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## ONCE again the future of the Lymm Hotel is under threat with the owners saying it is no longer viable.

It will be a sad loss to the local community and has played an important part in the village's heritage, none more so when it hosted the Brazilian World Cup team in 1966.

The 50th anniversary event to mark this historic occasion in 2016 was a huge success and the facility was packed with local people.

It is also still a popular wedding venue and with the increasing demand for hotel rooms in Warrington growing, it is difficult to understand how it can not be viable.

The proposal to replace the hotel with a residential care home, retirement apartments and a childrens nursery seems to be a large development for the site.

In November 2004 an application to build four storey apartment blocks on the site was thrown out by a government inspector following a public enquiry and local councillors and residents are already expressing concerns over the size of the development which was at the pre-planning application stage as Lymm Life went to press.

It will be a big loss to the local community if the hotel is lost but I also realise the demand for retirement apartments and care homes is a growing market.

We will be watching this planning application with interest.

Meanwhile on a more positive note congratulations to everyone involved in the Lymm Dickensian

Festival. It was a fantastic occasion made extra special by a little bit of snow.

It was fantastic to see the village centre packed with onlookers despite the freezing conditions.

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# Lymm Hotel under threat again

**THE future of the Lymm Hotel which famously hosted the Brazil football squad during the 1966 world cup is under threat again.**

Macdonald Hotels and Resorts Ltd. have written to the local parish council and nearby residents outlining intentions to develop the site as a residential care home with a block of retirement apartments and a children's nursery.

They say the hotel has been making increasing losses over the last ten years and due to the declining nature of the business, the continued use is regrettably no longer viable.

In November 2004 an application to build four storey apartment blocks on the site were thrown out by a government inspector following a public enquiry.

Now in a joint venture partnership with McGoff Group, the owners are now looking to submit an application for planning consent for the proposed mixed use development.

Pre-application consultation has already taken place with Warrington Council.

Local Cllr Ian Marks said: "In November 2004 a planning application to build four-storey apartment blocks on the site of the Lymm Hotel was thrown out by a Government Inspector following a public inquiry.

"The scheme was said to be 'out of character for the area'. We don't know the details of this new proposal yet, but there is a strong

risk that the apartments planned for the front of the site would be equally out of character.

"The original building at the front has a great deal of charm and it would be a big loss if it were pulled down. The site is not far from a Conservation Area and it is vital that we retain the character of our village. At a time when we are trying to attract more people into Lymm, I find it very disappointing that we may be losing one of our two hotels. It is very sad that Macdonald's has not been able to make it pay. The Hotel's hosting of the 1966 Brazilian Football team is part of the heritage of our village and this would be lost.

"Until we see the plans it is difficult to comment on the proposed development. There will

be issues about highways and access because Whitbarrow Road in the direction of the Golf Club is extremely narrow. There is no bus route nearby for elderly people who would live in the Care Home. There would need to be plenty of space on the site for vehicles

because on-street parking would not be acceptable."

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**January 9**  
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### MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP

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St Mary's Church Hall  
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7.30pm. Details: 753853

### GARDENING CLUB

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Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm  
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### LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP

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at 7.30pm

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(ex July & Aug), 7.30pm  
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# Tickets on sale for Winter Warmers

**TICKETS are now on sale for the first two Lymm Festival Winter Warmers of the 2018 season!**

"I Remember Things: An Amazing Evening of Mystery and Magic" is on at Lymm Golf Club on Saturday, January 20 at 8.00pm. Tickets are £15.

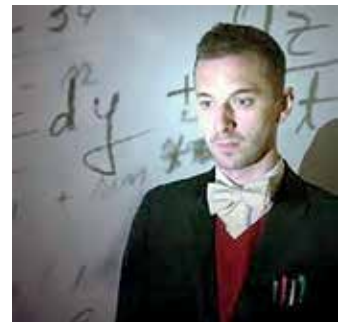
The show will be opened by John Holt, a magician and award-winning comedian, with his hilarious combination of magic and comedy. Illusionist and memory performer, Chris Rawlins, will then showcase the true power of the human brain with incredible feats of memory live on stage. During his unique and unmissable show, Chris will teach the audience a unique skill that they will never forget.

