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Editor's Comment

YOU will see elsewhere in this month's issue that Lymm High School are looking to trace former staff and students as part of an Alumni.

If you are on social media and follow our facebook group you will see the search has generated a huge amount of interest, which highlights what a huge part the school plays in our local community.

In fact I would go as far as saying the interest has been phenomenal.

It is good to see that the school

highly values a connection with former students and staff. It has become increasingly clear that the feel good factor has certainly returned at the school over the past couple of years congratulations are in order to all concerned.

Here at Lymm Life we love reporting on all the positives in the village and while we will never shy away from reporting on issues which need tackling, we much prefer reporting on all the good news taking place.

We have so much to proud of in

our unique community.

Also congratulations to everyone at Lymm Roundtable for staging yet another fantastic Lymm Duck race event - which has raised in excess of £6,000 for local good causes.

Another truly fantastic effort.

Next month we will be looking ahead to Lymm May Queen and Lymm Festival.

Both these events are what help make our community unique and special and such a great place. I hope the business community and local residents will turn out in

force to support these great events. To all you hard working volunteers, keep up the good work. It is appreciated by many people and couldn't happen without you.

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Elspeth gets out-and-about on her new trike

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Elspeth Calvert was born with the condition which affects the nerves to her muscles and so requires help with mobility.

The bespoke trike helps her develop strength in her muscles and also enables her to get out and enjoy the countryside with her family.

Lymm Ladies Circle raised the money for the trike by supporting Lymm Round Table at their beer festival and bonfire events serving pies, hot dogs, mulled wine and cider and home made treacle

of local women who, as well as socialising and making friends, raise money to support local people and charities

Anyone interested in joining em, or wishing to discuss them, or wishing to discuss funding opportunities, should contact them at the website www. should lymmladiescircle.co.uk or chair@lymmladiescurcke.co.uk



Rotary Club seeking nominations

THE Rotary Club of Lymm is seeking nominations for its annual Cyril Bell Award.

award recognition of outstanding service by an individual to the communities of Lymm and Thelwall either on her/his own or as a member of a deserving group over and above that expected of a person's vocation.

Previous winners are ineligible but age or infirmity is no bar.

Nomination forms are available from John Beard, Tel. number (01925) 758398, and must be returned by June 1.

The winner receives a cheque for £500, made out to their chosen charity, a personal, framed certificate and the "Cyril Bell Memorial Award" trophy which they retain for one year and then

return to Lymm Rotary Club. The award will be presented to the winner at the Club's Ladies' Evening at Statham Lodge on Wednesday, June 15.
This will be the 30th year of this

prestigious award and is made in memory of Cyril Bell, a well-known Lymm business man who died during his Presidency of the Rotary

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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

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LYMM SCOTTISH COUNTRY

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)

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

3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm The Spread Eagle Hotel Details: 01925 604400

LYMM CONCERT BAND

Rehearsals every Thursday evening United Reformed Church, 8pm. Details: 01925 752934

THE VENUE, LYMM

Chess Club every Monday from 6pm, Open Mic Night every Tuesday from 9pm, free chinese meal and 2-1 cocktails every Wednesday, Live Music every Thursday and Saturday

Every second Wednesday, 2-4pm at Lymm Youth and Community Centre. Visitors welcome.

LYMM BOOK CLUB

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Next meeting is Tuesday, May 9th Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

Lady golfers raise £11,647 for cancer charity

A CHEQUE for £11,647.65 was presented to the charity Breast Cancer Now by Beryl Boucher, lady captain of Lymm Golf Club – the proceeds of fundraising during her year of office.

A wide range of fundraising events were organised by her and other club members, friends and their families.

Beryl said: "With so lady members of Lymm Golf Club either personally, or having family members, being affected by breast cancer, this is a charity that is very close to home.

Weber, Celia from Breast Cancer Now, was staggered that Lymm Golf Club had raised such a significant sum and accepted the cheque on behalf of the charity.

Thanking the Club, Celia said, "If we are to meet our ambition that by 2050, everyone who gets breast cancer will live, then we need to make sure we fund the most impactful research. This donation will help to make a real difference.

charity's research The focused on four key areas - risk and prevention, early detection diagnosis, treatment and secondary breast cancer.



