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CONGRATULATIONS to Alan and Su Williams and the team for their continued hard work at the proposed new Lymm Heritage Centre which is now taking shape in the village.

It is truly amazing to see how Lymm can continue to thrive with community activities at a time when local authorities are making more and more cut backs due to austerity. Alan and Su are certainly truly deserving of their recent awards from the Mayor of Warrington, who has certainly recognised people who have stepped up to the mark in providing outstanding service to the local communities.

We are certainly still blessed here in Lymm with many community minded people, like Su and Alan who are a credit to our village.

The new heritage centre will be a great focal point not only for our

village history – but also the many organisations who keep traditions alive, like Lymm May Queen, Lymm Festival, Lymm Duck Race and Lymm Dickensian Day, all fine examples of community events and activities run by volunteers.

More recently Lymm in Bloom has really started to blossom and now Lymm High School are getting behind a new Keep Lymm Kleen Project, carrying on the previous good work of the Keep Lymm Tidy Group. What is particularly pleasing is that this group involves our next generation of community volunteers, who can hopefully pick up and help carry the torch for future generations to continue to enjoy our many varied events and activities.

Let's also not forget the great work which has been ongoing at Lymm Youth and Community

Centre, where Su Williams has also played a leading role.

We are certainly blessed in Lymm and wherever possible we need to support all these great community groups and activities as much as we possibly can.

With the review of library provision in the town now underway, I suspect some community support will be required to ensure we retain our superb library facility in the village – an essential service, with Lymm literally being out on a limb when it comes to accessing a library service.

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# Sixth form students to help Keep Lymm 'Kleen'

A group of Sixth Form students from Lymm High School are helping to launch a "Keep Lymm Kleen" campaign.

The campaign is a revival of Keep Lymm Tidy previously led by Lymm Parish Council and will be rolled out over the next few months.

The scheme under the banner "Keep Lymm Kleen" is being led by Parish Councillor Anna Fradgley, who is working closely with Lymm High School and the group of Sixth Form students.

The village has seen an increasing amount of litter over the Summer, especially around The Cross, the Lower Dam and in Ridgway Grundy Park. Further out from the village centre, more litter is creeping in and there is the bigger issue of dog fouling left by

inconsiderate dog owners.

Cllr Fradgley said: "The Parish Council has reacted to the need for more bins and extra staff are being recruited to pick up litter, but this is an upward hill battle if litter is aimlessly discarded. It's also an absolute disgrace if dog owners leave dog foul on the floor. So I want to run this campaign to raise awareness that we all need to do our bit to keep the village tidy."

"The Keep Lymm Kleen scheme will incorporate posters throughout the village and I am hoping to encourage children in Lymm to provide the artwork. Students from Lymm High School will be involved in making this happen."

The official launch is due to take place on Dickensian Day.

Councillor Fradgley is keen for a group of volunteers to revive the litter picking group to help keep the village clean. If anyone is interested in creating and running this group, please contact her on [cllrafradgley@sky.com](mailto:cllrafradgley@sky.com). Also, if anyone knows of groups or individuals who go out of their way to pick up litter and dog foul, please let Anna know. She would like to thank them for their help.

Fines can be enforced by the Borough Council of up to £2,500 for anyone found littering or dog fouling.

"It is vital that we all work together to keep our village clean, as not only does it make a pleasant place to live, but it makes it a pleasant place to visit," she added.



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**LYMM DICKENSIAN DAY**

**December 12**  
**LYMM HISTORY SOCIETY**  
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Warrington Police First Murder Enquiry  
More info Lynn Smith 01925 756776

**December 13**  
**LYMM PARISH COUNCIL**  
Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

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

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

**ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM**  
Every Wednesday at Statham Lodge Hotel  
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Contact the secretary 01925 650189

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2nd and 4th Thursday each month.  
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**MARKET LUNCHEONS**  
Eagle Brow Methodist Church  
3rd Thursday in the month  
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**LYMM SCOTTISH COUNTRY  
DANCE CLUB**  
St Mary's Church Hall  
Second and fourth Fridays (Sept - May)  
7.30pm. Details: 753853

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

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

**LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**  
Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday  
(ex July & Aug), 7.30pm  
Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.  
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3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm  
The Spread Eagle Hotel  
Details: 01925 604400

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## Paul's paintings show village in a new light

ARTIST Paul Scates has been taking a fun look at Lymm – and has come up with a number of quirky paintings which show the village in a different light.

