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# Editor's Comment

LYMM Youth club is once again facing an uncertain future despite the valiant efforts of the hard working volunteers who have been working hard to improve the village centre facility. (see feature on centre pages).

No matter how much hard work goes into improving the facility I fear the council will eventually look to off load the site to generate additional revenue as they look to raise funds from various "assets" across the town.

While it is great to see the community pulling together and working hard to provide a much needed facility for our young people, I do hope it is not all in vain.

Lymm Youth Club has had a long and lively history and should be an integral part of our community, providing our young citizens with a safe haven in the village centre to meet up and participate in a wide variety of activities.

When we had the luxury of a full-time youth worker based at the youth club, it provided a venue for várious activities, including Duke of Edinburgh

Of course the full-time youth worker disappeared a long time ago as part of council "efficiency savings" which are once again in full swing as Warrington Borough Council looks to fill a £30 million black hole in its

I do hope our elected councillors who represent Lymm on the borough council think long and hard before any decisions are made on the future of Lymm Youth Club.

Our elected representatives are in

charge of the purse strings and forcing the closure of the youth club without having a viable alternative would be very short-sighted.

#### Road works

Meanwhile the road works to renew the gas mains are now under way and village traders are appealing to villagers to continue to support local shops.

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# New lease of life for Lymm

NEW sights and experiences are available in Lymm, following completion of an ambitious project involving borough and parish councils and local residents and groups.

The Lymm's Life Project has taken a lot of hard work over several years but it is now finished and has already helped retain Green Flag status for Lymm Dam for a second year. Members of the Lymm Environment

and Heritage Group (LEHG) along with staff from the borough's environment and regeneration directorate worked together on the innovative project, which includes the Lymm Heritage Trail, woodland management, excavation of the iron slitting mill in Slitten Gorge and an upgrade of Lymm Dam's footpath network together with an "Easy Access Trail" and newly constructed visitor car park.

The project was funded by contributions from the borough and parish councils, the Heritage Lottery parish councils, the Heritage Lottery Fund, Waste Recycling Environmental, Local Heritage Initiative and the Countryside Agency.

Among the project's features are:
Lymm Heritage Trail: a 3.5 mile self-guided trail created by the borough's ranger service, Lymm Parish council and Lymm and district

Parish council and Lymm and district Local History Society, featuring a

series of information panels.
Easy Access Trail: Built in partnership with Groundwork Mersey . Built in

partnership with Groundwork Mersey Valley, offers a circular route around Lymm Dam on surfaced paths. Slitting Mill Excavation: carried out by Oxford Archaeology North (OAN) who identified the mill as probably the best surviving example in the

country and now open to the public Car park: An upgrade an extension of the visitor car park on

Crouchley Lane.

In addition to these works, LEGH and the council have been working in partnership with Bay Malton Angling Club on an angling development plan for Lymm Dam.

Angling facilities are being upgraded in keeping with the site's character, while the plan also considers habitat preservation and better access to the water's edge for

Coun Alan Litton, the borough council's executive member for environment and transport, said: "This project represents a great example of team working. None of this would have happened without the commitment and hard work of many people including local residents, the LEGH, ward members, the council's environment services as well as all our partners.

"Now that we have also achieved and retained Green Flag status, it gives us a bench mark to aim for and will help ensure the improvements of the last few years are sustained in

tuture years.



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# Lymm pair have 'The Gift'

making a name for themselves on the North West music scene as part of the rock band 'The Gift'.

Mark Hodgson plays lead guitar and Neil Myatt drums in the band, which regularly plays The Academy in Manchester and has been compared to legendary 'grunge' group Nirvana.

group Nirvana.

The pair first formed a band at lymm High School where they met in 1997, aged 17 and have been involved in bands together ever since.

The group, which also includes singer Niall Markey and rhythm

guitarist Richie Meadowcroft has a growing fan base of more than 10,000 internationally and has had

recent interest from a recording label.

Mark, 29, said: "We have spent
most of 2009 in the studio writing and recording our music. We always put on a great show and have a

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really good following. There aren't many places to gig in Lymm but we'd love to have more fans from our home

"Me and Niall spend most of our time writing the songs and are constantly coming up with new ideas. We have just finished recording our debut EP which has five really strong tracks on it

The Gift has also done a succession of charity gigs, the most recent for Ugandaid, where they often throw in a few rock covers.

