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COMPILING the latest pages of Lymm Life this month once again reminded me what a great community we have.

Lymm Festival's Winter Warmers were a sell out success, Lymm Roundtable raised over £6,000 for good causes from their annual duck race, the new Lymm May Queens have been selected - after taking part in the event for the

past six year, while a number of organisations helped raise money for Red Nose Day.

On top of this a local youngster has launched a new Lymm in Bloom group, Lymm Methodists are celebrating 10 years of their Market Lunches which help raise funds for the less fortunate - and volunteers are busy working behind the scenes for the forthcoming

Lymm Festival!

There is certainly plenty to report on and hopefully Lymm Life has played its part in helping promote all the good work of the local community.

Unfortunately, due to space constraints we don't always manage to get every article we receive published - but we endeavour to do our best.

Keep up the good work and we will carry on reporting it as best we can - and don't forget you can check out the local news every day on our website which is linked to the [warrington-worldwide.co.uk](http://www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk) website which is now read by an average of 6,000 a people a day!

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Queens six years in the waiting!

TWO youngsters are celebrating after being selected as Queens for this year's Lymm May Queen Festival.

May Queen elect is Eve Shaw aged, 11 from Ravenbank Primary School. Her hobbies include playing the violin, netball, singing and tap dancing.

Rose Queen elect is Ellie Caple, aged 10, a pupil at Statham Community Primary School. Her hobbies include roller skating, football, horseriding and art.

Both girls have taken part in the May Queen retinue for over six years and are delighted to have been selected as this year's Queens!

Lymm May Queen takes place on Saturday June 8 this year with the parade commencing at 1.30pm

from Eagle Brow.

This year there is no theme to the procession and local community groups are urged to enter floats of any variety.

Organisers are urging local businesses and individuals to get involved and help support the event.

For more details or to get involved call 01925 755827.

Left, Eve Shaw aged 11 a student at Ravenbank Primary School has been chosen as this year's Lymm May Queen and Ellie Caple aged 10 who attends Statham Primary School is this year's Rose Queen.

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More info Lynne Smith 01925 756776

May 14
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

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MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP
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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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Historic boat comes to Lymm

AN historic boat built more than 100 years ago comes to Lymm on June 19. The Castlefield, thought to be originally named Prussia or Siberia, is believed to have visited Lymm during its working life carrying goods around the North West. It has been lovingly restored and now carries passengers.

It will arrive in Lymm on June 19 ready to offer trips to children as part of a two-day Schools' Canal Heritage Programme taking place as part of Lymm Festival.

The boat will also be offering short taster trips during the Foodfest on Thursday 20. On Friday 21 and Saturday 22, there will be half-day cruises - one to Dunham and the other to Walton - with afternoon tea laid on.

Then the boat becomes part of Lymm Historic Transport Day on June 23. Event organiser Alan Williams said: "It is terrific to see the owners of this beautiful boat making such a wholehearted commitment to our local festival and great that we have been able to bring the canal into the festival in so many ways this year."

Other new events for the festival this year include an evening with performance poet John Hegley, "Call Mr Robeson" the music and story of the life of Paul Robeson and an evening with Dorothy Parker.

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New members wanted

NEW members are being invited to attend the AGM of Oughtrington Community Centre on Wednesday May 8 at 7.30pm, at the centre in Oughtrington Crescent.

Everyone is welcome. The group is looking for new members, especially a new treasurer. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

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Red Nose cycle challenge raises £500

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Starting at 6.30 am on the morning of Red Nose Day - Care workers, managers, visitors and friends at the home undertook the 164 mile distance (as the crow flies) to Buckingham Palace on exercise bikes positioned in the reception area of Keate House!!

Whilst elderly residents marshalled and looked on, the 35 man team between them cycled continuously for 11 hours, clocking up a staggering 280 miles and raising almost £500.

Wendy Johnson, Care Home Manager said: "It was a great fun day. We had staff, visitors and even one of the local doctors join

in with the spirit of the event and pedal those important miles to help us reach, and part-way return, from our 'virtual' Buckingham Palace destination."

