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Editor's Comment



IT was certainly the end of an era when long serving councillor and former Mayor of Warrington Cllr Sheila Woodyatt was laid to rest.

Having reported on Sheila for almost four decades I can honestly say she was one of the hardest working local councillors I have ever had the pleasure to meet.

She never ducked an issue, always had an opinion and was always willing to help whenever she could.

I will never forget my first ever photographic experience with her which involved taking a picture of her in her wellies in Lymb dam. She was campaigning for the dam to be de-silted.On another occasion she donned her bathing costume for a photograph in the swimming pool at Lymm Leisure Centre!

Literally nothing was too much

trouble. Back in my freelancing days I spent many Saturday mornings at her home, taking notes on local issues and then driving the patch, around sometimes with her husband Neville, taking photographs to go with the stories

many of which were local issues
raised by her constituents.

A bacon butty and a cup of tea
often rounded things off.

Sheila was an expert when it came to getting things done. She was everything a local councillor needed to be and more. She was there for her constituents whatever their political opinions.

If anyone could get a local issue resolved – Sheila could.

Cheshire Natural Health, Beehive House, Tarp

We didn't always see eye to eye or agree on things – but there was a mutual respect and differences of

opinion were soon forgotten.
Sheila was certainly one in a
million and will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

It is cértainly the end of an era and whoever stands to represent Lymm on the parish and borough councils has a hard act to follow.

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Neighbourhood Plan working group wins £4,365 grant

LYMM Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has won a grant of £4,365 to help them create a legally enforceable to help shape

the village over the next 20 years.
The grant has come from Locality a national network of community led organisations – on behalf of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

It will be used towards the cost

of consultancy support and printing as the working group develops the Neighbourhood Plan.

The group is made up of volunteers who are passionate about ensuring the local community's wishes are heard when planning applications in the lymp area are as in the Lymm area are considered.

in the Lymm area are considered. Jonathan Foreman, deputy chairman of the working group, said: "Our next steps are to start gathering evidence on the five main themes of 'Environment, Design and Character', 'Housing', 'Community, Leisure and Wellbeing', 'Economy and Employment' and 'Transport'. "We need a site for a permanent display in the village, so that those

display in the village, so that those without internet access are kept informed. We also need to create an email database so we can keep residents up to date.

We rely on the involvement of many volunteers as possible collect information towards veloping the plan. We want developing the plan. We want to identify what is important to

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residents including the types of homes they will want in the future, employment opportunities community facilities needed."

Lymm needs a legally enforceable neighbourhood plan if it is to have any say on development over the next 20 years. The parish council is encouraging

and supporting the working group

– but it is the working group that
must prepare the plan.

The grant will enable the working group to produce a vision statement and a detailed questionnaire for residents.

The Neighbourhood Plan Vision Statement will cover what residents hope the area will look like, what facilities will be needed and what Lymm will be like in the future, to



live and work within.

This vision will play an important role in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and its policies.

The working group will also create, print and distribute a newsletter which will report on the many opinions, and aspirations collected hopes the community and will be an opportunity to publish the proposed vision statement for Lymm.

Cheshire Community Action, the leading provider of neighbourhood planning support in the county, has been appointed to provide consultancy support to the working

Anyone who would like to offer help in any way should contact the working group through the website www.lymmplan.org

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AFTER the roaring success of the first, sell-out show of 2018 (Merry Hell), the Lymm Festival Winter Warmers continue with more music, but this time of a comic kind.

Paul Thompson and John Watterson (aka Fake Thackray) will present the world premiere of "The Resurrection of Frederic Debreu" on Saturday, February 17.

This will be an evening of comic, satirical and absurd songs covering subjects as diverse as vengeful widows, pretty goats and arguments about

John has achieved national recognition as the UK's greatest interpreter of Jake Thackray and will perform in the style of Jake Thackray and his French hero, Georges Brassens.

The show will be upstairs in The Spread Eagle Hotel where previous performances by John have sold out! Tickets are £10 and are available now from lymmfestival.org.uk or Lymm Electric on Bridgewater Street.

In the meantime, the summer programme is almost complete.

