

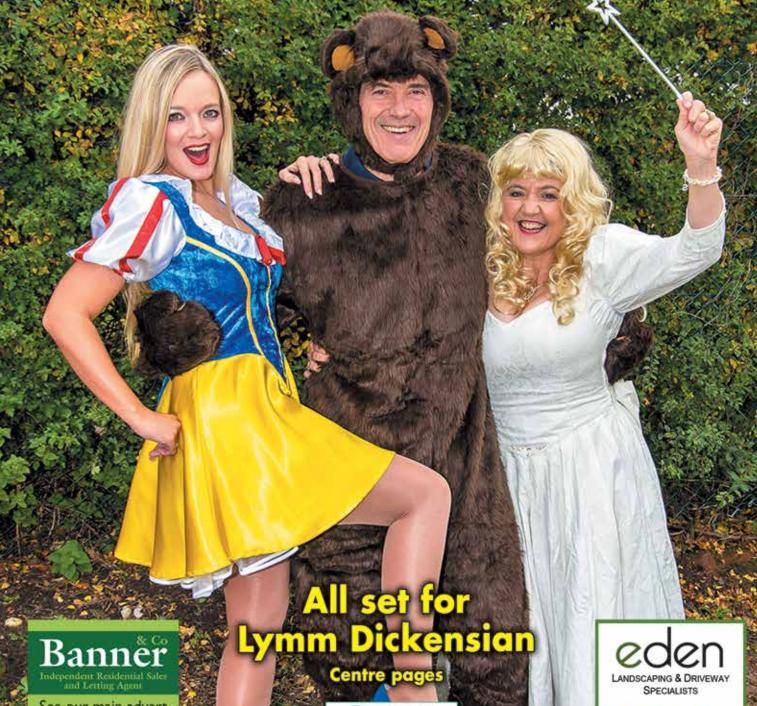
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Editor's Comment



I must congratulate and applaud all those who have bene involved all mose who have bene involved in helping get this project off the ground – as I know there was some local opinion that Lymm would never be able to house such a facility.

Although there are still some hurdles to clear, it just goes to show what can be achieved with the right amount of ambition and enthusiasm, together necessary funding. with the

I am now more than hopeful that this facility, next door to the Youth and Community Centre will become a major asset to the village and a focal point of great interest for locals and visitors to enjoy. It will provide another reason

for people to visit the village centre and hopefully contribute to the local economy.

Meanwhile it would be remiss of me not to mention the opening of the new Netto store in the village following all the controversy it sparked earlier on in the year.

"Nice things in a nice shop at a nice price" is how the new Netto store is promoting itself prior to

opening.

After all the initial controversy I am sure the new store will make a welcome addition to the village and if anything it will mean people have less reason to travel outside of the area to do their shopping.

Finally we are approaching Lymm Dickensian Day which takes

ley Road, Stretton, Warrington

place on Saturday December 12

this year.
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Cyclist Matt grabs another gold

LYMM cyclist Matt Gibson, who picked up a clutch of medals in Greece earlier in the year as a member of the Great Britain cycling team, has struck gold again.

He was a member of the British team in Switzerland for the Elite Track Euro Championship and won gold in the Team Pursuit race.

Other members of the squad were Steve Burke, Owain Doull, Andy Tenant, Bradley Wiggins, and Jon Dibben.

There were two heats before the final and Matt was in the second heat and received a gold medal.

heat and received a gold medal.

He also took part in other events
and was eighth in the Men's
Scratch race and 17th in the Men's
Individual Pursuit.

The former Lymm High School pupil is on the British Cycling Team Academy Programme based at the Manchester Velodrome.





Blooming Marvellous

Volunteers from Lymm In Bloom are celebrating receiving a Silver Gilt Award at the North West Britain in Bloom Awards.

Ben Selwood and his team were presented with the award at a special event and have been congratulated on their endeavours by Lymm Parish Council.

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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)

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LYMM **PARISH** COUNCIL

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 8th Lymm Parish Hall 7 30nm

Lymm Panto rides again

LYMM Rugby Club is busy building funds for the 'Lymm Grass Roots Clubhouse Appeal' and exciting plans are in the pipeline.

