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Editor's Comment



CONGRATULATIONS to all those who were successful in the local elections and commiserations to those who failed to get elected. The full results can be seen on page eight.

While we have seen some significant changes on the parish council, with the local Conservatives bucking the national trend by becoming the largest group, the two independents, previously co-opted onto the parish council, both won their seats, while Labour gained a seat at the parish table for the first time in 30 years.

Hopefully the parish councillors will put their political differences to one side and ensure they all work together as a team to do their best for Lymm.

Knowing many of those who will be serving on the parish, I am sure this will be case.

What was a matter of concern

was the low turn out - not just in Lymm but across the whole borough.

In Lymm just over 30 per cent of the electorate bothered to vote, while in some inner areas of Warrington the turn out was just over 17 per cent

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There is clearly great apathy
among the voting public - and
something needs to be done to get
greater community engagement.

Opinion

One can presume that those who don't bother voting must be of the opinion that it doesn't really matter who is in power - the end result for the public will be the same.

It is sad to think that millions of

people gave their lives in the world wars to ensure we have a democracy and freedom to choose who we vote for to run our country.

Next time you have a chance to vote - just remember that - as there is every chance previous generations of your family gave their lives so you could have freedom of choice.

Also next time you are planning to have a moan about your council taxes, street lighting or bin collections, remember that if you didn't vote you have absolutely no right to complain.

It is now going to be two years before you have the chance to vote in a local election again. Perhaps then you should remember people gave their lives so you have the chance to



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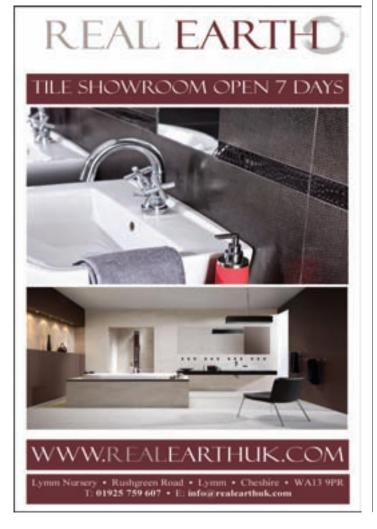
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Pupils launch celebrity clothing bank

PUPILS at Lymm High School have launched their own celebrity clothing bank business.

Launched at UCFB College of Football Business, at Burnley FC, The Superstar Clothes Bank asks celebrities and sports people to donate their clothing, which is then sold on to fans via a website to raise money for charity.

It is the brainchild of the Lymm pupils and money raised from the sale of clothing and memorabilia will be split equally between the celebrity's

charity of choice and Lymm's partner school in South Africa. Clothing and memorabilia was showcased at the launch at UCFB, the Burnley higher education institution that offers' undergraduate degrees in

Float District Floating and Warrington Wolves RLFC star Adrian Morley and Leeds United player Tom Lees are among the famous stars that have already backed the initiative and donated clothing. The pupils have also secured a signed Dennis Bergkamp shirt, a football signed by World Cup winners Gordon Banks and Roger Hunt, and a signed Rangers shirt.

The pupils, who are all undertaking business studies, are taking to social media to raise awareness of the charity and to ask more celebrities to get involved and donate clothing. Business Studies teacher John Hayes is overseeing the Superstar Clothes Bank project

Josh Blackwell, pupil at Lymm High School, said: "It's great to finally be launching Superstar Clothes Banks and start to raise money and awareness.

"We are all finding it good to put to use what we're learning in school about business studies and get real life experience in an interesting and fun environment.

"We hope that sports stars and celebrities donate clothing to us - not only can they raise money for causes important to them, but also help our partner school in South Africa."

Passionate

Philip Wilson, provost and chief executive of UCFB, said: "Superstar Clothes Bank is a great initiative and it's impressive to see how passionate and dedicated the pupils are to

making it a big success.
"We've got excellent links with football clubs and sports people and felt that by getting involved we could really help Superstar Clothes Bank in raising its profile and driving

donations.
"Our undergraduates across all three degrees here – media, marketing and finance – are also happy to get involved and give advice to the pupils at Lymm that are working on the project."

UCFB opened in September and



offers BA (Hons) degrees in football business and finance, football business and marketing and football business and media.

It currently has 60 students and is capping its 2012 intake at 200.

To find out more about Superstar Bank www.superstarclothesbank.com or Twitter @starclothesbank.

Front page picture shows the team with Wolves' star Adrian Morley and Head Coach Tony Smith.

