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IT is always refreshing to get feedback from young people – so I can imagine how local councillor and well known town crier Peter Powell felt when he received a letter from eight-year-old Katie Swann.

Young Katie is a credit to our community and I wouldn't be surprised if one day she ends up representing an area on a local council.

For an eight-year-old to take the time and trouble to write to her local councillor is truly amazing and we are delighted to help young Katie get her message out to the dog owners of Lymm on the opposite of page.

In fact I will add my own words to Katie's campaign - if you own a dog and take it out walking - PLEASE clean up after your pet - you give a bad

name to the very many responsible dog owners out there.

I am sure most of us, at one time, have had the unfortunate experience of treading in dog poo - which is most unpleasant, especially if you end up treading through someone's home or taking it back into your car with you.

All it takes is one irresponsible dog owner in a local area and it can make life a misery for many - especially young children who face very real health risks if they come into contact with the foul smelling by product of man's best friend.

If you know of an irresponsible dog owner in your neighbourhood tell the appropriate authorities via your local councillor - or if you are worried about revealing your identity contact Lymm Life and we will pass on the information on your behalf.

You can do this by using the contact details below.

To all you responsible dog owners I am sure you will back me in saying a big well done to young Katie for highlighting this issue.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our readers and advertisers a happy, healthy and hopefully prosperous New Year.

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Pupil cries foul play over dog mess!



Peter with Katie outside her school.

EIGHT-year-old Katie Swann was so fed up with seeing dog mess during her walk to school she wrote a letter to her local councillor asking for help.

Parish councillor and local town Crier Peter Powell was so impressed with Katie's concern and initiative he decided to visit her at Oughtrington Primary School to congratulate her for being a good citizen.

He also contacted *Lymm life* to help highlight the issue.

Katie said: "Everyone had been talking about the problem at school and some posters were put up to raise awareness – but these were then ripped down. It is not very nice walking to school every day seeing dog mess on the pavement."

Peter added: "There is certainly a major problem with some irresponsible dog owners walking their pets near the primary school."

"Not only does it cause an unpleasant mess – but it is also a serious health issue as a child could

end up losing their sight if they came into contact with the dog mess."

Peter said he would be raising awareness about the problem as a local councillor and through his Town Crier duties in the village.

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January 10, 2012

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Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

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Busy year for the Ladies Circle

LYMM Ladies Circle have had a busy year enjoying social events and raising money for charities.

New members have joined the group, formed in May 2009, and have enjoyed the fun and fundraising.

Members started this year as they ended last, selling the Lymm Calendar Boys calendar, which raised more than £4,000 for various organisations.

Lymm Ladies recently experienced the sad loss of the late Cath Sharman, who was one of the first members to join and the driving force behind the calendar.

Members have also been busy raising money for their chosen themes for 2011/12 - Children and Young People. They were involved with the Lymm Festival organising this year's Scarecrow Trail, and sold food at the Lymm Beer Festival.

In November they raised almost £200 selling sweets and refreshments at the Round Table Bonfire Night, and in December members sold refreshments in the Village Hall as part of the Dickensian Festival.

WI flower power

MEMBERS of Lymm Jubilee WI have been ensuring that the village centre stays colourful by planting pansies and euonymus.



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Jeff, who toured the world with the Quo is pictured with pupils from left, Freddie Fairhurst aged 7, Emily Wormald aged 7, Sadie Fairhurst aged 9 and Evan Lucas aged 11.

Volunteers needed at community centre

DUE to its continued success Lymm Youth and Community Centre is urgently on the look out for more volunteers helpers.

The last two years has seen a fantastic transformation in the fortunes of the facility based next to the Bridgewater Canal in the village centre.

Thanks to a hardworking team of volunteers the interior of the building has been refurbished and improved and is now in regular use throughout the week. The volunteers also run activities such as youth clubs, senior socials and regular film showings and the building is regularly hired for other sports and social activities.

Negotiations to secure a community asset transfer of the centre are progressing well and along with the continued success and growth of the centre the management committee have put out an urgent call to the local community for more volunteer help.

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Professor honoured at Palace

A LYMM man has been presented with an OBE from Prince Charles at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Professor Peter Brandon, a former Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Salford, was awarded the honour in recognition of his services to the built environment.

