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I HAD two very different shopping experiences in the run up to Christmas - one in Lymm village centre and one at the Trafford Centre!

If it was left to me I would choose Lymm every time over the Trafford Centre, if it was based purely on the shopping experience.

On the last Saturday before Christmas I visited Lymm and found parking easily on the Davies Way Car Park. I knew I would be more than an hour so happily paid the 50 p to park for up to two hours.

On my travels I visited Nancy's Deli and received great customer service as I chose two handpicked hampers, filled with locally (Cheshire) sourced produce.

I was surprised to hear that Nancy felt she got more support from visitors to the village than

locals - small businesses like this are the lifeblood of our village and should be supported at every opportunity.

I completed my shopping trip with a coffee and a walk along the Bridgewater Canal enjoying the stunning local views.

The following Monday I made my annual pilgrimage to the Trafford Centre.

While the journey there took just over 20 minutes I then ended up sat in a traffic jam for more than half an hour just to get on the car park - then the stress of finding a parking space.

While the overall experience, which included a meal and a trip to the cinema, was enjoyable, it is probably one I will only make once a year.

Shopping in Lymm was certainly

a lot more stress free and one I will be doing on a more regular basis.

For those readers who have not ventured into our village centre and supported local businesses you really should.

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Lymm Runners pioneer 40 mile ultra run route

LYMM Runners has set up Warrington's first ultradistance run – a 40 mile loop around the town which starts and finishes in Lymm.

Dubbed the "Warrington Way", the route from Lymm mostly follows public footpaths, trails, and country lanes.

It takes in Rixton, Birchwood, Croft, Winwick, Burtonwood, Bold, Penketh, Moore, Hatton, Stretton, and High Legh before ending in Lymm again.

Fourteen Lymm Runners took on all or part of the gruelling route on nearly the shortest day of the year – Saturday December 20 – starting at 7am and finishing about 4pm.

In very wet conditions, runners Georgina Walker and Phil Rowen were delighted to complete the full 40 miles for the first time.

Georgina said: "I first started running just two years ago with Lymm Runners, and would never have imagined that by now I would be taking on an ultra like this! Those last few miles were so incredibly tough, but I made it."

Run organiser Kieran Walshe said: "We are planning to organise a race on this fabulous 40 mile route in 2015 – which runners can enter either solo, or in relay teams of 4 people. There are no ultradistance races in Warrington at the moment, and it's a growing sport with lots of people who've done a marathon wanting to find a new challenge." For more information about the planned race, email raceadmin@lymmrunners.org.uk

Some of the Lymm Runners who have done the Warrington Way 40 mile Ultra Run. From left, Jim Allen, Kieran Walshe, Julian Dickinson, Georgina Walker, Mark Hamill, Steve Davis, Phil Rowen and mascot Pepper who has also done the run.

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February 10
LYMM PARISH COUNCIL
 Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

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

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 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
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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 Parish Hall 7.30pm

Community Energy for Lymm comes a step closer

LOW Carbon Lymm's "Lymm Community Energy" has formally been established as a Community Benefit Society.

Zoe Cohen, Chair of Low Carbon Lymm said: "We are delighted to announce that Lymm Community Energy has now been formally established as a Community Benefit Society with the Financial Conduct Authority."

Lymm Community Energy (LCE) has been set up by Low Carbon Lymm in collaboration with Warrington Borough Council. LCE is a new social enterprise which will create opportunities to invest in Lymm's energy future. As a Community Benefit Society, LCE will enable local people and organizations to invest in renewable energy installations that benefit the local community. LCE is the first community energy company in Warrington.

LCE will raise funds by issuing shares to investors who will then become members of the Society. The groups first projects will be solar photovoltaic (PV) systems fitted to community buildings. The occupants of the buildings will get lower cost energy, whilst 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 in 2015 and for the first scheme to be operational in Spring/Summer 2015. You can pre-register for a prospectus for this investment in LCE by emailing info@lowcarbonlymm.org.uk. Alternatively you can call Richard Pearce on 01925 754480.

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Left to right: Chris Zastawny, Sean Chapman, Eddie Hunt, David Cockayne, Kate Davies, Kirsty Challen

Food donations almost hit a tonne!

MORE than three quarters of a tonne of food has been donated by the people of Lymm for the Warrington Foodbank.

On the first Saturday of each month throughout 2014, Lymm Labour volunteers have collected food from local shoppers.

The foodbank has also been supported by the Lymm Ladies Circle, who donated the proceeds of their Summer Ball to enable the purchase of shelving required at the foodbank.

