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# Editor's Comment



**DESPITE the tough economic times for many people, feedback from several local businesses in Lymm is that the improved car parking in the village centre is helping increase trade.**

This is great news and *Lymm Life* is delighted to have played a major role in helping promote the free car parking initiative over the past few months.

A big thank you to all the traders who supported the campaign.

Now we are approaching the most critical time of the year for many business people who survive through the lean times in the New Year on their Christmas takings.

The annual Lymm Dickensian event always provides a welcome boost but I have noticed many who often support this charitable event have cut back on their outgoings.

While charity begins at home events like Dickensian are the lifeblood of our local community.

While urging all residents to support local traders in the build up to Christmas – I would also urge ALL traders to support the Dickensian Festival, which is organised by hard working volunteers. Remember support is a two way thing.

If you haven't already made a donation to the festival organisers, can I suggest you make whatever donation you can, as every little helps.

Meanwhile we are extending our trial distribution of *Lymm Life* door to door in the build up to Christmas, with copies also available to pick up in our usual outlets.

So by producing additional copies (now 6,000 monthly) we hope we are doing our bit to help those who

support us!

Remember more local business advertise in *Lymm Life* than any other publication and we are still here more than 10 years on - so we must be doing something right!

Meanwhile if you are a local organisation or have a story to tell don't keep it to yourself.

We are always keen to hear of local success stories or special achievements. As well as broadcasting your news to the people of Lymm we can include it on our interactive website.

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**WHEN Lymm schoolgirl Ellie Dibben was given a session in a recording studio as a birthday present by her parents last June, they all thought it was just a bit of fun.**

But the birthday gift could turn out to be a ticket to fame for the 11-year old who loves to sing.

The tracks she recorded sounded so good, they were passed from family to friends. Just months later her CD was picked up by two radio stations and she's been talent spotted by 1960s music legend PJ Proby.

He asked to meet Ellie in September, after a relative sent him the CD, and invited her to rehearse with him at the studios in his house in the Cotswolds.

Now she'll duet with him at a Christmas dinner for The Heritage Foundation at The Marriot Hotel, in London on November 21, alongside other stars from the era.

Ellie's mum Carolyn said: "Ellie has always loved singing, ever since she was a toddler. We haven't particularly pushed her in that direction but it's all she wants to do."

"As soon as she gets home from school, she's downloading backing tracks and practicing lyrics - after she's done her homework of course! We bought her a session in a recording studio for her birthday because we thought she'd enjoy it but it just snowballed from there."

"She has a good voice for country music - it has a Dolly Parton twang - but she likes pop too. Her favourites are Taylor Swift and Miley Cyrus."

PJ Proby, who has performed with greats like Johnny Cash and Buddy Holly, was moved by Ellie's version of

"Butterfly Fly Away" - a duet which Miley Cyrus sings with her dad Billy Ray. They'll sing the duet at the concert as well as the Everley Brothers' "Bye Bye Love" and Ellie will also sing three solo songs.

It will be the first time Ellie has performed live in front of an audience that isn't family and friends. Instead, the audience will be packed with music industry insiders including Robin Gibb, of the Bee Gees.

Carolyn said: "PJ thinks Ellie will be spotted by an agent when she sings in London. We have been approached by a management company already and we're meeting with them soon to see what they have to say."

Ellie is also busy writing some of her own songs but she hasn't recorded any yet.



Ellie, with 60s star PJ Proby.

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# Looking for people who don't go to church!

## NEW head of community engagement at Lymm Baptist Church is Susannah Pilkington.

She has arrived at the church with the specific remit of connecting with people who DON'T go to the church.

Previously she has taught PE and maths to 11-18 year-olds, done Christian training with Navigators,

Christians in Sport and at Nazarene Theological College and also worked for 'Fit Lives' doing outreach work through health and fitness.

'Auntie Extraordinaire'

Susannah says she loves being hospitable but dislikes cooking, loves sport and keeping fit but has a serious weakness for chocolate and attempts to be 'Auntie Extraordinaire' to nine nieces and nephews.

She went to Loughborough University, played county level netball and is a qualified aerobics instructor and sports massage therapist.

She added: "I'm not a runner, but in an attempt to keep fit, can regularly be seen puffing my way around the



Dam!  
"I'm terrified of heights and spiders and love God and love people so see this as my ideal job!"

## Arresting time at Spread Eagle

STAND up comedian Alfie Moore will be arresting the audience when he takes the stage at a comedy night in Lymm.

The serving police sergeant will be leaving his beat in Humberside to entertain revellers, upstairs at the Spread Eagle pub on November 27.

Drawing on his experiences of 16 years in the force, he's been raising a laugh all over the country with his act and has now had two successful shows at the Edinburgh fringe festival.

The 'Winter Warmer' event line up also features Ben Scofield, a died in the wool rocker, and Don Barr who will entertain with innovative musical material.