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Council wants to borrow fountain

LYMM Parish Council hopes to "borrow" a floodlit, floating fountain to help celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The fountain would be floated in the Lower Dam for the Jubilee weekend

and, provided it was acceptable to local residents, would become a permanent feature afterwards.

The idea of a floating fountain for the Lower Dam originally came from Deputy Lieutenant of Cheshire Geoff Hawley - a local resident.

He said the fountain would cost less than £2,000, would have no adverse environmental impact on the ecology of the Dam and could be moved out of the way for events such as the annual Duck Race or for maintenance.

But a number of residents have subsequently expressed concern that the feature may have an unacceptable impact on the immediate area.

The council is hoping arrangements can be made to borrow a fountain so residents can see the impact.

Plans underway for B Fest 5

PLANS are already udnerway for B Fest 5 which takes place at The Jolly Thresher, Higher Lane, Lymm, on Saturday, September 29.

Tickets will be on sale from The Jolly Thresher from July 1 priced £12 Adults, £5 children/concessions.

There will be another fabulous line up of bands, great food and entertainment.

All profit to be donated to Diabetes Research, Myeloma Research, and

Candice's Charity.

Should any local businesses be interested in sponsoring the B Festival, or could help with web design etc please contact Jane Holmes at bfest5@gmail.com

Giant family fun day for Help the Heroes

MORE details are now available for Lymm Oughtrington Park Cricket Club's giant family fun day on Sunday, June 3.

The event, reported in last month's Lymm Life, will raise money for Help the Heroes and will feature Coronation Street and Hollyoaks stars, former boy band singer Antony Costa and loads of family entertainment.

Organiser Andy Kershaw has now released more details including:

*Gulliver's World family picnic zone with entertainers and mascots

*Total Fitness family sports zone

*Build-a-bear children's play area

*Mini fun-fair with roller coaster, trampolines and mini big wheel.

The whole show will be staged at the picturesque cricket ground in Oughtrington Lane.

Oughtrington Lane.

A feature of the day will be a Twenty20 cricket match between a Lymm Oughtrington Park XI and a team of TV and sporting celebrities and Andy has now revealed that the celebrity team will be strengthened by Aussie star Stuart Law and also an England Test star.

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The identity of the England player is not yet known, but rumours that it could be fast bowler Tim Bresnan are giving the Lymm players sleepless nights and prompted a few orders for extra protective gear!

It has also been announced that not only will the former Blue star Antony Costa be performing live but that fans will get a chance to meet him.

There will be plenty of other fun activities, including a charity auction and competitions with "money can't buy" prizes.

And of course the club's unique offer of setting aside a "street party" zone for people who want to combine the event with celebrating the Diamond lubilee. Jubilee.

People can either take their own picnic or order a hamper prepared by celebrity chef Aiden Byrne.

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There will also be facepainting, a barbecue, bouncy castles, a City FM roadshow and a kwik cricket contest between local primary schools.

More attractions are being added all the time so for the latest updates, visit the club's website www.lymmopcc.hitscricket.com

Tickets are now on sale in the village but will also be available at the gate on the day.

WI members baffled by guest speaker!

MEMBERS of Lymm WI found themselves baffled by their guest speaker magician Peter Turner.

He entertained them with stories of his life as a magician - and also with a series of tricks and illusions.

One involved a vanishing scarf which reappeared in a member's handbag at the rear of the hall!

The meeting was held jointly with Thelwall WI and members voted on a resolution for this year's annual delegate meeting in London, when the motion will call on the Government to recruit more midwives and fund more training to cope with a shortage.

A successful evening was concluded with a raffle, tea and cakes and a good chat with the visitors from Thelwall.



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Chance to earn O-Lymm-pic medal

ENTRIES are now open for a new 5k fun run to be held as part of Lymm Festival.

The off-road Olymmpic 5k is being organised by Lymm Runners running club and Lymm Festival and all entrants will receive an "Olymmpic" medal

It will take place on the final day of the festival - Sunday, July 8 at 11.30am and is open to anyone aged 11 or over.

The run is completely off-road and begins and finishes at Lymm High School where there will be refreshments for runners spectators from the school's PTA

All entrants will receive a T-shirt, which they will wear when taking part, and an Olymmpic medal.

There will also be prizes for the first male and female senior (16 and over)

and junior (11 - 15) winners. Kieran Walshe, vice captain of Lymm Runners, said: "In this Olympic year we have joined forces with the festival to include a fun sports event that everyone, whatever their ability, can take part in.

