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Four generations celebrate 50 years of Orbit News with town hall tour

FOUR generations of the Skentelbery family were given a special tour of Warrington town hall by the Mayor Karen Mundry to help celebrate 50 years of Orbit News.

Cllr Mundry invited Father and Son, David and Gary, their wives Patricia and Janet, Gary's daughter's Amy and Hannah and granddaughter Olivia, into the town hall for afternoon tea and a tour of the historic building.

She presented David and Gary with certificates of appreciation in recognition of the many years they have covered local news in the town.

David has reported on local news for 60 years with Gary approaching 40 years - nearly a century between them!

Chamber members Orbit News are publishers of warrington-worldwide and associated magazine titles.

Gary is also a Director of Warrington Chamber of Commerce.

"It was a very special moment taking the family into the town hall to meet the Mayor.

"It provided a fascinating insight into the town's history and was also a great trip down memory lane for me and my dad.

"I'd like to thank the Mayor for making us so welcome and presenting us with certificates of appreciation."



Warrington Borough Council - Local Plan Update

The council is currently working to deliver its draft Local Plan - which sets out the proposed approach to meeting the borough's future need for homes, jobs and supporting infrastructure - but must now take into consideration recent changes to planning rules, as well as updated population projections.

The Government has just published the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and the Office for National Statistics has recently released the latest population projections for Warrington. The council needs to ensure both of these are taken into account in the drafting of the plan.

It is now anticipated that the draft Local Plan will be published by the end of 2018, prior to a further round of public consultation early in 2019.

"Love local business" – a chance to showcase products and services

WARRINGTON lifestyle provider LiveWire is to hold an event to enable businesses to showcase their products and services.

The event on Sunday, November 25, will be at the Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood Hub from 10am to 3pm.

It is described as "the perfect spot for local entrepreneurs, self-employed and small businesses to showcase their products and services."

The Love Local Business Show will be free to attend and will present an opportunity

for small local businesses, local entrepreneurs and local people who are self-employed to promote what they offer – free of charge.

Wendy Molyneux, LiveWire's

strategic library manager, said: "LiveWire is delighted to announce this new opportunity for small businesses.

"The event is part of LiveWire's commitment to support the growth of Warrington's local economy and to help small businesses make their dreams of a thriving business a reality.

"Creating opportunities for businesses to gain new customers, open the door to new markets and help our local businesses achieve their ambitions is a key drive behind this event.

"The event is an opportunity for local businesses from Warrington and the surrounding area to come together, to get connected, to create new opportunities and to showcase their products and services to local

residents.

"Whether an individual, family business, local shop, online business, wholesaler, business service or small manufacturer, we would love to hear from businesses who would like to be involved – get in touch to book a stand."

Any business interested in having a stand at the Love Local Business Show should contact Wendy Molyneux at LiveWire by emailing wmolyneux@livewirewarrington.org or phone 01925 912653 or 07730 075966.



From the Chief Executive

Colin Daniels



The disappearing Green Belt

The green belt is disappearing at an "alarming rate" with the equivalent of 5,000 football pitches lost because of the relaxation of planning laws says a report from the campaign to protect Rural England (CPRE).

Developers are being allowed to gobble up green belt land as local authorities' release it to meet government targets for new homes.

The situation is likely to get worse according to CPRE with 460,000 homes planned for land that will be released from the green belt most of which will not be classed as affordable.

CPRE says losing green belt land is unnecessary because brown field land which has been used for housing or industry could accommodate one million homes in England.

The CPRE report says the Government is "failing" in its commitment to protect the "green belt".

A spokesman for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government said "we are clear that building the homes our country needs does not mean tearing up our country side".

"We are adding more certainty to the planning system and our new

planning note book strengthens national protection for the green belt and says that councils may only alter boundaries in exceptional circumstances".

Unemployment at record low

Unemployment dropped to its lowest level in more than 40 years in June as the growing economy created tens of thousands of higher quality jobs more workers are moving into full time jobs instead of part-time work, the office for National Statistics has reported.

The proportion of part-time workers who want full time jobs is down to 11.7pc, its lowest level since 2009.

As a result unemployment fell to 4pc in the three months to June down from 4.2pc previously. This is the lowest level since the start of 1975.

