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Editor's Comment



THE pay and display issue in Lymm village centre has been a hot topic for many years and regular readers will have been expecting the pilot project for the Pepper Street Car Park to have been implemented by May 1.

Well surprise, surprise it still has not arrived.

I am reliably informed it should now be up and running by mid June – the reason for the delay – the equipment was only ordered a week before work was due to start – and there is a six week waiting list!

When I raised the issue with local councillor Ian Marks, leader of the

borough council he said: "It is disappointing that there has been a further delay with the scheme.

"We had wanted to get the pilot scheme into operation as soon as we could to help the hard pressed traders in the village. Anything that helps bring business into the village is very welcome."

I am sure Coun Marks is as

frustrated as everyone else – apart from those who voiced opposition to the scheme.

Meanwhile the annual Lymm May Queen Festival is fast approaching and takes place on Saturday June 13 – hopefully it will provide a much needed boost for traders in the village.

In recent years crowds have not been quite what they were in the past. This is a unique opportunity to celebrate everything good about our village so make a note in your diary and get down to the village centre and May Queen Field to ensure we keep our community spirit alive and kicking during these difficult times.

A welcome for twin town visitors

A GROUP of visitors from Lymm's twin town, Meung-sur-Loire arrives on Wednesday, May 20 – 47 adults and 14 youngsters aged 9-17.

About a third of the group will be visiting Lymm for the first time and all will have three full days with host families before returning on Sunday May 24.

A "welcome tea" will be provided at Thelwall Parish Hall on the day of arrival. Thursday will be a free day, although arrangements have been made for the youngsters to spend most of the school day at either Lymm High School, Cherry Tree Primary or Oughtrington Primary.

The two primary schools have links with schools in Meung.

On the Friday the visitors will have a full day excursion to Merseyside, taking in the Albert Dock, St George's Hall, a ferry across the Mersey and a visit to Ness Botanical Gardens on the Wirral.

The Saturday will be a free day until 6pm when there will be an official reception and dinner dance at Mere Golf and Country Club, with the Chicago Teddy Bears Jazz Band. About 120 visitors, hosts and members of the Twin Town Society will attend.

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Takeaway shop plan approved

A PLANNING inspector has given the go-ahead for a hot food takeaway shop on a new housing estate at Lymm.

Hundreds of nearby residents had opposed the proposal in Chaise Meadow on the Heatley Mere estate because of fears of noise, smells and general disturbance.

But the inspector has ruled that subject to a condition that the shop close by 11pm there would be no serious harm from noise or disturbance.

He also decided existing parking space was adequate because most use would be of an evening.

A separate application for a single storey shop unit on land adjoining the existing Co-op store, also at Chaise Meadow, has been rejected however.

The inspector in this case had doubts that parking provision would be adequate at peak times and felt the proposal would harm amenities in the area because of parking, servicing and other highway disturbance.

He also decided the proposed

building would result in an unattractive outlook for nearby flat dwellers.

Warrington Borough Council's development control committee had refused both applications last year after objections from around 300 people and local councillors Ian Marks, Bob Barr and Sheila Woodyatt.

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Work experience down at the zoo

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Jennie Anderson Hammersley, aged 14 worked with zoo ranger Peter Cookson looking after African pygmy goats, baby rabbits and various other animals.

Her duties included feeding and cleaning.

Kennels given the go-ahead

PLANNING chiefs have given the go-ahead for new kennels and a cattery on land off Burford Lane, Lymm after the parish council withdrew objections.

The scheme - which would normally be considered inappropriate in the Green Belt - was considered acceptable because the new buildings replace existing kennels and cattery and are well screened.

The parish council originally objected on the grounds the new buildings were too large and because of the potential for noise. But its chairman, Coun Sheila Woodyatt supported the application because the new buildings would be an improvement on the old which were falling into disrepair and would result in better conditions for a reduced number of dogs. The parish council withdrew its objection before the plan was considered by the borough's development control committee.



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Duck race raises £4,500

AN army of yellow ducks invaded a local beauty spot raising an estimated £4,500 in aid of charity.



The Lower Dam at Lymm, became a sea of yellow as nearly 1,000 plastic ducks took part in the annual "Lymm Duck Race" organised by Lymm Roundtable.

The event, which was officially launched by Town Crier Peter Powell takes place each year to raise money for local charities and good causes.

The event has taken place from the Lower Dam in the village centre for the past two years due to highway safety issues.