He's looked at the well-known beauty spots which always attract the attention of artists and painted them rather differently – in a "fun" way, he says.

Paul took early retirement from his job as director of a textile company because he wanted to paint.

Self-taught, he started painting semi-professionally in 2000 and since then has been out painting all over the North West, particularly in the Stockport area where he used to work.

Some of his work has been commissioned but much has just been for pleasure.

A Lymm resident, he decided it



was time he turned his attention to some local scenes, capturing them in his own style.

He said: "Lymm is a popular destination for artists and there must be hundreds of paintings of local views, painted over many years. I hope mine will show the village in a different light."

## Christmas Craft Market

A Village Christmas Craft Market takes place at Lymm on Saturday, November 12 from 11am-4pm.

The event takes place at the Lymm United Reformed Church Sanctuary Cafe on Brookfield Road and includes indoor stalls with festive gift ideas, cards and much more, along with great food and drinks.

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# Boost for Food Bank



STUDENTS at Lymm High School have again shown how generous they can be by donating nearly 900kg of food to the Trussell Trust for the Warrington Food Bank.

Code named Operation Hippo, youngsters were set the challenge of bringing in food donations that, combined, would match the weight of a Hippopotamus.

They did not disappoint, showing a sense of community, empathy and generosity that meant the Warrington Trussell Trust had to come into school to take collection more than three times in the space of a couple of weeks. At one stage, the staff room was overflowing with trays of donations!

Richard Hughes, Head of Ethos, said: 'This was a whole school challenge, increasing the rivalry between our different halls and form groups. Particular recognition should go to two year 8 forms, 8TL and 8MH, who donated 240 kilograms of food between them! The level of enthusiasm and support shown towards the Food Bank was excellent, reaffirming the belief that students embrace the community they live in and are willing to help those who are less fortunate.'

Rachel Morris, Head of Ethos, added: 'At Lymm High school we are very proud of the generous nature of our students and strive to embrace this aspect of our ethos, making sure that we embed and promote the importance of being decent, socially responsible members of the community. As such, supporting the Trussell Trust is now going to become a regular installment in our academic year and, fingers-crossed, we will reach the goal of donating the equivalent weight of an elephant!'



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# Lymm – in the days of the great “Salt Rush”

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Bollin Valley, Past and Present, is a lavishly produced 208 page book and is Keith's second volume about the people and places of the Bollin Valley and follows the course of the River Bollin from where it rises in the hills at Macclesfield Forest to where it joins the Manchester Ship Canal near Lymm.

It is packed with photographs by the author and also historic pictures of the area in times past.

Of particular local interest is a section on the Grade II listed Burford Lane Farm, designed by acclaimed architect John Douglas in 1866 which includes a drawing of the farm as it used to be.

There is also an account of the great Lymm “salt rush” of around 1900 when an area of high-quality brine was discovered at Heatley.

The story goes that a farmer's wife could not understand why her ducks would not go into a brook. In exasperation she took a duck by the neck and held it in the stream. But she had a cut on her hand and the sting she suffered convinced her there was salt in the water.

There were salt works at Lymm, Heatley and Agden but the last of them closed in 1959. The book includes photos right up to the present day with the Lymm Historic Transport Day.

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# All set for Lymm Dickensian Day

THE annual Lymm Dickensian Christmas Festival community event will take place on Saturday December 10.

It is a free festival in and around the village featuring a multitude of stalls, displays and entertainment suitable for all the family.

Plenty of stalls have 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 start at 1.30pm and be led by Town Crier, Peter Powell. The parade will feature a traction engine, vintage cars, bands, schools and entertainers.

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Club, the Illuminated Flotilla is worth the wait. Watch a series of canal boats lit up passing by the village. Please note: this is Subject to weather conditions.

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## Float Routes 2016

LYMM Rotary Club's biggest fund-raiser of the year will start on Sunday, December 4 and run right through to Saturday, December 23.

The annual event helps raise thousands of pounds for local good causes and charities.