On Friday January 26, Merry Hell will perform "Energised Folk-Rock for a Winter's Evening", again at Lymm Golf Club at 8.00pm. Tickets are £12.

Merry Hell is an eight-piece folk-rock band founded in the North West with a very bright future. In four short years, they have risen to become festival favourites and were nominated in the Best Band category of the 2017 Folking

Awards.

Tickets are available now from [lymmfestival.org.uk](http://lymmfestival.org.uk) or Lymm Electric, Bridgewater Street, Lymm, WA13 0AB.



## Morris dancing "taster" sessions

THELWALL Morris Men are to hold two free taster sessions for anyone interested in helping keep the great English tradition of Morris Dancing alive.

The first will be at Lymm Village Hall, Pepper Street on Saturday January 13 from 2-4 pm and the second at Orford Jubilee Neighbourhood Hub, Warrington on Saturday February 3 from 2-4pm.

David Devereux, Squire of Thelwall Morris Men said: "We also welcome anyone to turn up at our regular Wednesday practice in Thelwall Parish Hall from 8pm."



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# Deserving youngsters rewarded

**THE 4Lymm voluntary organisation has handed out their annual youth awards to two deserving young people from the Lymm area.**

Prior to the awards entertainment was provided by Lymm Adivas.

Junior award winner was Dylan McNicholas, a year 6 at Oughtrington Primary School who



has been given the award for his work for the school community as part of his role as head boy.

He has consistently performed above and beyond what is



expected of him for the benefit of the school.

The senior award went to James Griffin who was chosen because, not only is he an outstanding person, but his work as a volunteer with Lymm Youth Club is very impressive.

Award organiser was Cllr Kath Buckley while Town Crier, Peter Powell made the presentation in the village hall.

Anyone interested in joining or supporting 4Lymm visit their website – [www.4lymm.org.uk](http://www.4lymm.org.uk), where you can see forthcoming events, pictures of previous events and presentations plus details of organisations who have benefited from the money they have raised.

## The uncomfortable truth behind posture and pain

by Suzette Pulman

PAIN is an everyday occurrence for many of us – but in our daily lives, few of us stop to consider the ordinary things we do and whether this could have a bearing on the nature of our pain?

In the office, we hunch in our chairs as we type out a few figures. Or slouch over our mobiles, quickly composing texts. When we get home, we slump on a sofa to watch TV.

Sitting or standing with poor posture is fine for a few minutes, but over a longer period, it can squash the diaphragm and lungs, constrict blood vessels and nerves and impair the digestive system. Ultimately it can lead to changes in the neck and


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# Family overwhelmed with messages of support after devastating blaze

**A family left devastated by a blaze which ripped through their home during the early hours of the morning have been overwhelmed by the messages of support they have received from the Lymm community.**

Pete Taylor who lives at the property in Lymm with his wife Kirsty and their three children said: "We have been overwhelmed by all the support we have had from everybody after our house fire yesterday.

"We have had so many lovely messages and phone calls offering support, I'm sorry if we haven't come back to you yet.

"We are devastated as we have lost things that are very personal and cannot be replaced but we are positive that everything will be

ok. "We are very lucky to live in Lymm."

Mr Taylor also thanked the 30 plus fire officers from Warrington, Lymm and Greater Manchester who tackled the blaze.

The blaze was in Lymmhay Lane, off Danebank Road, shortly after 6am and virtually destroyed the roof of the bungalow.

It is believed the fire was started by the extractor fan in the bathroom.

The family are currently staying

in Lymm with other family members but will probably look to rent in the area for 12 months while their home is re-built.

Mr Taylor added that the family did not require any financial

support but were just grateful to received well wishes from the community.

Numerous messages of support were posted on the Lymm Life Facebook group.



