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CONGRATULATIONS to Charlotte Nichols and Sarah Hall on their success at the General Election, securing Warrington North and South for Labour.

Now the hard work begins!
As always **Warrington Worldwide** will work with all politicians for the good of our town and remain politically independent.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Warrington South MP Andy Carter for his endeavours over the past four-and-a-half years – and always found him accessible, seven days a week 365 days of the year – and whatever your political beliefs, you can't complain if an elected member responds to you in a prompt and timely manner.

Like many of his colleagues, Andy fell victim to the national scene, with the country voting overwhelmingly in favour of change after 14 years of austerity, including the latest cost-of-living crisis.

The problems inherited by the new Government will not be easy to fix – and some would say, are impossible to fix.

As a nation we are still feeling the impact of Brexit, Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine and our NHS is under more pressure than ever.

Closer to home Warrington Borough Council still has a huge debt problem which isn't going to go away overnight – and it will be interesting to see if the new Labour Government will be more generous in its payments in to the council coffers than the outgoing Tories.

Meanwhile away from politics, and after working through the night until 6am at the General Election, believe me I am ready for a break from it, it was good to catch up with my old friend Paul Cullen at the unveiling of the last match at Wilderspool mural on the side of the King's Head pub, created by Pink Eye artist Anthony Turk, another old friend.

It brought back many happy memories as a spectator at the last match at Wilderspool and the first game at the Halliwell Jones and left me thinking that the game has some how lost its sparkle and characters.

My weekly video interviews with Cullen were groundbreaking at the time and helped form a mutual

respect that will last a lifetime.
Meeting for the first time in years, we picked up where we left off.

Now the Wolves are heading for Las Vegas which you can read about elsewhere in this edition. I'm to be convinced that during a period of austerity this is a good move for the game – but depending on affordability I would love to check it out!

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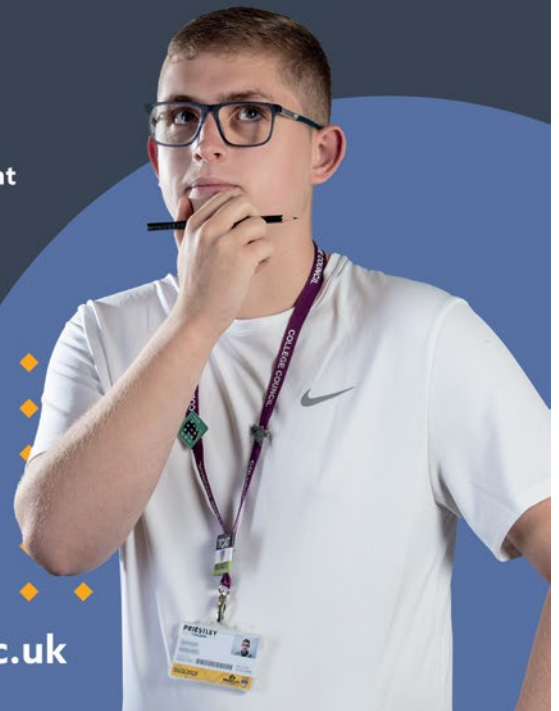
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Wolves' legend overwhelmed by giant mural

WARRINGTON Wolves' legend Paul Cullen was on hand to help officially unveil a giant mural featuring an iconic image of the last match at Wilderspool painted on the side of the historic King's Head pub.

The project by Warrington Arts Council working alongside Anthony Turk also features former player and assistant coach Paul Darbyshire who tragically died from motor neurone disease aged just 41.

The image chosen by Anthony, famous for the Pink Eye mural at Crosfield's roundabout, was that of Paul Cullen saluting fans after the final match of the season at Wilderspool when he saved Warrington from relegation in 2003. Not only was it the last league game the Warrington Wolves' first team would play at the Wilderspool Stadium before it was demolished but it was especially crucial that Warrington weren't relegated at that particular time as they needed to have the Super League status to ensure that their occupation of the new Halliwell Jones Stadium was sustainable.

The Kings Head, a pub that is well known for attracting rugby fans and has done so for many, many years exists right between the old location of the Wilderspool stadium and the new Halliwell Jones.

Anthony, who is Paul Cullen's brother-in-law says the family connection was not the influence behind the choice of image – but the importance of the game in the club's

history.

He has added a butterfly to the mural in the hope it will become the

first of many murals on buildings around the town.

Paul Taylor from Warrington Arts Council, who helped fund the project says a couple of sites have already been earmarked with hopefully "many more to come!"