He is currently Professor Emeritus in the School of the Built Environment and was previously director of the University ThinkLab. He has played a major role in the development of research in the UK and internationally. His award was supported by many institutions abroad and in the UK.

Much of Professor Brandon's research is recognised as world-leading and he has written widely on a number of topics including building economics, construction management, construction information technology and sustainable development, more than 30 books to his credit as author, co-author or editor. Several of his research outputs have been translated into commercial products.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and has chaired many national and international committees.

Professor Brandon said that he owed much to the support he was given during his 25 years at Salford and particularly to his colleagues and students over this period.

He said: "They provoked, stimulated and motivated me. I also need to thank the many friends in government, industry and commerce who encouraged me and assisted the school to become the very best of its kind in the UK and many would say worldwide."

Family firm celebrates 10th anniversary

A FAMILY furniture firm has celebrated its 10th anniversary with a major store facelift.

Branches of Warrington carried out a complete refurbishment of its 7,500 sq ft showroom on Wilderspool Causeway.

The two-storey premises now includes more than 20 room sets featuring quality oak, pine, ash and painted solid wood furniture for every room in the house.

There are fresh, stylish displays designed to show the furniture in home-style settings.

Recent extensive developments have also been made to the company's online store www.branchesofwarrington.co.uk where visitors can view and purchase a wide range of products, most of which are also displayed in the showroom.

The Branches team have a wealth of furniture experience which has won them a loyal customer base which extends across Warrington, Mid-Cheshire and the North West.

Director Howard Ashwood said: "Branches would like to thank all our customers, old and new, for their business over the last 10 years. To continue our celebrations into 2012 we are introducing some exciting new furniture and accessory ranges while maintaining our competitive edge."

"Our continued focus will also be on retaining the strong customer service ethic that has helped to make us one of the leading suppliers of solid wood furniture in the North West."

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Shrinking slimmers raise £284 for charity

SHRINKING slimmers from Lymm came together to hold a "Swishing Party" to clear out their wardrobes - and raised £284.52 for a local charity.

Vikki O'Donnell, who runs the local Slimming World group, said: "It was Ros Harrison, who has lost 2 stone 10 lbs with our group, that gave us the idea.

"We had a such a fab day! Over 90 of my members brought all their clothes that were now too big for them. We swapped clothes and made donations for items that we swapped.

"Our group members were so generous - they've helped local children and got themselves some new clothes too. It was a really fun day and I know my slimmers are aiming to keep clearing out their wardrobes as they move into the next dress size down."

The group has not only helped STEPS, a Lymm based charity supporting children with lower limb disabilities, it has also helped its members lose 2,279 lbs, or 163 stones since last May.



Lions feed Luncheon Club!

OUGHTRINGTON Community Centre Luncheon Club held their annual Christmas Dinner at the Barn Owl Pub thanks to a generous donation of £250.00 from the Lymm and District Lions Club.

Pictured second from left, Shirley Hay Lions president and fourth from left Maggie Attewell Lions secretary presents the cheque to third from left, Joyce Penlington luncheon club organiser and volunteers.

Pamper evening boost

A ladies pamper evening help raise an estimated £1,000 for the Children's Adventure Farm Trust at Little Bollington near Lymm.

The event was sponsored by Darbys LLP Solicitors with partner Natasha Jones, playing host at the Charity Ladies Evening.

Julie Gray, Community Fundraiser for the Adventure Farm said: "We are so grateful to everyone who worked so hard to make this amazing Pampered Chef evening possible, especially Darbys for sponsoring the event, it was a massive success. It's so heart-warming when local companies and individuals come together to raise funds for our charity, it is only with the support of our community that we can continue to provide these once in a lifetime opportunities to the very special children who visit us here at CAFT. On behalf of each and every child, thank you so much - you really are changing lives."

Natasha said "We are proud to support CAFT and now that we have opened Darbys Manchester we wanted to add a charity, local to our Northwest office, to our 'Putting Something Back' Scheme".



Vikki (left) with Deborah Murray from STEPS





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Rae Wolett

"After nearly 20 sessions I am feeling more toned and fitter overall, I can feel the difference, especially in my arms – goodbye to batwings! Hoping to look better in my Christmas dress..."