Local competition sees two winners

LOCAL students were invited to create their own Dickensian character as part of the recent Lymm Dickensian Festival.

The competition was sponsored by Just English Tuition, Lymm. Local English Tutor, Wendy Hulme, said: "I wanted young people to take a closer look at the writing of Dickens and get creative!"

The winning entries can be viewed at www.justenglishlymm.co.uk. Just English offers tuition, books and even a free reading group for young people locally.

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The problem is however that over 30 million people in this country don't feel they have their finances under control according to a survey from ThinkMoney. If your finances are 'neat and tidy' then it allows you to go about your everyday life better. It stops you from waking up at 4am worrying about the future. This is not rocket science.

So how do you begin to get a grip of your financial situation? Well here are a few tips.

Make a financial plan – Good time to do in January!

This may seem obvious but it is the starting point to getting your finances in order and establishing some control over your life. The main areas to consider are budget, retirement planning, savings and investments, and emergency funds.

Set a goal

Equally important is knowing what you want to achieve from your financial plan. What are you saving for, how long do you want to save? There are so many people I talk to that don't know how much they want at retirement, or how their pension fund relates to this. Our technology on a client's personalised website allows them to set a goal for one or more of their financial products. They can then monitor this whenever they like by simply logging on to the website and observing the graph. It really is that easy.

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Markets

The world's stock markets have rallied significantly towards the end of 2014. And if the European Central Bank announces a series of Quantitative Easing, as they should, then expect a cracking start to 2015. I would also expect sterling to increase significantly against the Euro if this was announced, so delay buying your currency for a while!

Don Wernham,
Financial Planner

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Pop star TV presenter to be Historic Transport Day Patron

CLASSIC car TV presenter and pop musician Fuzz Townshend will be the celebrity patron at the 2015 Lymm Historic Transport Day.

Having a celebrity patron has already become something of a tradition at the event.

For the first event in 2013 it was keen narrowboater Matthew Corbett (of Sooty and Sweep fame) while last year the role was filled by ex-world champion speedway rider Phil Collins.

When the team put their heads together at a pre-Christmas meeting it was felt right to invite someone from the world of classic cars as they form such an important part of the event.

Deb Willacy, event project manager, was delighted when their first choice for the job accepted immediately.

Fuzz Townshend is well known not only in the world of classic cars but pop music too. These days he is probably best known as the presenter of "Car-SOS" on National Geographic and More 4. He also has his own car restoration company as well as being an independent journalist specialising in classic cars and buses.

On top of all that he has

somehow managed to fit in being drummer for some great bands including The Wonder Stuff and Pop Will Eat Itself.

"We are thrilled to have Fuzz involved," said Deb.

"Amazingly he had already heard what a good show it was and had put it in his diary to attend even though he is based in the Midlands. It's a great indication of how quickly the event has become established on the calendar which is good news for the festival as a whole and for Lymm as a destination."

Fuzz will be helping to promote the event as well as being a guest

on the day which will be Sunday June 28th – the final day of Lymm Festival.

More information at www.lymmtransport.org.uk



Volunteers urgently needed

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 Lymm Transport Day organisers met to discuss the outcome of this year's event almost the first item on the agenda was "will it be on again next year?"

It was a pretty easy decision to make following the enormous success of the event and the group were unanimous in deciding to go ahead again next year on Sunday June 28.

Event director Alan Williams explained: "It was a huge amount of work for all concerned but a lot of it is a learning curve and an investment in the future. In theory it should get simpler every year but as the event grows we also need to come up with new ways to ensure things run smoothly and that everyone, including exhibitors, traders, residents and visitors all have a positive experience."

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Comedian Arthur Smith to perform in Lymm

COMEDIAN and TV and radio presenter Arthur Smith is to headline Lymm Festival's "Winter Warmer" programme with his one-man show "At Your Service" at Statham Lodge Hotel on Sunday, February 1.

Arthur was one of many stand-up performers on the alternative comedy scene in the 1980s and still performs today in much the same manner.

He has regularly attended the Edinburgh Fringe comedy festival since 1977, compered the long-running Hackney Empire New Act of the Year competition final and also written a body of serious or semi-serious work, including stage plays such as 'An Evening with

Gary Lineker'.

Musical comedy shows such as "Arthur Smith sings Leonard Cohen" were broadcast on BBC Radio 4, where Arthur has also programmes such as "Excess Baggage" and "Loose Ends."