While the King's Head pub mural required planning consent due to the building being Grade II Listed, most projects will not require planning permission – just a suitable eye-catching location – and plenty of paint!



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Rare orchids destroyed

FORMER Mayor Geoff Settle has welcomed an initiative to protect wild orchids in the town after a meadow of the rare flowering plants was accidentally destroyed by new council staff.

The Bee and Northern Marsh wild orchids were mown down either side of the path that goes from the bridge over the M6 and travels down to the Scout Hut of Warrington Road at Birchwood.

Geoff, Chair of Warrington Nature Conservation Forum, has received a reply from Warrington Borough Council to his written complaint about Bee and Northern Marsh wild orchids areas being mowed down.

Geoff, a keen artist who had previously painted a picture of the wild orchid meadow, said "It read "Apologies for this lapse, we are as keen as you to see the orchids thrive and multiply. The issue is caused by our difficulty in keeping the same staff mowing the same areas from year to year.

"New staff members are not aware of the presence of the orchids and in the fog of running a large-scale landscape maintenance operation, these details get overlooked. We are

considering installing some simple indicators or fences to demark areas where orchids are known to grow so that staff will then not mow these areas in error."

Geoff added: "I welcome this initiative from the council and I am willing to meet up with the department at Woolston to discuss the process and procedures, just as I have with the wardens who have great knowledge and expertise.

"I would like to see more areas in Warrington left to grow wild in line with section 13 of the Wildlife Act.

"Some great work has been done by the council on our roundabouts and I remember a wonderful display of wildflowers at the Town Hall, I even sent a photo of them into the Countryfile photographic Competition one year."

Meanwhile, Geoff can be contacted via the website wncf.co.uk. Re any nature conservation issues in the town.



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WARRINGTON-based property search company X-Press Legal Services is celebrating the exceptional milestone of 25 years in business.

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Lynne Lister MD of X-Press Legal Services commented: "We are delighted to be celebrating 25 years of X-Press Legal Services this year. The business has expanded from one office in Warrington to an industry leading 28-territory strong franchise over the past 25 years. We are incredibly proud of our franchise's collective achievements and equally delighted that all our territories are now sold and in the capable hands of a fantastic network of franchisees. It's because of our franchisees, that our competitors are yet to match the level of localised expertise we provide, something we are very proud of."

The permanence of the X-Press brand is testament to the firm's commitment to building long standing relationships. Its independent local owners are committed to exceeding client expectations, becoming trusted and invaluable property partners which sets them apart from other search companies.

"Franchising has enabled us to

grow our business and has also provided the opportunity for our franchisees to set up in business," added Lynne. "The Lister family started X-Press Legal Services from our kitchen table and we still run our own territory. This is so important, as it enables us to fully understand all the highs and lows of owning a franchise."

"In celebration of our 25 years, we are giving back to our local communities through a £25,000 charity campaign, where we are supporting our franchisees with donations to their chosen local charity. As we reflect on an extraordinary 25 years, we're also brimming with innovative ideas for the next quarter-century!"

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The excitement of election night

by Stephen Fitzsimons - Warrington Chamber of Commerce

It's cold and raining as I write this so John Laverick picked the perfect 2 weeks to find some sunshine. He also missed the excitement of election night, when people like me stay up all night to watch the results come in.

Yes, I know I need to get out more, however the 4th July was all about staying in. Warrington was lucky to have two really hard working MPs since 2019 and they were

very supportive of projects such as the Town Deal and the all electric bus fleet. We wish Andy Carter well in what he does next, whilst welcoming Sarah Hall as the new



MP for Warrington South. Sarah too has been heavily involved in our regeneration efforts, including the Warrington Skills Commission which was published last year. Residents in Lymm will also be getting used to being part of the Tatton constituency and we'll host Esther McVey, Charlotte Nichols and Sarah at the Warrington Business Conference on the 11th October.

We recently held an event on Artificial Intelligence (AI) at Birchwood Park, hosted by the excellent Chris McGuire who is also editor of the tech magazine, Business Cloud. AI excites and scares in equal measure. One panelist set up a company called Cliobooks Ai which can help write the first draft of a non-fiction novel in just 10 hours! There was plenty of discussion on jobs becoming obsolete (anyone received an AI telesales call yet?), however there are also lots of opportunities for them to be replaced by high value occupations. I'm not concerned about being laid out to pasture - not yet anyway!

