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AFTER reporting on local news for more than three decades it takes a lot to shock me - but the recent paint attack on The Venue music bar in the village was one of those incidents which not only shocked me but also shows two contrasting sides of the human race.

One the ugly, whereby two people can attempt to destroy someone's livelihood by walking up and throwing cans of paint over customers and fixtures and fittings and the other of community spirit, whereby many people rally to help someone in their hour of need.

It defies logic why anyone would just walk up to a bar in the village centre and throw red paint on the wall outside and white gloss paint over customers and the bar area, leaving a scene of devastation.

Fortunately thanks to the great community spirit the paint was soon removed and The Venue was back open for business the very next night.

At the time of writing no one had been brought to account for this act of mindless vandalism but there is CCTV footage available online which shows the attack in progress.

Police are also checking CCTV footage taken in the village to

see if they can identify the vehicle involved.

Hopefully those who committed the crime will be brought to justice - in the meantime well done to everyone who went to the assistance of the young bar owner Emily Clare, who only took over the premises last October and is baffled why anyone would want to damage the premises and her livelihood.

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MP backs campaign opposing redevelopment of Lymm Hotel

WARRINGTON South MP Faisal Rashid is backing a campaign opposing an "unrealistic" redevelopment of the historic Lymm Hotel.

Faisal met with neighbours of the Lymm Hotel to hear first hand their concerns about the proposed demolition of the 62 bed hotel which famously hosted the Brazil World Cup team in 1966, to be replaced with 52 retirement apartments, a 72 bed care home and a 120 place nursery.

The message certainly seemed to have already got through to the council who had received 240 objections from a huge range of neighbours.

The objectors even included Brookside Surgery who had expressed concern about coping with a potential sudden surge in caseload.

The group spokesperson, Alan Williams was able to share with Faisal the encouraging news that the Highways Department report posted on the council website was objecting to the proposal on a number of grounds, most critically inadequate parking.

"Some people may feel that there is a knee-jerk tendency to object to every proposal whatever its nature but that certainly isn't the case here," explained Alan

"We would be very sad to lose the hotel but were ready to look positively at the proposal.

"Unfortunately it was totally unrealistic and bore no relation to the needs of the community especially in relation to the nursery. The amount of development they were attempting to cram onto the site would have resulted in a very poor deal for everyone except the developer. Unfortunately it's all to do with greed and nothing to do with need."

Faisal has offered to facilitate a meeting between developers and residents if the current proposal is rejected in the hope that next time round the developers will be prepared to engage in some genuine consultation.



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

Lymm Village Hall
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at 7.30pm

LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

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Competition for young movie fans

YOUNGSTERS in Lymm are being invited to become movie-makers in the run-up to this year's Lymm Historic Transport Day.

Organisers have got together with illustrator Kate Hulme and Just English Tuition to stage a competition open to anyone under 16. To enter, all youngsters have to do is design a storyboard of their film idea.

To find out more, go to www.justenglishlymm.co.uk/upcoming-event/

Prizes include tickets for the whole family for Historic Transport Day on Sunday, June 24 and the

chance to be photographed with a cash-themed car – and there are cash prizes too.

More information and the full competition rules are available at www.justenglishlymm.co.uk or www.lymmtransport.org.uk or www.lymmhic.co.uk

Entries should be posted to Just English or emailed to wendy@justenglishlymm.co.uk by the closing date of June 10.

Rotay Club seek nominations for Cyril Bell award

LYMM Rotary Club is seeking nominations for its annual Cyril Bell Award.

The award is made in recognition of outstanding service by an individual to the communities of Lymm or Thelwall, either as an individual or a member of a deserving group. Previous winners

are ineligible.

The winner will be presented with the "Cyril Bell Memorial" trophy, which is held for one year, a personal, framed certificate and a cheque for £500, for their chosen charity. Nomination forms are available from Geoff Stocker, tel. no. (01925) 558165

Gardening club's charity sale

LYMM Gardening Club will hold its annual charity sale at the Village Hall, Pepper Street, on Saturday, May 12, from 10am to 1pm.

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Record £8,250 for charity - despite 'lovely weather for ducks'

MEMBERS of the public came out in force on Easter Monday to support Lymm and District Round Table's duck race - helping to raise more than £8,250 for charity despite atrocious weather.

