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WELCOME to the 200th issue of Lymm Life magazine - a major milestone in the history of **Lymm Life**, which was launched in the last century.

Flicking through the pages of our first issue it is fascinating to see how many things have changed in the past sixteen-and-a-half years.

Our first issue featured Town Crier Peter Powell heralding our arrival - and I am pleased to see that Peter is still going strong - and is indeed now an elected member of the parish council.

By coincidence we also feature local historian Joe Griffiths, who is also now an elected member of the parish council as well as a couple of articles featuring Cllr Sheila Woodyatt, who is also still going strong after representing the area since 1979 and dealing with more

than 41,000 issues!

What I do find surprising is that within the first issue the only mention of the internet is a small advert from our holding company Orbit News offering low cost website design.

Not a single local business mentions a website address and the only email contact in the whole publication was for ourselves.

The internet and social media revolution is undoubtedly the biggest single change in the way we now cover local news and events via our own website, which is now fully mobile and our social media feeds on Facebook and twitter which help us connect with thousands of local residents at the touch of a button.

But there is clearly still a big part to play in the community for hard copy publications like Lymm Life,

which is now one of six publications we produce in the Warrington and surrounding areas.

It will be interesting to see what else changes over the next 200 issues!

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# Morris dancers bag a clutch of trophies

**LYMM Morris Dance troupe, the Adivas, brought back a clutch of trophies from the recent championships in Prestatyn.**

Troupe leader Kate Pritchard said: "The dancers did exceptionally well in their first championships. I am really proud of them."

The youngest troupe, the 'Dinkies' were "Troupe of the Year" and first place champions on the day.

Anais Talbot, aged seven, was best Dinkies leader and Maisie Delaney, aged five was both Mascot of the Year and Mascot on the day.

The Tinies A troupe were runners-up for Troupe of the Year and gained second place on the day. The Tinies B troupe were third placed on the day.

Megan Lawrinson aged 11 was both the overall Leader of the Year and best leader on the day.

The Seniors achieved second place on the day.

Two young dancers, Faye Griffiths and Grace Main, both won trophies for Champion Marching achievements and Pete Delaney was the Champion Marcher for the parents' section.



Kate Pritchard pictured with:

Maisie Delaney (middle) - Mascot of The Year and Mascot on the day.

Faye Griffiths (left) - Champion Dinkie Marcher aged 6.

Anais Talbot (right) - Champion Leader on the day (Dinkies) aged 7.

Megan Thompson (back right) - Champion Leader of The Year and Leader of the day (Tinies).



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**LYMM PARISH COUNCIL**  
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  
Oughtington Community Centre, Lymm  
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**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.  
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**MARKET LUNCHES**  
Eagle Brow Methodist Church  
3rd Thursday in the month  
Light lunches 12 noon till 2pm. All proceeds to  
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**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).  
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Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.  
Details: www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk

**LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE**  
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The Spread Eagle Hotel  
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**LYMM  
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Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

## Jewellers celebrate two years in the village



ORB Jewellers celebrate two years in the centre of Lymm village on Saturday, November 21 – and owners Antony and Debbie can't believe how quickly the time has passed.

But they will be celebrating on the day and hope customers will drop in for wine and cake – and also view the range of Christmas gifts that will have newly arrived.

In fact, Orb Jewellers have been going for more than 20 years, starting out as a workshop in Cairo Street, Warrington and then moving to a larger retail outlet at Urmston for 12 years.

But with the whole geography of Urmston town centre changing they decided to settle for the more tranquil location in Lymm.

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# Beer festival raises over £4,200 for good causes

LYMM Roundtable's annual beer festival was once again a great success helping raise over £4,200 for local charities and good causes.

Two steam engines, town crier Peter Powell and live music all helped create a fantastic atmosphere as the village hall was packed out during the two day event.

Lymm Life was proud to sponsor one of the barrels of beer. Pictures show Town Crier Peter Powell with Roundtable Chairman Graham Gowland and Lymm Life Editor Gary Skentelbery with Peter and Beer Festival lead Rich Storey and guest Carl Oates from MBS Site Supplies.