The residents assisted by marshalling and timing the participants who were each presented with certificates and Red Nose Cakes at the end of their all important cycle shift.

The team at Keate House would like to thank everyone who took part in the event or made sponsorship pledges and to all those who generally contributed to make their fund raising achievements such a great success.



Red Nose fun raises £250

VOLUNTEERS from Lymm Youth and Community Centre spent most of Red Nose Day in Sainsbury's collecting for the charity.

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James Jackson, the last of the volunteers was able to entertain with his balancing skills!! The number of Maltesers in the jar was 183.



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A special Winter Warmer event at the Lymm Hotel featuring Sooty's long-time presenter Matthew helped raise funds for the annual Lymm Festival in the village.

A video interview with Matthew by Warrington Worldwide editor Gary Skentelbery resulted in a great response to the show entitled "Twenty five years with my hand up a bear's bum!"

Organiser Alan Williams said they had not bargained for the response they got but thanks to Matthew's interview with Gary tickets were bought from as far afield as London, Edinburgh and York.

Alan said: "The visitors were treated to a night of pure nostalgia as Matthew told Sooty's life story from the early days when there was only one TV channel starring Sooty through to his guest appearance at a Beatles' family birthday party.

"Lifelong fan Laura Chudleigh (pictured) summed it up when she said 'I had the most wonderful evening and can't believe I got to meet Matthew.'"

Alan said he was amazed by the response, and that all the visitors enjoyed the show and seeing the village, with many planning to return.

Matthew Corbett, pictured right, shares a Sooty and Sweep moment with some of his long distance fans, Laura Chudleigh (London), Simon Bowling (York) and Harry Chapman (Edinburgh).



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Young community champions honoured

TWO young people who have served their community were honoured at Lymm and District Lions annual Youth Awards.

Jamie Reid, aged 10 and Lauren O'Shea, aged 14, each received a cheque and certificate at the ceremony at Lymm Youth Club.

Lions President Shirley Hay, who presented the awards, said the two winners had worked hard to benefit their community.

Jamie, who was nominated by Cherry Tree Primary School, regularly helps maintain the Oughtlington Community Orchard and is a keen environmentalist.

He is an excellent musician, able to play the acoustic guitar, keyboard, electric guitar, cello and baritone. He recently gave an informal concert for an OAP luncheon and has been invited to join an orchestra at Lymm High School.

Jamie gave a short informative presentation to the whole school, where he demonstrated his musical

talent and played a piece of music on each instrument.

Shirley said: "Jamie's willingness to volunteer in the local community makes him a worthy candidate for this award."

Lauren has been attending the Junior Youth Club for the past year and is a keen and reliable helper.

She has been trained by Participation Through Sport, a group who were based at the Youth Club prior to cuts which resulted in its closure. Lauren helps organise activities for younger members and plans some club outings.

Lauren recently organised a club visit to Lymm Police Station and a meeting with PCSO Darren Dennis - which subsequently resulted in the club visiting the Police Museum.

As a result of Lauren's initiative PCSO Dennis is now linked with the club and will work with members.

Shirley said: "Lauren is a great example to the younger ones of how to interact with adults."



Lymm Parish Council Chairman Peter Powell (left) presenting a certificate to Jamie Reid while Lauren O'Shea receives her certificate from incoming Lions President Kath Buckley.

Vision became a reality

TWENTY five years ago Lymm resident Marje Caine had a vision.

She wanted the Downes Syndrome boy called Timmy that she and her husband Mike had fostered, to have the education and training that the national charity called MacIntyre Care provided for people with learning difficulties.

Marje had worked with MacIntyre at its headquarters in Bedfordshire before she, her husband Mike and four children moved to Lymm. However there was no MacIntyre service anywhere in the North West.

Marje (pictured right) was profoundly deaf due to meningitis when a small girl, but this did not stop her vision. She contacted MacIntyre and asked them what was needed to get them to come to the NW.