"Although we will have a clock at

the finish line there is no pressure as times will not be recorded.

Entry for the race is £8 for people aged 16 or over and £6 for those aged 11 to 15. Entry is limited to 300 runners and can be done online at: http://lymmrunners.org.uk

House alterations rejected

PLANNING chiefs have rejected proposals for a major reconstruction of a canal-side home at Lymm.

Members of Warrington's planning committee decided the alterations to the property in Maltmans Road would not be appropriate in the Eagle Brow conservation area.

They had visited the site before reaching a decision.

The plan involved removing dormer existing demolishing single storey side and rear elements to make way for a two storey side extension with dormer and bay windows, new and replacement front bay windows, a new two storey rear extension with a screened balcony, re-worked boundary and access gate and a detached double garage in the rear garden.

Four neighbours opposed the proposals on the grounds they were out of character with other adjoining properties and produced an ugly, contemporary building which would harm the appearance of the conservation area.

Planning officers recommended the scheme approved and claimed there was no uniform architectural style in Maltmans Road and while the changes would be significant they were not harmful and would add to the existing mix of styles.

Shock promotion means club must get stronger

LYMM Football Club, which faced relegation after a dismal season in the Lancashire Amateur League, is suddenly needing to strengthen its 1st team squad - because it is now to be promoted.

Reorganisation of the league means the Sandy Lane outfit, which finished second from bottom of division three and faced the drop to division four, will in fact be moved up to division two.

Committee man Jimmy Slavin, of JC Slavin Landscapes, who sponsor the 1st team, said: "We really need to

strengthen the side.
"We want really keen players, not just from Lymm but from anywhere, who want to play football at a good standard every Saturday.

"Players who really eat, drink and sleep football and will be available

every week.

"This unexpected promotion means we will be able to offer players the chance to play at a really good standard."

Lymm run three sides, including a veterans team, which finished fourth in division six and a reserve team which held its own in division five.

Pre-season training will officially start early in July, although training is continuing throughout the summer months

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Scouts' hiking success

SCOUTS from Oughtrington competed against more than 700 young people from all over the county to win the 46th Cheshire Hike.

Thirteen members of 1st Oughtrington Scout Troop, and one scout from 3rd

Lymm, joined the seven teams on the day.

Scout Leader Mike Timmins said: "The troop has enjoyed some success in the

past and this year was to prove no different.

Trophies are awarded by each Scout District and this year the troop won two of the Warrington East District awards. Joe Hassell and Robert Cooper won the junior section trophy and Sally Kilgour and Abi Smith won the Intermediates Trophy.

Abi and Sally went on to be the overall winners for the county winning the County Intermediates trophy.

Mike said: "To complete the Cheshire Hike is a fantastic achievement and we'd like to congratulate all of the scouts that achieved this.

"Extra congratulations must go to Abi and Sally not only for winning the district award, but also for winning the county award which was a fantastic result. And to Robert and Joe for retaining the district junior award which they first won last year. They also came second overall in the junior section missing out on the county award by just one point!"

Charity donation is music to pre-school's ears CHILDREN at Oughtrington PreSchool can now boar more than the

School can now hear more than the birds singing in their outdoor play area thanks to a donation - to the tune of £500 - from Lymm and District Round Table.

The pre-school, based Oughtrington Crescent, Lymm, is now the proud owner of an outdoor

musical station.

Jo Cooper, a member of the pre-school's fundraising committee, said: "We were aware of the Round Table and their charity work so we wrote to them hoping they would consider us. Thankfully, they were able to fund the entire cost of the equipment which will support the children's motor skills, social interaction, confidence and self-esteem, as well as helping them have lots of fun!

Outhrington Pre-School is just one of the many beneficiaries of Lymm

and District Round Table's latest batch of charitable donations, with a total of \$4,500\$ also having gone towards organisations such as the Walton Lea organisations social as the Wallot Lea Project, Warrington RSPCA, Brainwave, Lymm British Legion, Canal Street Day Centre, Warrington Hospital Maternity Ward and

Hospital Maternity Ward and Cotebrook House.
Chairman Chris Stephens said:
"We've raised record figures again this year, so, as a result more and more charities and community groups will get because sout their way.

more charities and community groups will get cheques sent their way.

"We're always on the look-out for worthy causes so feel free to get in touch if you're a charity, group or individual who needs some support."

