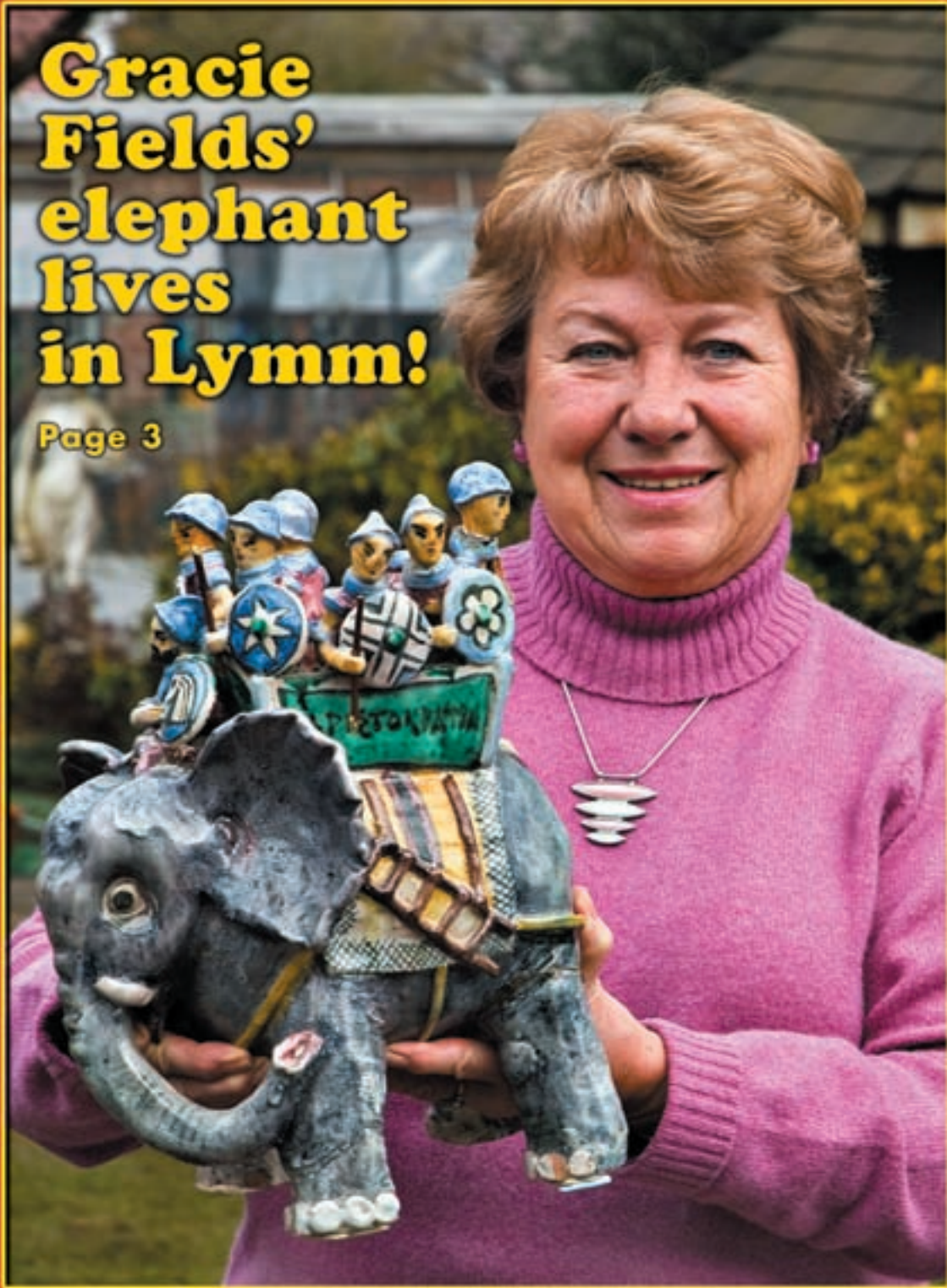


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LYMM Life celebrates its 11th anniversary this month and to mark the occasion we are organising a special Easter Egg hunt around the village centre. (See page 14).

