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# Editor's Comment



## JUDGING by reader feedback and what I am hearing on my travels the single biggest issue currently being discussed in the village is car parking.

The new pay and display systems on the village car parks - and the double parked traffic on Brookfield Road, are both hot topics at the moment.

We hear that potential visitors to the village centre are staying away because of the reduction in free parking from two hours to one - while on Brookfield Road the double parking is causing real highway dangers and it will only be a matter of time before there is a serious accident.

Elsewhere in this edition you can

read about both issues - but it would appear the real issue is the long over due traffic and car parking survey which has been promised by the borough council for many months, if not years - which is still not scheduled to take place until at least the summer!

Just how long does it take for a couple of highway experts to visit Lymm, review the parking and traffic and present a report on their findings?

Is it the case that the council have made so many cut backs there are now simply not enough bodies available to get out to do the survey?

Their hired parking wardens, run by a private company, never seem short of bodies to visit the village and issue car parking tickets!

It doesn't take much common sense to realise that the only way to deal with double parking on Brookfield Road is to paint double yellow lines on one side of the road - and it won't take long to identify that the village car parks are not performing as well as they did prior to the recent changes which have been implemented.

So come on Warrington Borough Council, lets have this survey carried out sooner rather than later before we have to report on a serious accident on Brookfield Road and before the village loses any more business.

## Keeping youngsters off the streets

LYMM has a new youth café aiming to keep young people off the streets on Friday evenings.

The Hub will be held at the Sanctuary Café, off the Davies Way car park, on Friday evenings.

Run by Warrington YFC worker Darren Staunton, it will offer live music, games, quiz nights and other entertainment on Friday evenings.

Darren said: "We have met many young people on a Friday night on the streets. They say they have nothing else to do, so we hope this will provide a place to meet new people, chat to friends and hang out on a Friday night - instead of hanging out on the streets/park."

"At the moment, there are quite a few young people out on the streets or in the parks on Friday nights"

The Hub will operate from 8pm to 9.30pm.

Darren can be contacted by darrenwyfc@gmail.com

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**It's time to act...**

# Matthew 'bears' all in Festival show

**FAMOUS for sticking his hand up a bear's bottom Matthew Corbett makes a welcome return to the Lymm Festival circuit with his aptly named '25 years sticking your hand up Sooty's bum!'**

In fact Matthew aka Peter, which is his proper name, the later being a stage name, will span half a century of the little bear's career.

Coincidentally his father Harry worked with Sooty for 25 years, just like Matthew, before he sold the rights to a Chinese bank!

For one night only, Matthew will be appearing in his one man show at the Lymm Hotel on Thursday, February 28 at 7.30pm - and tickets priced just £10 are selling out fast.

The show is not suitable for children, warns Matthew who will take the audience down memory lane from the extraordinarily lucky (and some very unlucky) breaks of the early years including clips of Harry and

Sooty from 1955, Harry's near fatal heart attack, then Matthew taking over 'the business' and Harry trying to make 'a come-back'.

Snippets from the show include discovering that Sooty was in the Guinness Book of Records as "the world's longest running TV show" and that the BBC banned Soo from being introduced into the show because it would be "introducing sex into children's TV!"

Also did you know Sooty has his own OBE? Or that Sooty and Matthew appeared on the Russell Harty TV chat show with . . . Jimmy Savile! (now there's a tale!)

There are some classic "out-take moments" and colourful montages of

that period including Matthew's hysterical last show with Gerry Marsden.

Talking of old rock stars, Matthew can (and does) name-drop with the best of them . . . he'll tell you how George Harrison asked him to sign an autograph and then .. well we won't spoil the story.

A great evening's entertainment, laughter, tears and your memory banks well and truly stirred up!

When the show is over, Matthew will gladly answer any questions before saying goodbye in the time honoured way:

"Bye bye everybody, bye bye."

Tickets priced £10 are available on-line at [www.lymmfestival.org.uk](http://www.lymmfestival.org.uk) (+50p to cover processing cost) or from Lymm Electric or Rushgreen Services.

A video interview with Matthew talking about the show also features on the [www.lymm.life.co.uk](http://www.lymm.life.co.uk) and festival websites.