For more information on the Round

Table visit www.lymmround table.co.uk or contact Rik Wilson on 07766 461944 or info@lymmround table.co.uk

Spectacles wanted! AFTER a visit to the Design Museum in London Su Williams realised that she could have a novel exhibit at the Art Garden and then the pieces collected for the artwork could go out to a charity in Africa to help people who need

assistance with their sight.

SO......Anyone who has old Spectacles they no longer need please take them to the Art Garden at Leckonby Cottage before June 28.

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Sheila fights off Labour challenge

LONG-serving councillor Sheila Woodyatt was again re-elected to represent Lymm on the borough council in the May elections.

She has been a Conservative member of the borough council for 29 years and beat off a strong challenge from Labour's Su Williams in a four cornered fight also involving the Liberal Democrats and the UK Independence

In the parish elections, where she has been a councillor for 33 years, she topped the poll in Lymm Ward.

After the results were announced, she said: "I would like to thank the people of Lymm for their continued support and am grateful for the opportunity to continue to fight for Lymm at every

opportunity.
"On the parish council, the Conservative team will be committed to putting Lymm first all the time"

Ironically, while Su Williams became the first Labour member of the parish council for more than 30 years, and the Conservatives generally fared badly at the hands of Labour across the country,

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they emerged as the largest single party on the parish council, holding six of the 12 seats, with the Liberal Democrats reduced from six to three.

Make up of the new council is: Conservative six, Liberal Democrats three, Independent two and Labour one. The results in detail were:

Lymm Ward

Elected: Sheila Woodyatt (Cons) 524; Joe Griffiths (Ind) 507; June Gittins (Cons) 349. Not elected: Denis McAllister (Lib Dem) 296; Sandra Woodthorpe (Lib Dem) 285; Jonathan Smith (Cons) 283; James Ashington (UKIP) 177.

Booths Hill ward

Elected: David Openshaw (Cons)

412; Kathryn Buckley (Cons) 396; Bob Barr (Lib Dem) 365. Not elected: Harish Sharma (Cons) 310; Kim Buckley (Lib Dem) 271; Graham Gowland (Lib Dem) 239; Christine Zastawny (Cons) 221.

Heatley ward

Elected: Peter Powell (Ind) 588; Sheila Chapman (Cons) 403; Beverley Bachmayer (Cons) 342. Not elected: Julian Craddock (Cons) 328; Charlotte Coupe (Lib Dem) 315; Ann Johnstone (Lib Dem) 294; Gemma Southern (Lab)

Statham ward

Elected: Su Williams (Lab) 326; Ian Marks (Lib Dem) 286; Pam Marks (Lib Dem) 226. Not elected: Janet Socorro (Lib Dem) 189; Barbara Thomason (Cons) 149; Philip Bachmayer (Cons) 129; Gwyneth Craddock (Cons) 129.

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'World first' claim for rainsaver device

A LYMM firm is claiming a world first with an innovative, easy-to-fit gutter kit for garden sheds which enables people to save money, help the environment

and recycle rainwater.

Hall's Rainsaver will be on show at the RHS Tatton Show in July in a typical

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drought.

Although many parts of the country are suffering from drought, with hosepipe bans in place, Britain's unpredictable weather means that other parts - including Lymm - have had downpours.

On April 26, for instance, about two inches of rain was falling per house

in one part of Lymm.

Details of the invention can be found on the Hall's Rainsaver website

Obituary

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David was born in Thelwall and lived in Warrington and Grappenhall as a child. He and his late wife Grace (Gregg) married in Latchford in 1949. The family moved to Lymm in Leaving Warrington Blue Coat School in 1938, David started work

Oughtrington.

as an apprentice at Crosfield & Sons Ltd in Warrington. He joined the Merchant Navy as a Junior Engineer during World War 2, and studied hard to become a Chief Engineer. A land-based job followed in the 1950s, but he returned to seafaring in 1965 and was employed by P&O Cassed Casses Districts General Cargo Division.

The funeral has taken place of David James Price, aged 88, of Lymmington Avenue, Lymm, who passed away on April 9. The

Mary the Virgin on April 17 and was conducted by The Revd. Michael Burgess of St Peter's,

A long and active retirement allowed him to pursue his hobbies of

gardening, photography, and family history. His DIY skills were put to good use, both at home and in the parish church, where he worshipped for 50

He is survived by his children: Stephen, David, Susan, Richard and Margaret; and by grandchildren: Geoffrey, Rebecca, Oliver, Thomas and Elizabeth.