Returning to politics, we are looking forward to hearing how the new government will be able to better support places like Warrington. "Levelling Up" has



Stephen Fitzsimons

been abandoned as merely a slogan, and new ministers wasted no time in inviting the regional mayors to Downing Street to explore what support they require, resulting in the announcement of a council for regions and devolved nations. This is great, however we don't have a mayor so Cheshire needs to speed up discussions on a devolution deal so we don't miss out on future funding. Not that there will be much available - the economy has averaged growth of just 0.3% over the last decade and I fully support the objective to go for growth.

Enjoy the summer (when/if it arrives) and keep an eye out for all business events across Warrington at www.wbex.co.uk

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Divorce Column

By Peter Wilkinson
Divorce Lawyer at Chambers Fletcher Solicitors

Divorce and the family home

Divorce is a challenging and emotional process and one of the most contentious and emotive issues that often arises is the division of the family home. The family home is not just a significant financial asset but also holds sentimental value, making the issue of its division a complex matter and often a sticking point when trying to come to an agreement.

Although in principle it doesn't matter whether the property is owned in joint names or in one party's sole name, it is important to understand the ownership structure so as to be able to make informed decisions during the divorce process. Depending on the type of ownership there may be steps which a party needs to consider so as to protect their interests regarding the property before a settlement is reached.

There isn't an endless list of possibilities as to what can happen with the family home on divorce and typically the options are: (a) **Sale**: the property be sold immediately and the net proceeds divided in whatever proportions can be agreed, or where there is no agreement as decided by the court; (b) **Transfer**: the ownership of the property be transferred into the sole name of one of the parties so they can continue living there, perhaps with the children. Depending on the circumstances of the case the party retaining the home may need to make a payment of a lump sum of money to the other; (c) **Deferred sale**: there be a deferred sale so as to allow one party and the children to remain living in the home until a future specified date or event occurs and then the property be sold.

There are several legal matters for the court to have regard to when considering what order to make concerning the family home, but there are also some practical aspects for the parties to consider, such as for example, affordability – where one party is seeking to retain the property, and the availability of suitable rehousing – where either or both are seeking that the property be sold.

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Double delight for Labour



LABOUR celebrated at the double in Warrington with Sarah Hall gaining Warrington South from the Tories, while Charlotte Nichols held the North.

It was a bad night for the Conservatives in Warrington, like much of the country with Reform eating into their share of the vote.

In Warrington South Labour's Sarah Hall won with a huge majority polling 23,201 votes compared to former Tory MP Andy Carter with 11,861 votes.

Reform's Janet Balfe polled 7,913, pushing the Lib Dem's Graham Gowland into 4th with just 3,829 votes.

It was a particularly proud night for Sarah who was joined by her father-in-law Mike Hall at the count, himself a former MP for Warrington South from 1992 to 1997.

Meanwhile outgoing MP Andy Carter was gracious in defeat, congratulating Sarah on her victory and "decent campaign."

Meanwhile in the North Labour's Charlotte Nichols increased her majority with 18,730 votes, while Reform came second with Trevor Nichols delighted to get 9,540 votes.

Vote turnout in the South was 62.7% with 13,901 postal votes while in the North it was 55% with 10,407 postal votes.

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Local Nando's griller crowned 'Best in UK and Ireland'

SIZZLING griller Macey Lawton from Nando's Warrington has been crowned Nando's Best Griller in the UK and Ireland and will now go on to the International Grillers' Challenge in Botswana.

Macey from Nando's, Golden Square took the crown in a hotly contested final that took place in Nando's Birmingham New Street restaurant.

Kieran Penhallow from the Watford High Street restaurant came in 2nd place, and Bailey Coltham from Chatham came 3rd place. They will join Macey in Nando's International Grillers' Challenge in Botswana later this year.

Macey said: "I cannot believe I won! To say the competition was tough, would be an understatement, congratulations to the runners up – Kieran and Bailey. The Grillers' Challenge has been an incredible experience and I have met so many amazing people during the competition. I joined Nando's two years ago and never dreamt that I would be representing my country on a global stage, whilst cooking delicious chicken. That's just one of the amazing things about Nando's, a job here can give you so many opportunities, some that you never expected!"

Garry Duncan, Operations Director for the UK and Ireland, said: "Huge Congratulations to Macey. Winning the competition is a big achievement and is thoroughly

deserved. Macey demonstrated heaps of passion, remarkable skill and unwavering nerve as she grilled her way through each round. I am proud that she is now going to represent UK and Ireland in the Global Grillers' Challenge in Botswana later this year.