Nearly 70 local businesses - led by main sponsor Co-op Food - also supported the event by purchasing either a corporate or super duck, helping to make it the most successful duck race ever. Along with the race and kids entertainment, the Easter Food Fest, organised by Lymm Ladies Circle, also proved highly popular and contributed £1300 to the charity kitty.

Round Table member Gary Parsons, who organised the event, said: "Some of our ducks tried a break for freedom down the stream but thankfully our team were able to rescue them when they got caught in the eddies further downstream."

"We're really grateful to everyone who got involved this year, from the people who bought ducks, to the stall-holders who helped to ensure the crowds had a great day. As a result of such generosity we're delighted that such a huge sum of money will be making its way to local charity and community groups this year."

The winning ducks were numbers 723 (first), 212 (second) and 89 (third). The Super Duck winner



was The Coffee House, and the corporate duck race was won by Orb Jewellery.

Lymm Life's Paul Jackson was on hand to broadcast the event to the world on Facebook and also take pictures.

Lymm and District Round Table are now seeking charities and community groups to donate to - email charity@lymmroundtable.co.uk with nominations.



ROUNDTABLE

Lymm Duck Race: Thank You for Your Support!



A massive Lymm and District Round Table 'thank you!' to everyone who supported this year's charity Easter Monday Duck Race. That's all members of the public who came down to enjoy the day - despite the weather - the many stallholders who lined the streets and all the generous businesses (listed below) who purchased ducks.

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LYMM Rugby Club is hosting a posh "White Party" to raise funds to achieve the ultimate ambition of building a state-of-the-art clubhouse, by organising a series of events geared to embrace the community of Lymm and bring everyone together.

The Posh Party on The Pitch will take place on Saturday, June 9 in the summer marquee at Lymm Rugby Club and promises to be an excellent night of entertainment involving a high class three course dinner, with a live nine piece band and free bubbly drinks reception.

It is set to be a great night and the rugby club would like to invite social groups in Lymm and surrounding areas, to take a table or two! So if you are part of the local social or sporting scene this is the night for you!

Themed as The White Party in 2018, if you were to book a table of 8, 10 or 12 guests the cost is £55 per head. Dress code is white, light attire or fancy dress.

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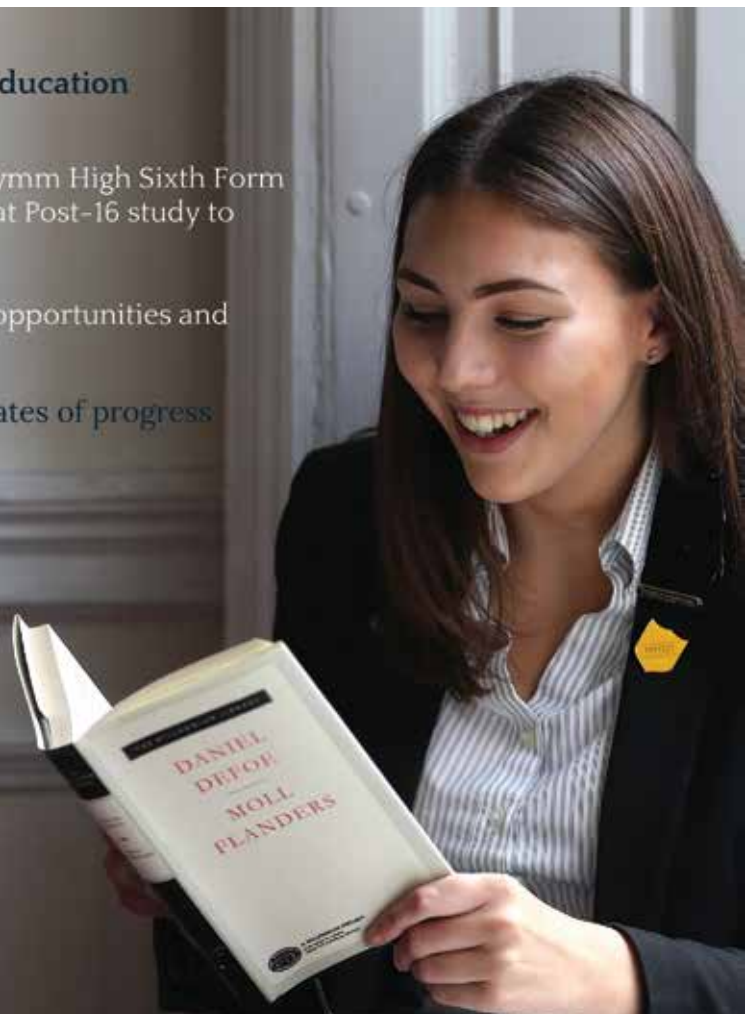
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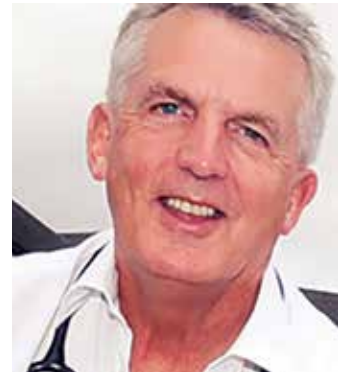
Ian Robertson (left), the BBC Rugby commentator and former Scottish International is joined by Dr Kevin Jones (right), the funniest man in medicine who is set to debut at the Edinburgh Fringe in August – see www.drkevinjones.co.uk.