Members of the Lymm and District Round Table are pictured right, from left, Kevin Yates, Scott Swiffen event organiser and Paul Morgan, getting ready to launch the Ducks in the Dingle.



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'Mam I'm 'ere' tickets going fast!

THE summer show, 'Mam I'm 'ere', from the Lymm Panto writer and director Simon Plumb is proving to be so popular, with tickets selling faster than expected, an additional Sunday performance is now taking place.

'We have been overwhelmed by demand for tickets and I would like to thank **Lymm Life** in particular, along with all the shops in Lymm, the rugby club, Rush Green Service Station and Andy Norcott, the farmer, for helping us promote the show,' commented Simon.

MAM I'M 'ERE, a spoof on the blockbusting ABBA film, is scheduled to be performed on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th June at Lymm High School's theatre, and a third Sunday performance, on 14th June, is now a reality.

'Rehearsals are going well and if our audience wants an extra performance are delighted to give it to them. Despite the economy everyone still needs a good laugh and a great time and I believe this is what we will deliver. I am really looking forward to seeing how the audience reacts. It is very different in style to the Lymm Panto but hilarious nevertheless,' added Simon.

'The story is based on a young girl in 1970's Liverpool who falls in love with a local rugby player. Her father runs a Drag Queen club and disapproves of the relationship. I would call it a 70's-based comedy underscored by some brilliant ABBA hits. The music is fantastic and we expect a huge amount of audience participation - it will be a great show and not to be missed!'

Communicado Box Office Tickets are £15, cheques payable to Communicado, and will be on sale

over the bar at Lymm Rugby Club, at Rush Green Service Station or you can order tickets by calling Seb Chadwick at the 'MAM I'M 'ERE!' Box Office on 01925 755590, or email seb@communicadocreative.com. Concessions for OAP's and Under 18's.

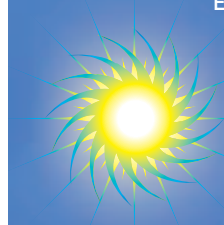


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Fleas are pinhead sized bugs that crawl around your pets' skin and fur enjoying frequent meals of your pets' blood. They can cause discomfort, itching, allergic reactions and in severe cases, anaemia. They also contribute to the spread of tapeworms in cats and dogs and the myxomatosis virus in

rabbits.

Another type of blood-sucker that can end up on your pet is ticks. These creatures are related to spiders and look like little grey beans (with eight legs). They grip on so tightly with their teeth that if attempts are made to remove them, their mouthparts can detach and remain inside your pet, causing further problems. Ticks can also contribute to the spread of bacterial infections and viruses.

Dogs and cats can also pick up a type of mite called Sarcoptes. This leads to a condition called mange which can cause sore, scabby skin and hair loss. The infection is due to the mites making an intricate network of tunnels in your pets'



skin which causes an inflammatory reaction.

Luckily, infestation with all these creatures can be prevented with a simple, spot on product available from Lymm Veterinary Surgery. So don't wait until you actually see the bugs on your pet, treat them early and prevent

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Pupils entertain luncheon club

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Summer ball

LYMM Village Hall Playgroup are holding a Midsummer Nights Ball to be held at the Lymm Hotel on Saturday June 27.

The evening will commence at 7pm for a 7.30pm with a sit down 4 course meal. Carriages at 1am.

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Emily will be queen

EMILY Johnson aged 13 of Woodlands Drive, Thelwall has been chosen as this year's Thelwall Rose Queen elect and her seven year old brother Ben will be her Crown Bearer.

Emily a year 8 pupil at Lymm High School enjoys reading and swimming.

She will be crowned after the parade which starts at 2pm on June 20 from Thelwall Community Centre.



Climbing a mountain for charity

TWENTY residents of Oughtrington – age range eight to 45 – climbed a mountain to raise money for charity.

The group climbed Mount Snowdon to raise funds for the Stroke Association. They are still looking for sponsorship to enable them to raise as much money as possible.

Organiser Louise Sandell decided to raise money for the charity after her father and her brother-in-law both suffered strokes.

She said: "The Stroke Association were marvellous and gave wonderful help on both occasions. I just felt I had to give something back."

"None of us are experienced climbers but I chose Snowdon because it is quite close to where my father lives."

"It is not just about raising money - I want to raise awareness of strokes and let people know just what a terrible condition they are."

