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JUDGING by our mail bag and social media activity Warrington Council's pledge to crack down on irresponsible dog owners will be welcomed by many people in Lymm.

The issue of dog fouling in public places has certainly been a hot topic – and hopefully these new measures being brought in by Warrington Borough Council will help make a difference.

In a nut shell, the council has joined forces with Keep Britain Tidy on the 'We're watching you' campaign which encourages dog owners to bag it then bin it.

The campaign uses innovative, cutting-edge materials, including glow in the dark posters which 'charge up' during the day to glow in the dark at night. This is the first time such a material has been used on a poster.

While the vast majority of dog owners are responsible people,

who do pick up after their dog and dispose of the poo bags correctly, there are those in the Lymm area who clearly ignore public health advice and steadfastly refuse to clear up after their pet.

Keep Britain Tidy's research has shown that dog walkers are more responsible, and pick up after their dogs, when they think that they are being watched. Dog fouling tends to occur at night time and during the winter months, as some dog owners feel that they can't be seen.

If witnessed, offenders face a fixed penalty fine of £50 or a maximum penalty on conviction of £1,000.

Enforcement officers need information from the public to get

the evidence they need to find and convict offenders.

Please report irresponsible dog owners with as much information as possible to help officers track them down.

You can report dog fouling on line at www.warrington.gov.uk/ report or call the Contact Centre on 01925 443322.

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Big Sing land big name



LYMM'S own "Gareth Malone style" scratch choir, 'The Big Sing', formed for Lymm Festival in 2012 is set to take centre stage with BRIT award winner Beverly Craven.

Since being formed they have gone from strength to strength under the guidance of choir leader Susan Healey and her husband musical director Michael Healey.

BRIT award winning singer-songwriter Beverly Craven was so impressed with what she heard that she has agreed to come to Lymm to give a concert of her music and to share the stage for a short set with the choir in the second half of her show.

A few years after her monster hit "Promise Me" in the early

90s Beverley stepped out of the limelight to bring up a musical family of three daughters as well as winning a battle with breast cancer.

But last year she released her long awaited and much acclaimed fifth album- Change of Heart which was backed up with a 36 date national tour.

"This a real coup for the Big Sing and for the festival" explained the choir's Business Manager Alan Williams.

Rehearsals will be starting soon for the gig which will be on Tuesday June 23 at Statham Lodge Hotel.

Any one who would like to find out more about how to join the choir and be part of a very special evening visit www.lymmbigsing.co.uk or call Tina Watmough on 07734 333525

Choral concert

LYMM and District Chorus are to perform "Olivet to Calvary", with music by John Henry Maunder and words by Shapcott Wensley, at St Mary's Church, Lymm on Wednesday April 1 at 7.30pm.

Soloists will be Malcolm Young, tenor, Stephen Froggatt, bass and Avril Brown, soprano.

Conductors will be Catherine Ardern and Robin Mundy and organist will be John Stott.

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 More info Lynne Smith 01925 756776

April 14
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 Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB
 Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP
 Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm
 Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm
 Details: 01925 755126

ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM
 Every Wednesday at Statham Lodge Hotel
 7.15pm for 7.30pm
 Contact the secretary 01925 650189

LOVING HEARTS & HANDS
 Knitting for charity at Lymm Methodist Church,
 2nd and 4th Thursday each month.
 1.30pm - 3pm. Details: 01925 753298

MARKET LUNCHES
 Eagle Brow Methodist Church
 3rd Thursday in the month
 Light lunches 12 noon till 2pm. All proceeds to
 Youth For Christ and YMCA Room at The Inn

LYMM SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB
 St Mary's Church Hall
 Second and fourth Fridays (Sept - May)
 7.30pm. Details: 753853

GARDENING CLUB
 Meet Third Wednesday of the month
 Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
 Visitors welcome. £2 includes tea and cake

LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP
 Lymm Village Hall
 Third Monday of the month (except August)
 at 7.30pm

LYMM ORNITHOLOGY GROUP
 Lymm Village Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm,
 Last Friday in the month (ex June & July).
 Guest speaker, Slide Show, Refreshments.
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LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
 Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
 (ex July & Aug), 7.30pm
 Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.
 Details: www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk

LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE
 2nd Thursday of the month, 8pm
 The Boat Stage (Royal British Legion)
 Details: 01925 604400

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 Rehearsals every Thursday evening
 United Reformed Church, 8pm.
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Tuesday, April 14
 Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

Ducks away!