The aim of the competition is to encourage people into the village centre during the ongoing road works to help local traders.

The Easter Egg competition is being co-ordinated by the latest member of our expanding team Jan Baker, who is well known in the local community and has come on board as an additional sales executive.

During the past 11 years **Lymm Life** magazine has become a way of life, produced on time, every single month, by a dedicated team of professionals, ensuring we provide the local community with the best possible vehicle to promote issues and concerns.

More than 6,000 copies are now delivered to nearly every home in the village while it is also still available in usual outlets like Rushgreen Service Station, Costcutter, Burnett's on Higher Lane and the Spar and Post Office in the village centre. Again these are delivered by a team of professionals.

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A LYMM woman has discovered that an ornate, pottery elephant which has pride of place in her home was once owned by the famous singer Gracie Fields.

Margaret Birchall, of Eagle Brow, was given the elephant by her cousin, Jean Highley, when she went into a nursing home.

On examining it closely she found a note taped underneath which indicated that it had once been owned by "Our Gracie."

Mrs Birchall said: "The elephant was given to my cousin by Grace Orbell, a niece of Gracie's sister who, in turn, had been given it by Gracie herself."

"I obviously don't know the details, but it may be that Gracie acquired the elephant when she lived on Capri."

The elephant was made in Italy and commemorates the Battle of Lake Trasimene (217 BC), when the Roman army was virtually annihilated by the Carthaginians, led by the legendary General Hannibal - famous for using elephants to take his army

over the Alps.

Gracie Fields was born over a chip shop in Rochdale in 1898 and died in 1979 - the same year she was made a Dame of the British Empire.

Known as "Our Gracie" or "The Lassie from Lancashire" she made numerous films and hit records and was at one time the highest paid entertainer in Britain.



Former President visits Lymm

A FORMER President of the Methodist Conference, Rev. Dr. Bill Davies, will be preaching on Palm Sunday, March 28, at Lymm Methodist Church, Eagle Brow.

He has a national reputation as an inspirational preacher.

He, his wife Barbara and their two children lived in Thelwall when Bill was a lecturer in Divinity at the former Padgate Teacher Training College.

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Dentist wins second planning battle

LYMM dentist Jill Cooper has won a second planning battle to enable her to expand her surgery against the wishes of her neighbours.

A government-appointed inspector has ruled that she can have a second dentist at her practice in Rushgreen Road - without the need for obscure glazing in a rear, first floor staff room and office.

Last May, borough council planners approved Mrs Cooper's application for planning consent to increase the size of her surgery to make room for a second dentist.

But they imposed a condition that obscure glazing be installed in the rear window. More than 20 neighbours had opposed the proposals on the grounds of increased noise, parking problems and lack of privacy.

They claimed 1,000 NHS patients were already using the surgery, plus a number of private patients and argued that if the numbers doubled

the problems would worsen.

Mrs Cooper subsequently appealed against the condition that she must have obscure glazing and the inspector who dealt with her appeal has ruled that it is

unnecessary.

He said if the room involved had been open to the public there might have been a risk of harmful overlooking of neighbouring gardens.

But as the room was to be used only by staff, and the two windows had high cills, there would be only limited views over the gardens.

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Warrington's branch manager Dennis Evans believes much of the bank's success has been down to traditional banking values, where a bank provides a service to its local community.

"This is good old fashioned banking," said Dennis.

"Ninety nine per cent of the decisions are made on the front line at our branch," he added. "There is no point someone sitting in an office in Stockholm making a decision for someone in Warrington. Our decisions are made here at the coalface!"

"Since we launched in Warrington we have been making steady

progress. Our staff do not have to work to sales targets, so there is no pressure selling.

"The feedback from our customers has been very positive and we have made a commitment to our local community, sourcing everything possible from the local market.

