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Editor's Comment



THE decision by Lymm High School's new head teacher Angela Walsh to stamp her authority on the school with new look uniforms certainly seems to have caused a storm of protest.

Lymm Life magazine and **warrington-worldwide** website have been inundated with comments, the vast majority opposed to the new outfits.

If the school's consultation with parents has been anything like its response to Lymm Life's attempts to get any comment regarding this major issue, I can only say it must have been pretty appalling.

Despite several phone calls and messages left with reception and email communication, the school and Miss Walsh have remained tight lipped on this issue – well that was the case by the time we went to press – when they had had the best part of a week to respond to our messages.

Pupils have already staged several sit down protests and I know for a fact many parents have contacted the

school to raise their concerns.

While pupil's opposition to the style of the proposed new uniforms is one thing, more importantly the school could actually be in breach of competition laws if they press ahead as the sole distributors of the uniforms.

I am not a legal expert but from my own research I have discovered that "Schools or retailers that have exclusive contracts with suppliers may in principle be subject to enforcement action under Chapter I of the Competition Act 1998, on the grounds that these exclusive agreements may restrict competition between retailers to supply uniform."

Since Lymm Life started publishing more than 10 years ago we have had a very good relationship with Lymm High School and have reported on numerous occasions the many

outstanding achievements of its pupils.

Not that long ago we made it front page news that Lymm High School was an outstanding school and pictured Miss Walsh celebrating with pupils.

I hope the one good thing that comes from this is that Lymm High School and Miss Walsh learn some communication skills.

Lymm Life will continue to report on the good news stories involving pupils from the school and we look forward to hopefully hearing from the head teacher very soon as I am sure she will want to set the record straight.

If anything we have reported is inaccurate the school have only themselves to blame!

Independent Chairman

INDEPENDENT Parish Councillor Joe Griffiths has been elected as Chairman of Lymm Parish council with Coun Pam Hunter being elected as his deputy.

Joe is well known in the village for his work with Lymm History Society and the Lymm Festivities Committee.



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Festival celebrates 10 years

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Celebrating the last decade is a recurring theme throughout the festival and kick starting the proceedings as always is the fabulous Street Fun & Food Fest (Thursday June 25 6.00-8.30pm) where the Big Picture of Giuseppe Arcimboldo's "The Emperor Rudolph II" will be unveiled for the first time.

Marking the 10 years will be the creation of The Tin Man (10 equals Tin in anniversary terms) and will be on display throughout the festival in the Art in the Garden. The annual Scarecrow Competition is on the theme of characters from any book of fiction and they will be gracing the gardens of Lymm throughout June and July.

Entry forms are available now from Harrison Business Supplies and Rushgreen Service Station and trail maps from June 17. The Lymm Festival committee linked both themes together and appeared as the characters from The Wizard of Oz (complete with Tin Man) in the May Queen Parade.

Other special highlights are:

★ 'Festival Special' – a specially commissioned piece of celebratory music that will be premiered on Thursday July 2 at the Lymm High School concert. The composer Lucy Pankhurst is a graduate of the School of Composition at The Royal Northern College of Music.

★ The Messiah by Handel performed by the Lymm Festival Orchestra and Chorus and conducted by Nicholas Cox on Sunday June 28 at St Peter's Church, Oughtlington Lane. Anyone familiar with singing the piece and who would like to be considered to take part in the choir should contact Michael Wynne (michael@zatek.co.uk or 07894 444953)

★ The Festival Picnic on Saturday July 4 at Cotebrook House. The entertainment will be provided by



Simply Soul, a great mix of blues and soul (think Commitments) to get everyone singing and dancing!

The full listing of events can be found in the new format Lymm Festival Programmes that have been delivered to households in the village, further copies will be available from local shops and pubs. Alternatively visit the new website www.lymmfestival.org.uk and for latest information sign up for updates via Facebook or Twitter (search for Lymm Festival). Tickets for events are on sale now, see programme or online for details.

