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## FEARS that Green Belt land in Lymm was going to be built on sparked major concern in the village following the distribution of a misleading leaflet which went viral via email.

Fortunately, along with local councillors, we were able to help allay such fears via our online facilities and social media - but not before a lot of anxiety and concern had been created.

While we understand the concerns of those opposed to any major developments in the Lymm area, we can not understand the need to generate alarm with misleading messages.

If you have any issues or concerns raise them with a reliable source, like one of your elected representatives, before circulating information via email, or contact us and we will investigate on your behalf.

Meanwhile there is no surprise

at the amount of support for the campaign to re-introduce two hours free parking on the village centre car park.

Hopefully the corridors of power at Warrington town hall will listen to the people who already pay more than their fair share in council

taxes.

But in reality I fear no amount of campaigning will help over turn a decision which was made to try and off-set the losses incurred by the council's car parking contract with the private operators employed to enforce it.

May be a compromise of 90 minutes free parking could be the way forward?

## Memorial Rose Garden

A feature at one of this year's Festival Open Gardens commemorates the recent Boston Marathon tragedy.

Su Williams of Leckonby cottage explains " We were in the process of building the rose garden when the awful news came through from Boston on the radio.

"It was very upsetting for our daughter in law who is originally from New England and who had many friends in the race. When we dedicated the garden we also invited around some local friends who spend a lot of time with their family in the Boston area and who were in the city as it happened."

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# Leaflet sparks Green Belt fears

**FEARS that Green Belt land at Lymm is set to be developed led to local councillors being inundated with phone calls and emails from concerned residents who were sent a misleading document claiming major developments, including a super market were set to take place.**

The circular stated that developers were planning to build on all Green Belt land between Lymm and Oughtrington with proposals for a major supermarket on Rushgreen Road – currently Rushgreen Petrol Station.

But local councillors Sheila Woodyatt and Ian Marks moved quickly to allay fears.

Cllr Woodyatt said a large number of residents had received a leaflet stating that Green Belt land was under imminent threat.

"Unfortunately it contained a certain amount of misinformation. I am sure the person who sent it out had the best of intentions but unfortunately it was complete nonsense and has caused a lot of unnecessary concern."

She explained that the Coalition Government had made certain changes to the planning system, meaning Councils had to review and amend their Local Plans. She said Warrington had produced a very robust Development Plan which stressed their intention to protect and preserve the green belt.

An Inspector from the Department of the Environment was currently holding an Examination in public, similar to a Public Enquiry, into the proposals and objections to the Development Plan. This was standard practice.

"Warrington has prepared and submitted a very robust defence of our proposals to protect the green belt as have Lymm Parish Council and Oughtrington Community Association.

"Warrington has enough brown field sites and sites with planning permission to cater for the housing need for the next twenty years so there is no need to build on green belt and our Development Plan makes that very clear. I am very closely involved with planning in Warrington and will continue to fight to protect the green belt as I have for many years."

### Preserving

Cllr Marks added: "Lymm's three Warrington Councillors are totally committed to preserving the Green Belt and have spoken out forcibly on many occasions.

"The proposals everyone is rightly concerned about are not planning applications but objections to Warrington's proposed Plan. The two developers who are objecting are Peel Holdings and Mr Mohammed Waheed. It is normal for developers to object to proposals to constrain building so we should not be surprised at this.

"We believe there is quite enough land in Warrington for building on in the foreseeable future without the

need to build more houses in Lymm. "We have more than enough new houses in recent years!"

Cllr Marks added: "We think we have an excellent case and ought to be able to persuade the Inspector that we are right. However Peel is a very powerful company and nothing can be left to chance."

Lymm Parish Council supports the current draft of Warrington's LDF and does not believe that calls to relax restrictions on development in the village are justified. It believes that they would be harmful to the character of the village and could not be supported by the existing infrastructure.

The developers' argument that demand exists does not justify damaging the very character of the area that generates that demand. There are adequate opportunities for development elsewhere in the Borough.



