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Editor's Comment



THE ongoing problem of car parking facilities in Lymm village is rearing its ugly head again - with fears that if new car parking charges proposed by Warrington Borough Council go ahead it could 'kill the village.'

The proposals involve reducing the ree parking on Pepper Street from two hours to one, while also implementing a similar pay and display system on the Henry Street and Davies Way car parks.

and Davies Way car parks.

While nobody likes paying car parking charges - we simply do not have enough parking spaces to cater for the village centre.

If there is no pay and display you end up with people parking all day, which in turn deters shoppers.

It is a fine balancing act

It is a fine balancing act. If the Borough Council could retain the two hour free parking on ALL the village car parks, I believe it would achieve what is best for the villlage-plenty of free parking spaces for shoppers visiting the village. Personally the system on Pepper Street has worked well for me during

my visits to the village, although it is easy to have a senior moment and forget to get a ticket!

Problems

But there is one thing for sure whatever system is introduced the general parking problems for the village centre will never completely go away for one simple reason - there aren't enough parking spaces!

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Volunteers celebrate community asset transfer

VOLUNTEERS at Lymm Youth and Community Centre are celebrating after Warrington Borough Council unanimously approved a Community Asset Transfer of the centre to the local community on a 30 year lease.

Run entirely by volunteers from the local community the centre is self-sustaining without any regular income from the Local Authority and supports itself by fundraising and DIY maintenance by its volunteers. Its monthly meetings at 7.30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month are open to everyoné.

The centre popular even centre organises events staffed several volunteers including monthly Farmers and Craft Markets, Senior Socials, Film Shows and weekly Young Peoples Club, Junior Club and Thursday Market Day Breakfasts. It Parties to hire at competitive rates; It provides a venue for outside groups such as Zumba, Street Dance, Slimming World, Stage School, Keep Fit, Budo and even private Birthday Parties to hire at competitive rates; and supports community groups such as Messy Church, Domville Lodge, Indoor Bowls and Table Tennis, as Indoor Bowls and Table Tennis, as well as playing a full part in local events such as Lymm May Queen, Lymm Festival, Lymm Dickensian Christmas etc

Steve Griffiths, Chairman, said; "We are absolutely delighted at this news, but I must pay tribute to the dedication of former and continuing dealcation of former and continuing volunteers who kept the centre open through difficult times and helped achieve this result. The present administration has put its trust in us. We have shown that the centre is needed and sustainable. We now

need the people organisations to ensure that the centre goes forward run by the community for the benefit of the community in Lymm and across the Borough."

Geraldine Reynolds, Treasurer of

Lymm Youth and Community Association, said: "We would like to set on record our thanks and appreciation for the faith the Executive Committee of Warrington Borough Council has demonstrated in approving a Community Asset Transfer of Lymm Youth and Community Centre to the Association. Without formal regulation by the authorities, we have still strived for and achieved self-imposed high standards in line with national guidelines and procedures but now fully appreciate the commitment and legal responsibilities we have taken on in managing a publicly owned asset.

"We are determined to continue to maintain and develop the centre for the benefit of the community and to ensure its democratic management by the community. With a long secure lease we can now apply for grants and work towards improving the appearance of the building and hope now that we can attract more local volunteers to play their part in this new lease of life for this vital facility at the

heart of the village."

Volunteer Su Williams said: "This gives us a wonderful opportunity, with

Warrington Borough Council, to incorporate additional support services and provide a focal point for the people of Lymm, particularly those who are young, older, disabled or disadvantaged, but we hope also that our facilities will increasingly be available for people from across the borough. We hope too that our experience in developing our Community Asset Transfer Proposal and the necessary Policies and Procedures, which we are happy to these might help other community. share, might help other community organisations throughout the Borough to improve and develop community services for the benefit of the whole of



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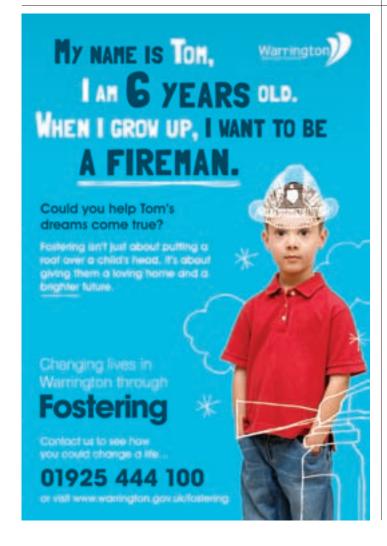


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Pre-school turning Japanese!



PART of a Lymm pre-school has been transformed into a Japanese Garden for children to enjoy a new cultural experience.

A pagoda, oriental wind chime, Japanese bridge, bamboo plants and a heron have been added to the garden at St Mary's Preschool, creating a special place where the children can run, make music and literally "talk Japanese".

Lynn Smith, the supervisor at St Mary's Preschool said: "We are fortunate to have a really active parent-led committee here. One of the parents came in and talked to the boys and girls about Japan. The children had fun trying on geisha dresses and outfits embellished with golden dragons. They looked at some Japanese symbols and even learnt a few words!

"The children particularly loved finding out about Harry the Heron, why his beak and legs are so long,

why he likes to "hang around" Japanese gardens, and what his favourite food is which, as we all know, is fish! Now they want to look out for Harry's real friends at the Lymm Dam which is next to our preschool."