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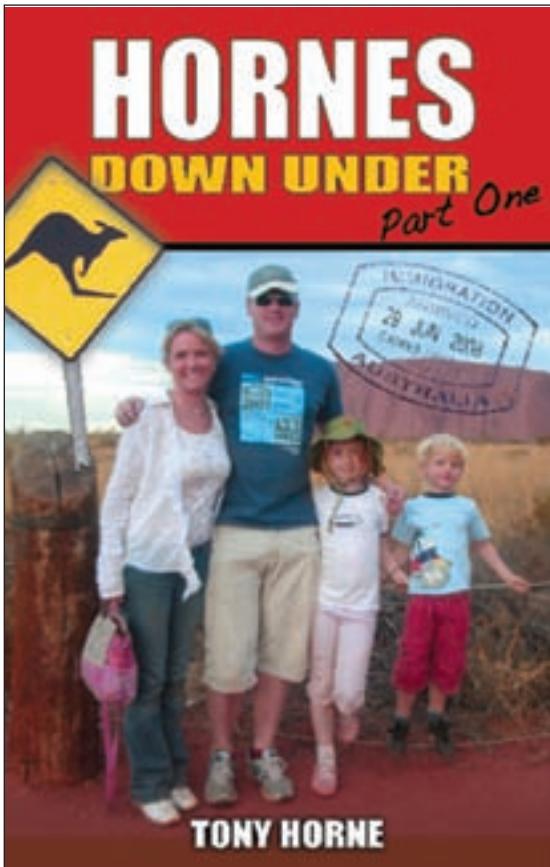
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# Hornes down under!



**LYMM resident Tony Horne - best known for hosting what is believed to be the longest running continuous breakfast show on commercial radio in England - has written his first book.**

"Hornes Down Under, Part One" tells the story of the Horne family's 12-month "holiday" in a campervan in Australia.

It was in June last year that the family - Tony, 36, Natalie, 34, Molly, 8 and Sam, 5, set out on the biggest adventure of their lives, without a clue to what lay ahead.

They are back now - with new baby Poppy and the book, which tells of a crazy, hilarious summer spent Down Under.

It is described as the true story of a burnt out family, bitten by the credit crunch, bogged down by nanny state legislation, collapsing under the burden that your life is flying by with your kids growing up fast, together with the realisation that your career has stalled, while knowing that you only have the duration of the school holidays to play with!

If you like wildlife, campervans, Australia, barbecues, arguments with airlines, theme parks, Steve Irwin and families that just limp from one cock-up to another, then this is the book for you!

Tony says: "This is my travel story of a family trying to re-introduce themselves to each other after many stressful years, following a route along the coast of Australia from Darwin to Adelaide."

Tony Horne currently hosts a morning show on Metro Radio in the North East.

In Lymm, he organised the temporary Radio Lymm station and helped run the Dickensian Festival in 2006 and 2007.

The book is published by Matador and is available from [www.hornesdownunder.com](http://www.hornesdownunder.com) for £16.99.

## Charity looking to make Headway

A CHARITY which helps people who have acquired a brain injury is looking to raise awareness and recruit new members.

Headway Warrington help to provide a social network for anyone who has an acquired brain injury.

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Anyone interested in the nursery can book an appointment to view the new outdoor play area by calling 01925 757597.

Susie Ives, from the nursery, said: "Opportunities outside include a large construction/building site area, a wooden house to develop the imagination through role play and a maths and literacy area."

"There is also a clutter bridge to develop balancing skills and sensory resources outside for the younger children and babies."



## County champions!

STATHAM Primary School, Lymm are the new Cheshire Tag Rugby champions. Youngsters at the school claimed the title after earlier being crowned the Warrington champions.

Now the school will go on into the North West finals, to be played in the spring, with a chance of progressing into the national finals at Twickenham.

A school spokeswoman said: "We are really proud of our children."

## Farmers' Market

A CHRISTMAS craft fair and farmer's market is to be held at Oughtrington Community Centre on Sunday, November 29.

The event - which is to run from 10am to 2pm - is in aid of Community Centre funds.

A similar event last year proved a great success, raising nearly £900, and it is hoped this year's will prove even more successful.

Organisers are hoping there will be 50 local suppliers and that local pre-schools will get involved with their own fund raising to ensure the day benefits the whole of Lymm.

In addition to fresh, local produce there will be mulled wine, mince pies and music. Events will be held indoors and outdoors to ensure the weather doesn't prove a dampener.

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# Rotary Club sponsors young leaders

THE Rotary Club of Lymm sponsored one student from Lymm High School (Ellis Davies) and two students from Broadoak School, Partington (Simon Holt and Jamie Gallagher) on the first ever Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) to be conducted in our District 1280.

Talented 14 - 16 year old candidates are chosen from local schools or a group eg scouts, etc. Some are children or grandchildren of Rotary members. They attend a series of outdoor activities involving leadership and team building skills over a five day residential course at Petty Pool Trust Outdoor Centre, Sandiway.

The students this year gained so much self confidence and leadership skills that, in their presentation to sponsoring Clubs at the end of the course, their comments were fantastic, unbelievable, wonderful and very beneficial. Some even wanted to stay for another week!