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Wild things appearing in Spud Wood

VISITORS to Spud Wood will discover some wild creatures created at the last Friends of Spud Wood (FoSW) coppicing day.

Thanks to support from Lymm Round Table, Friends of Spud Wood were able to work with Tim Kirwin of Wilder Things to make some very special creatures.

At the same time some of the

more grown-up members of the group did a great job of coppicing around the area.

There is some wood left from the coppicing, so visitors are welcome to help themselves to what is left.

If you are interested in the activities of Friends of Spud wood keep an eye on their website at http://lowcarbonlymm.org.uk/ sub-groups/community-trees/

Their next event is a bat walk at Lymm Festival for more information see the website or email info@ lowcarbonlymm.org.uk

Probus Club seeks new members

THE Probus Club of Lymm - founded in 1972 - is looking for new members

The trouble club of typinin – toolided in 1772 – is tooking for new inembers to offset a recent decline in membership;.

Recently retired professionals and businessmen interested in making new friends are being invited to join the club which meets fortnightly at the Lymm Hotel for informal meetings which last about two hours and usually include a talk by a guest speaker or one of the club members. The afternoon includes

In addition the club organises interesting day trips or 2-3 day breaks to

which members can take their wives or partners.

Anyone interested can turn up for a informal visit at 2.15pm on the second or fourth Tuesday of the month (excluding August and December or occasions when the Tuesday immediately follows a Bank Holiday).

Further information can be obtained from the secretary, John Ross on 01925 754315 or email cjandjmross@hotmail.co.uk

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 $\mbox{LYMM}'\mbox{S}$ RAF Air Cadets are back - and with improved facilities at Park Road, Broomedge.

Flying Officer Andy Smith has taken command of 2137 (Lymm) Squadron at this exciting time.

Squadron at this exciting time.

He said: "The MoD has spent in excess of £300,000 on these facilities which include a brand new building, furniture, car parking, drill square and access road.

"The work to replace the old facilities has taken place as promptly as possible and the neighbours have been very

patient and welcoming of the improvements.

"The final major work to be completed was the new access road to the site. This meant that cadets and staff weren't walking mud into the new building and it has improved the look of the public area."

The North West Reserve Forces and Cadet Association has worked hard to deliver this facility in partnership with Warrington Borough Council, who own the land immediately outside the premises and Greater Manchester Wing RAF Air Cadets who facilitate the operations of 2137 Squadron.

The squadron is expanding and offering opportunities to anyone in the Lymm, Grappenhall, Stockton Heath and Latchford areas.

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Lymm Duck race helps raise over \$

THE annual Lymm Duck Race organised by Lymm and District Round Table was once again a huge success, attracting thousands of people into the village and helping raise over £6,000 for local good causes.

Sponsored by the Co-op food stores once again the Easter Monday event included children's entertainment and stalls, and an 'Easter Food Fest' on Henry Street car park.

The first duck over the finishing line in a record time of under 10 minutes was number 909 winning £100. Number 750 was second and 803 third.

The first Super Duck over the line was sponsored by Lymm Shutters and Blinds and the first corporate duck was sponsored by Pure Beauty.









E6,000 for good causes



Pre-school's Easter Egg-stravaganza

This year Lymm Village Preschool made the egg-citing decision to bring back a popular competition done in previous years, their Easter Egg decorating competition and it was a huge success!

Local businesses were hugely supportive and got involved by purchasing an egg from Preschool and decorated them in the most creative and wonderful

All Eggs were displayed in Sainsburys the week leading up to Easter and the

All Eggs were displayed in Sainsburys the week leading up to Laster and the public were asked to vote for their favourite Egg!

Thousands of votes were received, Preschool were overwhelmed and so grateful for the support from Lymm residents getting behind the competition to vote for the Easter Eggs!

After much counting and verifying, the votes were in and they were delighted to have the Town Crier Peter Powell announce the winning Egg decorated by

Riageway Residential at The Duck Race on Easter Monday!