## STOP PRESS

Since Matthew's video interview with Gary Skentelbery appeared on **warrington worldwide** the tickets have been flying off the shelves so get in quick if you don't want to miss out.

Matthew who is a keen boater has also agreed to be Patron of the new Lymm Historic Transport Day and will be working with the Festival team to bring in the crowd in their thousands for this spectacular new event on the Lymm calendar on June 23 [www.lymmtransport.org.uk](http://www.lymmtransport.org.uk).

To see the video interview visit [www.warrington.tv](http://www.warrington.tv)

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Visitors always welcome  
More info Lynne Smith 01925 756776

## February 12

### LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

### LYMM LIONS GROUP

Meet: Bridgewater Club, Lymm  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. 8pm  
Contact: 0845 833 5729

### LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB

Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

### MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP

Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm  
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Details: 01925 755126

### ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM

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### GARDENING CLUB

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### LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP

Lymm Village Hall  
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at 7.30pm

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### LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

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Rehearsals every Thursday evening  
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## The Teddy Bears are back!

THE annual jazz concert organised by the Lymm and Thelwall branch of Contact the Elderly will be held at Grappenhall Community Centre on Friday, February 15.


As usual the popular Chicago Teddy Bears jazz band will be providing the music and the £12.50 admission charge will include a two-course supper.

The Teddy Bears play a wide range of music, ranging from jazz classics to comedy numbers.

The usual line-up is Ken Doran (trumpet and vocals), John Hallam (saxophones and clarinet), Brian Singleton (drums and vocals), Rae Owens (bass and vocals), Frank Slater (trombone), Neville Goodwin (piano) and Tony Ormesher (banjo and guitar).

Contact the Elderly rely on the concert to raise money to organise afternoon teas, trips out and other functions for elderly people in the local area.

Further details are available from Colin Melrose on 01925 756742.



**LYMM PARISH COUNCIL**

Tuesday, February 12  
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7.30pm

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**23 Fletchers Lane, Lymm**

A 4 bedroom period property. Comprises of entrance hall, lounge/dining area, sitting room/snug, fitted kitchen, utility room and a cloakroom/w.c. Main bedroom with en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. A further staircase gives access to two attic rooms. Double entrance gates, paved driveway and large detached garage. Gardens to three sides.

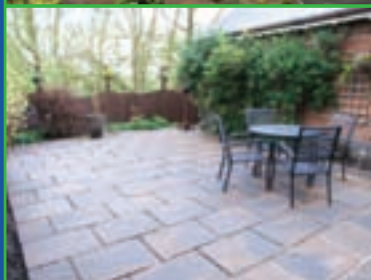
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**181 Rushgreen Road, Lymm**

A good sized detached bungalow situated approximately 1 mile from Lymm village centre. The accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, parking for several cars, front and rear garden, garage, partial double glazing and gas central heating. Viewing is highly recommended.

**£240,000**



**Rose Cottage, 8 Warrington Road, Lymm**

A well presented and fully refurbished mid terraced property. lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs w/c, 2 bedrooms, newly fitted bathroom and converted loft room. Communal garden, off road parking, gas central heating and double glazed. Viewing Highly Recommended.

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# Bungalow plan rejected again

**PLANNERS have again thrown out proposals to develop a small piece of land on the edge of the Green Belt at Lymm.**

The borough council's development management committee rejected the plan to build a bungalow off Longbutt Lane, at its junction with Grammar School Road, after visiting the site.

Over a period of some 40 years there have been five previous planning applications for the site, all of which have been turned down.

The most recent, two years ago, was for three affordable dwellings and went to an appeal before being finally refused. Other previous schemes have involved two retail units and a detached house with garage.

In recent years, the site has lain unused but at one time horses were grazed on it.

Nineteen nearby residents had lodged objections, along with Lymm Parish Council and local borough councillor Sheila Woodyatt.

She said: "The site is totally

unsuitable for development. It is a locally very sensitive site and any development would compromise the openness of the adjacent, very precious green belt.

"Longbutt Lane is a substandard highway and not suitable for additional traffic."

## Ranger retires after 17 years

**LYMM ranger Elaine Moss has retired after 17 years service to Warrington Borough Council.**

She has worked at various parks throughout the town including the popular Walton Hall and Gardens.

