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Editor's Comment



IT has been a long time coming – but at long last the reasons behind the departure of former Lymm High School Principal Angela Walsh have been made public.

Having reported on the concerns of parents, pupils and former employees regarding Ms Walsh's tenure at the school over a number of years – it would appear this reporting has now been vindicated. More details of the findings can be read elsewhere in this issue.

I personally take no great pleasure from reporting on someone's downfall in life.

But I have to say my own personal dealings with Ms Walsh were frosty to say the least – in fact I never had the opportunity to meet here. When I attempted to communicate with her she wouldn't return my calls and when I wrote something she disagreed with she basically banned any future communication with our

publication.

Times have moved on and we now have a fantastic working relationship with the school which started during the temporary tenure of Tarun Kapur and has now continued under the leadership of Head Teacher Gwyn Williams.

Although Miss Walsh deserves some credit for overseeing what was an "Outstanding" school, there is no doubt things did take a turn for the worse. Fortunately things have now turned around and the High School is once again the top performing school in the area.

It is certainly refreshing to be able to report on all the positive activities of the High School.

Any way the whole sorry saga has

now hopefully been finally put to bed and everyone connected to Lymm High School can continue to look forward to a positive future.

To all of those former pupils, staff and concerned parents who contacted us over the years thank you for sharing your concerns and as always Lymm Life will try and report on local issues in a fair and balanced way.

For anyone who may still be wondering why we are still reporting on this issue from the past – it attracted more interest on our website in the space of a day than any other story in the past two years – so the public interest is clearly still there.

It certainly completely overshadowed interest in the local elections!

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Ancient footpaths may be closed

FOOTPATHS used by generations of children and their families as a safe shortcut to school are at risk of being closed, a councillor has warned.

Cllr Bob Barr, local leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on Warrington Borough Council believes council officers could be planning to close the paths which cross a field between Oughtrington Primary School and the Bridgewater Canal.

He says pupils from both the primary school and Lymm High School have used the paths for generations as a shortcut to school or to Lymm Village.

Recently, however, unauthorised "fly grazing" of horses has made the paths dangerous – and horses have escaped from the field and caused a nuisance, having to be rounded up by the police.

Cllr Barr has raised the issue with borough council officers suggesting that the well-used paths should be made public rights of way.

He said: "Despite aerial photographs proving these paths have been used for a very long time, the officers are unwilling to turn them into public rights of way. They argue that there are alternative paths around the field that are not much further in distance."

They also claim the field boundaries have occasionally been closed during the last 20 years so continuous use – necessary to establish a right of way – could not be proven.

Cllr Barr said: "I disagree. The officers are using a technicality to

potentially exclude residents from council-owned land.

"They may be doing this to protect the sale value of the land if it was ever to become available for development."

"However, the land is in the green belt and there would be strong opposition to development by residents. Such development is against council policy anyway."

"A way to make development less likely would be to confirm the two paths across the field as public rights of way to allow continued access to all who want to use them in the future."

Local resident John Ogle with Cllr Bob Barr at the field in Oughtrington.



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 Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP
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 Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm
 Details: 01925 755126

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 Every Wednesday at Statham Lodge Hotel
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 2nd and 4th Thursday each month.
 1.30pm - 3pm. Details: 01925 753298

MARKET LUNCHESES
 Eagle Brow Methodist Church
 3rd Thursday in the month
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 St Mary's Church Hall
 Second and fourth Fridays (Sept - May)
 7.30pm. Details: 753853

GARDENING CLUB
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 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 PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
 Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
 (ex July & Aug), 7.30pm
 Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.
 Details: www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk

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Next meeting is
 Tuesday, June 14th
 Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

Lymm couple open garden for charity

A LYMM couple are opening their garden to the public to raise money for charity as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

Mike and Gail Porter's garden at 10 Statham Avenue will be open on Saturday and Sunday, June 18-19 from 11am to 5pm.