Handelsbanken offers Corporate banking, typically dealing with established £1m turnover businesses. Individual banking customers are typically directors, partners in professional practices, senior managers, business owners and local entrepreneurs. In both these areas it can offer the full banking package including internet connectivity.

"Our bank doesn't pay staff bonuses and hasn't had to turn to anybody for help during the current economic downturn either by way of rights issue or asset sale," added Dennis.

Handelsbanken has already shown its commitment to supporting the local community, showing support for the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Foundation for Peace, Warrington Grassroots and even supplying a giant Swedish flag to Warrington Town FC's Supporter's Club.

The team at Handelsbanken consists of Branch Manager Dennis, Corporate Manager Chris Clarke, Individual Banking Manager Karen McComb and Account Manager Support Jason Burgess.

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Do you have an itchy dog or cat? One of the most common ailments seen in dogs and cats is itchy red skin or hair loss. This month we will cover some of the main causal factors of dermatitis (skin infection) in pets.

By far the most common cause of dermatitis is an allergy. Pets can be allergic to anything from insect bites to grass pollen (just like us). Fleas are the biggest culprit but can be swiftly eliminated by using a flea preparation available from the vets.

If your pet only becomes itchy at a certain time of year then a

seasonal allergy may be the causal factor. This is a reaction to a stimulus that occurs for a short period of time (i.e. grass or tree pollen).

Pets can also be allergic to things like washing powder, new carpets, house dust mites and even dog food! Thankfully there is a simple blood test available at Lymm Veterinary Surgery which can help us to determine what your pet is allergic to.

Often the licking and scratching that your pet does can make the allergy worse by causing a secondary infection. This needs to be treated with



antibiotic tablets or cream.

Sometimes an underlying disease can cause skin problems. Thyroid imbalances may cause dull, flaky or greasy coat and some times itching and hair loss. Skin and ear infections are common with a condition called Cushing's Disease.

Boredom or anxiety can also cause dogs or cats to overgroom themselves resulting in dry, itchy or flaky skin and hair loss.

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Last year's event raised over £4000 for local charities and community projects including: Cotebrook house, Riding for the Disabled, Steps (a local charity who work with children with limb disorders) and the revitalised Lymm Youth Club.

The Lymm Duck race is organised and run by the Lymm and District Round Table, who, as well as local charities and community projects, have also supported the Haiti appeal this year.

The format will follow last year's successful programme with the village closed to traffic to allow room for children's rides and local food outlets such as the Crazy Catering Company's Hog Roast and Moo Cow coffee van, plus the usual visiting traders.

The road closure makes the village centre a safer place for kids and also lends a little to the carnival atmosphere.

Tabler Scott Swiffen said: "The ducks themselves are already in training and will be launched upstream from the village and will then storm to a photo finish at the village duck pond!"

This year it's hoped that local charities and organisations will come along and help run some stalls. Possible suggestions include: Hook a Duck, Balloon Races, Easter Bonnet Competitions, etc.

Duck tickets will be on sale at The

Cross on the three Saturday mornings prior to the event and on the day itself.

Scott added: "Try and get your duck early as last year's queues on the day were very long. We are selling the £1 ducks as usual but there are also corporate and super sponsorship ducks. If you have a local business, want to support a worthwhile event and gain some publicity then get in touch."

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David Casdagli feeding the Alpacas

Freemasons feed the animals

THE alpacas, ducks, chickens and other animals at the Children's Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT) near Lymm, can enjoy a feast – thanks to a donation.

Members of The Earl of Chester Masonic Lodge, which meets at the Spread Eagle Hotel in Lymm, donated £250 worth of animal feed to the charity.

A series of social and fundraising events had been held by the group

during the year. The Master for the Year for 2008/9 Stewart Daniels decided to support CAFT.

David Casdagli, on his behalf, presented the feed to fundraisers Rachel Robinson and Julie Gray and animal care specialist, Jim Scoll.