A daunting action program with a timescale of at least five years was explained. With her dedication and help from friends the time it actually took was reduced to less than three years.

MacIntyre was set up in Warrington and has since expanded into, Chester, Wirral, Ellesmere Port and Bury.

Marje saw her vision grow becoming Head of Service at MacIntyre's Learning Centre. Some of the major undertakings of the Learning Centre include a cafe run by MacIntyre and its learners at the Gateway Centre, a large garden at the back of Victoria Park with an orchard, propagating and growing areas for flowers and vegetables as well as a beautiful Healing Garden.

The latest venture is the Community art and crafts Gallery next door to B&M in Warrington, which displays works by MacIntyres learners and local artists.

Marje now aged 72, still works part-time. She has seen her dream grow in the North West to its present size of over 200 employees, looking after hundreds of people with learning difficulties. Not bad for a woman who through it all was profoundly deaf.



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New community group are looking to bloom

A NEW community group has been set up in Lymm to help improve the local area.

Lymm in Bloom has entered the North West in Bloom Competition and aims to bring more annual bedding and perennial planting to Lymm's parks and grass verges, as well as encouraging community participation in the village and its hamlets.

Ideas so far include flower beds at Statham and Sandy Lane Parks as well as a memorial garden in Ridgway Grundy Memorial Park, made up of donated plants in memory of loved ones.

The group has held its first meeting and is now looking for new volunteers and potential sponsors.

Group Chairman Ben Selwood (pictured), said "We are in need of people to help make it happen. Lymm is a thriving community and I believe with a bit of determination we can make these spaces more attractive and usable. We aim to set up a working party that will meet in the village once a week and will carry out tasks such as maintaining the flower beds. It doesn't matter if you don't feel you are a gardener, there are many different roles that are needed. We will also be looking for sponsorship and donations."

The group also needs sponsorship for signage and yellow high visibility jackets.

If anyone is able to help with Lymm in Bloom or would like to join the committee please contact Ben at lymmimbloom@yahoo.co.uk or call 07549112494.



Unseasonal talk at Heatley WI

ON a cold and windy evening members of Heatley WI thought a talk about ice cream would not be appropriate.

But speaker Claire Whitlow, of Daresbury, held their interest as she talked about her dairy business. The award-winning producer told how she and her husband, a farmer, turned milk from their own cows into delicious ice cream.

Members enjoyed an ice cream-based quiz, and tried some of Claire's range of flavours.

The competition for an ice cream recipe was won by Jenny Morton's Brown Bread and Gladys Taylor came second with her Lemon Meringue.

President Liz Wellbelove announced that it had been decided to limit the membership to keep it a "small and friendly" club. Members agreed that visitors were welcome but anyone wishing to join would be put on a waiting list.

The meeting ended with tea, coffee, chocolate biscuits and a good chat.

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Duck race raises £6,000

THE annual Lymm Duck Race has been hailed a great success despite the cold weather, raising more than £6,000 for good causes.

Crowds gathered around the village for the annual event organised by Lymm and District Round Table, which this year featured the additional attraction of an Easter Food Fest on Henry Street Car Park. It offered a range of stalls with food to eat on the day or to take home, and proved popular with visitors.

One of the organisers Chris Gorman, of the Round Table, said: "We were very pleased with the success of the food festival in its first year. We are hoping to bring it back again next year."

The "super duck" competition was won by Cheshire Housing Management and they can now nominate a charity to receive a £1,000 donation. The "corporate duck" winner, who receives £250 for the charity of their choice, was Vogue.

Chris thanked the Co-op for sponsoring the event, and local businesses, organisations and individuals who sponsored or supported the event.



Graham Gowland, Town Crier Peter Powell and Richard Storey at the start of proceedings



Youngsters with their painted plates (L-R) Katie Able aged 9 Lucy Perkin aged 5, Ben Perkin aged 7 and Ollie Murphy aged 6.