Simon Holt from Broadoak School won the Gold Award for 'Outstanding Leadership Qualities'.

This course will be running next year during the summer holiday break and anyone wishing to propose candidates, please contact the Rotary Club of Lymm secretary, Neville Davies 01925 755757 or Email: kathandnev@uwclub.net for more information.



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# Charity dinner in aid of African orphans

**A special charity event featuring Rowetta from the X-Factor takes place at Lymm golf club on Saturday November 28 to help raise funds for orphans in Africa.**

The black tie event will include entertainment by local act Anneli who will perform with Rowetta who has also featured with the Happy Mondays.

The charity has been set up by local landscaper Paul Conreen and his wife Anneli, who were inspired after visiting Ghana in Africa.

Their aim is health promotion and disease prevention.

Anneli said: "We want to make a difference to people, especially children in less fortunate places in the world. We went to Ghana and did football coaching and donated football kits from Lymm Rovers and Cromwell JFC football clubs.

"We gave advice on nutrition and health, donating to St. Mary's orphanage Nkawkaw, starting a water bore project to get clean water to two villages."

They also provided HIV/Aids awareness and support.

"We had the opportunity to meet and work with various organisations and with children and teachers at Abusco and Kwahuman scholl in Nkawkaw.

"It was an unbelievable experience and we want to do as much as we can to help those who are less fortunate in the world," added Anneli.

To donate to the charity visit the website [www.holdingon.net](http://www.holdingon.net). They sell wristbands and have produced a charity song composition and vocals by Anneli, produced by Steve Millington and guitar by Steve Morris from Deep Purple.

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## Masons support playgroup



THE Lymm and Sale Division of Cheshire Freemasons have made a Community Grant of £250 from their Provincial Fund of Benevolence to Lymm Village Hall Playgroup.

Scott Bloxson Chairman of the Playgroup thanked Derek Brook representing local Freemasons for the generous contribution. Playgroup Supervisor Caroline Sproston said: "We have been fancying a Play house for the Children and now thanks to the Masons we can purchase one."

In handing over the £250 cheque Derek Brook Provincial Information Officer for Cheshire said: "The Masons of Cheshire are keen to demonstrate their active involvement in the Communities in which they live and actively seek out local Charities to support."

# Freemasons learn about Steps

**LYMM based charity Steps has received a £500 boost from local Freemasons.**

Sue Banton, founder and director Steps Charity Worldwide said: "So many have been inspired by his work and we all now have a duty to ensure children are no longer left disabled and in pain by a condition that is so eminently treatable regardless of where they are born."

The charity, Steps, was started by Sue some 30 years ago when her son Daniel was born with club feet. The frustration and isolation she faced motivated her to set up 'Steps' as a self help group. Now a registered

charity, Steps' helps over 2,000 families a year.

Peter Owen Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the Altrincham, Sale and Lymm Divisions of Cheshire Freemasons presented a cheque for £500 to Sue.

The money which was raised by Cheshire Freemasons from their own donations is distributed in 'Community Grants' to charities throughout the Province of Cheshire and this year £55,000 has been given to Non Masonic Organisations.



*Sue Banton founder of 'steps' and Freemason Peter Owen*

## A56 safety campaign gathers pace

THE campaign for a safer A56 Higher Lane through Lymm is gathering momentum.

Numerous Higher Lane residents attended a meeting of the parish council and heard Coun Ian Marks - leader of the borough council - agree that a residents' group could work with the parish council and the highways department on ideas to slow down traffic when the road is resurfaced next year.

A number of measures have already been agreed. A 40mph limit is to be introduced between Oughtrington Lane and the boundary with Cheshire East.

Other speed reductions are proposed at the Jolly Thresher junction (B5159).

The campaign group has put forward a number of ideas for improving safety.

These include "gateways" indicating the change from a country to a residential road at both ends of the village, a pedestrian crossing, requests to residents to ensure hedges are kept cut back to ensure the full

width of pavements can be used, requests to visitors and tradespeople not to obstruct pavements with their vehicles and a check on drains before the resurfacing is carried out.

Mini roundabouts at the junction of Oughtrington Lane and, possibly, Grammar School Road, to slow down traffic.

The residents' group has set up a website to help their campaign, [www.safehigherlane.org.uk](http://www.safehigherlane.org.uk) and organiser Chris Wakefield can be contacted by email at [chris@cwakefield.co.uk](mailto:chris@cwakefield.co.uk)

## Folk night

Irish folk group Garva will appear at a "Folk Night" organised by Lymm Folk Club and Lymm Tennis Club on Thursday, December 3. Tickets are available from Stewart Lever on 07919 270916 or [www.stewartlever.co.uk](http://www.stewartlever.co.uk) but may also be available on the door.

## Planners see sense at the opticians

SECURITY shutters erected without permission at an optician's shop can stay in place, planning have decided.

Members of the borough council's development control committee visited The Cross, Lymm to view Adcott's Opticians before deciding to grant retrospective planning consent for the shutters.

Planning officer had recommended the committee to refuse the application on the grounds the shutters were out of character with the conservation area in which the shop is situated. But local councillor Sheila Woodyatt supported the optician.