The number of unemployed fell by 65,000 on the quarter to 1.36m while the number in work increased by 42,000 to 32.4m youth and unemployment fell to a new record low of 11.3pc.

The number of job vacancies rose to a new record high of 829,000 in July.

Government borrowing hits 16 year low

Government borrowing has fallen to its lowest level in 16 years as tax revenues grow faster than spending and bring the end of a long battle with the

budget deficit within reach.

Borrowing fell to £12.8bn in the first four months of the financial year, down from £21.3bn last year to the lowest

level 2002.

Last month recorded the biggest surplus for any July since 2000, as tax receipts out stripped spending by £2bn the ONS said.

The national debt, excluding the bill to bail out banks now stands at little over 84pc of GDP, down from 86pc a year ago.

M62 Junctions 10-12 Smart Motorway Project works update

Here are the latest updates on the new smart motorway schemes in the North West.

With the Manchester smart motorway (M60 junction 8 to M62 junction 20) now fully operational, work started on the M62 junction 10 (Croft) and junction 12 (Eccles) from Saturday 11 August 2018.

As our region continues to see rapid growth, Highways England is committed to ensuring our roads have the capacity to support it. This scheme is one of four new smart motorway schemes, worth around £500 million, which will all begin construction within the next 18 months.

What is a smart motorway?

Smart motorways use the latest

technology to monitor traffic levels so that variable speed limits can be automatically changed on overhead electronic signs to keep traffic moving at a steady speed. The hard shoulder on this smart motorway route will be converted into a permanent extra lane and 11 new emergency areas will be created for drivers to use if they break down.

New CCTV cameras will also provide 100% coverage of the route and Highways England will be able to display red Xs on overhead signs to close any lane, allowing its traffic officers and the emergency services to get through.

What will construction of the M62

J10-12 scheme mean for customers?

Temporary narrow lanes will be introduced on a 3-mile stretch of the M62 near junction 12 to allow us to work at the side of the motorway, and a 50mph speed limit will be needed for the safety of drivers and workers. The roadworks will be gradually extended to junction 10 by the autumn and the smart motorway scheme is due to be completed by spring 2020.

In order to put the narrow lanes out on the highway, we will initially need to close the road overnight for a period of 10 days. Full closures will start on 11 August at 10pm and will be needed nightly (10pm-6am) up until 6am on 22 August. However, there will be no closure on 18 August.

These closures will take place at night to minimise disruption and will have no impact on drivers during the day.

During the full closures, the following diversion route will be operating:

M62 eastbound – M6, M56, A5103 Princess Parkway and M60.

M62 westbound – same as above in reverse.

Find out more and contact us

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to know about this work, please contact M62 J10-12 Smart Motorway @ highwaysengland.co.uk or call us on 0300 123 5000. You can also visit our website at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m62j10to12

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Colin Daniels, Chief Executive

easyJet launches four new routes from Liverpool John Lennon Airport

easyJet, Europe's leading airline has launched its first flights this weekend to Palermo, Sicily and Pula in Croatia. A new route to Dalaman, Turkey will also take off today and the inaugural flight to Toulouse departs in October. The new routes will be supported by the arrival of a new aircraft at the base.

Operating twice a week, easyJet expects to carry more than 20,000 passengers to Palermo, Pula and Dalaman this summer.

The summer holiday favourites will help to ensure the airline will carry over 2.4 million annual passengers to and from the airport for the first time this year with an 8% rise in passenger numbers.

With the addition of the new routes, easyJet now operates 32 destinations from Liverpool John Lennon Airport.

They can be booked at easyJet.com.

Ali Gayward, easyJet's UK Country Manager said:

"We are absolutely delighted to be celebrating further expansion at Liverpool John Lennon Airport and it's great to announce these inaugural flights - we're sure they will be popular with those looking for more choice of summer holiday destinations from the North West.

"Having been at Liverpool John Lennon Airport for over twenty years, the addition of another aircraft this summer will help us to deliver long term, sustainable growth at the airport whilst providing passengers with a greater

range of destinations, all with low fares and great service."

