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**JUDGING by the near sell out success of all the "Winter Warmer" events taking place in the build up to this year's Lymm Festival it would appear local residents have a great appetite for supporting community events.**

It is important to remember that these events couldn't take place without the hard work being put in by

the volunteers who donate many hours of their time freely for the benefit of the wider community.

## High school prom and pamper night

LYMM High School Parent Teacher Association is holding a "Prom and Pamper Night" in the main hall at the school, on Friday, March 22.

There will be a prom dress fashion show, beauty treatment taster sessions - nails, make-up, hand massages, prom hair, etc.

There will also be stalls selling jewellery, beauty products, fashion accessories, etc and a raffle.

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I would like to congratulate those who are putting so much hard work into the wide variety of community events, which take place in our village throughout the year - which help provide our village with its unique identity.

It is also extremely pleasing to hear that the best vehicle for promoting these events is Lymm Life.

The clear message from those organising these events is that if you want people to know what you are up to - you need to be publicising it in Lymm Life.

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# Historic Transport event gains momentum

**MOMENTUM is gathering for the proposed Historic Transport event which is set to be a new addition to the annual Lymm Festival.**

Schools and local businesses are both set to benefit as historic working boats start arriving in the village from as early as June from as far afield as Shropshire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire as well as the National Waterways Museum in Ellesmere Port and restaurant boat "Castlefield" from the centre of Manchester.

On June 20 and 21 children from Statham and Ravenbank schools will participate in a unique canal heritage project when they will have the opportunity to learn at first hand about life on a working boat by actually visiting the boats and learning how the canal helped shape Lymm's history. Education is provided by the "Saturn" Project - the last of the Shropshire horse-drawn boats and by the education team at the museum at Ellesmere Port.

The old trading traditions of the canal will come to life on Thursday June 21 with the arrival of a cheese boat to take part in the Foodfest. The hundred-year-old "Castlefield," now restored as a restaurant, is planning a series of cruises over the weekend as part of this year's festival.

With over one hundred boats in the village for the long weekend local businesses can expect to benefit from all the extra visitors while the whole weekend is set to reach its climax with

Historic Transport Day on Sunday June 23.

"We have cars, bikes, motor-bikes and buses coming from near and wide to display on the May Queen field," explained event organiser Alan Williams. "Only last week I had a call from some-one asking if they could bring fifteen vintage Rolls-Royces.. I said yes!!"

Organisers are now looking to local people for their support to make this a truly memorable event. "I suspect there are dozens if not hundreds of vintage and classic vehicles tucked away in the garages of Lymm," said Alan. "There will never be a better chance to show them off!" Register now at [www.lymmtransport.org.uk](http://www.lymmtransport.org.uk) before the field fills.

Support is needed from local businesses too to help offset the initial costs of what promises to be an annual bonanza for the village.

Call or contact the number below if you would like to sponsor or advertise in the souvenir programme. And more than ever there is a need for volunteers to help steward at a number of sites in the village.

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More info Lynne Smith 01925 756776

## March 12 LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

## LYMM LIONS GROUP

Meet: Bridgewater Club, Lymm  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. 8pm  
Contact: 0845 833 5729

## LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB

Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

## MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP


Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm  
Maple Lodge Guide HQ, Pepper St, Lymm  
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## ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM

Every Wednesday at Statham Lodge Hotel  
7.15pm for 7.30pm  
Contact the secretary 01925 650189

## LOVING HEARTS & HANDS

Knitting for charity at Lymm Methodist Church,  
2nd and 4th Thursday each month.  
1.30pm - 3pm. Details: 01925 753298



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Tuesday, March 12  
Lymm Parish Hall  
7.30pm

## MARKET LUNCHES

Eagle Brow Methodist Church  
3rd Thursday in the month  
Light lunches 12 noon till 2pm. All proceeds to  
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St Mary's Church Hall  
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## GARDENING CLUB

Meet Third Wednesday of the month  
Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm  
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## LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP

Lymm Village Hall  
Third Monday of the month (except August)  
at 7.30pm

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# Doodle for charity

JUST English Tuition Lymm are supporting Epilepsy Action's National Doodle Day.