She said a balance needed to be struck between retaining the character of the conservation area and protecting local businesses.

A planning department spokesman said: "There are alternatives that allow for a balance between obtaining security while at the same time retaining the character and appearance of the conservation area."

But the committee decided to allow the shutters to remain in place..

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## Rugby club panto comes of age!

LYMM Rugby Union Club's annual pantomime has come of age - this year is its 21st!

The club has chosen "Pinocchio" this year - and already there is great demand for tickets.

Extra nights have been added to cater for the demand and that means the show will run from December 3-13.

Some nights have already sold out but seats are still available on December 3, 6 and 10.

The pantomime is the club's biggest fund-raising event of the year and always promises an evening of raucous rugby club fun. It is always a sell-out.

Tickets are £16 and enquiries should go to Colette Cartwright on 07789 265447

## Club launches Past Players Association

AS part of their 50th birthday celebrations, Lymm Rugby Football Club will be launching its Past Players Association on Saturday February 13 2010.

All past players are invited to attend an inaugural pre-match buffet lunch at the club from 12.30pm onwards. This will be followed by the Lymm vs Altrincham Kersal,

North West One league fixture and a few after match drinks.

For more information please contact Tony Wright on 07784 574398 or e-mail him at ajwright13@ntlworld.com. You can also visit the club website at www.lymmrfc.co.uk for up to date information on this and other club events."

## Breakfast at Bethlehem

LYMM Baptist Church's annual "Breakfast at Bethlehem" takes place on Saturday, December 5.

The event takes place at the church between 9.30am and 12.30pm and involves primary school-aged children going along with their parents to have breakfast and making lots of Christmas crafts.

Susannah Pilkington, the church's head of community engagement, said: "At a time when it's easy to get frantic with shopping and organizing, it's a good idea to take some time out and visit this oasis for fun for the family that focuses on the real meaning of Christmas.

"The children can make Christmas cards, calendars, table and tree decorations, badges, wall-hangings, bake biscuits, dress up as an angel or shepherd or sheep and have a photo taken at the stable.

"They can even do their very own karaoke carols - recorded on a CD to take away!" The morning finishes with a short nativity acted out by volunteering children.



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# All set for Dickens of a Christmas

LYMM Rotary Club and Lymm Roundtable have once again teamed up to help organise the annual Lymm Dickensian event.

Taking place on Saturday December 12 with various stalls and activities taking place in the village centre throughout the day, the annual parade will set off from the Lymm

Hotel at 1.30pm. It is the 4th year running the two local organisations, supported by the parish council, have organised the event which attracts thousands of people into the village centre.

Meanwhile Santa will be taking to the streets of Lymm on the Rotary float, starting on December 3.

Picture shows Santa in the stocks with members of the Rotary Club of Lymm and Lymm Roundtable.

The full list is:

**Thur 3rd Dec**  
Rushes Meadow, Chaise Mdw, Springfield Ave, MooreGrv, Reddish La, Springbank Gdns, Rushgreen Rd, Green Vw, Adey Rd, Howard Av, Lodge Cl, Richmond Dr, Church Vw, Whitefield Gr, Warburton Cl, St Peters Clo, Bollin Dr, Bollin Cl, Reddish Cr, Linden Clo.

**Fri 4th Dec**  
Rushgreen Rd, Bucklow Gardens, The Greenacres, Rush Gds, Fletcher La, Grasmere Rd, Mardale Cr, Thirlmere Dr, Dairy Farm Cl, Stamford Ct.

**Mon 7th Dec**  
Lakeside Rd ;Baycliffe; Elmtree Rd; Oaklands; Parkwood; Cherry Lane(upper); Lady Acre Cl, Huntsfield Dr, ; Booths La; Highfield Dr; Hilltop

Rd; Highfield Rd (top)

**Tues 8th Dec**  
Cherry La(lower), Cherry Tree Ave, Old Smithy Lane, Wychwood Av, Heyes Dr, Edgerton Rd, Lyme Gr, Hardy Rd, Highfield Rd(lower), Massey Brook, Massey Ave.

**Wed 9th Dec**  
Woodlands Dr, All Saints Dr, Parry Dr, Moore Ave, Woodlands Dr, Wilson Cl, Stanton Rd, Pickering Cre, Selworthy Dr, Beech Av, Barley Rd, Dunmow Rd.

**Thur 10th Dec**  
Bradshaw La, Ollerton Clo, New Road, Mottram Clo, Richmond Av, Ashley Clo, Pelham Rd, Welwyn Clo, Harlow Clo, Walden Clo.

**Fri 11th Dec**  
Prestbury Dr, Handforth Cl, Alderley Rd, Moberley Cl, Wilmslow Cre, Gig La, Ferry La, Bell La.

**Mon 14th Dec**  
Statham Av, Statham Clo, Statham Dr, Lymington Av, Star La, Pool La, Brookside Ave, Oldfield Rd, Warrington Rd, Turnburry Cl, Whitesands Rd, Jubilee Gdns, West Heath, Albany Rd, Northway, Sycamore, Albany Dr, Albany Cres.