She said: "For the last four years I've very much enjoyed working in Lymm."

"It's very fitting to end my career here, working alongside Tim Baker,

The parish council say the development would have an adverse impact on a safe route to local schools.

The borough council's nature conservation officer says no ecological assessment has been provided. A brook runs alongside the site where protected water voles might be present.

Liz  
skates  
off with  
an  
MBE



A LYMM woman was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours list - for services to ice skating.

Liz Little became an Olympic skating judge some 10 years ago and was event director for the European Figure Skating championships at Sheffield in January last year.

She will be travelling to Russia for the Olympic skating - part of the Winter Olympics - next year.

Liz started skating at Altrincham as a young girl and competed in the national championships. She hung up her skates in 1976 to concentrate on judging.

She has been a director of the National Ice Skating Association for nearly 20 years, responsible for the education of all judges.

She was also responsible for changing the judging method in the UK to a new computerised system, and for running UK and international events.

More recently, she started her own consultancy business, specialising in event management, sport education and public speaking engagements.

She has two children, Jenny, 25 and Jack, 21.

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## School seeks new governor

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Ravenbank Community Primary School wants to appoint a new local authority governor, and would particularly welcome someone with finance, business or buildings experience.

As a local authority representative, the nomination would be subject to approval by Warrington Borough Council. The person should not be a parent of a school pupil.

Governors serve for a four-year term. They attend meetings of the governing body and sit on a sub-committee which include Finance, Personnel, Community & Cohesion and Curriculum & Inclusion.

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## COMPETITION

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with the answer to the simple question:

*What year was the recipe for Greenall's Original London Dry Gin created?*

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## Lymm Ladies plan New Joiners Night!

Lymm Ladies Circle have organised a "New Joiners Night" for women who are looking to make new friends in the village or get involved with the local community.

The group is mainly made up of young women living in or around Lymm.

They describe themselves as a friendly group of girls who want to have some fun, socialising, fundraising

and much more.

It is a great way to meet people in the village, make friends and feel like you are giving something back to the local community.

Any one interested in joining but would like to learn more first is invited to a New Joiners evening at The Venue, Lymm on Wednesday, February 6 from 7.30pm onwards.

Members will be around for drinks

and a chat, providing an opportunity to meet the group and find out what they get up to.

The evening will be very relaxed, informal and fun.

If you are interested in attending email [join@lymmladiescircle.co.uk](mailto:join@lymmladiescircle.co.uk) for more information or you can also just drop in on the night.

Any one nervous about coming along and walking into a room with

lots of people for the first time, feel free to get in touch first for a contact number for one of the members so you can have a chat beforehand. Everyone is welcome and they look forward to meeting you.

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# Car park changes lead to parking chaos

**COUNCIL changes to free parking in the village centre car parks is being blamed for creating even more chaos on Brookfield Road.**

During the working day vehicles are double parked causing significant highway dangers, with the problem getting worse since Warrington Borough Council reduced free parking in the village centre from two hours to one.

Commenting on the parking problems Cllr Ian Marks said: "There have been parking and traffic problems on Brookfield Road for many months but the changes to parking on Davies Way and Henry Street car parks have made it even more chaotic.

"Cars park on both sides of the road and at times it is extremely difficult for vehicles to get through.



Some people think they are helping by parking on the pavement but this makes it impossible for mums with prams or disabled people. They have to go on the road, which is positively dangerous.

"The Council made a big mistake by imposing pay-and-display on both Henry Street and Davies Way. It has been a tremendous benefit for both visitors and traders on

Pepper Street and they should have just installed it on Henry Street. Instead the Council has been plain greedy and has imposed it on both car parks together.

"Income generation at the expense

of Lymm has taken preference over any consideration of what is best for the village and what local people think.

"They should have carried out their long-promised traffic and parking survey first. Instead this is scheduled for next summer – a case of the cart before the horse."

One of those campaigning for action to improve the situation is local resident Ann Johnston who is pictured surveying the traffic problems on Brookfield Road.

# Parking problems drive people out of village

A LYMM trader is thinking of moving his business out of the village because of the problems he is facing since the new parking arrangements came into force on local car parks.

