Sims aged 10, Ellie Jones aged 6 and Hannah Waterman aged 11.



Eleven-year-old Emma fell in love with a Teddy Bear at the first Oakwood Guides raffle stall.



Playing the pull a nail from the straw bale to win a prize at the Birchwood Carnival are from left, Scott Mepham aged 12, Tom Greve aged 13 and James Greve aged 12.

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*Advertiser's announcement*

# Solicitors expand into International Business Centre

**WITH more than 60 years of experience Kirkham Edwards Solicitors is expanding with new premises at the International Business Centre (IBC) in Westbrook Warrington, ensuring that all clients receive an informative and professional service at all times.**

Expansion plans also include new offices in Culcheth, near Warrington, where senior partner Mike Kirkham is going back to his roots as a former pupil of Culcheth High School.

Mike who has teamed up with Jonathan Edwards, is delighted to be moving into the IBC, where the company was welcomed by Colin Daniels, Chief Executive of the Chamber of Commerce, who are landlords of the impressive building and Sandra Brusby of Cheshire & Warrington Business Ventures, who also helps manage the incubator units at the centre, which are now all fully let.

The expansion includes welcoming Steve Knight, formerly of Westbrook Conveyancing back into the area.

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"Investing in the latest technology, which has regularly won awards, a smooth transaction is always achieved at Kirkham Edwards.

"A resource that is beneficial to all our clients is our sms and e-mail updates, ensuring that you are kept informed with important progress every step of the way.

We also understand that many clients prefer a 'face to face' meeting - which we welcome."

With the new offices at Westbrook and Culcheth the Head Office is in Warrington Town Centre with

extensive free parking facilities.

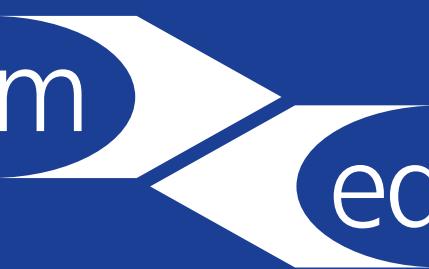
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# New traders at Warrington Market

## Award winning butcher takes over meat stall



Award winning butcher and local lad, Gareth Fellows, 27, has taken over the reigns at the popular meat stall, **Hamman's** inside the Market.

Having been in the business since he was 14, Gareth has had plenty of time to hone his butchering skills. He has also won a number of regional accolades, including Silver and Bronze awards for his home made sausages, which will soon be on sale at his shop inside the market. Gareth said, 'I intend to follow in the footsteps of previous owner Paul Hamman by continuing to offer customers high quality cuts of meat at a great price as they have come to expect, but with my own unique style.'

## Bring and buy business is proving a big success



Parent James Nugent and owner of **Rug Rats Resale**, a new business that buys and sells new and second hand children's clothing and toys, knows just how expensive having children can be. James said, 'Having become a father just 12 months

ago, I soon realised how quickly children grow out of their clothes and toys and how expensive these items are to continually replace'. 'As a result I decided to set up a business which allows parents to buy or sell clothes/toys in exchange for something more suitable and at good price'. James continued, 'I have only been open for 6 weeks and I am delighted by the number of people who have turned up, bought items and brought things for me to buy having been recommended by their friends'.

**Rug Rats Resale** are offering 10% off all stock on production of this advert.

## Discount Designer Wallpaper rolls up in the market



The owner of **Wallpaper Madness**, Martyn Driscoll said 'After years in the wilderness, Wallpaper is again fashionable'. 'Gone are the days of plain painted walls, more and more people are looking to add some colour and texture to their homes'.

Despite the credit crunch Martyn is keen to state that redecorating a room doesn't have to be expensive and says his wallpaper is good value. 'We sell a range of styles from designer brands such as Linda Barker, Graham & Brown and Laurence Lewellyn Bowen and all at a fraction of the price of some of the well known shops'. 'With designer rolls starting from as little as a 50p, you can decorate a whole room for the price of a tin of paint'!