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How to cope with the recession

HELPFUL advice on how to cope with the current recession was given at a business networking meeting at Lymm.

Dave Cheetham, from Business Link, gave a presentation on ways of combating the downturn and "ride the crest of the wave."

The evening, organised by Kirsty James of KJ Business Solutions and Tracey Ellis, of the Domestic Bliss Agency, attracted a wide range of local business from electricians to graphic designers.

Kirsty James said: "The number of attendees was really encouraging for a first event and we have received nothing but positive feedback."

"Attendees have said that they came hoping to meet new contacts and promote their own businesses but left having also sourced services both for themselves and their clients."

Kirsty and Tracey are planning to

hold these events on a quarterly basis following the same format - an informal gathering and a short presentation on a business related topic.

Sharon Charteress of Mood Design Solutions said: "The evening provided a great opportunity to expand our networks, meet new faces and hear about business services available in and around the Lymm area. The informal yet informative evening made a refreshing change from the usual format of networking events and I'm certainly looking forward to attending the next one."

The next evening is scheduled for 6-7pm on Thursday June 4. More details are available from Kirsty James, email info@kjbs.co.uk

Abseil couple 'amazed' by local generosity

A LYMM couple who raised more than £500 for a children's hospice through a sponsored abseil have spoken of the 'great generosity' of their family and friends in supporting them.

Brian and Wendy Booth, of Longbutt Lane raised £570 for Hope House Children's Hospice at Oswestry in Shropshire through the abseil - performed by Wendy - at Peckforton Castle, near Tarporley.

The couple, who have lived in Lymm all their lives, were delighted with the response of their supporters.

Wendy said: "We do lots of fundraising for Hope House - our daughter used the hospice."

"Our friends and family never cease to amaze us with their generosity and support for this deserving cause."

"We would like to thank them all for their help."

The abseil was organised by the hospice and about 90 people took part.

Implant expert joins practice



DR Richard Brookshaw, a Lymm resident with an international reputation in the field of implant dentistry, has joined the team at Gavin Laidlaw Dental Solutions.

In addition to training, lecturing and mentoring in this area for a number of years, Dr Brookshaw has placed more than 1,500 implants in the last three years alone.

He said: "I'm delighted to be joining Gavin's successful team, many of who I already know, with a regular session at the practice."

Gavin Laidlaw said: "I've been a big admirer of Richard's work over the years and it gives me great satisfaction to welcome him to the team and offer dental implants to our patients, old and new."

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Charlie's not such a novice

A LYMM schoolboy is making a name for himself in the kart racing world - and promoting a local charity as well.

Charlie Green, 15, is in his first full outdoor season of karting, with races every month, following a year racing at the indoor Daytona track in Manchester.

He collected his first trophy at Easter.

Charlie now has his own kart, which he maintains himself to save money despite having secured some sponsorship to assist in what is an expensive sport.

After visiting the Children's

Adventure Farm at Millington, the Lymm High School pupil was so impressed with what the charity was doing that he offered to promote it.

His kart and trailer now proudly display the charity's logo.

Upgraded

Proud dad Roger said: "While Charlie has his Motor Sports Association competition licence he has to complete five races without upsetting any stewards before he gets upgraded from being classed as a novice."

"In his first two races he started at the back of the grid but managed to finish in the middle of the field."

"On Easter weekend he finished 12th, ahead of all other novices and several seasoned racers to take the Novice Trophy."

"With regular testing sessions, he hopes he can improve greatly over the rest of the season but we are trying hard to find more sponsorship to fund this."

Charlie's main interest apart from



racing is tinkering with the kart, completely rebuilding it prior to any practice session or race. He also loves putting bicycles together from different parts to produce exactly the

spec he wants.

Dad joked: "I think all this practicality was sparked off when I bought him a Meccano set a few years ago!"



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Pictured in front of the future plans for St Rocco's development are from left to right: Anna Fradgley (Slimming World consultant), Lulu Gibbs (Anna's Mum) and Caroline Kay (St Rocco's Hospice Day Unit Sister)

Slimmers donate Easter eggs to hospice

MEMBERS from Lymm Tuesday Slimming World groups have collected and donated all their unwanted Easter Eggs to St Rocco's Hospice.

Anna Fradgley, the Slimming World consultant, said: "It was an idea that came from a request from my Mum as she told me not to buy her any Easter Eggs this year as she really wants to lose weight for her holiday in May."