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# Anna joins the team

LYMM Festival has appointed a new Marketing and Publicity Director.

Anna Worsley will work alongside Events Director Dave Sawyer and the rest of the team to plan and deliver next year's Festival.

Anna moved to Lymm just over a year ago and has already become an active member of the community. She is a member of Lymm Runners and acted as a volunteer for the Festival's Historic Transport Day in

June.

Anna said: "I'm very impressed with the interesting and varied programme the Festival puts on, from the packed summer Festival to the winter warmers. I'm delighted to be joining the team."

Chairman Ian Marks added: "We welcome Anna to the Festival and I know she has a number of fresh ideas for taking our marketing and publicity forward. We have already started to plan our winter events

and the main summer Festival that will run from 16 to 26 June 2016. It is important that we put on events that will appeal to all sections of the population and we want to attract more people into Lymm from wider afield.

Lymm Festival is always on the lookout for people to act as volunteers at events or to the Committee. To find out more please contact [chair@lymmfestival.org.uk](mailto:chair@lymmfestival.org.uk) or call 01925 753051.



## School receives Royal visit

WITHINGTON'S new Junior School and Central Hub was officially opened during a Royal visit by HRH The Duchess of Gloucester to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the School's foundation.

The Duchess was escorted on a tour of the school's impressive new buildings by Headmistress, Mrs. Sue Marks, accompanied by civic and local dignitaries. She was treated to a choral recital by Junior School pupils before going on to visit the new Zochonis laboratory, one of the school's three state-of-the-art Chemistry laboratories, which have been upgraded to university specification as part of an overall enhancement of senior school facilities.

Her Royal Highness unveiled a plaque commemorating the opening of the new Junior School and Hub. She was presented with a copy of the School's 125th Anniversary book, *Towards the Light*, by Head Girl Radhika Saggar and received a posy of flowers from seven-year-old Tara Sumra, the youngest pupil in the School.

The Royal visit officially marked the completion of an extensive £5 million building and redevelopment project; the largest-ever single capital investment in Withington's history, which was timed to coincide with the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the school.

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# Colour run helps Vera's dream come true



A "COLOUR run" helped raise at least £28,000 for St Rocco's Hospice as well as helping a Lymm woman achieve her lifelong ambition of taking part in an organised run.

The event attracted an estimated 700 runners at Walton Hall and Gardens as hundreds of people were splattered with powdered paint in the name of charity.

Organised by St. Rocco's and sponsored by Livewire, the event was a huge success for the Hospice and despite the rain, there was laughter aplenty as families from across the town walked and jogged the 3km route, starting in white and finishing bright.

Many participants took part for personal reasons and for Vera Martins, a patient at St. Rocco's, the event allowed her to complete a lifelong ambition to take part in an organised run.

Vera, who lives in Lymm and was pushed around the course by her brother Gabriel Martins, has raised over £5,000 in sponsorship and family flew in from around the world to watch her complete the course.

She said: "For me, taking part in the Colour Run means I am taking control. The cancer might have control of my body, but this is me taking some of it back."

The event attracted runners of all ages, including Lymm based hospice Chairman Norman Banner, who raised over £500 in pledges.

Lauren Tilston, Events Fundraising Manager at St. Rocco's, added: "Walton Hall and Gardens was an incredible setting for our first ever Colour Run, and the rain did nothing to dampen the spirits of everyone involved. We are delighted the event received such fantastic support and on behalf of everyone at St. Rocco's I'd like to say a huge thank you to the participants, volunteers, and sponsors. You're all amazing!"

Any one who would like to sponsor Vera or find out more about her journey, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/Vera-marathon-bucketlist-challenge/>



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Joe (left) and Steve Griffiths (right) with volunteer John Gill.

# Community centre open day

**LYMM Youth and Community Association are celebrating the completion of a historic year with an open day to invite everyone in the local community to take a look at the centre in Lymm village.**

Over the past few years volunteers have been upgrading the facilities and décor culminating in almost £100,000 of renovations aided by a fantastic £75K WREN grant.