THE annual Lymm Duck Race returns on Easter Monday (April 6th) and organisers Lymm and District Round Table are hoping for another quacking turnout.

The race, once again kindly sponsored by the Co-op store on Cherry Lane, starts at 12.30pm while all the usual children's entertainment and stalls, plus the popular 'Easter Food Fest' on Henry Street car park - next to the youth and community centre - will be open from 10.30am.

"The Duck Race is now firmly established as one of Lymm's most popular events with people travelling in from further afield," said Nick Elliott, Round Table member. "As well as organising a fun day out for all the family we also strive to raise as much money as possible for charity, which is why the support of local businesses as corporate or super duck sponsors is really important. As has now become customary, the owner of the winning super duck

will be able to nominate a charity that we will donate £1000 to, with £250 going to the charity of choice of the corporate duck winner too."

Racing duck tickets can be bought online at www.lymmduckrace.co.uk - normal duck tickets are priced at £1, with corporate ducks £30 and super ducks £60. The first normal racing duck over the line receives £100, second place £50 and third £25.

Alternatively, tickets are on sale by The Cross, Lymm, on the three Saturdays preceding Easter Monday and you can also buy them on the day.

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Who can have one?

Every UK resident aged 18 and over has an allowance of £15000. Children of 16 years are allowed to have a cash ISA only. In addition there is a junior ISA allowance of £3840 for this current tax year, which rises to £4000 in 2014/15. Any child can have a junior ISA who was not eligible for a child trust fund.

Why should I bother?

Well basically the ISA allowance plus any growth on these savings are free from all taxes. You don't even need put them on your income tax return. This is one very good way of building up savings for retirement for example. When required you can elect that your ISA portfolio pay you an income. And because this income comes from your ISA, it is tax free. If you do not use your ISA allowance then simply, you lose it.

What about Risk?

Investment risk is what most people are referring to when they talk about risk. But there is also inflation and interest rate risk in a cash ISA, not to mention the institution going bust where you hold your money. However, Investment risk can be managed, by taking a little more risk at times when you do not need the money and then reduce risk when you need to draw on your capital.

Can I only have one ISA?

You may well remember PEP's as well as TESSA's, then there were Maxi and Mini ISA's, it was all quite confusing. However, investments made in previous tax years do not count towards your allowance. So people can very often have different ISA's with all different providers. You can transfer ISA's including cash ISA's from previous tax years, if it suits you to do so. If you want to discuss savings into ISA's before the end of the financial year on 5th April you need to act quickly. If you do not use your ISA allowance you lose it forever.



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Nominations sought for prestigious award

LYMM Rotary Club is seeking nominations for their prestigious Cyril Bell Award.

The nomination is made in recognition of outstanding service by an individual to the community of Lymm on his/her own, or as a member of a group or organisation, over and above that expected of

that person's vocation.

Age or infirmity is no bar. Previous winners are ineligible.

Nominations must be received by June 1. The winner receives a trophy, called, "The Cyril Bell

Memorial Award", a cut glass rose bowl, which is held for one year, a personal certificate and a cheque for £500 made out in favour of their chosen charity.

This award is in its 28th year and is made in commemoration of Cyril Bell, a member of the Lymm club who, unfortunately, died during his

Presidential year.

The Award will be presented at the club's Ladies' Evening being held at Statham Lodge Hotel on June 17.

For a nomination form email John Beard egerton2491@btinternet.com

Rotary Club hosts "Youth Speaks" event

THE Rotary Club of Lymm hosted Rotary District 1280's Zone Final of the annual "Youth Speaks" competition at Statham Lodge Hotel - a national competition which provides an opportunity for young people to address a public meeting.

Two teams took part in the Intermediate Section, St. Peter's RC High School, Wigan and

The Grange High, Runcorn, and St. Peter's RC High School, and Lymm High School in the Senior Section. The winners of both the Intermediate Section and the Senior Section were St. Peter's RC High. Their respective subjects were, "Testing for 4 Year Olds" and "The Value of Reading". Both teams had been well prepared and their Speakers were extremely eloquent

and polished.

The Grange School was the runner-up in the Intermediate Section. Their challenging subject

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If you have been burning throughout the winter so far and you have an insurance condition stipulating twice each year (often the case for thatched properties) this is the month you should consider a second sweep!