"Her brother, who is my Uncle, died from pancreatic cancer in March and he received palliative care during his final days at a hospice and we were so grateful for that."

"So, I thought why don't I ask the members to donate their unwanted chocolate to St Rocco's to give to the patients or to raffle off to raise much needed funds."

Caroline Kay, St Rocco's Day Unit Sister, who received the donations explained how the generosity of fundraising throughout Warrington helps run the Hospice, which totals over £2 million a year. She was also the driving force behind the new Day Care Centre, which opened in March and provides respite for a lot of out-patients.

To know more about St Rocco's Hospice and how to help raise money visit www.stroccos.org.uk. To join Lymm Slimming World Club call Anna on 01925 753631 or 0784 0551287. Or simply turn up any Tuesday at 10am at Lymm Methodist Church Hall, 4.30pm or 6pm at Lymm Village Hall. Don't worry you can still eat each chocolate on this diet!!

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£1.5 million expansion for school

LYMM'S Oughtrington Primary School is to be expanded at a cost of £1.5 million to enable it to accommodate an extra 105 pupils.

Borough council chiefs have approved the procedures to enable the work to be carried out following consultation with parents and the local community.

Coun Sheila Woodyatt, the borough's executive member for Children's Services, said: This will

make a tremendous difference to the education of the children of Lymm.

"In Lymm, we have had 1,900 new homes built in the last three or four years. Now we are going to give the school a 21st century learning environment. It will give us an outstanding school."

Coun Woodyatt said the response of local people during the consultation process had been "very positive." Sixty one people had supported the scheme and only seven had disagreed.

There had been a few issues over traffic, but the number of children walking to school at Oughtrington was higher than at any other school in the borough.

Coun Woodyatt said Oughtrington Primary was already an excellent school. But it did have structural problems - such as pupils having to go through the hall to get anywhere else in the school.



Road work delayed

WORK on road reconstruction and footpath resurfacing in Barsbank Lane and Star Lane, Lymm has been delayed.

It should have started on April 20, lasting for about 12 weeks, but is now due to start on May 26 and is expected to be completed in 10 weeks.

Prohibition

As a result the borough council has made an order to introduce a temporary prohibition of driving and a footway closure on Barsbank Lane, from its junction with Booths Hill Road to its junction with Star Lane and on Star Lane from its junction with Barsbank Lane to its junction with Warrington Road.

The restrictions will be in force when signs are in place on site. The alternative route for

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Residents oppose plan for extra dentist

MORE than 20 neighbours signed a petition opposing a plan to allow an extra NHS dentist to practice from a dental surgery in Rushgreen Road, Lymm.

They claimed more than 1,000 NHS patients were already attending the premises - converted from a semi-detached house in 2007 - in addition to private patients.

This had resulted in residents suffering increased noise levels, parking problems and a lack of privacy, they claimed.

Dentist Jill Cooper applied for a variation of conditions imposed on her original planning consent so that two dentists could work from the premises.

The original consent was for one practitioner only.

The objectors claimed an additional dentist working from the site would worsen problems and lead to more clinical waste and hazardous substances being produced.

But planning officers recommended the scheme for approval and said residents' concerns could be addressed through appropriate planning conditions.

Eight people wrote letters supporting the proposal.

Lymm Parish Council raised no objections and Coun Sheila Woodyatt said she fully supported the application.

She said: "An expansion of the service will be of great community benefit."

The variation was approved.

Can road be reclassified?

COULD the A6144 Eagle Brow be reclassified as a "B" road?

Lymm Traders can't see any reason why not - and can see considerable benefits for the village centre if it was.

Chairman Phil Sexton told a traders' meeting that efforts to have the road made "one-way" and to allow parking on one side of Eagle Brow had failed in the past because it was an "A" road.

He said: "There is no way it is an 'A' road really. It is too narrow in places and the bridge over the canal in the village is just not suitable for the sort of traffic an 'A' road normally carries.

"If we could get the road reclassified as a first step it might be possible to get a one-way street and parking provision at a later stage."

The meeting agreed to ask Lymm Parish Council to put the suggestion to Warrington Borough Council.

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Gas main 'farce' angers traders

SHOPKEEPERS in Lymm are furious after work on renovating gas mains in the village centre was abandoned shortly after it started.

Lymm Traders' chairman Phil Sexton described the situation as a "comical farce that was not funny."