Julie said: "It costs £800,000 each year to keep the doors open at CAFT and the material and financial assistance offered by the Masons will help considerably."

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Final curtain call for 'useless' theatre group

[By Gemma Southern]

LAUGHTER and mystery will be the script when a Lymm theatre group takes its final bow this summer after 20 'really useless' years.

Players will call time on 'The Really Useless Theatre Company' after performing 'The Scramblings at Spriggly Torch' in June, as part of the Lymm Festival line up for 2010.

Richard Coleman and his former colleague Fred Aylin set up the 'am dram' group by chance in 1990 after staging a school production of the pantomime 'Cinderella'.

"We thought we'd try and do a pantomime," said Richard, a teacher at Lymm High School, "but it went better than we ever could have hoped, so we just carried on."

"We ended up doing six performances and a matinee, so that was it - for the next 12 years we performed six shows a year."

The group of parents, governors and students pinched the name as a funny take on Lloyd Webber's 'Really Useful' production company and set about entertaining the people of Lymm.

By 2002, the troop needed more space for sets and was keen to expand its repertoire into murder mystery and melodrama.

It moved away from panto and linked up with Lymm Festival, performing shows with more participation, offering audiences the chance to buy a table and bring food along to performances.

Over the years hundreds of Lymm residents have been involved in the productions - around 40 pupils a year were involved in the early

pantomimes, both acting and behind the scenes.

The company has also raised over £10,000 for a range of local charities, including the Children's Adventure Farm and the Lymm based 'Steps'.

Now rehearsals have started for its 20th and final show. The script, written by Richard, promises mystery and laughter - and sadness as the curtain comes down for the final time.

He said: "You do feel sad but we've all got on brilliantly over the years and we thought we'd go out on a high. We're all getting older now, things change and people have other

commitments."

"It's not goodbye at all. I don't know whether anyone from the group has plans to perform in the future but we're all from the Lymm area and we know each other very well so we'll certainly stay in touch."

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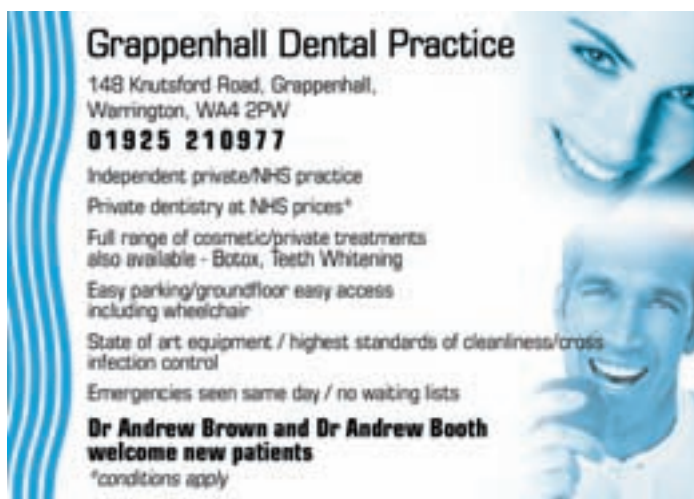
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Searching

A SEARCH has started for the descendants of a British Army officer, from Lymm, who was killed in the Zulu War of 1879.

klI Norman David Black is remembered by a gravestone at St Mary's Church, although it is unlikely that his remains are interred there.

He was among some 1,500 British and Native troops killed at the Battle of Isandhlwana, Natal, in South Africa on January 22, 1879 and most were buried under whitewashed stone cairns several weeks after the battle.

Retired IT consultant Terry Critchley, 68, of High Legh who, along with his

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ng for family of Zulu War victim

brother Alan, has a particular interest in the Zulu War.

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Dr Critchley said: "The Battle of Isandhlwana took place only hours before the famous defence of Rorke's

Drift, when 11 VCs were awarded, but is not so well known.