Admission is £4 (children free) and home-made teas will be available, including cakes and Gail's famous meringues with fresh fruit.

The garden is described as peaceful, with Monet pastel colours in June. It is a beautifully structured quarter of an acre south facing plot, carefully terraced and planted as it rises to the Bridgewater Canal towpath.

A hazel arch opens to a

formal clay paved courtyard with cordoned peach trees. Rose pillars lead to established herbaceous beds, quiet shaded areas, bordered by azaleas and rhododendrons. There are interesting outhouses and a working greenhouse.

Nationally, the National Gardens Scheme raised more than £2.6 million last year which was distributed to Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Queen's Nursing Institute, Perennial, Parkinson's UK, and Cavell Nurses' Trust.

4Lymm fund-raisers

COMMUNITY group 4Lymm would like to thank all the people who attended, arranged and staffed their quiz night with fish supper at the Bridgewater Club.

With entry fees and proceeds from the raffle the event raised over £450 for St Rocco's Hospice.

On Sunday May 29, it will be 4Lymm's turn to provide tea, cakes and sandwiches at High Legh Village Hall, when they will be raising money for Riding for the Disabled. The opening hours are 1:00pm until 4:30pm.

The group are always on the look out for new members and meet at the Bridgewater Club on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

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Marathon runner John wants to go again at 70

A LYMM man wants to run the London Marathon at the age of 70 in 2021 after completing the famous race for the third time at the weekend.

John Bamforth, 65, has raised almost £3,000 for Asthma UK for his efforts, which saw him finish the race in four hours 34 minutes, 59 seconds – ahead of new Top Gear presenter and Warrington's favourite son, Chris Evans, and ex-footballer Clarke Carlisle.

Living with asthma since he was a baby, John previously ran the London Marathon in 1991 and

2009.

John said: "I have had asthma since I was a baby and I remember sitting on my grandmother's knee having great difficulty breathing.

"As a young child I frequently used to wake up at night having asthma attacks. As a result of asthma in my early years my lung capacity has been severely impaired.

"I have benefitted greatly from the development of asthma medication over many years and this has helped me in sporting activities and my everyday life. Without the medication now available I could not have lived my life as fully as I now enjoy it."

"I had planned this would be my last Marathon but now I'm thinking of going again in 2021 when I will be 70."

In the meantime, John will be doing the Lymm Trail Race 10k in July and the Warrington Half Marathon in September.

Asthma UK funds world-leading research to find better treatments and ultimately a cure for asthma, which is so desperately needed as tragically every day the lives of three families are devastated by the death of a loved one to an

asthma attack. Research shows that two thirds of asthma deaths are preventable.

Kerry Johns, Head of Events and Community Fundraising at Asthma UK, said: "I'd like to say a big thank you and congratulations to John for running the London Marathon for us.

"Every 10 seconds someone has a potentially life-threatening asthma attack in the UK, which is why we fund research to help develop new treatments and ultimately a cure for asthma.

"We are solely funded by public donations, so we simply wouldn't be able to continue with our work without people like John and our team of fantastic runners."

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Iconic 'Mad Men' Car set to appear at Lymm Transport Day

AN iconic TV car will make its inaugural British appearance at Lymm Historic Transport Day 2016 on Sunday, June 26.

The 1965 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, owned by Don Draper in hit US drama 'Mad Men', will be on public display for the first time since arriving in the UK last year.

A local businessman and fan of the critically acclaimed and wildly successful show, bid for the car in an auction of memorabilia.

This Cadillac was driven by lead character Don Draper in the final series and embodied the sheer confidence and style of its owner: metallic silver with a blood red leather interior.

Re-designed all-new for 1965, the Coupe DeVille came with a sharper, more angular body style with creased, arrow-straight sheet metal that emphasized its mile-long length. The hardtop features a 340-horsepower 429-cubic-inch 7 litre V-8 engine and a – decent by modern comparison – torque rating of 480 lb.-ft. The car stretches

eighteen and a half feet in length and is 79.9 inches wide.

