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THE ongoing issue with unruly youngsters in our village seems to be going from bad to worse judging by recent posts on social media.

If the problems with our youngsters isn't bad enough we now have to contend with adults falling out with each other and posting offensive comments to each other when discussing the issue on social media.

What hope do our youngsters have if those who should know better do not know how to behave in public - and yes I do mean public.

Just because comments are posted in the privacy of your own home, once they are posted on social media - they are there for the whole world to see!

I am not for one minute saying the issues relating to young people being involved in disorder shouldn't be highlighted and dealt with - but

slanging matches on social media over the issue are not helping anyone - they are certainly not helping Lymm or those businesses who depend on a night time economy.

I have already had several comments made to me from people saying they will think twice about visiting the village in the evening based on what they have read on social media.

Yes there is an issue, but there are issues right across Warrington and indeed the whole country.

While the police have a duty to enforce and uphold the law in our village - we all have a duty to be responsible.

So next time you want to have an

outburst on social media just think about the example you are setting, especially to those young people who learn from their elders.

Let's be responsible and tackle this issue head on by helping the police whenever we can by naming and shaming those who are making a nuisance of themselves to the correct authorities.

Simply pick up the phone dial 101 and pass over whatever information you have - whether it be photographs, names, addresses e.t.c

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THIS year's queens at the annual May Queen Festival will be crowned - whatever the weather!

Organisers have put in contingency plans to perform the crownings indoors, just in case there is another wash out at the event which takes place on Saturday May 12.

Meanwhile this year's queens have now been selected following a ballot at the village hall.

Jasmine Clews aged 11, a pupil at Oughttrington Primary School, will be this year's May Queen.

She enjoys performing arts including acting and singing and has ambitions to become an actress or a director.

Jasmine recently came runner up as "Junior Thespian of the Year" at the Bowdon Youth Festival of Arts. She has spent six years being part of the May Queen Retinue.

Meanwhile Neve Cole, aged 8 from Statham Primary School will be this year's Rose Queen.

Neve has been part of the retinue since 2015 and her bobbies include ballet and tap. She has represented Warrington Wolves dancing at Wembley!

She is a member of 2nd Lymm Brownies and a cub with Lymm 3rd cubs and also has an interest in horses.

May Queen Festival Chair, Kath Buckley is keeping her fingers crossed the sun will shine at this year's event, which has moved to May following two wash outs in June.

"I have checked the long range weather forecast for May and fingers crossed it should be dry. But we have set up contingency plans just in case and come what may the crowning will take place on the day!"

She says the event will also "go back to basics" with a traditional family feel, with only one large fairground ride on the field and lots of community stalls and activities.



Jasmine and Neve are pictured with current May Queen Lauren Cooke and Rose Queen Aimee Pickles.

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"Experience Easter" at St Mary's

MORE than 270 children from Cherry Tree, Statham, Oughtrington and Ravenbank primary schools will be visiting St Mary's Church, Lymm to "Experience Easter".

There will be six interactive displays telling the story of Easter and the youngsters will be guided through them by church volunteers.

At each display there will be an activity to take part in.

The displays are not just for children - adults can also join in the activities or simply have a quiet moment to reflect and pray.

St Mary's is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10am and 12 noon for members of the public to visit and the Experience Easter displays will be in place from March 12.

The church will also be open especially to visit the Experience Easter displays and take part in the activities on Saturday, March 17 between 2pm and 4pm

There will be a special guided Experience Easter for children who have not visited the church through their schools at 2pm on Saturday March 24.

On Saturday, March 31, between 2pm and 4pm there will be an Easter Egg hunt.

Paper Easter Eggs will be hidden inside the church and the finders will win a Midi Chocolate Easter Egg and a story book.

Rector, the Rev Bev Jameson said: "In my previous parish,

children brought their families to show them the activities they had done during their school visit. We found that mums, dads and other adults did the activities too.

"It does not matter if you are seven or 70 we are all alone and afraid sometimes and we can write or draw something to remind us of that and leave it in the Garden of Gethsemane. I really hope people come, enjoy the displays and learn a little more about the story of Easter."



Picture shows "the Rev Bev" with Tilly Bettridge, aged 8 and Tom Bettridge, aged 11, preparing to set up the Experience Easter stations in the church.

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MP dismayed over 'slap in the face' over toll bridges

MP Helen Jones has expressed her dismay at the government's response to her recent request for action to end charges on old toll bridges like the one at Warburton, near Warrington.