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Sarah takes first prize in essay competition

A LYMM girl has won joint first prize in a prestigious essay competition set by a leading Cambridge University college.

Sarah Slattery, aged 16, a pupil at Withington Ğirls' Manchester, was presented with her prize and £100 at a ceremony at Corpus Christi College, founded in

Although Sarah is not even taking history as one of her A-level subjects and didn't do the subject at GCSE, she submitted her winning 2,000word essay on "Does the decline and fall of ancient empires have anything

to teach the modern world?"

She said: "It took a month of research in the library of Manchester University, which we can use as sixth formers, and I started writing it during the Christmas holidays. It feels really

special to have won

Sarah, who celebrated her 16th birthday on GCSE results day - she scored 11 A* passes - is currently studying Greek, Latin, French and Maths at A-level and wants to read classics at university. She hopes for a career in the foreign service

Mrs Lucy Holden, head of classics at Withington, said: "Sarah has done brilliantly. She only started studying Greek in Year 11 as an extra curricular pursuit, taking lessons at lunchtime and after school and this year jumped straight into the A-level course. The Corpus Christi competition is set for lower sixth formers by the college admissions department seeking an early indication of their readiness to study at a higher level.

Said Sarah, "I have never been to Greece and only ever spent one day in Rome, but I once went to Turkey on a school trip. I am fascinated by the language and culture of the ancient world and focused on the fall of the Greek and Roman empires. I really enjoyed exploring new aspects of the subject for my essay. I think there are parallels between the decline of the ancient empires and modern times and we can learn a lot from it.

In her spare time, Sarah also studies piano, is deputy editor of the school magazine, loves riding her horse Ollie and keeps two miniature horses, Nutty and May.



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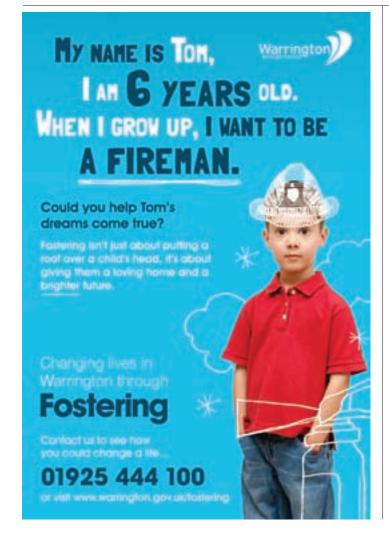
A NEW foster carer charter and recruitment campaign is being launched in Warrington as part of Foster Care Fortnight (May 14-27), a national campaign that raises awareness of fostering.

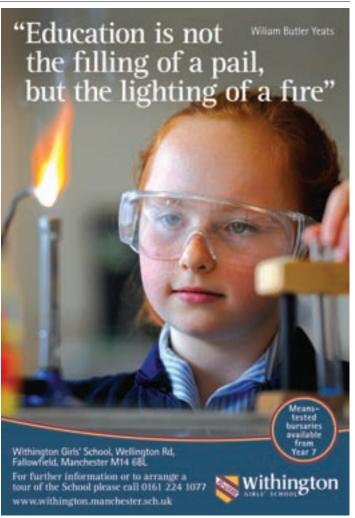
Warrington's Fostering Service has produced the foster care charter in consultation with foster carers and children in care in Warrington, which is a pledge and commitment by the service to their carers. The charter is just one of the many ways that the service shows their commitment to their foster carers.

The new recruitment campaign focuses on how fostering positively changes lives both for children and foster carers. The campaign also aims to raise awareness that foster carers are all very different, single, working, retired, younger, older, same sex, what matters is a desire to help local children.

The service will be hosting a number of recruitment events across the town. These include: Thursday, May 17, 10 to

The service will be hosting a number of recruitment events across the town. These include: Thursday, May 17 10 to 4pm - ASDA Westbrook; Saturday, May 19 10 to 4pm-Sainsburys, Church Street; Thursday May, 24 10 am at Community Square (next to M&S) Golden Square, Warrington; Friday, May 25 10 to 4pm -ASDA Cockhedge Shopping Centre; Saturday, May 26 9 to 5pm-Golden Square Shopping Centre; Thursday May, 31 6pm the Gateway (opposite the Town Hall), Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1SR
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May Queen will celebrate Diamond Jubilee and Olympics

THIS Year's Lymm May Queen event will have a mixed theme celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

Founded more than 130 years ago, the festival takes place on Saturday June 9 and organisers are looking for the whole community to get involved.