Wendy Hulme from Just English said: "Students are invited to doodle and donate £1 during the week.

"As well as supporting this excellent charity, research has shown that doodling helps concentration at school and work...so get doodling!"

Interested in making a donation or submitting your own doodle with a chance to win a prize? Contact Wendy on 07863888599 or find more details on justenglishlymm.co.uk

All entries have to be submitted by March 8.



## Award winning choir

AWARD-winning children's choirs will perform at St Peter's Church, Oughtrington, with songs ranging from Parry to Lady Gaga.

The Kinder Children Choirs, of High Peak, will be in concert on Saturday March 2.

They were started in 1991 by founder director Joyce Ellis to give vocal and choral training to children, and give them the opportunity to perform in public.

The choirs quickly gained a national and international profile with successes in major competitions, including the Llangollen International Eisteddfod.

They will perform at the Oughtrington Lane church from 7.30pm with a programme ranging from classics to pop. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained at the door or by contacting 01925 752388 or Rushgreen Garage.

## Spring gardening tips event

TIPS and advice will be on offer at a Spring Gardening event being held at High Legh Garden Centre on March 23 and 24.

The Get Your Garden Started show will be held from 10.30 am to 4.30pm on Saturday and from 10.30am to 4pm on Sunday.

There will be displays, children's activities and advice from centre experts and local gardening organisations. There will also be special offers on plants, spas and pools.

Representatives from Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden Project will be on hand to talk about their work restoring the garden. There will also be advice on gardening courses, growing fruit and vegetables, beekeeping and gardening for wildlife.

## Church fundraising

NEW members are being sought for the fundraising 100 Club at St Peter's Church, Oughtrington.

The number of members has fallen following bereavements and people moving out of the area. Membership costs £12 per year, and there is a monthly draw of two prizes of £15 and £10.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Meg McNorton on 01925 754259.

# Meet your MP

## David Mowat

David Mowat, MP for Warrington South, holds regular surgeries throughout the constituency. If you would like to arrange an appointment to discuss an issue of concern to you please e-mail him at [david.mowat.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.mowat.mp@parliament.uk) or telephone **01925 231267**.



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# Top awards for local Guides



## THREE members of the 4th Lymm Guides have achieved the Baden Powell Challenge Award.

The girls (pictured left to right) are Anna McMahon, Charlotte Hammond and Lauren Williams.

The award is the highest that a Guide can attain. It is personally challenging and usually takes up to a year to complete the 10 challenges from each of the programme zones of discovery, healthy lifestyles, celebrating diversity, global awareness and skills and relationships.

Participants also have to attend a Baden-Powell Challenge Adventure Weekend.

The girls received their award from the county commissioner Judith Gardiner and previous district commissioner Alison Pennycook.

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## WI talks about the future

A RANGE of topics including the future of the WI-owned Denman College and the Cheshire Show, were discussed at a meeting of Lymm WI.

President Brenda Daniels welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Guest speaker Father Michael Burgess gave an exuberant talk called "A Christmas Cracker."

Updates on their activities were given by the rambling, literary and gardening groups.

New members are welcome at the meetings, which are on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Pepper Street.

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He said: "People's ovens take on a heck of a lot of work due to the number of meals cooked over the holiday season. When we get to this time of year, the oven can be covered in grease and grime, and can become a real fire hazard."

The Ovenu valeting process involves dismantling key components of an oven such as the door, interior panels, fan and shelves and placing them into design-registered equipment, which uses non-caustic products to clean the oven parts.

Paul added: "Ensuring the oven has had a thorough clean can eliminate the risk of a potential fire, helping the oven to run more efficiently and prolonging its life."

