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ANOTHER year has almost flown by and the annual Lymm Dickensian Festival is just around the corner and now in its 29th year - and I'm pretty sure I have covered most of them!

It is one of the growing list of fantastic events which take place in Lymm each year - which rely on the support of hard working volunteers.

Together with Lymm May Queen, Lymm Festival, Historic Transport Show, Lymm Rushbearing and Lymm Duck Race, we really are blessed with some amazing events which are unique to our village.

They have become so popular I have no need to encourage people to attend - because I can confidently predict the village centre will be a hive of activity - as long as we don't get a major rain storm!

Congratulations to Steve Harper and his team of volunteers for not only staging this great event, but also taking over organising the annual May Queen Festival.

The amount of hard work involved in organising these events is second to none - and full deserves the support of everyone who has Lymm at heart.

Can I take this early opportunity of wishing everyone a Merry Christmas from the team at Lymm Life - Our January issue, featuring the Dickensian coverage should hopefully be popping through your letter boxes just before the big day!

Wreaths laid at war memorials

LYMM and District Round Table marked Remembrance Sunday by laying two wreaths at the Lymm and Oughtlington War Memorials.

Vice chairman Graham Gowland, who served with 168 Pioneer Regt, RLC said: "Especially in the years of the Centenary of WW1, we wanted to mark the sacrifice of all those who have fought over the years to keep us safe".

Matt Stevenson, who served with 4th Armoured Brigade added: "Marking those that served before is important to me."

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Lymm in Bloom wins Silver Gilt Award



LYMM has won a Silver Gilt award at the 2014 North West in Bloom Award Ceremony in Southport. Britain in Bloom is a scheme run by the RHS to encourage civic pride in local areas. It is split into regions, with Lymm being part of North West in Bloom.

The event was attended by Fred Fowler, Ben Selwood, Peter Powell (Lymm Town Crier) and Kathryn Buckley (Parish Council Chairman) who are all volunteers of Lymm in Bloom. The award congratulated the efforts of the group, who this year have amongst other things worked to maintain and develop the Sunken Garden, the Lower Dam planters and the bus stop at Lymm Dam. The group runs a gardening group with pupils at Statham Primary School, headed by Parish Councillor Su Williams as well as volunteer working parties in the village on the last Sunday of the month.

Group Chairman Ben Selwood said " We would like to thank all the people in Lymm who have helped us achieve this Silver award. It is testament to the hard work and effort that people put in to the village. In particular we would like to thank Lymm Jubilee WI, Lymm Jubilee Gardening Club, The Lymm Environment and Heritage Group, St Peter's Church Oughtrington, Statham Community Primary School, Lymm Methodist Church, Lymm Floral Art Group, the Festivities' Group as well as Lymm Parish Council and Warrington Borough Council, without which this achievement would not have been possible. "

It is hoped to display the award in either the Lymm Library or the Lymm Council Chamber. For more information please visit www.lymminbloom.btck.co.uk/

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December 9
LYMM PARISH COUNCIL
Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

December 13
LYMM DICKENSIAN DAY

LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB
Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP
Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm
Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm
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7.15pm for 7.30pm
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LOVING HEARTS & HANDS
Knitting for charity at Lymm Methodist Church,
2nd and 4th Thursday each month.
1.30pm - 3pm. Details: 01925 753298

MARKET LUNCHES
Eagle Brow Methodist Church
3rd Thursday in the month
Light lunches 12 noon till 2pm. All proceeds to
Youth For Christ and YMCA Room at The Inn

LYMM SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB
St Mary's Church Hall
Second and fourth Fridays (Sept - May)
7.30pm. Details: 753853

GARDENING CLUB
Meet Third Wednesday of the month
Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
Visitors welcome. £2 includes tea and cake

LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP
Lymm Village Hall
Third Monday of the month (except August)
at 7.30pm

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Lymm Village Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm,
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2nd Thursday of the month, 8pm
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**LYMM
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Tuesday, December 9
Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

Makuni and the Hoodoo men to appear at Festival winter warmer

AS part of Lymm Festival's Winter Warmers Makuni and the Hoodoo Men will be appearing at Lymm Golf Club on Friday, November 14.