The successful summer events in The successful summer events in the huge marquee at Crouchley Lane are being followed up by the production of the world-famous and traditional fund raiser, the Lymm Panto – this year club members are busy rehearsing their version of 'Snow White and Her Seven Dwarfly Sins' Dwarfly Sins.

"If you have not seen the Lymm Panto I would strongly recommend it to anyone who enjoys a huge laugh!' commented producer and writer Simon Plumb. "On the other hand if you have experienced the lymm Panto before, you know you are in for a great night!

"Many of our audience say it kicks off their Christmas and this

year we have a few theatrical surprises in store. In summary it is saucy, cheeky and hilarious with a few sins along the way – not to be missed," concluded Simon.

The show, strictly for 18+, will

run from Thursday 3 to Sunday 6
December and Thursday 10 to
Sunday 13 December with tickets,
at £20, available from Colette
Cartwright on 07789 265 447 or via the website www.trylymm.com



Second birthday celebration

VILLAGERS are reminded that ORB Jewellers will be celebrating two years in the centre of Lymm village on Saturday, November 21 - and owners Antony and Debbie would love as many people as posisble to join them at their celebrations.

Customers are welcome to drop in for wine and cake – and also view the range of Christmas gifts that will have newly arrived.

Antony and Debbie would like to thank all their customers, old and

new, and hope their name and excellent service will carry them through to another exciting New Year.

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From left Town Crier Cllr Peter Powell, award winners Amelia Yates of Oughtrington Community School and Harry McMullen of Gendai Martial Arts, Shirley Hay, chairman 4 Lymm, and organiser Cllr Kath Buckley.

Youth award winners are credit to the community

TWO Lymm youngsters who are a credit to the local community have been presented with special Youth Awards.

Ameila Yates and Harry
McMullen were presented with
their Lymm Youth Awards by The
4Lymm Voluntary Organisation
during a special presentation at
Lymm Village Hall.
In her nomination

In her nomination Amelia was described as "one of the most polite, helpful, well mannered young ladies you will ever come across."

She takes responsibility for herself, her belongings, her learning and is also extremely considerate of others feelings.

In her spare time she enjoys horse riding and volunteers at the stables and helps her younger brother and cousin with their home work.

She has been an exemplary Head Girl at the school, being an excellent role model for others.

She has also given her time freely to support school events.

Meanwhile Harry is a credit to Gendai Martial Arts which he joined in 2010, achieving a coveted Black Belt 1st Dan in November 2013.

He helps out as an assistant instructor, teaching young children.

Harry is also an active member of his school ochestra and has joined the choir and has also helped out at Lymm High School's Sailing club. He has also helped out with

He has also helped out with charity fund-raising events.

Concert raises over £1,300 for Syrian refugees

LYMM High School student Hannah Leighton - Jones organised a cake sale at school and a Charity Concert with fellow students at St. Peters Church Lymm.

The cake sale and concert raised over £1300 for Syrian Refugees.



From left, Myles Jones, Mathilde Tavernier, Jamie Reid, Francesca Yates - Davies, Robert Bates, Hannah Leighton - Jones and Fan Grayson.





Special award for Town Crier

LYMM Town Crier Peter Powell has been honoured by his peers after making the last 15 of the British Championships.

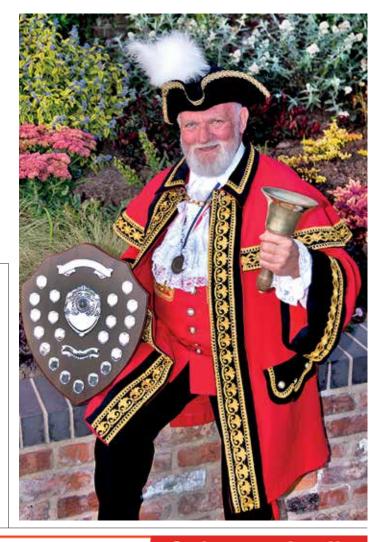
He was presented with the Loyal Company of Town Criers Fred Ferris Trophy, in memory of the former Swindon Town Crier.

It is an honour which can only be presented once in a lifetime and is given to the town crier felt to be most deserving who didn't win the British Championship.

A delighted Peter said: "It is a real honour to be presented with this award which is in memory of a true gentleman who was a good old fashioned town crier.

"You are nominated for it by your peers and can only be presented with it once - so I feel very honoured to have received it."