A huge thank you to Sainsburys for hosting the event, providing the trophy and for all of their help and to all local businesses who got involved, all of which can be found on their new website www.lymmvillagepreschool.com

Preschool are already excited about the event next year and plan to make it bigger and better!! So for those of you who would love to get involved and support a wonderful local charity, start planning your winning Easter Egg for 2017!

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Council accused of willful destruction of Trans Pennine trail

WARRINGTON Council has been accused of the "willful destruction" of part of Lymm's green corridor following work on the Trans Pennine trail which passes through the village.

Local resident Mark Gledhill says the stretch of the Trans Pennine trail between Mill Lane and Chaise Meadow in Heatley Mere, has "been transformed from a rich natural habitat into a sterile urban route," in the so called name of improvement.

He says a picture board at Heatley Mere proclaiming



the improvements highlights the destruction created by the clearance.

Mr Gledhill said: "The felling of the trees and clearing the undergrowth has removed the natural habitat for wildlife and removed the natural lungs that are slowing down global warning. "Similar issues were highlighted

"Similar issues were highlighted in recent edition of the BBC1 One Shop, where a leafy green suburban road in Sheffield had been turned into an eyesore by the Council felling trees."

Mr Gledhill says that prior to any

Mr Gledhill says that prior to any further destruction ensuing, wide consultation should be undertaken with environmental issues being the main driver in the decision making.

But a council spokesperson said: "We appreciate the concerns and can reassure local residents that trees, shrubs and other vegetation are being properly managed, that the work programme is sensitive to bird nesting season and wildlife legislation, and that it will ultimately benefit trail users and support wildlife too.

"The aim is to provide a new, robust three-metre wide path to accommodate trail users. The first step is removing encroaching vegetation, creating verges and retaining only those trees which are

an appropriate size, species and form for the site.

"The southern boundary will be opened up to allow the sun to reach the trail, although some amenity trees will be retained. To the north the retained trees, shrubs and hedge will protect trail users from northerly winds

northerly winds.

"Resurfacing will take place later in the year and disruption to users and local residents during the works will be kept to a minimum. Some inconvenience is inevitable and we appreciate trail users' understanding.

"Anybody wanting further information can contact the rangers on 01925 443321."

Meanwhile concerns have also been raised about other works taking place along the Trans Pennie Trail embankment at Latchford.

The council spokesperson added: "We are aware of the recent works that have been undertaken on this plot of land and are monitoring the situation very closely. Council officers paid an emergency visit to the site and are in consultation with other agencies with regards to environmental and wildlife issues."



Lymm High School Alumni

At Lymm High School, we value highly our connection with former students. We want to celebrate the achievements and experiences of our alumni with students, staff and the local community. Whether you left 5 years ago or 50 years ago, we want to know what you've done since leaving us. Let's celebrate together our successes and inspire our current and future students at Lymm High School.

Please contact Tina McGuffie via tmcguffie@lymmhigh.org.uk to register your interest.





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Step closer to new fire station for Lymm

PLANS for on a new fire station and safety education centre in Lymm are a step closer following a truf cutting ceremony.

Pupils from local schools joined Chair of Cheshire Fire Authority, Cllr John Joyce and Deputy Chair Cllr Stef Nelson, for the official groundbreaking of the new facility at the site off Cliff I ane

Cllr. Joyce said: "This is an exciting development that will benefit this and future generations as we strive to achieve our vision of a Cheshire where there are no deaths, injuries or damage from fires and other emergencies. I am delighted, that despite the fact the Authority is facing ongoing financial cuts, it is still able to invest in frontline response as well as education and, instead of closing stations, fund more."

The new fire station will provide full time cover and training facilities to ensure that firefighters continue to respond effectively to a variety of scenarios.

In addition, Safety Central, the area's first purpose-built education and lifeskills facility will deliver

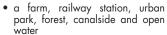
educational programmes in an interactive way to ensure visitors to the centre take away important safety information. The programmes are devised and written with the aim of reducing accidental deaths and injuries from fire, at home, on the road and in the community.

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Cllr Joyce added: "Safety Central's programmes will be targeted at schools, new parents and the carers of older and vulnerable people. They will cover the hazards that they are most likely to encounter in and around their homes and communities."