Transport minister Jesse Norman has told her the government has no plan to repeal the 19th century legislation because the toll bridges are privately owned and operated.

The written question submitted by the Warrington North MP was: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make it his policy to bring forward legislative proposals to repeal charges on toll bridges established under 19th Century Acts of Parliament and if he will make a statement."

Jesse Norman replied: "These toll bridges are privately owned and operated. The operation and management of these privately owned tolled crossings are a matter for the respective individual companies and Government has no plans to repeal the legislation in respect of these charges."

Ms Jones said: "I am dismayed at the government's response, particularly as the Tory Leader of the House, expressed her sympathy and suggested that ministers would look at the issue.

"Instead of looking at the matter seriously the government have, sadly, just brushed the issue to one side. Only Parliament can repeal these antiquated 19th Century laws but this government flatly refused to

do so because the toll bridges are privately owned and operated.

"This is a slap in the face for local people both here in

Warrington and in the other areas these bridges are located. In effect the government does not care about the traffic misery and chaos caused.

"I will keep pressing the matter but it would appear I am pushing at a closed door."



Love was in the air at WI meeting

LOVE was in the air at the monthly meeting of Heatley WI – thanks to speaker Honor Giles.

A professional story teller, Honor treated members to three separate stories, each with a connection to love.

The meeting was opened by president Margaret Sharp, who welcomed new member Joan Kitchen and 39 other members.

Doris Ralph from the craft group then updated members on the group's current projects including a request received from Bolton Hospital NHS Trust for knitted blankets 18" square for premature babies.

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Three-storey homes plan thrown out

A PLAN to demolish a bungalow and replace it with two, three-storey five-bedroomed houses at Lymm has been thrown out by planning chiefs.

The scheme, in Grammar School Road, was condemned by Lymm councillor Ian Marks as "gross overdevelopment" and "an awful example of garden grabbing."

Cllr Marks told the borough council's development management committee: "This would be out of keeping with the rest of the road. The proposed properties are very close to each other."

"Just because there are two other examples of huge, out-of-character houses on the road does not mean this development should be allowed. Two wrongs do not make a right."

Cllr Marks said the site was on a bend in the road and he had concerns about road safety due to limited visibility.

"This is a busy road which is used as a route to Lymm High School. Each property has spaces for two parked cars in the drive. This means

that visitors will have to park on the bend, which may be allowed, but is far from ideal."

There would also be a loss of privacy for neighbours due to overlooking.

But he would not object to one house on the site, provided it was in character with most of the other houses in the road.

Cllr Anna Fradgley also opposed the scheme, citing "garden grabbing" overdevelopment, loss of character and road safety on a blind bend.

The committee was told nine neighbours had lodged objections and concern had been expressed by Lymm Parish Council.

Planning officers said the scheme would make a positive, albeit small, contribution to the supply of housing in the borough. They recommended the scheme be approved – but the committee refused permission.



Seven parish councils unite to fight Green Belt housing

LYMM Parish Council has joined the other six parish councils in the south of Warrington to fight the borough council's proposals to allow the building of about 6,000 new homes on Green Belt land.

A working party representing the seven councils – the others are Appleton, Grappenhall and Thelwall, Hatton, Stockton Heath, Stretton and

Walton – has already met twice.

Chairman Cllr Cliff Taylor, of Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council, said: "We have agreed to unite on this issue and to prepare for battle."

It was in July last year that the borough council issued its "Preferred Development Option" – a precursor to the Local Plan.

It proposed taking a large part of South Warrington out of the Green Belt and to allow the building of about 6,000 homes over a 20-year period.

The public consultation which followed revealed deep seated anger among residents.

All seven parish councils opposed the proposals and there were more than 4,000 responses from members of the public and local organisations.

Cllr Taylor said: "There was enormous public anger at the proposals themselves and also at the unsatisfactory way in which the consultation was handled, with a deadline that was too tight and with queues forming to view the proposals. The borough council now intends to issue an amended plan, which is expected in the autumn or winter."

"When the revised plan is issued

for consultation, we will have a fully-briefed professional planning consultant already in place and ready to argue our case.

"The existing Green Belt was only put in place by the borough council itself in 2015 and the united parish councils have already prepared a brief for the consultant with the objective of defending the Green Belt as it stands today."

"The consultation made it very clear that our Green Belt is highly valued by the people of South Warrington. We all know that if it goes, it will be gone for ever. That is simply unacceptable."