The latest grant from WREN has enabled new high quality toilets to be created which are disabled friendly with baby changing facilities too. New kitchens, store-rooms and new floor coverings upstairs and downstairs have also been put in place; as well as new entrances which make a start on improving the former austere look of the building while enabling better disabled access to both levels of the centre.

The centre will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday November 7 and everyone is invited to call in for a look around – Free Tea/Coffee and Biscuits will be available to all. The actual Opening Ceremony will be held at 12.30pm followed by a short AGM and a light buffet. All are welcome to attend the opening ceremony but to aid catering arrangements, anyone intending to attend the ceremony or AGM is asked to let LYCA know on 07837-459156.

But not only has the centre been

brought into the modern age but it has also been the subject of a Community Asset Transfer by which it has been given to the Association by Warrington Borough Council to manage for the community on a 30 year lease at a rent of just one peppercorn per annum!

Chairman of the LYCA Steve Griffiths said: "I hope anyone in the village on November 7 will take the opportunity to call in and have a look around – and have a free cuppa too. After all the centre now belongs to everyone in Lymm. The Association has just been given it in trust to manage on your behalf – come and see what a superb facility this is for you to use".

Parish Councillor and Trustee, Joe Griffiths, commented: "The Centre is already well used with age ranges from toddlers through Junior and High school age ranges up to Seniors well into their 90s – but the Centre is ideal for a Mums and Toddlers Club so it would be nice to see it used more frequently for that age group too. And there's still plenty of opportunities for bookings by outside organisations (Bookings Hotline 07946-676735). I do hope everyone will come and have a look."

## 'Colour our world'

MEMBERS of Lymm Floral Art Group were given a wonderful reminder of the colourful natural world at their monthly meeting when Keith Smithies gave a demonstration entitled "Colour our World."

He created five magnificent designs with varying colour combinations in containers in a range of materials, including wood, Perspex and glass, in contrasting shapes and colours. Flowers used included gladioli, chrysanthemum, roses, anthuriums, orchids and dill.

The clubs meets on the third Monday of the month at Lymm Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Next meeting is October 19 when the demonstration is "Fun and Flowers" by a national demonstrator, Lesley Devalle.



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# Lymm Couple's honeymoon to 'pie' for

**A NEWLY WED couple from Lymm, became the first people on the planet to take their honeymoon at a pie factory.**

Jenna Tobin, 34, and her husband Stephen, 35, followed up their big Pie Do on their wedding day when 150 guests tucked into their favourite pies at their wedding reception in their home village, with a Pie Honeymoon.

It was a real treat for bride Jenna, who got a life long love of Holland's Pies after living in a tiny terraced house just down the road from the factory in Baxenden, near Accrington, Lancashire as a child.

The bride had been delivered to the ceremony in a Holland's Pies van, had a three tier 'Pie' wedding cake, had Holland's greaseproof paper on the tables at the reception and hundreds of pies.

Yet the honeymoon was even more of a highlight as they got to take home some souvenir pies direct from the factory.

Jenna, a sister on a critical care unit at a Manchester hospital, was overjoyed with her factory honeymoon and groom Stephen, a cigarette sales manager, was delighted his new wife thought the somewhat strange holiday destination was so exciting.

When they got inside the factory the pair even got to take a 'self-pie' by the ovens - it's like a selfie - just with lots of pies and below is their postcard to friends and family from the world's wackiest honeymoon location:

'Dear All,  
'Wish you were here...firstly what a wonderful wedding with all those lovely people and delicious pies, but the honeymoon has been something else. Yes, we're the first couple to ever honeymoon at this particular pie factory in Lancashire, actually only couple in the world to ever honeymoon at any pie factory on the planet according to Google.

'We know it's in Baxenden, but everyone says it's in Accrington, I know the location as I used to live in a tiny terraced house just down the road when I was a little girl. The smell of the pies being cooked at 4 o'clock in the afternoon have been with me ever since.