Winter Warmer series 'an enormous success'

FIVE events and five sell-out successes meant a winter of unparalleled success for Lymm Festival both from an artistic and financial point of view.

As well seeing and hearing some fantastic local talent such as Helen Monks and The Big Sing choir, plus Blues stars Tommy Allen and Johnny Hewitt, the festival welcomed national names like comedian Tony Hawks and soprano singing star Denise Leigh.

A rare appearance from Matthew Corbett talking about 25

years with his hand up Sooty's bum brought in visitors from all over the country.

The final sums are still being done but it looks like the festival will have generated a profit of around £3,500 - vital in helping put on a successful Summer event.

"It shows what a great appetite there is for quality live entertainment

in Lymm. It was also terrific to bring true cinema back to Lymm after so many years" said series organiser Alan Williams "and with people like Lymm Life helping us get the message out there we have have a winning team".

There is one more bonus event labelled "Get Out of Town" at The Cinnamon Club in Bowdon. Alan Williams is joined by talented local singers Lucy Barlow and Helen Monks for an evening of live music

and cabaret that will also feature Hugh Banton - famous for playing in Lymm Panto, but also of a band called Van Der Graaf Generator as special guest.

The event takes place on May 3 and if you want to "Get out of Town" - visit www.thecinnamonclub.net for tickets.

"This one is definitely a case of a thorn between two roses" admits Alan.

Golf captain helps raise £5,500 for diabetes charity

LYMM Golf Club Captain David Lowe has helped raise a total of £5,500 for his chosen charity of the year - the JDRF diabetes charity.

JDRF specialises in the help and care of type 1 diabetes sufferers and David helped raise the funds with the proceeds of his Captain's

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David Lowe presenting a cheque to the Northern Manager of JDRF, Chris Normington.

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Lymm Festival unveils 2013 line up

LYMM Festival has unveiled its 2013 line up for the event which runs from June 20-30 with some exciting new developments.

The festival kicks off as always with the ever popular Foodfest on Thursday June 20 and later that evening BBC presenter and performer Mark Radcliffe (pictured right) and his band Foes will perform at the "Bar at the Marquee" venue at Lymm Rugby Club. The festival will be back there for a night of comedy on Friday 21, promoted by Simon Plumb.

The format of Lymmfest has been changed this year to become a Saturday evening "Music Trail" across multiple village centre venues. Admission will be by wristband enabling people to pick their shows which will be running through the evening in pubs and clubs.

Sunday will see the new event - the Lymm Historic Transport Day, - Old working boats, vintage and classic cars, motorbikes, bicycles

and much more will be pouring in from all over the Northwest for what promises to be a memorable day with plenty of entertainment for the whole family including rides on tractors, miniature railways, a canal trip boat and vintage buses. There's even model railway layouts and the day starts and ends with car and boat parades.

Later in the week the festival welcomes comedian and performance poet John Hegley - a regular at the Edinburgh Festival and on TV and Radio - to The Statham Lodge. An evening with John brings a guarantee of laughter and enlightenment.

Following the success of last year's fun run Lymm Runners are organising an even bigger multi-event this year under the new name Trail Races.

There will also be a performance

of an enthralling one man show "Call Mr Robeson" - about singer and human rights activist Paul Robeson that drew a standing ovation at the Carnegie Hall in New York last year.

In all there are over forty events including old favourites like the Scarecrow Trail, the Big Picture, Lymm Artists, Art In The Garden (in a new location Lane End Nursery) and Dr Jazz, plus events to appeal to the whole age range including the very young. This year also sees the return by popular demand of Open Gardens.

The full programme and tickets will be available at the beginning of May. Meanwhile check out the website www.lymmfestival.org.uk and sign up for regular news updates and ticket offers. Better still get involved and become a volunteer. There is an urgent need for stewards and helpers for the big outdoor events. Contact director@lymmfestival.org.uk



Pupils go animal crackers!

YOUNGSTERS at a Lymm school dressed as rainforest animals for a sponsored dance in aid of mountain gorillas.