"Paul Winfield, Director of Aviation Development for Liverpool John Lennon Airport commented:

"The arrival of easyJet's 8th based aircraft here at Liverpool John Lennon Airport and the four new routes that this brings, further demonstrates their commitment to the Liverpool market.

"easyJet have also upgraded two of their A319 aircraft already based here to the larger A320 model, further increasing seat capacity, which along with these latest new routes gives more passengers from across the North West and North

Wales, the opportunity to experience our best in class, faster, easier friendlier customer experience."



Residents invited to Annual General Meeting

A local GP is inviting residents to attend NHS Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 2pm to 3pm.

Inviting local people to the event, Dr Dan Bunstone, local GP and chair of NHS Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "Our Annual General Meeting enables us

to celebrate the progress the CCG has made over the last 12 months in working towards its aims of delivering excellence our town.

"It is also an opportunity for people to hear health highlights from the previous year, get information from the annual accounts and ask the Governing Body questions.

"I look forward to seeing as many people as possible take the chance

to hear about the work we're doing with our patient representatives, partners and providers to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents."

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Boardroom at the CCG's Head Office Arpley House. The Meeting will be followed by the September Governing Body held in public from 3pm to 5pm.

Event details

NHS Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group's Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 12th September 2018

2pm-3pm

Board Room, Arpley House, 110 Birchwood Boulevard, Birchwood, Warrington WA3 7QH

Leaning towards a trip to Pisa?

Now is the perfect time to book a trip to stunning Pisa. Climb almost 300 steps up the Leaning Tower, enjoy authentic Italian gelato and cuisine and lose yourself in the pedestrianised cobbled streets and scenic piazzas.

There are flights twice a week from Liverpool JLA on Mondays and Fridays.

EU Settlement Scheme

THE Home Office has issued the following information on the EU Settlement Scheme for EU citizens living and working in the UK.

It is important that businesses are aware of the EU settlement scheme and we are pleased to provide you with information on this. We would be grateful if you could pass it to your members, HR colleagues and any business groups you are linked with.

The Home Office has published a communications toolkit, to help employers and service providers support EU citizens around the EU Settlement Scheme. The toolkit is now live on <https://goo.gl/KtqjXR>

We hope the practical and ready-made communications materials provide you with the information you need.

Included is:-

- Briefing pack – can be used for presentations at face-to-face events or webinars with EU citizen employees
- Leaflets – eligibility requirements, how to apply
- Posters – key information on timelines, why apply
- Videos / animations – a 'how-to' animation, 'people like me' video.

Wizz announce three new routes from Liverpool

Seats on sale now from £23*

Wizz Air has announced the launch of 3 new routes from Liverpool John Lennon Airport to the Romanian cities of Bucharest, Cluj and Iași.

With fares starting from just £23*, seats are on sale now and can be booked online at wizzair.com. The new services, which connect Liverpool with three of Romania's most vibrant destinations will commence at the end of October 2018.

Freedom of Warrington parade

75 Engineer Regiment are to exercise the Freedom of the Borough of Warrington at 11.30 on September 22.

The parade will consist of a march through town followed by an Address from the Mayor of Warrington. Throughout the parade and reception music will be provided by Nottinghamshire Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers.

The Freedom of Warrington was first granted to 75 Engineer Regiment on 20th May 2003 in recognition of the long and close association between the council, the town and the Regiment. We last exercised this freedom on Armed Forces Day 2013 and look forward to doing so again this year. This parade will present an opportunity to see the Regiment in its ceremonial role, taking pride in its history, and showcasing the many opportunities afforded to our soldiers across the globe.

Additive and conventional manufacturing - Hybrid Manufacturing techniques from Croft Filters

Croft Filters, based in Warrington, England, have been supplying custom filtration and separation solutions for over 31 years.

Over this time, Croft has developed a reputation for their quality, bespoke service through manufacturing a variety of products for specific requirements. These products have included Filtration Cones, Baskets & Screens, Disc Filters and Filtration Housings amongst others, and they are made with Wire Mesh, Wedge Wire and Perforated Plate, depending on the product's design. Croft continues to supply a wide range of industries including Oil, Gas, Pharmaceutical Food and Beverage. As a result of this and due to the application requirements, most of Croft's products are manufactured using Stainless Steel 316L.