"The inscription on the gravestone is now almost unreadable and it really needs cleaning up.

"I would be pleased to do this, subject to permission for the descendents of the Black family and, of course the church.

"I am now trying to trace members of the family and anyone who can help can contact me at tcritchley07@aol.com"

Dr Critchley's brother Alan, who lives in North Wales, runs a website www.rorkesdriftvc.com which attracts visits from military history enthusiasts from all over the world and has been widely praised.



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Neville Davies (2nd right) and campaigners outside the youth club

Youth club volunteers vow to battle on

DESPITE an uncertain future, volunteers at Lymm Youth Club have vowed to battle on to provide a community facility in the heart of the village.

Following the recent announcement that the youth club and neighbouring British Legion have been listed on Warrington Borough Council's list for potential disposal, the secretary of the Lymm Youth and Community Centre Management Committee, Neville Davies, has pledged to fight on.

He said: "Despite the uncertainty added to by the decision of Warrington Borough Council to put a possible "For Sale" notice on our premises, we remain committed to maintaining youth and community facilities on this site at the heart of our village.

"In meetings with the Borough Councillors elected to represent Lymm, we have indicated our willingness to work with any development proposals to preserve the facility on this site and have been assured of their support for our project, as have the prospective Labour candidates for both Borough and Parliament in the coming elections. We continue to trust that our Councillors will guarantee our facility in the long term future, after all, the building is here and in use. The volunteers are here and running the facility at no cost to the Council. I'm sure the Council will recognise a bargain when they look carefully."

"We have a lively and expanding programme of community activities in

place already and even more exciting developments planned. In particular, in co-operation with Lymm Rotary Club, Warrington Stronger Together and Su Williams, we are rolling out a stimulating pilot programme for South Warrington called "Bridging the Gap".

"This will be built around a neighbourhood programme for older, especially isolated, citizens. Initially at monthly intervals, events will be organised incorporating a Tea Dance plus other activities with refreshments being made and served by young people.

"We will be organising an increasing number of other opportunities such as the chance to discuss issues direct with senior police and other public officers. In time we hope to increase these activities with interests such as "armchair aerobics", manicure tasters, hairdressing, chiropodist visits etc as well as hobby opportunities, perhaps even Bingo or Computers. Transport will be arranged for those who need it or who live outside Lymm."

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The store is now open from 8am to 10pm seven days a week and boasts a roomy, walk-in beer and wine cellar with a wide range of beers, chilled wines, etc.

There is new refrigeration throughout the store, a coffee machine serving freshly ground coffee and a much improved, customer-friendly checkout area.

The store re-opened with a range of special offers, including some items at half price.



Welcoming staff at the new store

Speed limits cut at danger hot spots

PLANS to cut the speed limit in danger hot-spots across Lymm village have been welcomed by a local safety campaigner.

The proposals, which are now set to be approved, will cut the speed limit on A56 Higher Lane to 40mph from the Jolly Thresher to Whiteleggs Lane, where the 30mph zone will begin.

Campaigners hope this will

improve safety for pedestrians and motorists by slowing down the traffic entering the area.

High Legh Road, Burford Lane and Mill Lane are also set to become 40mph from the boundary of High Legh to the 30mph in Mill Lane.

Cherry Lane will be reduced to 40mph from the clematis nursery near Cherry Farm to the present 30mph just before Booths Lane, making it safer for pedestrians and children heading for Cherry Tree School.

Lymm councillor and long term road safety campaigner Sheila Woodyatt, said: "The national speed limit, 60mph, exists on certain parts of Higher Lane and the side roads. We get cars whizzing along, going like mad past people's houses."

"Whatever else you do, you cannot legislate for the idiots who take no notice and keep speeding.

"In Burford Lane and High Legh Road, there are many older people and young children about – and the speed of some cars is ridiculous."

"I am delighted that the proposals for the reduction in speed limit are set to be approved. This is long standing campaign of mine after many complaints from the local residents.