Neil, also 29, said: "We will

always do charity gigs as it's a great way to raise money by people coming to watch live music and enjoying themselves knowing that they are helping others. We always have a good time and it gives our fans a chance to watch us do some larging radio and some charges and control to the control of the classic rock covers like AC/DC and Queen

The band's next gig is at Night & Day in Manchester on February 25 and fans can keep up to date with their news at www.myspace.com/ thegiftmanchester and their page on

# Lymm band live and unsigned

A LYMM band is hoping to win a recording contract when it battles against other bands performing in the 'Live and Unsigned 2010' shows.

'Cheap Cuts' wowed judges at an audition to secure a spot in the regional heats show at The Willows in Salford on March 7.

They are hoping to win the chance to play at the Live and Unsigned Festival at the 02 Arena in London.

The overall winner of the competition is offered a recording and management contract with Future Music with an investment of up to £30,000 to release their

single.

'Cheap Cuts' (pictured below) regularly play at The Venue in Lymm. Alley Clarke, from The Venue, said: "They are all very talented, popular local lads and I think they have the ability to do really well."



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# Lions provide home comforts

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# Founder steps down

DURING a get together for the new Friends of Oughtrington Community Centre a photo montage of the opening of the west end extension in June 2009 was unveiled by founder member Duncan Scott and his wife Wendy.

Duncan was one of the founder members of the group of locals who bought the centre and raised the money to extent the West End.

Duncan and his wife are now stepping down from being as active at the



Duncan and Wendy Scott unveil the photo montage

# Volunteers wanted for Sahara stomp

ADVENTUROUS people are being urged to go on a trek through the Sahara Desert to raise money for a children's charity. The Children's Adventure Farm

The Children's Adventure Farm Trust, at Millington, near Lymm, is asking people to take part in The Sahara Stomp on November 18-23

Minimum sponsorship is £1775 and there is a £150 registration

The trek takes in the breathtaking Sahara and will be hot and tough. But with the High Atlas Mountains as a backdrop it will be worth it.

The money raised will help terminally ill, disabled and disadvantaged children from all over the North West.

Further details are available from Jenny on 01565 830053 email

Jenny on U1303 830033 emailienny@caft.co.uk
CAFT are also seeking volunteers to take part in the BUPA Great Manchester 10k run on May 16 and the British 10k London Run on July 11 as well as the Mega Corporate Team Challenge in September.



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MAM, I'M 'ERE' is a hilarious, feelgood, 70's-based romantic, musical comedy featuring ABBA's greatest hits. Simon Plumb, the show's writer, who

also produces the legendary Lymm Rugby Panto, said, "I am looking for a young, male lead and a support female who are in their twenties, and a chorus line.

"This is a great opportunity for aspiring amateur actors, comedians and singers to perform in a unique musical comedy at the Altrincham Garrick, a wonderful theatre. I anticipate a superb atmosphere in a show where the audience laughs and sings along all night."

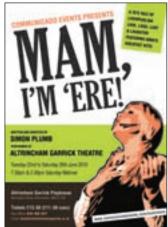
The MAM storyline is based on a

young school girl in Liverpool who falls in love with her school sports teacher and local rugby player. Her 'Mam and Dad' run a local Drag Queen club and strongly disapprove of the relationship

Auditions are to be held in Altrincham at the beginning of March. If you would like to audition for a part in MAM I'M 'ERE please email siobhan@communicadocreative.com

siobhan@communicadocreative.com or call Siobhan Thornbury at Communicado on 01925 755590.

MAM, I'M 'ERE will run from June 21-26 June, 2010 and tickets, at £13.50, are available through the Garrick Box Office on 0161 928 boxoffice@altrinchamaarrick.co.uk



# Comedy 'winter warmer'

LYMM Festival is presenting another winter warmer with a comedy night at the Spread Eagle Hotel on

Friday, February 26.
On the bill will be Andy Watson, a stand-up comedian who specialises in hard-hitting one-liners, Tudor Owen, who has written, presented and performed numerous television and radio shows and Rachel Fairburn, a finalist in both the Funny Women and North-West

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Seven live streaming web cams have been placed strategically around the village and browsers can 'pick their channel' to view different views of the area.

There is a media gallery with thousands of searchable images (and videos) of Lymm and surrounding

Local artists have been featured throughout and local residents are being encouraged to add their own material to the website to create a local archive.