Sheila Woodyatt



Ian Marks

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**LYMM PARISH COUNCIL**

Tuesday, July 9  
Lymm Parish Hall  
7.30pm



## Lymm Runners hit personal bests

**MEMBERS of Lymm Runners who took part in Chester Half Marathon have recorded Personal Best times.**

Just two weeks after taking part in the Manchester Marathon Anthony Burke finished the 13.1 mile race in one hour 21 minutes and 35 seconds – a PB for him and a finish of 49th overall and 14th in his category.

Jenny McClelland came 45th in her category after storming across the finish line to achieve a PB of one hour 48 minutes and seven seconds.

After joining Lymm Runners just

a few months ago the Chester Half Marathon was John Croall's first race at this distance and he finished in one hour 54 minutes and 46 seconds.


Lymm Runners is the village's only running club and is currently organising a 5k and 10k race and 2km fun run on June 30 as part of the Lymm Festival.

The club meets on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, for more information visit: <http://lymmrunners.org.uk>

## Statham Bake off


STATHAM CP School Summer Fayre will be hosting "Statham Bake-Off" on Saturday, July 6.

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# Massive support for car parking petition

**A campaign to re-introduce two hours free car parking in Lymm and Stockton Heath has been enthusiastically welcomed by local residents.**

Local Lib Dem councillors have collected more than 2,000 names on a petition while campaigning at the village centre car parks.

Earlier this year the Labour Council at Warrington cut the free parking time from two hours to one hour on Pepper Street and

introduced charges on Davies Way and Henry Street.

## Spoiling

Cllr Bob Barr said, "The charges are having a serious effect on our shops and businesses and spoiling the relaxed shopping experience which makes visiting Lymm so enjoyable. The new charges have created a major problem with more on-street parking. Nearby roads like Brookfield Road are virtually impassable at times with vehicles parked solidly on both sides. This cannot be allowed to continue."

Cllr Ian Marks added, "Only in Lymm and Stockton Heath

are drivers being charged at the Council's district car parks. These car parks already make a profit but the Council strategy is to raise this to £200,000 to help cover the huge losses made in free resident-only parking zones in other parts of the town. The south of the Ship Canal is seen as a 'cash cow' and this is unfair."

The Lib Dem petition to restore two hours free parking has already gathered around 2000 names. It will be presented before the Council's Executive Board makes a decision on parking strategy at its meeting later this month.



Cllr Ian Marks, Ann Johnstone, Cllr Bob Barr and Eileen Mundy gathering names in Lymm Village centre.



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Alan Lilly, who lives in Oughttrington with his two sons, was awarded the Commendation by the Butler Trust which "celebrates outstanding dedication, skill and creativity on the part of those working in correctional settings across the UK".

He received the award from Princess Anne, who is Patron for the Butler Trust, for setting up and running the Cheshire Probation Trust (ex-Armed Forces) "Veteran Support Officer" (VSO) initiative.

Alan said: "I served for 16-and-a-half years in the Army joining straight from school and found the transition back to being a civilian quite challenging.

"I eventually found employment within the Prison Service. I then joined the Probation Service in 2002 with a role as an Offender Manager working in Wilmslow,

Macclesfield, and latterly, Warrington. I combined my experiences of being a military veteran and working in the Criminal Justice System to set up and manage the VSO team".

"The majority of those leaving the Armed Forces rejoin society fairly seamlessly, however, a number of veterans find the transition overwhelming and get into difficulty, a further few end up in the Criminal Justice System. It can be pretty tough on the veteran, but equally so for the family as well, and that includes mums and dads at home".

Alan, whose two boys currently study at Lymm High School, has just left Cheshire Probation Trust to take up a post as Senior Veterans Manager with Live At Ease.

He said: "The Live At Ease team have been commissioned

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# Festival tickets flying off shelves!