Sheila will be contacting police to see if Police Officers or Community Support Officers can carry out regular speed checks on the roads affected.

Double yellow lines at the junction of Booths Lane and Highfield Road are also likely to be given the green light, which will improve visibility for local residents.

Red tarmac and slow signs have already been put in place at Camsley Bridge as well as hatchings and turning markings and a pedestrian refuge at the top of Barsbank Lane.

Ridgway Grundy play area complete

YOUNGSTERS who had their say about a new play area at Ridgway Grundy Park in Lymm will have the chance to see whether their views were taken on board now that the work is complete.

The new area for eight to 14 year olds was paid for with funding from Warrington Council through the Government's Play Pathfinder initiative.

The council pledged £78,000 to revamp the park and Parish councillors surveyed local school

children to find out what improvements they wanted to see.

Sheila Woodyatt, councillor for Lymm said: "It is a superb facility. I have campaigned for many years for improvements to the play areas in Lymm."

"There was also funding left over to improve the play area in Sandy Lane with dog fencing and a new footpath. The equipment has been repainted and the roundabout refurbished. There is still more to do here and I won't give up but this is a start."

WI reach 'that certain age'

HIGH Legh WI laughed about reaching 'that certain age' when speaker Gay Rhodes presented a talk to their February meeting.

This was the first time the Group had met in 2010, after their January meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Tracey Cooke, a committee member, also explained all the good works taken on by the Associated Country Women of the World and suggested that members put all their odd coins in a collection box for the charity.

President Olwyn Brown, was presented with the table decoration to thank her for organising and arranging the Christmas evening in December. The Denman Bursary this year was won by Sue Edwards.

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Local community drive for Lymm Golf Club

LYMM Golf Club has pledged to tee off 2010 with a continued drive towards opening up to the local community.

The club has been keen to ditch its old fashioned and remote image over recent years and is fast becoming a recognised local facility for social functions, according to the management team.

Local golfers are being encouraged to give the club a try – over 30 new members joined last year alone after taking advantage of a try before you buy, reduced rate, three month membership plan.

Charities such as Lymm Lions and St Rocco's Hospice have held fundraisers at the club and it now has much closer links with Lymm Festival, with some events being held there.

In 2009, the club was awarded by the Sports Turf Research Institute for 'integrated turf management' after its approach to environmental management of the greens made them more resilient to the weather, allowing them to stay open in the

winter.

The club is also keen to grow its junior section in 2010 with help from senior club members and resident PGA professional Steve MacCarthy. Around 50 young people from the local area are already involved.

Trevor Glover, administration manager at the club, said: "Golf clubs can often be seen by many people as old fashioned and remote and historically this has often been the case.

"Lymm Golf Club has recognised this and has concentrated on opening up the club as a local facility, as well as making joining less of a daunting and expensive process.

"The club house has continued to grow as a local facility. This approach will be continued in 2010 and the club is determined to make sure that it remains an attractive place to visit whether to play or enjoy a social function."

Extension appeal allowed

A PLANNING inspector has overturned a refusal by borough planning chiefs to grant permission for a two-storey side extension at a house in David Road, Lymm.

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Rugby juniors celebrate

LYMM RFC Under 10s team is celebrating a great start to 2010 after a winning a series of tough matches against all the top Cheshire clubs.

In the first game of January 2010, both A1 and A2 squads defeated Stockport, the winners of the Huddersfield and Wilmslow Festivals, without conceding.

At Chester, one week later, in a re-run of the Manchester Festival final, the home team were desperate for revenge and the heavy pitch made running rugby difficult but Lymm's forwards were too strong. The front row made and scored every try and the boys ran out easy winners with four tries to one and three tries to one.

At the end of January, at Caldby, Lymm fielded its A2 squad against the best A teams in the county but yet again, Lymm rose to the challenge. The main highlight was coming from behind to beat hosts Caldby by two tries to one try.