There are 133 registered town criers in the country and Peter made it down to the last 15 in the British Championships.



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CHILDCARE costs, wills, healthcare, savings, pensions and mortgages give us all a headache from time to time, particularly in the current financial climate.

All will become clearer at Colony Community's second event, Think Family Finance, on Thursday 26th

Lymm-based organisation, Colony Community, part of the Colony Networking Group, will bring local experts to local people, during an evening of fun presentations and discussions on the financial issues that trouble families

Local financial experts from all key areas will provide free information and discuss' a wide range of crucial financial matters that can protect the future wellbeing of the whole family.

Speakers on the night will

Speakers on the night will include: Enjoy Benefits, who will discuss childcare costs and the schemes available; Health Enrich, who will discuss private healthcare considerations; Paul Ireland Solicitors, who will explain how Wills can be beautiful and what may occur in the family without oné; Darby's Solicitors, who will talk about accessing free legal support; Platinum Financial Services, who will advise on pensions and investments; and McCaffrey Mortgages who will help us to navigate the maze of mortgages and insurance.

St Mary's Pre-School in Lymm will explain how parents can benefit from free pre-school education using the Early Years Entitlement, and there will be information on the role and services of the Credit Unions and Families Information Service, covering such subjects as Child Tax

Credits, Child Benefit and Maternity Allowances. In addition, there will be a word from a Warrington-based charity, soon to be nominated as the beneficiary from ticket sales

Kirsty James, owner of Colony Community, said: "Every day, we are faced with major financial decisions affecting our family's wellbeing and, ahead of us, there may lie turther life changing events that we simply haven't got around to preparing for.
"There may be issues of financing

a house move or extension; saving a nouse move or extension; saving for a child's first car, school trip, wedding or tuition fees; dealing with the rising costs of childcare; or having to consider a 'what if' scenario if illness, premature death or a legal wrangle affected a member of the family. of the family. "With the

correct planning, resources, support and professional advice, these matters don't have to sit

on the worryingly long 'to do' list."

Think Family Finance will take place from 7.30pm to 10.30pm on Thursday 26th November at Cherry Tree Primary School in Lymm. The event is open to all members of the community, not just school parents. Drinks available from the school PTA bar. Tickets from £10* will include a donation to a local charity and the hosting school PTA.

* Advance tickets £10. Door £15. Tickets available from www.

colonynetworking.co.uk/events.

For more information, contact Kirsty James on 0844 504 6627,email kirsty@colonynetworking.co.uk, or connect on Facebook or Twitter.

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Anniversaries galore at the WI

MEMBERS of Lymm WI were reminded of two important anniversaries at their monthly meeting – an outing to Chester Cathedral for a service of thanksgiving to mark the 95th anniversary of the Cheshire Federation of WIs and the 80th anniversary of Lymm WI next year.

A third anniversary was also mentioned – that of Catherine Wilkinson, who had recently celebrated her Ruby Wedding and received the flowers from President Maralyn Barlow's table.

A Christmas Tree festival is to be held at St Mary's Church, Lymm on December -6 and Lymm WI will be decorating a tree for the occasion. Members of the craft group were already busy making decorations for the tree, the meeting

Next month will be the annual meeting and nominations for the committee were invited. The President urged members to join the committee. Cream and jam scones will be served with the teas.

The Egerton group carol service will take place at St Mary's Church on Monday December 7 and Lymm WI will be arranging the programme.

Speaker for the afternoon was Alan Hayhurst and the talk was entitled "The

Manchester Martyrs".

He described the events leading up to the murder of a police sergeant in 1867 by Irish Feinians, while trying to assist the escape of two prisoners. Three of the perpetrators were apprehended and hanged.

The Feinians were the members of the early IRA and they were regarded as

martyrs by Irish republicans.

The talk was accompanied by slides of contemporary illustrations and photographs. The vote of thanks was given by Ruth Tipping and the competition, for a picture of old Manchester, was won by Ann Davies.





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Carol Robinson achieved a lifelong goal by climbing the mountain and raised the money at the same

Along with 19 other like-minded individuals, she trekked to the summit over a period three days, sleeping for two nights in a shelter at 3,200 metres.

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. We couldn't do this without people like Carol who work so hard to fundraise for our charity. I was with Carol on this trek and can safely say it is one of the hardest things I've ever done - she earned every penny of her sponsorship.