Angela Eyre

"I am delighted with my first assessment. Have lost inches from bust, waist, hips, thighs, calves and upper arms – lost fat and gained muscle. I also feel energised – so much more energy! Linda and Kerry are so helpful and encouraging – I am delighted. Well done Fairways..."

Shirley Cann

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Speeding motorists given lesson in road safety



PUPILS at Little Bollington Primary School gave speeding motorists a lesson in road safety.

As part of national road safety week pupils joined forces with the Police and Cheshire Fire and Rescue to slow down motorists on a 40mph stretch of road outside their school where speeding cars have smashed through the school perimeter walls four times in three years.

The latest incident was at the beginning of November when a car crashed through the wall and landed in the school field but thankfully this happened late at night and the driver escaped uninjured.

PCSO Andy Dolan worked with pupils to help educate speeding motorists about the dangers of driving too fast.

Drivers caught speeding in front of

the school were given the option of a ticket and points or pull over into the school and watch a road safety DVD – but they weren't told that the children would quiz them as well until they were in the school.

Welcoming the initiative Head Teacher Caroline Johnstone, said it was the fifth time in three years the school had taken part in the event.

She said: "We find that the impact on the drivers when they are quizzed by the children brings it home to them how fast they are going.

"It is a powerful message in changing drivers' behaviour – and hopefully they won't do it again as they will tell their family and friends about their experience.

During the morning the fastest speed recorded was 56mph in a 40mph zone.

Leisure centre an 'outstanding asset'

LYMM Leisure Centre is an outstanding asset to the community - and membership is booming.

Members of the parish council were very impressed with the centre on a recent visit.

Cllr Sheila Woodyatt said: "We were very impressed with the improvements that have been made to the centre, the standards of cleanliness and the number of activities available.

"It is now doing well and is really an outstanding asset to the community."

Cllr Woodyatt said a "gap" in membership had been plugged by an influx of new members.

Major improvements had been completed on the swimming pool and a new fitness suite opened. Work had been carried out on the women's shower and the all-weather sports pitch.

A swipe card entry system for members was due to come on-line in January. The leisure centre is owned and operated by Lymm High School.

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Dickensian Festival hailed a great success

LYMM Dickensian Festival was hailed a great success by Town Crier Peter Powell who paid tribute to all those who had helped ensure the event was 'better than ever'.

"Everything went like clockwork," said Peter, who is already formulating plans for next year's event.

"It was a good procession, there were plenty of stalls and the rain held off," said Peter.

"I'd say there were more people watching in the village centre than in recent years and everyone had a great time."

He thanked Lymm Parish Council, the Rotary Club of Lymm, Lymm Lions and Lymm Roundtable for their ongoing support and also praised Warrington Borough Council for their help on road closures.

He also thanked village traders for their support.

"I've already got some ideas in my head for next year's event," added

Peter.

Watch this space!

Meanwhile village traders ran a late night and Sunday opening campaign in the run up to Christmas.

Some have now found Sundays to be one of their busiest days and will continue with Sunday opening in the New Year.

A new arch has also been erected at the entrance to The Dingle opposite Lymm Dam, promoting that the village centre is open to encourage passing trade.

The work has been supported by

Lymm Parish Council and it is hoped it will provide a welcome boost to trade in the village centre from those visiting Lymm Dam.

It is hoped the new archway and a map showing businesses in the village will increase footfall.

Meanwhile traders are also liaising with Warrington Borough Council about extending the successful pay and display car parking at Pepper Street, which includes two hours free parking, to the Davies Way car park.



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Left: Cherry Tree Primary School.
Top: Earl of Stamford Morris Dancers.



Above: Lymm Junior Youth Club show their support for Low Carbon Lymm.

Left: Town Crier, Peter Powell.

Below: From left, Cllr Neville Woodyatt, Sarah Collins, May Queen Vicki Hewett, Rose Queen Jessica Baillie, Chris Adamson and Cllr Sheila Woodyatt.



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Lymm Rose Queen Jessica Baillie (left) and May Queen Vicki Hewett in horse drawn carriage.



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Ravenbank CP School in the parade.