**Tues 15th Dec**  
Booths Hill Rd, Princess Rd, John Rd, David Rd, Thornley Rd, Barsbank, Barsbank Clo, Daisy Bank Rd, Oak

Rd, , Moston Grove, Ridgeway Gdns, Grove Av, The Anchorage, Eagle Brow, Brookfield Rd, Maltmans Rd.

**Thur 17th Dec**  
Crouchley La, Manor Rd, Higher La, The Crescent, Mayfield Vw, Greenwood Rd, The Hatchings, Higher La, Grammar School Rd, Scholars Grn, Limefield Ave, Churchwood.

**Fri 18th Dec**  
Woodlands Ave, Woodlands Dr, Longbutt La, The Seasons, Oughtrington Lane, Cotebrook, Foxley Clo, Higher La, Bellsfield

**Sat 19th Dec**  
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**Mon 21st Dec**  
Stage La, The Paddocks, Crown Grn, Whitebroom, Sandy La, Hopefield Rd, Ashcroft Rd, Woodbine Rd, Birchfield Rd, Cedarfield Rd, Sandy La.

**Tues 22nd Dec**  
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Based on the amount of rainfall we had last year lets hope it is a fine dry occasion!

Now in its 23rd year, the organisers would like to thank you whether you're a trader, a villager, or a visitor, for endorsing the biggest event in the village.

"Once again we must thank everyone who has given financial support. Especially those traders who have made such generous contributions, and in particular Lymm Parish Council, the Lymm Rotary and Round Table clubs. Without their support there would not be a Dickensian Day.

We would also like to thank the residents of Lymm and all the thousands of visitors who come along and spend their cash, which is very important for the numerous charities who have spent many hours planning their stalls.

Also to all the local school children who take part in the fancy dress parade.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable day and look forward to next year's event!

Don't forget to look out for the Dickensian posters in local shop windows – and support those who support us!

Mike Evans, Dickensian committee



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Village Centre	Bollin & Stamford Morris Dancers		→	→					→					
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U.R. Church	Lymm Concert Band								→	→	→	→		
Youth Club	Craft Stalls	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→
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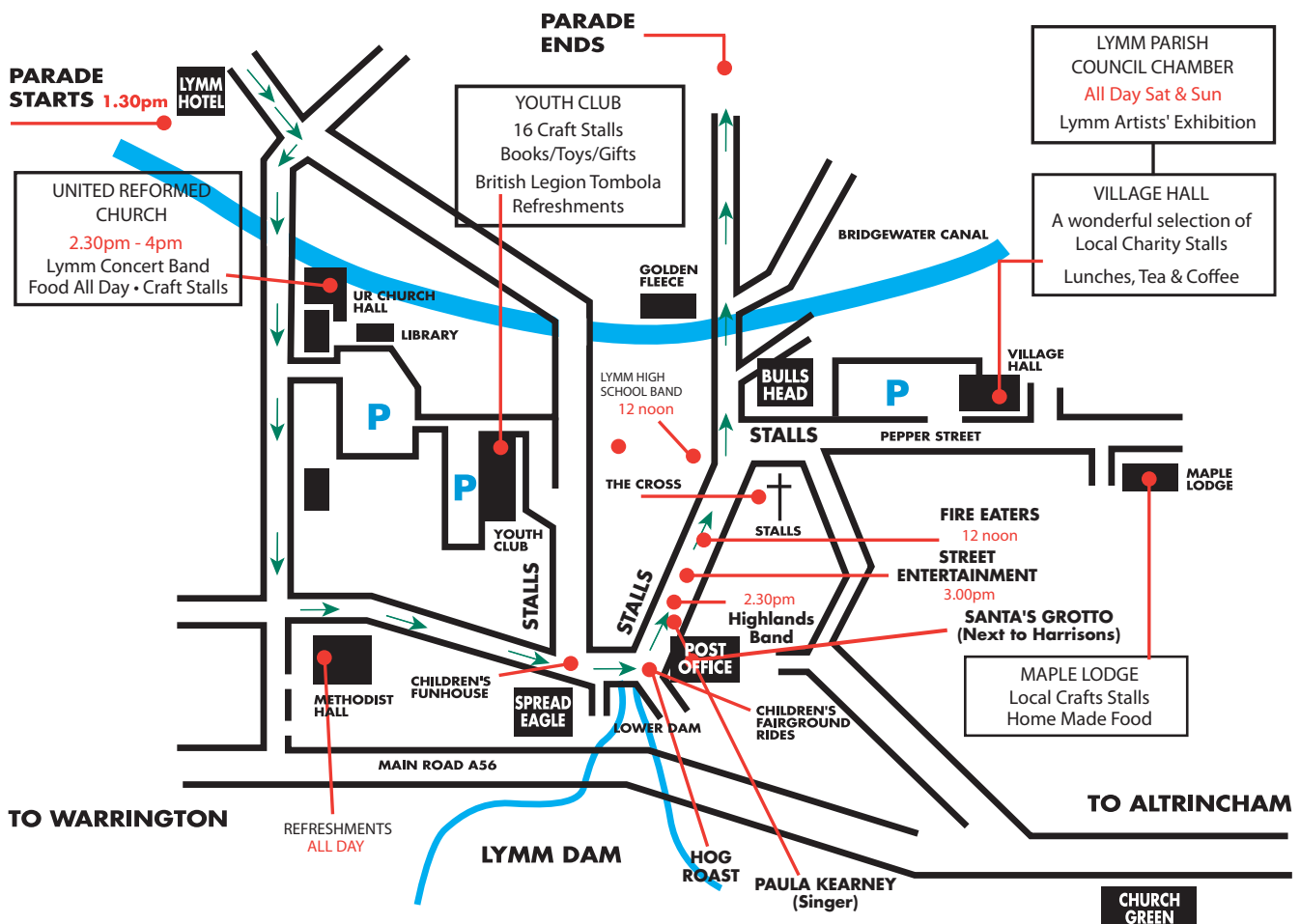
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## 'Mine hosts' say farewell