Croft continues to meet customer's demands by heavily investing into research and development of their custom filtration solutions. In 2013, Croft invested into Additive Manufacturing, specifically Selective Laser Melting (SLM), in order to develop new innovative filtration solutions.

Additive Manufacturing (AM), also known as metal 3D printing, is the process of creating a three-dimensional component in a series of layers. The process uses a metal powder, and in Croft's case this is Stainless Steel 316L. The powder is spread evenly across a build plate; a laser then melts the powder according to a CAD file. The build plate then drops 50 microns and another powder layer is added. The laser then melts this layer to the previous layer. The process is repeated until the final part is complete. This process differs to subtractive methods, only using the required material to build the part as any excess powder that has not been fused is recycled back into the machine's powder delivery system.

Benefits of the Additive process include part-weight reduction, multi-part to single component and expanded design capabilities, and they allow Croft's customers to re-think their approach to their designs in order to improve the efficiency, utility or aesthetics of their parts.

Customer Focused Product Development

Over the past 15 years, Croft Filters has been supplying their customers with small cone filters. Manufactured from Stainless Steel 316L mesh with a punched flange spot welded onto the mesh, these conventional filters are used within machinery processes.

Although it's a simple design, manufacturing these filters can be tricky. The mesh is first cut to shape and welded using a seam welder. Getting the mesh to a point can be challenging, as the weld seam must run completely down the filter so that there are no gaps in the mesh. Due to its design, the weld seam also covers up the mesh's open

area therefore blocking each cone slightly.

To overcome these manufacturing issues and to improve the filters open area, Croft decided to trial Additive Manufacturing, specifically Selective Laser Melting, to produce an AM cone Filter that did not have to be assembled and maintained the desired open area.

After developing a number of different prototypes, Croft successfully manufactured AM Cone Filters that had the desired strength and open area. These cones did not have any weld seams, so the open area was not obstructed. However, there was one issue with the Additive Filters, specifically their flanges.

Due to its flat surface and build orientation within the Additive Manufacturing build chamber, the flange on the filter collects a lot of heat when being built. This heat causes the powder layer to blister; this results in a poor surface finish and can also distort the filter's dimensions.

To overcome this issue, Croft trailed different AM manufacturing techniques, from changing the build parameters to changing how the part was orientated on the build plate; however, no attempts were successful.

Hybrid Manufacturing

Failing to overcome the issue of the flange blistering, Croft decided that conventional manufacturing techniques would be better to produce the flanges of the Cone Filters. This resulted in the development of a new AM and Conventional hybrid that utilised the advantages of the Additive mesh alongside the reliability of a conventional flange.

To manufacture the Hybrid AM Filters, the mesh is first printed as usual. However, the mesh now has a solid ring at the base of the cones rather than a flange. This ring then allows the conventionally-punched and formed flange to be laser-welded onto the AM mesh.

The Hybrid filters have been a success. The customer was pleased that Croft managed to improve on their product's design so that the filters would perform more effectively within the Customer's machinery.

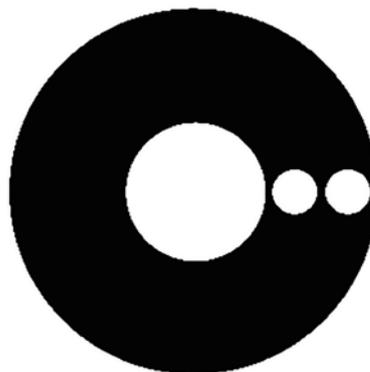
Croft continues to invest heavily in product innovation through research and development. This includes working with universities and other Additive Manufacturing professionals in order to deliver advanced AM products. This is strengthened further by Croft's 31 years using conventional manufacturing techniques.

Quality of both product and service has been the key to Croft's success;

the company takes great pride in understanding their customer's needs, quickly supplying them with a high-quality product that exceeds

Customer's expectations.

For more information about Croft's Custom AM solutions, you can visit www.filters.co.uk



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Bringing North America to the Northern Powerhouse Regional Tour 2018

The Department of International Trade's (DIT) Head of Trade from Atlanta, Rebecca Mowat will be touring the Northern Powerhouse with colleagues from the market entry specialists, OCO in September.