'So this is really a dream honeymoon destination. Some people do Barbados, the Maldives and even Holland, but I am happy with Holland's Pies and Stephen is really getting stuck in.

'Truly Stephen can't believe his luck, we even got a bit hot and steamy in the cookhouse. They go through a ton of filling in the cookhouse every time and make an average of 1.2 million pies a week - that's a lot as I've only eaten just over 3,000 in my lifetime.

'Now when we got into the factory proper, after stirring a vat of minced meat and onion (Stephen's favourite), they started showing us the production lines. Now I found it fascinating and they told us how they go through 25 tons of meat at the factory every week and it takes two-and-a-half hours to tenderise.

'Stephen went all goey-eyed again and got to grips with me by the production lines, but the Holland's health and safety people stepped in before we turned it into a reproduction line.

'They even let us get our hands on some pasties, but I still prefer their cheese and onion pies, though we did hear good things about the Guinness pie and as I am a stout supporter of Holland's we'll have to get hold of some of them. We had to take a self-pie by the ovens, it's like a selfie just with lots of pies in the picture.

'We even got cocktails in the factory car park and had brought along a duvet, Stephen had packed some Hawaiian garlands and our sunglasses, but that was a bit optimistic for Baxenden. Though it was a wonderful day and when we got our duvet out and had another kiss and cuddle we could see the health and safety team in full uniform across the car park.

'Then we got a super surprise, they presented us with a couple of bumper boxes of pies and a two night weekend stay at the Dunkenhalgh Hotel at Clayton-Le-Moors. It's a 14th Century Lancashire country manor house

and has a spa and a gym....but I've told Stephen we're only going if they do some proper pies.

'The girls at work won't believe it! It's not every day a pie factory can make all your dreams come true. I'd never been before despite just living down the road, but it's the closest place to heaven for me.

'We'll both be eating out on tales of our honeymoon for weeks and weeks....the pies have it....for breakfast, dinner and tea.

'See you all soon!

'Lots of love,

'Jenna and Stephen (Mrs and Mr

Tobin)'

Leanne Holcroft, Holland's brand manager who showed the happy couple round the factory, said: 'It was wonderful hosting them on their honeymoon. We have 300 people working here, but this was our first ever honeymoon.'

'I am not sure if they'll be starting a trend, but it was marvellous being able to make Jenna's dream honeymoon happen.

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# Celebrating 200 issues

**TWO** hundred editions on and **Lymm Life** is still going strong - as are a number of local businesses who not only supported us in issue Number One, but have supported us in every issue since our launch way back in April 1999.

So a huge thank you to Banners Estate Agents, John Burrows and Sons and Barbara at Stables

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More than a dozen of the other

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Also a huge thank you to Lymm Parish Council and the various organisers of the Lymm May Queen and Lymm Dickensian and in more recent years, Lymm Festival, who have all seen the value of promoting their activities within the pages of the only monthly publication dedicated to the Lymm area.

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Sunday, June 19 is the day – and the target is to beat the £10,000-plus record-breaking amount raised for charity this year.

Organisers hope to offer some new gardens and would welcome offers from interested gardeners.

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Tracey launched the business in August 2005 with eight therapists and now there is a team of 25 therapists offering over 25 different therapies!

She said: "I would like to thank everyone for all their support over the years and was delighted that the Mayor and Mayoress and their charity Champion Hashtag Teddy George was able to join us at our event."

The Mayor congratulated Tracey and her team on their achievement and wished them well on their next 10 years.

The clinic has seen over 12,000 clients since opening and clients come from all over the North West including Manchester, Liverpool, Stoke on Trent to Preston.

The clinic offers specialist treatment programmes including: Natural Fertility Clinic; Sports Performance Clinic; IBS support; Natural Weight Management; Menopause Support.

Free consultations are always available with the Clinic Director

putting together the best treatment plan for your health problems.

The clinic has promoted itself in Village life, Lymm Life and warrington-worldwide since their

launch and believes it has helped to bring in many new customers and raise awareness of our services to clients in South Warrington and beyond.