DAVID and Pauline James, mine hosts of the Spread Eagle, Lymm for the last five-and-half years, have said farewell to regulars at a special evening at the Eagle Brow pub.

The couple have left to take over the Duckworth Arms at Ramsbottom but have taken with them, many memories of happy times in Lymm.

They hope some of their customers will make the trip to see them in their new hostelry.

Their last night at "The Spread" saw the pub packed out. There was music and food as regulars turned out in force to give the couple a good send-off.

Among those present were Patrick and Trudi Martindale, their predecessors behind the bar. Between them, the two couples ran the pub for more than nine years.



## Festival Winter warmers



*The Big Picture, one of the features from this year's festival.*

THE popular Lymm Festival is planning a number of events over the winter to help generate funding for next year's event.

For the last two years they have held Winter Warmer Comedy Nights at the Spread Eagle Hotel, which have proved to be very successful.

This winter we are following up with three more, the first of which is on Friday November 27, starting at 8pm. The tickets cost £10 each and are available from the Spread Eagle.

Other events, all of which will take place in the New Year, include a blues night, and a Latin American dance night. It is also hoped that there will be another evening showing The Lymm Film and Lymm in Winter, interweaving contemporary and archive film taken in the village over the last century and put together by Alan Williams. Details of all these events will be available in the next few weeks.

The costs of mounting such an extensive and variable 10-day Festival programme continue to rise, and in the current financial climate it is increasingly difficult to raise money through grants and sponsorship. In order for the Festival to continue, the management committee are therefore devising ways in which to raise money during the period outside the Festival. For the first time this year a beautiful Lymm Festival Calendar for 2010 is being produced, featuring many of the pictures taken over the last few years, especially showing work in the Art in the Garden, and the Food Fest, including the finished Big Pictures. This will be available in

various outlets in the village centre, and at Rushgreen Garage and Costcutter at Agden Brow. It will cost £6.

The Festival is also going to sell tickets for a grand draw, the winners of which will be announced at a suitable event during the Festival. These tickets will be on sale in the New Year.

The Festival is an opportunity for many local organisations to raise money for themselves or to donate to charity. Most of these events are well attended and very popular, but apart from charging an administration fee to these participants, the Festival does not gain financially from their success. These events will, of course, continue, but the Festival will have to ensure that the programme of events also provides more income for Festival funds to cover the ever-increasing overheads and provide some surplus to carry forward to the next year.

The Festival committee hope that the community will support them in their efforts to maintain a healthy financial outlook, so that the Festival, one of Lymm's greatest community assets, can continue well into the future. Any fundraising ideas or offers of help would be most appreciated. Contact Honor Giles (Director) on 01925 758856 or info@lymmfestival.org.uk



# Orchard group's first produce show

**GOOD turnout and a high standard of exhibits was reported at the first Lymm Produce Show organised by Oughtrington Community Orchard Group.**

The event was at Oughtrington Community Centre and organisers say it was the first function to test out the new floor in the community centre, which stood up "magnificently" to the tread of many feet.

The Scout Group loaned its marquee which provided a good environment for viewing the fruit, vegetable and flower entries.

Organisers said there was a fantastic turnout and a good level of entries, adding: "Despite some

classes disappointingly not getting any entries - who could have predicted that 'most impressive weed' would attract no competition - other classes were hotly competed."

The Jam Filled Victoria sponge, Five Beans and Longest Bean were all well contended.

The day concluded with a quick fire auction hosted by Paul Bircham, with many of the entrants leaving their produce to be auctioned.



Mr and Mrs Wellbelove took six first prizes between them.



Winner of the Class 1-5 Beans category, Jill Cosgrove, pictured with her daughter.

## £78,000 promised for park improvements

BOROUGH council funding of £78,000 has been promised for improvements to Lymm's Ridgway Grundy Park.

But the money has to be spent by March and the parish council is anxious to find out what local people - particularly children - would like to see provided.

A survey of primary school aged children has already been carried out which showed a majority would like to see play equipment such as slides, swings and climbing walls.