He is furious because the three car parks - Pepper Street, Davies Way and Henry Street - are frequently empty while surrounding roads are lined with parked cars.

A village centre flat-dweller is also planning to move home after being forced to pay a penalty charge for over-staying on one of the car parks.

She was taken ill and was unable to move her car or renew her parking ticket.

The two incidents have angered local councillor Sheila Woodyatt.

She said: "I am raising these matters with the parish council and the borough council.

"The new, shorter free parking times on the car parks are driving people away from the village.

"Is this what we want for Lymm? Surely not! It is about time people at the borough council listened to what the people of Lymm say.

"The parish council has been putting pressure on the borough to think again about the car parks ever since the changes were first proposed, but the borough will not listen.

"On Dickensian Day the car parks were full, because waiting was banned in all the side roads around the village.

"But at other times they are frequently half-empty while people are driving around looking for spaces to park.

"It is a terrible waste of an asset - and it is not doing the village any good."

Free parking is restricted to one hour on all three car parks while previously Pepper Street was available free for two hours and the other two were free all the time.

# Olympic singing star set to appear with local choir

**INTERNATIONALLY renowned soprano Denise Leigh is set to appear with a local amateur choir on March 17 at Lymm United Reformed Church as a fund-raiser for the annual Lymm Festival.**

Denise first came to national attention as the joint winner of TV's Opera-tunity which secured her a role at Covent Garden with English National Opera. What made it particularly remarkable is that Denise is severely visually impaired. Since then her career has soared with two best selling albums on EMI and performances with major orchestras all over the world. So when the organisers of the Paralympics were looking for a singer to perform a specially commissioned piece "Spirit in Motion" at the opening ceremony Denise was the obvious choice.

The festival is thrilled to have secured some-one of Denise's reputation as a guest performer but what will make the event even more special is that she will be accompanied on two of her pieces by Lymm's own Big Sing choir. The choir was formed last Summer from local volunteers many of whom had never sung in public before. They gave their first performance after only four rehearsals to a packed and appreciative house at last Summer's festival under the guidance of choir leader Susan Healey.

This year as well as singing with Denise - including a specially commissioned piece - they will support local singer Helen Monks in the same concert and will also take centre stage to perform Gary Barlow's "Sing". The choir is still open to new entries. Rehearsals will start in mid February. So if you sing in the shower but have never quite got round to

singing in public now is your chance. No audition, no need to read music, Contact [lymmbigsing@gmail.com](mailto:lymmbigsing@gmail.com) or call Alan Williams on 01925-754080. Tickets for the concert are available at Rushgreen Services, Lymm Electric or [www.lymmfestival.org.uk](http://www.lymmfestival.org.uk)



# Enjoy Your Winter Blues

LYMM is building quite a reputation as a home for good music and that will be underlined again with a Festival Winter Blues Night at Lymm Golf Club on Friday February 1 featuring guitarist Tommy Allen and blues harmonica king Johnny Hewitt.

They will be playing a set of Chicago Style blues before being joined by the Smokehouse Band for a roaring second half.

Tommy and Johnny are regulars on the national Blues circuit and have also appeared on The Paul Jones Blues show on Radio 2.

A feature of all Tommy's gig is a collection for Kabuki UK as Tommy's young son has this rare syndrome.

Tickets are available at Rushgreen Services, Lymm Electric or [www.lymmfestival.org.uk](http://www.lymmfestival.org.uk)

# New garage for old

A RESIDENT of Bollin Close, Lymm, has won a battle to replace an old garage with a new one, despite objections from a neighbour and a local councillor.

The borough council's planning committee has approved the retrospective planning application.

A neighbour expressed concern about the accuracy of plans submitted, noted that the new garage was larger and closer to a common boundary than the previous one and claimed it dominated the outlook from her garden and was out of proportion in the space available. Councillors approved the scheme after visiting the site.

# Out of the ashes...

A HARROWING yet inspiring story will be told at Lymm Baptist Church on Saturday, February 9.

Speaker Peter Gladwin will present "Out of the Ashes - the Restoration of a Badly Burned Boy" at 7.30pm.

Peter was barely one when a domestic fire left him horribly scarred and severely disabled.

The third of nine children, he was raised on a rough council estate and was always in trouble with the police, in and out of care homes, spending his time on the streets.