"If the borough council decides to push ahead with its original proposals in spite of the feelings of residents, we are determined to be in a position to defend the Green Belt to the very best of our ability".

New date for Lymm May Queen

ORGANISERS of the annual Lymm Queen Festival have brought forward the event to avoid clashing with the Royal wedding and the FA Cup final!

The date was originally moved from June to May 19 due to inclement weather in recent years causing it to be a wash out.

But now due to clashing with the Royal wedding and the cup final the event has been brought forward to May 12.

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Young musicians help raise £1,100

YOUNG musician Meera Maharaj's fifth concert in support of Warrington Foodbank raised a total of £1,100 to support local people in crisis.

Former Lymm high School pupil Meera, who was very grateful once again for the tremendous support and encouragement of Rev Jane Proudfoot and the team at St Wilfrid's Church, Grappenhall, is now studying at London's Royal Academy of Music and brought her friend Dominic Degavino, also a post-graduate student in London at the Guildhall, to launch their new piano/flute duo.

The pair presented a varied recital programme which took in dramatic tangos, pieces alternately serene and furious by renowned American composers Samuel Barber and Lowell Lieberman, alongside compositions by Dutilleux

and Tchaikovsky. Dominic's playing of two pieces from Ravel's solo piano work Miroirs was exquisite.

Hilda Whitfield, chairman of Warrington Foodbank commented: "It was magical. For two young people to give their time to charity and be so enthusiastic about the food bank is humbling."

Meera added: "We've really enjoyed preparing this programme and have lots of plans for the duo, including forthcoming festival performances and recitals around the country. I'm very grateful for everyone's support and encouragement: it's lovely to play for a home audience, especially one that is so attentive. I give my

support to the Foodbank because it looks after people who are very vulnerable, sadly including a significant number of children."

Meera and Dominic will be back in Warrington to play in WACIDOM's series at Holy Trinity, Market Gate, on April 21, and she will also be performing in Lymm with Meraki, her flute and guitar duo, at the United Reformed Church, Brookfield Road, on Wednesday, March 14 at 7.30pm, when once again, all will be welcome.

She said: "It will be a very relaxed concert, a lot of folk music and jazz/bossa tunes, so I hope people come along."

For more details on how to support Warrington Foodbank visit <https://warrington.foodbank.org.uk>



Welcome boost for Foodbank volunteers

THE regularly monthly collection for Warrington Foodbank, held outside Sainsbury's in Lymm village centre, got a welcome boost when the stall was set up.

New store manager Diane Rickman arrived with the store's own contribution to the bags of

food and other essentials which help those in most dire need in the Warrington area.

She said: "I was very pleased we were able to do our bit to support this valuable community effort."

Foodbank founder member Su Williams said: "We are also looking forward to inviting Diane along to visit our monthly Senior Social at the Community Centre."

"The store has already donated 1,000 teabags in the last couple of weeks which will keep us 'afloat' for months to come."

The collection is run by a team

from Lymm Labour party but all are welcome to help and contribute. The Lymm group alone have donated over five tonnes of food, pet food and toiletries since they were established over three years ago.

Trish Cockayne, one of the Lymm group who also volunteers at the Trussell Trust distribution centre in Warrington said: "It is a sad state of affairs that these foodbanks are needed but heartening at least that so many places around Warrington recognise the need and contribute so generously."



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Opposition mounts over plan to demolish Lymm Hotel

MORE than 190 letters of objection have been received over controversial plans to demolish the Lymm Hotel and replace it with a care home, apartments and day nursery.

Neighbours of the hotel packed into a meeting of Lymm's Parish Council's Planning sub-committee meeting, where members were due to consider the proposal to demolish the 62 bed Lymm Hotel and replace it with 52 retirement apartments, a 72 bed care home and a 120 place nursery.

After a short presentation from the local group and a discussion, it was clear that the Parish Council shared the residents view.

Councillors have now submitted a detailed statement of objection on the basis that the plan is "overdeveloped, overbearing, poorly designed, lacks car parking provision, detrimental to heritage, will severely disrupt the highway with road clutter and increased vehicle movement. They have also drawn attention to serious inaccuracies in the developers' claims on public transport access and challenged the statement on the heritage value of the hotel."

Warrington Borough Council has already been bombarded by over 190 objections from local residents and councillors.

Cllr Anna Fradgley commented afterwards: "This is a classic case of developmental greed overriding the needs of the community. Developers really should look at how plans affect the neighbourhood and not just their bottom line.