Local organisations can benefit from a What's On section which is

categorised and fully searchable. Also included is a "Things to do" category which catalogues a wide range of activities and places to visit in Lymm and surrounding areas.

The site also has a Business Directory, including a comprehensive hand-edited local business listings which is also searchable.

There is a blog for regular updates announcements and a community section dedicated to local schools, churches and associations, complete with history and contact details, together with hundreds of articles ranging from the history of  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Lymm}}$  through to  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Lymm}}$  famous résidents.

There are also plans in the pipeline to add weekly quizes, with prizes and several new sections, which are currently being developed

To coincide with the launch there is £100 of Jessops vouchers up for grabs for the best shot of a Lymm scene, which is open to all ages, is free to enter and runs until the end of April.

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# Morgan's mini marathon

A nine-year-old Lymm youngster is entering the Manchester Mini Run in May to help raise funds for his favourite charity.

Morgan Bramill has registered to compete in the event to raise funds for reserach into Kabuki, which claimed the life of Lymm youngster Hannah Scales.

has set а justgiving website аu www.justgiving.com/Morgan-bramill to try to raise as much money

as he can.

Morgan will be running 2.5k and is seeking the support of Lymm Life readers to help him raise funds in memory of

# Follow the Brick Road

PAST present and future pupils will be able to contribute towards a pathway to link the old with the new at Oughtrington Primary School in.

Everyone connected with the school is being asked to buy a brick to build a pathway running from the old school building to the new extension, which will house two new classrooms, a hall and other facilities.

Work started on the new building last summer and is due to be finished in April. It is hoped that the pathway will continue to grow as new pupils start at the school. Each brick costs £20 each and can be bought by contacting the

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# Volunteers battle to say

LYMM's run down youth club has been a landmark for all the wrong reasons in recent years.

Special

report by

Gemma

Its location, next to the Bridgewater Canal, in the heart of the village centre, should have secured its place as a thriving part of community life for generations.

generations.

"It's not the most attractive of buildings but it is so important", says Su Williams, one of a team of local

one of a team of local volunteers who are working hard to see the club restored to its former glory.

"The building really belongs to the village and it has so much potential. It's in an ideal location and it could be used for so would make more."

The future of the building hung in the balance last year when rumours of demolition circulated and an emergency meeting of local residents was called.

A group of volunteers stepped up to help, led by Neville Davies, whose father built the club in 1966 after asking local residents to donate £1 for each brick.

Over the last three months the team has worked tirelessly, for free, using

donated funds to build a brand new kitchen, coffee bar and new ladies and disabled toilets.

"Dad's gang has done a great job so far," said Helen Davies, his daughter, who remembers the club as The Vortex

- the place to be seen in fluorescent socks when she was a teenager in the 1980s.

"There's nothing wrong with the building, it's structurally sound and been given the allclear for all the other safety checks it just needs a face lift.

"It has a brilliant indoor space, it would be ideal for something like a farmers' market. I know there are lots of ideas being talked about. It really depends on what the borough council do now."

The management team needs to secure a lease longer than one year-ideally 10 years - to enable them to apply for grants which they hope will transform the building into a resource which benefits the most number of people in the community.

people in the community.

The building is still mainly used to provide lunches and toilets for people







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# e landmark youth club

on Market Day but activity and usage is starting to pick up.

It played host to two visiting Manchester youth groups recently. Su Williams has just started offering tea and home made cakes on a Sunday and is considering starting a scrabble

Now the team has further ambitions to develop facilities to support local enterprise groups, neighbourhood and the local police as

well as young people.
Steve Griffiths, a member of the management committee said: "We had a meeting with the Lymm borough councillors and they were very enthused about our plans so we're feeling very positive about the building's future.

"We don't want to lose the fun stuff,

we would like to develop the club so that it offers something for everyone in

the community.
\_\_"In particular we're interested in offering facilities for social enterprise groups. We've also spoken to the police and neighbourhood groups about how they could benefit from using

the building.

"It's in the council's hands now but we're really hopeful. We feel like the story of Lymm Youth Club is only just

beginning.

Campaigners seek political support

RESIDENTS campaigning for a safer A56 through Lymm are seeking the support of Parliamentary hopefuls in the run-up to the General Election.

The Higher Lane Action Group have been in touch with Conservative, Labour

and Liberal Democrat prospective candidates for Warrington South.