A regular on TV comedy panel games, Arthur also took over as narrator of the TV series "A Life of Grime" after the death of John Peel.

He was also one of the Grumpy Old Men of the television series

of that name and has appeared on many television comedy panel games.

Warrington born multi-instrumentalist Pete Price is to make his first major appearance at the Lymm Festival since 2007.

Pete is best known as a guitarist and singer influenced by blues legends such as Big Bill Broonzy, Blind Blake, Robert Johnson and Blind Boy Fuller. But he also acknowledges the influence of Led Zeppelin, the Kinks and the Rolling Stones and has a wide and varied repertoire including evocative versions of Latin American dance

tunes, Indian Ragas, Celtic harp and Eastern European music.

His album "Big Road Blues", has consolidated his reputation by demonstrating his complete mastery of classic country and Delta blues styles as well as ragtime, jazz and beyond – not to mention his own compositions! By his teens he was a competent ukulele, mandolin and tin whistle player and soon after he was drawn to the acoustic guitar.

His recent concert at The Pyramid, Warrington, quickly sold out so demand for tickets is likely to be high.

Lymm councillor to stand for Parliament

Lymm councillor Bob Barr has been selected as the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary candidate for Warrington South in May's General Election.

A Lymm parish councillor since 2004 and a borough councillor since 2006, Cllr Barr has lived in Lymm since 1982 with his wife, Caroline and daughters Sarah and Katie.

An academic geographer, he has taught about Warrington since 1975, so feels he knows the constituency very well.

He is an internationally recognised expert in geographical information systems and was awarded an OBE

"for services to geography" in 2008.

He has been called on on numerous occasions to serve as an expert adviser to government in his field.

Currently, he is deputy leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on Warrington Borough Council.

He said: "I want to represent Warrington because it is a fascinating and successful town that faces many challenges.

"The project of integrating the New Town areas with the old town has never been properly completed. It is now more important than ever, with new powers and funds on offer

to Manchester and Liverpool, that Warrington's voice is heard.

"I wouldn't be interested in representing any other constituency. Having lived in Warrington South for half my life I want to be an MP to represent the town and to ensure that we get a fair deal from central government. I believe that I am very well qualified to do that. I am the only candidate from the three main parties with true roots here and a long record of serving the residents of Lymm and Warrington"

Cllr Barr said the 2010 election result saw Warrington South become a three way marginal, with the results for the three major parties closer than at any other time in the constituency's history.

He added: "Voters in Lymm have the opportunity to make a real difference to the result of the next general election, because their votes will really count. Any of the major party candidates could win this seat and that can lead to real influence in Westminster."

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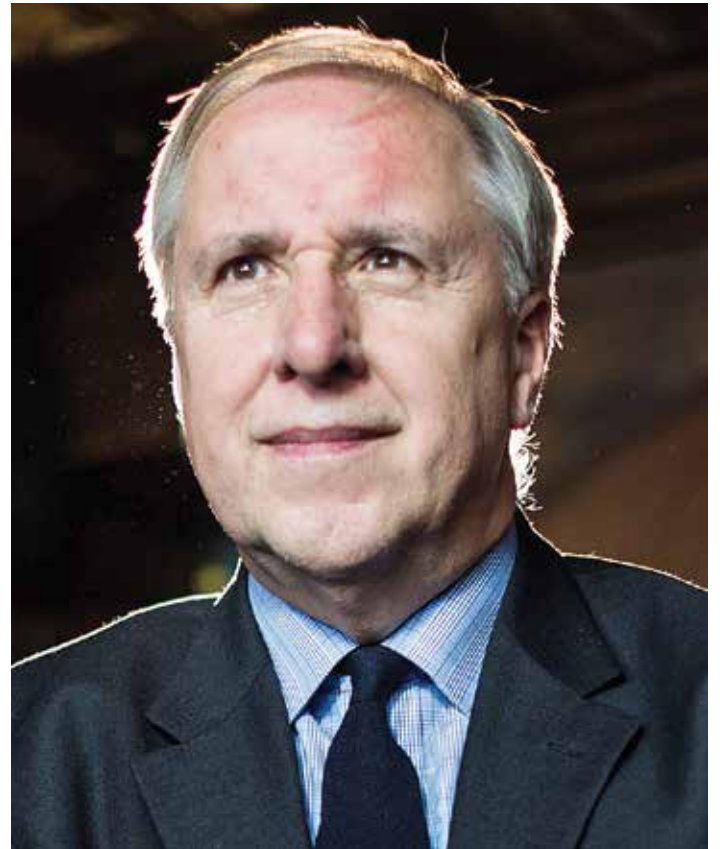
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Valentine Ball

THE second Oughtrington Primary School Valentine Ball is to take place at the Lymm Hotel on Friday, February 6.