Then he was stabbed and effectively lost the use of his right arm. At 24 he was the victim of a hit and run where he was left for dead in the middle of the road.

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## Network Warrington will be changing the times of a number of its services from **Monday 28 January 2013**

A number of routes will see revised timetables, particularly during off-peak periods in order to improve reliability, some services will be changing their routes and some new links will be created.



**13** **Service 13** will cease to serve Whittle Hall (which is served by 17/17A & 29) and will form a new link to Sainsburys at Chapelford.

**29** **Service 29** will no longer serve Collins Green and Burtonwood, these areas will be served by a new **route 33** which will be provided by another operator funded by Warrington Borough Council.

**48** **Service 48** to Dudlows Green is withdrawn, however, Longwood Road will continue to have a peak service to/from Warrington (**10A**) and the **7A** will provide the off peak link including a new link to Grappenhall Hey (**7C**)

**10C** **New off peak service 10C** will provide a link from Gainsborough Road to the shopping area at Latchford then on to Stockton Heath.

**New leaflets for all services are available from our Travel Centre at Warrington Bus Interchange from Monday 14 January, they can also be accessed through our website, and we will also be delivering copies to outlets such as libraries and post offices across the Borough.**

[www.networkwarrington.co.uk](http://www.networkwarrington.co.uk)



# Toddler group's new toys

A DONATION from Lymm and District Round Table helped a Lymm toddler group buy a sack full of new toys for Christmas.

The babies and tots at Incy Wincy Toddler Group, which meets at Lymm Baptist Church, got their new equipment after a £300 donation from the Round Table.

Joint playgroup organiser Kate Harrison said: "Some of our toys were looking a bit tired and as the number of mums and tots attending the group has steadily been increasing there weren't that many to go around either."

Table chairman Rik Wilson said: "We like to donate our funds to a mix of worthy charities and community groups and Incy Wincy's certainly fit the bill - it's nice to see our donation has been put to good use."

Pictured trying out the new toys (left to right) playgroup organiser Jill Abernethy, Graham Gowland and Rik Wilson of the Round Table, and playgroup organiser Kate Harrison.



## Sparkling fund raiser

A "Sparkling Song & Dance Extravaganza" by the Enid Wrigley School of Dance raised more than £2,500 for three good causes.

Enid and her team who are based at Oughtrington Community Centre, staged the extravaganza at the Brindley Theatre in Runcorn raising a total of £2,537.73 which has been divided between Clic Sargent, the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people and their families (£1,421.13) Oughtrington Luncheon Club (£406.04) and Cotebrook House (£203.01).

*Pictures show Enid and her daughter Margot presenting cheques with Deputy Mayor of Warrington Peter Carey to Joyce Penlington (top) from the luncheon club and Ann Scales from Cotebrook (below).*



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# Exciting new health partnership

## REPRODUCTIVE Health Group and Cheshire Natural Health are pleased to announce an exciting new partnership.

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Reproductive Health Group's gynaecology practice is GyneHealth, providing a comprehensive and innovative service for the full range of gynaecological conditions, including specialist consultations for endometriosis, fibroids, menopause, period problems, polycystic ovary syndrome, recurrent miscarriage and cancer screening.

Appointments are available with Conceive International and GyneHealth at a

network of clinics throughout the North West.

Reproductive Health Group believe that combining conventional medicine with complementary care can help bring optimum health and wellbeing and are pleased to announce their new partnership with Cheshire Natural Health.

Conveniently located only minutes from the motorway network yet in the heart of the Cheshire countryside, Cheshire Natural Health share the philosophy of combining the wisdom of natural therapies with advances in modern medicine. The clinic provides a wide range of treatments from some of the most of experienced therapists in the North West within their spacious and well-equipped premises in Stretton. Therapies on offer include reflexology, acupuncture, nutritional therapy, hypnotherapy, homeopathy, natural family planning, counselling and there is also a private GP service available on site.

To celebrate this new partnership, Reproductive Health Group and Cheshire Natural Health invite women of all ages to come along to an Open Evening on Women's Health on Monday, February 25 6pm - 9pm, at Cheshire Natural Health, Beehive House, Tarporley Road, Stretton, WA4 4ND. Experts from both organisations will give a series of informal talks on a wide range of women's health issues, from fertility to menopause. There is no charge to attend the evening and free parking is available at the clinic. To reserve a place please contact 0845 600 9997 or email [education@gyne-health.co.uk](mailto:education@gyne-health.co.uk).