Year 3 pupils from Ravenbank Primary School raised more than £800 for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to sponsor a mountain

gorilla and over 20 acres of African rainforest.

They wanted to do something to help after learning about the plight of the endangered animals and their precious environment during recent project work studying African rainforests.

They dressed as rainforest animals and wearing hand-made masks took part in the dance challenge in the school hall.

Youngsters worked hard gaining support from staff, family and friends and were thrilled with their total fundraising.

They are now looking forward to receiving their official WWF cuddly mountain gorilla, as well as a newsletter about the specific animal and area of rainforest they will sponsor.



Protecting the Green Belt

OUGHTRINGTON Community Association has made its feelings known about the emerging Warrington Local Plan Core Strategy, which sets out the Borough Council's development plans to 2027.

The Association's focus is very much on the Green Belt, which currently protects the open land between Lymm and Oughtrington.

For many years, both villages were virtually powerless to protect against speculative house-building. More recently they have been protected by the Green Belt, for which the Borough Council and local people had fought long and hard.

The Borough Council now has to look anew at the rate of house-building it has to accommodate until 2027 and where this should take place.

The Council's belief is that all new housing required can be provided on land, which already has planning approval or will come forward for redevelopment.

Association spokesman and retired planner Ian Estall said: "House-building interests are pressing for Warrington to accept a bigger share of housing with Lymm and Oughtrington very much in their sights. Whilst the Borough Council has produced a strong case for limiting future house-building, the Association is concerned that developers might see new Government policy as encouraging a more free and easy approach to releasing land for building."

"The Association is pleased that its determination to protect the Green Belt is shared by Lymm Parish Council. We have both put our case to the Council's planners and trust that this will help them to win the argument at the public examination of the plan which takes place in Warrington, starting on 30 April, with the outcome to be known later this year."

Association founder member, Joyce Penlington, is keen that local people should be kept informed of events as they unfold and hopes to be able to spread the word through a local meeting to be held in the near future.

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Lymm Methodists celebrate 10 years of Market Lunches

Lymm Methodists are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their market lunches, which have raised £25,000 for the benefit of local charitable causes including single homeless people, older people and young people.

The present organisations they support are "Room at the Inn" (homeless people in Warrington) and "Youth for Christ" (young people in Lymm).

The Market Lunches Team say they are indebted to many helpers, with a team who work together making, baking, serving, taking money or washing up!!

They have achieved a loyal following of people, young and not so young, who come not simply for lunch but to enjoy fellowship.

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Quality sponsorship deal for Lymm

QUALITY Solicitors Forshaws Davies Ridgway has announced another sponsorship package to help Lymm's flourishing rugby union club.

It is the fourth year the Warrington solicitors have supported the club, which is currently enjoying one of its best ever seasons in the National Level Three league. The club is riding high after investing in three new pitches and improvements to the clubhouse on Crouchley Lane.

Tim Jordan, a partner at QualitySolicitors Forshaws Davies Ridgway, based in the Stockton Heath office, has been connected with the club ever since school days.

He said: "We are delighted to continue to sponsor this fine rugby union club. As a home for hockey, tennis and squash as well as rugby, Lymm RFC plays a vital role in keeping the local community fit and healthy."

"I used to play for the club when I was at school in Lymm and my son has followed in my footsteps too. His junior squad even reached a final at Twickenham."

"It's fantastic to see the club grow

and flourish as it is today and we are very pleased to be providing that vital business support behind the scenes."

Lymm RUFC chairman Danny McNicholl welcomed the sponsorship deal and said: "Support from Quality Solicitors Forshaws Davies Ridgway makes a real difference to Lymm RFC as shown in the results of all age groups. We cannot thank QualitySolicitors Forshaws Davies Ridgway enough for their



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Award winning runners honoured

LYMM Runners held its annual Club Awards after its recent AGM.

Norman Green received the Best Performance of the Year award after completing the London Marathon in two hours 54 minutes and Blackpool Marathon in two hours 48 minutes.