Other suggestions included an off road cycle track, an adventure trail and netball or basketball hoop, together with a bike rack where cycles could be stored while their owners used the park.

The parish council will make use of the survey information as consultation material before any final decisions are made.

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# Search for piece of missing history

**LYMM Royal British Legion president Ray Massey (pictured inset) has appealed for help in tracing a bit of the village's history, which has 'gone missing'.**

It was a brass plaque which used to hang in the old drill hall in Booths Hill Road and bore the names of members of "H" (Lymm) Company of the 3rd Volunteer Battery of the Cheshire Regiment who served in the South African War, 1900-1902.

Many years ago, Ray acquired a photocopy of the plaque and discovered it recently when looking through some old Legion memorabilia.

The drill hall dated from before World War 1 and was also used for local dances and it was there that Ray's father, Arthur, met his mother,

Gladys.

Ray has a photograph of himself with his parents, taken 81 years ago, when they were on holiday in Blackpool.

The drill hall had many owners, according to Ray, including Mr and Mrs Fox, from Oughtrington, who later converted into a cinema.

As a youngster, Ray used to go to the cinema on a Saturday afternoon to what was called the "Five Penny Rush."

After the cinema closed it became a health club and later the building was largely destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt and is now a pre-school.

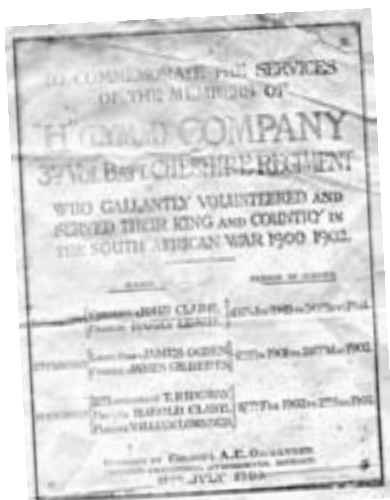
But it is the missing plaque that concerns Ray. He believes it should hang in St Mary's Church with other plaques from the two World Wars, etc.

The photocopy shows that the plaque bore the names of Corporal John Clare, Private Harry Leigh, Lance Corporal James Ogden, Private James Gilberts, 2nd Lieutenant T. Ridgway, Private Harold Clare and Private William Lowndes.

It was unveiled by Colonel A.E. Ommaney, officer commanding the 22nd Regimental District on July 17, 1903.

Ray recalls that James Ogden and William Lowndes were related and lived in Rushgreen Road. They were builders and built a "Bible Chapel" on Rush Green Road which is now a house.

If the old plaque cannot be found, Ray wonders if anyone could make and engrave a replica which could be hung in the church.





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and the language chosen was Korean.

In a close competition Lukeman Patel and Wolodymyr Krywonos won through to the final. Daniel Jones and Anne Stairmond had to undergo a

nail biting tie break. Daniel won and the three boys will join 30 other qualifiers in the National Final at the Language Show Exhibition at Olympia.

The language then will be Swahili, and the winner will be awarded a trip

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Students and tutors at the art class

## Artists team up

**TWO Lymm artists both came up with the idea of running adult art classes at the same time – and so decided to run them jointly.**

Amy Owen, who has a Fine Art Degree and is currently training as a teacher, contacted Oughtrington Community Centre to ask about delivering art classes.

And at the same time Jenny Eden, a former teacher with an Art Degree, came up with the same idea.

Amy said: "Jenny and I are both artists living in Lymm who were wondering why there weren't more evening classes for local people, so we had both independently contacted the centre to enquire about

running a class of our own.

"The centre manager introduced us to each other and we decided to run a class together, combining our experience and complimentary skills."

At the end of the eight week course the 10 students celebrated their new skills by exhibiting and talking about their work. Guests were invited and everyone enjoyed a glass of wine.

Amy said: "The classes worked well our skills complemented each other. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we are continuing the classes and welcoming new people."

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## Sweet memories at the WI

**SWEETS that reminded members of the past – such as mint humbugs and Pontefract cakes – were brought to a meeting of Heatley WI. Speaker Janet Bradshaw unloaded jars, bowls and tins all containing sweets bringing a touch of nostalgia to the group.**

She told members of Roman times when the palette was sweetened with desert apples and dried fruit. She progressed through the ages via marchpane and candied peel to the present day chocolate creations.

A vote of thanks was given by Zena Morgan.

At the start of the meeting the president's table was filled with leaflets and flyers for possible group days out. Members heard about future events including a group meeting and line dancing. An appeal was made for

members to join the committee at the annual meeting.

Irene Thomason gave a report on the County Annual Meeting in Winsford and tried to get more members to attend. She also spoke about medical services in Lymm.

The raffle was won by Francis Greenwood and the competition was won by Coriander Ferguson. Coriander will speak at the next meeting about the many ways of wearing scarves.

The plant from the president's table was given to Zena Morgan, who had spent a few days in hospital.