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Above: 1913 Model T Ford driver Allan Ward with Santa handing out sweets to crowd.

Left: Sarah Collins and Chris Adamson in their Dickensian attire.



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Above: Pupils from Little Bollington Primary School
 Below: Statham CP School pupils came dressed as pantomime characters.



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IT'S downhill all the way for an enterprising 'Lymmite' who has launched a cutting-edge tour operator business which she believes can provide better levels of service and prices unattainable by the big players.

Lymm based Kirsty Blamires and her team of ski enthusiasts are plotting a quiet revolution in the ski industry, by combining state-of-art Web booking with superior in-resort backup, in the form of Ski-Savvy.com.

"The leading operators have huge back-office overheads yet are quite thin on-the-ground in-resort because they go to so many places," explains Kirsty. "So although we're a brand new company, we can immediately beat them on both scores, by specialising in a single ski area."

That one area happens to be the

largest ski domain in the world – the Three Valleys in the French Alps offering over 650 km of piste. Skiers and snowboarders visiting the website are never stuck for choice as Ski-Savvy.com offers hotel and self-catering accommodation in four very different ski villages across the domain: cosmopolitan Meribel, ski in-ski out Mottaret, Olympic ski and spa village Brides-les-Bains, and family-friendly La Tania, combining these with speedy coach transfers and daytime flights from four regional airports, including Liverpool.

Kirsty's own interest in skiing emerged at an early age. She was skiing on proper skis when only one year old. "And we have the video to prove it," laughs Kirsty, "I've done two previous seasons in the Three Valleys and skied the equivalent of Lymm to London and back in that time, so I'm well acquainted with the resorts and

suppliers. It's been great to apply my knowledge to this exciting new business. Unlike many other industries, there are major advantages here in being small and specialist," she continues, "so we can offer all the usual services plus a little bit more – we provide a free day's ski orientation on the slopes, while our transfers avoid irritating mid-journey coach switching – but at deals that reflect our low overheads. Our ski/snowboard hire, for example, is around 25% lower than resort prices and our concentrated buying power means that our holidays are typically much cheaper than our main competitors." Perhaps her fluent French, following a year attending Lille University, also helps with negotiating the best deals in-resort.

The Ski-Savvy.com website is impressive too: "As far as we know, we are the first specialist ski operator to make full use of the web's ability to retrieve the cheapest flights and combine them with the desired range of accommodation and transfers, all within 10-15 seconds of the customer's click of the Search button," says Kirsty, "There are quite a few non-specialists like Expedia who allow the customer to 'pick and mix' from a range of suppliers, but our great strength is that we provide that selection as a truly seamless package holiday, personalised to the customer's needs."

Most importantly, Ski Savvy Ltd. is a member of both ATOL and the Travel Trust Association, with insurances that cover all types of flight



and accommodation. "Holiday-makers can book with confidence knowing their funds are 100% secure," adds Kirsty, "And I'll be there to greet our guests personally as they emerge from Geneva terminal and board our coaches for the slopes."

As a very special offer to *Lymm Life* readers, Ski Savvy is offering a further 15% off ski/snowboard hire, taking a total of a third off usual in-resort prices for all bookings made before the end of January. To redeem the offer customers of Ski-Savvy.com need only enter 'lymmSave' as the code on the Savvy Extras website, once their holiday is booked. Happy Skiing!



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New bumps and babies launched



THE North Cheshire branch of the National Childbirth Trust - the UK's largest parenting charity - has launched a new "Bumps and Babies" group at the Coffee House, Lymm.

Mums-to-be, new mums and their partners wishing to socialise and make new friends can attend the group meetings on Friday mornings at 10.30am.

The branch also has a new page on Facebook - search for NCT North Cheshire.

President to stay on

PAST and future activities were discussed at the annual meeting of Heatley WI and President Liz Wellbelove agreed to stay as president for another year.

The election of the new committee was approved. Future outings were discussed and visits and flowers were organised for members who were unable to attend due to ill health.

The meeting continued with a demonstration of the many ways of tying scarves by Shirley Roberts, from a collection of wraps and scarves on display.

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Rotary celebrate 75 years in Lymm

MEMBERS of Lymm Rotary Club celebrated their 75th annual Charter with a special dinner at Statham Lodge.