For more information visit [www.gyne-health.co.uk](http://www.gyne-health.co.uk) or [www.conceiveinternational.co.uk](http://www.conceiveinternational.co.uk) or [www.cheshirenaturalhealth.co.uk](http://www.cheshirenaturalhealth.co.uk)



## Pupils learn about fire safety

PUPILS from Year 5 at Statham Primary School were visited by fire fighters from Stockton Heath Fire Station.

The children were instructed on fire safety in the home and were also treated to a short period of time in a 'smoke' tent.

*Youngsters meeting the fire crew.*

## Reels on Wheels roll into Lymm

OLDER Lymm residents may still remember the heady days when every small town - including Lymm had its own cinema.

A huge number of them disappeared when television started to become available to all in early sixties. Since then they have been gradually replaced by the big multiplex cinemas. But now thanks to the latest technology there is an alternative - the "pop-up" cinema.

The "Reels on Wheels" truck can be spotted outside town halls and community centres all over Cheshire and Staffordshire and on February 21st for the first time it will be seen in Lymm parked at the United Reformed Church for a double bill.

A late afternoon kids show (it's half-term) with food being served in the Sanctuary Café will be followed in the evening by the highly acclaimed new movie Quarter with Dustin Hoffman making his directorial debut in a film that stars Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins and Billy Connolly.

"The response has been fantastic" said event organiser Alan Williams "and we are grateful to the United Reformed Church for opening their door to us for what promises to be a memorable cinema experience in the heart of our village."

Tickets are available at Rushgreen Services, Lymm Electric or [www.lymmfestival.org.uk](http://www.lymmfestival.org.uk)

## Village gets involved in Climate Week

RESIDENTS, schools, businesses and community groups at Lymm are being given a chance to get involved in Climate Week - Britain's biggest climate change campaign.

Community group Low Carbon Lymm will be holding a presentation evening on Monday, March 4 when details will be given.

Climate Week aims to inspire a new wave of action to create a sustainable future.

It is backed by every part of society - from the Prime Minister to Paul McCartney, the NHS to the Met Office, the TUC to the CBI, Girlguiding UK to the National Association of Head Teachers.

During the last Climate Week, more than 3,000 events were attended by half a million people across the UK.

The Climate Week Awards recognise the most inspirational and impressive actions taking place in every sector of society.

Lymm residents, businesses and schools will be able to put forward nominations for this year's awards which showcase projects and initiatives from organisations ranging from government departments to community allotments,

large businesses to local faith groups, businesses, etc.

Low Carbon Lymm wants to showcase how the village is becoming a sustainable community and is inviting nominations across a range of award categories:

- \* Best Initiative by a Small Business
- \* Best Community Contribution
- \* Best Educational Contribution
- \* Most Inspirational Young Person (two Awards - Under 12 and Under 17)
- \* Resident of the Year
- \* Local Food Supplier of the Year

Nominations must be from residents of Lymm, pupils at local schools or businesses based in Lymm.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday February 20.

More information is available from the website [www.lowcarbonlymm.org.uk](http://www.lowcarbonlymm.org.uk) from where nomination forms can be downloaded.

Low Carbon Lymm is a not-for profit group, promoting low carbon living in the Lymm community.

Climate Week is March 4-10.

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# Martial arts students pick up trophies

MARTIAL Arts students from several clubs took part in a karate competition held at Lymm High School.

Members of Gen 'Dai Martial Arts Club, from Partington, Lymm, Knutsford and Urmston, battled it out in various disciplines. The Lymm students achieved success in several categories.

The boys' kumite was won by Jack Fearnhead and Emily Daly took the girls title. Andrea Murphy won the ladies kumite. Matthew Shard won the boys kata and Katie Wright won the girls kata competition.

Joseph Shard won the nunchuka competition first place trophy.

Sensei Dave Shipton said: "All judges, instructors and parents that participated in the event made it a great day and the atmosphere was positive and lively. The essence of what the Gen 'Dai clubs' philosophy is, was captured on the day as the emphasis was on good etiquette."