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Nature garden with a log cabin

A NEW nature garden, complete with Scandinavian log cabin, allotment and wooded area has been created in the grounds of Ravenbank School.

The new Rosebank Naturegarden, is designed around the needs of foundation stage children, and also provides an excellent breakfast and after-school club for infants and juniors.

Three and four year old children in Lymm have been visiting The Rosebank Centre since 1991 and after they go on to primary school, many return to Rosebank's after school and holiday club.

The "Naturegarden" is set in a natural environment for children to use safely. "Going outside" is where children can work in small groups, plant and grow vegetables, make bridges, explore nature, or chat with their friends.

This transfer of the three and four year olds to Naturegarden has allowed The Rosebank Centre itself, in Pepper Street, to be developed

around the specific needs of babies and toddlers for full day and sessional care. The newly modified Garden Room and other rooms provide a homely environment for younger children with access to the extensive

gardens at The Rosebank Centre.

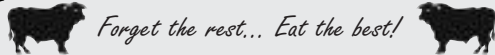
Centre owner Margaret King said: "We have been working hard to provide the very best of facilities, care and staffing team for our children. At The Rosebank Centre and the new Naturegarden we feel we have created excellent places for children from three to 11 years."



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Clowning around at boat rally

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Diet

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Poppy appeal bikers!

ABOUT 20 cyclists took part in the annual cycle ride from Lymm to Tatton Park and back, to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal.

President of the Lymm branch Raymond Massey, who was previously Poppy Organiser, said it is hoped to match last year's event and raise more than £500.

Chairman of Lymm Parish Council Joe Griffiths started the 18-mile ride from Lymm Cross, by waving a flag.

New Lymm RBL Poppy Organiser Len Woodward staffed a half-way stall at Tatton Park - filled with welcoming drinks and chocolate biscuits for the cyclists.

An alarming WI meeting!

JUST after business started at Heatley WI meeting, the fire alarm went off and members had to troop outside in the pouring rain.

Fortunately it was a false alarm so after a few minutes they went back inside to resume business.

Assistant president Lisa Bates opened events and welcomed a visitor. Ann Malcolm reported on the previous meeting and the group's birthday party when they had a meal at the Ram's Head. The group won the quiz at Little Bollington and donated their winnings to St Roccas. Outings to the Haf Museum in Stockport and Trentham Gardens on July 23 were discussed. Members are also supporting a produce show at Oughtrington Community Centre on September 6.

Flowers were presented to Ann Malcolm, who had recently had a foot operation, and Jean Higgins. Members sent good wishes to two sick members Christine Syers and June Marshall. Members accepted the WI Resolution SOS for Honey Bees, and refreshments were honey-based recipes baked by the committee.

Lisa Bates gave a presentation on the work of the WI, and Jean Higgins gave a witty account of her childhood and what could be bought with six old pennies.

The competition was won by Ann Oakes and the raffle by Margaret Armstrong.

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Care home seeks talented volunteers

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Hidden away on Oughtrington Lane, Cotebrook has been a residential home for physically disabled adults since 1946.

Offering both continuing and short term care it caters for people of all ages from 22 upwards, with a variety of physical disabilities or degenerative diseases.

Set in extensive easy accessible grounds, Cotebrook has a range of facilities including Sensory Garden, Day Centre, Cyber Cafe, minibus and frequent evening entertainment. Most recently the Wi console was added to the collection of activities to help keep residents active.

Carers are highly trained and committed to providing not just the best of possible care but a social environment which turns the house in to a home.

At the heart of the local community a band of willing volunteers often give up their free time to teach residents new skills.

One resident Peter Biggs has been learning the trombone, while Gertrude Bull, Chairman of the Residents group has developed artistic skills.

Manager of the home and Day centre Sidney Timms said: "We have a fantastic team of supporters but we need more. We are keen to hear from people who have a talent, who for a six week period could volunteer their services to share with the Day Centre and residents - all kinds of ideas are welcomed."