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# New facilities at Lymm Dam

NEW steps and an attractive boardwalk at Lymm Dam have been officially opened by members of the Lymm Environment and Heritage Group (LEHG).

The group is also celebrating retaining Green Flag status for a fifth consecutive year!

Ranger Tim Baker said: "The old boardwalk and steps formed part of a popular waterside route around the Dam but there were some concerns over the condition of the steps and the boardwalk itself was quite slippery during damp conditions.

"We decided then, in partnership with LEHG, Bay Malton Angling Club and Lymm Parish Council, to replace the existing facility to an improved specification. The new steps and boardwalk are wider and the decking has an anti-slip surface."

He said the boardwalk is also used for angling and environmental

education sessions.

"The new structure features a number of platforms specifically for angling and environmental education. This means that all activities can now take place without people having to squeeze past each other," he added.

The project was funded with help from Lymm Parish Council and Warrington Borough Council, and programmed as part of Lymm Dam's new five year management and development strategy drawn up by the Ranger Service.

Tim said: "The previous management plan which ran from 2007 to 2012 has now been completed so we have drawn up a subsequent one to take us to 2017. The plan forms part of our annual submission for the Green Flag award and we are pleased to have retained this status for the fifth consecutive year."



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## Sooty's sell out success!



MATTHEW Corbett's aptly named one man show entitled "25 years sticking your hand up Sooty's bum" sold out weeks in advance of the event.

In fact all five of the Winter Warmer activities taking place to help raise funds for this summer's Lymm Festival are on track to be sell out successes - thanks to [lymm life](#) and the associated [warrington-worldwide.co.uk](#) website!

Organiser Alan Williams explained: "Some time last September in a moment of weakness I agreed to take on the job of organising the Lymm Festival Winter Warmer Series.

"In practice I am not sure why I was worrying as we have had help from all sides. As well as welcoming in celebrities like Tony Hawks we have seen Matthew Corbett coming up trumps with his performance of twenty-five years with his hand up Sooty's bum! And in true community festival spirit the Big Sing Choir of local amateur singers has grown to over fifty in anticipation of a performance with paralympic singing star Denise Leigh and our own Helen Monks in March.

"Local venues including The Statham Lodge Hotel, The Lymm Hotel, Lymm Golf Club and the United Reformed Church have all been generous in making performance space available.

"But there's no show without an audience. In this respect Lymm Life (and the Warrington Worldwide website) has been absolutely crucial in providing us the publicity we need. We have a good email newsletter list and we poster where we can. We also facebook and we twitter but there is no substitute for the power of the [lymm life](#) dropping on nearly every doormat in the village, with stories of our events or the hundreds of clicks on the interview with Matthew Corbett publicising his show.

Alan added: "We can always tell when a delivery of Lymm Life has gone out as we see the immediate spike in sales. The end result is that every event of the Winter Series looks like selling out and we can confidently look forward to a profit of over £3,000 toward festival funds. All of which is great news for this Summer's Festival!"

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## Drivers ignore yellow lines

MOTORISTS are ignoring double yellow lines near the shops at Heatley Mere. Parking restrictions were introduced because of the chaotic situation which frequently arose when the small car park serving the Co-op store was full.

Cars were left in the road - often parked half on the pavements and sometimes blocking local residents' drives.

The situation has improved since double yellow lines were introduced, but there are still problems caused by drivers who ignore them and they are exacerbated by residents who leave their cars in the road instead of parking them on their drives.

Cllr Sheila Woodyatt said: "I have been approached by some residents complaining about neighbours who park in the road instead of on their drives.

"But the difficulty is that there is no law to stop people parking outside their own houses.

"I am asking that traffic wardens and the Police Community Support Officers visit the area more frequently to see if that will improve the situation."



# Personal trainer publishes the One!

**LOCAL personal trainer Paul Mason has published a book on healthy eating - and guarantees people will lose weight if they stick to the "one plan."**

Paul, who has opened a fitness facility at The White Rooms in Lymm, has written the book to help his clients lose weight while remaining fit and healthy.