Mad Men has been nominated for over a hundred awards and much of its appeal was its aesthetic dedication to historical accuracy. Set in the late '50s and '60s, in and around New York City, Mad Men championed costumes and set props that told an authentic story of a time and of a place. Last August, hundreds of props from the seven-season series were auctioned off. Most of the items on offer were small things – ashtrays, magazines, furniture and clothing that made the show feel authentically mid-century. The 1965 Cadillac Coupe DeVille was the star of the auction and the highest-valued item. The new owner paid just under \$50,000 for the privilege of owning a piece of screen history.

The classic Coupe DeVille will be just one of around 350 cars

on show at an event that will also feature for the first time a full size aircraft – a replica spitfire with original cockpit. A Lego Transport Exhibition will be another first for the show which will also feature all the regular favourites including dozens of historic working boats, traction engines and model railways. In fact Lymm is fast turning into the region's "go-to" event for historic transport enthusiasts.

The event is run entirely by

local volunteers for the benefit of the community with 50% of this year's profits being passed on to help set up the new Lymm Heritage Centre. The core team need over 100 helpers on the day – each doing a three hour stint. If you could give a little time to be part of a great community team email transportday2016@gmail.com or call Trish Cockayne on 01925-751646. More info at lymmtransport@gmail.com



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DEPUTY Mayor of Warrington Cllr Faisal Rashid was on hand to demonstrate his cooking skills – or lack of them – as local kitchen company JD Kitchens held an open day to celebrate 15 years in business.

Fifteen years ago owner Dave Charlton started off from his back bedroom selling relatively basic kitchens and work tops but over the years his business blossomed into one producing mid to high end kitchens, from a showroom on Gorsey Lane, Warrington.

To mark the 15th anniversary the showroom has recently been

refurbished with the latest Next125 line of kitchens from Germany.

The Deputy Mayor, who by coincidence is Dave's business manager at the Nat West Bank, said it was "brilliant to see a local business doing well."

During his mayoral year, Cllr Rashid will be focusing on the local business community, with a new

project he has been working on which will also help raise funds for his chosen charities.

Meanwhile Dave, who is also as a director on the Kitchen, Bedroom Specialist Association (KBSA), which helps regulate the industry, is the only outlet in the local area to supply modern and contemporary style German manufactured kitchens, whilst also offering a more traditional style kitchen from UK manufacturer, Mackintosh. He is also the local Neff Master Partner.



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Lymm Festival set to be biggest and best yet

THIS summer's Lymm Festival looks set to be the biggest and best yet with over 50 events running from June 16- 26 with something for everyone.

For families and children there are more events than ever. New for 2016 is a Family Garden Party, set in the grounds of Lymm Hall. The event is supported by Kid's Planet and there will be baby, toddler and child-friendly activities with story-telling, music, five a side football, face painting and more. There is a competition and a trail to keep little ones busy and entertained.

For older children check out ComedySportz a fast-paced improvised comedy show aimed at those aged 8+. Players create quick witted sketches, scenes and songs from suggestions thrown at them by the audience, creating a show that is unpredictably funny. Or head up to Lymm High School for Lymm Live 2016 (previously Lymm Out Loud) a day of live music showcasing the young talent on your doorstep.

With headline acts; Robert Powell and Liza Goddard, The Boy with Tape on his Face and Rob Deering bringing drama and comedy it's not just the children who look set to enjoy this summer's line-up.

There's music in abundance with live blues, jazz, rock and roll and modern folk. This year's programme includes festival favourites such as LymmFest,

Lymm Big Sing and David John Dee. For anyone looking to try something new, hidden gems such as Alligator Gumbo, The Young'uns and The Stumble all make their

Lymm Festival debut.