"We welcome appropriate development in Lymm, that is why the Neighbourhood Plan group has been set up. But it has to be done properly, based on residential and business needs."

Local resident Alan Williams added: "We are not opposed to the principle of development, sad as it would be to lose the hotel, but there is so much wrong with this application that it is hard to know where to start. It is a typical example of trying to squeeze every last drop out of the site while wheeling in a series of "experts" who make inaccurate or untenable claims on topics like parking and accessibility of public transport which in reality is just not there.

"We are relying on the council's officers to see past this to the very real planning issues around massing, parking and traffic that

run right through this application."

Residents are also challenging the developers' assertion that they have identified a need for more

nursery places in Lymm.

Hotel neighbour Catherine Catchpole added: "A quick telephone call to several of the local nurseries was enough to establish that Lymm is already well served. All the ones we called had places

and of course the Village Hall nursery actually closed recently due to lack of demand."

Residents have set up a website to keep neighbours informed. alanlymm.wixsite.com/lymm-hotelpans



U3A to celebrate first 'birthday'

MEMBERS of the Lymm and Thelwall branch of the University of the Third Age will celebrate their first "birthday" at their annual general meeting on Thursday, May 17.

The meeting will be at Thelwall Parish Hall at 10am.

The organisation – popularly known as the U3A – was only launched in April last year but already has more than 200 members.

A charity, it is for people no

longer in full-time employment and provides educational, creative, leisure and recreational opportunities locally. Membership is £25 a year.

Lymm and Thelwall U3A meet on the third Thursday of each month at Thelwall Parish Hall when there is a guest speaker delivering a wide range of talks.

Afterwards there is socialising and making new friends over a cup of tea.

There are 16 interest groups,

spanning outdoor activities such as canoeing, walking, cycling, music and art appreciation, philosophy, IT, flower arranging and stitch and natter.

There are no tutors. Members learn together, drawing on the pool of talent, knowledge, skills and enthusiasm within the membership.

Guest speaker at the annual meeting will be actor and storyteller Derek Poulson, former head of performing arts at Stoke

College, who will talk about regional accents.

There will also be a performance by the U3A ukulele interest group.

New members are welcome and more details of what is on offer can be found on the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/lymm-thelwall/welcome>

A spokesperson said: "New interest groups are forming all the time and it is likely you will find something of interest."

Acclaimed crime writer intrigues guests at library

Acclaimed Lymm based Crime Writer, Martin Edwards produced an fascinating presentation about author life at Penketh Library.

Martin has been a mainstay in the crime-writing field for over 25 years. His first novel, 'All the Lonely People', published in 1991 received a nomination for the John Creasey Memorial Dagger for best first crime novel of the year. Since then Martin, who is a graduate of Oxford University, has written extensively in every area of crime writing and has gone on to have over 30 crime-fiction novels published. These include the excellent Harry Devlin and Lake District series in which he skilfully marries people and place with plot.

Born in Knutsford, Martin now lives in Lymm with his wife and family. He is chairman of the Crime Writers' Association, eighth president of the Detection Club and is also archivist of both the CWA and the Detection Club. Alongside this, he has had a distinguished career in law, described in 2016 by The Legal 500 as "first class". He was again recognised as one of the leading lawyers in his field in the 2017 and 2018 directories of Chambers; the former described him as "a fantastic employment lawyer."

The audience were on the edge of their seats as they heard how Martin's love of reading as a

young boy inspired him to become the successful crime writer he is today. With his relaxed, easy style he delivered an excellent talk that was a real mix of information and humour.

One of the comments received at the end of the evening summed it up perfectly.

"A very stimulating, interesting and entertaining delivery; beautifully delivered and very articulate. It was much appreciated

how open the talk was and how Martin shared his life, experiences and thoughts."

LiveWire's Strategic Library Manager, Wendy Molyneux, confirmed the evening's success by saying "We were thrilled to welcome Martin Edwards at Penketh Library. We thought we would be in for an exciting evening and we weren't disappointed. Martin captured the audience's attention from start to finish with fascinating and insightful tales of his life of crime and we hope he will be able to visit us again in the future".



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Pupils secure coveted offers at top universities

MANCHESTER Grammar School pupils from the Warrington area have been highly successful in securing coveted offers for the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

For 2018 entry, 32 MGS boys have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge, placing MGS in a very select group of top academic schools nationally.

Of those 32, Lloyd Hampton, 17, of Warrington, has received an offer to study Music at Girton College, Cambridge, while Jordan Pickett, 18, also of Warrington, has been offered a place at Regent's Park College, Oxford, to read Philosophy and Theology.