Tickets are priced £11 and are available from www.lymmfestival.org.uk
Doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm start.

Makuni Wright was introduced at a young age to the sounds of Mahalia Jackson, Etta James, Sarah Vaughan and Ella Fitzgerald. Eventually she became an established singer, dancer and actress both on stage and also with appearances in television drama, radio and light entertainment shows in her native New Zealand.

She is now based in the UK and has toured venues in Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands, Tahiti, Hawaii and Los Angeles. Over the years she has presented her show 'Ladies in Soul' in residencies throughout Europe as well as cruise ships around the world.

Her recently released album 'Blues in the Bone' brilliantly showcases her remarkable voice and clearly demonstrates why she is one of New Zealand's best loved singers around the world today.

The Hoodoo Men really need no introduction to music fans everywhere once you realise that their line-up includes Paul Burgess on drums (10cc, Camel, Jethro Tull), George Glover on keyboards (Climax Blues Band) and the brilliant Pete 'Sarge' Frampton on guitar.

The band has recently completed a national tour to promote a new album.

Children in Need

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Mums raised £2,700 for breast cancer charity

TWO Lymm mums who organised a nude calendar using 'models' who train with them at a local gym have raised £2,700 for a cancer charity.

Jo Shaw and Rachael Murphy organised the photo-shoots for the calendar and then a special launch night at the Warrior HQ Gym.

More than 150 people attended the event where copies of the

calendar and pink balloons were sold and prizes donated by local businesses were sold through a silent auction.

Two semi-naked male waiters served refreshments.

Jo, who organised the event after undergoing a cancer scare herself – which fortunately turned out to be a false alarm – said: "Two ladies came from Breakthrough Breast Cancer and were totally blown away by the support we had on the night."

Smile

"The two semi-naked waiters put a smile on the faces of the many ladies who attended, including an 80-year-old lady who shall remain nameless to protect her reputation."

Most of the calendars were sold on the night, but some are still available and can be purchased from Jo on 07811 700 766 and Rachael on 07810 191923.

Jo added: "I would like to thank everyone who attended or who bought calendars and also the sponsors and businesses who gave us prizes."

"We have made £2,700 and that figure will rise as we sell-off the remaining calendars."

"I and my lovely friend Deb Tonge are still busy behind the scenes collecting money."



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YET again I can reassure the residents of Lymm, that there have been some positive moves forward in the Village. I have met with those responsible for the maintenance of grounds and refuse collection in Warrington Borough Council and, after clarifying the situation, have come up with a solution to hopefully enable the Parish Council to move forward in a positive manner. The Parish Council will be working very closely with Warrington Borough Council and is looking at hiring extra help in the key months of April through to October to ensure that the Village will be a tidier place and that the bins will be emptied more often in the centre and around the Dam.

The work by United Utilities on Sow Brook Allotments has now finished and through their help these allotments should be more secure in the future. The allotments will be a part of the criteria for Lymm in Bloom next year. If you are interested in becoming an owner of an allotment please email the Clerk to the Parish Amanda Riley (clerk@lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk).

The Parish website should be up and running very soon. It will have gone to the Parish Council for the November meeting. The site is now completed it is currently being populated with information about Lymm and the communities that serve the Village. Many thanks to our local photographer Estelle Cadwallader for providing the excellent shots of Lymm and the local surrounds for the website. It is for the community with a 'What's On' section that will enable local events to be published well in advance, some organisations have already shown interest in being involved – again if you are interested please email Amanda Riley. The Parish Council now has a twitter account, follow us @lymmipc.

The Maple Lodge Scout hut has finally opened and it is very impressive – the Parish Council were delighted to help fund and support this enterprise and we wish them continued success for the future.

There will be a revamp of the Lymm Sunday Market in the near future at Lymm Youth and Community Centre. This is being led by a local couple who will be advertising around the Village and on Facebook – 'Lymm Sunday Market'. They are Roni Noble and her partner Dave. They hope to return the market to a true farmer's market and thereby attract the custom it deserves. If you are interested in being involved or have a stall please contact Roni on roninoble@live.co.uk or on roni.cupcakeheaven@live.co.uk .