During a recent open day to promote the facility a new path and summer house, kindly donated by Lymm Golf Club, was officially opened.

The next fund-raising event is a Strawberry Tea Party and fun afternoon at the home from 1pm-4pm on Wednesday July 8. Admission is free and cream teas are just £2.

Anyone would like more information on how to help out at Cotebrook please call Sidney Timms on 752583.



Residents and staff in the day care facility



Dennis Lawless painting.



Residents Group Chairman Gertrude Bull outside Cotebrook



The new path and summer house.



Trombone player Peter Biggs and Sidney Timms.

Cotebrook House

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OUGHTRINGTON Pre-school's first ever Spring Ball was a great success, raising over £2,500 towards essential projects carried out this year.

Taking place at the Lymm Hotel the event started with a champagne reception with music provided by 'The Leighton-Jones String Trio'. A meal and

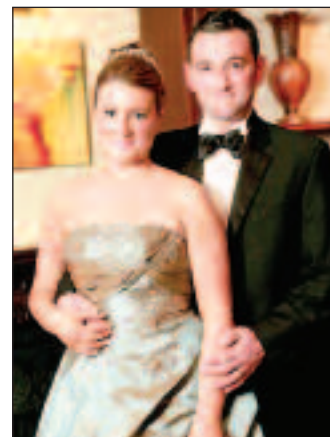
auction followed, with Lymm Town Crier, Peter Powell, expertly hosting the auction of many desirable prizes such as an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Coronation Street, a first-class domestic cleaning service from Domestic Bliss, golfing experience from Lymm Golf Club and many others. Favours were provided

by Clarins and Lymm's own "The Sweet Shop". Superb local band "The Persuaders" then ensured that the dance floor was filled for the whole evening.

It has been a challenging year for Oughtrington Community Centre where the Pre-school is based and fundraising has been critical for a number of essential renovations and capital projects which have now, thanks to local generosity, been carried out.

The idea of holding a Spring Ball was first mooted by the fundraising team, who then ensured its success by their own hard work and by gaining the invaluable sponsorship of local businesses including John Percival Building Contractors, Banner & Co Estate Agents, Biba Boutique, Mandata, October ReSolutions and Isograph, alongside many other contributors to the raffle and auction.

The Pre-school sends a huge thank you to all the businesses who supported the event especially with the challenges of the current economic climate. Every contribution was very much appreciated and helped to raise vital funds.



Above: Karen Taylor and David Boucher. Karen who runs Biba Boutique in Lymm was one of the Sponsors of the Ball with many of her gowns in evidence at the event.

Below: Members of Oughtrington Pre-school Fundraising Team (from left to right; Debbie Ross, Louise Ward, Samantha Lines, Rachel Flanagan, Liesl Hacker, Susan Eichhoefer, Rachel Johnson and Rosalind Hobson)

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We called in for lunch, which is served from midday to 2.30pm, and were immediately shown to a table by one of the friendly staff. We chose to eat in the conservatory-style restaurant, but many people were making the most of the sunshine enjoying al fresco meals in the sheltered outdoor eating area.

The homemade soup of the day was broccoli, served with a delicious bread roll and I then opted for the stuffed chicken fillet - a generous piece of chicken, wrapped in bacon and stuffed with a blend of cream cheese, chive and sundried tomato baked in a rich Italian style tomato

ragu and served on a bed of linguine pasta. It was superbly cooked and presented.

My wife chose homemade salmon and dill fishcakes, served with spicy tomato chutney and rocket salad and pronounced it delicious.

There were two delicious looking vegetarian choices on the menu, Goats Cheese and Spinach Frittata and Penne Pasta with Mushroom, Rosemary and Marsala Cream, plus a homemade curry of the day served with rice and poppadum plus a

number of specials on the blackboard which change daily.

We noted an interesting range of children's meals and that on Sundays a roast lunch is available.

There was also a variety of sandwiches, Grilled Panninis, salads and Jacket Potatoes on offer for those requiring a lighter meal.