For more information on any of the services available call 01925 730123 or visit [www.cheshirenaturalhealth.co.uk](http://www.cheshirenaturalhealth.co.uk)



*The Mayor and Mayoress with clinic director Tracey Turton.*

## Colony seek charity nominations

A Lymm business is looking for local charities to support through its business and community events.

The Colony Networking Group would like to team up with a Warrington-based charity, ideally linked to financial matters, for its next Community workshop – Think Family Finance – on Thursday 26th November.

Think Family Finance is an information workshop for members of the community, with fun presentations on issues such as wills, pensions, mortgages, insurance, childcare and healthcare.

Colony's business networking arm is also looking for nominations for its new charity of the year for 2016. Previous charities supported have included Claire House, CAFT, and STEPS. The chosen 2016 charity will be revealed at its free Christmas business networking event on 2nd December at the

Lymm Hotel.

Kirsty James, owner of the Colony Networking Group, said: "Colony has always supported local charities through raffles, donations from ticket sales, as well as promotional support including a profile on Colony's website".

"This year, I launched Colony Community to provide workshops for members of the community on topics that are relevant to modern day family lifestyle challenges. Our second event, Think Family Finance, is all about helping parents with the minefield of financial considerations affecting their family so we really want to support a relevant local charity through this event."

To nominate a charity, please email [kirsty@colonynetworking.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@colonynetworking.co.uk) or call 0844 504 6627.

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# 'Outstanding' nursery has inspirational leaders

**LYMM'S Rosebank Centre children's nursery have been judged "outstanding" by education watchdogs Ofsted.**

Inspectors who visited the Pepper Street nursery declared all areas were "outstanding."

Among the comments they made were:

"All children attending make excellent progress due to high-quality teaching."

"Children demonstrate high levels of curiosity and engagement."

"Staff know children very well and provide a rich variety of experiences based around children's individual interest and information gathered from parents, or other providers."

"Children receive excellent support from staff to settle into the setting and move to their next stage of learning."

The Rosebank Centre considers that parent input is vital and parent's informal sessions enable their valued input, as do "parent's evening" sessions.

The gardens provide a space for children to learn and play with mud kitchens, gardening, story corner, slopes to run up and down, physical apparatus and undercover areas... a child's paradise!

Ofsted say staff are positive, caring and respectful role models. Children show they are beginning to manage their own feelings and respect others.

Leaders are extremely reflective, passionate and committed to the continual development of the

nursery. They have devised highly effective methods of involving staff, parents and children in this process.

"Leaders are inspirational. They provide targeted and astute support for the professional development

of all staff to enhance their already excellent knowledge and understanding. Child protection awareness and procedures are robust and staff are confident they are able to keep children safe from harm.

"The nursery has an excellent understanding of the requirements

of The Early Years Foundation Stage. Leaders implement thorough, robust and meticulous monitoring procedures to ensure all requirements are met."

Parents are invited to visit the nursery and should make arrangements by calling Julie on 01925 756900.



## Fact or fiction – a book that takes some believing!

FORMER Lymm Grammar School pupil Peter Morley seems to have lived a charmed life – if you are to believe his new book "The Chronicles of Morley."

For a start, he had a girl friend who thought he needed more experience of life and needed to travel before they married!

Thereafter he travelled across Canada and the United States, fording rivers, fighting forest fires, surviving tornadoes, encountering hungry bears, being arrested on suspicion of armed robbery, having close (very close) encounters with ladies of easy virtue and surviving many more hair-raising adventures.