## Volunteers' big clear out at Spud Wood



A BIG clear-up was carried out at Lymm's Spud Wood by volunteers – supported by management staff from the Bridgewater Canal Company and their contractors.

Members of the Friends of Spud Wood (FoSW) and supporters spent more than 35 man-hours clearing and chipping brush in the wood, which is community woodland adjoining the Bridgewater Canal.

The aim of the Friends' group is to help the Woodland Trust to minimise the management running costs of the woodland and the support offered by the Bridgewater Canal Company made a very positive contribution to this.

The brush is a bi-product of the tree thinning exercise that FoSW have been running and is now in its fifth year.

The group also organise regular events for the local community including coppicing days, events for children of all ages and seasonal nature walks.

FoSW and the Woodland Trust would like to thank the many individuals and local organisations who support the concept of Spud Wood as a local community woodland.

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# Beauty and her Wee Beastie win over a Lymm Panto virgin

Editor Gary Skentelbery reflects on his first panto experience

**DESPITE a history going back more than three decades I recently had the honour of being a "virgin" at the world famous Lymm Panto.**

Creator Simon Plumb has been hounding me for many years to attend the annual event which packs out Lymm Rugby Club each year, helping raise thousands of pounds for the club's grassroots appeal – last year's event raised over £30,000.

I was one of the few virgins in the sell out crowd of 200 for the opening night of his latest creation "Beauty and her Wee Beastie" and soon realised what I had been missing out on for the past 31 years!

Having now seen the Lymm Panto "in the flesh" I can only say I wish I had listened to Simon a little sooner as I am sure I have missed many fun nights over the years.

Strictly for over 18s it is not for the faint-hearted but is certainly slapstick traditional fun of the highest calibre, which will have you in stitches pretty

much from start to finish.

With rugby players past and present making up the backbone of the cast, there is certainly plenty of bare faced cheek!

Simon himself is never far from centre stage and during the interval dusts down his old friends Charlie and Little Jimmy, to provide a barrel full of laughs, as the "worst ventriloquist" in the world.

Being the opening night there were some forgotten lines and gaffs – but these seemed to add to the humour and fun.

I left making a mental note that I must return next year and take along some other Lymm panto virgins to see what they have been missing out on.

But I will need to book my tickets early as it is sure to be another sell out success.

I obviously can't compare my experience to any other, as I have never experienced anything quite like it before. But it didn't take me long to realise I would be back for more.

It is the perfect start to the festive season and by the end of the show most of the audience were on their feet singing along to some classics from the 70s and 80s.

One word of warning, if you sit near the front remember the rugby players don't shy away from hiding their modesty and there are also plenty of rain warnings!



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This is in recognition of the European re-launch of Black Death Vodka in the last couple of years, which SPA's owner, Simon Plumb, first worked on in the late 1990's, and was then re-appointed to work on again in 2015.

'I started my career as the brand manager for Vladivar Vodka, the Wodka from Varrington, the Greatest Wodka in the World! I

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'I could not have asked for a better start to my marketing and PR career so feel very fortunate,' he added. 'Life sometimes gives you a leg-up and everyone deserves a break. That was mine!'



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Turning back the clock to Dickensian days.

# Snow adds to spirit

**LYMM'S annual Dickensian Festival had it all – hundreds of dashing santas, elfs, Christmas puddings and even snow – as thousands of people packed into the village.**

While event Chairman Steve Harper was being interviewed live on **warrington-worldwide** snow fluttered from the skies creating an extra special festive atmosphere as Town Crier Peter Powell prepared to lead the parade from the Lymm Hotel and into the village.

Despite the snow, sleet and cold weather thousands of people lined the streets and packed into the village centre ensuring a brisk trade for many businesses – especially those offering food and drink.

Local school children entered into the spirit of the occasion dressing in various costumes as musical bands, morris dancer and dance troupes entertained the crowds.

As the parade reached the old council chamber on Whitbarrow Road, nearly 200 members of Lymm Runners set off on their annual 5k Santa Dash.