**The succession of sell out events over the Winter seems to have given a new momentum to ticket sales for this Summer's Lymm Festival.**

At the beginning of June ticket sales were already approaching £10,000 and several events were either sold out or close to. One new innovation this year has been opening of the box office on Saturdays from the beginning of June.

Festival director Jacquie Davies explained: "On-line sales are certainly becoming more and more important but many people still like to come in to the box-office, look through all the publicity and even chat to the box-office staff who are well informed about the events."

"Saturday June 1st saw ticket sales of nearly £1,000 which was fantastic."

"We also have some other exciting new initiatives this year" said Publicity Manager Alan Williams.

"I wanted to be sure that nobody would enter or leave Lymm without knowing there is a festival on. The hanging banners in the middle of the village in particular have drawn many positive comments and add to the buzz throughout June when of course there are also many visitors for May Queen."

The festival is also pushing hard to pull in more outside visitors this year with a number of large outdoor events and wider advertising including Lymm Life's sister publications Warrington Worldwide and Village Life.

Alan added: "Our greatest asset

is the village itself and using the canal and the May Queen field to celebrate that with the innovative Historic Transport Day (June 23rd) is a bold step for the festival. We are aiming to attract thousands and to bring in many people who may never have visited Lymm before".

A huge amount of work has been going on too at Lane End Nursery the new home for this year's Art in the Garden.

"We think visitors will be thrilled by the transformation in such a short time" said Jacquie.

Another innovation this year is an indoor Lymmfest spread over four venues on the evening of Saturday June 22nd.

Among the "name" attractions at this year's festival are Mark Radcliffe and Foes, hilarious

comedian /performance poet John Hegley and Tayo Aluko whose searing dramatisation of the Life of singer and human rights activist Paul Robeson (pictured) has been winning awards at Festivals all over the country.

Lymm Festival kicks off on Thursday June 20th as usual with the Foodfest followed by Mark Radcliffe and Foes in the evening.

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With a total of 27 teams affiliated to the club the defibrillator, which is proven to help save lives following heart attacks, is seen as a vital piece of equipment for the club.

The need for the equipment was highlighted last year by the sad death of seven-year-old Warrington school boy Ciaran Geddes, who collapsed and died while playing football near his school and former Bolton Wanderers star

Fabrice Muamba who survived a devastating heart attack while playing against Spurs in a FA Cup match.

Gary said: "We would like to thank Rotary for their support in providing this vital life saving equipment. Hopefully it will never need to be used but it provides peace of mind knowing we have it on site."



Mike Boothman (right) and Clive Dunn (left) presenting the equipment to Gary.

## New Parish council chairman

LONG serving local councillor Ian Marks has been elected as the new chairman of Lymm Parish Council for the coming year.

Cllr Marks, who has served on the Parish Council as a representative for more than half of his lifetime, takes over from Cllr Peter Powell.

He said: "My first task is to find a new Clerk because sadly our current one, Geraldine Reynolds, has had to resign for health reasons."

"One of my objectives is to continue to support local projects where these will be of benefit to the Lymm community. In the current climate money is tight but careful spending on worthwhile schemes is the right thing to do for the future development of our village."

Cllr Marks was previously chairman in 1991 and was also leader of the borough council.



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## Poppy appeal bike ride raises £650

THE annual Lymm & District Royal British Legion sponsored bike ride raised £650 for their Poppy Appeal.

A total of twenty five riders took part in the ride to Tatton Park and back, which was started on the Lymm Pepper Street Car Park by Councillor Ian Marks, Lymm Parish Council Chairman elect.



Ian Marks with Len Woodward chairman of Lymm RBL at the start with cyclists.





# Lymm Parish Council Annual Report 2012 - 2013

## Chairman's report 2012/13

It's been a busy year in Lymm; Yvonne Cook retired last year as parish clerk. Yvonne had done gallant service in her years, so Geraldine became our parish clerk and it is very unfortunate that Geraldine is retiring for health reasons.