Event date:
09:30 - 14:30: 18 Sept 2018

This is an excellent opportunity to hear about DIT North America offer to Northern businesses; explore potential business opportunities in North America; and understand how our North American teams and OCO Trade Team can help your company.

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Other Northern Powerhouse Dates and locations

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- 20 Sept - Sunderland Stadium of Light: Email karen.berry@mobile.trade.gov.uk

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Privilege to work with the NHS and deliver positive change

Privilege HR say its been a Privilege to work within the NHS and deliver positive change!

Privilege HR are using their Private and Public Sector experience to support and shape the future of the NHS.

North West firm Privilege HR and Warrington Chamber member have been supporting a large Southern based trust and want to replicate their strategy and results across the

region.

One of Privilege HR's objectives is to work with the NHS as they are passionate and driven to ensuring its existence within the next 70 years and beyond and they will do this by implementing change and strategy to lead them to an improved people space.

Peter Waller-Flynn reported, "The results are incredibly satisfying as we have made an immediate impact and created strategies to support them in the long term.

"We are looking to share the same strategies we have developed with MEHT and implement within other trusts who would need our support."

Here is a link to their NHS

testimonial and other client reviews <http://privilegehr.co.uk/dorothy-hosein-nhs-mid-essex-hospital-services/>

Privilege HR are available to support your company on an ad hoc basis or can provide an outsourced HR solution.

Call 03333 444 679 to arrange an appointment with one of Privilege HR's directors.

£1.8m business improvement plan for Warrington town centre

BUSINESSES in Warrington town centre have appointed not-for-profit environmental trust Groundwork to deliver a £1.8 million business improvement scheme.

The town has joined more than 200 other city and town centres who have chosen to implement a Business Improvement District (BID) since 2005.

Others include Manchester, Liverpool and Altrincham.

The BID in Warrington will represent a major change in how the town centre is managed, enabling and empowering businesses to take control.

Groundwork's appointment follows

an open and independently managed tender process, conducted during June and July. Groundwork are widely regarded as industry leading experts in managing Business Improvement Districts, with experience going back to 2005, shortly after the legislation for BIDs was first introduced.

The BID project is set to create an additional £1.8million of investment in the town centre. This will be used to deliver a number of key aims, including: a better marketed town centre that generates increased footfall, a safer and more secure town centre and a cleaner and greener town, with enhanced support for local

businesses to prosper and grow.

Chairsmn of the Warrington BID steering group, Dawn Smyth, said: "The BID will create a close working partnership with companies and important stakeholders, including Warrington Borough Council, bringing a new vitality to our town centre.

"Warrington town centre has faced a range of challenges in recent years, but we believe that with Groundwork leading the delivery of the Warrington BID, we will be able to turn around the fortunes of the town centre over the coming years."

Groundwork's director of business, Greville Kelly, said: "We are really excited to have this opportunity to work with Warrington town centre

businesses and to help realise the aims and objectives of the BID. The challenges faced by high streets are well documented. However, we believe that the delivery of the BID, combined with wider capital investments from the private and public sector will create an exciting future for Warrington town centre to look forward to."

Initial priorities will include setting up the BID Board, delivering new investment for Christmas and new planning work to enhance safety and security across the town centre.

The BID will be funded through a small levy (1.5% of a premises rateable value) to be paid by all premises with a rateable value greater than £15,000.

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College to provide new "gold standard" qualification

YOUNG people in Warrington will be some of the first in the country to study T-Levels – the new "gold standard" – in technical education.

Priestley College has been selected to teach the qualifications from 2020.

It is the only centre in Cheshire to be chosen and one of just a handful in the North West.

T-Levels will provide a high-quality, technical alternative to A-Levels ensuring thousands of people across the country have the skills to help the UK compete globally in industry.

Principal Matthew Grant said the decision would mean Priestley continued to provide the widest possible range of courses that would also include A-Levels and BTECs.

He said: "This is incredible news for young people in Warrington.

"T-Levels will be on a par with A-Levels and provide young people with a choice between technical and academic education after they turn 16.

"One of the reasons we've been chosen is because of our track record for delivering high

quality, academic and vocational programmes and our professional expertise in Childcare and Digital Technologies, so it is something of which we are extremely proud."