"It mean's so much to us when people put themselves through so much to support the Adventure Farm - thank you Carol."
Collectively the group has raised almost £30,000.

Advice on feeding wild birds MEMBERS of Heatley WI were given useful advice on how to feed wild birds at their monthly mosting.

Guest speaker George Pilkington, a former police officer now active with the RSPB and the British Trust for Ornithology, stressed that white bread and hydrogenised fat is as bad for birds as it is for humans.

Sunflower and Nyger seeds were recommended, as well as uncooked porridge oats and large peanuts. Mr Pilkington advised soaking dry meal worms and using stainless steel bird feeders – but most important was the cleanliness of feeders and bird tables.

The monthly competition was for an unusual bird and was won by Jean Rowlands with a superb picture of the Liver Birds. By contrast, the runner-up as a toilet duck! Still on the bird theme, president Eve Miles told the meeting that a wooden owl sculpture to mark the centenary of the WI was to be placed near the school.

Future activities include a Christmas celebration on the canal at Chester and

a visit to Media City in January.

The grandson of one member is running a half marathon in aid of Motor Neurone Disease.











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A new addition to a growing practice

LYMM Osteopathic Practice are delighted to welcome the latest member to their multidisciplinary team, Caroline Wardropper. Caroline is a fully qualified Acupuncturist and is a member of both the British Acupuncture Council and Cosmetic Acupuncture UK.

After suffering a serious back problem for which surgery wasn't an option, Caroline used a combination of osteopathy and acupuncture to rehabilitate herself and this led to her interest in acupuncture and how natural medicine can support conventional/allopathic medicine. Caroline gave up her corporate career in the pharmaceutical industry and spent 3 years studying Acupuncture at the well respected Northern College of Acupuncture in York.

Traditional acupuncture originates in China dating back over 2000 years. It has been used to help with a huge range of conditions including joint and muscle pain, sports injuries, back pain, migraine, headaches, menopausal symptoms, gynaecological conditions, digestive and bowel problems, anxiety, depression and stress. Caroline runs a general practice but has a special interest in acupuncture for fertility and cosmetic facial acupuncture.

As just one of the disciplines

offered to patients at Lymm, acupuncture is regularly used in tandem with other treatments such as osteopathy. An ideal partner to acupuncture, osteopathy deals with a range of musculo-skeletal problems, aches and pains. Both are often used together as we endeavour to find what fits best for each patient, sometimes using referrals to GPs and consultants.

We always to try to find the root cause of the problem, not merely treat symptoms.

To discover more about how Acupuncture could help you and to book an appointment or a free 15 minute consultation, or to find out about Osteopathy or any of our other therapies, contact Lymm Osteopathic Practice on 01925 752264.



Picture: Andrew Collier Photography

Welcome to Rolando's

MANY people will have already seen the developments opposite the Cross over the last few weeks, as the innovative and exciting frontage of Lymm's newest eatery has taken shape.

Rolando's is looking to create a vibrant atmosphere for the casual diner, although behind the scenes its heritage is steeped in Italian history.

With a family friendly atmosphere, their Italian chef will lure villagers into Rolando's. They are sure that everyone will want to taste his exquisite homemade pizzas, baked in their open kiln stone pizza oven, experiencing 'theatre style dining' with their kitchen on view for all to see.

Their simple but specialist menu provides Lymm with rustic hand shaped pizzas and freshly made pasta followed by their tantastic selection of artisan gelato, also

made on site.

'Gelato' is becoming a more widely known word across the country and is of course Italian for ice cream, but it is not exactly the same as ice cream - maybe you should just pop in and taste some? With a cabinet displaying a wide selection of gelato changing on a weekly basis you will be able to try a range of flavours in the weeks ahead. To complement the menuthey will also be serving coffee, milkshakes, smoothies, ice cream

sundaes, waffles and semifreddo cakes. So next time you are looking to meet up with a friend or give the kids a treat why not try Rolando's?

The Italian way is to be central to the local community and Rolando's is no exception. Lymm is the perfect community for this philosophy, with so many events bringing people of all gaes together.

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Rolando's is delighted to be opening their doors to the public on Sunday, November 8 and are very excited about their new venture they look forward to welcoming you all very soon.