**Wallpaper Madness** is situated opposite the Corner Coffee Bar in the Events Hall.

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## Chef brings some sunshine food to the market



It's been a busy 12 months for chef Warren Taylor, having recently taken over the kitchen at a well known local pub, he has now branched out to set up his own take-a-way food stall, **Cee & Gee's** in the market.

Speaking about his new venture Warren said, 'I like to think my business will offer something distinctly different to what's already available in Warrington'. 'We sell a range of freshly prepared salads and sandwiches but with my own twist'. Being from Jamaican descent, I also sell a range of authentic Jamaican 'sunshine' food such as Jerk Chicken and Jamaican Patties, a kind of spicy pastry'.

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## Sharks win treble again!

**RYLANDS Sharks Under 14s** are celebrating after collecting a hat-trick of trophies with a domestic double and lifting the BARLA national cup.

They entered the season with a lot to live up to having secured all three trophies on offer in the Under 13s.

The league season continued as it had left off and Rylands remained undefeated until February when they were beaten by Saddleworth Rangers away from home. They beat Saddleworth in the return leg to clinch the Premier division title.

They lifted North West Counties cup beating Orrell in the final at

Golborne ARLFC in a great game between two evenly matched sides.

So, with the domestic double under their belts, onto the BARLA National Cup final at The Willows, Salford against Shaw Cross with Rylands lifting the National Cup in style, with the final score 38-12.

In two seasons this team has won every trophy on offer. Ten of the 20-man squad were selected for the Warrington Service Area.

## Club back charity

PREMIER local football club Warrington Town helped out local charity Families United (FUN) by donating a season ticket for the club's forthcoming 2009-10 season to the charities fun day held at Maserati Manor in Woolston.

The ticket, which was raffled off, was won by local man Duncan Nimock, who was presented with the season ticket at Warrington's Cantilever Park ground.

Season tickets are currently on sale for the forthcoming season priced just £100 up to the end of July.

Supporters can also buy shares in the club. For more details email [garys@warrington-worldwide.co.uk](mailto:garys@warrington-worldwide.co.uk)



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Whilst this opportunity is to be welcomed we do wonder whether it would not be just and equitable to extend this opportunity to all taxpayers, especially at this time when the government needs as much revenue as it can get. It must surely be to their advantage to encourage as much as possible of the 'black economy' to officially register and pay their taxes.

Talking of just and equitable, there is currently a 'last ditch' remedy for taxpayers who have fallen behind with their affairs called equitable liability. This does not exist in law but is a concession that is applied by the tax

office where a tax assessment or determination has become finalised but the taxpayer can show conclusively that the amount of tax being demanded is excessive. In these cases, the tax office will only seek the lower amount of tax even though they are legally entitled to claim it all.

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supposed in law to be equally as expert but less fallible, and this presumption combined with the draconian powers given to the tax office to make legally enforceable estimates means that it is inevitable that strict enforcement of the rules will sometimes lead to an unjust result.

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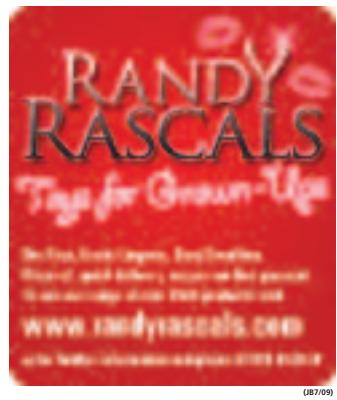
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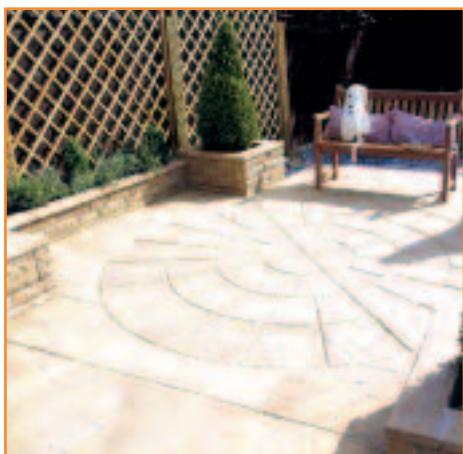
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