The Government has named less than 60 colleges and post-16 providers that will teach T-Levels nationwide.

From 2020 Priestley College – a part of The Challenge Academy Trust – will offer T-Levels in "Digital" as well as "Education & Childcare".

On Monday, three representatives from Priestley College will meet Government ministers in London to discuss how T-Levels will be implemented.

Leading employers including Lloyds, IBM and Skanska have offered strong support for the new qualification.

Mr Grant added: "This is an exciting moment in the history of Priestley College and for the futures of Warrington's young people.

"To be able to provide the academic, vocational and technical routes at Priestley means our students will continue to have the widest choice possible as they make decisions that could set them up for life."

Perfect time to buy cheaper travel for students

NOW is the perfect time to buy an annual money saving bus pass for children going to college and school using Warrington's Own Buses Touch & Go app.

The under 21 annual pass can be bought for just £420 until end of September using the app or over 12 months' direct debit with no deposit via the bus company's website.

Weekly, monthly and a discounted day ticket are also available.

The new Touch & Go! app is compatible with any Android or Apple devices and means you can pay for tickets online at your convenience.

Warrington's Own Buses Managing Director Ben Wakerley, said: "These period tickets are great value.

Paying on the go for customers has never been easier, with the added value of saving money.

"When I first joined the company just over one year ago, one of the main elements of feedback I heard from customers was that they wanted a simpler way to pay for their Touch & Go! tickets.

"I'm really pleased that we're

making it easier for our customers with the new smartcard and app.

"It is also great news that we've been able to reduce ticket prices, combining convenience with great value."

For more information, or to request a new Touch & Go smartcard, visit warringtonsbuses.co.uk or follow @WarringtonBuses.



End of the road for Fairbrothers as deal agreed with Warrington's Own Buses

FAMILY bus company Fairbrothers has come to the end of the road after more than 25 years in business in Warrington.

Owner David Fairbrother announced the decision with a post on social media over the weekend, after agreeing a deal with Warrington's Own Buses, formerly known as Network Warrington – the town's municipal bus company.

Warrington's Own Buses are working with David to ensure job security for as many people as possible and will be taking over existing bus routes and school runs.

David posted: "It is with a heavy heart to announce that after 26 years of serving the Warrington area Fairbrothers will no longer be operating.

"Due to personal reasons we have

had to scale down the business.

"With the help and cooperation of Warrington Own Buses they have agreed to take over all local services and school services. We have also been in negotiations to relocate Fairbrother Drivers to secure jobs with Warrington Own Buses.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who have supported our services over the years."

Warrington's Own Buses MD Ben Wakerley said: "We can confirm an agreement with Fairbrothers Ltd has been reached.

"There will be no change in fares and all the school services will operate as normal.

"We are working with David to ensure job security for as many people as possible."







Unlock Business Opportunities in Hong Kong UK Roadshow - Northern Powerhouse

Join us for our roadshow as it arrives in the Northern Powerhouse as we mark the launch of UK's partnership with Hong Kong's Business of Design Week (BODW) 2019.

Find out about the present and future opportunities across all sectors in Hong Kong, Macau and China's Greater Bay Area and how your company can benefit from BODW.

BODW is Asia's leading annual event on design, innovation and brands. The event attracts 80 international speakers, 200 media attendees and over 120,000 participants and will provide a key platform to promote UK creativity in Asia.

As BODW's Partner Country for 2019, the UK will showcase the best of British design and demonstrate our leadership in creative thinking and design management. We are looking for exceptional UK designers, design companies and academic institutions to be part of this showcase.

Event date:
20 September 2018

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Crunch time

IT'S crunch time in the Betfred Super League as Warrington host St Helens at The Halliwell Jones Stadium on Friday 21 September, 7.45pm.

The clash promises to be the Wire's toughest test this season with league leaders Saints having won 22 of their 25 Super League games in 2018.

Justin Holbrook's side have been the stand-out side in the competition this year but Challenge Cup finalists Warrington have been building impressively under Steve Price and are hitting their best form at the business end of the season.

St Helens have the upper hand between the sides this year winning both of the regular season fixtures between the teams.