President John Beard (pictured far right) and members were joined by Rotarians from seven other Rotary Clubs, guests, wives and friends to celebrate the landmark event.

In a short poem President John welcomed the 116 guests to celebrate the special occasion.

In his speech The Chairman of the



Lymm Parish Council, David Openshaw (right) thanked the Lymm Club for 75 years of service to the local community and Assistant District Governor, Bob Davenport, congratulated the club on its 75 years of Rotary Service and before proposing the toast to the club, presented a plaque, Honouring 75 years of Membership of Rotary International.

In his response President John said, when welcoming President Jim Melville of the Warrington Club, that 75 years ago Lymm's Mother Club had some reservations about the feasibility of opening a club in an area with a population of only 8,500. The District Chairman, obviously a man of foresight, overrode Warrington's hesitation. Lymm had no such reservations about the birth of their daughter club, Knutsford which received its Charter in 1939 and John welcomed their current President, the Rev. Cannon Michael Walters.

The Guest Speaker was due to be Peter Slack, a hilariously witty Derbyshire Farmer but, an hour and a half before the dinner was due to



commence, he telephoned to say that due to a sudden, close family death he was unable to come but his daughter, Lydia (pictured left), would substitute for him and would arrive by 7.15pm. And what a substitute! At the end of her clever and witty speech Lydia Slack received a long and well deserved standing ovation from the audience.



Cricket club's 'Lancashire Night'

LYMM Oughtrington Park Cricket Club will be staging a special "Lancashire Night" at the club on Friday, February 10 - when fans will be able to have their picture taken with the County Championship Trophy. Guest speakers will be Lancashire's director of cricket and former Test player Mike Watkinson and Sky Sports commentator John Gwynne.

The evening will cost £15, including a hot supper and a drink from the bar and there will be a question and answer session and a raffle and auction with a chance to win good prizes.

Photographs taken with the Championship Trophy - which Lancashire won outright for the first time since 1934 on a nail-biting last day of the season - will be available on the night, signed by Mike Watkinson. The evening starts at 7pm in the pavilion at the club's Oughtrington Lane ground.

Later in the year, the club is planning a celebrity Twenty20 cricket match on June 3 when a Lymm side will take on a celebrity XI packed with showbiz personalities.

More details will be made available later. Tickets for the Lancashire Night are now available by visiting the club website, www.lymmopcc.hits.cricket.com

Rotary boost for Children in Need

Members of Lymm Rotary Club collected £700.34 (plus 36 roubles and 15 kopecks!) for the BBC's Children In Need appeal and they wish to thank the people of Lymm for their support. Also, they give a big vote of thanks to the 8/9 year old young lady who did her own collection, placed it in an envelope and put it in Pudsey's collecting bucket. When opened, the envelope contained £30. Well done that young lady.

Popular restaurant changes hands



THE popular Elmas restaurant in Lymm is under new management.

New owners are Yoshkun and Osturk, but the staff remain the same - and 80-90 per cent of the menu is the same.

A spokesman said: "We will try to improve on the variety and quality of the food and continue to provide good service in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere."

One change Elmas has introduced is to abandon the policy of having a 10 per cent service charge added to the customer's bill.

The spokesman added: "We feel it should be left to the customer to decide

Fifth annual 10k race

THE annual Robert Moffat Memorial 10k race takes place at High Legh on Sunday, February 26 - and for the first time will be jointly organised by Lymm Runners and High Legh Community Association.

More places will be available for runners than in previous years and, as usual, it will be run on country lanes in the High Legh area, ending at High Legh Primary School.

Start time is 11am and would-be entrants should visit highlegh.org.uk or lymmrunners.org.uk.

This year - the fifth the race has been staged - it has something to live up to. Last year it was rated "The best small race in Britain" by contributors to Runners World.



Cricket club to field women's team

LYMM Oughtrington Park Cricket Club will field a team in the new Division Three of the Cheshire Women's League this summer.

Previously, the Oughtrington Lane club's women's side has only played Twenty20 knock-out cricket, but the formation of a new third division will enable them to play the longer league matches.

