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Editor's Comment

I HAVE said it before and I will say it again - we are truly blessed with some hard working volunteers in our local community.

This month we feature Ben Selwood and the Lymm in Bloom team - who are most deserving of our front page coverage as a thank you for the great work they are doing in our village.

The work they do, in their own time, certainly helps brighten up the village, even on a grey dismal day.

village, even on a grey dismal day - which we seem to have plenty of these days!!

Hopefully their appeal for more volunteers will prove successful.

Meanwhile while one team of volunteers are working hard to improve the appearance of our village, others are needed to work on the Lymm Local Plan, with more and more pressure being put on our

green open spaces.

Development has been taking place at some pace in the Lymm area and there is set to be no let up with the proposed Local Plan which is earmarking a further 500 new homes for the village.

It is good to see that local

It is good to see that local councillors are busy working on a Neighbourhood Plan which gives local residents the opportunity to have their say on shaping the future of the village.

Unfortunately, not all the house building that has gone on in the 21st century has been in keeping with the character of the village indeed looking at some of it one sometimes wonders what the planners were thinking of to allow it in the first place.

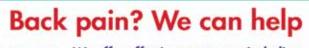
One does wonder just how may more homes the village

can take with various pockets of

development already ongoing.
Please make sure you take up the opportunity of getting involved and supporting those who are giving up their time to fight for our village. Meanhwile don't forget our

monthly magazine is active on a daily basis online via our website and social media, where the news and views never stop!

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Lymm is blooming!

LYMM in Bloom is celebrating its fifth anniversary this year and is urgently on the look out for more volunteers to join their award winning group.

Founded in 2012, in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee by local youngster Ben Selwood when he was aged 20, the volunteer group has gone from strength to strength, winning many Silver Gilt awards in the RHS Britain in Bloom North West Competition.

The village has recently been judged for the 2017 awards.

Ben, now aged 25 and Chairman of the group, said "This year Lymm in Bloom turns 5 years old. In that time we have planted and tided up many local areas, including introducing planters at the cross, Statham, Oughtrington, the cross, Statham, Oughtrington, Broomedge, and Ridgway Grundy Memorial Park. We also do work to look after the Sunken Garden. We really took off in our second year and it's gone uphill ever since. We are now looking to the future."

"We have a very good

"We have a very good hardworking group of loyal volunteers, but we are in desperate need of more. There is plenty of

work to be done.

This year we have gone for a more bee friendly theme in certain areas, as we have recognised the importance of the bee to life. The bedding in the lower dam planters was planted with bee and bird friendly plants."

The group's volunteers help look after many areas in the village including the Sunken Garden and the Lower Dam flowerbeds in the village centre amongst others. Volunteers also run a gardening club at Statham County Primary School

at Statham County Primary School and the group are avid supporters of the work of Lymm Jubilee WI, Lymm Jubilee Gardening Club, The Festivities Group, Low Carbon Lymm, The Bright Futures Allotment, Oughtrington Community Orchard and the new Keep Lymm Kleen Group.

group.

Ben added: "We couldn't do it without the help of the other groups and societies. Thanks to them, the village looks great."

Volunteers look after the grounds at St Peters Church in Oughtrington

and run a successful Gardening Club at Statham Primary School. The judges were very impressed by the work of these two groups. As well as this work, they run

an adopt-a-plot scheme, whereby residents can adopt the space under the road sign on their road.

The group are also very grateful to Lymm Parish Council, who has supported the group since the start.

Lymm in Bloom working parties are held on the last Sunday in the month at the Sunken Garden (Next to Sexton's Village Bakery) at

10:30am. More details can be found on the Lymm in Bloom website: www. lymminbloom.btck.co.uk

The Judges from NW in Bloom came to the village on July 19 and luckily George Hussey had planted round the bases of Northway, Meadow View and Star Lane.

The group had hoped there would be more decoration around the village. The Connellys are still keeping Lymmington Ave signage attractive and Su Williams worked on the Whitbarrow Road sign.

She hopes it survives forthcoming roadworks but is "very pleased" that the re surfacing is at last happening!