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Lymm Rotary Club's Santa float route

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The full route is as follows:
Thur 3rd Dec: Thelwall (1)
Assemble: All Saints Drive, Woodlands Dr, Woodlands Dr, Stanton Rd, Pickering Cre, Moore Av, All Saints Dr, Parry Dr, Selworthy Dr, Beech Av, Barley Rd, Dunmow Rd, Pelham Rd, Welwyn Clo, Harlow Clo, Walden Clo. Fri 4th Dec: Thelwall (2)

Assemble Bradshaw Lane

Convenience Store, Clo, Bradshaw La, Mottram Clo, Richmond Av, Ashley Clo, Prestbury Dr, Handforth Cl, Alderley Rd, Wilmslow Cres, Mobberley Clo. Sat 5th Dec: Sainsbury's

Warrington
Mon 7th Dec: Booths Hill (1)
- Assemble: Dingle Bank Close,
Lakeside Rd, Baycliffe, Elmtree
Rd, Oaklands Dr, Parkwood Clo,
Wayside Clo, Elm Tree Av, Cherry
Lane (upper), Lady Acre Clo,
Huntsfield Dr, Booths Ln, Highfield
Rd, Highfield Dr, Hilltop Rd,

Highfield Rd (top to Hardy Ln)

Tues 8th Dec: Booths Hill (2) Assemble: CO-OP store Cherry
Lane - Cherry La (lower), Cherry
Tree Av, Old Smithy La, Wychwood
Av, Heyes Dr, Egerton Rd, Lyme
Gro, Hardy Rd, Highfield Rd
(lower), Massey Brook La, Beech
Gro, Massey Av

Wed 9th Dec: Booths Hill (3) Assemble: Camsley Bridge Garage

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John Rd, David Rd, Thornley Rd,
Barsbank La, Barsbank Clo, Daisy
Bank Rd, Oak Rd, Moston St,
Ridgeway Gdns, Grove Av, The
Anchorage, Eagle Brow, Brookfield
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Thur 10th Dec: Qualitrinaton

Thur 10th Dec: Oughtrington Lane / Sandy Lane - Assemble Oughtrington Crescent, Stage , The Paddocks, Crown La, The Paddocks, Crown Gm, Whitebroom, Sandy Lane, Hopefield Rd, Ashcroft Rd, Woodbine Rd, Birchfield Rd, Cedarfield Rd, Sandy La, La, Rushgreen Rd.

Fri 11th Dec: Rushgreen (1) -Assemble: Heatley CO-OP Store, Rushes Meadow, Chaise Meadow, Springfield Ava Busharaan Bd Springfield Ave, Rushgreen Rd, Springfield Gds, Green Vw, Adey Rd.

Rd.

Sat 12th Dec: Dickensian Day
Mon 14th Dec: Rushgreen (2)
- Assemble: Howard Avenue,
Howard Av, Heatley Clo, Lodge
Cl, Ridgeway Dr, Oughtrington
Vw, Church Vw, Bucklow Gardens,
Bellsfield Clo, The Greenacres.
Tues 15th Dec: Rushgreen (3) Assemble: Mardale Cres, Mardale
Cres, Grasmere Rd, Rushgreen Rd,

Reddish Cres, Linden Clo, Reddish La, Bollin Dr, Bollin Cl, St Peter's Cl. Warburton Cl, Whitefield Gro, Whitefield Clo, Rush Gdns.

Wed 16th Dec: Rotary Xmas

Thur 17th Dec: Statham 1

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Assemble: Lymm Hotel, Statham Av,
Statham Clo, Statham Dr, Lymington
Av, Star La, Pool La, Brookside Av.
Fri 18th Dec: Statham 2

Assemble: Albany Road - Albany
Rd, Albany Gro, Albany Cres,
Sycamore, Northway, Whitesands
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Turnbury Cl, Whitbarrow Rd.

Sat 19th Dec: Lymm Cross.
Sun 20th Dec: Sainsburys
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Mon 21st Dec: Higher Lane
(1) - Assemble: Crouchley La Crouchley La, Manor Rd, Higher
La, The Crescent, Mayfield Vw,
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Higher La, Grammar School Rd,
Scholars Grn, Limefield Av

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Tues 22nd Dec: Higher Lane
(2) - Assemble: Woodlands Av - Woodlands Ave, Woodlands Dr, Longbutt La, The Seasons, Cotebrook Hse, Oughtrington La, Foxley Cl, Higher La, Bellfield Clo.