Finally to end on a good note – I was delighted to attend in support of Lymm in Bloom, the National Awards run by the RHS at Southport. It is a tribute to all who work hard all year to make Lymm look attractive . Well done to the many groups and volunteers who make this happen and Ben Selwood in particular. Lymm received a Silver Gilt Award which is a category higher than last year. Also members of Lymm Environment and Heritage Group (LEHG) are celebrating the award of Green Flag status at Lymm Dam for the sixth consecutive year. The nationally recognised award for parks and open spaces requires a site to be managed to a certain standard with the support of the local community. The report was very positive and stated that, 'this was a well managed site with committed staff and volunteers all working towards the same end goal.' Well done to our Ranger Tim Baker and the team.

Cllr Kath Buckley Chair of Lymm Parish Council

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Flower power launches £3.8m green scheme

UNITED Utilities celebrated the completion of a £3.8m green scheme in Lymm by planting thousands of bulbs with volunteers.

The company has just finished building a huge underground tank which will clean-up nearby Sow Brook and marked the occasion by laying 5,000 crocus bulbs in the area.

Volunteers from the water firm, as well as from Groundwork, Life for a Life, Marks & Spencer, contractors VJ Donegan and Co Ltd and local residents, also took part in the fun.

Luke Spencer, United Utilities project coordinator, said: "This is a great scheme for the community – it will make Sow Brook the cleanest it has been for decades – and we had fun in the sunshine planting the bulbs, which will look lovely next year."

"It was a win-win for the environment."

During storms, rainwater can

overload the sewers and the water, together with sewage, can overflow into our rivers and watercourses.

In January this year, work started on building the detention tank which will hold the storm flows and screen out any litter like a sieve before it enters the brook.

The tank fits into a 23m-deep

shaft and is nearly 20m across.

Luke added: "We've been building on land occupied by local allotments and a memorial garden, so we wanted to make sure we didn't just return the area as it was, but made it look brighter next spring with the crocuses. We really wanted to give something back."



L-R Andy Urbaniak (M&S), Philip Kersh (Life for a Life), Luke Spencer (United Utilities), Deborah Littlewood (Donegan) and Dan Ellis (Groundwork).

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Film portrait of village

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Parish Council launches new guide to Lymm

LYMM Parish Council has launched a new Guide to Lymm containing a brief history of the village, a description of its main features and details of the festivals and events that are held each year. The twelve page booklet has been compiled by last year's chairman, Councillor Ian Marks. Cllr Marks said, "Lymm has a great deal to offer visitors and I felt we needed a booklet that brought it all together. Its main purpose is to attract people to visit our village or to encourage people already here to stay for longer. The more people who visit and the longer they stay, the more likely they are to spend money and benefit our local shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants. I hope it will also serve as a handy reference for local people who want to know more about our village." My thanks to the Local History Society for providing source documents for some of the material, to the local Photographic Society for some of the photographs, to Lymm Life for printing and to everyone else who has contributed in some way. This year's Chairman, Cllr Kath Buckley added, "I am delighted to promote this informative guide to Lymm and its history. I have found out some interesting and intriguing information about the village that I live in." Copies of the Guide will be put in outlets in Lymm where visitors are likely to go and in locations outside the village to tempt them to come to the village. Shortly it will also be available to download from the Parish Council's website.

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The Centre for Reproductive Health to offer one year free egg storage

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Egg freezing offers women planning to have children after the age of 37 the opportunity to effectively slow down their biological clocks by storing their eggs during their reproductive prime.

Mr Luciano Nardo, Consultant Gynaecologist, Subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine and

Clinical Director at CRH Daresbury Park explains, "In the 21st Century and after nearly 40 years of IVF advances, egg freezing is no longer a novel fertility treatment. It carries excellent success rates for women that are not yet ready to start a family. Women have to realise that freezing their eggs at the right time is likely to afford them the opportunity to have their own biological child later on in life. The provision of a quality comprehensive and established service including specialist counselling coupled with laboratory skills are at the heart of the success of egg freezing."