The work - which involved inserting a new main inside the existing 12 inch main - was halted after it was discovered the existing main was, in fact, only 10 inches in diameter.

Traders and Lymm Parish Council had opposed the timing of the work from the start, requesting that it be carried out next January, when trade is traditionally slack.

But National Grid insisted on starting excavations - only to discover

their records regarding the existing mains were inaccurate.

They have now told shopkeepers the work - which will now involve a much bigger operation likely to cause even more disruption - will start some time after August, raising the fear that it will extend into the busy pre-Christmas period.

The scheme involves excavating the showpiece "cobbled" street and has been complicated by the fact that supplies of replacement sets appear to be non-existent.

Mr Sexton said the council had

always maintained a supply of sets had been kept to ensure the road could be restored after excavations but, in fact, appeared to have mislaid them.

Butcher Malcolm Hopkinson said he had been told replacement sets would have to be obtained from abroad.

Traders are still pressing for the work to be put back to January.

Sharon Walls, highways assets manager at the borough council said: "The recent works to renew the gas main at The Cross, Lymm have unfortunately been delayed."

"After carrying out an initial excavation last week, the gas company discovered that their existing main is smaller than originally thought and is only 10 inch and not the 12 inch as shown on their records."

"The replacement works will now take place later in the year and are likely to be on a larger scale. We will of course be working in conjunction with the gas company to ensure disruptions are kept to a minimum."

A spokeswoman for National Grid said: "We do apologise to residents of Lymm for the inconvenience. We are investigating why our records were not accurate."

"But this work is essential - it has already been put off for a number of years and is becoming critical. We do want Lymm to have a safe and reliable gas supply."

"The work will now take about six weeks and the council want us to try and do it during the school summer holidays."



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This year's parade which will have a theme of the movies and the arts, will take place on Saturday, June 13 when the procession will assemble at the old council offices at 1pm where

adults and children board their floats representing the schools, clubs or associations they belong to.

The parade starts its journey through Lymm village centre at 1.30 with bands and dancers marching and performing between the various floats.

After the parade the festivities continue on the May Queen field off Pepper Street. At approximately 2.30pm all the participants assemble at the arena where the queens ascend the thrones waiting to be crowned after the parade of characters.

This year's May Queen is Natasha Royle aged 11 from Statham Primary School will be crowned by Angela Broadsmith while the Rose Queen will be Jamie Cox, aged 9 of Cherry Tree Primary School, who will be crowned by Jean Wright.

As well as the entertainment in the arena there will be a family fun fair with a selection of rides for kids of all ages including tea cups, mini chairs, trampolines and a bouncy castle for toddlers, to the Miami, Gravity Wheel, Twist and Crooked Cottage for teenagers and the young at heart!

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Pictured left: Rose Queen Jamie Cox and May Queen Natasha Royle.
Facing page: Scenes from last year's festival.



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- Mr A was forced to repay the dividends to the company so the company could meet its liabilities to the taxman.

What you can do?

- Use regular management accounts to ensure you reserve enough funds to cover the corresponding Corporation Tax after paying dividends from current profits.
- If you or your fellow directors/shareholders have interests in several companies, check they are not associated otherwise this may increase your company's CT.
- Check the level of last year's reserves and only pay this year's interim dividends up to that level.
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Lymm took the lead on nine minutes when patient build up play found the impressive Mullarkey in midfield. A well timed pass released Floyd who created space for Andy Burton to score in the corner making it 5-0. Emmit, uncharacteristically, missed the conversion.

Less than 90 seconds later Exeter



scrum half Banks went over after bursting through missed tackles. Shaw converted and the Chiefs led 7-5.

But Lymm were able to alter their tempo at will. The front 5 dominated the game and this domination gave

James McGregor the chance to score after an impressive 5 metre drive. Emmit missed again making it 10-7.

On 30 mins Lymm were penalised for not rolling away and Shaw slotted the penalty to level the scores at half

time.

On 51 mins Emmit finally got on the score sheet with a well delivered penalty kick to restore Lymm's advantage

Then James McGregor was sin binned for a poorly judged piece of retaliation. The question was whether Lymm could survive with only 14.

In fact the second half was almost all played out in the Exeter half as the Devonians could not break through the defensive shield in the Lymm midfield. Floyd and the back row were simply outstanding in their controlled defence.

With McGregor back on Emmit was then binned. Exeter, becoming more and more desperate tried 45 metre penalty kicks and 50 metre drop goals but Lymm held on.