He said: "Have you tried surviving on cabbage soup or eating nothing but protein?"

"Most people have tried all sorts of elaborate diets but end up either putting on more weight, having extreme cravings or feeling so sick

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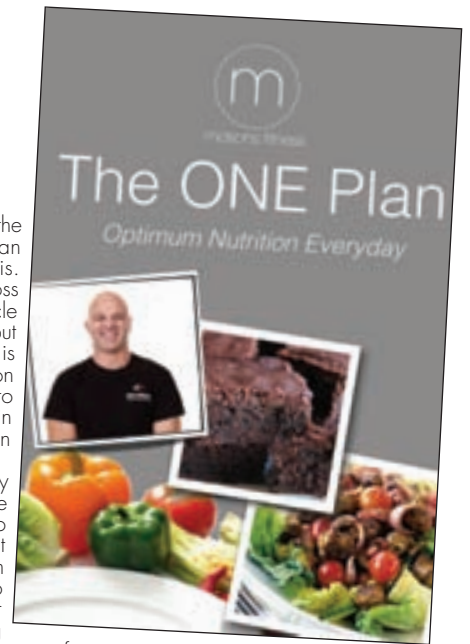
"We only have to look back at our evolution to see why most diets fail. Many diets rely on a starvation

principle that heavily limits the amount of calories you can consume on a daily basis. This does cause weight loss short term by muscle wastage and water loss but very little of this weight is actual fat. These starvation diets actually cause us to store fat for survival and in turn put on more weight in the long term.

"So starvation or heavy calorie restricted diets are not the answer. Not only do these diets cause you to put on more fat in the long term (yo-yo dieting) but they also slow down your metabolism, the exact thing you need to increase to burn more fat.

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# Book tells of the stress of war

## A LYMM author wants to raise awareness of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and help those suffering from the condition.

Stephen Power fuses fact with fiction in his book, *The Fight*, which has been published on Kindle, at just 98 pence.

All December sales were donated to the Military charity Talking 2 Minds, which treats severe stress-related conditions.

Stephen said: "Although PTSD has crept further into the national consciousness in recent years as returning soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan drive public awareness about the disorder, I never set out to write something about it.

"Far more used to writing

educational material for nursery age children, this was a departure from what I usually write. Initially, I just wanted to write a novel aimed at older children to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Falklands conflict."

While researching for the book, he discovered the conflict involved a lot of desperate hand-to-hand fighting, which is unusual in modern battles.

He said: "Another thing that grabbed my attention was that 17-year-old British soldiers fought and died in the Falklands, something reflected in the book by the use of the narrator, a young man who goes to war at 17.

"However, one particular piece of information that came to light in my research had the biggest impact: the revelation that the number of Falklands' veterans who have taken their own lives since the war ended, many displaying symptoms of PTSD, exceeds the number who died in the war itself."

He decided to raise these issues in the book and examine the far-reaching consequences on lives and families, long after the battle has ended.

Stephen said: "The shape and message of the book

may have changed but the descent into darkness still works for children as well as adults," he said.

He added: "The story focuses on the human spirit. While it might be gritty in parts, ultimately it's an uplifting, life-affirming story that children can relate to and learn from."

## Free 'Green Deal' Assessments

LOW Carbon Lymm (LCL) has been awarded funding from the Government via Warrington Borough Council to enable Lymm residents to benefit from the 'Green Deal' which was launched at the end of January.