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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

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MARKET LUNCHES

Bagle Brow Methodist Church
3rd Thursday in the month
Light lunches 12 noon till 2pm. All proceeds to
Youth For Christ and YMCA Room at The Inn

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. Details: www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk

LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE

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LYMM CONCERT BAND

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

THE VENUE, LYMM

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

LYMM BOOK CLUB

Second Thursday of the month 7.30pm, Spread Eagle, Eagle Brow. Details 01925 752371

LOW CARBON LYMM

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4LYMM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION

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Next meeting September 12 Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

Ales galore at the Lymm Beer Festival

MORE ales than ever before are promised when the seventh annual Lymm Beer Festival takes place on Friday and Saturday, September 8-9 at the village hall.

The charity event run by Lymm and District Round Table will offer more

than 35 cask ales, plus a selection of ciders, perrys and wine.
Following on from last year's tremendous success the Gin Palace will be back, offering an even wider

selection of gins.

There will also be food and live music throughout both days, and free soft drinks for non-drinkers. The entry fee is £5 (discounts for CAMRA members). And will include a "Lymm Beer Fest" pint glass created specifically for the event, All cask ales and ciders are priced at £2.50

The Round Table is also seeking organisations to sponsor a cask for £80 for which their names will appear in the programme, at the

event and on the festival's Twitter and Facebook feeds. Sponsors will also receive four tickets and £20 of beer

Beer festival organiser Mike Lavelle said: "We're really pleased with the wide selection of ales on offer this year - there should be something for everyone, especially with the fantastic Gin Palace. We're keeping our fingers crossed for the weather again as there's nothing better than sipping a tasty ale in the September

sun whilst enjoying some live music."
For more information about this year's beer festival visit www. lymmbeerfest.co.uk, or, if interested sponsoring a cask email beerfestival@lymmroundtable.co.uk or call Mike on 07516 540102.



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Lymm to draw up its own neighbourhood plan

LYMM residents are being urged to help draw up a neighbourhhood plan for the village which is now under threat of 500 new homes on green belt land.

Having only just won back the one hour free parking Lymm is now faced with the prospect of losing some of its green belt land to housing as part of Warrington Council's Preferred Development Plan, which includes a requirement to build an additional houses over the next 20 years, 9,000 of which needs to be built on green belt land.

The plan revealed that 500 homes will be built in and around Lymm, mostly on green belt, which has sparked fury from many local residents, but has been welcomed by some as a need to develop the village. As a result of Lymm Parish Council agreeing to initiate a Neighbourhood Plan, requests have gone out to local residents to join the project which gives a say in

how Lymm is developed. Parish Councillor

radfley, who is an avid support of maintaining green belt land, has welcomed the Neighbourhood Plan. She said: "Pressure to build on greenbelt has come from Central Government, which the Local Council now has to follow through. Inevitably, green belt is going to be built on whatever. But what this Neighbourhood Plan does is gives Lymm residents the ability to advise and have a say on which green belt should be considered for building.

The Neighbourhood Plan project is being instigated by Borough Councillor Bob Barr and Parish

Councillors Graham Gowland and

Anna Fradgley.
Whilst the Councillors cannot be part of the project group, as it has to be resident led, they will be involved in asking questions and available to advise on legalities.

For more information on the Preferred Development Plan see the Warrington Borough Council or Lymm Parish Council websites.

All residents' comments the plans should be sent to the Borough Council Warrington consultation email address ldf@ warrington.gov.uk by Monday warrington.gov.uk September 11.

School cricketers' hat-trick of trophies

YOUNG cricketers at The Manchester Grammar Junior School are celebrating unprecedented success on the field this year, having won an impressive treble of titles.

The school's Under-11 team has enjoyed its best ever season, winning three major trophies in the space of just 11 days. The boys won the Reeman 6s tournament at Stockport Grammar School for the third year in a row.

A week later, and at the first time of entering the competition, they were crowned champions of Lancashire after a very impressive performance in

crowned champions of Lancashire after a very impressive performance in the Lancashire Cup Final against St James Orrell at East Lancashire Cricket Club. Then they had a stunning victory over Stockport Grammar in the Association Junior Independent Schools' Cup.

As champions of Lancashire, the team competed in the semi-final of the

National Cup tournament where they finished in third place against teams from across the country. The team is captained by Corey Flintoff, 11, of

Cheshire, and vice-captain Matthew Murthy, 11, of Stockport.





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Lymm's super-safety conscious fire station

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The station, on the A50 opposite the entrance to the Lymm service area at the M6-M56 interchange, is nearing completion and is expected to officially open sometime in September.