Wed 23rd Dec: Village - Assemble: Davies Way Car Park, Danebank Rd, LymmHay Rd, Brooklyn Dr, Dane Bank Rd, Millbank, The Cross, Pepper St, Grove Rs, Rose Bank, Hartley Cl, Crossfield Av, Racefield Cl, Cyril Bell Cl, Orchard Av, Fairfield Rd, Bell Cl, Orchard Av, Fairfield Rd, The Peppers, Rectory La, Rectory





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Lymm Dickensian Festival set to celebrate 30th year

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The free festival is a well established community event featuring a multitude of stalls, displays and entertainment suitable

for all the family.

Many stalls have already been booked for the event, representing many local societies, charities and businesses.

Stalls will be located in the Village Centre, Village Hall, Maple Lodge, Youth Club, Lymm Methodist Church, and surrounding locations as well as an exhibition of paintings and hand-painted cards by local



artists in the Village Hall. The parade will feature vintage vehicles, bands, schools entertainers

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Heritage Centre Project now in full swing

PLANS are gathering pace for the conversion of the former Royal British Legion on Legh St into Lymm's very own Heritage

New owner Howard Platt has been working with local architects CB3 Design and the Heritage Centre team to come up with a design which would transform the

design which would transform the building into an attractive and welcoming exhibition space.

Howard said: "We have a clear vision of how we think the building should look. We believe that it will also give a real lift to this little corner to the provide of th of Lymm while working well in the conservation area. We have now submitted preliminary drawings to the council for comment before moving forward with a detailed plan.

In the meantime the Heritage Centre team have been progressing plans for the centre itself.

"It may sound like a cliché" said Chair, Alan Williams "but we really have been on a steep learning curve with this project. We have



come to understand that while the centre itself and its displays will be important, it is also very much about the activities and learning opportunities that such a centre can generate locally. We are keen to work with as many local groups as possible and would welcome their expertise or just their enthusiasm.

The group have been inviting in specialists to help them explore ideas for the site and had some very positive feedback on the possibilities. They have also received a great response from local writers, graphic designers and website developers keen to participate in such a key community project

Initial contact has now been established with the Heritage Lottery Fund and the group are starting to formulate their approach to an application for funds for the design and installation of the core exhibition. Local fundraising will start in the New Year by which time the group hope to have secured charity status.

If you are a member of a group that would like to be involved or affiliated to the centre in any way or if you are an individual with a little time and enthusiasm to offer to the project please get in contact via the website. It's a great chance to be part of an exciting new venture that promises to benefit the whole community – www.lymmhic.co.uk or contact Su Williams on 01925 754080 or 07967 657397.





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Former school friends launch online estate agency

TWO former school friends have launched their own online estate agency business in the village.

Charlie Green 22, went to Cughtrington Primary and Mike Chung 23 – went to Cherry Tree Primary, before both attending lymm High School and Lymm 6th form together.

Both men have lived in Lymm all of their lives and worked in Lymm in local bars and restaurants including the Venue and Café Salar. They have both come from a

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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

As you read this, Lymm has yet again been privileged to experience the brilliant events of the summer calendar made possible by fantastic teams of volunteers. Lymm has had another wonderful Transport Day, a sumptuous Food Fest as part of Lymm Festival, Lymm Festival itself and a revitalised May Queen that included a Friday Fair.

I am pleased to say that Rushbearing yet again went ahead and as always it is a wonderful historic event well received by those participating and by those watching the procession. This was despite a potential hefty bill for 'traffic management', and other restrictions placed upon us by Warrington Borough Council. After a robust conversation between Cllrs Kath Buckley and Sheila Woodyatt we managed to get the cost reduced by a third. Chris Limb the organiser warmly thanked the Parish Council and the people of Lymm who fought with him to ensure that it would go ahead. Representatives of Highways will be attending a Parish Council meeting in the near future to discuss the issues around road closures, marshalling and other legal requirements for the major calendar events. As always we are very grateful to Chris Limb for organising the Rushbearing event which he has been doing for forty years.

Many thanks to all those hard working volunteers who support Lymm in Bloom under the leadership of Ben Selwood. Once again the Village is very colourful with excellent displays throughout the Village and its environs. The judging appeared to go well and we wish Ben and his team good luck for the results this autumn.