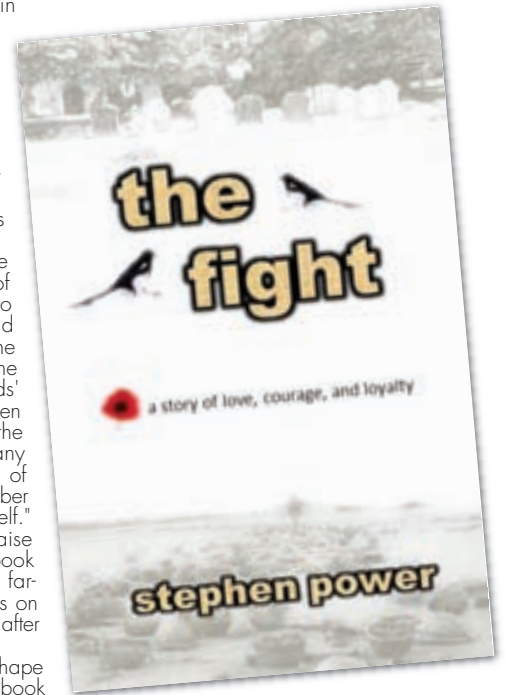
The Green Deal is a new way to pay for energy-saving home improvements, to combat rising energy costs and to make homes more comfortable. It lets you pay for some or all of the improvements over time through your electricity bill. Repayments will be no more than what a typical household should save in energy costs.

The starting point is to undertake a Green Deal Assessment, which will be provided free-of-charge to 100 Lymm households - the normal costs of these assessments are £120 to £150. Independent help will then be available through LCL to guide residents through the

Green Deal process for those who decide to take things further. Households can also benefit from a Cashback Scheme which could be worth over £1000 on a package of energy saving improvements.

This follows LCL's successful LEAF programme last year in which 100's of homes in Lymm participated in the programme of free energy surveys - and many are now reaping the benefits from the installation of energy efficiency measures such as loft and cavity wall insulation.

To find out more about the Green Deal or to book your free Green Deal Assessment, visit the LCL website: [www.lowcarbonlymm.org.uk](http://www.lowcarbonlymm.org.uk) or phone Richard Pearce on 01925 754480. This offer is available until the end of March 2013 on a first-come, first-served basis.



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Low Carbon Lymm is a voluntary, not-for-profit group of local residents working towards making Lymm a more sustainable community.

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# Great British Bake Off comes to Lymm!

## BAKERS from throughout Lymm put their best work on show for The Great Lymm British Red Cross Bake Off!

Bakers of all levels took part in the community challenge at Lymm Village Hall - The Bake Off, to help raise funds for the vital work of the British Red Cross.

There were four categories to enter baking treats into technical challenge, adult signature bake, junior signature bake and handmade bread.

Judges were a host of local food experts including Lymm's very own Michelin-Star chef Aiden Byrne. They

reported a high standard of entry and were impressed by the range of skills shown.

Many entrants donated their creations for an auction, to raise extra funds for the charity.

The judges also hosted a variety of baking master-classes, including a session from The Little Velvet Cake Company on cake decoration.

Organiser Katie Baverstock, a mother of two from Lymm, was pleased with the success of the day.





Technical winner Helen Nelson (left), with judge Aiden Byrne and Judith Ward winner of adult signature bake and Kate Geary winner for bread baking.



Junior winner Cameron Gray, aged 12, with his Lemon and Almond cake.




Also pictured are judges (L-R), Sam Whittingham of Lymm Cakes, Liz Young of the Little Velvet Cake Company, Clare Jeffreys of Clara's of Lymm and Aiden Byrne Michelin Star Chef of the Church Inn.

# LYMM GOLF CLUB

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# High speed rail link cuts through open country

**THE draft route for HS2 - the government's long-awaited high speed rail link designed to slash travel times between London and the North - cuts through open country just to the east of Lymm.**

It appears to run right through or very close to a relatively modern house just outside the parish boundary - and it passes close to High Legh Park Golf Club.

Lymm Parish Council has already received an email from an action group seeking support for a campaign to block the proposals. But

councillors had yet to discuss the scheme as Lymm Life went to press.

Cllr Sheila Woodyatt said: "As it appears at present, I don't think HS2 will have any significant impact on Lymm. But there will be some local people with concerns."

"It appears to run fairly close to cottages in Warrington Lane. But it is

only a draft plan at present. The final line will not be approved until 2015 and there will be plenty of consultation meetings and opportunities to make representations.