Both speakers are regarded

as the best in the business and it promises to be a superb night of entertainment.

To be held in the summer marquee built on the pitch at Lymm, tickets at £55, or tables of ten at £550 for corporate clients, are now available to book through Mal Pritchard on 07855 322248 or malcolm@hammondraggett.co.uk

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by Suzette Pulman

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(It should be noted that whilst aches and pains in pregnancy are very common, any worrying symptoms such as severe pain or sudden swelling of the face, feet or hands, should always be reported to a doctor.)

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Green Belt homes plan is thrown out

A PLAN to build 64 homes on Green Belt land at Lymm has been rejected by planning bosses at Warrington.

The borough council's development management committee rejected the proposals put forward for Tanyard Farm, off Rushgreen Road, after hearing strenuous objections from local residents.

More than 100 people joined Lymm Parish Council in opposing the scheme put forward by Bellway Homes.

Cllr Ian Marks opposed the scheme on Green Belt grounds.

He said it was important to retain open space between Lymm and Oughtlington. The development would have a negative impact on Lymm's attractive environment. Existing businesses would be lost, there would be additional traffic on an already hazardous road and there was a risk that affordable housing would not be provided.

Neighbours claimed the development would be harmful and inappropriate and the parish council objected on Green Belt grounds.

But planning officers recommended the scheme be approved and argued the scheme would enhance the site, with an ecological area and restored grassland. Of the 64 houses, 24 would be "affordable."

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Spitfire set to return to Historic Transport Day

A Battle of Britain Spitfire is set to return to Lymm Historic Transport Day which takes place on Sunday June 24 this year in the centenary year of the RAF.

Event organiser Alan Williams said: "Almost everyone who was there agreed that the heart stopping moment at last year's Lymm Historic Transport Day was when the distant sound of an aircraft engine materialised into the distinctive shape of a Battle of Britain Spitfire as it made the first of three passes over the May Queen field.

"So it is not surprising that the organisers are delighted to be able to announce that they have received confirmation that the Spitfire will be back this year!"

Bruce Thomas, a member of the organising team, and a commercial pilot said "We are especially honoured to have been given this flypast in the centenary year of the RAF and on British Armed Services



weekend. Blue skies this year would be a bonus!"

It is not the only anniversary that will be celebrated at this year's event. Seventy years ago to the very day — June 24th — the Soviet Union imposed the blockade on Berlin which quickly gave rise to the Berlin Airlift and the air-ferrying of masses of supplies every day to feed a city. Burtonwood was one of the key supply bases for the operation and the Burtonwood Association will have a display to mark the anniversary.

At the same time the event's "artist in residence" for the day Steve Williams of the Aviation Art Society will be producing an original painting recalling the airlift.

The aerial theme is completed with two real aircraft cockpits –

from a Lightning a Provost jet, the latter provided by the local ATC squadron, as well as the ever popular large plane models.