To see more pictures and the "live" video coverage of the parade visit [www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk](http://www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk) and search Lymm Dickensian Festival.



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**MEMBERS of the re-opened 4th Lymm Guide unit had the opportunity to try out climbing at Warrington's North West Face Climbing wall.**

Some of the girls found climbing up the walls quite easy and were comfortable doing so, which enabled them to give support and encouragement to the other girls who found wall climbing quite challenging.

Lily Kay, who is a Lymm Guide, said: "My experience at the climbing wall was amazing. I really enjoyed it. It was so fun and exciting as we raced up and down the different

walls. Being in Guides gives you the opportunity to experience different activities in many ways. I know that we have all developed in our teamworking skills by helping and encouraging others."

Overall, it was a great evening of fun and action.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Guide Leader, please email [lymmguiding@gmail.com](mailto:lymmguiding@gmail.com)



## Entrance exam advice for parents



It is now approaching the time of year when independent schools run entrance examinations for entry into Year 7.

Ian McKenna, director of studies at Withington Girls' School, gives advice on how to approach the examinations so that your child enjoys the challenge:

"Sitting an entrance examination needn't be a stressful experience and schools do all they can to make the day as enjoyable as possible. Encourage your child to think about it as a way of finding the school that best suits them. Responsible schools will look at which children they believe can be both successful and happy at their school and balance their academic work with involvement in activities outside of the classroom. Entrance examinations are just one way in which schools can decide whether a child would flourish there; they would also want to meet as many of the children and parents as possible. At Withington, that plays as much of a part as the entrance exam in the decision of whether to offer a place.

"The most important questions for schools and parents are: Where is the right fit for the child? Where did they feel most comfortable and settled when they visited? Where did they feel they were interested in the activities on visits or Open Days? Where will they make friends? The best way parents can help children to prepare for entrance exams is to encourage their child to take ownership of their learning: read widely, discuss a variety of topics, ask questions and talk about their own ideas. Tutoring may make a small difference to a mark in an exam, but on its own, it is unlikely to foster the curiosity and interest in learning that really makes the difference."

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# Lymm Historic Transport Day 2018 goes to the movies

**AFTER setting Lymm alight for the last five years with everything from Dinosaurs to Spitfires Lymm Historic Transport day has found a new angle to excite visitors for next year's show on June 24th.**

The very popular Batmobile will be returning in 2018 but this time accompanied by Lightning McQueen as well Ecto-1 from Ghostbusters and a complete Jurassic Park set featuring tour vehicle, Park Gates and dinosaur.

"We are still looking to build further on this theme" explained field manager John Parry but this is a great start.."

The team are still negotiating for a number of other special

attractions in addition to the usual fabulous collections of boats, traction engines, cars, aircraft cockpits and other vehicles. Watch this space for further news.

In the meantime organisers are bracing themselves for an avalanche of bookings when they open for business on Jan 3.

"Last year we had 200 cars book in on the first day and we were full by mid January" said cars co-ordinator Shaun Willacy.

If you have a vehicle to book in or want a trading slot at the show be sure to get January 3 in your diary now to be certain of reserving your slot.

For more information visit [www.lymmtransport.org.uk](http://www.lymmtransport.org.uk).

Event director Alan Williams said: "It is another great example of a volunteer led event run by mainly Lymm based volunteers."

Anyone who would like to be part of it, either in the planning and development or just on the day contact the group via [lymmtransport@gmail.com](mailto:lymmtransport@gmail.com) or via the website or call event director Alan Williams on 01925 754080.



## Lymm in Bloom win Gold Award

LYMM in Bloom is celebrating after taking home a gold award at this year's Britain in Bloom North West awards ceremony.

This is the first time the volunteer led group has won such an accolade since the group was set



up five years ago.

Statham Community Primary School, St Peter's Church in Oughtrington and Oughtrington Community Orchard also picked up awards in the Neighbourhood awards.