Team Manager Noel Wright, said: "The lads deserved their magnificent victory as a reward for all their hard work and commitment throughout the year. You need great individuals, which we have, to score points but it's our great teamwork that won us the match. I am so proud that Lymm is the first Northern side ever to have won the National Under 17s cup."

Team: 1 Ollie Askew, 2 Dan Horton (Scott Jones 45), 3 Jordan Widdrington, 4 James McGregor, 5 Marcus Smikle-Knox, 6 Elliot Heward, 7 Robert Ridley-Thomas (Luke Brown 50), 8 Sam Mullarkey (C), 9 Tom Wood, 10 Sean Wright, 11 Andy Burton, 12 Mike Floyd, 13 Luke Emmit, 14 Pat Taylor, 15 Andy Rowley Reps Matt Connolly, Alex Hill, Jake Shackleford, Tom Page

Lymm Golf Club keeps changing with the times

WHEN it was founded in 1907 Lymm Golf Club was a sanctuary for the male professionals of the village who could escape family and business for a few hours with their friends.

Times have changed dramatically since then and the club continues to adapt to the needs of the modern day.

The club is especially keen to be involved in village community life both by helping to encourage new and young golfers and their families as

well as acting as a host for village and private functions.

With the newly rebuilt clubhouse it has one of the most attractive venues in the area and this year has seen a dramatic increase in private lettings for parties, anniversaries and weddings. The club is also involved

in various charity days and is a main venue for Lymm Festival again this year hosting Allan Williams keyboard and vocals on June 29 and the Chicago Teddy Bears Jazz Band on July 2.

Lymm Golf Club is determined to make sure that it responds to changing times and continues to be at the centre of Lymm community life for the next 100 years.




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Lymm win first silverware for 20 years!

Lymm20 Wilmslow.....8

LYMM RUGBY Union Club secured their first silverware since 1989, beating Wilmslow in the Cheshire Senior Plate Final.

In wet conditions on the neutral ground at New Brighton Lymm were able to recall stalwart Kinsey to 9, with Griffiths on the bench and Butler and Harrison returned from holiday. However George Ashall and Calderbank were all unavailable.

Wilmslow play a back row dominated game using the thrusts of Danny Jones to get across the gain line. Lymm defended this well and though seldom out of their own half for the first 15 minutes Wilmslow never really looked like scoring.

Indeed it was the boot of Mike Sweetman that opened the account, converting a penalty on 18 mins after the big 10 had missed one from 45 metres 3 minutes earlier.

Indeed the game hinged on these vital kicks. In blustery conditions, the Wilmslow 10, McCallum struggled to hit the spot and his misses failed to take account of the Lymm lack of discipline, especially in the second half. He did slot one on 27 minutes after a Lymm offside but missed the conversion when Wilmslow scored a push over try against a 7 man scrum on 38 mins leaving Lymm trailing 3-8 at the break.

Lymm made changes after 45 mins. The dependable Ollie Brown was replaced by Danny Bates and

Kinsey removed himself with Chris Griffiths taking the 9 shirt. Could this be the great man's last game?

Lymm became more organised in the second half and their superior threat in their backs began to shine.

Dave Williamson went over on 58 mins after a lovely weighted ball from Sweetman. Missed conversion. 8-8. The tide seemed to have turned and then the class moment of the game. John Millington was brought on on 61 minutes and immediately secured turnover ball. Tom Hughes broke on his own 22, chipped the ball to Richard Butler, who, with deft footwork, managed to stay out of touch. His returned pass saw Hughes sprint 40 metres to score. This was his 5th try in this competition, in 3 matches. Sweetman missed again.

Wilmslow found their back row game thwarted time after time and when they started to move it wide they found the Lymm defence solid. Rarely did Wilmslow look like scoring and Lymm took final control on 75 when Dave Williamson went over again after a sweeping passing move started by Griffiths and Howson and, yet again the player of the match Sweetman timed a perfect pass for the rapid 15 to score. This time Sweetman hit the conversion to make it 20-8.

Coach Kinsey reflected "the result was a great way to end a season that has been one of two halves. The latter being outstanding. It was a good platform for us to prepare our promotion challenge next year."