The full list of Santa's route is as follows:

6.15pm assemble for 6.30pm start

- Sun 4th Dec:** Abbey Leys. 9 to 10: 10 to 11: 11 to 12: 12 to 1pm:  
**Mon 5th Dec:** Thelwall (1) - Assemble: All Saints Drive (Nr A56) - 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.  
**Tues 6th Dec:** Thelwall (2) - Assemble Thelwall New Road: Spar Convenience Store, Offerton Clo, Bradshaw La, Mottram Clo, Richmond Av, Ashley Clo, Prestbury Dr, Handforth Cl, Alderley Rd, Wilmslow Cres, Mobberley Clo.  
**Wed 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, Hilltop Rd, Hilltop Rd, Highfield Rd (top to Hardy Road).  
**Thurs 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.  
**Fri 9th Dec:** Booths Hill (3) - Assemble: Camsley Bridge Car Wash Booths Hill Rd, Princess Rd, 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 Rd, Maltmans.  
**Sat 10th Dec:** Sainsbury's 9am to 12pm - Dickensian Day (1pm assemble for 1.30pm start at Lymm Hotel - finish 2.45pm).  
**Sun 11th Dec:** Sainsbury's Warrington. 10 to 11: 11 to 12: 12 to 1: 1 to 2: 2 to 3: 3 to 4.  
**Mon 12th Dec:** Oughtrington Lane / Sandy Lane - Assemble: Oughtrington Crescent (near Canal bridge - park in Stage Lane) Stage La, The Paddocks, Crown Grn, Whitebroom, Sandy Lane, Bridge Meadow, Hopefield Rd, Ashcroft Rd, Woodbine Rd, Birchfield Rd, Cedarfield Rd, Sandy La, Rushgreen Rd (from Sandy Lane to Howard Avenue).  
**Tues 13th Dec:** Rushgreen (1) - Assemble : Rushes Meadow (opposite Heatley CO-OP Store), Rushes Meadow, Chaise Meadow, Springfield Ave, Springfield Gds, Rushgreen Rd (up to Sandy Lane), Green Vw, Adey Rd.  
**Wed 14th Dec:** Rushgreen (2) - Assemble : Howard Avenue (near Rushgreen Road), Howard Av, Heatley Clo, Lodge Cl, Richmond Dr, (Sandy Lane already done), Oughtrington Vw, Church Vw, Bucklow Gardens, Bellsfield Clo, The Greenacres.  
**Thurs 15th Dec:** Rushgreen (3) - Assemble : Mardale Cres (alongside Rushgreen Road), 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.  
**Fri 16th Dec:** Statham 1 - Assemble : Statham Avenue (outside Lymm Hotel). Statham Av, Statham Clo, Statham Dr, Lymington Av, Star La, Pool La, Brookside Av., Oldfield Road.  
**Sat 17th Dec:** Lymm Cross  
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**Sun 18th Dec:** Sainsbury's Warrington  
 10 to 11: 11 to 12: 12 to 1: 1 to 2: 2 to 3: 3 to 4:  
 Mon 19th Dec Statham 2 - Assemble : Albany Road (near Star Inn) - Albany Rd, Albany Gro, Albany Cres, Sycamore, Northway, Whitesands Rd, West Heath Gro, Jubilee Gro, Turnbury Cl, Whitbarrow Rd.  
**Tues 20th Dec:** Higher Lane (1) - Assemble : Crouchley Lane (outside Antler House) - Crouchley La, Manor Rd (top), 49 Crouchley Lane, Manor Road (bottom), Higher La, The Crescent, Mayfield Vw, Greenwood Rd, The Hatchings, Higher La, Grammar School Rd. to Scholars Green, Scholars Grn, Limefield Av.  
**Wed 21st Dec:** Higher Lane (2) - Assemble : Woodlands Av (near A56)- Woodlands Ave, Woodlands Dr, Longbutt La, The Seasons, Cotebrook Hse, Oughtrington La, Foxley Cl, Higher La, Bellfield Clo  
**Thurs 22nd Dec:** Village - Assemble : Davies Way Car Park (near Library) Danebank Rd, LymmHay Lane , Brooklyn Dr, Dane Bank Rd, Millbank, The Cross, Pepper St, Grove Rise, Rose Bank, Hartley Cl, Crossfield Av, Racefield Cl, Cyril Bell Cl, Orchard Av, Fairfield Rd, The Peppers, Rectory La, Rectory Gds.  
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More and more of us are now taking control of our health problems ourselves and turning to complementary therapies for help. Some of these, such as Osteopathy are well known, but there are a whole range of other disciplines out there that can help a whole range of problems and conditions.