Radio presenter Darron Proctor is hosting the event and around 110 local parents are expected to be there.

The event is to raise money for school funds.

High school appoints new principal

LYMM High School has appointed a new principal who will take up his post at Easter.

Former Wales school international hockey player Gwyn Williams will join from Wallingford School in Oxfordshire, where he is currently deputy, a similar school in many respects to Lymm, where he has been central to turning what was an underachieving school into one with the best examination outcomes in Oxfordshire.

Governors and senior advisors from the local authority were unanimous in the view that Mr Williams is an exceptional educator and school leader, who will earn the respect and support of staff, students and the community while taking Lymm High School forward.

Chair of governors Keiran Walshe said Mr Williams recognised the improvements made in the school over the last year, but also understands that there was still much to do to see the school and its students achieve their full potential.

Mr Williams attended a comprehensive school in North Wales, then went to the University of Cambridge and graduated with a first in politics and social sciences. He then worked for a time in industry, before training as a history teacher at Oxford University, and has worked in a number of different schools. He is

a keen sports player, particularly hockey which he played at an international level for Wales when he was at school.

For the past 18 months the school has been under the leadership of interim executive principal Tarun Kapur from the Dean Trust.

Mr Kapur was drafted in following the suspension of former Head Teacher Angela Walsh, who eventually resigned.

Mr Walshe added: "The school has gained a great deal from the experienced leadership of Mr Kapur and the support of other colleagues from the Dean Trust.

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THE annual charity jazz concert organised by the Lymm and Thelwall branch of Co
Community Centre on Friday, February 13.

As usual the popular Chicago Teddy Bears Society Jazz Band will be providing the
will be missing.

Pianist Neville Goodwin the oldest member of the band, sadly passed away recent
been a member of the band for 28 years.

Over the years, the band's line-up has remained remarkably consistent and mos
night, including popular bassist/vocalist Rae Owens, saxophonist/clarinettist John H
guitarist/banjoist Tony Ormesher, trumpeter Jim Lucas and trombonist Andrew McKenz

Drummer Brian Singleton, who with 30 years in the band is the longest serving memb
hearing him playing away to my right and obviously the band isn't quite the same wit
because there is no piano but I think most people still enjoy our music.

"Neville passed away peacefully in his sleep and was playing with us right to the en
it." The concert starts at 8pm and tickets, £12.50 including a two-course supper, can
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Community Centre set for further improvement

LYMM Youth and Community Centre is looking forward to the New Year with anticipation as it sees the delivery of improvements to the premises which have been nearly two years in the making.

Thanks to a WREN Landfill Communities Fund grant of almost £75,000 the works will be complete by Easter 2015.

The Centre has been extensively renovated over the past five years and the generous WREN Grant will enable substantial developments to a number of facilities.

Most noticeable will be more visually attractive modifications to both the upper and lower entrances to give full disabled access to each.

Meanwhile inside all toilets will

be upgraded to fully accessible and suitable for disabled with baby changing facilities included in each. These changes will have the added bonus of creating much needed storage space and an extension to the kitchen. The works will also see new flooring throughout as well as extensive redecorating.

Chairman of Lymm Youth and Community Association, Steve Griffiths, said: "There will inevitably be some disruption to the very full programme of activities that take place every day of the week at the Centre; but we will try to manage the works to minimise this and apologise to those users who are inconvenienced."

"However we are sure all users will agree that the hopefully minor disruption is more than compensated by the improvements for the future and extra flexibility and new uses that this will facilitate."



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contact the Elderly takes place at Grappenhall

music – although this year one familiar face

y, aged 84. The former police sergeant had

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allam, drummer/vocalist Brian Singleton and
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er, said: "We haven't replaced Neville. I miss
hout him. We've had to adapt things slightly

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Lymm Round Table to celebrate 50th year

Lymm and District Round Table are holding a Charter Night to mark their 50th year on Friday February 20, 7:30pm, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Lymm.

The fundraising group, which organises popular community events throughout the year including the Easter Monday Duck Race, Big Lymm Bonfire and Lymm Beer Fest, is inviting all former Table members to a night of hot food, a private bar and entertainment.

Current chairman Chris Gorman said: "This will be an informal evening where Table members past

and present can share stories about the good old days and hopefully catch up with some forgotten faces.