Macey together with the runners up, Kieran and Bailey, will represent UK and Ireland in Nando's International Grillers' Challenge Final in Botswana. They will cook off against the winners of the other country finals in the search for the best Nando's Griller in the world.




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CARERS at Belong at Home Warrington are celebrating after being ranked in the UK's top care home groups for seven years in a row.

The not-for-profit community support service operated by dementia specialist, Belong, is also celebrating after gaining a place in the North West Top 20 home care providers, with a perfect 10 out of 10 review score.

Based on independent testimonials on leading reviews website, homecare.co.uk, Belong at Home teams throughout the

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The achievement recognises the outstanding performance of the highly trained carers in supporting people in their homes in and around Warrington as well as those residing in the Belong village

apartments.

The accolade comes hot on the heels of more recent award success, this time at the Stars of Social Care Awards, with area manager, Nicola Hewitt receiving a finalist placing for the Fabulous Frontline Leader Award, while community support worker, Julie Hooper was highly commended by judges in the Reducing Social Isolation Award category.

Andrew Shield, head of operations at Belong at Home, said: "We are very pleased that the hard work and dedication of our teams is recognised by our customers and their families, and we are grateful for their feedback – it really is encouraging. They are the experts in what they need, and we are privileged to support them to live their lives as independently as they can."



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Its main line between Manchester and Liverpool opened in 1873 and was an immediate success. The line was one of the first in the world to use a clock-face timetable with expresses departing in either direction every hour at 30 minutes past the hour throughout the day.

By 2023 most of the original intermediate stations still served their communities, while five extra stations had been added to the route since 1934 reflecting population growth. The Liverpool suburban section had been subsumed by Merseyrail. The line’s once heavy freight traffic had disappeared except for trains serving Trafford Park Container Terminal.

Warrington Central station was not part of the CLC’s original plan, which was for a straight line from Padgate to Sankey with a station for Warrington at Dallam. But the people of Warrington successfully appealed against this and a loop line was built with the station sited

at the north end of Horsemarket Street.

Most of its original structures still stand although the main building has been leased to commercial users since a new entrance was built in 1983 facing Winwick Street.

The straight line from Padgate to Sankey was constructed in 1883 but was taken out of use at the end of the steam era in 1968.

The CLC became a significant employer in Warrington with workshops dealing with such matters as trackwork and sleepers, signalling, and even the printing of timetables and tickets.

“Manchester to Liverpool”, 96 pages with 120 black-and-white photographs, most not previously published, will be available from local bookshops or from the publisher, Middleton Press Ltd., 126A Camelsdale Road, Haslemere, Surrey, GU273RJ.




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Scouts tackle fly-tipping



On a perfect evening in late June Scouts turned out with three leaders to give Woolston Park South a thorough litter pick and clean up.

Accompanied by experienced volunteers from the New Cut Trail Group, the team tackled one of the worst spots in Warrington for fly tipping.

Working under close supervision, the Scouts found discarded mountain and children's bikes, a television screen, a luggage trolley and the usual plastic and drinks containers. Woolston Park South is situated close to the recycling centre and adjacent to the New Cut Canal, providing a through route to the canal towpath and a popular picnic spot.

The Scouts were shown how to conduct a litter pick safely and learned a lot about this unfortunate behaviour by some members of the public.

The overall collection was brought to the gate on Manchester Road and arrangements were made with Warrington B.C.

officials to collect the material for processing the following day.

Anne Price, Press Officer New Cut Group said "The park being close to the recycling centre suffers because people who arrive when the centre is closed are too lazy to take their discarded goods home and recycle them properly. The whole area that has been created in partnership by volunteers, Parish Councils and the Borough Council is an excellent area of green, open space for all to enjoy but unfortunately, we have these individuals who don't respect it"