This year's offers follow on from MGS being named as the North-West Independent School of the Year 2018 by The Sunday Times in their schools' guide, and School Sport magazine has recently announced that MGS is the best independent sporting school in the North of England, and in the top five nationally.

Jordan said: "I am delighted to have received an offer from Oxford to study Philosophy and Theology. I will be forever grateful to MGS for allowing me to study at their institution on their full bursary scheme which has allowed me to fulfil my academic dreams, undeterred by my financial background."

The High Master, Dr Martin Boulton, said: "I am exceptionally proud of our boys. To secure so many offers from Oxford and Cambridge is testament to their talent and dedication, and I wish

them every success with their examinations later this year.

"I am also delighted the School has been named by The

Sunday Times as the North-West Independent School of the Year 2018, and that our sporting achievements have been recognised by School Sport magazine.

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by Mike Carlin, Cheshire Cycles

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The company claims back the purchase with the VAT and NI saved resulting in savings upwards of 40%.

Hundreds of thousands of people have already bought a bike on the scheme, which was introduced as a tax exemption in 1999 by the government to 'promote healthier journeys to work and reduce environmental pollution'.

Nearly all forms of cycles and components are available including parts, clothing and safety wear all of which can help you keep equipped when cycling

to work.

Within the local Warrington area, the council have created an informative fold out map displaying most cycle lanes in the borough and is a real insight into the large range of paths and cycle ways across the town.

The Cycle Map Issue 6 is available now from the council.



High school to host charity Bavarian Bierkeller event

LYMM High School is hosting a Bavarian Bierkeller event on Friday March 16 at 7.30pm.

Tickets for the event, which is for one night only and being run by the school PTA, cost £25 with funds going to the school's Pitch in, fund-raising for new 3G sports pitches and the Prevent Breast Cancer charity.

The event will feature traditional food and drink, along with a solo performance from Robert Burton, a professional musician with 30 years' experience.

Guests can look forward to singing and swaying along to Munich's best-loved beer drinking songs and dancing to a polka or two before a patriotic "last night at the proms" style finale.

Guests are encouraged to enter the spirit of the theme by dressing the part and prizes will be awarded to the best dressed Mann or Frau!

Enjoy the following themed treats:

- Draft German beer
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- Chocolate gateaux

Tickets can be bought online <https://preventbreastcancer.org.uk/events/bier-keller-and-music/>

Red faced planners?

THERE must have been a few red faces in the borough council's planning department when it emerged they had sent a letter to...a public toilet in Lymm.

It wouldn't have been quite so bad if the toilet had still been there – but it had been removed several years previously. The mistake was discovered when a list of consultees in respect of a proposed housing development in Pepper Street was headed by a public toilet on the Pepper Street car park.

Cllr Ian Marks said: "It was the first address on the list and it was a public convenience. It was a third of a mile away from the proposed housing development and, in any case, it had been removed several years previously.

"It probably didn't respond!"

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Golf club's first woman president

LYMM Golf Club has elected its first woman president in its 111-year history.

She is Diana Broady, a resident of Lymm since 1969 and club member for 30 years who was lady captain in 2005.

The mother of three, who has seven grandchildren, worked as a physio at Warrington Hospital until her retirement and has always

been keen on sport.

In addition to golf, she was formerly a member of Lymm Tennis Club and played squash at Lymm Rugby Club, where her husband Ted is a past president.

She is also a keen walker and is a member of the walking group at the golf club.

Mrs Broady will serve as president for 12 months.

Vaudeville Show to return to rugby club

THE popular Vaudeville Show is set to return to Lymm Rugby Club's summer marquee and loyal fans will know what a great night of entertainment to expect.

For "one night only" on Friday, June 15, the world famous Lymm Panto cast return to perform new songs and sketches.

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Obituaries

Georgina Palmer

THE funeral has taken place of Georgina Ann Palmer, nee Wright, aged 67, of Thorley Road, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on January 19.

Mrs Palmer moved to Lymm from Hale Barns when she was a teenager.

She loved craftwork, Facebook

and watching reality television.

She is survived by her husband, Roy and children, Lee, Christopher and Wendy.

The funeral service was at St Mary's Church, Lymm followed by cremation at Dunham.

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

Colin Fray

THE funeral took place at St Peter's Church, Oughtrington of Colin Fray, aged 69, of Bucklow Gardens, Lymm, who died on January 27.

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