And the attractions don't stop there. All the usual favourites will be there – classic cars, model rail, LEGO, traction engines historic boats, drive-a-digger, live music, great food plus a brand new exhibition at the Heritage Centre. But moviegoers will also love the movie themed cars like ECTO-1 from Ghostbusters, the Batmobile and Lightning McQueen. The dinosaur makes a return visit but this time bringing the Jurassic Park 4x4 tour bus along with it, hard on the heels of the release of the new Jurassic Park movie earlier in June. There is even a stunt bike performance. "We have everything booked in and are raring to go" added Alan.

The biggest challenge now is to fit everyone in ... We never dreamt when we started in 2013 that we would run out of space on a huge field like the May Queen but this year we were pretty much fully booked within a week of opening and could probably have filled it twice over."

If you would like to see the event from the other side sign up as a volunteer for a minimum of three hours and receive a free pair of tickets and an invitation to a free after-party.

An event on this scale needs 100 volunteers to make it run smoothly and it is said to be a great "buzz" being part of the team that makes it happen.

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Tickets set to go on sale as nearly 60 events confirmed for Lymm Festival

THERE will be something for everyone this summer with almost 60 events confirmed for the 20th Lymm Festival.

Headline events include former "Goodie" Tim Brooke-Taylor sharing hilarious anecdotes from his life in entertainment and Classic FM's John Suchet talking about Mozart and Strauss.

The festival will kick off with FoodFest on June 21 when Lymm village centre will become a giant street café with entertainment including a Caribbean steel band

and a dino disco.

Other exciting events include LymmFest music night, Historic Transport Day, local author Martin Edwards talking about crime writing, the Enigma Machine Story, The Midnight Gang (a David Walliams' play) and an extended Family Garden Party in the beautiful setting of Lymm Hall with entertainment for the whole family,

including a very special guest.

There will also be performances and exhibitions by a number of local groups showcasing the wealth of artistic talent in Lymm.

Full event information is now available at lymmfestival.org.

The event guide will start to be distributed in Lymm from May 7, which is when tickets will go on sale at lymmfestival.org.uk and Lymm Electric, Bridgewater Street, Lymm, WA13 0AB.

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To book a stall or an event on the May Queen Field, contact dianekerfoot@gmail.com

The village will come alive with colour and activity on the day as it welcomes the traditional procession of floats and attractions throughout the village - including fair rides, stalls and food and drinks.

The theme for this year is "Celebration" with the procession commencing at 1pm.

Established in 1889, the May Queen festival is a long-established community event, and a major highlight in Lymm's cultural calendar.

But it is the first time for many years it has actually been held in May.

Previously it has been held in June to avoid clashing with other events but now it is hoped that bringing it forward will avoid the poor weather which frequently dogs the event and led to it being cancelled last year.



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Pupils bring Christmas to community centre in March!

REGULARS at Lymm Youth & Community Centre's monthly Senior Social were given a very late Christmas treat recently .. in March!

Class Four from Statham Primary School had been due to sing at the Centre's pre-Christmas social but when a morning school trip to a pantomime overran the planned visit had to be cancelled.

The school pledged to make up for the disappointment with another visit.

So on Wednesday, March 21, the whole group walked from the school to the Community Centre where they changed into Victorian costumes provided by Su Williams from Heritage Centre next door.

The class choir led by teacher Natasha Hewlett then treated the seniors to a fabulous thirty minute performance of singing and movement that combined the sounds of Africa with more traditional Christmas songs.

The whole concert was greatly enjoyed and no-one seemed to mind that the children concluded their show with a song about Christmas being the most exciting day of the year!

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Air cadets' expedition to mark founding of RAF



MEMBERS OF 2137 (Lymm) Squadron, RAF Air Cadets travelled to France and Belgium to visit World War 1 battlefield sites and cemeteries.

The expedition was to commemorate the foundation of the Royal Air Force in 1918.

A total of 55 cadets were in the party, including some from Stockton Heath, Thelwall, Grappenhall and Greater Manchester.

The cadets found it a poignant occasion as they found the graves of relatives and of men who had only recently joined the then newly-formed RAF.

On April 1 they paraded at the British Air Services Memorial at St



Omer airfield which, in 1918 was RAF St Omer – the first RAF station.

A wreath was laid at the foot of the memorial.

Later, the party travelled to the Menin Gate in Ypres for the Last Post ceremony.

Flight Lt Andy Smith, officer commanding the Lymm squadron, said: "We paraded the largest

contingent and laid a wreath on behalf of the RAF and MoD.