Furthermore, women may benefit from egg freezing if at risk of premature ovarian failure or undergoing specific medical treatment that may affect their fertility such as chemotherapy, radiotherapy or surgical removal of the ovaries.

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Rotary's Santa float route

THE ROTARY Club of Lymm is gearing up for their busiest fundraising campaign of the year with the annual Santa Float, which starts on Wednesday, December 3, culminating at The Cross in the village centre on Saturday December 20.

Wed 3rd Dec: Booths Hill (1) - Assemble: Dingle Bank Clse; Lakeside Road, Baycliffe, Elmtree Rd, Oaklands, Parkwood, Cherry La (upper), Lady Acre Cl, Huntsfield Dr, Booth La, Highfield Dr, Hilltop Rd, Highfield Rd(top)

Thur 4th Dec: Booths Hill (2) - Assemble: CO-OP Store Cherry La; Cherry La (lower), Cherry Tree Av, Old Smithy La, Wychwood Av, Heyes Dr, Edgerton Rd, Hardy Rd, Highfield Rd.(lower), Massey Brook,

Massey Av.

Fri 5th Dec: Booths Hill (3) - Assemble; Camsley Bridge Garage; Booths Hill Rd, Princess Rd, John Rd, David Rd, Thornley Rd, Barsbank, Barsbank Cl, Daisy Bank Rd, Oak Rd, Moston St, Ridgeway Gdns, Grove Av, The Anchorage, Eagle Brow, Brookfield Rd, Maltmans Rd.

Mon 8th Dec: Statham - Assemble; Lymm Hotel; Statham Av, Statham Cl, 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. Whitbarrow Rd.

Tues 9th Dec: Oughtrington/Sandy La - Assemble: Oughtrington Cres; Stage La, The Paddocks, Crown Grn, Whitebroom, Sandy La Hopefield Rd, Ashcroft Rd, Woodbine Rd, Birchfield Rd, Cedarfield Rd, Sandy Lane, Rushgreen Rd.

Wed 10th Dec: Rushgreen (1) - Assemble: Heatley CO-OP Store; Rushes Meadow, Heatley Manor, Springfield Ave, Rushgreen Rd, Springbank Gds, Green Vw, Adey Rd.

Thur 11th Dec: Rushgreen (2) - Assemble: Howard Avenue; Howard Av, Lodge Cl, Richmond Dr, Church Vw, Bucklow Gardens, Bellsfield Cl, Whitefield Gro, Warburton, Peters Cl, The Greenacre.

Fri 12th Dec: Rushgreen (3) - Assemble: Mardale Cres; Mardale Cres, Grasmere Rd, Rushgreen Rd, Reddish Cres, Linden Cl, Reddish La, Bollin Dr, Bollin Cl, St Peters Cl, Rush Gdns.

Sat 13th Dec: Dickensian Day

Mon 15th Dec: Thelwall (1) - Assemble: All Saints Drive; Woodlands Dr, Stanton Rd, Pickering Cl, Moore Av, Parry Dr, Selworthy Dr, Beech Av, Barley Rd, Dunmow Rd, Pelham Rd, Welwyn Cl, Harlow Cl, Walden Cl.

Tues 16th Dec: Thelwall (2) - Assemble: Bradshaw La Convenience Store; Ollerton Cl, Bradshaw La, Mottram Cl, Richmond Av, Prestbury

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Wed 17th Dec: Higher La (1) - Assemble: Crouchley La; Crouchley La, Manor Rd, Higher La, The Crescent, Mayfield Vw, Greenwood Rd, The Hatchings, Higher La, Grammar School Rd, Scholars Grn, Limefield Av.

Thur 18th Dec: Higher La (2) - Assemble: Woodlands Av; Woodlands Ave, Woodlands Dr, Longbutt La, Cotebrook Hse, Oughtrington Lane, Foxley Cl, Higher La, Bellfield Cl.

Fri 19th Dec: Village - Assemble: Davies Way Car Park; Dane Bank Rd, Lymmhay La, Brooklyn Dr, New Rd, Millbank, The Cross, Pepper St, Rose Gr, Rose Bank, Hartly Cl, Crossfield Av, Racefield Cl, Cyril Bell Cl, Orchard Ave, Fairfield Rd, The Peppers, Rectory La, Rectory Gds.