Lynn Moseley was named Club Person of the Year for her work in establishing a Beginners Course and co-ordinating the run sessions.

Tim Martland received the Funniest Moment award for falling

into the canal while running, and Jenny McClelland won the Most Improved Athlete for finishing a half-marathon in under two hours and completing more than 50 Park Run 5ks.

Beginner of the Year, a new award for 2013, went to Jennie

Peacock for her enthusiasm, motivation and improvement since joining the beginners' course.

Lymm Runners meets outside Lymm Library at 7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 8am on Sundays. New members are welcome.



Left to right: Jenny McClelland, Lynn Moseley, Jennie Peacock and Norman Green.



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LYMM'S PCSO Darren Dennis organised a special visit to The Police Museum at Arpley St Warrington for the junior members of Lymm Youth Club.

It started with an exciting ride for half the group in a police van, with the others being transported by Youth Worker Alex from Participation through Sport and Su Williams one of the leaders of the Junior Club.

The youngsters were able to visit the old police cells, see police clothing from Victorian times right up to the modern day and were even allowed to try on some clothes and helmets as well as handcuffs and a sit in a police car!

Museum curator Peter Wroe was recently awarded for his work at the Museum and his expert knowledge on the history of policing through the ages kept the juniors and adults well entertained and informed throughout the visit.

Obituaries

Eric Andrew

THE funeral has taken place of Eric Andrew, aged 96, of Richmond Drive, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on January 30.

Mr Andrew was born in Mossley and moved to Lymm from Woodley 42 years ago.

A grandfather of five, and also a great grandfather, he is survived by his daughter Judith.

Mr Andrew was well known around the Sandy Lane area where he walked with his wonderful dog, Gellert.

Committal took place at St Peter's Church, Oughtrington, on February 12.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

Patricia Wilde

THE funeral has taken place of Mrs Patricia Wilde, nee Wood, of Cherry Tree Avenue, Lymm, who died of pneumonia in Warrington Hospital on February 25 aged 74.

After retirement Mrs Wilde volunteered at the British Heart Foundation charity shop in Warrington and St Rocco's Hospice shop in Lymm.

She leaves a son Steven, daughter Tracey, and grandchildren Hannah and Laura.

The funeral service was at Altrincham Crematorium.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, Lymm.

Ronald Charles Harper

THE funeral has taken place of Mr Ronald Charles Harper, of Princess Road, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on January 23 aged 80.

He is survived by his wife Doreen, two sons, two daughters-in-law, seven grandchildren, brother, sister, sister-in-law and brother-in-law.

The funeral was held at Lymm Methodist Church conducted by Rev Stephen Froggatt, prior to committal at Altrincham Crematorium.

Arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, Lymm.

Hector Forbes Campbell Will

THE funeral has taken place of Mr Hector Forbes Campbell Will, of Lymm, who died suddenly on holiday in Dubai at the age of 70 on January 28.

He leaves a wife Sandra, children Judith, Caroline, Claire and Richard, and four grandchildren.

The funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, Lymm.

Roy Parr

DONATIONS in memory of a former Lymm cub leader will help to pay for Lymm Scouts' new headquarters building.

Roy Parr, of Mardale Crescent, Lymm, died in January, aged 65 and his funeral took place at St Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows, where he was married. Committal took place at Walton Lea Crematorium.

Roy was a cub leader in Lymm for many years.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, of Lymm.

George Frederick Wardle

THE funeral has taken place of George Frederick Wardle, aged 80, of Adey Road, Lymm who died in Heathercroft Care Home on January 29.

Mr Wardle, who retired in 1997, had been employed as a painter and decorator and signwriter. He was a keen do-it-yourself enthusiast.

He leaves a wife, three sons and a daughter, four grandchildren and two daughters-in-law.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, of Lymm.

Edna May Caddick

THE funeral has taken place of Mrs Edna May Caddick, nee Brimlow, of Albany Road, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital from a heart attack on March 16, aged 82.