At Lymm Osteopathic Practice, they've made the whole process of finding a treatment for your

particular needs that little bit easier. With a wide selection of health related therapies under one roof, the practice has, over many years, successfully developed a multidisciplinary formula to achieving vitality and well-being.

Naturally, Osteopathy is the mainstay of the practice, helping with an enormous range of conditions. The practitioners are more than happy to see you or even talk to you on the phone to discuss your specific case and individual needs. At Lymm, they have also recognized that Osteopathy can often work even more effectively when used alongside other approaches. This is why they offer a broad spectrum of other therapies, all from carefully selected, fully qualified and highly experienced practitioners.

In addition to Osteopathy, the practice also offers Scanning, Acupuncture, Podiatry/Chiroprody, Reflexology, Holistic Therapies, Thai Massage, Sports Massage and Remedial Massage. All of these contribute towards a comprehensive holistic health package in an empathetic, caring environment. Many patients have arrived thanks to word-of-mouth recommendations, whilst others have been referred through GPs and consultants. The practice is easy to get to with off-road parking and laid out on the ground floor, so there is complete ease of access.

To find out the full range of therapies offered at Lymm Osteopathic practice, for an appointment or more information, you can call on 01925 752264 or take a look at the website at [www.lymmosteopathicpractice.co.uk](http://www.lymmosteopathicpractice.co.uk). The Osteopaths, Suzette Pulman and Darren Hayward, as well as all other practitioners, have completed a high standard of professional training and are appropriately registered. They are always happy to help find the health solution that's perfect for you.

## Former Lymm student filmmaker hits New York

A FORMER Lymm High School student is to have his film screened in Times Square at the New York Festival.

Filmmaker Chris Gainsbury directed and co-wrote the film *Corruption II*, which is to be shown in New York as part of the Urban Action Showcase International Action Film Festival.

The film was co-produced with fellow University of Salford graduate Shaun Cooper, from Chorley. The self-funded thriller was shot at locations across Greater Manchester and Lancashire.

*Corruption II* tells the story of an ex-intelligence agent, who is forced back into his former lifestyle of violence, when a criminal mastermind sends a vicious gang on the hunt for revenge.

The film's trailer is a sequel to

the students' final year project *Corruption I*, which they produced as part of their Professional Sound and Video Technology BSc (Hons) degree.

The talented duo submitted their 83 minute film to the "Blood, Sweat and Bones" (no budget feature film) category at the film festival, which is being held on the 12th November.

Chris, who was the Director and Production Manager said: "The long days and nights, organising back-to-back film shoots, and guiding the film through post-production to completion, is finally paying off. It's very pleasing to gain some exposure and coverage, especially on an international level.

"This will be my first trip to America, so to go out there and see a film that I've been hugely

involved with screened in Times Square, doesn't get any better than that. I'm really looking forward to it."

"We have devoted a lot of time and effort to get the film to this level, alongside the final leg of our degree. We're proud of the commitment of everyone that has been involved in the production of the film."

They used some of the facilities at the University of Salford when producing the film, including holding casting auditions and a film premiere at the MediaCityUK campus.

*Corruption II* will also be screened at Northern Ireland's Yellow Fever Independent Film Festival in Belfast, on Saturday 20th November. It is due to go on official release December 2016.



## More people wanted to open their gardens

ORGANISERS of this year's Lymm Open Gardens event are on the look out for new gardens to take part next year.

The last event raised more than £5,000 for St Rocco's Hospice, thanks to the generosity of many local families.

Gardens large and small are welcome to join in the event which organisers hope will do even better next year.

Anyone interested in opening their garden for a worthwhile cause on Sunday, July 2 should contact [juliefairhurst@btinternet.com](mailto:juliefairhurst@btinternet.com) or [jillyjamjar@hotmail.com](mailto:jillyjamjar@hotmail.com)

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# Lukewarm reception to 15 minute free parking concession

WARRINGTON Borough Council has made a u-turn on axing free car parking in Lymm and nearby Stockton Heath, allowing a 15 minute concession for school runs.