Conservative David Mowat has met the group and promised his support.

So far, it has not proved possible to arrange meetings with Liberal Democrat Jo Crotty or Labour's Nick Bent.

Action group founder Chris Wakefield said: "We were pleased to be able

to meet Mr Mowat and were encouraged by his response.

"We explained that a survey commissioned by the council had revealed that most traffic on the A56 ignores the 30mph limit and that some traffic also exceeds the national limit of 60mph even at peak hours.

"Unlike most A roads in Warrington South, Higher Lane has very narrow

pavements and speeding vehicles have an intimidatory effect on pedestrians.
"Mr Mowat was quick to grasp that really all we are asking for is that the

Cover picture shows volunteers who have been renovating Lymm Youth Club take time out for a cup of Tea. From left, Christian Burrell, Fred Burrell, Helen Davies, Rac Rigby, Su Williams, Ted Thorpe and Don Smith.



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# A welcome for lower speed limits

LOWER speed limit proposals on busy Lymm roads have been welcomed by Coun Sheila Woodyatt.

She is now to enlist the support of police to ensure limits are imposed to

put an end to "idiotic driving."

She said: "The national speed limit, 60mph, exists on certain parts of Higher Lane and the side roads. We get cars whizzing along, going like mad past people's houses.

"In the case of Higher Lane when it

changes to 30mph, cars are half way down the road before they slow down."

Coun Woodyatt said campaigners had welcomed new traffic orders reducing the speed limit on some roads, or sections of roads, from 60 to 40mph. She was pleased that the 40mph lmit was extended to the borough boundary, as this meant drivers would approach the village at a slower speed

"It is proposed to reduce the speed

# Floral art

LYMM Floral Art Group is staging an open Floral Art demonstration at Thelwall Parish Hall on Monday March 15.

The show will also include a jewellery sale. Details are available by telephoning 07769 971000 or e-mailing 971000 or e-mail lymmflowerclub@bigfoot .com.

limits on Higher Lane, Burford Lane, The Drive, Park Road and Agden Park Lane to 40mph. I am delighted about

this," she said.
"I have had a lot of complaints over the years about speeding in these areas and have long been campaigning for speed reductions. I am sure this will improve safety and improve the quality of life for local residents.

Coun Woodyatt will be contacting police to see if officers or Community Support Officers can carry out regular speed checks on the roads affected.

"Whatever else you do, you cannot legislate for the idiots who take no notice and keep speeding," she added.

"In Burford Lane and High Legh Road, there are many older people and young children about - and the speed of some cars is ridiculous."

Coun Woodyatt is also

campaigning to get double yellow lines implemented at the junction of Highfield Road/Boothshill Road, which have been proposed for some time. She said parked cars near the junction made it difficult for drivers to

see if the road was clear.

"This has also been a long campaign which when implemented will dramatically improve road safety at this junction where there have been numerous collisions," she said.





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# Lymm 'Old Boys' looking for new blood

LYMM AFC are looking for new blood to ensure the club survives as it works towards its centenary celebrations in 2013.

Formerly Lymm Old Boys, the first team is struggling at the wrong end of the table in the Lancashire Amateur League, after being relegated from the Premier

Division last season.

The recent bad weather left £1,700 worth of damage to the changing room facilities at the Sandy Lane pitches, money the club could ill afford.

Now they are appealing for new players and to the wider community to rally to help the club survive and be thriving in time for their centenary celebrations.

The club currently only has three teams a first and second team and a vets team and caters for players between the ages of 15-50. Committee member James Slavin

fears for the future of tahe club if it

doesn't get more support from the local community and an influx of new blood to bolster the teams.

"We are looking to launch a third team for next season and would like to hear from any young players in the Lymm area who would like to come

and play for us.

"We used to have five teams but lost a couple due to lack of interest and not enough club officials.

"We need to generate some new blood into the club to help us survive.

Jimmy says the club 'wouldn't be

able to survive without a team of hard working stalwarts including club secretary Gary Caldwell and first team manager Chris

Whalley.

The first team plays on Saturdays at 2pm and trains at the high school on Tuesday from 8pm-10pm.

Any one interested in playing for the club or helping out should contact Gary on 07954 148986.

# Lindsay's mercy mission to Uganda

A LYMM dental hygienist is to visit Uganda to help treat patients and also educate local people about a mistaken and dangerous traditional custom which involves gouging out unerupted teeth from baby's

Lindsay Webb, who has lived in Lymm for 15 years, will spend three weeks in Uganda with the charity Christian Relief Uganda (CRU).