But there are already a number of specialist fire engines based there as the main reason for its location is to deal with motorway incidents.

The impressive building houses not just a fire station but also Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's new safety and life skills education centre, Safety Central. This houses a number of high

tech, interactive learning zones, including an "indoor village," a life-size, three-bedroom family home, garage and garden, rigged to showcase the most common causes of accidents and fires and technologies and equipment to help prevent injury

There will be scenes showing an urban environment, complete with road, bridge, pelican crossing, cycle path, rallway station, canal, alleyway, site and cashpoint, building substation, highlighting the dangers of open countryside, forests, lakes, farms and rural roads.

The fire service has launched a partnership with SP Energy



Networks to educate people on the

dangers of electricity.

More than 3,300 young people are already booked to attend education sessions at the centre.

Safety Central is part of a £4 million investment by Cheshire Fire Authority in community safety and its free education programmes have been designed to help those most at risk, recognise dangers and gain the skills and knowledge to stay safe, well and independent.

The aim is to provide the best facility of its kind in the UK.

Lymm's old fire station

LYMM has had a fire station before
– in fact, it has had two!
The last one was where the
Brookfield Surgery now is in
Whitbarrow Road – and the words
"Fire Engine" can still be seen
above the double doors near the
surgery's disabled car park.
According to Lymm historian Joe
Griffiths, the fire station was built
around 1901, at the same time as
the adjacent building which was
formerly the offices of Lymm Parish
Council and its predecessor, Lymm
Urban District Council.

Urban District Council.

It closed as a fire station shortly after the end of World War Two.

The original Lymm Fire Station, however, was in Pepper Street, roughly where Domville Close now





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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

As always Lymm Parish Council has been very busy working to ensure the positive future of village, both in the background and most recently on a national news channel! For those who missed it, the Parish Council met with Lloyds Bank on the day of the closure. Unfortunately, they failed to answer our concerns. Thanks to the efforts of Cllr Graham Gowland we did get the press involved and hopefully we can persuade another bank to come back to Lymm.

The future of LymmLlibrary looks in a better shape and the Parish Council is looking to rent an office there and actively seeking others to use any vacant rooms.

The Parish Council has welcomed a number of new staff over the last six months:

Wendy Booth, who many of you may recognise as a volunteer Footpath Warden, is now responsible for all bookings and activities at the Village Hall. The hall can accommodate up to 100 people and is situated on Pepper Street in the centre of the village. It is a great venue for children's parties and also hosts a variety of clubs from Bridge and Floral Art to Crafting Groups. From September there will be Bread Baking courses on offer from Room Forty. For further details or to book the hall please contact Wendy – admin@lymmparishcouncil.gov. uk.



Wendy Booth

Zoe Oughton is our new Social Media Manager and looks after the website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. If you have an event that you would like publicising please contact Zoe – media@ lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk

Paul Urmston has joined in the new role of Environment Manager. Paul previously worked for Warrington Borough Council and has a wealth of experience. Paul will be undertaking a wide range of tasks from litter picking, strimming, weeding to dealing with fly tipping. Paul will also be reporting



Zoe Oughton

issues to Warrington Borough Council. If there is an area that you are concerned about please contact the Clerk – clerk@lymmparishcouncil.

The Keep Lymm Klean Group are having a very busy summer. This fantastic group of volunteers helps to keep the village clean but they have been frustrated at the amount of litter around The Cross. Please remember to take your litter home or use the bins provided.

Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan is out for consultation and they will be visiting the Village Hall on 22nd August. One of the proposals is that Lymm accommodates 500 new houses and more details can be found at https://www.warrington.gov.uk/ localplanreview. This is the time for you to have your say about your

A group of residents are looking putting together a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Cllr Barr – rbarr@lymmparishcouncil. gov.uk

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Guide unit is back in business

A LYMM Guide unit which closed a number of years ago, because of a shortage of volunteer leaders, is back in business.

The 4th Lymm Guides re-opened in January and now has 17 members – thanks to returning Lymm guider Becki Carroll and Petra Hedbavna, a leader new to the UK.

Many young girls join Rainbows, Brownies and Guides as they grow up. But a shortage of volunteer leaders has meant a lot of girls end up on waiting lists.

Now members of the revived 4th Lymm Guides are enjoying a varied programme of activities.