Stalls for charities on the may queen field are free and there is a small charge

for businesses.

The parade leaves the old council offices, Whitbarrow Road, at 1.30 and organisers hope to attract more floats than ever. There is a diamond jubilee and Olympic theme for floats and organisers can provide some free materials, such as ribbons and crepe paper, for anyone entering.

The parade proceeds through the village centre before finishing at the May Queen Field.

Lymm Rose Queen for 2012 is Jessica Hill aged 9, a pupil at Statham Primary School while May Queen for 2012 is Abbie Widdowson aged 11, a pupil at Ravenbank Primary School (both pictured left).

Anyone interested in joining in can contact Lynn on 01925 755827 or email her on mrandmrschristmas@btinternet.com

Pictures from last year's event.









Festival set to be bigger and better than ever!

WITH more than 50 events in various locations this year's Lymm Festival is set to be bigger and better than ever.

Under the direction of new Festival Under the direction of new restival Director, Jacquie Davies, the eventruns from Thursday June 28 until Sunday July 8 and will include dance, drama, music, comedy, art and literature.

The Festival will begin with the mouthwatering gastronomy of the FoodFest at 6.30pm on Thursday

June 28 in the village centre. This is one of the most popular events on the calendar, attracting more than 2000 people. There will be food stalls set people. There will be food stalls set up by the various restaurants and eating places in Lymm, plus street entertainment.

New for this year are two exciting events: LymmFest and the Lymm Fun

LymmFest is a music festival on Saturday June 30 from 3pm until late evening, which will be in and around evening, which will be in and around a marquee set up in the grounds of Lymm Rugby Club. LymmFest will feature many local bands to showcase their talent and will appeal to all age groups throughout the course of the day. There are plenty of attractions on offer, such as browsing craft stalls, enjoying the food on offer and some children's entertainment and side stalls. entertainment and side stalls. Also, to honour the Olympics Lymm

by Lymm Runners on Sunday July 8. The run will be open to ages 11+ and will be mostly off road around

www.lymmrunner.org.uk.
There will also be the famous
Scarecrow Trail. This year's theme is
'O-lymm-pics' and organisers are
keen for everyone in the village to get
involved. So they have asked families, schools and local businesses

families, schools and local businesses to enter Scarecrows and site them around various areas of the village. Trail guides are available at the Box Office in the Village Hall Annex and downloadable from the website.

The popular Art in the Garden organised by Su Williams in her garden at 11A Whitbarrow Road, will run throughout the Festival. There are 20 Artists featuring their work, plus an Enchanted Garden for the plus an Enchanted Garden for the little ones to explore. During the two weekends, there will be demonstrations in lace-making, wood

demonstrations in lace-making, wood turning and stone carving.

In the marquee set up at the Lymm Rugby Club, there will be the chance to see Juba do Leao, a Brazillian Ensemble, participate in a tea dance and enjoy the Vaudeville Night or Dr Jazz and the Cheshire Cats. There will also be a 'cilent disco' for young will also be a 'silent disco' for young adults to enjoy.

Numerous events are being put on at Lymm High School this year, including a Dance Night and a Concert. There is music in the form of Lymm's very own Cheap Cuts,

Blues and Jazz Nights and Folk events. There is even a secret cabaret where the location is only revealed at the last minute!! Various choirs are performing at churches within Lymm and of course there will be numerous free exhibitions at the Village Hall. The L'Image photo competition will also be taking place. There will be a chance to experience the Comedy Night at the Spread Eagle and also a comedy performance written by lan

McMillian.
Jacquie Davies, Festival Director said: "We particularly want the children and young adults of Lymm to enjoy the Festival this year. So we have put on events which they may

like to go to. Not only is there FoodFest, Art in the Garden and the Scarecrow Trail, but there will be a 'silent disco' in the marquee, Squashbox theatre piece, the photo competition, various events at the high school and music to enjoy at LymmFest. The older children will be able to join in the Fun Run too."

More details on all events are featured on the Lymm Festival website www.lymmfestival.org.uk

A brochure is also being published which will available at various locations in Lymm Village.



Town Crier peter Powell launches last year's Food Fest.

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Village hosts karate cultural exchange

LYMM based Shotokan karate club Gen'Dai Martial Arts hosted a cultural Karate exchange involving clubs from Germany, France and Ireland.

The aim of the event is to meet up to train with each other, share karate skills/techniques and experience a different culture

different culture.