"It would be good to see as many former Tablers there as possible – either from Lymm and District or further afield – plus if anyone has any memorabilia or old photos to add to the occasion that would be great too."

Tickets are priced at £10 and to book your spot or find out more call Chris Stephens on 01925 759699 (evenings) or email charter@lymmroundtable.co.uk



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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

As you read this it will be the New Year and we will all be looking forward to spring. I am very proud to be the Chair of this forward looking and evolving Parish. I am over half way through my tenure as Chair and the positive thinking and hard work of those who work as volunteers for the Village continues to amaze me.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the young people and parishioners who attended the Remembrance Service centenary year event in November at St Mary's Parish church. It was underpinned by the way that the children and young adults of the Parish responded to the event in a mature, dignified manner.

Dickensian Day was again a fantastic event – many thanks to Steve Harper and the team for organising such a memorable show case for the village. It was amazing to view the event from the coach – the Village looked fantastic. Many thanks to all the traders who contributed to making the Village look great and the hard working festivities team for their usual magnificent effort in making Lymm one of the most picturesque places in the area.



The Carols Round the Cross was again a very well attended event – despite the inclement weather. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who came to the evening. If people could return the hymn sheets it would be appreciated as they are re used every year.

The Parish Hall has had a lot of refurbishments and is open for bookings. If you are a company who needs a useful meeting room with tea/coffee facilities, the Council Room is available on most days and most evenings. For details please contact Amanda Riley the Parish Clerk on: 07585952445. The main hall is also available for long term and short term bookings including children's parties; again please contact Amanda. Rates for the hall are £12 an hour with discounts available for registered charities.

The Youth and Community Centre refurbishment is now well under the way and should be completed by the end of spring. This will include new flooring, better facilities and generally will update the building. This will make it a true centre for the community.

The Parish Council is looking into exploring the possibility of moving the War Memorial from its current place in St Mary's Parish Church Yard. The Council will be keeping you informed of the progress on this issue.

The Parish Council is continuing to try and alleviate the parking situation in Lymm and are to this end are still pursuing looking at free parking facilities at the Sow Brook site.

The Parish website is now up and running. If you have an event that you would like to be advertised please contact the Parish Clerk Amanda Riley on: clerk@lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk at least a month in advance so that we can put it in our 'What's On' section of the website.

Cllr Kath Buckley Chair of Lymm Parish Council

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Welcome return for 'More tea Vicar!'



The popular Sunday afternoon teas will be returning to St Werburgh's Parish Rooms, Bent Lane, Warburton, starting on Sunday, January 25.

Tea and coffee will be served along with delicious home made scones and cakes, from 2pm to 4pm. Those who became regulars last year said how nice it was to be able to chat with friends, bringing visitors and family out to sample the very tasty fare on offer, and took pleasure in the informal and friendly atmosphere. Many found themselves lucky prize-winners of gifts generously donated to the raffle.

The event will take place on the last Sunday of the month from January to April, and the organising

group hope that it will attract those who are wanting to find somewhere warm and welcoming on a winter's afternoon, to relax and enjoy good company. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Last year More Tea Vicar raised more than £600 for church funds, and helped raise the profile of the Parish Rooms, which are available for hire.

More Tea Vicar will be held on Sundays January 25, February 22, March 29 and April 26 from 2pm - 4pm. £3.00 for tea/coffee, a scone and a piece of cake. All proceeds will go to church funds.

Locals names in Honours List

A FORMER Lymm High School pupil received a CBE in the New Year Honours List.

Ruth Jane Lea, is now a political economist working in the financial sector. She has also worked as a civil servant and for the Institute of Directors, as well as for policy research bodies and the media.

She served almost 16 years in the Civil Service, working in the Treasury, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Central Statistical Office and the Civil Service College. She later became a lecturer at Thames Polytechnic.

She then joined Mitsubishi Bank, rising to chief economist when she became a regular television and radio commentator on economic matters. She was economics editor at ITN, and subsequently head of the Policy Unit at the Institute of Directors, a post she held from 1995-2003.

She was director of the Centre for Policy Studies from 2004-07 and director of Global Vision from 2007-10.

Dr Gillian Davies, from Lymm, a specialist in dental public health, was awarded the MBE for services to her industry.

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A Big Thank you from 4Lymm

THE new 4Lymm Voluntary group would like to thank everyone who has supported them during the first few months of the new organisation.