The change of heart comes after more than 2,600 people signed a petition objecting to the loss of free car parking.

The concession has been given a luke warm reception by Lymm councillor Ian Marks who said: "Although the Council is not legally obliged to consult, we could have told them that no free parking for the first hour would cause problems if they had cared to consult with local councillors, businesses, schools and nurseries in the first place.

"Instead they thought they knew best and put out a press release in September saying that the changes to parking charges would lead to 'an improved parking experience'. Most local residents regard this as nonsense which is why 2600 have signed our petition objecting to the changes.

"It will do little to help people wanting to pick up a prescription or do a small amount of shopping because they cannot be certain that they won't be stuck in a queue. They might not want to risk getting

fined by wardens who always seem to be around.

"We object strongly to these proposals because the only two Council areas that have been targeted are Lymm and Stockton Heath. The new charges are planned to raise an extra £212,000 which nearly trebles the money currently taken. This is unfair and is yet another attack by the Council on the south of the town. The Council justifies this because it is claimed there are free carparks near the Council owned ones in other parts of the Borough. We do not accept this argument because there are free carparks nearby in Lymm and Stockton Heath – they are called the street!

"Stopping or limiting free parking for the first hour will just create more congestion on the streets which local people will not welcome.

Traders in Lymm fear that the new charges will deter shoppers and be bad for business. Is this what the Council intends – surely not. We ask the Council to put



these charges on hold until proper soundings have been taken with local people. I take a small amount of comfort that they have listened and made a slight change to their proposal but they need to do some more listening."

A council spokesperson said: "After receiving feedback on the car parking charges decision we have incorporated a free 15-minute slot to allow for dropping off at schools and nurseries."

Existing charges

Charging period 09:00 – 18:00 (Monday – Saturday) 0-1 hours free; 1-2 hours 50p; 2-3\* hours £1 \*Pepper Street 2-4hrs £2; 3+\*\* hours £2 \*\*Pepper Street 4+ hrs £10 (No return within 2 hours).

Planned charges: Charging period 09:00 – 15:00 (Monday – Saturday); 0-3\* hours £1 \*Pepper Street 0-2hrs £1; 3+ hours £2 (Removal of 'no return within 2 hours').

## Mayor honours Lymm's special couple

WHEN Su and Alan Williams each received hand addressed envelopes through the mail on the same day they were intrigued.

Opening the mystery envelopes they discovered that they had both been independently nominated for the Mayor's Community Achievement Awards.

The awards were made at a special reception in the Mayor's parlour where around fifty people from all over the borough received a certificate and vote of thanks from Mayor Faisal Rashid. A huge range of work was recognised with the unifying theme being that it was voluntary work "above and beyond" that benefited the community as a whole including local sports groups, youth groups, people with health problems and special needs. Others had raised large sums for charitable causes.

The Mayor told his audience how one of the most striking aspects of his term of office so far had been the opportunity to meet and appreciate the huge amount of work done and time given by this army of volunteers.

He explained "I know that you do not seek recognition and awards but as the Mayor I felt it important that we take the opportunity to thank some of these people for what they give back to Warrington."

Alan received his award in recognition of his participation and organisational work in a number of activities in Lymm including instigating the hugely successful Historic Transport Day and developing the new Lymm Heritage Centre Project.

The list for Su was far longer going back over her twenty-four years living in the borough. Su who recently stood down as a Parish councillor ran the Lymm Art in the Garden for over ten years as well as being instigator and original organiser of Lymm Foodfest. She has supported numerous charities in Africa from Sierra Leone to Ghana and Ethiopia.

She is an active volunteer at Statham Primary where she runs the gardening club while local residents will also regularly see Su manning the Foodbank in the centre of the village as well as being very involved with the Youth and Community Centre, where until recently she ran the junior Youth club, and had the original idea for the Heritage Centre project.

In spite of this list it came as a huge surprise to Su at the end of the evening when she and Nora Carlin from Appleton, who runs Syrian Refugee Aid North-West charity, were singled out for lifetime achievement awards.

Mayor Rashid commented. "This was not a competition but for the sheer level and stamina of their commitment we felt we needed to separately recognise the work of these two remarkable ladies."