I am pleased to announce that the Parish has acquired funding for a waterless, environmentally friendly toilet for one of the allotment sites. Many thanks to our Parish Clerk Amanda Riley in obtaining the grant to enable this to happen.

Work is ongoing at the moment in rationalising the speed limits around Lymm, for example we are still trying our best to get a 40mph speed limit on the whole of Cherry Lane. Another concern is the narrow part of Rushgreen Road just past Fletchers Lane. I can assure you that the Council is trying its best to improve the situation and has asked the Borough Council to assess the concerns of local residents by assessing speed limits and traffic flow.

It is with great sadness we learned that Cotebrook House will be closing. This institution has been part of Lymm since the 1940 and has done a marvellous job over the years serving and caring for its disabled residents. We will update you with regard to this in future newsletters.

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 Annexe is available on most days and most evenings. For details please contact Amanda Riley the Parish Clerk on: 07585 952445.

If you have an event that you would like to be advertised on our Parish Council website please email the Parish Clerk (clerk@lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk) at least a month in advance so that we can include details in the 'What's On 'section of the website.

Cllr Sheila Woodyatt

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Renewable energy scheme 'go live' at two schools

LYMM Community Energy has celebrated 'going live' with its first two renewable energy schemes at local schools.

The schemes are up-and-running at Ravenbank and Oughtrington primary schools – providing green energy for the schools and saving

energy tor the schools and saving them money as well.

Zoe Cohen, chairman of Lymm Community Energy, said: "We are delighted to have been able to celebrate the 'go live' of our first two schemes – at Ravenbank and Oughtrington Community Primary Schools" Schools.

Lymm Community Energy Limited (LCE) is a community benefit society established to enable local people and organisations to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency installations, giving them a financial return and benefitting

the local community.
LCE raised £109,000 through a community share offer to fund the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at the two schools, as well as energy efficient lighting at one of the schools.

Pupils and teachers at both hools have live monitoring monitoring information available to them online which tells them all about the electricity their panels generating.

Teachers and pupils are excited about the opportunities this can provide them in many areas of the

LCE – which was set up by Low Carbon Lymm in collaboration with Warrington Borough Council has publicly thanked the borough and parish councils, the schools and 37 investors who made the work possible.

Anyone who would like to help further schemes for other Lymm Schools and community buildings becoming an investor and making, a competitive financial return (a projected pre-tax return averaging 3-4 per cent, plus the a potential one off income tax relief of up to between 30-50 per cent should contact info@lowcarbonlymm.org.uk to express their interest.



The solar panels at Ravensbank Primary School.



Members of the Eco Council at Oughtrington Community Primary School, from left, Eco co-ordinator Emma Baldwin, and members of the Eco Council Jesse Oldfield, Katie Wilson, Lydia Henney, Nianh Johnson and Niall Harland.

Buffet supper in aid of Cancer Research

A LYMM fundraiser is organising a charity party night in a bid to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Avril Topping is holding the event at Lymm Golf Club from 7.30pm on

November 28

The night will include an excellent buffet supper, with dedicated bar, a raffle and a silent auction. The highlight of the event will be a live performance from Soul Jam. Tickets for the event cost £35.

This event is the third Avril has organised over the last three years after losing her son-in-law Henry in 2013, at the age of 53, after a long battle against throat cancer.

More recently several close friends have been diagnosed, though thankfully they have all responded well to treatment and made excellent

Avril said: "Fundraising for the research into, and treatment of cancer, is the only way I can come to terms with what happened to Henry. Please come and join us, have fun and raise much needed funds for Cancer Research UK."

For more information or to buy tickets or book a table for 10 contact Avril Topping on 07739 531209.

New bench to celebrate 100 years of WI

TO celebrate 100 years of the Women's Institute, Heatley W.I. has funded a bench in Spud Wood Oughtrington Lymm.

Permission was given by the Woodland Trust and a green oak bench was supplied and titted by the Earth Skills Project, a community interest company based in Cheshire. Their expertise is in teaching children and

young people about the natural environment.

The bench is sited close to Grantham Bridge beneath walnut trees.