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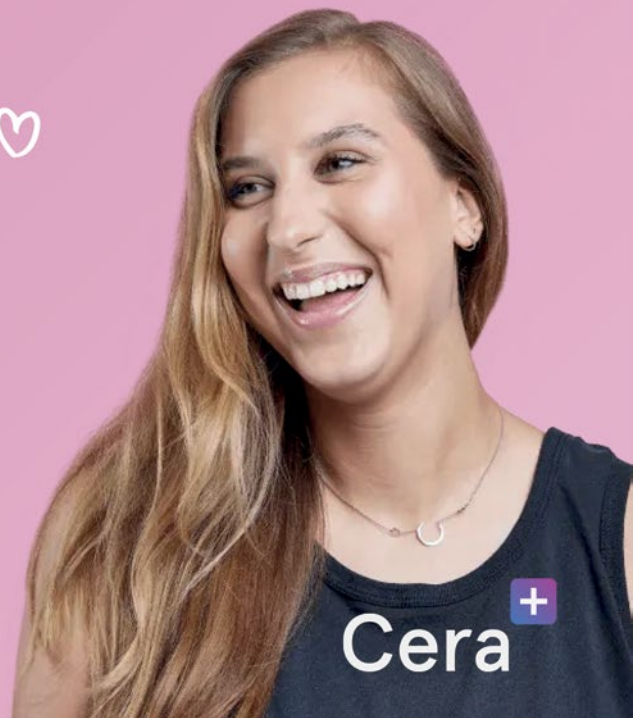
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Room at the Inn seek donations

by Hannah Skentelbery

WARRINGTON'S Room at the Inn charity is calling for donations to keep their important work going.

The charity based on Winmarleigh Street relies completely on donations to help those in need.

The charity's day centre is open to everyone from 10am to 5pm, providing a safe place for people. They offer essential items like clothing, food, and water to the homeless. The charity emphasises how easy it is for anyone to find themselves in this situation, highlighting the need for community support.

Room at the Inn also helps people with important tasks like claiming benefits and using the charity as a care-of address. They assist the homeless in registering with a GP and dentist, ensuring they get the healthcare they need. Their main goal is to create a plan to find housing for each person.

The charity currently needs

specific items like milk, juice, sugar, coffee, biscuits, snacks, underwear, t-shirts, trainers, and sleeping bags. These donations are really helpful for the daily operations of the centre.

Room at the Inn has been named the Stockton Heath M&S Charity of the Year. As part of this, they are looking for volunteers to help with fundraising activities, such as bag packing at the store.

To support Room at the Inn, please visit their website or drop off items at their Warrington location. Every donation, no matter how small, helps those in need.

For more information on how to get involved or to donate, please visit Room at the Inn's website. Your support can make a big difference in the lives of those relying on this essential service.



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What does the new Government mean for tax?

The dust has settled and new Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has moved into No. 10, but with so many claims and counterclaims made by all political parties in the run-up to the General Election, it may be difficult to recall exactly what was contained in Labour's manifesto concerning taxation. Here we provide a brief summary of the main measures that we currently know about.

As we know, Labour's manifesto highlighted targeted tax hikes, aimed squarely at wealthier voters. These measures include:

- closing of non-dom tax loopholes;
- VAT and business rates applied to private schools;
- private equity bosses will lose their 'carried interest' loophole.

The Labour manifesto proposes to cap corporation tax at the current 25% rate through the next five years. Permanent capital allowances full expensing will be retained and there is a commitment to maintain the £1m Annual Investment Allowance (AIA), which should help provide businesses considering making

investments with some certainty. It also promised to publish a business tax 'road map' for the next Parliament, which we can expect within the next six months. Again, businesses will welcome any degree of certainty that this will offer. The manifesto stated:

'The business tax regime matters for investors. It is not just the rates of tax that matter, but also certainty. Under the Conservatives there has been constant chopping and changing – corporation tax has changed 26 times – and multiple fiscal events have made drastic changes often at little notice.'

Labour proposes replacing the current business rates system to create a more level playing field with 'giant online retailers'. Details have not yet been published, but it seems likely that a consultation will be launched on this subject in due course. The manifesto stated:

'The current business rates system disincentivises investment, creates uncertainty and places an undue burden on our high streets. In England, Labour will replace the business rates system, so we can raise the same revenue but in a fairer way. This new system will level

the playing field between the high street and online giants, better incentivise investment, tackle empty properties and support entrepreneurship.'

Regarding research and development (R&D), there has been no mention of changes to R&D reliefs for corporate investment, which will be welcome news given the recent reform of the current regime.

The manifesto promises that a £1.2bn windfall tax on oil and gas companies will part-fund Great British Energy, a publicly-owned clean power company.

Labour has ruled out income tax, National Insurance and VAT increases, but has not made the same promise on CGT. There is no commitment either on pension tax relief although the earlier stated intent to reintroduce the lifetime allowance has not been included in the manifesto.

The Labour party intends to increase the stamp duty land tax (SDLT) surcharge applied when overseas nationals buy UK residential property, taking the surcharge to 3%.