Spring, when it arrives, means those little Jackdaw fiends are eyeing up your chimney to build their nest. They start by dropping twigs down the chimney - this is the foundation, or scaffolding as we like to call it. Look out for twigs in the grate since this is the first sign that your house chimney has been chosen for their new home.

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For more than a week, most of his landscaped garden was under two feet of water – and the only way he could get around it was by rowing boat.

Even now, things are not back to normal.

The once pristine lawn now looks like a well-used football pitch at the end of the season and the borders are still a quagmire.

Mr Hunter is negotiating with United Utilities about having the lawn re-turfed.

The flood occurred after the last significant snowfall in Lymm and as the snow and ice began to thaw, Mr Hunter expected to see his garden reappear.

But all he could see was water – more and more of it. He just couldn't believe how much water the thaw was causing.

Then he realised what had happened. A water main had burst outside his home, Wildersmoor House – and the water was pouring into his garden.

He promptly reported the matter to United Utilities – but five days later the water was still flowing and his garden had been transformed into a lake. In places it was two feet deep and the only way he could reach his garage and shed was by rowing boat.

Fortunately Wildersmoor House stands about three feet above the garden, so it escaped the deluge.

United Utilities dug up the road, erected temporary traffic lights and a one-way traffic system was

operated. Two teams of workmen visited – but both went away again saying: "It's a bigger problem than we thought."

At the third attempt they managed to stem the flow of water.

Mr Hunter said: "Fortunately, the water did not get inside the house. But my garage looked more like a boathouse and the only way I could reach my shed, so see if it had been flooded, was by boat."

"Fortunately, I have a rowing boat, but I never expected to have

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Ged Hunter goes boating - in his landscaped garden



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en into boating lake!

to use it to get round the garden. "The garden is about one and-a-half acres and I reckon a third of it was under water.

"I had a pump going day and night, pumping water down my drains. But it did not start lowering the water level until they stopped the leak. If I hadn't had a pump, the water level would have been even higher."

Eventually, United Utilities pumped the water away. But the operation involved digging holes in

the lawn and tramping all over it.

A spokesman for the company said: "We're really sorry for the inconvenience this caused our customer.

"The majority of our customers in Lymm enjoy a reliable water supply, so it's disappointing when

people are affected like this.

"We had to carry out the repair while the water was flowing through the pipe, otherwise we would have had to turn off the main, stopping water getting to half of Lymm. Unfortunately, this also meant there was some flooding in the area."



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The owners now source pieces of art, craft and furniture from unique individuals and companies that

share the same passion for quality and expression as they do. The business is slowly moving from a passionate and interesting hobby, into a true small enterprise.

Their next aim is to grow their network with local artists and designers. Find ways to help the next generation of talent and further promote those more established. They are always happy to speak with people who have the same passion and see if there is way to work together in some way.

It just goes to show.....' out of wrought iron candle trees, local enterprise can grow!'

To have a closer look at some of their products and read more of the overall philosophy, go to www.homemetalart.co.uk



Oughtrington Community Centre AGM

Oughtrington Community Centre is holding its AGM at 7.30pm on Wednesday May 13 at the community centre, Oughtrington Crescent, Lymm. Refreshments to follow, all welcome.

Take a snap for Spring

As the cold nights of winter come to an end, Lymm Festival have announced a spring event to get people outside and cameras snapping.

A photography weekend will be held at Lane End Cottage Gardens on Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12.

With the garden being open from 10am to 4pm on both days it is sure to be a unique opportunity to enjoy the attractive one acre garden.

Lane End Cottage Gardens, at the top of Cherry Lane is home of the stunning 'Art in the Garden' Summer Festival Event which will be returning this year.

The garden is full of spring flowers, wild birds and tame chickens – something not to be missed.

This is a great opportunity to bring along your camera and learn how to improve your photography skills with free advice and guidance from experts, who will be on hand all weekend. If you are not a keen photographer then it is a chance to come along and enjoy the garden.

Rain or shine, Lane End Cottage Gardens has indoor and outdoor displays so no matter what happens it will be fun for all the family. Refreshments will be available in the heated greenhouse to give you time to refuel.

This event is pay at the gate only, £3 adults and £1.50 children (Under 5's free). The event is for everyone, there is free parking on Old Cherry Lane and there is disabled access to the garden and toilet.