Heatley W.I. meets at Oughtrington C.P. School at 7.30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month and a craft group meets there on the other Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

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Left, Linda Cram secretary, Ann Oakes, Eve Miles president, Anne Dougall, Pauline Kennerley and Elaine Keaveney, treasurer.

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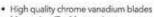
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Entries now open for High Legh 10k

ENTRY to the 2016 Robert Moffat Memorial High Legh 10k which is taking place on 28 February 2016 is now open.

Now in its ninth year the race around High Legh, with an enviable reputation for being a

friendly, welcoming event, it is set to be as brilliant as ever. The race which will once again be organised jointly by Lymm Runners and the High Legh Community Association truly is a community based event that has a fantastic reputation as being friendly to runners of all abilities. What's more, to get you ready

for the race Lymm Runners will also be offering a Beginners Course designed for new runners or those returning after a longer break which will start on Tuesday 5th January 2016. The course costing just £27 which includes membership to Lymm Runners and UK athletics affiliation provides 8 weeks of structured training to gradually increase your fitness gradually increase your titness and distance in the lead-up to the High Legh 10k. Places are limited and booking is essential, for more information please visit www. lymmrunners.org.uk.

The race will be chip timed and multiple category prizes are available as well as a technical

running T-shirt for all finishers and a

running I-shirt for all finishers and a fantastic goody bag.
Katy O'Connor, Race Director, said: "The race is set on quiet, flat country lanes and is an excellent opportunity for competitive athletes to achieve a personal best or for first timers to the part in a friendly local." timers to take part in a friendly local race. We offer free parking and have a team of friendly and enthusiastic marshals and race organisers waiting to cheer you on around the course". Entry before December is £16 for

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New singing group's chance to perform at cathedral

LYMM children who love to sing are being asked to join a new singing group in time for a major performance at Mc Cathedral this Christmas. performance Manchester

Little Belters - set up especially for music mad 5-11 year olds -started rehearsing at the Youth and Community Centre at the end of September and has already been asked to sing at the prestigious venue, for an audience of more than 500 people.

Claire O'Brien, a classically trained singer who runs the group with the proper side to the proper sid

with her opera-singing sister Tina, said: "We're delighted to have been approached by the charity Henshaws to open their Christmas fundraising concert.

"They saw our Altrincham choir performing on You Tube and loved our unique and quirky style so they

invited us to sing straight away.

"As we've just launched Little Belters in Lymm we thought it would be great to open up this opportunity to as many local children as possible and we're keen to have a healthy number of singers with us in time for other Christmas commitments.

The group is special as it

operates a strict no-audition policy. All children are welcome whatever their ability. They often surprise audiences with their unorthodox choice of music which delights the children who perform it.

Claire: "One of the songs we'll be performing at the Cathedral is our own festive version of the Arctic Monkeys song 'I bet you look good on the dancefloor' – with our own lyrics of course.

Other gigs in the pipeline include the chance to link up with the Lymm Big Sing at the Dickensian Festival.
Claire added: "We are so excited

to get the children out and about singing in the local community but we will definitely need to swell our numbers in time for Lymm Dickensian performance!

Anyone with a child

who would like to join Little Belters for a free taster session should contact Tina on 07740 464507 or Claire on 07779 668204, email hello@littlebelters.co.uk or visit www. littlebelters.co.uk

They rehearse every Thursday 4.45-5.45pm at the Youth and Community Centre on Bridgewater



Obituary

Dennis Hatcher

THE funeral has taken place of Dennis Hatcher, aged 87, of Woodlands Avenue, Lymm, who died in Warrington General Hospital on September 22 after a short illness. Dennis had lived in Lymm for

55 years, following his marriage to Hilda and was employed by Warrington Borough Council for 41 years as an area supervisor for parks and cemeteries.

He had served in the Royal Navy and became a member of the Royal





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Navy Association. A founder member of the Lymm Festivities Committee, he was also a member of Lymm branch of the Royal British Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda, three daughters, Linda, Denise and Elaine, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, of Lymm.

Community Christmas Tree Festival

For three days St Mary's Church will be ablaze with colour and light with over 22 decorated and illuminated trees from December 4-6.

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On Saturday there will be festive music provided by The Bridgewater Singers at 11am and by Lymm and District Chair at 2 000pm

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At 3.30pm there will be a Godly Play session followed by a children's

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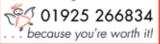
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