The Festival Committee is delighted to announce the return of the everpopular Family Garden Party which will join the acts already confirmed, including Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Suchet and local blues group, the Kyla Brox Band.

Make sure you follow lymmfestival.org.uk and Lymm Festival on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest announcements.

Lymm May Queen selection

THIS year's Lymm May Queen and Rose Queen selections will take place at Lymm Village Hall Ion Saturday, March 3 at 1 pm.

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Thelwall Mummers show support for Heritage Centre



ANYONE queuing at Lymm's Market Car Park pay station recently may have been forgiven for doing a double take as Beelzebub got in line behind an Arab sheik to collect his ticket.

The pair were part of the Thelwall Mummers group who were all heading in full performance costume to Lymm Heritage Centre on Legh St. They were there to hand over a cheque to support the new Heritage Centre.

new Heritage Centre.

David Devereux in dark glasses and Arab head-dress explained:
"Our pre-Christmas play performances started in the 70's in response to a request from the landlord of the Bells of Peover.

"The play is of our own devising

but draws heavily on elements from a far older tradition. Everywhere we perform, typically local pubs, we pass round the hat and collect for a nominated local charity. This year we all agreed that we wanted to show our support for the new Heritage Centre. Like us they are working hard to help maintain local tradition and to ensure that Lymm's

tradition and to ensure that Lymm's unique identity is not lost."

The cheque, for just over £325, was accepted on behalf of the Heritage Centre by their chair Alan Williams, who said: "It is fantastic to be getting support like this from local groups. It is only since we opened that we have really begun to understand quite the extent of local pride in Lymm's unique

heritage. Contributions like this are a great help financially but just as important is the involvement and the commitment to the idea of the Centre that the donation represents.'

Lymm Heritage Centre is open to the public from 12-4 pm Thursday to Sunday all through the Winter. The current exhibition, Look@ Lymm is a journey through Lymm's history in photographs, starting back in 1861. The exhibition also includes a rare 3-D stereograph image of the village centre from 1871. Donations and Volunteers are always welcome.





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TRIBUTE TO CLR SHEILA WOODYATT



Sheila Woodyatt became a Parish Councillor in 1979 and during her lifetime she served as a Parish,

Borough and County Councillor. In 2000 Sheila was awarded an MBE for services to the community.

Sheila was Mayor of Warrington, Chairman of the Citizens Advice Bureau, Governor at Lymm High School and Chair of Governors at Cherry Tree Primary School. A truly public spirited woman she was forthright in her manner and gained the respect of colleagues and residents

Many Parish Councillors will remember her call for 'gin and valium' when an item was dragging on! Sheila had a great sense of humour.

When I first joined Lymm Parish Council, back in the 1980's, I was quite in awe of Sheila and all her knowledge and experience, but from day one she made me feel at home on the Council and she helped me to feel confident.

Sheila was involved in so many local initiatives. I really don't know where she got all her energy from. One of these was the Visually Impaired Peoples Society (VIP) in Warrington. My mother is registered blind and goes to VIP each week. Once she met Sheila and my mum told Sheila that I was her son. To this day, it is still one of my favourite memories of Sheila, that she said to my mum "I don't really like Lib Dems, but I have to say your son is a real gentleman". Sheila and I laughed about this on many occasions.

In fact, it was Sheila, together with other experienced Borough Councillors, who made it clear to me that local politics is not about political allegiances but rather it is about doing the right thing. Sheila was always kind, helpful and quick to respond to residents in need.

Thank you Sheila. I will miss you. John Bamforth, Chairman, Lymm Parish Council

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"Genuine desire" to solve congestion problems at toll bridge



A GENUINE desire to resolve congestion problems at Warburton Toll Bridge was evident at a meeting of interested parties, according to those present.

Warrington Borough Council, Trafford Council, Warburton Parish Council and the Warburton Toll Bridge Action Group met with bridge owners Peel Ports.