Café at Fryers also offers a wide choice of desserts and cakes to enjoy with afternoon tea and has some interesting speciality teas and coffees, as well as cold drinks.

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Mark signs as a pro at 16

LYMM schoolboy Mark Jennings has become the youngest boy ever to sign as a professional with Sale Sharks Rugby Union Club.

Mark, who is still studying at Lymm High School, was signed on his 16th birthday.

This followed his selection for the England Under 16s squad which



took part in the Four Nations contest in South Wales in April.

Mark played against Wales and France and was awarded his England Cap.

Now he has been invited by RFU England to attend an Under 17s performance camp in August in the hope of selection for a 26-man squad to play Australia Schools in December.

His Mum, Diane said: "We are so proud of him. He has worked very hard, both at his studies for a B Tech National in Sport, and on the pitch. He deserves to do well."

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Threat to boycott new uniform

PARENTS and pupils are threatening to boycott proposed new school uniforms at Lymm High School.

Pupils at the school have already staged several sit down protests against the proposals which have been drawn up by the school's new head teacher Angela Walsh, who joined the school last September.

Several hundred pupils have signed a protest petition while parents have been writing letters of objection to the Head Teacher and school governors.

Parents claim they were not properly consulted, with a meeting to discuss the proposals taking place during the working day. Others are complaining that the school is creating a 'monopoly' by only having the school shop as an exclusive point of sale.

In a letter to parents Miss Walsh says the current uniform is of poor quality and not worn properly with too many different variations. She also says any family facing financial

difficulties will be 'fully supported.'

But 14-year-old pupil Rachel Frith, who has collected a petition signed by nearly 300 pupils, claims they were not properly consulted and should have been given the option to vote for retaining the existing uniform.

"The school has failed to take into consideration the views of pupils and parents and this has created a lot of strong feelings," she said.

In a letter to the head teacher Mother of three and former Lymm Grammar School pupil Laurie Harter said: "I hope you are now aware that, together with the Board of Governors, you have sparked off far more aggression and disagreements than I have known in the school's history!"

"I was a pupil at the school in the late sixties and I believe that the teachers in those days encountered the same problems with uniform as you do today; teachers and Heads had to keep reminding girls why their skirts should remain at a 'decent' level, they had to insist on a practical style for school shoes and check that the boys maintained a neat appearance.

"We behaved in a similar way to pupils of today, which resulted in regular policing of our general appearance and we frequently faced detention if we didn't comply."

Another parent Geoff Bate said: "The new uniform will only be available from the school shop which is a monopoly position. The school

already has a uniform policy, which permits the purchase of blazers etc from other outlets often at better quality and price!

"The current uniform is not strictly enforced by the school, you only need to stand outside the school to view the state of dress of some of the pupils.

"If they can not enforce the policy now, what change will a new uniform make? If we take the basics, skirt/trousers, shirt and tie that will amount to perhaps around £50-£60 per pupil, with 2,000 pupils this is over £100,000 of money local people have to find to replace the current uniform. In the present



economic climate and credit crunch how can this be justified?"

Despite several phone calls to the school requesting a comment from the Head Teacher none was forthcoming.





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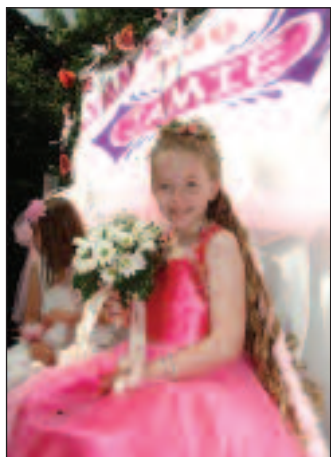
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Budget 2009 – tax relief for pension contributions

WITH the economy in the state it is we would usually expect significant and immediate increases in the main rates of tax. It was perhaps no surprise to hear that the planned tax rises for those with higher incomes will be brought in next year rather than being phased in over two years and, worse still, the planned 45% rate for those with income in excess of £150,000 will now be replaced by a 50% rate.