The league leaders won comfortably 30-12 at The Halliwell Jones Stadium back in March and a last-gasp Danny Richardson penalty broke Warrington's hearts at the Totally Wicked Stadium last month as Saints edged a thrilling contest 14-12.

Richardson has been one of Saints' key performers this year and along with the likes of Ben Barba and Mark Percival have produced some thrilling attacking displays and scored some exhilarating tries.

The Wire are set to fight fire with fire however and have plenty of ammunition going forward with an expansive brand of rugby under Price.

Josh Charnley has been in blistering form since his move to the Wolves crossing 22 times in his 20 appearances and is chasing Barba as the competition's top try-scorer.

All eyes will be on the battle of the number 9s also as the competition's two most consistent hookers Daryl Clark and James Roby go head-to-head.

With Warrington still needing points to secure a top-four finish and a play-off spot it promises to be one of the biggest derbies between the rivals in recent years.

COMPETITION

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Friday, September 21



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- A - Kevin Brown
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Priestley students buck the national trend with increasing A level pass rates

STUDENTS at Priestley College have bucked the national trend with an increasing pass rate and a greater number of high grades than in 2017.

Nationally the overall pass rate decreased to 97.6% whereas at Priestley the figure rose to 98.1%. In 35 subjects 100% of students passed with the A* to C rate rising from 65.2% to 69.4%.

Principal Matthew Grant said that, in part, the improved pass rate was due to Priestley continuing to offer students the chance to take AS exams at the end of their first year at Priestley.

“Obviously the results are mainly down to the hard work and dedication of both students and staff, but by allowing students to take AS exams we give them the chance to be more selective about the subjects they study in year two,” he said.

“This year at A-Level we have recorded some of our best ever results with many students achieving three or more A* or A grades. More than 100 have secured a triple Distinction Star or Distinction in Extended Diplomas, which is exceptional.”

More than 600 students collected their A-Level results at Priestley – more than everywhere else in Warrington combined.

Together they raised the A* to B pass rate at Priestley from 35.6% in 2017 to 38.2%.

Priestley’s STEM and Language students impressed as did those in other traditional subjects such as Classics, English, History and Economics.

Art and Design and Performing Arts delivered outstanding results across the board.

Among those celebrating was triple A* student Will Twist who is planning to study Medicine after a year of work experience in hospitals, surgeries and care homes.

“I have a passion for Chemistry and Biology and how they work together,” said the former Bridgewater High School pupil.

“People are always going to need doctors and I like the idea of being able to help people.”

Another Bridgewater pupil, Josh Thompson, is heading to the University of Manchester to study Architecture while Eleanor Ward is heading to Lancaster to focus on Creative Writing and Film Studies.

Also hitting the high notes was Yi Chen Hock who combined A-Levels in Music, Electronics, Further Maths and Physics and the result was three A*s and one A.

In a sign that Priestley students met theirs – and their prospective universities’ expectations – only 12 out of more than 600 students had to go through Clearing and that figure was expected to fall further by the end of the day.

Matthew added: “I congratulate all of our students and staff who have worked hard to deliver such a fantastic set of results in what has clearly been a most challenging year of change nationally.”



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Warrington Wolves PDRL team crowned World Champions!

Warrington Wolves pioneering Physical Disability Rugby League (PDRL) team are celebrating after being crowned the first ever club world champions down under in Australia.

The team which includes comedian and Last Leg presenter Adam Hills beat Russell Crowe's South Sydney Rabbitohs 34-12 at the ANZ Stadium in Sydney earlier today.

Anthony Seward, who makes a 450 mile round trip from his home in Devon to train with the team, opened the scoring followed by two from Will Maudsley to put the Wolves 18-6 ahead at half-time.

Maudsley then completed his hat-trick with Luke Potter and Seward with his second ensuring the win.

Following the victory team captain Jason Elkaleh posted on social media: "Captain of the WORLD CHAMPIONS! What an amazing

journey! Love these blokes let's get the beers in!

PDRL involves nine players playing on a full-length rugby league pitch, which is reduced in width by five metres on either side.

Two players are able bodied and cannot travel more than 10 metres with the ball and are unable to score points, while two players play under tag rules.

The remaining five players play under full contact and have a range of disabilities including visual impairments, limb deficiencies and brain injuries.