A joint statement afterwards said the meeting was productive, with a constructive dialogue maintained and a number of actions agreed, which will now be progressed with a view to alleviating the issues in

the shorter and longer team.
The statement added:
includes clarification of

operational process to raise the operational process to raise the toll during a period of extreme congestion occurred by incidents such as closure of the Thelwall Viaduct, exploration of weekly and monthly tickets and introduction in the longer term of automated free flow talks and surface. free flow tolls and surface improvements.

"The views and concerns of the

local community were well put and understood. There is a genuine desire across the parties to reach a resolution as soon as possible. There was agreement that all parties would continue to work

collaboratively. "Regular meetings with now take place to ensure progress.'

Green Belt homes plan rejected

A CONTROVERSIAL plan to build up to 19 houses and bungalows on Green Belt land at Lymm has been rejected by planning chiefs.

Members of the borough council's development management committee voted narrowly to refuse consent for the outline proposals for land at Ravenbank Hose, off Pepper Street – land currently used for the storage of up to 200 caravans.

The existing house and a number of other outbuildings would have

been demolished to make way for the development Lymm Parish Council had opposed the scheme on the grounds it was in the Green Belt and that access was at the top of a very busy, already congested road close to a primary school and would cause an additional

Seven neighbours also objected on the grounds the development would worsen traffic problems on Pepper Street, particularly at school

They argued that the development was unacceptable in the Green Belt and that there was little public transport or facilities or amenities nearby There would also be a loss of amenity at the Rosebank Naturegarten

Planning agreed that housing development in the Green Belt was ormally inappropriate and that the houses would be more prominent in the area than the existing caravans. But they also believed removal of the caravans would have positive aspects.

Overall they thought the development would bring more benefits to the

area than damage.

But the committee rejected their recommendation and refused permission for the scheme



The uncomfortable truth behind posture and pain

by Suzette Pulman

PAIN is an everyday occurrence for many of us – but in our day to day lives, how many of us stop to consider the ordinary things we do and how we do them? And whether

this could have a bearing on the nature of our pain?

In the office, we think nothing of hunching in our chairs as we type out a few figures. Or stand

slouching over our mobiles, quickly composing one or two texts. And when we get home, it's all too easy to relax, slumped on a sofa to watch TV.

Sitting or standing with poor posture is fine for a few minutes at a time, 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 spine resulting in fatigue, impaired movement and pain in the head, neck, shoulders and back.

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MP talks about life as a politician with students

LYMM High School students were offered an interesting perspective into life as a politician during a question-and-answer session with Warrington South MP Faisal Rashid.

Mr Rashid was welcomed to the school by headteacher Gwyn Williams before speaking to students about his recent experiences as a new MP.

Students packed into a room to hear Mr Rashid, as he gave details how he entered into a career in politics and talked about the present challenges being faced in his constituency.

During his visit the MP faced a

series of well-thought out questions from Lymm students on a range of issues, including the abolishment of University fees and lowering the voting age to 16.

Students also gained an insight into the work of an MP as Mr Rashid gave a detailed account of his average working week, and encouraged students to consider

getting involved in politics.

Afterwards, he said: "It was a pleasure to visit Lymm High School last week. I was very impressed with how knowledgeable the students were, and how engaged they are in politics and current affairs. I am incredibly proud of the



students in Warrington South, and I look forward to catching up with

them again."

Mr Williams said "we were delighted that Faisal Rashid took the time out of his busy schedule to

come and talk to our students about politics, education, current affairs and their wider implications. There was a stimulating Q&A session and I am sure our students will have gained from these experiences."



English tutor is an award winner

LYMM English tutor Wendy Hulme has received an award from the Joint Council for Qualifications for her services

Wendy, who runs Just English, said: "I have been an examiner and moderator for many years. It's hard work but gives me a fantastic insight into the various English Language and Literature GCSE examinations which I can pass on to my students."

Wendy also encourages young people locally to write.

This term Just English is promoting a non-fiction writing initiative, The Power of Pen.

"Some of my students have expressed feelings of being misunderstood by adults. I wanted to give them a platform to express their ideas in a constructive way which also happens to be excellent practice for the GCSE English Paper writing task" said Wendy.

She congratulated the overall winner of a Dickensian Character Competition, Faith Holdsworth.