The Japanese Garden is part of the pre-school's "Global Village" theme where children learn about the wider

Lynn added:"We think it's important to expose our children to other countries, cultures and ways of life and it builds on other areas we have explored with the children such as Chinese New Year, Indian Divali festival and an array of other cultural and religious events. We hope to create an African village or rainforest next, so watch this space!

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Parking charges could kill village

BOROUGH Council proposals to extend pay-and-display parking in Lymm have been met by dismay - and anger.

Traders, councillors and shoppers are opposed to crucial parts of the strategy

particularly extending charging to the Davies Way car park and cutting the free period at Pepper Street from two hours to one.

Transportation chiefs at the borough council say the changes are to improve the operation of the Lymm car parks. But they also admit they are to save money at a time of "severe budgetary constraints." "severe budgefary constraints." Cllr Sheila Woodyatt said: "The proposals have the potential to kill the village."

Cllr Ian Marks added: "I am disappointed with the proposals for Pepper Street-particularly charging for the second hour.

"I am very much opposed to charging on the Davies Way car park."

The borough's proposals, which would be implemented in the autumn, are:
Davies Way and Henry Street car parks: 0-1 hour: free; 1-2 hours: 50p; 2-3 hours:
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There was a decline of more than 20

per cent between 2001 and 2004. Virginia said: "It is not an under-estimation to say that we have little over a decade to save the hedgehog.

But local residents now have an opportunity to help Virginia and the local hedgehog population - by having their ovens cleaned.

Warrington-based oven valeting business Ovenu will be donating five per cent of their fee to the charity during

August.
Virginia said: "The charity is totally self-funded, so fundraising efforts such as Ovenu's are crucial to our survival.

"The work we are doing to save the species on the frontline is so valuable to their survival. If we can raise awareness

of things that people can do, such as being more vigilant when they are using lawn mowers or strimmers in their gardens, avoiding laying slug pellets and ensuring that garden fences have spaces for our native mammals to pass under safely, then they will be helping to save the hedgehog."

Ovenu boss Paul Clark, 49, said: "I

am delighted to be helping in some small way to make a big difference to the future of one of our most endangered native mammals. Aside from the money that will be generated, which is vital to the work Virginia and her team are doing, I hope that many more people will now be alerted to the plight of the hedgehog.

The rescue centre is also appealing for urgent donations of cat and dog food, as this forms the staple diet of the rescued hedgehogs.

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Ovenu Warrington business owner Paul Clarke with Warrington Hedgehog Rescue Manager, Virginia Jones









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Lymm Festival covered eleven days of varying entertainment, with the Food Fest seeing local restaurants and food establishments lining the streets offering meals and food tasting opportunities.

It also saw the unveiling of The Big Picture.

Another popular event was Art in the Garden where Su Williams displayed some art work made from



Eating dessert at the Lymm Food Festival are left, Hannah Collins and Molly Clark both aged 13.

unwanted specs which will be sent on later for use in Africa.

Two year old Jonah Ottiwell and his grandfather Mike Porter are also pictured listening to some relaxing accordian music provided by Sam Fletcher at Art in the Garden Leckonby Cottage, Whitbarrow Rd,

Meanwhile nearly 250 packed into the Lymm Festival Marquee for the debut of the forty strong Lymm Big Sing Choir, formed specially for the festival.

The choir formed by Alan Williams and coached by Susan Healey had just three rehearsals to prepare for the performance.

Friends and relatives cheered as the choir knocked them out with Walking In Memphis, I Just Can't Stop Loving you and Could it Be Magic.

The evening was headlined by the fabulous Helen Monks Band in a concert titled "Natural Woman" and was supported by Alan Williams.



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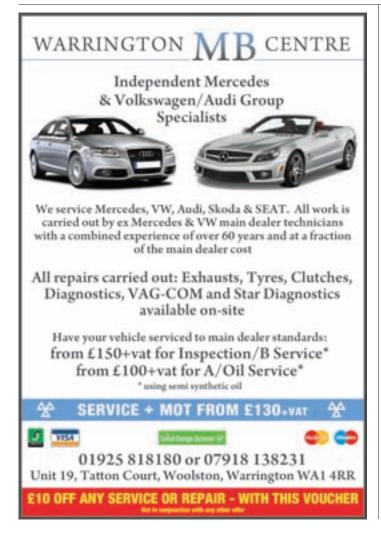
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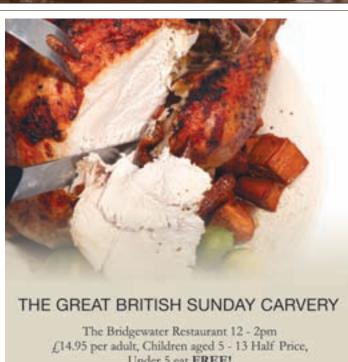
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Daily road closures will take place between 8.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

In addition to the resurfacing work, a traffic island is to be installed between Woodland Avenue and Oughtrington Lane as part of an attempt

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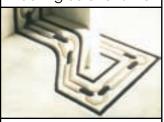
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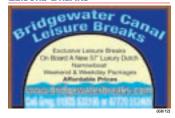
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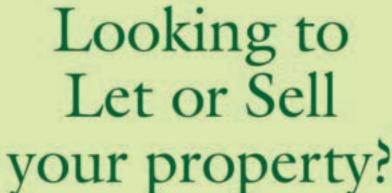












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