Learning will take place in a series of purpose-built indoor scenarios designed to be realistic, immersive and interactive, including:

- a lifesize three-bedroom house
- a typical Cheshire A-road meandering through an urban and a rural setting
- a courtroom, cyber-safety classroom, shop and police custody suite



 an immersive virtual learning zone Safety Central is due to open in the summer of 2017, with Lymm Fire Station due to open in spring 2017.

The Safety Central website is now live at www.safetycentral.org.uk

Brazilymm Flash Fiction Winners!

Congratulations to Daisy Darwin – winner of the Brazilymm Flash Fiction competition, about the day she met Pele, sponsored by Just English Tuition lymm. There was a fantastic response to the competition, aimed at year 5 and 6 primary school students, following their visit to the recent exhibition at The lymm Hotel. Wendy at Just English commented 'Daisy's entry, as the voice of Pele's football shirt, was particularly original.' Runners-up were Isabella Lloyd and George Anthony Brothwick. Here's Daisy's winning entry:

I have the memory span of a gold fish however, no amount of washing can remove the memory of the day Pele actually wore me! A hot summer's day, when England played Brazil and the team were all getting changed. I hung there, luminous bright yellow, showing off like the sun; waiting to be picked for the electrifying match. Right that very second the greatest footballer in the world strolled toward me. Pele swiftly picked me up, put me on and, as I felt his beating heart thumping against me, I knew this would be a remarkable experience.

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Heritage centre group seek finance trustee and treasurer

LYMM Heritage centre is on the lookout for two volunteers who can help out as a Finance trustee and treasurer.

Alan Williams, Chair of Lymm Heritage group said: "Ask anyone in Lymm why they enjoy living here, (and it seems almost everyone does) and they may mention the

setting, the walks, the restaurants but almost certainly near the top of the list will be "the sense of community".

That may be partly the legacy

of when Lymm was a much smaller village and it may also be due to compact centre but there is no doubt that one very important part of it is the huge range of activities and events that bring the whole village to life on a regular basis from Duck Race at Easter to Dickensian at Christmas and

to Dickensian at Christmas and everything in between.
"At the heart of all these activities are the volunteers who give their time freely to "make stuff happen" for the wider benefit of the community, while hopefully having fun doing it."

Alan says Lymm is now on the

Alan says Lymm is now on the cusp of having an "exciting new feature" that promises to contribute hugely to the vibrancy of the village all year round - The Heritage Centre. The group behind this vision have come a long way in just over a year to the point where they have premises (the former royal British Legion), starter funds and most importantly an active working group with a wide range of skills. Their first event – Brazilymm 66 was a fantastic way to "kick-off" the venture attracting national attention and visitors from far and wide.

But there is still a gap that needs filling to make the picture complete. The group's treasurer is having to stand down due to pressure of fulltime employment and as a result the group are looking for possibly two people to fill this very important



role.

Firstly there is a need for a Finance Trustee, - someone who will take an active interest in the will take an active interest in the financial strategy and sustainability of the Centre and who will also get involved in funding applications. In addition the group needs a treasurer to take day to day responsibility for the organisation's finances including banking and

book-keeping.

"These are vital roles," explained Alan "and our experience so far suggests they are always the hardest to fill due to the need for the right mix of experience and skills. But we feel sure that there must be someone out there – perhaps a recently retired accountant or some-one with treasury experience in another group who could step in and find themselves a part of a great team that is determined to make a real difference for Lymm for our local schools, for residents, for traders and for visitors."

If it could be you or if you think you know of someone who may be interested give Alan a call on 01925-754080 or email info@ lymmhic.co.uk. and help maintain the great Lymm reputation for

Classic car club seeks new members

A CLUB which started after a chance meeting between two dads on a Lymm school car park is looking for new members.
The Lymm Classic Car Club was

Indirectly born out of the 2014
Lymm Historic Transport Day.
Laurence Ross entered his
Triumph TR6 and was lucky enough
to be selected for the parade

to be selected for the parade through the village. His two sons – who are his interest in classic cars – both attend Oughtrington Primary School and Laurence was waiting to pick them up one day when another dad approached him and said seeing him in the parade had inspired him to get his own classic car – a Corvette Stingray.