More details of The Power of Pen and Faith's winning entry can be seen at http://www.justenglishlymm.co.uk/ help-your-kids-at-home/

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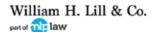


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Plans to flatten Lymm Hotel need "complete rethink"

NEARBY residents were shocked when they met to see developers' plans to flatten the existing Lymm Hotel and replace it with 52 retirement apartments, a 120-place nursery and 72-bed care home.

They raised many issues – but the major ones were the impact of several hundred vehicle movements a day and the "woefully inadequate" parking provision of just 74 places.

Spokesman for "Neighbours

Spokesman for "Neighbours of the Lymm Hotel" Alan Williams said: "Residents initially tried to approach the idea of the redevelopment in a positive frame of mind in spite of the sad potential loss of the hotel, with all its history, including the famous stay of Pele and the Brazil team for the 1966 World Cup.

"But shock turned to disbelief when neighbours realised that the development proposed just 37 parking places to cater for all the needs of a 120-place nursery and 72-bed care home who would together have daily staff of up to 60. The car park would also apparently cater for drop-off logistics for these 120 children as well as providing spaces for visitor and outside carers at the care home and delivery vehicles to both businesses."

Gill Emmott, who faces the prospect of the nursery's playground directly adjoining her garden, said: "The planning application itself states that council guidelines recommend 102 places for a development on this scale, so we were speechless when the



developers tried to argue that 37 places would more than enough."

Neighbours were also angry at the developers' claim that the site was well served by public transport

"This is simply ridiculous and inaccurate" said neighbour Yingshi Malcomson.

"The nearest regular bus services are almost 700 metres away, not 400 metres as developers claim."

The 55-plus retirement apartments with their own car park on Whitbarrow Road would offer just one resident place for every two apartments.

There is concern too about the scale and style of the buildings as well as the predicted huge increase in traffic volumes on local roads especially the corner of

Whitbarrow Road.

Mr Williams said: "We believe this application should be sent straight back to the developers for a complete rethink.

"This development is untenable for the apartment owners and nursery and care home staff and users as well as those living in the surrounding area. The answer is surely a significant reduction in the scale of the development."

Residents have created a website alanlymm.wixsite.com/lymmhotelplans which contains key information about the application.

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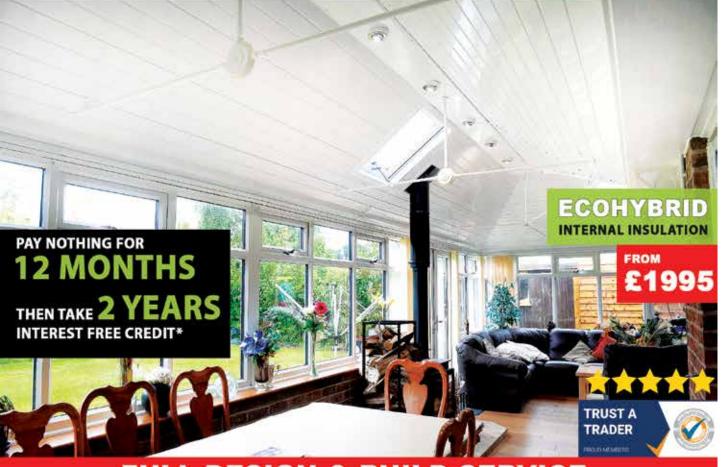






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Tributes paid to former Mayor Sheila Woodyatt

TRIBUTES have been made to former Mayor of Warrington Cllr Sheila Woodyatt who died on January 18,

aged 80.

Cllr Woodyatt had represented Lymm on the parish council since 1979 and served on Warrington Borough Council since 1983 becoming Mayor of Warrington in 2000/2001.

Paying tribute fellow councillor Ian Marks said: "Sheila and I were both elected to the Parish Council in 1979 and to the Borough Council in 1983, so we have known each other a long

"We had our political differences but we were united in trying to do our best for the people we served. We worked together on the Parish Council for the people of Lymm and for the people of Warrington when she was on the Executive Board when I was Council Leader.