They will also play in the league's knock-out cup competition and, ironically have been drawn against the only other local side, the powerful Appleton Tigers, in the first round.

Sarah gets the verdict

A LYMM teenager enabled her school to win a prestigious mock trial competition - by keeping order in court.

Sarah Slattery, 16, a sixth former at Withington Girls' School took on the role of clerk to the court - and turned in a performance which so impressed Recorder of Manchester Judge Andrew Gilbart that he declared her school winners.

Twelve schools took part in the competition at Manchester Crown Court, students taking on the roles of barristers, witnesses, court officers and the press for the trial of fictional cases in front of real judges.

The day's cases involved subjects as varied as computer hacking and arson, which gave pupils an authentic taste of the judicial system.

Sarah, who obtained 11 A* GCSE passes last summer, is now studying Maths, English Literature, French, Latin and Greek at A-level with a view to reading Classics with French at university and a career travelling - perhaps in the Foreign Service.

Withington RE teacher Vincent Sharples, who accompanied the school's court team, said: "It was an amazingly close run final between us and Stockport Grammar School.

"But the judge said the quality of Sarah's performance as clerk, keeping order in the court, made the difference and he awarded Withington the extra two points that gave us the verdict."

Golf club voted 'Clubhouse of the year'

LYMM Golf Club has been awarded the "Clubhouse of the Year Award" at the annual Club Mirror magazine awards ceremony in Manchester.

The award marks the progress of clubs in management procedures, beer sales, quality of the menu as well as the professionalism and friendliness of the staff.

House committee members and staff were present at the ceremony.

Karen Fyfe, who received the award on behalf of Lymm Golf Club from BBC personality John Inverdale, praised the club's House Committee for their support and the hard working staff for the efforts they put in over the year.



Karen and clubhouse chairman Derek Medley.

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Friends and family who drive too fast

JUST over half of drivers believe they have a family member who drives too fast – while 56 per cent say they have a family member frightened to drive on motorways.

This is revealed in an AA survey which also finds that 35 per cent of motorists have a family member who drives while using a mobile phone, eating, shaving or putting on make-up.

Young drivers (18-to-24) are more critical of their friends' driving than any other age group. Almost three

quarters of 18-24 year-olds believe they have a friend who drives too fast; 70 per cent say they have a friend who "tailgates" and 79 per cent have a friend who drives while using a mobile, shaving, eating or doing their make-up.

Drivers aged 65 or older are less likely to have a friend they think drives

too fast (43 per cent), tailgates (48 per cent) or drives while using a mobile, shaving, eating or doing their make-up (50%).

AA president Edmund King said: "A worrying number of us think our friends, families and colleagues have illegal and dangerous driving habits.

Young people are particularly likely to have noticed dangerous driving habits amongst their friends.

"There is no way someone would pass their driving test if they displayed

these types of behaviour, so there is no place for it on our roads."

However, when questioned about their own driving skills, most motorists were confident of their abilities. More than 70 per cent said they were "quite" or "very" good at sticking to speed limits. Nearly 90 per cent denied tailgating and said they were "quite" or "very" good at keeping a safe distance from a car in front of them.

Crossover SUV with breakthrough technology

MAZDA have chosen its CX-5 compact crossover SUV to introduce its breakthrough Skyactiv technology to the UK.

The car arrives in showrooms in April and Mazda claim the Skyactiv technology helps make the CX-5 the lightest and most fuel efficient car in its class. The entry level 148bhp diesel will take the car from 0-62mph in 9.2 seconds but also return 62.8mpg, with an ultra-low 119g/km CO2 figure that means road tax is free for the first year.

Mazda offers a choice of 148bhp and 172bhp diesels alongside a 163bhp petrol engine. The latter two can be specified with four-wheel drive, but the lower-powered diesel is only available as a front-wheel-drive model.

In Japan, the Skyactiv technology is already making waves. Mazda have won the Japan Automobile Hall of Fame "car technology of the year" award with a re-vamped Demio - known over here as the Mazda2 - equipped with the new technology. Critics are already praising the diesel engines which they say feels more like a petrol engine than any other four-cylinder diesel on the market.