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# Rugby club raise £70,000 for good causes

**LYMM Rugby Union Club has helped raise a staggering £70,000 for good causes following a serious neck injury to one of their players.**

Alex 'Bosh' Bennett was left paralysed after suffering the neck injury in February 2012 and a subsequent celebrity 'Legends' rugby match and dinner featuring an array of internationals, on its own raised £56,000 for injured players' charities.

World Cup winners Jason Robinson and Jason Leonard led out a host of top players, including former England internationals Nick Easter, Martin Corry and Kyran Bracken for the match which took place at Lymm Rugby Club last July. Many had played with Alex during his rugby career which included stints with

Saracens, Orrell and England B.

Total fundraising, which included participation in the Great North Run, the Manchester to Blackpool bike ride, the Lymm 10k and corporate and individual donations, exceeded £70,000.

These funds have been raised to support a range of causes including the RFU Injured Players Foundation, Spinal Research, the RPA Benevolent Fund (now Restart) both generally and specifically to assist in Alex's recovery and rehabilitation needs, other projects in spinal injury or with injured players and the upgrading of medical facilities at Lymm RFC.

Alex was severely paralysed following the accident, with fears that he would never walk again. He has slowly been building his strength and endurance and is now able to walk around independently at home without the need for any walking aids. He is confident and positive about the future, including going back to work, and determined that his injury is a catalyst for positive development in both injured player support and that of spinal injuries rehab.

"The support my family and I have received from the rugby community has been truly humbling," said Alex.

"It has set the standard for how an injured rugby player and family should be looked after and I am immensely proud to be a member of

Lymm Rugby Club."

Danny McNicholl, Chairman of Lymm Rugby Club, said: "Bosh is a remarkable individual to have achieved the progress he has made. We are all extremely grateful for the support this initiative has been given, and Alex is subsequently receiving during his recovery. In rugby, to be injured in this way is the nightmare scenario for any player and this serves to illustrate how the extended rugby family rallies round when it really matters."



Alex 'Bosh' Bennett with his family at the Legends game at Lymm Rugby Union Club, which raised over £50,000 for good causes. Picture Cameron Haworth.

## Obituary

### Pat Smith

PAT Smith, aged 92, died peacefully on Sunday 2 December.

Mother to David and the late Janet, grandmother, greatgrandmother and friend. Much loved.

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A CELEBRATION of the life of Thomas Frank Cookson took place on Friday, December 20 at St Mary's Church, Rostherne and he was then laid to rest near his family farm at Holy Trinity Church, Little Bollington. This Celebration was led by Reverend Philip Robinson and his wife Patricia.

Thomas was born on 13th April 1983 the only, but very special son of Frank and Elizabeth Cookson of Agden Brook Farm, Little Bollington and treasured brother of Ruth and her husband Eoin.

He was educated at Bladon House School in Burton on Trent from 1998 to 2005 where his independence and special requirements were encouraged so that he could return to work on the family farm. Admired by all who met him for his enthusiasm for life Thomas became adept in handling farm machinery and milking cows on a daily basis, this was as well developing the intricate skills of tapestry and creating beautiful pictures as one of his many hobbies. These pictures were exhibited as part of the Young Farmers Clubs hobbies and pastimes competition at Reaseheath. His love of the Young Farmers, their competitions and dances gave him great delight and this culminated at the Cheshire County Show with the annual, light hearted water fight between many members of the Clubs.

Thomas also had many other friends at the Chelford and Beeston Auctions where he accompanied his Granddad and in recent years his Dad when buying and selling livestock.

Thomas studied and had a great passion for football and in particular Manchester United where he went to nearly every home game - in the former years with this Granddad and Uncle Tony and in recent years with his Mum and Aunt Anne. He looked forward to the annual family holidays in Jersey and this was where he met the love of his life Helen and although she lives in Lincolnshire this did not stop them enjoying a very special relationship.

The Celebration of Thomas's life, although too soon, showed how a Young Man with such a love of life and people had touched hundreds from all corners of the country that wished to pay tribute to him. Everyone joined in the uplifting service to share their love and memories of Thomas which was summed up with one particular quote:

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