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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

This is the penultimate Parish Newsletter that I will be writing as Chair of the Parish. My final letter will be a summation of my tenure. I have really enjoyed my time as Chair and I hope that the people of Lymm have found these newsletters informative.

As you read this, Lymm is looking forward to the major events of the summer calendar all staffed, in the main, by fantastic teams of volunteers. Lymm can look forward to another Transport Day, A Food Fest as part of Lymm Festival, Lymm Festival itself and a May Queen that will be staged over two days.

The first day of May Queen will follow the traditional format whilst the second day will consist of a variety of events, stalls and of course the fun fair. For any enquiries about this please visit the May Queen website or contact the chair Steve Harper on: 07815 961306

I would like to thank the continual generosity of the people of Lymm towards local and national charities and worthy causes. The local Poppy Appeal this year raised nearly £12,000.

Lymm Parish Council is seeking to help a local football club Lymm Piranhas to finally have a permanent ground and facilities. This club helps hundreds of local children to keep fit and has done so over many years. Watch this space for further developments.



The refurbishment of the Youth and Community Centre is now well under way and the Parish Council looks forward to its completion.

Just a reminder that the Parish Hall has had a lot of refurbishments and it is open for bookings by the community and businesses. If you are a company who needs a useful meeting room with tea/coffee facilities, the Council Room is available on most days and most evenings. For details please contact Amanda Riley the Parish Clerk on: 07585 952445. The main hall is also available for long term and short term bookings including children's parties; again please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council are continuing to try and alleviate the bin situation in Lymm and after a series of extremely positive meetings with Warrington Borough Council, have agreed a new way of working with regard to frequency of Village Centre refuse collection and grounds maintenance that should be beneficial for all.

Finally as you may know the Parish website is now up and running, and has already had a positive impact on bookings within the Village. If you have an event that you would like to be advertised please contact the Parish Clerk on: clerk@lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk at least a month in advance so that we can put it in our 'What's On' section of the website.

Cllr Kath Buckley Chair of Lymm Parish Council

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Zebedee – the cat with £500 on his head

THEY seek him here, they seek him there...Zebedee the "bouncing" cat.

He went missing from home in October but has been spotted several times since – and even photographed!

But so far, despite a desperate search by his distressed owner, Carol Treasure, he remains at large – despite a £500 reward being offered for his safe return.

Zebedee came to Lymm with Carol in 2007. He was just six weeks old and Carol had moved to the village from Nottingham only three weeks earlier and was starting a whole new life.

Zebedee lived up to his name – bouncing around like the "Magic Roundabout" character. He was loving and friendly – but also adventurous and likely to AWOL.

Since moving to Lymm, Carol has added to her family with another human – husband Russell – another cat, Mia and border collie, Chloe and four chickens. But Zebedee has taken them all in his stride.

In October, Carol and Russell went away for the weekend to celebrate their first wedding anniversary and when they returned Zebedee was out – and has not returned since.

A neighbour had seen him that day, near their home in Stage Lane. Since then, he has been seen several times – near the Barn Own pub, near Cyril Bell Close, and sitting on a boat on the Bridgewater Canal – when he was even photographed.

On Christmas Eve he was seen sitting under a car – but then disappeared.

Carol and Russell have launched a Facebook page (Missing Cat in Lymm) and many friends have helped in the search.

A complicating factor is that Carol and Russell have now moved to Arley - but the new occupants of their Lymm home are looking out for him should he return to the house.

Carol said: "Zebedee is a larger-than-life character, very independent and an expert hunter. He is more than capable of looking

after himself 'in the wild'! However we believe there's a possibility that he may have been 'adopted' by someone locally, who did not know he already has a loving home. Perhaps he is being kept indoors and not able to return home. He is micro-chipped.

"Zebedee is a cornerstone of our little family, and very much loved and missed by all of us. Anything more that the Lymm community can do to help us to bring Zebedee home would be so much appreciated."

Carol can be contacted on 07545 779 303 or info@oaktreewellbeing.co.uk



Carol ready for Morocco challenge



A LYMM resident is hoping a jumble sale will help propel her towards a massive trek in October.

Carol Robinson is a long-time supporter of the Children's Adventure Farm Trust, based just outside Lymm in Millington.

She is joining a group raising money for the charity by taking on a climb up Mount Toubkal in Morocco, all 13,671 feet of it.

She is organising a jumble sale at the village hall on Pepper Street as part of her fundraising effort for the trip.