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Plenty of stalls have booked for the event, representing many local societies, charities and businesses.

Stalls will be located in the Village Centre, Village Hall, Maple

Lodge, Youth Club, Lymm Methodist Church, and surrounding locations as well as an exhibition of paintings and hand-painted cards by local artists in the Village Hall.

The parade will start with a difference at this year's event and then be led by Town Crier, Peter Powell. The parade will feature

a traction engine, vintage cars, bands, schools and entertainers.

Organised by Lymm Cruising Club, the Illuminated Flotilla is worth the wait. Watch a series of canal boats lit up passing by the village. Please note: this is Subject to weather conditions.

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How to invest in Lymm's energy future

OPPORTUNITIES to invest in Lymm's energy future will be available through a new community venture, Lymm Community Energy (LCE), which is being established by Low Carbon Lymm in collaboration with Warrington Borough Council.

As a community benefit society, LCE will enable local people and organizations to invest in renewable energy installations that benefit the local community.

LCE will raise funds by issuing shares to investors who will then become members of the society.

The first projects will be solar photovoltaic (PV) systems fitted to community buildings. The occupants of the buildings will get lower cost energy, while the investors will get a return on their investment – and any surplus will fund community energy efficiency projects.

LCE aims to install systems on buildings that benefit as many community members as possible, such as schools, community centres, libraries, church halls and sports clubs.

They plan to open their first share offer early next year and for their first scheme to be operational by the spring.

Interested people can register their interest in investing in LCE by emailing info@lowcarbonlymm.org.uk or by visiting the Low Carbon Lymm website. Alternatively they can call Richard Pearce on 01925 754480.

Home extensions approved

PROPOSALS for a re-organisation of the ground floor and a partial first floor side and rear extension at a house in Whitbarrow Road, Lymm have been approved by Warrington's planning committee.

Objections and expressions of concern were received from neighbours and from Lymm Parish Council on the grounds of loss of light and loss of privacy.

But planning officers said the proposals, on balance, preserved the living conditions of neighbours and the character of the original house and the area.

They would improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.

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Our first projects will be solar photovoltaic (PV) systems fitted to community buildings such as schools, community centres, church halls and sports clubs. Occupants will benefit from lower electricity bills over at least 20 years. Income from the Feed In Tariff will be used to pay a return to investors and to fund local energy efficiency projects.

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High-flying hobby captures stunning images of Lymm

A LYMM man is hoping to transform his high-flying hobby which has captured stunning images of his home village, into a new business venture - when he retires from his day job.

David Fox has already taken some stunning images of Lymm, which has been his home most of his life, other than seven years in London.

David said: "I love technology and was inspired to purchase an aerial camera platform after seeing some amazing aerial shots from Brazil of climbers.

"I saw the unique way it captures images from a rarely seen perspective and believe there is market for the wide range of uses for what most people call "drones."

David, aged 45, from Lymm refers to it as it a "UAV" or "Multi Rotor Platform" - drones are what the military use.

He is now aiming to complete an exam and formal training so he can obtain a licence from the CAA and he needs a licence to operate commercially.

He doesn't need a licence doing it as a hobby but still has to follow guidelines such as a 400' height limit and permission to launch by the owner of land or a building if within 50 metres.

He also has to keep the platform in visual sight, which is about

1500' and not fly over more than 1000 people.

David added: "I am currently still building a portfolio of differing projects therefore will still undertake free filming and photos to build a broad range of activities.

"The type of activities are of course outdoor activities such as watersports inshore and offshore, climbing, biking but basically anything can look pretty interesting from above."

He is also willing to travel to locations coastal or mountains etc.

His ultimate aim is to use it predominantly for real estate films and photos to sell property, building surveys, showreels for clubs and also any news media requirements photos - as long as tasteful and not infringing on privacy.

He currently has a full time career in the public service sector and fits his hobby in when not working.

"Hopefully when I retire in 10yrs I will have something if not before, that I can do full time.

It is not a cheap pastime and he is already looking at professional platforms which could take him into television and film work.