Work is planned on The Cross where tree roots are making it unsafe to walk and the Parish Council have, with the help of English Heritage and an architect, looked at levelling off at the bus stop, so it will assist people to get on the bus. We are now waiting for Warrington Council to approve this work.

## Jubilee

Lymm marked the occasion following public meetings and the help of the festivities committee. A team led by Mrs Lock, decorated The Cross. The village looked very festive and on the due day the Queen's proclamation was read out at 11am on The Cross by the town crier and this took place in 150 cities and towns throughout the realm.

From the open meetings for the Jubilee, one of the proposals was a path way in the Dingle up to the waterfall, with a viewing platform. This was approved by United Utilities after I attended six meetings. A mock-up picture of the path and platform was done by Colin Grimes - thank you very much Colin. It has been approved by the Parish Council and been sent off to Warrington Council.

## Bus Stops

It has also been the year of the bus stop with a new one sited at the top of Oughtrington Lane on the Altrincham bound side, along with a rebuilt stop at the top of Barsbank Lane plus the repairs to the vandalised bus stop outside St Mary's Church.

Meanwhile the walk way round the Dam was rebuilt and the new steps installed, paid for by The Parish and Borough Councils.

## Car parking

I think most of the parish councillors have contacted Warrington over this most unsatisfactory state of affairs. I have been seven times and it would seem Warrington like taking our money but really are not interested in what elected representatives of Lymm say.

Finally I would like to pay tribute to the many voluntary groups in Lymm, who help the old, young, sick and the village events and festival teams - life is a great deal better for their existence!

Thank you, Peter Powell (Chairman 2012-13).

## Parish Council accounts

### INCOME

Precept £137,000

### EXPENDITURE

Administration	£71,000
Village Hall	£25,000
Police Community Support Officers	£34,000
Grant to Citizens Advice Bureau	£9,200
Grant to Oughtrington Community Centre	£5,460
Grant to Lymm Youth and Community Centre	£15,000 (3 years at £5k a year)
Grant to Lymm Festivities Group	£3,850
Grant to Lymm Festival	£3,000
Grant to Dickensian Festival	£3,000
Grant to Round Table for HealthStart Scheme	£12,500

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May Queen Eve Shaw aged 11



The wall Morris Men



Left, May Queen Eve Shaw aged 11 is crowned by Mike Caston of the Coop Heatley and Rose Queen Ellie Caple aged 10 is crowned by Mike Heyes of Sainmury's Lymm



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Lymm Rose Queen Ellie Caple aged 10

# Anything goes at Lymm May Queen!

**GLORIOUS** sunshine ensured bumper crowds turned out for the annual Lymm May Queen Festival where the theme of the float parade was "anything goes!"

May Queen Eve Shaw aged 11, was crowned by Mike Caston of the Cop, Heatley while Rose Queen Ellie Caple aged 10, was crowned by Mike Heyes of Sainsburys, Lymm.

Community groups and local businesses paraded through the village on floats with various themes, followed by the crowning on the May Queen Field.

**For more pictures and a video of the event check out [www.lymmlife.co.uk](http://www.lymmlife.co.uk)**



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# Council urged to take action on Trans Pennine Trail

**PARTS of the Trans Pennine Trail which passes through Lymm is falling into disrepair and becoming a "quagmire" in places due to pot holes and tree roots according to concerned local resident Konrad Balcerak.**

Now Konrad, who along with his family have been enjoying the benefits of the trail, is urging local councillors to take urgent action before the facility becomes unusable.

Konrad, who contacted Lymm Life to help highlight the issue, said: "As residents of Lymm for over 25 years, my family and I have benefited from the transformation of the redundant old railway track to a great facility for walkers and cyclists."

"I taught both my sons to ride their bikes in safety along the Trans Pennine Trail; I used it to regain my strength by quietly walking its flat surface when recovering from a heart attack seven years ago; it's a great cycling 'artery' from which to explore the Cheshire countryside and now in my 60s I still like to use it to cycle to work in Altrincham occasionally."