Also, don't forget there is FoodFest, Vaudeville Variety Show, Open Gardens, Historic Transport Day and the Trail Races to look forward to. A full list of events and advance tickets are available online at www.lymmfestival.org.uk

Budding photographers focus on festival

BUDDING photographers were invited to a Lymm Festival "Spring Special" at Lane End Cottage Garden.

Members of Lymm Photographic Society were on hand to give advice on how to take pictures of flowers to show them to their best advantage.

Tea and cakes were served and visitors were able to wander around the one-acre garden helping raise funds for the festival.



Sixties show returns to Lymm Festival

LOCAL singer David John Dee makes a very welcome return to the Lymm Festival in his new one man show "The (Bootleg) Sixties Show" – another of his special tributes to the Swingin' Sixties.

There was no reason to believe that the 1st January 1960 would be any different to the 31st December 1959 and it wasn't, but what would happen between the 1st January 1960 and 31st December 1969 would lead anyone to believe that it wasn't even the same century, let alone the same decade, it would be the most influential decade of pop music ever – an era that changed and influenced both pop music, and fashion forever.

Once again, he will be performing many of those golden songs and hits made famous during that incredibly musical rich era at The Lymm Hotel on the opening night of the Lymm Festival on Thursday June 16 at 8.00pm.

David will be featuring songs and Hits of Billy Fury, Gene Pitney, Wayne Fontana & The Mindbenders, Cliff Richard, The Beatles, Bobby Vee, Ben E King, The Searchers, Dave Berry & The Cruisers, The Fortunes, The Kinks, Maf Munro, Billy J Kramer & The Dakotas, Neil Sedaka, The Hollies, The Foundations, Jeff Beck, The Turtles, The Boxtops and many, many more.

A fabulous evening of brilliant music to bring back wonderful memories of a special decade with many very special Sixties Songs and Hits.

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Rob Deering	Historic Transport Day	The Young'uns
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All set for Lymm May Queen as new queens selected

Following a tradition which can trace its roots all the way back to 1889 the incoming Lymm May and Rose Queens have been selected.

The delighted winners of this year's positions of honour which were chosen by lot at Lymm Methodist Church were Eva Cope, May Queen elect and Eleanor Lawton who is the new Rose Queen elect.

Eva, aged 10, attends Cherry Tree Primary School and Eleanor is aged 9 and is a pupil at Ravenbank

Primary School.

The election was performed by the outgoing queens, Rebecca Chapman (May Queen) and Elizabeth Nelson (Rose Queen). Proceedings were overseen by the Chairman of the Lymm May Queen Committee, Steve Harper.

This year's festival takes place on Saturday, June 11.

Due to safety reasons the procession course has been altered for this year. The procession will commence at the Lymm Hotel, travel up Whitbarrow Road to the junction with Brookfield road, and turn right into Brookfield road. At the mini roundabout the procession will turn left and travel down Eagle Brow. Upon reaching the Cross, the procession will turn into Pepper Street and proceed to the May Queen field.

Offers of help on the day would be gratefully received, as organisers urgently require Marshalls on the roads and the field. Please Contact Steve Harper, Chairman, if you can assist in any way – 07815 961306 or email chair@lymmmayqueen.org.uk



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Last chance for two more schools to run on sun

LYMM Community Energy need to raise £68,000 through a share offer to enable solar panels to be installed on the roofs of two local schools – and they need to do it by September.

Statham Primary and Cherry Tree Primary have been selected to take part in a community funded green energy initiative run by Lymm Community Energy (LCE).

The idea is to install the panels during the summer holidays.

Each school will benefit from cheaper electricity – each school saving at least £1,000-a-year.

Two other schools – Oughtrington Primary and Ravenbank Primary – were involved in a similar scheme last year and are already reaping the financial and education benefits.

But Government cuts in funding for renewables mean such schemes just aren't viable now.

Fortunately, LCE managed to "pre-register" the Statham and Cherry Tree schools which means they can still benefit from the old scheme until September.

LCE chairman Zoe Cohen said: "It's a last chance for Statham and Cherry Tree to run on sun."