They held their first fundraising event in the form of a quiz night in November and raised over £300 and had a very successful Dickensian Festival by raising over £600 at their mulled wine stall.

They also carried out their tinning appeal and, as usual, had an excellent response from local people for donations which enabled them to deliver over 150 parcels for needy elderly and families in Lymm. A special thank you to those who helped during the collections and make-up of parcels, particularly the members of Gen'Dai Martial Arts.

This year will see them putting on more fundraising events and community work so if you would like more information about their work please contact:

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Plan to re-develop "sprawling" site

A MAJOR plan for the re-development of a sprawling, four-acre site at Lymm for leisure, storage, distribution or office use has been given the go-ahead by Warrington planners.

The development will take place at Tanyard Farm Estate, off Rush Green Road, Lymm and will involve the demolition of the sprawling, poor quality buildings and hardstanding currently existing on the site.

Members of the borough council's planning committee were told the development – which would have parking for 56 cars – adjoined the site of the former Rush Green Service Station, which has already been given planning consent for a new supermarket.

Some 57 parking spaces had been approved as part of the supermarket plan.

Lymm Parish Council offered qualified support for the scheme. While they welcomed proposals to tidy up the site they were concerned that the proposed building would be "rather voluminous and intrusive" and might not fit in with adjacent Green Belt land.

There was also concern about the extra traffic that would be attracted to the site, particularly as there would be parking for 113 vehicles on the development and adjoining supermarket scheme.

Neighbours were concerned at the height of proposed buildings, intensification of use of the site, the visual impact and traffic implications.

But there was also support from people who welcomed promised landscaping improvements.

Officers argued that overall the development was acceptable, subject to suitable design safeguards.

The committee imposed conditions that the car park should have a "grass-crete" surface and suggested that the applicant should carry out improvements to adjoining land which was currently an eyesore.



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No grit!

Lymm walker

THE snow and ice which arrived on Boxing Day was pretty to look at and I was quick to get out and about on foot. It was the nearest we've had to a White Christmas for a long time.

But were the borough council caught on the hop? I saw no sign of any road gritters in Lymm and precious little sign of them anywhere else.

A council officer tells me that the primary routes were gritted but it was decided not to grit secondary routes.

Well, if the A56 through Lymm is not a primary route I don't know what is and I saw no sign of grit anywhere along its length.

I appreciate that the council is under financial constraints at present but there are some areas of service that should not suffer from cuts. Surely gritting the roads is one of them – or doesn't road safety matter any more?

Obituaries

John Le Page

The funeral has taken place of John Le Page aged 88, formally of The Crescent, Lymm who resided at Brampton Lodge for the final months of his life.

John was born in Guernsey and was evacuated to Lymm in 1940 – only days before the Germans invaded the island. He joined the Royal Scots Fusiliers in 1944 and then 1st Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment. At the end of WW2, John stayed in service for a further three years, stationed in Germany. He made Lymm his home after he met his wife Mary, living for six years in Broomeedge, until they moved to The Crescent where he lived for 60 years.

John was employed as a hand tool maker, first at Plumpton at Barsbank, then Wilkinson Tools, Kerfoot Street, Warrington until he retired. He was then employed at Lymm Golf Club until he was 77.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and holidays in Guernsey to see his brother Derek. John enjoyed all sport especially horse racing and football, playing for Lymm Rovers in the 1950's. In the 1960's he played Crown Green Bowling, winning many trophies. He also enjoyed playing dominos and was one of the founder members of Lymm British Legion domino school. He was a keen cyclist and is fondly remembered by Lymm residents riding his bike around the village, which he did until he was 85.

He leaves three daughters, Jenny, Denise and Jill, grandchildren, Jackie, Mike, Hannah, Alice, Charlotte and Tom and great grandchildren Andy, Charlie, Bella, Faith and Destiny and sons-in-law, Pete, Gregory and Alan.

Funeral arrangements were by P J Lundy, Thelwall.



Eileen Blinston

THE funeral has taken place of Eileen Blinston, of Wychwood Avenue, Lymm, who died at home on November 30.

Eileen was born in North Wales and served in the ATS – the women's branch of the Army – during World War 2, servicing anti-aircraft guns.

She met Jack Blinston – a Lymm Grey – when he was stationed at Colwyn Bay during the war.

When they first married they lived at Cheadle Hulme but returned to

Lymm around 1951, when they had a farm at Statham. Jack died in 1970.

Eileen volunteered for some years at Lymm Citizen's Advice Bureau and at the Help the Aged shop in Hale.

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