"Unfortunately after 20 years the track surface is worn out. Trafford council re-surfaced their section from Altrincham to the River Bollin about three years ago, but our local section from Heatley into Statham is in a very sorry state."

"Even when it stops raining, the track remains a quagmire and needs a couple of days of sun to dry out. And when dry the track surface is very rough in parts, with pot-holes, tree roots and raised man-hole covers to navigate around, making the ride uncomfortable."

"I understand from the Area Ranger that repair work has been costed but cannot be funded by the Council. I don't have any magic answers but I would like this issue to be given higher priority by our Councillors to explore funding options."

"The Trans Pennine Trail is an important facility for our leisure, fitness and safety from traffic. So let's find a way of maintaining it before it becomes unusable."

Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Ian Marks said, "The Trans Pennine Trail is a great asset and we mustn't let it fall into disrepair."

"It doesn't reflect well on Warrington Council when other boroughs like Trafford manage to maintain their sections."

"We have talked about funding at the Lymm Environment and Heritage Group. It's not easy because substantial sums are involved. But we must be more creative in finding sources of money so we can make the much needed investment to bring the Trail back to an acceptable standard."



## Pre-school celebrates with a name change

LYMM Village Hall Playgroup is celebrating its 40th birthday – with a change of name.

Some parents found the name "playgroup" confusing and the role of the group unclear – so it has been changed to "Lymm Village Preschool."

Chairman Natalie Warren said: "The group has been an integral part of the Lymm community for four decades and has supported many hundreds of Lymm children in preparing them for the rigours of school life."

The preschool is celebrating with a fundraising Ruby Ball on June 14 and a sponsored walk/toddle around Lymm Dam on July 7.

Natalie added: "We are a registered charity that is a non-profit making organisation which relies on fundraising to support the excellent standards of preschool education."

"In recent years many parents

have commented that they found the current name (Playgroup) confusing and the role of the preschool not clear.

"To build on the success of the last 40 years and to ensure that local Lymm villagers are aware of what the preschool stands for, the time has come to re-brand and change the name to take us forward for the next 40 years!"



Some of the children making favours for the Ruby Ball as part of a craft activity.



Left to Right: Joanne Freeman, Community Fundraiser at Brainwave Northwest, Aiden Byrne of The Church Green at Lymm and the two lucky winners of a voucher for a meal at Aiden's new restaurant, Manchester House.

# Gourmet evening is recipe for success!

**A special gourmet evening hosted by Aiden and Sarah Byrne at The Church Green in Lymm, helped raise over £4,000 for the children's charity Brainwave.**

These funds will help local boy Dylan James who is four years old and has delayed development.

Joanne Freeman, community fundraiser at Brainwave Northwest said: "Dylan, with the help of the Brainwave therapy staff is trying to improve his fine and gross motor skills, learning to balance his weight and to stand up and also learning to do his shoe laces and dress himself."

"Play is a hard task for Dylan, so

the therapy team have developed some role play situations to try to give him the opportunity to develop social play skills - making a little boy happy!"

"Special thanks to all who attended the event and made it such a wonderful evening and a very big thank you to Aiden and Sarah at the Church Green in Lymm for all their support in making the perfect recipe."

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**Obituaries**

**Kevin Jones**

THE funeral has taken place of Kevin Dennis Jones, aged 66, of Rosebank, Lymm, who died at home on April 22.

Born in Lymm, Kevin lived in the village all his life. He worked for William Press as a welder, Eden Vale as an engineer and finally self-employed after retraining as a CAD engineer.

He took a keen interest in DIY,



gardening, reading and listening to music.

He belonged to the "Tuesday Crew" at Lymm High, where his daughters attended school, and helped with a number of DIY projects there.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline and two daughters, Sarah and Fiona.

The funeral service took place at St Mary's Church, Lymm, the Rev Michael Burgess officiating.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

**Joan Cartledge**

THE funeral has taken place of former Lymm resident Joan Cartledge aged 84, who died, at Summerville Nursing Home, Grappenhall on May 8.