Chairman, Ben Selwood said: "It is a credit to everyone's hard work that we have won this award. The judges were extremely impressed with the variety of work and community involvement in the village. We hope to improve on the work that we have done and need as much help as we can get."

"We are very lucky that we have some amazing people and groups in Lymm that help with the effort."

Volunteers from the group

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 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.

The group also hope to look for volunteers to help complete a makeover of the Sunken Garden in the village centre. They are hoping to install more planting schemes

within the garden and throughout the village.

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, which has supported the group since the start.

The next Lymm in Bloom working party is held on the last Sunday in February (25th) at the Sunken Garden (Next to Sexton's Village Bakery) at 10:30am. Subsequent working parties are held the same time, the last Sunday every month.

More details can be found on the Lymm in Bloom website: [www.lymminbloom.btck.co.uk](http://www.lymminbloom.btck.co.uk)

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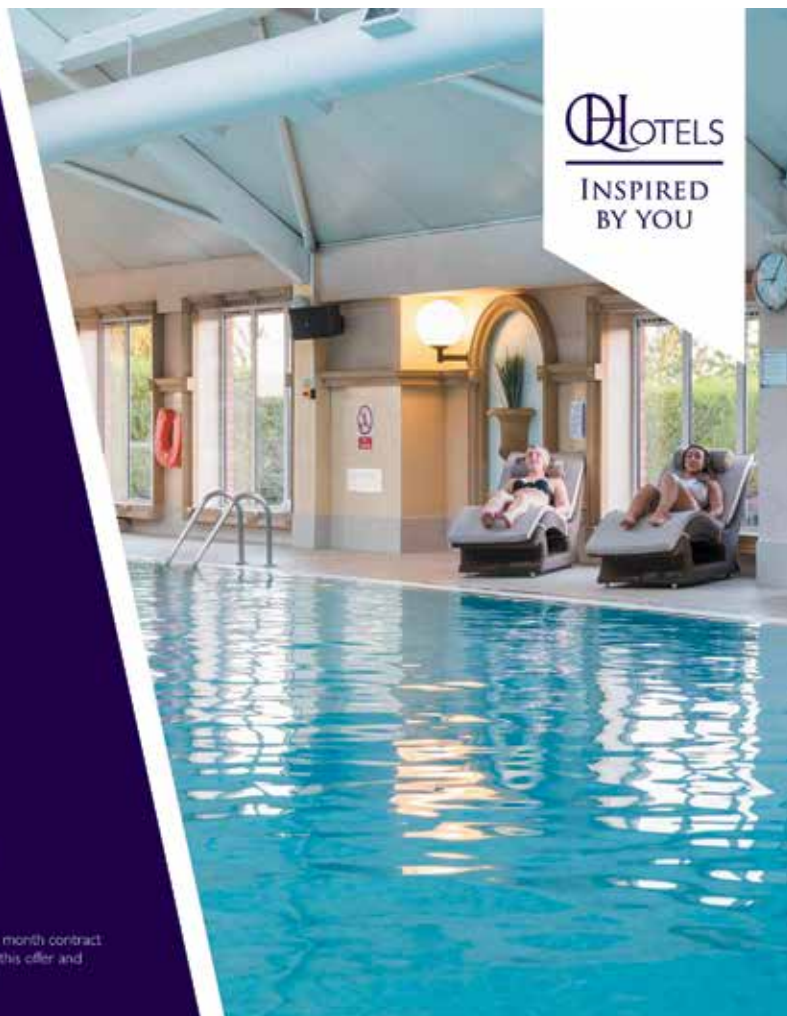
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# Family raise £2,600 as thankyou to Neonatal unit

**A LYMM family helped raise £2,600 for Warrington Hospital's Neonatal Unit by taking part in a sponsored walk on World Prematurity Day.**

Kate and Simon Barber, walked from Warrington Hospital to Lymm as a thank you for the care their daughter Beth, now aged one, received after being born 12 weeks premature

Beth, was born 12 weeks premature, weighing just 2lb 12oz. She was born in St Mary's Hospital in Manchester, but was transferred to Warrington Neonatal Unit when she was two weeks old and spent two months there before going home just before her due date.