Su is now giving time to Nora's fantastic project, collecting clothing, material and sewing machines as well as baking and looking after refreshments for the team at the warehouse in Lostock Gralam, where they sort and load containers of donated items destined for a refugee camp in Northern Greece.

If you have items to donate you can drop off 24 hours a day at the Portakabin at 2 Birley Lane Appleton WA4 4RP. There is a facebook site – search facebook for Refugee Aid NW (CARE UK) - with all the latest information – or call 754080 to find out when the sorting and packing sessions are happening.

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# Book Society celebrate 175th anniversary



MEMBERS of Warrington Gentlemen's Book Society celebrated their 175th anniversary during their annual dinner at Statham Lodge Hotel, Lymm.

Believed to be the oldest society in Warrington, the group meet once a year and auction current books helping raise funds for local charities.

Senior member, retired dentist Roger Bingham hosted proceedings, while local solicitor John Spittle auctioned off the books, helping raise funds for seven local charities including St Rocco's Hospice, Warrington Disability Partnership and Warrington Youth Club.

Club records revealed that the society met in Statham Lodge 101 years ago, when it was a country house.

It has met at various other locations over the years, including the Warrington Club in Bold Street, but in more recent times has settled at Statham Lodge.

Members who fail to attend are fined and any one who fails to bring a book a long to the meeting is also fined.

Club records include apologies from members unable to attend due to the fact they were involved in active service in the trenches during World War One!

Members generally take a long their favourite book and then bid for it against fellow members. Each book has a minimum value of £20 but generally sells for considerably more.

Lymm Life Editor Gary Skentelbery said: "I knew little of the organisation before being invited to join several years ago - it was probably one of the town's best kept secrets - until I joined!"

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# Lymm Heritage Centre takes the roof off!

WORK on Lymm's proposed heritage centre has reached an exciting stage with the replacement of the old flat roof with a pitched one which is far more in keeping with local architecture.

Now with work well under way the centre is opening up applications for volunteer positions in a variety of roles.

Work is almost complete on a Heritage Lottery Application for around £90K that would provide the funding to create a core exhibition. The application also covers setting up and enabling a number of activities that will give all parts of the community the chance to participate and benefit.

These include a learning programme for local schools, a digitisation archive project that will provide a permanent high quality stored record of images and their stories associated with them through an oral history project. The centre also aims to act as the kick-off point for a number of illustrated walks and trails round the village.

"It is fantastic to see momentum building" said the group's Chair Alan Williams. "I was at a traders' meeting recently and there was real enthusiasm about the centre's potential to have a positive impact for the village.

"I also visited Keate House residential home who are also following our progress closely and are looking forward to accessing the centre's resources. We also have letters of support from all the



local schools and look forward to being able to start to develop a programme for them. We believe that we will offer great value for HLF's investment in us but we will have to wait and see with fingers

crossed."

The group's most recent find was an 1845 original watercolour of the centre of Lymm viewed from Rectory Lane. The group are planning to produce high quality prints for sale at Dickensian Day where they will also be offering a new "Shop Lymm" bag featuring original advertisements for shops and businesses that were operating in Lymm in the Victorian Era. You will find the group at the Youth and Community Centre.

Finally the group are launching a Volunteer Campaign. This will

be a great opportunity for people to get involved in and share Lymm's village story with others. A whole range of skills are needed from technical and admin to marketing and education as well as the all important greeting of visitors.

Contribution could be as a little as a couple of hours a month and all team members will receive training. Whether you are retired and looking for a new interest or would just like to gain some experience to add to your CV register your interest without commitment now at [www.lymmhc.co.uk/theteam](http://www.lymmhc.co.uk/theteam)

## Sports science...psychology...now Jack launches a career in music

AFTER gaining a First Class honours degree in Sports Science and a Masters in Psychology, a Lymm man has launched into an exciting career – as a singer-songwriter.

Music has played a big part in Jack Woodward's life since his early days at primary school but he's hoping it will become his living after he launches his first EP on November 25. Two days later, at Gulliver's, in Manchester North Quarter, he will play his launch gig with a full backing-group.

The 23-year-old said: "I've always wanted to make music my career and now I'm hoping to do just that. It's an exciting time and I am really looking forward to it."

Early musical promise came when Jack played Buddy Holly in a production at Ravenbrook Primary School, Lymm. Later, at Lymm High School, he took the title role in a production of "Oliver" and also appeared in the school's production of "Sweeney Todd".