## Facelift for youth club

LOCAL charity, Lymm Youth & Community Association is delighted to announce that refurbishment of both upstairs and downstairs toilet areas at Lymm Youth Club will be completed three months ahead of schedule thanks to a generous gesture from Wickes in Warrington.

Committee Spokesman, Neville Davies, said, "This sort of support from local businesses is just brilliant. We are determined to keep this building as a facility for our community, young and old, and it was very disappointing indeed when Warrington Borough Council, our landlords, said they would not reduce our rent or make any contribution to maintenance costs. Basically, Wickes have made it possible for us to upgrade facilities and safeguard this important Community Centre from threatened closure."

Wickes Customer Services Manager, Simon Lee, commented, "We felt that this community project was important. The Centre will continue to serve thousands of children, elderly people and various organisations, including local schools, social clubs and activities for people with special needs. As a major local supplier of all kinds of building supplies, we were in a position to offer practical help with the toilets, and it's our pleasure to be involved."

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# Under 10's record unique hat-trick of wins

**LYMM RFC under 10s have enjoyed a terrific start to the 2009-10 season winning three mini rugby festival in the autumn series.**

This included winning two festivals on one day at Stockport and Littleborough. To win two prestigious 'A' team Festivals, across two different counties and from one squad of players is a truly remarkable achievement and something quite unheard of, involving two of the strongest northern counties for rugby in UK i.e. Cheshire & Lancashire (inc Greater Manchester).

Many opposition coaches complimented the two Lymm teams on their style of play. At Stockport, the boys played with outstanding attacking play being one of the competitions highest scorers on the day in all age grades.

At Littleborough the boys simply refused to be beaten in the final when Widnes were camped on their line.

The Lymm RFC under 10 coaching staff were pleased with the defensive effort with only three tries conceded across two Festival successes and opposition coaches could simply not comprehend the strength in depth in Lymm Rugby at this age grade.

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SEMI - Littleborough 7T.0 WON  
FINAL Widnes 1T.0 WON

One week later the boys won the prestigious Manchester Festival taking on and defeating the best teams in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire & Cumbria to win the North of England's premier Festival.

Many opposition coaches commented that they were very pleased to avoid Lymm in the Festival draw and complimented their all round game and fantastic running play, despite the difficult playing conditions. As is always the case with the team it was the "whack" in the tackle that stood out as they defended their line with nil tries conceded.

**Results**

Lymm v Sandbach - 2.0 WON  
Lymm v Sheffield - 6.0 WON  
Lymm v Stockport - 2.0 WON  
(Lymm finished top of the group)  
SEMI FINAL - Lymm v Macclesfield - 1.0 WON  
FINAL - Chester v Lymm - 0.4 WON

**Results**

Stockport Festival  
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## Obituaries



### Margaret Irvine

Mrs Margaret Irvine, of Keate House, Brookfield Road, Lymm, died on September 10 2009 aged 104.

Margaret, who is survived by her son Bill Irvine and daughter-in-law Barbara, was a gentle lady who took a positive and optimistic attitude to life and looked for the best in everyone. She brightened the lives of all she met by simply being herself. The world has lost a very special person.

Her funeral took place at Christ Church, Latchford before a cremation at Walton Lea.

### Michael Peter Weatherby

THE funeral has taken place at Dunham of Michael Peter Weatherby, of Fairfield Road, Lymm, prior to cremation. Mr Steve Grant officiated.

He died in Wrexham Hospital on September 19 aged 67.

Mr Weatherby spent his youth in Partington but lived in Lymm for

42 years after his marriage to Jean in 1967.

He worked for several companies during his life, but mainly for British Gas and Shell as a process worker. In recent years he worked as a professional gardener.

He was a lifelong member of Warrington Anglers. His main interests were family, fishing, bird watching, caravanning, gardening - especially his vegetable garden - and music.

He leaves his wife, two sons and a daughter, son-in-law and daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, a sister and two brothers.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, Lymm.

Donations were made to the RNLI.

### Peter James Nicholson

THE funeral has taken place of Mr Peter James Nicholson, of Bollin Close, Lymm, who died of a heart attack on October 11 aged 66.

The service and burial was at St Peter's Church, Lymm.

Mr Nicholson was a safety officer at Manchester University, and prior to that a chemist at Crosfields. He gained a BSc from Liverpool Polytechnic and an MSc from Manchester University.

In his younger days he played hockey at Golborne and cricket at Padgate. He also enjoyed reading, family history, music and cooking.

He leaves a wife Beryl, daughter Clare and son Martin.

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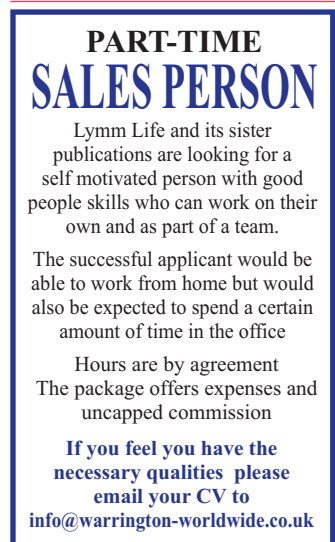
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