With effect from 2011, those with income in excess of £150,000 will also see their pension tax relief restricted. Unless, of course, next year's election installs a new government which might have a different view.

Tax relief for pension contributions to be restricted

Higher rate income tax relief is being restricted, with higher rate relief tapered away for those with taxable incomes of between £150,000 and £180,000 from 6 April 2011 and those with incomes above £180,000 contributions will only benefit from basic rate tax relief.

Provisions applying from 22 April 2009 will prevent the forestalling of the new rules. For the tax years 2009/10 and 2010/11 individuals with incomes of at least £150,000 in the year, or any of the preceding two tax years could be affected. Steps

taken to reduce income below £150,000, for example by entering into salary sacrifice arrangements set up after 22 April 2009, will be negated by adding back the amount sacrificed.

Overview

These measures add another level of complexity to the administration of pensions for both employers and individuals and it is a certainty that the administrative costs of running a pension scheme are going to remain high for a further period of time before these new rules become established.

Although the new rules are only billed as coming into effect on 6 April 2011, the forestalling rules already mentioned have immediate effect, and we would urge caution to those considering waiving bonuses into pensions as this could now trigger penal tax charges.

Please note that these ideas are intended to inform rather than advise and you should always obtain professional advice before taking any action.



If you would like more information on this or any of the previous subjects we have featured, please contact Les Styles or Ian Lloyd on 01925 761600.

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The youngsters who all attend Lymm High School have played together for 10 years and to reach the final was a great achievement in such a tough Manchester league.

After a great first half creating chance after chance Rovers were disappointed to go in 0-0 at half time, only to concede a goal soon after the restart from a fantastic shot into the top corner.

Lymm battled against the wind for much of the second half without success until the last 5 minutes when they were awarded a late penalty for hand ball which was coolly slotted away by "Jimbo" James David.

Then immediately following the kick off Will Lloyd won the ball deep in Parkwyden's half and got a good low shot away, which the keeper could only parry for striker Hose Waterton to find the empty net from an ever tightening angle.

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In each festival win, the squad only conceded nil or one try. Both main teams qualified for the Cheshire Semi Finals, and were the only club in the county to do so.

At an end of season training session, Warrington Wolves RL Academy commended the squad as outstanding and in particular its defence.

The highlight of the season was winning the prestigious York Festival in April against all top teams from the North of England. The boys defeated York and Macclesfield at the festival and both clubs qualified for the Gullivers National Semi Finals at Twickenham.

At the End of Season Presentation awards were - Man of Steel, Luke Diamond, Most Improved Player, Tom Carroll, Best Newcomer, Declan Grogan and Clubman, Lewis Oldknow

The boys will now break and recommence training in August. Anyone interested in joining the team and learning how to play rugby football should contact Nick Hughes 07834 307556 or nhughes1007@aol.com.

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Typical Turkish desserts such as Baklava and Turkish rice pudding jostle with English favourites such as crème brulee and chocolate fudge cake on the packed dessert menu. Complimentary cubes of Turkish Delight were presented with the coffees to finish.

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Lymm's 'grey' skyline

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It features paintings such as Grantham's Bridge in Oughtrington, the old stone gate in Crouchley Lane and other recognisable but rarely painted Lymm landmarks.

Even The Cross has a different 'look' - with no other buildings featured.

Graham said: "I have tried to capture the dramatic look the Lymm skyline can have early in the morning or of an evening."

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MEMBERS of Lymm Parish Council have invited Warrington Borough Council to explore ways of providing play equipment on the May Queen Field off Pepper Street.

The parish council has received a quotation of £50,000 to provide wooden play equipment on the field. The council previously agreed to explore ways of providing play equipment after being approached by local youngsters.

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Coaching team Steve Downes and Ian Johnstone were delighted. "We are so proud of these boys. They are exceptional not only in the way they play but how they approach this great game of rugby. They are a credit to us, their parents and themselves and absolutely deserve this. A great day and a fantastic Twickenham experience for everyone," said an elated Downes.