"Sheila did a huge amount to help people and her passing marks the end of an era. She will be greatly missed"

Another fellow Lymm councillor Bob Barr, who recently assisted Sheila by giving her lifts to planning committee meetings, added: "It is with sadness that I heard of the death of my friend Sheila Woodyatt.

"I'first met Sheila when I became a parent governor at Cherry Tree School in the 1980s where she was Chair. There I discovered how committed Sheila was to supporting the community in her own inimitable

"We often disagreed on many issues, sometimes vociferously and we were fierce political rivals. However, I admired Sheila's strength of personality and was pleased to be able to help her in some of her Council duties as she became less mobile. I counted her as a friend. "She will be greatly missed, but

long remembered, by her constituents in Lymm.

and South officers Members Warrington South Conservative Association also expressed their grief at Cllr Woodyatt's passing. She was a long-standing member,

a member of the executive and a Conservative councillor for almost 40 years – "a genuine pillar of the community."

In a statement, the association said:
"Sheila was a local councillor first and foremost, who always thought of her constituents above politics. Her effect on the community for people of all walks of life is evidenced by the outpouring of sentiment since her

passing."
Fellow councillor Kath Buckley said: "Sheila was an exacting, strongsaid: "Shella was an exacting, strong-minded person. You knew exactly where you stood with her, which is refreshing in this day and age. As a colleague and mentor you could not ask for a more knowledgeable person on Lymm, Warrington and the area in general, on all issues. If you needed advice she was the 'go to'

person.

"What people might not know is that without any fuss she often solved issues for you whilst you were still at the concerned stage. A chair of many committees, Mayor of Warrington (2000/2001) she was well respected by all politicians no matter their persuasion.

"As a colleague I will miss her, as a friend and mentor she will be irreplaceable."

The association statement added: "Her directness would at times make you smile wryly or even laugh out loud . She had a knack of dellating any situation, and was not afraid to do so. Nothing was too much trouble for her Party or most importantly her constituents.

association's



perspective, Sheila and everyone knew her. She was a mine of information for whatever problem arose in the community. She has been the constant, representing Conservatism in Warrington since the 1970s. She is going to be a difficult act to follow and will be sorely missed."

Former Warrington South MP David Mowat, recalled that on an early visit to Lymm with Cllr Woodyatt they must have passed about 100 people in the street. At least three quarters of them knew Sheila by name and vice versa.

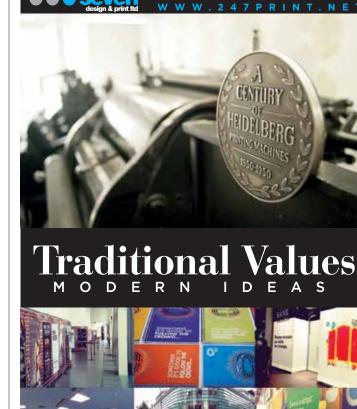
He said. "I often used to listen in

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to council meetings and was always struck by how articulate, concise and knowledgeable her speeches were. At the time she was responsible for Warrington Schools which was an area of real passion for her. She was a terrific councillor and wonderful lady. We will all miss her."

Stephen Taylor, deputy chairman of Warrington South Conservatives added: "We would like to thank everyone for their kind and sincere messages. Our thoughts are with Sheila's family, particularly following the relatively recent loss of Sheila's husband Neville"

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Obituaries



Brenda Warburton

THE funeral has taken place of Brenda Warburton, nee Willis, aged 78, of Higher Lane, Lymm, who died at home on January 5.

Mrs Warburton was the wife of the late Frank Warburton and is survived by three sons, Carl, Melvin and Lee and grandchildren Tia, Tom, Kirsten and Louis.

The funeral service took place on Wednesday, January 17 at All Saints Church, Daresbury. Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows

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Dorothy Newton

THE funeral has taken place of Dorothy Newton, age 96 who worked at the Co-operative store in

worked at the Co-operative store in Lymm Village until retirement.

Dorothy, of Moston Grove, Lymm leaves a daughter and son in law, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She died on December 12 and the funeral, at St Peters Church, Oughtrington, was on December 20.

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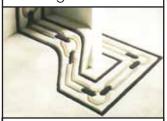
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