Music was still there, in the background, as he studied sports science at Leeds Metropolitan University and came more to the fore when he studied psychology at Glasgow. Anyone who wants to reach Jack and his music can do so on his new website, [www.jackwoodwardmusic.com](http://www.jackwoodwardmusic.com)



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# Siobhan takes over reins at Lymm Dental Practice

LYMM Dental Practice has been situated in the heart of Lymm village for over 40 years, offering high quality dental care for all the family.

After 19 happy years the principal dentist Joanne Branham-Smith has retired and handed over the reins to Siobhan Darker.

Siobhan qualified from Leeds University Dental School in 2002 and has since worked in general practice in Manchester and Cheshire and specialist clinics at Manchester Dental Hospital. She has had extensive postgraduate education in 'restorative dentistry' including white fillings, veneers and crowns.

Joanne Branham-Smith has been impressed with the way Siobhan has settled into the practice and the reception she has received from the patients.

'I have been delighted to watch Siobhan's friendly and welcoming manner as she continues to give the high level of care our patients have come to expect.' said Joanne,

Jenny Blinkhorn, Lymm Dental Practice's manager, has recently returned from maternity leave. Jenny has been a friendly and reassuring presence at the practice over the

past 19 years. She works closely with Siobhan to give patients high-quality care and is always keen to help put them at their ease.

Joanne Jordon, Lymm Dental Practice's hygienist, continues to clean and maintain the health of her patient's teeth and gums. Joanne gives advice and support to help patients maintain the general home care of their gums as well as continuing to maintain healthy smiles with pain free treatments.

Lymm Dental Practice offers a full range of treatments in a friendly environment. Siobhan will see you for each appointment, giving you reassurance that you will not see a new face each time you visit. Siobhan is experienced with nervous and phobic patients treating anxious patients with understanding and empathy.

Having two small children herself Siobhan understands the importance of dental care for the whole family. Regular check-ups are free for children under 6 and the team run 'kids oral health clubs' in the school holidays to help children keep their teeth healthy.

November is Mouth cancer action month. Mouth cancer is one of the fastest growing cancers



in the UK. Lymm Dental Practice is offering free screenings during November, either call the practice on 01925 756690 or come to the drop in session at the practice on Wednesday 16th November for your free mouth cancer check. Siobhan loves the friendliness and sense of community in Lymm. She has had a fantastic six months getting to know both current and

new patients and looking after their smiles.

She said: "It has been a pleasure to meet both existing and new patients at Lymm Dental Practice and to maintain the high quality dentistry that Joanne provided, giving patients a relaxing experience in a comfortable environment."

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# Get ready for Lymm Runners Santa Dash

LYMM Runners are gearing up for thier biggest ever Santa Dash when 250 Santas run through the village on Dickensian Day, with thousands of onlookers lining the pavements!

The Lymm Runners Santa Dash, which takes place on Saturday December 10 at 1.30pm is now an established fixture on the Lymm Dickensian Day celebration, opening the parade in a colourful flash of red and white. Now in its 3rd year, the Fun Run creates a buzz at the start of the procession. Entry is open to Fun Runners aged 10+ capable of completing the 5km course.

The start is outside Brookfield Surgery on the canal bridge and leads the Dickensian Day Procession down Eagle Brow and through the heart of the village. It is a Fun Run rather than a "race" so runners are encouraged to jog down Eagle Brow and through the village to really take-in and enjoy the special atmosphere for a unique run experience.

There will be a free park and ride on a vintage bus from Lymm High School (WA13 ORB) from 10.00am to about 5.00pm so there is no need to worry about parking.

Entrants will be given a special Santa Suit as part of the entry fee so everyone will be dressed for the occasion. Wear some running gear underneath as it's a 5km run; through the village to the Trans Pennine Trail to Heatley and back along Reddish Lane.

The finish line is at Sow Brook where runners will receive a finishers souvenir. It's a short walk from there back to the village to take part in the rest of the Dickensian Day festivities.