Already they have had a chance to go camping, sing and cook by a campfire, cycle to Dunham Massey, try out sailing, kayaking, katakanu

and bell boats, build a swing and a bridge using traditional pioneering techniques, try the crate stacking challenge and make paracord survival bracelets.

The village now has two Guide units, 2nd Lymm Guides and 4th Lymm Guides, which means more girls can join. However, there is still a growing waiting list for all the Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units in

Anyone who wants to with young people, and wants to improve their leadership and communication skills, can make a difference. They should email lymmguiding@gmail.com







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Obituaries

Jean Bailey

THE funeral took place at Lymm United Reformed Church of Jean Bailey, nee Kitchen, aged 84, of

The Drive, Broomedge, Lymm who died at home on June 24.

Born in Fleetwood, Jean moved to Lymm in 1970 when her husband's job took him to Shell at

Carrington.

She attended Lymm United Reformed Church regularly and, as an excellent baker, was a stalwart of the "original Thursday" coffee mornings. Also, as a keen artist and photographer, she attended the Monday art class at the Baptist Church.

Church.

Jean is survived by her husband,
David and two daughters, Patricia
and Diane. A beloved wife, mother,
sister, grandmother, neighbour and
friend, she will be missed by all.

Donations of more than £665

were forwarded to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Jean

The funeral service was followed by a short committal service at

Altrincham Crematorium and a gathering at the Lymm Hotel

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



Peter Bradshaw

THE funeral took place at Altrincham TITE tuneral took place at Altrincham Crematorium on June 28 of Peter James Robert Bradshaw, formerly of Sandy Lane, Oughtrington, Lymm, who died at the Hospice of the good Shepherd, Chester on June 18.

Peter, aged 66, was a keen sailor. He is survived by his wife, Janet, son James, daughter Lucy and grandson George.

Funeral arrangement were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



Edna McKeown

THE funeral has taken place of Edna McKeown, aged 100, formerly of High Legh, who died in Farnworth

Care Home, Bolton on July 11.

Mrs McKeown, nee Pirrie, lived at High Legh from 1969 until 2014, at High Legh from 1969 until 2014, and was actively involved with St John's Church, the local school, Women's Institute, Mother's Union, the Village Hall and bowling club. She is survived by her two children, Gillian and Peter, three grandsons, Simon, Mark and Jack and great granddaughter Isabel.

The McKeown Woodland Walk in High Legh is named after her

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Derek Ratcliffe

THE funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium of Derek Ratcliffe, of Lymmington Avenue, Lymm, who died on July 9 at Cheshire Grange, Lymm, aged 84.

Derek was born in Lymm in 1932 and lived in the village all his life. He worked as a butcher with the Co-op and later was the newsagent at Warrington Hospital until his retirement in 1994.

He is survived by his arbara, son Alistair Barbara, son grandchildren Andrew. Gemma

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Gardening club's blooming good donation to charity

LYMM Jubilee Gardening Club has donated £1,345 to charities following its 25th plant sale held in the village hall.

A cheque for £335 was handed to Glenys Jones, manageress of Headway Lymm, by club chairman Peter Guest.

Donations were also given to MacMillan Nurses (£530), Compassion in World Farming (£350) and Sight Savers (£130).

The club meets monthly and have talks from a wide range of speakers on all

aspects of gardening.

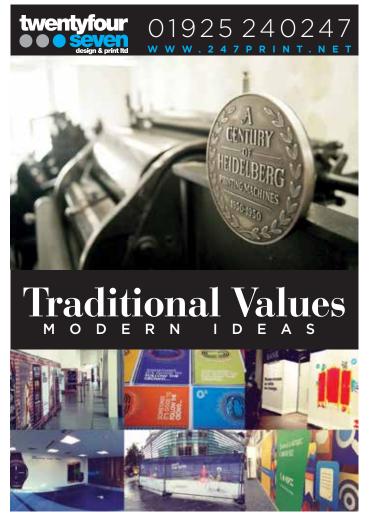
They also go on trips and visits to gardens in the summer months and hold a plant sale for charity and enjoy an annual meal.

The meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month, except for August and December, at Lymm Baptist Church.

More details are available at www.lymmgardenclub.co.uk or by calling Pam Hunter on 07703 475204



Mr Guest with Glenys Jones and volunteers Maureen Chaddock and Alice Hardiman.



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