There's a crucial last chance in the next couple of months to make renewable energy a reality for Statham and Cherry Tree.

"This would mean a complete win win - financial savings for the schools, more money to spend on the kids, less CO2 for our planet, a great educational resource using the online monitoring data we give them, plus green inspiration for the next generation, and a 3-4 per cent

per annum return to investors.

"The schools can use these savings for books, resources and play equipment for their pupils. Each school will also have an electronic display showing their own renewable energy generation which is a brilliant tool for children to learn about green technologies and sustainable energy – as well as practice their maths and science!"

For the project to go ahead, LCE need to raise around £68,000 through a share offer. Anyone can invest – from a minimum of £250. They can even invest on behalf of children or grandchildren.

The return to investors is anticipated to be between 3-4 per cent from year 2, with a planned return of all investors' capital by the end of the scheme in 20 years.

Jack, a year 6 pupil at Cherry Tree, said: "It will make the school more efficient because just one hour of sunlight can provide a huge amount of energy."

Meanwhile Figures show that even in February over 13% of the total electricity used by Oughtrington and Ravenbank primary schools came directly from the solar panels, and this will only increase in the next few months as the days get longer!

Both schools have really appreciated having their new solar panels.

David Hester, Chair of Governors

of Oughtrington primary says that the solar panels provided by Lymm Community Energy have "also proved to be an excellent educational tool with teachers and parents commenting on the value of the project has brought to the learning environment of the school."

It was investments from local people who made this possible. Jen and Peter Murphy are just one of the local families who invested in 2015.

For people considering investing in 2016 Jen said: "Investing in LCE offers a great way to contribute to the Lymm community whilst benefiting from a long term financial return. Climate change is the most important issue facing us over the next 50 years and this is at least doing something to try to help – not only through demonstrating support

for the technology and increasing renewable sourced electricity, but also through providing a superb educational resource to the young people of our area."

Anyone who would like to know more please visit <http://lowcarbonlymm.org.uk/sub-groups/lymm-community-energy-2/>.

The share offer will be launched on May 19 and is planned to last for five weeks. The share offer document will set out full details and will be available to download from the webpage from May 19.

Before then people can register interest with no obligation by emailing or calling - LCE will then make sure you personally receive a prospectus when the share offer is launched. Email info@lowcarbonlymm.org.uk or call Zoe on 07786 074741



Statham Primary's school council checking out the solar panels already installed at Ravenbank School.

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House highly commended for building excellence

A HOUSE at Lymm, said to be "a superb building built and finished to a very standard" was highly commended in this year's Building Excellence Awards.

The property, in Eagle Brow, was built by David Backhouse Construction and supervised by Paul Bernard. Architects were Howard Seddon the client was Mr M Bury.

Each year a number of exceptional developments are submitted from the borough council's building control team to be judged against the best in the North West.

Andy Farrall, the council's executive director economic regeneration, growth and environment, said: "We have some wonderful building projects in and around Warrington and it is great to see them receive the recognition they deserve."

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Former Lymm High School Principal banned from teaching

FORMER Lymm High School Principal Angela Walsh has been banned from teaching indefinitely after being judged to have been "dishonest".

The decision was taken by the National College for Teaching and Leadership following a professional conduct panel hearing on behalf of the secretary of state held in Coventry on April 20.

Following the result of the hearing, the most serious sanction which can be imposed on a teacher, Kieran Walshe, the chair of Lymm High School's governing body, said: "We are glad to see these matters, which date from 2012-13, brought to a proper conclusion and we welcome the decision of the Secretary of State.

"We would like to thank everyone – staff, governors, parents, students and the wider community – who has worked so hard over the last three years to move on from those very difficult times.

"Under the leadership of Gwyn Williams as headteacher, the school is now progressing well, securing the best examination results in Warrington last year and having a renewed sense of its purpose and place in the community.