The boys couldn't back up in the next match against Altrincham Kersal but finished strongly against Caldby A2 with 10 tries to none.

The team travelled to nearby Macclesfield for the next game, to take on last seasons national semi finalists and showed their dominance against a top mini and junior club when the A1 and A2 squads won three out of four matches.

On Feb 14, the boys defeated a determined Wilmslow team three tries

to none and seven tries to one.

Lymm RFC Under 10s coach Nick Hughes said: "With many boys not available due to half term holidays, these results demonstrate the strength in depth in this squad. As we go into the final quarter of the season, our A1 team is unbeaten with only two tries conceded."

This year, both the A1 and A2 squads will compete in the National Festival at Nottingham over the Easter weekend. This event attracts the best mini rugby clubs from all over the UK and success will mean last year's 'Junior Team of the Year' will qualify for Twickenham on Grand Final day.

Anyone interested in joining Lymm RFC Under 10s or another of the mini and junior teams should contact Nick Hughes at nhughes1007@aol.com or 07834 307556.



Lymm RFC Under 10s squad celebrating at Crouchley Lane after the Stockport fixture

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Parking ban

David Roberts, Lymm

I wonder how often Chris Wakefield has negotiated the difficult process of turning onto Booths Hill Road from Highfield Road? Even he, I think, would agree that turning right is extremely difficult, particularly when cars are parked on Booths Hill Road near to the junction.

His assertion that the issue of the proposed parking ban is a 'sticking plaster' solution has, in my view, little

merit. Negotiating the right turn onto the A56 is difficult because of obscured vision and is and always has been difficult because of parked vehicles, not speed.

The parking ban is an extremely positive step towards safer roads in Lymm and hopefully the first of the many actions needed on many of Lymm's roads to ensure the safety its residents and visitors.

Garden store refused

PLANNING chiefs have refused permission for a garden store with office space above it in the grounds of a house in Cherry Lane, Lymm.

Members of the borough's development control committee visited the site, near the junction with Old Smithy Lane, before reaching a decision.

They heard 11 neighbours had written letters of objection on a variety of grounds, including fears that the building could later be converted into a separate dwelling.

But they also believed the site was already overdeveloped and that an additional building would result in a loss of privacy and daylight for an adjoining house.

Another issue was the impact on the main house - a Listed building.

Officers recommended the scheme be approved and said there would be no perceivable impact on neighbours, the character of the street scene nor on parking provision.

But the committee voted to refuse consent.

CAFT events

TWO exciting fund-raising events are planned by a Lymm charity that provides holidays for terminally ill, chronically sick, disabled and disadvantaged children.

Local people are being encouraged to join in and have fun as well as helping the Children's Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT) at Millington.

Both events are being held at Mere Golf and Country Club, near Knutsford. On Thursday April 29 there will be a CAFT Golf Day and on Wednesday June 16 it will be the Annual Ladies Lunch.

Tickets are available from the fundraising office on 01565 830053.

Obituary

Mrs Grace Price

THE funeral has taken place of Grace Price, nee Gregg, of Lymmington Avenue, Lymm, who has died aged 84.

Mrs Price, who died on January 19 at St Rocco's Hospice, Warrington was born in the town but had lived in Lymm for 48 years.

Apart from her family, her outside interests were at Lymm Parish Church where she had been a member of the church council and also a churchwarden - the first woman to hold that office in Lymm.

She was also a members of Lymm

Women's Institute and its literary group.

Mrs Price is survived by her husband, three sons and two daughters, three grandsons and two granddaughters.

Following a service at St Mary's Church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev Keith Maudsley, cremation took place at Altrincham Crematorium.

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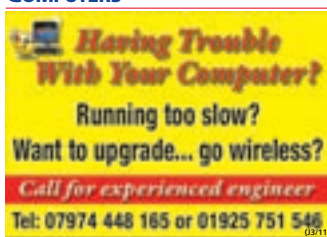
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