Kate explained: "We will be forever grateful to the incredible staff at Warrington Neonatal Unit and as we approached Beth's first birthday, we wanted to do something to raise awareness of

the work they do. About 60,000 babies are born prematurely in the UK each year and the care they receive in neonatal units has a huge impact on the rest of their lives".

Kate added: "Beth spent six months on oxygen treatment after she came home. During that time, we regularly needed to use an oxygen monitoring machine and there is currently only one for the whole of Warrington. We will therefore be using the funds raised to buy an additional machine for the unit".

The family were helped by Kids Planet Lymm, which Beth's older brother, Elliot, attends. Kids Planet Lymm donated the proceeds of

their summer fair to the cause and the company kindly increased the donation to £1,000.

Clare Roberts, Chief Executive of Kids Planet, said: "Raising the money towards the oxygen monitoring machine for Warrington Hospital's Neonatal Unit is an amazing achievement by Kate and her husband Simon. We are thrilled to have been able to support this and be part of something that is so local to us in Lymm and know it will make a huge difference in the neonatal unit."




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The 40-mile race, organised by Lymm Runners, started at 7.30am from the village hall, with the runners cheered on by family, supporters and race volunteers.

Later, in the afternoon, the runners gradually returned, tired, muddy, but jubilant for a welcome plate of hot chilli, a cup of tea and some cake – as well as their finishers T-shirt and medal.

Organised by Lymm Runners for solo runners, pairs or relay teams of four, it has become more than just a race along rural tracks and trails.

One volunteer commented: "If one could bottle the goodwill, joy, inspiration and simple happiness that overflowed on this day....."

For one Lymm Runner it meant even more. Graham Chilton was

running the race for the mental health charity Mind, together with team mates Rebecca Beard and Chris Buckley.

They were raising awareness of mental health issues in the UK and funds for the charity, following the tragic loss of his wife, Liz, in 2016 due to an almost life long battle with mental health issues.

Liz had also been a Lymm Runner and had found that running and dancing were great ways of trying to cope with her emotions.

So far Graham has raised more than £2,500 and counting – a great personal achievement as it was the first time he had run that distance which he did in a terrific time of eight hours 38 minutes.

His daughter-in-law Jennifer Chilton commented: "I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the organisers, runners, supporters and strangers who made the run possible and spurred Graham and his team along the way! Donations can still be made at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/40milesforliz](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/40milesforliz)

A special mention also for The Lymm Reapers – a team of four male Lymm Runners, all aged 60 or over – a combined age of 240. Andrew Skett, Tony Sala, Tim Evans and Mark Coulthard braved the mud and were the 8th relay team to finish in a remarkable six hours 21 minutes. In preparation for the race,

they had held strategy meetings in the pub and had designed their own special T-shirts complete with the Lymm stocks and Old Father Time's scythe!

The race was won by Lee Ireland in five hours 20 minutes while Keely Smith was the first woman home in six hours 15 minutes.

The race will take place again next November and entries will be open early April.



## Reader's Letter

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### Tricked taxi!

Rachel Davies, Lymm

I WAS walking my dogs around Lymm Dam when I was approached by a Lynx taxi driver who was clearly upset. He had driven a "young male" passenger from Waitrose in Wilmslow to "76 Lakeside Road" (there is no such address).

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with said fare that amounted to £29.90.

The taxi driver had to go as he had another fare. I say SHAME to that young man and hope on reflection, he feels bad about it as it is stealing a man's livelihood and makes taxi drivers reluctant to pick up fares in more rural areas. I have sent this to warn taxi drivers about this trick.

### Obituary

#### Kenneth Newman

THE funeral has taken place of Kenneth Newman, aged 75, of Grasmere Road, Lymm, who died on November 9 at St Rocco's Hospice, Warrington.

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