"We had many more applications for Year 7 in September 2016 than we had places, though we are pleased to say that we have still accommodated all applications from children at our partner primary schools. But there is still much more to do, and the governors and headteacher believe that our very able and well-motivated students are capable of even greater things in the future."

At the hearing it was alleged that Miss Walsh was guilty of unacceptable professional conduct and/or conduct that may bring the profession into disrepute in that:

1. While employed as headteacher/principal during 2008 – 2013 at Lymm High School, Cheshire ("the School"), she:

a. Authorised a re-grade for Witness D without authorisation of the governing body;

b. Provided misleading information to the governing body in relation to staff turnover on 16 May 2013 and/or 12 June 2013;

c. Failed to conduct performance management appraisal(s) for one or more members of her leadership team in accordance with the Education (Schools Teachers Appraisals) (England) Regulations 2012;

d. In relation to the performance management appraisal(s) referred to at 1.c. above she incorrectly reported to the governing body that the appraisal(s) had been undertaken;

e. Wrote a mortgage salary reference for herself using the chair of governors electronic signature without his permission;

f. Was absent from the School without authorisation during term time;

g. When questioned about 1e above she did not provide an accurate response.

2. By her actions set out at 1a and/or 1b and/or 1d and/or 1e and/or 1g she was dishonest.

Miss Walsh admitted allegation 1f. All others were denied, except for allegation 1g as amended, which was not admitted.

Miss Walsh did not admit unacceptable professional conduct and/or conduct that may bring the profession into disrepute.

But the panel concluded that Miss Walsh:

*Failed to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct.

*Failed to have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which she taught, and on one occasion, to maintain high standards in her own attendance.

*Failed to have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out her professional duties and responsibilities.

The panel found that she behaved dishonestly in two different sets of circumstances.

Her dishonest conduct was not isolated, but was repeated, and it spanned a period of a year. She also demonstrated serious disregard for the frameworks in place around teacher performance management and remuneration, which was of particular concern given her role as a headteacher.

Decision maker Jayne Millions said: "The panel is satisfied that the conduct of Miss Walsh represented a serious departure from the personal

and professional conduct elements of the Teachers' Standards. Miss Walsh was in a unique and privileged position as a headteacher, and should have modelled exemplary standards. The panel found she behaved dishonestly in two different sets of circumstances, and that her dishonest conduct was not isolated, but repeated and it spanned a period of a year."

The controversial Principal resigned from the school in April 2014 more than nine months after she was suspended by the school

governors pending investigations into a number of issues.

Miss Walsh now aged 57, (pictured) joined the school in September 2008 and hit the headlines within 12 months following the introduction of a controversial new school uniform policy, with pupils staging sit down protests and outrage from parents.

At the time of her suspension staff morale had been low for some time, with significant numbers choosing to leave.



Stars come out for an evening At The Races

THE Jockey Club Live has been introducing new audiences to the sport of Kings by using their world-class facilities as outdoor music venues, putting on show-stopping headline performances by some of the world's biggest artists.

This year the iconic Aintree and Haydock Park Racecourses will be playing host to their 'An Evening At The Races' brand.

National legend Tom Jones is a perfect fit for Aintree with a career that has spanned over half a century and has seen him win many accolades including a BRIT Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music and a Silver Clef Award for Lifetime Achievement. A favourite at The Jockey Club Live events he visits Aintree on June 10. He said, "I always have a fantastic time performing to audiences at Jockey Club Live events as they are such a great night out for everyone."

Irish sensations The Corrs will be opening up the summer outdoor season at Haydock Park Racecourse on June 18. Since releasing their debut album 'Forgiven, Not Forgotten' in 1996, they have sold over 30 million albums worldwide with hits including 'Runaway' and 'Breathless'. Their success is a testament to their unique sound, which is an enchanting mix of traditional Celtic music with a pop rock twist.