But first she must raise £1,200 for the trip - and will be taking part in the Stanley Park 10k run at Blackpool on March 7in a bid to raise awareness and sponsorship money.

Anyone who wants to make a

donation can call her on 07966 169602.

Lindsay, aged 53, describes herself as a "novice runner" but is in training for the run.

Children's dental problems in Uganda can be very different from those in Britain.

Lindsay will be helping to educate local people about the dangerous tradition known as 'Ebiino' - or as termed in the UK, infant oral mutilation.

This is a practice in which childhood ailments such as diarrhoea or vomiting are treated by gouging

out 'tooth worms' from children's mouths.

In fact the "tooth worms" are unerupted teeth, which are still in the baby's gums.

Lyndsay said: "Of course the teeth are nothing to do with the ailment, but the practice is deeply culturally ingrained. Dental health among the rural population of Uganda is so bad that living with pain is an inescapable

"We take it for granted that, unpleasant though it is, we will have to endure toothache only until we can get an appointment at the dentist. But for these people, poor dental health becomes an ongoing drag on productivity and economic independence."

CRU provides much needed treatment, free of charge, to these much needed underprivileged families and has been carried out this vital work since

Lindsay will be making the trip in April.

# Death of former councillor

THE death has occurred of former lymm councillor John Thornton.

A Conservative member of the borough council between 1991 and 1996, Mr Thornton, was 78.

Prior to local government re-organisation in 1974, he was a member of the former Lymm Urban District Council and, at the time he was first elected, was the youngestever member.

He was active in community life for many years until suffering a stroke. He had served as both secretary and treasurer of the former Lymm Conservative Club now the Bridgewater Club.

Mr Thornton lost his seat on the

borough council after speaking out in support of Warrington becoming a unitary authority - a move which was widely opposed in Lymm. But he continued in public service as a local health authority member. His funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium on

Altrincham February 11.



AFTER the disappointment of having to cancel the January meeting due to the snow, Lymm WI's February meeting was also to bring inclement

About half of the members braved the slush to congregate in the Village Hall. The business section of the meeting gave them plenty to look forward to during the next few months. Lymm WI is presenting a resolution at the March Cheshire Council meeting at Winsford. The Cheshire Federation will be celebrating its 90th birthday with a garden party at Cholmondley Castle in May.

Once more it is time to

startpreparations for the Cheshire Show in June and as usual volunteers are required for stewarding exhibits and helping with meal preparation.

Meanwhile the handicrafts, rambling and literary groups all have activities planned during the coming month. An outing is planned to Slattery's Cakes in Manchester.

Guest speaker was The Rev. Paul Martin who gave a very amusing talk entitled 'Naughty Postcards', illustrated with slides from his own collection

The next meeting will be held at Lymm Village Hall on March 3 at 7.30 pm when Paul Braun will talk about a Victorian scandal. All are welcome.



Help reduce Lymm's carbon footprint LYMM residents have been urged to take part in an energy efficiency survey to help the UK achieve its ambitious target of reducing carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2050.

The borough council has joined forces with the Energy Saving

Trust, a not-for-profit organisation, funded by government, to offe free impartial advice to people wanting to reduce their CO2

emissions, fight climate change and reduce their energy bills. The Trust advice centre, part of a national network, offers local people free expert advice on saving energy. It has written to about 3,000 homes in Lymm asking the occupants to take part in an energy efficiency survey.

The survey aims to gather information about the way local residents use energy in their homes and will take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

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People who complete the questionnaire will be sent a free

home energy report for their home, showing its current and potential energy rating. It will also show some simple things you

potential energy rating. If will also show some simple things you could do to cut your energy bills by up to £300 each year.

Coun Alan Litton, the borough council's executive member for environment services said: "We would encourage every resident who has received a letter about the survey to take part. Only by working together can we make a real difference to the environment and, by taking part in the survey, residents will be helping us deal with climate change more effectively."

Anyone who has not received a letter can still contact the Energy Saving Trust advice centre free on 0800, 512, 012 for

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advice on how to make their home greener.