Lymm do have a healthy platform for next season. Finishing the season with one defeat in 15 and silverware. Players are still welcomed to the club as the club needs to bolster all sides at senior and junior levels. Keep an eye out on the website, www.lymmrfc.co.uk, for details of pre season or contact Richard Boudry, Director of Rugby on 01925 266899

Team: 1. Ollie Brown (Danny Bates 45) 2. Scott Harrison 3. Keith Broadbent 4. Darius Miksys, 5. Jack Warrington (Jim Fergusson 50) 6. Ollie Higginson 7. Andy Williamson 8. Mark Sutton 9. Chris Kinsey (c) (Chris Griffiths 45) 10. Jordan Howson 11. Richard Butler (Warren Ayres 70) 12. Tom Hughes 13. Mike Sweetman 14. Jack Johnstone 15. Dave Williamson. Other reps John Mcpartland, Darren Norman.

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Cats' 'purrfect' start

LYMM based Cheshire Cats had the purrfect start to their inaugural season with a VIP launch at their main sponsor Pan Y Vino in Stockton Heath.

The Cats who will be playing at Lymm Rugby Union Club are a brand new junior rugby league club in south Warrington.

Russ Johnson, proprietor of Pan Y Vino, the club's main sponsors said: "It's a pleasure to be involved with such an exciting venture. Everyone at Pan Y Vino wishes the club all the success in the world."

Other club sponsors are Business Link North West, Imperial Saints Exiles and Total Steel and Fabrication.

The evening was hosted by Karl Kirkpatrick, former Super League referee, who has agreed to become the club's Ambassador. It was an ideal opportunity to launch the club's new kit in the club's colours, lemon and lime with black shorts and facings – a striking combination of colour and style with little hope of the players getting away with any offside decisions!

The event was attended by a host of well known local and national figures from the world of Rugby League together with representatives of local and regional press.

Lionel Hurst, club Founder said: "The establishing of this club in south Warrington affords an ideal opportunity for young people to become involved in a continuing programme of personal development together with the acquisition of a wide range of sporting skills. The whole enterprise is good for young people, the area and the cause of Rugby League."

The initial age range of the club will be Under 12s. Training has been progressing well with numbers growing over recent weeks. The team will play in the Midland Merit League with fixtures commencing on May 17.

John Cartwright, chairman of Lymm RUFC expressed his delight to be involved in such an innovative project saying: "The co-operation between Rugby Union and Rugby League can only be good for the game. We very much look forward to being part of Rugby League establishing a real presence in south Warrington."

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High rents drive new shops away

SHOPKEEPERS in Lymm believe high rents for commercial properties are deterring new businesses from moving into the village.

Too many shops lie empty for too long – with a damaging impact on the local economy.

A meeting of Lymm Traders agreed unanimously that pressure should be brought to bear on local landlords to try and reduce rents – particularly to help new businesses.

The meeting was told there was no shortage of business people visiting Lymm looking for premises, but that the majority moved on when they discovered the rents demanded.

Landlords and selling agents adopted a "take it or leave it" attitude.

As a result shops stood empty – while at the same time more new ones were being built.

The problem, members agreed, was

that because Lymm was perceived as an affluent area with high house prices, the same applied to commercial properties. But this was not necessarily the case.

In some cases, the rents asked were so high they would make most businesses unviable.

Enquiries made by Lymm Life revealed that a shop in Bridgewater Street was being offered at a rent of £1,045 per calendar month while an office space, described as "lower ground floor" was being offered for £165 per week.

Stephen Taylor, of Sale-based Jets estate agents agreed that rentals in Lymm were high.

He said: "This is a reflection of property values. We act for a number of landlords, some of who are Lymm residents. If they have bought properties in Lymm they need to get an appropriate return. They can't be expected to let them at a loss.

"I am a Lymm enthusiast - a former resident myself. I love Lymm and I am eager to do anything I can to help Lymm. It is our job to let properties in Lymm and we do our best to do that. We have just agreed a letting that will get another shop back into use.

"It is not in our interests to ask for unrealistically high rents. We want to let properties as quickly as possible - but we are to a large extent, in the hands of landlords."

Fair rent charter

LYMM Traders' chairman Phil Sexton wants to try and draw up a "fair rents charter" for the village centre.

He is asking shopkeepers who rent their properties to let him know how much rent and rates they pay by square foot.

Then a comparison can be made with a view to trying to persuade some landlords to reduce rent levels.

The borough council could also be asked to review business rate levels.

Obituary

Violet Olivia Robertson



THE funeral has taken place at Altrincham Crematorium of Violet Olivia Robertson, aged 89, of Orchard Avenue, Lymm who died in Warrington Hospital on April 9.