It then transpired another parent

had a Lotus, another parent a TR6 and another a VW Camper.

With five classic vehicles they decided to form a club – and with the addition of an American Ford pickup and a Replica Shelby

Cobra, membership increased to seven, who all appeared at last year's Historic Tranport Day. Laurence said: "The show was a great success and a few people

expressed an interest in joining the club. But with summer holidays and the show season over, things did not really progress.

"But now that we are in 2016

and the weather is improving it seems like the right time to focus on

the club.

"We would like people who have classic cars/vehicles or are interested in classic cars to join us and be involved with making and and be involved with making and shaping the club. We have booked a stand at this year's Historic Transport Day Show and plan to have a meeting at Ye Olde Number 3 pub to discuss everything from shows and events to attend."

Anyone interested should call Lawrence on 07827 932 207 or email him at lawrence@ ipowergeneration.co.uk



There's plenty happening at Lymm Library

LYMM Library has plenty on offer for all ages thanks to a new programme of activities. With programme of activities. regular sessions taking place throughout the week to learn new skills, meet new people and help with homework there's no reason not to pay the library a visit.

Every Tuesday between 11.00am – 12.30pm there's the 11.00am – 12.30pm there's the chance to get crazy about crochet or try your hand at knitting at Chatty Crafters. Bring along your latest project or start something new in the company of other crafters.

There's also an opportunity for people to unwind with a coffee before the weekend at a Read to Relax group every Friday 10.30am – 11.30am.

The library basn't left children

The library hasn't left children out. If your child needs help and guidance on their homework they can come along every Thursday

between 3.45 - 4.45pm. They'll have the chance to ask a librarian advice and use the wide range of resources to help them complete their latest project.

Plus on the second Saturday of every month there is a Rhyme Time group for pre-school children at 11am - 11.30am where parents and babies can join in with some interactive fun and songs.

Tina Redford, strategic lead for libraries and learning at LiveWire, said: "There's always plenty happening at Lymm Library for both children and adults. It's a great way to meet people and use resources that are located in the centre of Lymm village"

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Obituaries

Midwife who delivered 1,000 babies dies at 92

A RETIRED midwife who delivered well over 1,000 babies at Lymm has died at the age of 92.

Nurse Joan Pike – known as Peggy, or Peg during the 50-plus years she lived in Lymm - passed away at a nursing home in her home city of Sheffield where she had spent thé past four years to be close to her

family.

Peggy started her nursing career
at Sheffield Hospital aged about 18. She was a career woman and never married. She obtained her SRN qualification at the North Middlesex Hospital before specialising in

Hospital before specialising in midwifery.

She obtained her first position in Lymm as District Midwife in the late 1940s and eventally settled in The Crescent, where she lived for more than 50 happy years.

At first she travelled around the village on foot or bicycle to deliver babies – including at outlying farms – once being met midway by an anxious husband and jumping on his tandem to get there in time!

Eventually she acquired a car and was known and remembered by three generations of the same family, delivering their babies and making it a wonderful experience.

Peggy's niece said: "Peg loved life and was never happier than when she was in the company of friends,

she was in the company of friends, family or one of her little pet poodles. She enjoyed cooking, musicals, her beautiful garden and travelling. "One of her favourite memories

was of travelling to Rome in 1960 to represent Britain at the International Confederation of Midwives. Another was of crowing the May Queen in

lymm.

"Peg was popular and loved by everyone who knew here. She will be sadly missed and never forgotten."





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Barbara Breen

The funeral has taken place of Barbara Breen, aged 84, of Hopefield Road, Lymm, who died at Green Park Nursing Home on December 26.

Barbara was born into a family that had lived in Lymm for many generations. In her youth she spent several years as a Sunday School teacher at the Methodist Church on Eagle Brow.

For several decades she was a valued member of staff at Cotebrook Nursing Home, where she formed many lifelong friendships.

In the local community she was

known for being a good neighbour, generous with her time and care and at the same time supporting several charities.

She retained an enduring love of

rural life and the natural world. Barbara is survived by her husband Alf, son John, nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Dunham

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