Former Aussie Legend Andrew Johns who had a guest spell with the Wolves showed his support along with former Wire Matt King, with South Sydney Rabbitohs owner, actor Russell Crowe also backing the event.



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Challenge Cup Final: Wolves beaten at Wembley

WARRINGTON Wolves suffered Wembley heartbreak for the second time in three years as they were beaten 20-14 by Catalans Dragons.

Steve Price's men left themselves with too much to do in the final half hour as they trailed 20-6 to the Dragons who held on to become the first ever French winners of the famous old trophy.

The Wolves, who lost 12-10 to Hull in the 2016 final, fell behind inside two minutes as former Wigan winger Lewis Tierney crossed in the corner.

Josh Drinkwater then added a penalty to his conversion to put the French side 8-0 to the good, before Tom Lineham had a try ruled off by the video referee.

Warrington eventually got on the board on the half hour mark, Ben Murdoch-Masila pouncing on a mistake by Fouad Yaha to score their opening try.

But the Dragons restored their eight point lead at the break, Ben Garcia's converted score putting them 14-6 to the good.

The first score of the second half would be crucial and it went to Catalans. Lance Todd Trophy winner Tony Gigot kicked a 40/20 to give them good field position, and from that Brayden Williams crossed to extend their lead to 20-6.

A Gigot fumbled allowed Tyrone Roberts to set up George King to

drag the Wolves back in to it at 20-12 before the hour mark, but despite their efforts they couldn't break the Dragons down.

A Roberts penalty on 70 minutes

at least got them within touching distance, but the Dragons held on for a famous victory in front of 50,672 – the lowest crowd at Wembley for a rugby league cup final since the second world war.

But few will begrudge Catalans their historic day as the challenge

cup left English soil for the first time in its 121 year history.

Head coach, Steve Price reflected on the cup final defeat saying. "It wasn't our best performance but look, credit to Catalans. It's gut-wrenching to lose a final."



Despair for Wolves veteran Bennie Westwood at Wembley. Picture: Eddie Whitham.

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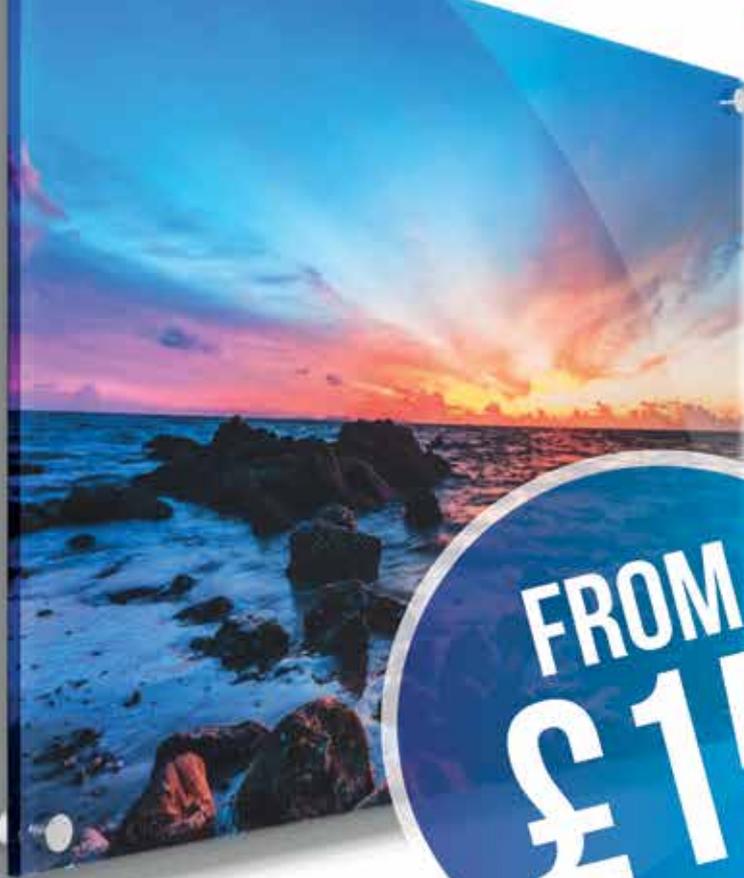
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