He has already completed a few small projects for a waterskiing club, motocross club and Lymm Golf Club and a few photos for farmers and local businesses.

He would now like to hear from



readers and capture their activity from this unique perspective.
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Neeta Laing solicitor joins UK elite

LYMM based Neeta Laing has been named as a Top Rated Solicitor on VouchedFor.co.uk, an achievement that has gained her national acclaim after appearing in The Times newspaper.

Neeta has been a solicitor for 14 years and received the accolade thanks to local support.

Comments Neeta: "Being a Top Rated solicitor means a great deal – there are thousands of solicitors in the UK so to be amongst the top rated is a real achievement. What makes it even more special is that I've been selected as a result of support from my clients. It means a lot that they've gone out of their way to help me to get this commendation and I'd like to thank them all."

Neeta was selected as a result of clients writing in to recommend her services on consumer ratings website VouchedFor.co.uk. The site helps people to find a solicitor or

financial adviser, and works much like TripAdvisor. You can search by location and by the services you are looking for. Professionals are then listed based on client reviews giving customers confidence that the adviser can be trusted.

Neeta who specialises in employment law added: "Almost everyone will seek the services of a solicitor at some point in their lives, but it can be difficult to know what to look for. In my opinion client testimonials are an important vehicle when it comes to establishing trust which makes receiving this commendation even more significant."

According to research carried out by the Solicitors Regulation

Authority, 49 per cent of the general public would be 'very likely' to ask others' opinions about a particular solicitor before employing them, while a further 32 per cent said they were 'fairly likely' to do so (SRA, 2008).

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Neeta appeared in The Times on October 11th 2014 and now appears prominently on VouchedFor in a search for her area thanks to this achievement.



Volunteers needed for historic transport show

VOLUNTEERS are urgently needed for Lymm's next historic transport event which has become a huge attraction for the village after just two shows.

When the organisers met to discuss the outcome of this year's event it was a pretty easy decision to make to go ahead again next year on June 28.

Event director Alan Williams said: "It was a huge amount of work for all concerned. In theory it should get simpler every year but as the event grows we also need to come up with new ways to ensure everyone has a positive experience".

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There is no doubt you have greater flexibility at retirement age with the impending rule changes in April 2015. But as always it is probably wise to have a mixture of a few investments or tax wrappers as they are referred. There are also other areas of investment such as Venture Capital Trusts or VCT's as they are known, which attract valuable tax incentives. But I shall cover these another time.

UKIP

I saw on Sky News recently that Warrington South is going to be a key marginal seat at the next General Election. And Stockton Heath was shown, with several people being interviewed. I cannot imagine voting for a party who you don't know the name of the incoming chancellor. After all the chancellor has the most important job of all – looking after the economy. As an American once said 'It's the economy stupid'. If people do use their votes as a protest it will be sad because I personally think the current chancellor has done a terrific job.



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Obituaries

Robert Wakefield

THE funeral has taken place of Robert "Bob" Wakefield, aged 79, of Ditchfield Lane, High Legh who died in Warrington Hospital on October 14.

Bob enjoyed being with his family and having aviaries in his garden where he kept a selection of birds.

He worked all his life until he had to care for his wife, Phyllis, who passed away 10 years ago.

Bob is survived by his brother, John, his three children, Sadie, Julie and Steven and "lots of grandchildren".

The funeral took place on October 22 at Altrincham Crematorium when donations were in aid of the Forget-me-Not unit at Warrington Hospital.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



Nina Murray

THE funeral has taken place of Nina Mary Murray, nee Mather, aged 78, formerly of Hopefield Road, Lymm, who died on September 26.

Mrs Murray, who had lived latterly at Summerville Nursing Home, Grappellall, is survived by her two sons, George and Stewart, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

She was the widow of the late Alan Murray.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



Gillian Bunn

THE funeral has taken place of Gillian Barbara Bunn, nee Fletcher, of Mulberry Court, Stockton Heath, who died on September 24.

Gill, aged 72, was well known in Lymm from her time at the former Fletcher Menswear shop in the village centre.

She is survived by a husband, daughter and four brothers and was pre-deceased by two brothers.

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