Jess Glynne will be the next to perform at Haydock Park on July 1. Since featuring on Clean Bandit's Grammy Award winning and

number one hit 'Rather Be', she has had a number-one charting debut album, 'I Cry When I Laugh', which has now turned double platinum in the UK. Jess will also be donating a portion of her fee to the charity 'Retraining of Racehorses' of which The Jockey Club Live will match.

Lastly for the picturesque Haydock Racecourse is Lancashire's own, Lisa Stansfield, who headlines on August 5. One of the coolest pop stars 'All Around The World' throughout the 90's; her seductive, soulful vocals and timeless dance-pop songs saw her top the charts on both sides of the Atlantic, duet with George Michael and Queen and win multiple Brit and Ivor Novello awards. Lisa's albums were international hits, selling more than 15 million copies and spawning over 20 hit singles.

The picturesque settings, the thrilling racing and the sublime headline performances all combine to give a value for money experience unlike any other this summer. Fans are advised to buy their tickets soon to avoid disappointment as many of the shows are set to sell out.

Aintree Racecourse:
10th June, Tom Jones
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England star coaches Lymm Under 9s



(Right to left) Manu Tuilagi, his brother Alex and Leicester prop Logovi'i Mulipola with Lymm's Under 9s.

ENGLAND Rugby Union International Manu Tuilagi, accompanied by his brother Alex and Leicester prop Logovi'i Mulipola, dropped in for a training session at Lymm Rugby Club with the Under 9s Mini Rugby Team.

Recently back in the England team after a long term injury, Manu was on hand to give Lymm's aspiring rugby players the benefit of his experience at the very top level, particularly defensive drills, speed off the line and bunny ears.

The three international players had a great morning with the Under 9s and there was much fun and laughter.

Andy Leach, Head of Lymm RFC's Mini and Junior section commented, 'We are delighted to welcome Manu, Alex and Logovi'i who have given up their Sunday morning and travelled quite a distance.'

'It's great for our boys to meet these top internationals and it gives them something to aim for. They loved every minute and learned a lot,' concluded Andy.

Treble tonic for Colts

LYMM Junior Colts secured a treble of trophies with a win against a strong Bowden team in the Cheshire Cup Final.

Their other silverware was the League Champions trophy and the League Cup winner's trophy.

It was the 5th time that the club has won the Cheshire Junior Colts Cup. Lymm were always in control with tries two tries apiece from Alex Hull and Lucas Titherington and one from Will Titherington with three conversions.

It was a great way to top off a great season.



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Fond memories of Peg – the midwife who delivered 1,000 babies

MEMORIES came flooding back for Lymm resident Christine Arstall when she read last month's Lymm Life and saw the report of the funeral of former local midwife Joan Pike – and the picture of Nurse Pike holding two babies.



Nurse Pike with the Barker twins, Christine and Pauline, 66 years ago.

For the two babies in the picture were the Barker twins of Statham – Christine herself and her sister Pauline Chesters, who sadly died at the end of January.

Christine, now aged 66, said: "The picture was taken by our father and was sent to Nurse Pike many years ago by our elder sister, Marie. "We were the first twins from Statham delivered by Nurse Pike.

"Nurse Pike was a dear friend to us all. She also helped deliver my son, Robert, who is now 44."

Known as Peggy, or Peg, Nurse Pike lived in Lymm for more than 50

years and delivered well over 1,000 babies.

She had literally hundreds of friends in the village and in her early days as the local midwife used to ride around the district on a bicycle. Later she acquired a car which made her job easier.

There were families who had three generations of babies delivered by her – and she became friends with them all.

For the last four years, Nurse Pike lived in her home city of Sheffield to be near her family. She died at the age of 92.

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John Hatton Bratby

THE funeral has taken place of John Bratby, aged 80, of Bollin Close, Lymm who died in St Rocco's Hospice, on April 4 following a series of illnesses.

John, a keen calligrapher and enthusiastic gardener, is survived by his wife, Ann and daughters Melanie and Fiona.

The funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium and arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

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