The funeral service was at Walton Lea and her ashes will be buried beside those of her husband Ron at Lymm Church overlooking the Dam, which held many happy memories for them both.

She leaves one son and five granddaughters.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, Lymm.

Joyce Perry

THE funeral has taken place of Mrs Joyce Perry (nee Houston) of Crossland Mews, Lymm, who died on February 25 aged 72.

She died of cancer in St Rocco's Hospice.

Mrs Perry attended Lymm Baptist Church and cared for her mother who is 96.

She leaves a daughter Deborah Instone, son Jon Perry and grandchildren

The funeral was at Lymm Baptist Church followed by Internment at Fox Covert.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, Lymm.

Death of Cheshire's eldest resident



THE funeral has taken place of Mrs Molly Wright, of High Legh, who is believed to have been the oldest resident in Cheshire.

Mrs Wright died in Sharston House Nursing Home, Knutsford, on February 14 aged 106.

She was a farmer's wife and enjoyed gardening and was previously a Sunday School teacher.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

More than 100 people attended the service at High Legh Church followed by Internment at Rostherne.

Jessica Thomason Aylin

JESSICA Thomason Aylin, daughter of Mark and Samantha Aylin, of Lowton, died in the Royal Bolton Hospital on January 30 aged two days. She was the twin sister of Amelia, the granddaughter of Peter and Cath Thomason and Fred and Hilda Aylin, and niece of Nicola Thomason and Steven Aylin.

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Gold dealer is a gem!

A STOCKTON Heath jeweller has emerged as a fair and honest trader in an investigation into unscrupulous gold dealers.

Undercover reporters from a national newspaper were investigating online gold merchants alleged to be ripping off hard-up families who were selling treasured jewellery out of desperation.

They offered jewellery which they already knew was worth £220 to a number of online dealers and pawnbrokers - and were offered as little as £31.

But when they took the jewellery to John Gregson's Cheshire Gold Exchange in Stockton Heath he offered £220.50.

Mr Gregson said: "I didn't know I was dealing with an undercover reporter - I simply offered what I knew to be a fair and reasonable price for the jewellery.

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Cyclists - does this ring a bell?

CYCLISTS who use the Bridgewater Canal towpath and the Trans Pennine Trail at Lymm pose a threat to pedestrians - and themselves - according to a local man.

Alan Arstall has been walking both the towpath and the trail in recent months as he recuperates after a triple heart by-pass operation - and as a result has become aware of how many cyclists don't have bells on their bikes.

He said: "A walker cannot always hear a cyclist approaching from behind and I have witnessed a few incidents.

"It is not just the walkers at risk - it's the cyclists as well. Particularly on the canal towpath, where they shouldn't be cycling anyway.

"I saw quite a nasty confrontation between one cyclist and a group of walkers who did not hear him approaching from behind.

"The cyclist claimed the walkers had not heard his bell - but I spotted that he didn't have one.

"A surprising number of cyclists don't have bells on their bikes.

"There plenty of 'no cycling' signs along the canal, but that doesn't seem to stop people.

"I believe a cyclist died after falling in the canal some years ago - we don't want another tragedy like that.

"But it can be dangerous on the Trans Pennine Trail too. A mountain bike travelling at speed could cause nasty injuries if it collided with a walker."

Mr Arstall also expressed surprise at a number of dog walkers who carry "poop scoops" and plastic bags, use them to pick up their dog's mess - but then throw the plastic bags away.

"It would be better to leave dog mess on the ground to rot away naturally than to leave it lying around in plastic bags," he said.

Lymm WI learn about bread

TWO guest speakers have entertained Lymm WI at its recent meetings.

At the first Keith Birkett spoke about Roberts Bakery, founded in 1887, and still going strong. At the next meeting retired head teacher Christine Taylor, who has performed on radio, read and performed jokes, poems and anecdotes.

Members heard about the WI resolutions, care for the elderly and fitting smoke alarms in all public buildings, and about its work in Sri Lanka and Cambodia.

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