"My own view at present is that because HS2 will be of great economic benefit to the region. I would not be opposed to it. But, as I say, it is still only at the draft stage."

At High Legh, however, many residents have expressed shock and dismay at the proposals.

Cllr Steve Wilkinson, who represents High Legh on Cheshire East Council, said: "Residents just can't believe it is cutting through this part of the world. I'm opposed to the scheme and always have been as I don't believe the economic benefits outweigh the environmental impact it will cause."

"I had a warning it was going to run through my ward but I didn't think it would cause the havoc it will cause."

## *Snow provided some picture-postcard views*



LYMM has - up to the time of writing at any rate - escaped the chaos that this winter's snow has brought to other parts of the country and, indeed, the North West.

But the village did experience a couple of days of snow which provided plenty of picture-postcard views without having too much effect on local traffic.

As usual, snow-clad slopes around Lymm Dam attracted plenty of youngsters with sledges - some purpose-built and some adapted on the day.

One girl was seen careering down the slopes on a road diversion sign!

Our photographer spotted sisters Eve and Rosy Pye enjoying sledging under the watchful eye of their parents.

While traffic soon transformed snow-covered roads into slush, some of the back lanes off Crouchly Lane stayed picturesque for several days.

Lymm Water Tower was an impressive sight, viewed across fields blanketed with snow.

Some four-legged Lymm residents were bleating about the conditions - despite having their woollies on!

But there was no serious disruption for most two-legged residents. The schools stayed open as did the shops - giving shoppers the opportunity to draw comparisons between those shopkeepers who cleared the footpaths outside their premises and those that did not!

It is not, of course, too late for more snow yet and many locals remember falls as late as April and May!



Advertiser's announcement

# Village pub boosted by £1.5m investment

**A 345-year-old village pub has boosted takings by 50 per cent with the opening of new function rooms.**

More than £1.5 million has been invested in The Black Swan at Hollins Green over the last 12 months - and "The Rixton Room" opened its doors just in time for the festive season.

Gala dinners and parties for businesses from Manchester to Liverpool saw the new facility at 100 per cent capacity, testing the new purpose built kitchens to the full.

Guests who need a room for the night will shortly benefit too, as the pub has one more phase of its expansion, yet to complete - the addition of 14 new bedrooms, due to open in April.

The pub has been at the heart of the local community for many years

and last year won North Cheshire CAMRA's Community Pub of the Year award.

Landlord Stuart Wraith, is working hard to further cement The Black Swan as a community pub by introducing local farmers' markets, cinema nights, and even pantomimes.

"The new function room is a real asset to the pub," he said.

"Bookings are coming in thick and fast for the Rixton Room for a whole variety of functions including parties and weddings. We are now looking forward to the opening of the bedrooms in April to add further to our offerings."

## Lymm in Bloom!

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to join a new group aimed at improving the appearance of the outlying areas of Lymm.

Proposals include setting up a Lymm in Bloom group to brighten up the parks, recreation grounds and areas beyond the village centre.

Everyone is invited to a meeting on Wednesday March 20 at 7:30pm, upstairs at the Methodist Church Hall.

Organiser Ben Selwood said: "The nationwide Britain in Bloom is all about how looking after the local area can have a positive effect on the local community and I feel that this is something which Lymm could benefit tremendously from."

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## Organising hospice volunteers

**GUEST speaker at Heatley WI's meeting was Julia Kindon, who organises more than 600 volunteers for St Rocco's Hospice to help with roles including gardening, admin, driving and helping in the In Patient and Day Units.**

Gardeners are currently urgently needed, she said.

All St Rocco's shops are independent, except the furniture shop at Bridge Foot, Warrington and they provide a fifth of the income needed by the hospice.

Extra volunteers are also required for special events, including the Starlight Walk in June which needs 250 marshals. Julia was thanked and then members were able to shop, as she had brought a volunteer and some goods for sale.