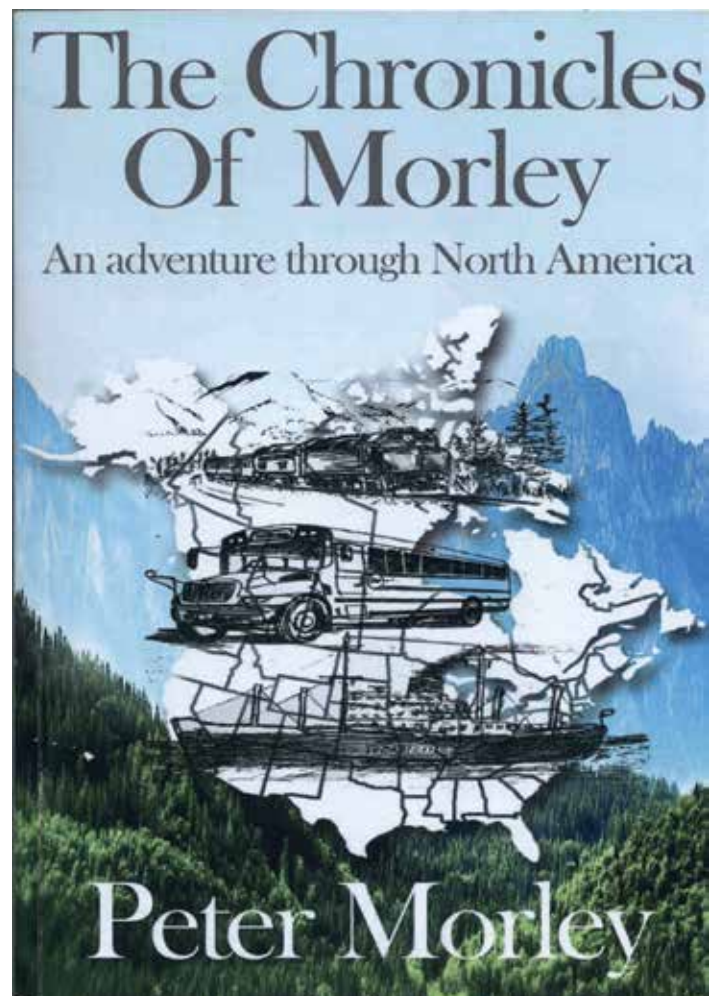
Of course, we must not believe all in this 352-page book for the author starts by explaining that although based on a real adventure, his book is a work of fiction. It is, he says, the story of the last year of his life before he married and he was encouraged to write it by his two daughters.

It is not recorded what they thought about it when it was completed but given that he is apparently still on speaking terms with them and Mrs Morley it can only be assumed they accept that it is indeed a work of fiction.

The book is full of mischievous humour and incidents which seem hardly credible, even in the "Swinging Sixties." It makes easy reading even if it at times requires the reader to suspend belief.

Mr Morley, who retired some 12 years ago after a working life designing and installing storage equipment, lives in Lymm. A Freemason, who last year was the Master of Domville Lodge in the village, he is also a former chairman of Lymm Probosc Club, so he is clearly well known locally.

But he should not be surprised if his friends who read his book, whether it be fact or fiction, never quite look at him the same in future!



## Fire crew rescues swan from Lymm Dam

FIREFIGHTERS went to the rescue when a swan became entangled in reeds at Lymm Dam.

The crew from Stockton Heath Fire Station raced to the scene after receiving a report about the bird's plight.

They used an inflatable raft to reach the bird, which was subsequently handed over to the RSPCA.

It was believed the bird could have been suffering from lead poisoning.



# Catherine's "ultimate test" - climbing Kilimanjaro

**A 20-year-old university student from Lymm is back home after taking on her "ultimate test" - climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.**

Catherine Tunney says she still finds it hard to believe she climbed the world's highest freestanding mountain at 5895m high.

She climbed the mountain to raise money for the charity Childreach International and, together with other members of the group she was with, raised a staggering £57,899.

Catherine is her final year as a physiotherapy student at Sheffield Hallam University.

She saw the opportunity of climbing "Kili" in Tanzania advertised by her student union and decided to sign up for what she says had been the biggest challenge of her life so far.

She said: "Childreach International is a charity that supports the healthcare, education and safeguarding of children across the world.

"Less than one per cent of schools in Tanzania are equipped to teach disabled children and I had the

pleasure of visiting a project that provides vocational training to deaf young people.