Cost to enter the Santa Dash is Child/Youth 10 – 14yrs £8.00, Adults 15yrs+ £10.00

Includes: Santa suit (to keep), fully marshaled route, event insurance.  
For more information go to [www.lymmrunners.org.uk](http://www.lymmrunners.org.uk) and click on 'Our races'



## Double success for Lymm in Bloom

LYMM'S "North West in Bloom" team are celebrating at the double after a recent presentation day in Southport.

As well as scooping a silver gilt award for their work around the village they celebrated the unexpected bonus of Ben Selwood being crowned as the North-West's "Young Bloomer of the Year".

In a competition and activity that tends to attract and involve more senior members of local communities Ben's contribution as a twenty-something clearly shone out to the organisers who felt they needed to mark his work with a special award.

Ben was actually the instigator of the "Lymm in Bloom" group four years ago and has seen it grow to involve a committed team of local people.

Cllr Peter Powell who is one of the group members said: "It is fantastic that the team is led by a youngster rather being drawn from the retirement community as so many voluntary activities are and we are thrilled that Ben has received this well deserved recognition."

The group as a whole received a silver gilt award for their hard work across the village that included important maintenance work and planting at Lymm Dam and sunken garden area as well as a large number of planters and hanging baskets in the village centre.

Judges also visited and were impressed by the work done by Su Williams and her team at Statham Primary lunchtime gardening club.

Su commented: "The children love to get involved in the garden and watching what they have planted develop. We also teach them the value of conserving water and composting. Ben Selwood is a Statham Old Boy and it would be nice to think that the one of today's youngsters may one day emerge to emulate what Ben has achieved."

The group always welcomes new members and extra pairs of hands for their regular weekend sessions. Contact Ben on [b.selwood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:b.selwood@hotmail.co.uk)



# Reader's Letters

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## Short-sighted library closures!

John Beard, Lymm

Dear Sir

It was with regret that I read in your November edition that Warrington Borough Council is considering the closure of the Lymm, and other local libraries throughout the Borough. What short-sightedness.

Local Authorities have a legal responsibility to provide a quality library service and by statute they must provide "comprehensive and efficient" library services and Government must oversee and improve libraries. The Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) should provide these services to local Authorities using "Statutory Guidance". These rights are not widely understood and are often neglected in the face of economic pressure.

Libraries are models for sustainability and social development and they allow access to ideas without restriction or control. They are essential for many people – the housebound, the lonely, the unemployed, young families and the elderly who, often, cannot afford to buy books or travel to a main library. They are vitally important to children and young people. Books allow them to make sense of their experiences, to consolidate what they are taught, to explore being different, unique and complex. All that in an orderly place where one is assured of safety and being treated like an individual who can make choices and to socialise with other children in an out-of-school environment.

I find it quite ironic that while the Lymm residents were gleaning names for a petition to challenge the proposed closure, Lymm Rotary Club, with some financial help from the Rotary Foundation (Rotary's worldwide charity) despatched nearly £1,000 worth of Osborne Young Readers books to ITEC, a Non-Profit Organisation in East London, South Africa, to support their own classroom libraries in the Eastern Cape where less than 10% of the 9,000 plus schools have library resources. For more than 8 years the club has been partnering ITEC's endeavours to promote quality education to ensure that children have the best start in life. Millions of South African pupils suffer significantly because the lack of libraries contributes to their poor grasp of literacy and numeracy.

There might be a ray of hope for Lymm's and the other Borough libraries facing closure. On the 13th of October, The Chartered Institution of Library and Information Professionals gave a briefing to the House of Lords which warned that the UK is on the brink of an unprecedented literacy and skills crisis. They outlined opportunities for the Lords to constructively intervene by urging the Government to make provision in the Autumn Statement for the emergency relief from closure of public libraries in Local Authorities that are implementing budget cuts.

We hear the word "austerity" used quite a lot these days but I lived through WW11 and its aftermath. They were years of real austerity, but the Government did not close libraries. Quite the opposite. The Government re-established the Ministry of Information (created during the First World War) and enlisted the public library network to distribute information and resources to support the population. This was in addition to the use of library buildings for holding meetings and displaying propaganda material.

## Beyond the call of duty

Patricia and David Skentelbery, Lymm

It is well known that moving home is a stressful time – the more so when it is after a lengthy period of in one house and involves "down sizing."

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## For charity's sake

Edwin Irwin, Lymm

HAVE the people who want to end free parking in Lymm considered the three charity shops in the village?

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