The overall winner of competitions for last year was Lorraine Wright, with runner-up Jean Mason. The raffle was won by Judith Oldknow.

During the tea break, Margaret Sharp told members about the course on Rag Rug and Recycling she had attended in Denman College.

## New Deli in Lymm



A new deli has opened in Lymm village centre stocking a wide range of local products.

Nancy's Deli on Bridgewater Street opened recently to stock many of the wonderful products which can be found in the local farm shops and markets.

The shop is the idea of Nancy Morse who, along with friends and family, has been scouring the local area for the best products - local cheeses, breads and cakes, tasty pies and pickles, sticky toffee pudding, luxury chocolates, locally brewed beers and cider...the list goes on. Even the take away coffee is roasted and imported by a local company!

The deli also makes fresh sandwiches and hot drinks to order, as well as tasty soup made every day.

Pop along to see what is in store for you. And don't forget to tell Nancy if you know of anyone making something delicious that she could stock.

## Council to offer help with bins

PEOPLE who believe they will have difficulties if fortnightly black bin collections are introduced in Lymm can get help from the borough council.

Cllr Sheila Woodyatt said: "I have been approached by several people who believe they could have problems and have raised the issue with the council.

"It seems mainly to be people with large families and the council says in these circumstances, they will provide a second black bin.

"They will also offer additional advice to families on what sort of refuse should go in each bin. Some people are still putting recyclable materials in the black bin which could go in one of the other bins.

"Most people seem to think fortnightly collections will cause no problems, but help will be available for those who have difficulties."

Complaints have also been received that the refuse collectors often leave bins on pavements rather than returning to them to house drives.

This causes problems in areas like Higher Lane, where pavements are narrow in places and pedestrians are forced to step into the road to get passed bins.

One resident said: "I have seen people, including mothers with pushchairs, having to step into the road to get passed.

"On one occasion and elderly man using a zimmer would not have been able to get passed if I hadn't arrived to retrieve my bin at that moment.

The bin men seem to rely on the householder to take the bin back in and in many cases this is what happens. But many people are out at work or have gone shopping - and that can mean bins are left blocking footpaths all day."

# Youth Club is boxing clever

**BOXING skills were enjoyed by youngsters and volunteers at Lymm Junior Youth Club in a special activity session.**

Mo Abdwas from Phoenix Fire Amateur Boxing Club, based at Warrington Fire Station, taught them the sports' moves and techniques.

Due to the growing popularity of the club and the successful Community Asset

Transfer, two qualified youth workers are now employed to run the Junior Youth Club.

The sessions run from 5.30pm to 7pm each Thursday and are for Year 3 to Year 6 pupils.



*On the right, the two new youth workers Alex Wright and Michaela Matthews, with Mo Abdwas, children and volunteers.*

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# Reader's Letters



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**Last month's comment regarding parking issues in the village certainly touched a raw nerve with a lot of our readers.**

**We could have published a whole edition of the magazine with the feedback! Here is a selection of the emails and letters we received.**

## Oughttrington Lane parking

Jeanne Artingstall

I agree there are parking problems in the centre of the village but other areas also have problems.

As a regular churchgoer to St Peter's Church in Oughttrington Lane, I must point out that problems are now being caused for the church by the fact that double yellow lines have been painted, reaching from opposite the school entrance, past the church and for some distance down the hill, although there are single lines outside the church allowing for the parking of about six cars.

This means that on Sunday mornings, most churchgoers have to park their cars down the hill, some considerable distance from the church which is especially difficult for the old and the disabled. This problem could easily be solved by replacing the double yellow lines with single, as churchgoers would then be permitted to park nearer to the church on Sundays.

Also, for big events such as Christmas Eve, the church has always had an agreement with the school that churchgoers may use the school car park, but this has now been lost as barriers are now closed so that all cars must be parked on the road, causing congestion.