"The cadets and staff found the experience to be deeply moving and felt enormous pride at having commemorated the foundations of the RAF and represented their country."

Easter fun at the "Cathedral of the Canals"



HUNDREDS of families made the most of free family fun at Cheshire's Anderton Boat Lift near Northwich including some from the Lymm area.

On offer were free Easter Egg hunts and the opportunity to enjoy decorating a gingerbread man free-of-charge to take home.

Entry to the Anderton Boat Lift's grounds, exhibition and shop is always free, as is access to its new £50,000 play area. Throughout Easter, visitors to the site could also opt to pay and take a boat trip either through the Lift itself or along the River Weaver.

Charlie, Katie and Jack Dodd, from Lymm (pictured) enjoyed helping to decorate gingerbread men.

Graham Wood, duty manager, Anderton Boat Lift, said: "It was great to see so many children and their families enjoy the free Easter Egg hunt, gingerbread decoration

and the play area that has been designed to resemble the giant lift and which was new last year. I particularly like seeing the look of sheer wonder in the eyes of children when they see the giant Lift for the first time – and the look of amazement when they then realise the huge structure is carrying boats. It has been a really happy Easter and we welcome everyone back to enjoy the Lift's on-going activities."

The Anderton Boat Lift is regarded as one of the seven wonders of Britain's waterways and is an engineering masterpiece, being the world's first ever successful boat lift. It is often referred to as the "Cathedral of the Canals". The Lift sits in a spectacular location between the River Weaver and the Trent and Mersey Canal and is an interesting combination of working historic structure and fun, educational experience.

Campaign for double yellow lines



A CAMPAIGN has been launched for double yellow lines to be painted on both sides of Pepper Street in Lymm.

Local Councillor Anna Fradgley and local campaigner Joan Stocker, together with a team of supporters have knocked on all 360 houses in and around the Pepper Street 'cul-de-sac' asking residents to sign their petition.

Sixty percent of households have been in when they called and fully support the proposal with only five objections.

They are calling for the yellow lines on both sides of the road up to the Rosebank Centre entrance.

Cllr Fradgley said: "Cars parked along Pepper Street cause an obstruction. It means that the street is narrowed down to one lane, which causes cars to back up onto Rectory Lane and Pepper Street. It is particularly a problem during the Ravenbank School run. Not only that, parents with buggies and wheel chair users have to move into the road, as they can't get past the parked cars on the pavement."

"I have contacted Warrington Borough Council to increase the enforcement of cars illegally parked on the current single yellow lines, which have now been repainted. The restricted times are Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm. I am astounded by the number of cars that park there during the day, after I worked hard to get the one hour free parking back and it is free on Sundays!"

"The police are now more vigilant in the area, and will be booking cars that are illegally parked opposite the entrance to Pepper Street car park and cause an obstruction. Police advise the public to report illegal obstructions by calling 101 or emailing PC Chris Davies Christopher.Davies2@cheshire.pnn.police.uk They must provide the time, date, registration number and preferably a photo. This also applies to illegal parking elsewhere in the village."

Joan added: "We are also asking Warrington Borough Council to review parking in and around Pepper Street. I know that there are many other areas in Lymm which also suffer from parking problems, so this is just the tip of the iceberg."

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Five to fight vacant borough council seat

FIVE candidates will contest the vacant Lymm South seat on Warrington Borough Council following the death of long-standing Conservative councillor Sheila Woodyatt.

The three main parties – Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat – will be joined by the UK Independence Party and the Green Party.

Four candidates will contest the vacant Lymm South seat on Lymm Parish Council – the three main parties being joined by the UK Independence Party.

The Conservatives have selected former borough and Stockton Heath parish councillor Stephen Taylor for the borough council contest.

Currently a member of Walton Parish Council, he has lived in Warrington all his life. He worked for the Environment Agency for more than 40 years.

He said: "I am very familiar with the issues that affect Warrington South and am currently conducting a survey across Lymm South to set priorities and bring my knowledge of pressing issues up to date."

The Liberal Democrats have chosen existing parish councillor Anna Fradgley for the borough council contest.

She said: "I have helped set up the Neighbourhood Planning Group on behalf of the Parish Council which will shape Lymm's economic, environmental, housing and infrastructure needs. I feel passionately that we must save our green belt land yet allow sensible development that has the support of the community."