It takes place between 2pm and 4pm on March 21 with free entrance. Shoppers can choose from clothes, shoes and accessories with refreshments and cakes available.

Helen Crowther, from CAFT, said: "Each year we must raise in excess of £1,000,000 in order that we can continue to fulfil our promise to children who visit the farm."

"By joining the trek to Mount Toubkal Carol will help us to provide these amazing, once in a lifetime experiences to many special children in desperate need from all over our region."

Josie honoured with life membership

LYMM Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club held a party for their stewardess second from left, Josie Hughes who retired on her 80th birthday after nearly 30 years service.

Pictured with Josie are members of her family and from left, Frank O'Gorman club president, her husband Ken and right, club chairman Fari Minaeian who presented her with an honorary lifetime membership to the club.



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Hairdresser Ria makes it three in a row

FORMER Lymm High School pupil Ria Kulik is making a name for herself in the hairdressing world - reaching the finals of the UK Extensionist of the Year competition for the third year in a row.

Ria, aged 26, has lived in Lymm since she was 10. She is a stylist at a leading salon in Urmston.

being finalists in British hairdressing awards in London and representing the North West with my mum Laura Kulik."

The competition is held at the annual Pro Hair Live event in Manchester Central and to enter, Ria had to show off her creative specialist skills by producing a Parisian inspired photo with extensions.



There are hundreds of entries from up and down the country each year which have two categories - commercial creative and avant garde.

Only eight entries are selected for the final and Ria won through is both with a chance to win the title.

She said: "I can't believe I've been selected out of hundreds of entries for the third year running. "It's been an amazing year

Ball raises over £2,000 for school

OUGHTRINGTON Primary School held their second Valentine Ball for 100 guests at the Lymm hotel to raise money for the school.

The evening was a great success with parents quite literally having a ball.

The event was hosted by Key 103 DJ Darren Proctor and over £2,000 was raised on the night with parents involved in the raffle, auction and evening games.

Dancing carried on till the early hours and everyone is looking forward to the next one!



Reader's letter



Send your correspondence to: The Editor, Lymm Life, New Media Centre, Old Road, Warrington WA4 1AT or email: info@lymm.life.co.uk

Thank you

Su Williams

Dear Gary, Many thanks to you for printing the article about the 6th Form of Lymm High School planning to come to the Youth and Community Centre to help and give guidance to adults on matters concerned with using computers, iPads and mobile phones.

We have had contact from interested people and also an offer of help with the transport to get people to our Senior Socials on 3rd Wednesday of the month.

So once again many thanks, it has been a real help to know that more residents now know about the planned assistance.



Gendai Members along with representative of 4Lymm.

Welcome visitors to martial arts club

GENDAI Martial Arts welcomed some special guests to their Karate lesson at Lymm Leisure Centre.

Members of 4Lymm, the new voluntary organisation which replaced Lymm Lions attended to present the club with a cheque to go towards their much needed funding to buy new safety equipment for all students.

Kids Planet Open Day

LYMM based Kids Planet Day Nurseries are holding an open day on Saturday March 28 from 11am – 3pm.

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Obituary

Raymond Alfred Massey

THE funeral took place at St Peter's Church, Oughtrington, of Raymond Alfred Massey, aged 87 - known to all in Lymm as Ray.

He passed away peacefully in his sleep at Birch Court Nursing Home, on February 5 from Alzheimer's Disease.

Ray was born in Lymm and was a lifelong resident, a devoted dad to his girls Sarah and Helen, loving brother to Val and wonderful granddad to Jack, Mathew, Jess, Tilly and Poppy.

Ray was a member of 224 squadron based in St Eval, Cornwall and served as a flight mechanic on Lancaster bombers towards the end of World War 2.

He then worked for Kearns Richards in Broadheath, Altrincham as an engineer for more than 35 years, leaving to take up a post as lecturer in engineering at Halton College until retirement.

Ray was a passionate supporter

of the Royal British Legion and organised the poppy appeal in Lymm for 48 years, raising thousands of pounds for the charity closest to his heart. He had been president of the Lymm branch since 1991.

He loved sport and took part in badminton and bowls. He also got a lot of pleasure from his greenhouse and his garden, growing tomatoes and bedding plants in abundance. He was always incredibly smart - even wearing a shirt and tie to wash his car and mow the lawn.

He was a truly unique character who brought commitment and dedication to all that he did. He was caring, thoughtful and incredibly loyal.



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