"It facilitates self-employment alongside improving their health, emotional wellbeing and knowledge of how to remain healthy. It was clear to see how happy the trainees were and instead of being worried about their future they were becoming independent with skills in carpentry, farming and tailoring.

"The climb itself I would describe as an emotional rollercoaster and an ultimate test of my physical endurance!

"However, with the assistance of a brilliant group of porters and guides spirits remained high; they really couldn't do enough for you. It was a surreal experience that I still find hard to believe I accomplished."

Catherine said she would like to thank everyone who supported her fundraising.



## Dining Out with Lymm Life

at The Bears Paw

It is coincidental, but entirely appropriate, that we should return to the Bears Paw for the 200th issue of Lymm Life, for the magazine's history runs almost in parallel with that of mine - hosts Jason and Melanie Craig.

True, Jason and Melanie took over the 17th century inn at High Legh in 2003 while Lymm Life was launched in 1999. But the talented, hard-working couple were at the Jolly Thresher for eight years before they moved to the Bears Paw and it was there they established their reputation for fine food.

Over the years they have maintained a superb standard of cuisine which keeps us going back for more - and judging by the packed restaurant we are not alone. It is always advisable to book if you want a table!

On our latest visit we started with a delicious home-made carrot and coriander soup served with fresh, locally-baked bread.

Then it was chicken supreme, with chips, mushrooms and seasonal vegetables enhanced by a subtly tasty sauce. Mouth watering! My companion chose marinated sea bass - a perennial on the menu which never fails to delight.

But of course there is a wide range of starters, main courses and pub favourites to cater for every taste. Starters include breaded cod goujons, chicken liver pate and duck spring rolls. Main courses include grilled salmon, grilled lamb cutlets, 7oz fillet steak and 8oz rump steak as well as a lightly battered cod and chips which is a firm favourite with regulars.

You need a hearty appetite to tackle a third course but the home made desserts tempt many customers, including ticky tacky puddings, bread and butter pudding, creme brulee, Eton Mess and Pan a Cotta.

In these days when so many pubs and restaurants rely heavily on ready-prepared meals shipped in from afar, the Bears Paw continues to set the standards with food creatively prepared and cooked on the premises.



## Upgrade for school crossings

IMPROVED advance school crossing warning signs are to be installed near two Lymm schools.

An upgrade of the Wig Wag warning signs in Warrington Road, Statham and Rushgreen Road, Lymm will be carried to alert road users to the school crossing patrols.

The signs will now include automatic LED lighting technology and will be upgraded from manually operated signs to automatic signs. This brings advantages such as: operating even if a patrol is absent from the site, brighter, more visible lights and the hours of operation can be much more easily amended.

Cllr Hans Mundry, the borough council's lead member for highways, transportation and public realm, said: "We are committed to ensuring road safety for everyone in the borough and after our traffic management and road safety team recently undertook a full review of the signage at school crossing patrol sites, it's great to see action being undertaken to help protect residents.

"This scheme aims to not only improve the safety at the sites for both patrols and pedestrians but also ensures that motorists have clear, advanced warning of a patrol and the need to prepare to stop if instructed."

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## Sarah's a European champion!



LYMM's veteran hockey international, Sarah Impey, is a European Champion!

She was a member of the England Over 45s team which gained a gold medal at the European championships in Essex in August.

It was the highspot of a successful season for Sarah, who was also in the England team which won the Home Nations competition in June.

Sarah now moves up to the Over 50s age group and travels to Jersey with the England team in October and then hopes to take part in the Masters World Cup in Australia next March.

She paid tribute to fitness trainer James Hewitt for "getting me into shape" for the events.

# School's outstanding year of sport



### STAFF, pupils and parents at Oughtrington Primary School are celebrating an outstanding year of sport.

The girls Year 6 cross country team won every event and were crowned "Team of the Year" at the Warrington School Sports Partnership Awards.

The football, rugby, hockey and athletics teams all reached the county finals.

The Quad Kids, the Year 4 golfers won their events at the "Road to Rio" and the archers were awarded the bronze. Year 4 footballers scored 29 goals, not conceding a goal until the semi-finals at the "Road to Rio".