Tennis club is out to grass again!

LYMM tennis club's grass is open again just in time for your Wimbledon practice.

Meanwhile members have spent all winter and spring honing their skills on 9 all-weather hard and Astroturf courts.

One of the club's leading players, 18 year old Michael Ward (pictured), was recently the recipient of The Club President's Fund Award and enjoyed a rigorous week's intensive training at the world famous Bollitieri Tennis Academy in Florida. As a result he is currently back in America deciding which scholarship to accept out of the 8 firm offers he has had from top American Universities. He currently plays for Cheshire and has a Senior Rating in Great Britain of 76.

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Landmark building to become day nursery

THE landmark Health Clinic building in Eagle Brow, Lymm, which has stood empty for 18 months, is to undergo a major restoration and open as a new children's day nursery.

Kids Planet Day Nurseries - owned and managed by Lymm resident Clare Roberts - has acquired the building, which is listed as being of local historic interest, and will open in September. It will provide childcare for around 120 children from 0 - 5 years, will have a purpose built feel, with state of the art equipment and resources such as a sensory room and

outdoor play area.

Parents can get more details by visiting www.kidsplanetdaynurseries.co.uk including an overview of planned holiday clubs, as well as before and after school clubs.

Kids Planet already has day nurseries in Warrington and Widnes and Clare decided to open in Lymm after researching the local childcare

market for her own daughter, Isabelle.

She realised most nurseries could not accommodate her busy schedule of early starts and late finishes.

Clare said: "Following the success of our other nurseries, I am confident of creating an environment in Lymm where we can provide the very best day care possible for children.

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Bernard Stephen Dickenson

THE funeral has taken place of Bernard Stephen Dickenson, aged 69, of Hawthorn Road, Lymm who died in Warrington Hospital on April 29.

Mr Dickenson had lived in Lymm for 47 years and retired four years ago.

He loved playing darts, going to the gym, cycling, breeding canaries and walking Ben, his dog. He supported Manchester United all his life and more recently had also supported Warrington Wolves.

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Reader's letter

Mindless vandals

Peter Corbett, Lymm

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The nocturnal vandals have returned in Lymm village centre and what a good time they have had . . . if you call mindless destruction of other peoples property fun.

I live in a picturesque house adjacent to the canal and over the past few months have had several episodes involving the barrels of plants outside the front.

My somewhat famous and much loved topiary tree ('Kate Bush') was broken in half, then more recently one of my hanging baskets was ripped down and thrown in the canal as was a large pot containing plants but this weekend the idiots have excelled themselves: They tried to move a wooden barrel (which would take four men to move) they pushed it toward the canal, but they couldn't get it in so they left it in the middle of the towpath and simply ripped all the (expensive and much loved) plants out of it and the adjacent barrels. It seems though that I got off lightly, on the same evening, the scum pushed over the newly built wall opposite the library in Lymm, they also threw all the wooden display material outside Walshs flower shop into the gorge. Next, since they had on a previous occasion kicked in the Lighting on the towpath (for the second time) there was no sport there so they ripped up a couple of large, padlocked rubbish bins and heaved them into the canal.

They then broke into Lymm cruising club mooring and trashed decorative lighting and to round the evening off on New Road (presumably on their way home?) they ripped up 20 or so newly planted hedging plants from their wooden containers and left them strewn around on the pavement.

I HATE these people, is there nothing we can do? Who are they? I asked our local community policeman for his thoughts. He was equally angry but confessed they had no idea who the idiots were and added that it was regrettable that the offences seem to be happening at about 1.30am and unfortunately the police 'knock off' at midnight.

It's a very sad state of affairs when (if we are not careful) evil triumphs over good . . . Its not like that in the films is it? Is there nothing that can be done to identify these scum and stop the mindless damage that robs us of things which are good, honest and have been achieved through the hard work of decent people?

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