The Council and the Energy Saving Trust are both supporting local group Low Carbon Lymm who have more info on their website www.lowcarbon lymm.org.uk

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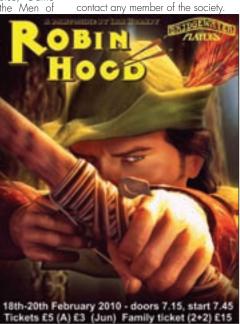
Marian and her Nurse, Dame Madonna, try to find the Men of

Madonna, try to find Sherwood to right certain wrongs. The Sheriff and evil Prince John are there, complete with their dastardly plans and two inept henchmen Twiddle and Twoddle, while the Merry Men – Little John, Friar Tuck, Much, Will Scarlet and Alan-a-Dale are all there to try to ensure good prevails.

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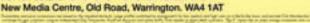
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# **Obituaries**



# **Mary Burns**

Mrs Mary Burns, nee Sherwood, of Cedarfield Road, Lymm, died on December 30, at the age of 96. Her funeral took place on January 8 at Altrincham Crematorium. Mrs Burns had lived in Lymm for 25 years and is survived by her son Gavin, daughter Enid, 6 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

# Iris May Bell

THE funeral has taken place of 93-year-old Iris May Bell (nee Thomas), of Keate House Residential Home, Lymm, who died in hospital on

Lymm, wno aled in hospital on January 9.

Mrs Bell is survived by her sons, Alan and Nigel, grandchildren Helena and Ray and great grandchild Amelia.

# Eda Corlett

MRS Eda Corlett, widow of Herbert and formerly of Holly Road, Lymm, died on December 30 at Apple Court Care Home, Warrington at the age of 82. Eda was buried at St Peter's Church Oughtrington.

Please send your correspondence to: Lymm Life, New Media Centre, Old Road, Warrington WA4 1AT or email: info@lymmlife.co.uk

# Many thanks

Barbara Smith, Lymm

MAY I express my thanks to the kind people who came to my aid when I fell in the street in Lymm village shopping area? Special thanks to the lady who went to notify my husband that I had tallen and also the gentleman from Lawlor's hairdressers who assisted me. Many thanks.

# **Objection!**

Chris Wakefield, Higher Lane, Lymm

I AM writing to object to the proposal for a parking ban at the junction of Highfield Road and the A56. These are my reasons.

A56. These are my reasons.

1. The ban is a sticking plaster-type solution that ignores the fact that the root cause of the difficulties associated with exiting from Highfield Road is that traffic on the A50 does not keep to the speed limit.

2. The removal of parked vehicles makes the road appear wider and this is known to make drivers feel that it is safe to increase speed. Therefore

it is safe to increase speed. Therefore the proposal could make exiting Highfield Road more difficult at times. 3. Removal of parked vehicles will

give a clear acceleration lane up to the 60 mph speed limit a short distance to the west. This limit should be reduced to 40 mph. The recent speed limit review (Phase A) did not

take this problem into account.

4. The council did not give notice of the consultation period to all interested parties and therefore the

process of giving notice is flawed. My argument for this position is that the Council Transport Department had already committed itself to a dialogue already committed itself to a dialogue with a group of residents on controlling speed along the whole length of the 30 mph section of the A56 in Lymm. I am one of those residents and consider that this group should be consulted on all excess speed problems on the A56, of which Highfield Road is one, until the group's dialogue with the council is concluded.

5. Residents exiting from driveways

5. Residents exiting from driveways on the inside of bends along the Higher Lane section of the A56 face worse problems than exiting from Highfield Road because of excess approach speeds. I ask the Transport Department to devise a speed control solution for problems that residents in many different areas of Lymm experience rather than devising ad hoc solutions that do not go to the heart of the problem.

# Police surgeries

POLICE have launched a series of monthly surgeries at Little Bollington Primary Little Bollington School.

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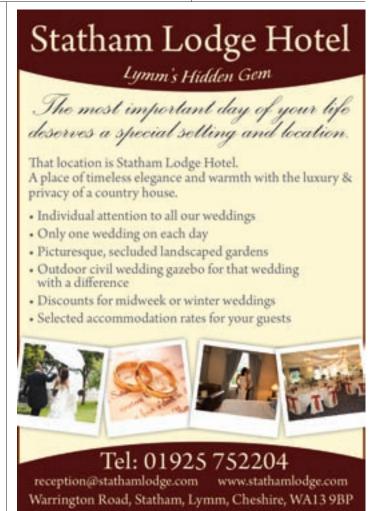
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