The CX-5 is also an extremely practical crossover, with a 503-litre boot and rear seats which fold flat into the floor at the touch of a button to provide a 1,603-litre load area. During the coming year, Skyactiv technology will be introduced in a whole new generation of Mazda cars.



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Planting for the future



MEMBERS of Lymm Rugby Club and their children helped make sure their ground - Beechwood - lived up to its name by planting 420 trees on land around the playing pitches.

The trees were provided free by the Woodland Trust to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

It is hoped they will help promote wildlife in the area and also bring a wide range of benefits to the local community and club members.

Club president Ted Broady said: "Tree planting is a good use of our surrounding land, which cannot be used for rugby and provides a lasting asset for the Lymm area. We hope our trees will attract wildlife and make our members, and particularly our juniors, feel proud and fortunate to have such splendid grounds."

Mr Broady planted a special oak seedling tree provided by the Woodland Trust from a Royal Estate.

He was helped by the presidents of the Cheshire RFU, Adrian Senn, and of visiting team, Darlington Mowden Park, Rob Wilson.

The children attending were just a few representatives of more than 350 youngsters from Under 6s to Under 19s playing rugby at the club.

Victoria Hodson from The Woodland Trust said: "We are delighted Lymm RFC are using our free tree scheme to plant more trees at Beechwood, thereby creating shade and shelter and providing new homes for wildlife."

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Thank you *Vivien Kenyon, Timperley*

THROUGH your excellent magazine, please allow me to thank the many kind people who have offered me assistance as I pushed my partner in a wheelchair from Cotebrook House into Lymm village.
 Even with battery power it is all too easy to veer towards the kerb on the footpaths. We have also been stuck in mud on the path where Longbutt Lane approaches Pepper Street. Every time my strength was put to the test, as if by magic someone appeared and assisted us.
 I am so grateful to those unknown helpers. Thank you.

Lymm Festival feedback *Su Williams, Lymm*

READING all the feedback from the questionnaire on the 2011 Festival there was a comment that people should have been invited to see local dancer Josh Boyle perform along with Chris Gibson at the opening of the Art Garden. The opening is usually a special event to thank all the artists, volunteers and Friends of the Festival. This amounted to 80 people!
 Luckily each year Colin Grimes makes a DVD of the week long exhibition and if anyone would like to purchase one of these for £5 - all profits will go towards the 2012 festival
 Please contact Su Williams at suwilliams@gmail.com or call 01925 75 4080

Obituaries

Ethel (Betty) Burgess

THE funeral has taken place of 97-year-old Ethel (Betty) Burgess of Lymmington Avenue, Lymm, who died at Warrington Hospital on October 28.
 Before the war, Mrs Burgess trained as a midwife in the East End of London, later becoming a District Nurse/Midwife for Great Budworth before moving to Victoria Park Maternity Home, Warrington and finally working in Antrobus and adjacent parishes.
 She lived in Lymm for 35 years.
 Mrs Burgess leaves a son John, three granddaughters and five great grandchildren.
 The funeral was held at St Marks, Antrobus led by Rev Richard Diegle and donations were sent to the RNIB.

Harold Daniels

THE funeral has taken place of Harold Daniels, aged 77, of Albany Road, Statham, who died on November 8 after a long stay in hospital.
 Mr Daniels had lived in Lymm for the last 51 years with his late wife, Rita. They had five children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.
 A keen fisherman all his life, he was a member of the Royal British Legion and enjoyed many holidays abroad. Some years ago he visited a son in Australia.
 He enjoyed gardening when in better health and grew vegetables and tomatoes.
 The funeral was at Dunham Massey Crematorium and was attended by many friends and family. Arrangements were by PJ Lundy of Thelwall.



Paul Littler

THE funeral has taken place at St Peter's Church, Oughtrington, of former Lymm Parish Council chairman Paul Littler. He was 59.
 Mr Littler, of Booths Lane, Lymm, known to his friends as "Pablo", was born in Manchester Road, Warrington in what is now the family TV and radio business, which he took over from his father, John.
 The family later moved to Lakeside Road, Lymm.
 In his youth, he was very interest in motorbike racing and he remained a bike enthusiast all his life.
 He took a keen interest in the affairs of Lymm and was elected to the parish council, later becoming chairman. He was also actively involved with the youth club.
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