The primary focus of the weekend was to bring children from different backgrounds together. The children train together, but equally important they are given plenty of opportunity to socialise together. This exposes the children not only to different languages but also to different attitudes and regimes thereby providing a great all round learning experience.

experience.
During the weekend a number of training sessions were arranged with advanced seminars taking place at The Peace Centre in Warrington.
The classes were split into two

The classes were split into two groups, higher grades and lower grades and these groups were coached separately by Sensei Dave Shipton (5th Dan; Gen'Dai Martial Arts Lymm) and Sensei Karl-Heinz Griebenow (5th Dan; Shotokan Karate-Do Seeheim).



The higher grades were coached in advanced fighting techniques by Sensei Shipton whilst Sensei Griebenow focused on different ways to train to maximise speed and power.

There was an enjoyable social side to this event. When not training, visitors got to experience a barge trip along the Bridgewater canal, along with a walk around Lymm Dam and an evening out in the village centre. The weekend was somewhat enhanced with some great Spring weather.

The weekend came to a close with a final training session at the Peace

The next event is to take place in

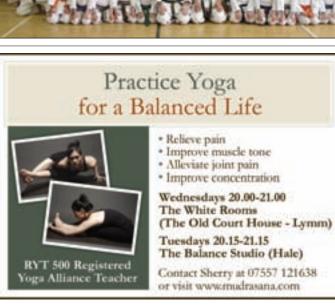
Seeheim, Germany (near Frankfurt) in early April 2013.

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

For further information please visit www.gendai.org.uk











Lovely weather for ducks!

IT was lovely weather for ducks - but it didn't stop people turning out in the rain in force for the annual Easter Duck Race at Lymm.

An impressive £5,000 was raised

for charity and organisers, lymm and district Round Table, were delighted with the day.

A host of businesses gave the event their backing, including main sponsor 235 Consulting, helping to make it one of the most successful duck races

Organiser and Round Table member John Edwards said: "We were a touch worried that the poor weather forecast would deter a lot of people from coming down, however the number of people who actually

braved the rain was really pleasing.
"A big thank you must also go out to the countless businesses which purchased corporate and super ducks as it was their generosity which ensured we raised as much money as we did."

we did."
The winning ducks, carried down the Lower Dam in a record time of just 20 minutes thanks to the strong current, were: I, Number 308; 2, Number 993; 3, Number 127.
Super Duck winner was St James's Place Wealth Management and Corporate Duck winner was Staitsbury's

Sainsbury's.

Prizes were also awarded to those who guessed the correct finish times of special Lymm Ladies Circle pink and blue ducks which helped to raise funds for breast cancer and testicular cancer respectively.









Cheshire Grange care home gets active!

CHESHIRE Grange, the new 50-bed care home on Booths Hill Road, has recently opened the doors of its show suites to the local Lymm community.

The exceptional development has been specifically designed to provide residential and nursing care, including dedicated care for those individuals living with dementia.

Since Cllr David Openshaw, Chairman of Lymm Parish Council, opened the information suite last month, local people have been keen to see for themselves what first class care environments looks like. The suites are open weekdays from 9am to 5pm and weekends from 10am to 4pm. The information suite is a wonderful way to show people the type of high quality environment that is being created for the residents and the staff.

Joanne Revie, General Manager at the care home, has appreciated the support the team have had so far, and





said: "Everyone in the neighbouring community has shown a great interest in the new home and I am delighted that so many people want to get involved!"

involved!."

She added: "I am pleased to be part the Barchester family and am excited about building an enthusiastic and committed team. Delivering excellent person-centred services by well-trained staff will make our new care home a wonderful place to be for all who will live and visit us."

As meaningful activities will be an important part of life at Cheshire Grange care home, the team want there to be a high level of community spirit. A skilled activities co-ordinator will be employed to create lively and involving programmes for everyone's enjoyment. Gardening and baking are just some of the activities prospective residents will be able to

Joanne Revie, General Manager, Cllr David Openshaw and Alison Foreman, Homes Service Advisor. experience regularly at the home.

To start getting people engaged with some of the planned activities, the Cheshire Grange care team has decided to form a choir for local people and prospective residents. The Altogether Choir is looking for members of the Lymm community who would enjoy gathering together twice a month for friendly and informal singing sessions. Music therapy services are often available for residents at many Barchester homes through a partnership with Nordoff-Robbins, the UK's leading independent provider of music therapy services.

therapy services.