Mrs Robertson, nee Jeavons, was a keen member of Lymm United Reformed Church and loved making things - especially tapestries.

She helped to form the faith healing group and was a strong family member who will be greatly missed.

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The club has some of the county's best players in their respective age groups and are the current Cheshire Mini Tennis Orange League

champions. If your child is keen on tennis and has a good athletic base, get in touch to discuss how the club's Performance Programme might help

their tennis development.

Older children between the ages of 11 and 16 are also well catered for. There are team/individual matches as well as the opportunity to play socially with friends. Junior members can also attend the popular Junior Club Night every Friday after school.

For more information on junior tennis coaching at Lymm please contact Steve Garbutt (pictured right) on 07976 226392 or email steve@optima.tennis.co.uk



Gospel choir to visit

A CONCERT is to be given at Lymm Baptist Church on July 4 by an internationally known gospel choir,

The Liverpool-based Love and Joy Gospel Choir will be appearing as part of the Lymm Festival.

Formed in 1987, under the directorship of Dr Tani Omideyi, the vibrant, multi-racial choir is based at the Temple of Praise in Liverpool.

It has appeared on numerous television shows, including Songs of Praise and has recorded a number of CDs. It has for many years been at the forefront of building relationships with communities locally and around the United Kingdom.

Venues where the choir have performed include cathedrals, churches, stadia, St. Michael's Cave in Gibraltar and the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall. The events have been as varied as gospel meetings, weddings, major corporate events, the memorial service for Princess Diana at the Liverpool

Metropolitan Cathedral and the Summer Pops Festival at Liverpool's Albert Dock.

The choir was involved in Liverpool's Capital of Culture bid, and wrote the music for its theme song "We've got the go".

Book Bank

RESIDENTS who want to donate books to the Oxfam Book Bank in Lymm can still do so - even though there is no longer a book bank on the Pepper Street car park.

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School rugby success

LYMM High School first 15 Rugby Team won first place in Schools Daily Mail North of England League, were Quarter Finalists in the Daily Mail under 18s National Cup, and Winners of the Cheshire Cup and Winners of the Cheshire Sevens Cup.

Meanwhile the under 12s won first place in Schools Daily Mail competition, were winners of the King's Macclesfield Invitation, winners of Bradford Grammar School's Sevens Plate and winners of Wirral Grammar School's Sevens Cup.



Five will strive in triathlon

FIVE women will be carrying Lymm's name in the sixth annual Deva Divas women's triathlon at Chester on Sunday July 12 - to raise money for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

They all have links with The Terrace café brasserie - owner Joanne Hopkinson, staff member Sam McCawley and customers Claire Fairhurst, Julie Evans and Melanie Guest.

All are currently in training either in the gym or on local roads - and when the weather permits Joanne is cycling to work.

The triathlon involves a 750m swim at Manley Mere, a 16km cycle ride and a 5k run.

Joanne and Julie have previously taken part in the London Moonwalk - also in aid of breast cancer research - but apart from that have not taken part in any other feats of endurance.

Joanne said: "We are just normal, unfit people."

Anyone who wants to sponsor the fivesome can do so by signing a form at The Terrace, or directly with one of the five.

Tennis club open day

AN open day is to be held at Lymm's Manor Road Tennis Club on Saturday, July 11 - offering local people the chance to play tennis for free.

All ages and abilities will be welcome at the club - particularly juniors.

Under 8s will be welcome between 10am and 11am while Under 12s can play between 11am and 12 noon.

There will be free refreshments and a barbecue for tennis players and their parents at 12 noon.

Under 18s and adults will be welcome to play from 1pm.

The club is associated with Lymm High School through a "club-school link" and the club coach, Hayley Watson, coaches at both venues.

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An early priority is identifying and securing funding to implement an action plan.

Group spokesman Richard Pearce said there was considerable local expertise available to offer advice.

It was hoped to carry out a community carbon footprint survey and provide information packs on how to reduce carbon emissions to those taking part.

The group will be promoting itself at local events such as the May Queen festival, Lymm Festival and Dickensian Festival.

Members will be hoping to initiate projects with schools and offering them assistance to reduce their own carbon footprints. They will encourage the use of public transport, walking, cycling and car sharing to cut transport emissions and develop plans for the installation of a water turbine to produce energy from Lymm's existing water resources.

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