Joan loved singing and music and was very proud of her five grandchildren. She was buried at St Mary's Church Lymm, with her husband, Albert.

She is survived by her three daughters, Jacqueline, Angela and Carol and grandchildren Samantha, Tara, Dale, Rasha and Katy.



She also leaves her two sisters, Bessie and Brenda.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

**Celebrating the life of Pam Newman**

**WELL known fashion designer Pam Newman who died in April will be fondly remembered with an exhibition of her works as part of Lymm Festival.**

Pam grew up in Lymm. Her parents Stan and Queenie Bowden ran a general store selling everything from wallpaper to bacon. The store eventually gave its name to the Bistro that now occupies the premises on Bridgewater Street.

After leaving school Pam attended Art College in Manchester and travelled by train from Lymm each day where she would regularly share a compartment with famous fashion designer Ossie Clark.

In a career that always had fashion at its core Pam went on to work for Marks & Spencer where she designed an award winning dress.

She finally fulfilled her ambition to have a business of her own with the opening of Beaux & Belles in what had been Bowden's General store.

In later years Pam's welcoming smile was a familiar feature behind the counter at Rushgreen Service Station.

Her artistic talent and keen sense of fashion remained with her throughout her life. As a member of the Maple Lodge Art Group she produced work



in a wide range of styles. With her passing much of the work has been shared by husband Ken amongst family and friends but there will be a small exhibition of her remaining works at Leckonby Cottage as part of the Festival Open Gardens on June 30. Proceeds will go toward supporting working artists in Africa.

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# Schoolboy hits the right note for luncheon club

**MEMBERS of the Oughtrington Luncheon club now have a new hi-fi system thanks to the busking efforts of local schoolboy Jamie Reid.**

When Jamie, a pupil at Cherry Tree Primary heard about problems with the existing music system, which members use to help with light exercise before their meals, he offered to do some busking.

He asked Janet at Abbey Leys farm, High Legh and she was only too happy for him to entertain the

shoppers at their next farmer's market.

He played for four hours entertaining everyone who had popped along on the sunny Bank Holiday.

The Luncheon Club now have a new hi-fi and can happily exercise again.



*Jamie handing over the cheque to Joyce Penlington at the Luncheon Club.*

## Busy WIs get together

MEMBERS of Lymm WI have been having a busy time with a joint meeting with Thewall WI as well as their own monthly meeting.

Two ladies from Stockton Heath Travel entertained with a talk about exotic places, near and far and Joe McGrath played his electronic keyboard with great enthusiasm at an evening entitled "Me and My Music."

At the joint meeting at Thelwall, talented young opera singer Clare O'Neil entertained.

Many members are looking forward to a few days away in Bognor Regis and a day trip has been arranged to Morecambe with a stop-off at a garden centre.

The WI celebrated St George's Day in style with a meal at the Fir Grove Hotel in Grappenhall.

The group's handicraft, rambling, literature, garden and book clubs are all keeping busy.

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The Lymm club took a contingent of thirty, including many children, to Germany to participate in the weekend. The visit continued a now well established tradition whereby each year the karate clubs meet up to train with each other, share karate skills/techniques and experience a different culture.

The primary focus of the weekend was to bring children from different backgrounds together. The children trained together, but equally important they were given plenty of opportunity to socialise together.

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Sensei Dave Shipton (5th Dan; Gen'Dai Martial Arts) and Sensei Karl-Heinz Griebenow (5th Dan; Shotokan Karate-Do Seeheim) led the training sessions and participants focused on different ways to train to maximise speed and power as well as advanced fighting techniques.

New found international friendships were rekindled and the Gen'Dai club have invited the German team over to Manchester in April 2014.

The committee of Gen'Dai Martial Arts would like to express appreciation to all the volunteers who helped make the weekend a success and particular thanks is extended to Lymm Lions, Lymm Parish Council, Lymm Rotary Club and Partington Youth Partnership Fund, who all sponsored this event.

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