If you are interested in looking for nursing, residential or dementia care then please arrange a visit and one of the team will be happy to show you around and discuss the care options available. To find out more about what is going on at the care home, call a member of the Cheshire Grange team on 01925 540059 or visit www.barchester.com

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Lymm finish season on a high

LYMM RUFC finished their second season in National League 3 North in mid-table, in seventh position, the same highly commendable position that they achieved in their first season.

They finished the league programme on a high by beating 4th placed Bradford & Bingley away, playing a style of open and attacking rugby that they had kept under wraps for most of the season. Maybe the willingness to throw the ball around reflected the fact that neither team had anything to gain or lose, but the manner in which Lymm played lifted everyone's spirits at the end of a long, hard season, when results on the pitch were overshadowed by the very serious spinal injury to Assistant Coach Alex Bennett in the match at Sandal. Alex is thankfully on a road to recovery, inspiring everyone by his determination to overcome any barriers to further progress that he encounters. Adoption of a similar determination to succeed, coupled with the confidence that should flow from being one of only three teams to beat table-toppers Darlington, should stand Lymm in good stead for next

Although Lymm finished in the same position in the league as last season the manner in which they secured such a position was very different. Alex Bennett's influence upfront was strong and helped Lymm to become a team that was hard to beat, but some of the attacking flare that frightened opponents last year was all too noticeable by its absence. This change in pattern of play is reflected in the team's scoring statistics: Lymm achieved only 6 try-scoring bonus points - the lowest in the league other than for the teams that were relegated; they only scored 9 bonus points in total - the second lowest in the league. Adam Bray, playing at No. 8 was Lymm's top try scorer with 9 tries. Whilst Adam is a tremendous player, it says something when he was top scorer, following seasons when Lymm's top scorers have typically been amongst their back three, of Joe Knowles, Jack Johnstone and David Williamson, each of whom had become accustomed to scoring twice this number of tries. Skipper Knowles managed to score 8 tries from full-back and Matthew

Barnes-Smith, playing on the wing, pitched in with another 8, but overall the team did not pose the same attacking threat to opponents this season, much to the frustration and disappointment of those on the touchline. It is hoped that the attacking flare on show at Bradford & Bingley is evident from the start and throughout next season.

next season.

An exodus of players to Sale FC, injuries and absences made life difficult for a team with limited playing resources, but it gave players like Adam Ferguson, Richard McEvoy, Matt Connelly, Matt Delaney and Nick Walcott opportunities to shine at First Team level. What a wonderful send off it was for Nick Walcott to be the one to touch down in the last few minutes of the match at Bradford & Bingley before returning home to the USA. The backbone of the team, upfront, was provided by the strength and youthful enthusiasm of prop Jordan Widdrington, the all-round ability of second-row / back-row player Oli Higginson, the fearsome tackling ability of flanker Jake Ashall and the combative Adam Bray, who must have made more 'hard'- yards than any other player in the league. It has also been good to see players like Danny Bates, Mark Sutton, Sion Williams, Chris Kinsey and Pete Allen return to the side to demonstrate their skills and much needed experience on the park.

on the park.

Lymm's position in the league would have been jeopardised had they not come out on top in nail-biting wins against Penrith (A), Waterloo (H) and West Hartlepool (A). The truly low points in the season were humilicating defeats by old adversaries, but new-comers to the league, Burnage and Alti Kersall. Burnage managed to stay in the league, aided and abetted by their artificial playing surface, but Alti Kersall return to North 1 West. Lymm look forward to renewing acquaintances with Billingham and Sandbach, and possibly Liverpool St. Helens next season.

It is inevitable that some players will leave the club and some new players will join. It will be interesting to see the line-up for the first match next season, when a third mid-table finish will be the expectation of supporters if not the target of the coaches and players. History

repeated itself this season in terms of the finishing place in the league, if not in the process of getting there. If only time could be turned back before the Sandal game a much more preferable end to the season might have been achieved. It is good to see just how much the rugby fraternity has

pulled together to offer support to Alex Bennett. Everyone at the club looks forward to seeing him on the touchline in October and to lend their support to him and to the team, whatever its profile, as they face up to the challenges they will face next season.



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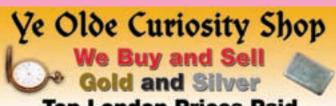
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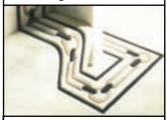
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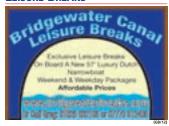
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