On the National Minimum Wage (NMW), Labour has



Thomas Coyne and Stuart Barr

pledged to remove age bands so that there is only one rate. The remit of the Low Pay Commission will also be changed to ensure that 'the minimum wage is a genuine living wage'.

There has been no mention of changes to the inheritance tax regime (IHT). However, it has been reported that Labour is currently looking at options. This might include scrapping or changing the rules for Business Relief and Agricultural Relief. It is also rumoured that similar changes may be made to lifetime gifts, where currently no IHT is due where a person lives for more than seven years after making a gift.

Labour says it is committed to one major fiscal event a year, designed to give families and businesses due warning of tax and spending policies. No doubt the first of these events will contain plenty to keep everyone on their toes in the next few years.

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Warrington Wolves heading to Las Vegas!



WARRINGTON Wolves and Wigan Warriors will make history in March next year when they compete in a Betfred Super League fixture in Las Vegas.

The old rivals who previously took a game on the road to Milwaukee in 1989, will break new ground, becoming the first ever Super League fixture to be played in the United States, at the 65,000 capacity Allegiant Stadium, Nevada, home of the NFL side Las Vegas Raiders.

The game will kick-off a huge day of Rugby League in the states on Saturday 1 March 2025 at 1.30pm local time (9.30pm UK) and will be broadcast live in the UK on Sky Sports.

The game will form part of the NRLs Las Vegas extravaganza following on from last year's successful inaugural event which drew in a crowd of over 40,000.

NRL sides Penrith Panthers, New Zealand Warriors, Canberra Raiders and Cronulla Sharks will join Warrington and Wigan stateside. England and Australia Women will also feature in a Test match between the two nations.

The Wire and the Warriors have played previous in the US in a friendly in 1989 at Milwaukee's County Stadium, which Wigan won 12-5. It will be the first time the club have played a competitive fixture outside of Europe since August 1997 when Warrington faced Auckland Warriors in an expanded World Club Championship.

Tickets will go on sale to members on Tuesday 23 July with further information to follow on travel packages. Fans can purchase ticket and accommodation packages in advance of this date with Australian travel company TripADeal.

Warrington Wolves Chief Executive Karl Fitzpatrick said: "First of all credit must go to Kris Radlinski,

Mike Danson and the Board at Wigan for driving this project. When approached about this opportunity we were onboard from the outset. This initiative is fully aligned with our Club's positioning and ambitions.

"Playing in one of the world's best entertainment destinations at a stunning venue is going to be an exciting and memorable experience for our supporters, players and partners. It will also put Super League on the map in a sports market full of opportunity. The Vegas games earlier this year really captured the imagination and showed the Rugby League world what can be achieved by thinking and aiming big – next year it is going to be even bigger and to be part of this concept is going to be really special."

Wigan Warriors Chief Executive Kris Radlinski commented: "I think many of us in the UK watched the games in Las Vegas earlier in the year and wished they could be a part of it, either playing or supporting. I spoke to my board about the possibility and there was a unanimous desire to be part of the occasion. I wrote to Peter V'landys and explained that we were an ambitious club and to kindly consider us for future events. Peter responded positively and put me in contact with his NRL executive team and for the last few months, we have been working through ways to make this happen. Through my long lasting relationships with Simon Moran and Karl Fitzpatrick at Warrington, I knew that they had similar ambitions and when I spoke to them about it, they jumped at the chance to take part."

The fixture will be classed as a regular round Super League Wigan Warriors home game.

Matty Nicholson to join Canberra Raiders

SECOND-ROWER Matty Nicholson will leave Warrington Wolves at the end of the 2024 season to take up an option in the NRL.

Nicholson will join Canberra Raiders on a three-year deal with Warrington Wolves receiving a significant transfer fee.

The 20-year-old joined the Wire midway through the 2022 season from Wigan Warriors and made an instant impact, scoring on his debut and being named Player of the Match in a win over Catalans Dragons at Magic Weekend.

He has since gone on to make 41 appearances in the primrose and blue, scoring 11 tries.

During his time at the club he also made his England debut and has featured in two tests against France for the national team.

Matty Nicholson said: "It's been a lifetime ambition of mine growing up to play in the NRL.

"That's the pinnacle of the sport and I've always pushed myself to play in that competition one day. I think it's a good time for me to go over and I don't want to have any regrets. I've loved every minute of my time here at Warrington and I'm fully committed for the rest of the season. Warrington gave me the opportunity to prove myself in Super League. I'm leaving on great terms and have got mates here for life."

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