The rugby 7's team reached the quarter finals narrowly missing out on the semis. The Year 4 rugby team won every match at Warrington Wolves tag rugby

festival.

Year 2 gymnastics were awarded bronze medals in a Key Stage 1 competition at Orford Hub.

The lacrosse team won the first-ever Warrington lacrosse tournament, winning every game.

The boys' cricket team won the Lymm Cluster competition and the girls came second.

Year 3 girls runners came first and the boys were second at Bradshaw Primary.

A spokesperson for the school said: "As a school awarded the Gold Kite Mark this academic year, this award truly reflects the hard work, dedication and passion of all our staff who have contributed to ensuring that our children's experiences are at the highest possible level."

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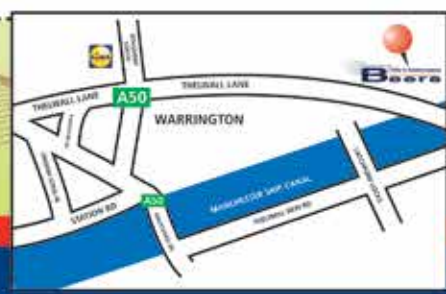
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The club's 1st XI – newly crowned champions of the TACS Partnership Cheshire League division two – were there to show off their skills in a special limited over match against an "Overseas XI" which also included quite a few Lymm players.

There was also softball cricket for children and parents and off-the-field attractions included a barbecue, bouncy castle and a chance to try out the club's superb practice facilities – including a 90mph bowling machine!

Refreshments were served in the refurbished pavilion.

Hundreds of local people turned out to enjoy the sunshine – and club president Neville Woodyatt was there to present trophies.

The day raised funds to enable the club to continue to improve its facilities – an electronic scoreboard is one of the next things on the list – and also offered a taster for prospective new members, who are always welcome.

Lymm Oughtrington Park Cricket Club has a long history. Its records go back to 1884, but it is possible it dates back even further.

Originally known as Oughtrington Park Cricket Club – there was another club called Lymm in those days – the club played in the grounds of Oughtrington Hall, which is now part of Lymm High School.

The ground is unique in Cheshire in that it has a 100-year-old beech tree within the playing area.



## Barn conversion plan rejected

PLANNING chiefs have refused proposals to convert an old barn into four dwellings – even though an earlier planning consent still exists that would allow a similar development to take place.

Neighbours objected to the new application because the roof would be 300mm higher than the original one, approved last year.

The application was submitted by Chris Horn and Tim Whiston and relates to a barn at Cherry Lane Farm, Cherry Lane, Lymm.

Three neighbours objected. They said they were, in principle, supportive of the barns finally becoming habitable. But they claimed it was the third application that had been submitted and each one had added a "little more intrusion" for neighbouring properties.

They said the development would totally change a "beautiful building" into a three story development.

Planning officers recommended the scheme be approved. They said the increased height would not have any significant impact on the Green Belt, nor the living conditions of adjacent properties. In addition, the previous consent was still valid and capable of being implemented.

But the borough council's development management committee decided parking provision was inadequate and the development was on a blind bend on a fast road.

**Obituaries**

**Beryl Kirkham**



THE funeral has taken place of Beryl Kirkham, nee Darlington, aged 82, of Jubilee Grove, Lymm, who died at St Rocco's Hospice, Warrington on August 8.

An active volunteer at the St Rocco's shop, Lymm for 22 years, Beryl was also a keen gardener and a member of Heatley WI.

She leaves a son, daughter and grandson.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

**Monica Stanley**



THE funeral has taken place of Monica Mary Stanley, nee Alcock, aged 81 of Cherry Lane, Lymm who died at The Old Rectory, Grappenhall on September 6.

A "Masters" graduate of Manchester University, Monica was a deputy head teacher prior to retirement. She enjoyed travel, gardening, visiting gardens and playing golf until forced to give it up due to poor health.

She is survived by her husband, Mike, daughter Christine, son David and two granddaughters, Carla and Emma.

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