Labour have named Trish Cockayne, a volunteer for the Warrington Foodbank in Lymm to fight both seats.

She has worked for a telecommunications company and a highly regarded cancer charity as well as having been self-employed, is now a volunteer who is involved with successful local projects such as the village's new Heritage Centre and Historic Transport Day.

In recent times, she has worked closely with Warrington South MP Faisal Rashid, helping with his successful campaign at the General Election.

The UK Independence Party has named local resident James Ashington as its candidate while the Green Party has selected Michael Wass.

The full line-up for the borough election is: James Ashington (UKIP), Trish Cockayne (Labour), Anna Fradgley (Liberal Democrat), Stephen Taylor (Conservative) and Michael Wass (Green Party).

For the parish council election the candidates are: James Ashington (UKIP), Andrew Carter (Conservative), Trish Cockayne (Labour) and Joan Stocker (Liberal Democrat).

Both elections take place on Thursday, April 19 and the polling places will be at Cherry Tree School, Hardy Road, St Mary's Church Hall, Crouchley Lane and the Village Hall, Pepper Street.

Lymm rider starts campaign with 23 points

LYMM racing rider Sean Neary started his 2018 campaign in atrocious conditions at Donington Park where he recorded a third and ninth place in the opening round of the Ducati Tri-Options Cup.

The Team Zoek rider endured dreadful weather conditions but came through unscathed.

Conditions were dire for free practice and qualifying with a wet and cold track greeting the riders. But Neary powered his Ducati through to secure a second row start to the first race in fifth place.

As the race got away the track was dry but the temperature was down to around four degrees with a cold easterly wind making it feel even colder. Neary was up into third place on lap two and one

lap later passed Lewis Rollo for second. He maintained second place through the remaining laps until going into the Melbourne Loop for the final time when Rollo dived under him to snatch the position leaving Neary to bring the bike home in third place just under a second behind his rival.

Neary said: "I am happy to get some points on the board after a disaster of a start last year. Thought I could challenge for the win half way through but struggled in a few areas and wanted to bring it



home."

With more heavy overnight rain it was uncertain the racing would go ahead but after a long wait and a lot of work by the marshals the second race went ahead. Neary started from a front row grid position in third place but as the lights went out he had a huge moment and did well to hold the bike upright. He dropped down the order to eighth and maintained his position until the penultimate lap when Daniel Shaw overtook him. Neary went on to complete the race in ninth position to pick up a further seven championship points which added to his haul from race

one gave him a total of 23 which placed him fifth in the standings.

Grim conditions

Afterwards he said: "Not the greatest race today finishing P9 in grim conditions. I was in trouble with no grip so it was damage limitation. On the positive side I left round one with a lot more points than last year."

The next round is at Brands Hatch on April 15.

Five mile "pub crawl" for Motor Neurone Disease

THE annual "Shatliff Shuffle" - a five-mile charity walk around Lymm's pubs to raise money to combat Motor Neurone Disease - will take place on Saturday, June 17.

Organised by Hayley Shatliff-Smith, it will start at the Spread Eagle and finish at the Crown, calling in at all the other pubs on the circular route.

The walk has been taking place since 2012, when 30 walkers took part, and last year attracted 150 walkers raising more than £2,000 for Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

This year, Hayley is hoping to have more than 200 walkers.

She said: "It will be a great way to celebrate Father's Day and the start of the Lymm Festival procession."

Hayley was born and bred in Lymm and her grandfather, Terry Shatliff, who suffered from MND, lived in the village for nearly 60 years, with his five children and then grandchildren.

She said: "MND is a progressive disease that attacks the motor neurones, or nerves, in the brain and spinal cord. This means messages gradually stop reaching the body's muscles leading to weakness and wasting.

"MND can affect how you walk, talk, eat, drink and breathe. However, not all symptoms necessarily happen to everyone and it is unlikely they will all develop at the same time or in any specific order. Although there is currently no cure for MND, symptoms can be managed to help achieve the best possible quality of life. However this is not funded by the NHS so we need to raise money and awareness for the people who suffer and care with MND"

The Lymm walk is part of "Walk to d'feet* MND" - a national fundraising event and is a fun and sociable activity for the whole family to enjoy.

The pubs on the circuit can organise additional activities for the walks, including barbecues and other food, etc.

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