I would point out that there is a strip of land opposite the church which belongs to the council (not the school), so that a simple answer to the problem of congestion would be to remove this overgrown piece of land in order to widen the road at this point.

## Yellow lines

G Precious

I AM writing to express my feelings re the double yellow lines outside St Peter's Church, Oughttrington, Lymm.

At first I have to admit that I was surprised to find these lines painted. Now as we've had Christmas, which is a very busy time for the church, my surprise has turned to disgust as I witnessed the difficulties of the elderly and those with families struggle to find parking to get to our Christingle and our midnight services. I am told that some had to give up their plan and go home.

Then I thought of those waiting to have their wedding at St Peter's or have a funeral there. "Would it be possible to park please," no it wouldn't." Surely the placing of these lines could be re-thought for everyone's benefit.

## Parking driving me mad

Rachel Spencer

I LIVE on Pepper Street, the row opposite the scout hut and can never park my car anywhere near my house. It is driving me mad.

I've written to every single parish councillor, David Mowat MP, who to be fair did respond and has done what he can, and Steven Broomhead, who didn't bother to respond and also to the people who deal with permits at the council. Again, no response.

Now that all the car parks are paid for, everyone who works in the village parks on Pepper Street and Grove Rise and residents often can't find anywhere to park. I've had to pay and display in the car park and this is utterly ridiculous.

I don't see why people can't pay £2 to park all day and something needs to be done. But I have hit a wall with getting anything from the council other than one letter suggesting I dig up my garden and make a space there. But I have checked with the police and as it's such a narrow street, I wouldn't be given planning permission.

## Parking in Lymm

Michelle Wakefield

I have just been reading about the parking problems in Lymm village. We have recently moved out of the village for this very reason.

We lived on the Dingle and had no parking with the property so we had always parked on either Henry Street or Davies Way. For us to pay parking six days a week was an additional cost we were not prepared to pay.

I have myself seen people parking up and then getting into one car and driving off, but what is totally unfair is the backlash for the residents. We were promised permits which never materialised in the end, so sadly we had to move through the utter greed of the borough council.

**Deadline for the April issue of Lymm Life is March 5**

## Obituary

### Irene Atkinson

Irene Atkinson Nee Williams, aged 82, of Wayside Close, Lymm died at Old Vicarage Nursing Home, Grappenhall on January 22.

The funeral took place at Walton Lea Crematorium.

She has one surviving relative, Gill and her hobbies included playing

Scrabble in a national tournament and Bridge locally.

She was a member of the WI and Lymm Book Group and worked as a specialist reading teacher as well as being an avid supporter of several charities.



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# Father and son team help launch 'mini' Hollywood blockbuster



A FATHER and son team from Lymm were featured on BBC's The One Show to introduce the latest Hollywood blockbuster featuring Bruce Willis.

Producers of the show used four films of projects completed by fathers and their sons to introduce Bruce's latest movie "A Good Day to Die Hard."

Andrew contacted the show and the following day a film crew came down to see their work. He said: "They filmed us for about 30 minutes...and the finished clip was just 30 seconds on the show. It was good to see it though and we were pleased with the result."

Andrew, who is an engineer on the railways, bought the 1988 Mini on eBay for £600 with the intention of restoring it as his son's first car. Luke, who wants to go into engineering design, helped his dad with the work.

The car was delivered in September 2011 and the team set to work. Andrew said: "We did quite a bit of the work ourselves. There was no interior and the electronics were in a state. Restoring it was a good learning curve for us both."

The pair spent an average one and a half days a week on the project. They got others to do the bodywork and painting, and both are pleased with the finished car, which is bright red with a white roof.

Andrew said the pair each contributed half towards the costs. Luke used his savings and some of the money he earned working in the kitchen at local restaurant.

They have taken the car out to several events including a Wirral to Llandudno run organised by Wirral Mini Owners Club.

Andrew said: "There were about 95 Minis on the run... and many people stopped to admire our car. We were thrilled that our hard work had paid off."



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