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Editor's Comment



IT is great news to see at long last that work can start on a new Girl Guide and Scout HQ on Pepper Street thanks to grant funding from a number of organisations.

It is an issue I have been reporting on for my entire journalistic career - and certainly shows that persistence pays off!

Well done to all those who have been contributing to the fund-raising for an improved facility which will provide a suitable HQ and base for future generations of Guides and Scouts. Work is scheduled to start in the autumn.

Meanwhile it is also pleasing to see that this year's Lymm Festival was a great success and work has already started on planning for next year.

But organisers are eager to hear from people willing to volunteer to help with a variety of roles.

With all the modern day pressures of work, finding volunteers who can dedicate time and effort is getting increasingly difficult - so if you are reading this and feel as though you have got some spare time and would love to get involved in helping out at a great community event please contact the organisers and show your support.

You will find an article with their contact details elsewhere in this edition of **Lymm Life**.

It is hard to believe that there are now only two issues of Lymm Life left before Christmas!

So any one who has an event to promote for Christmas or a business which benefits from the

busy Christmas period - now is the time to start formulating your marketing plans - please don't take it for granted that everyone in Lymm will know who you are and what you do.

Lymm Life is the only publication delivered to 5,000 properties in the area - there is no better way to spread your message.

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Scouts and Guides building for the future

AFTER 30 years of fund-raising a new HQ for Scouts and Guides in Lymm is finally on its way.

Following successful grant Round Table and Lymm Parish applications with WREN, Veolia Council, and the awarding of Environmental Services, Lymm Planning permission, work is

Kind-hearted kids

KIND-HEARTED children, parents and staff from Kids Planet, Lymm took part in a one mile sponsored walk.

More than 100 people took part in the event to raise funds for Myeloma UK.



expected to start this autumn to replace the existing District Guide Hut (Maple Lodge) and the 3rd Lymm Scouts HQ, for use in early 2014.

The new two hall building, to be called 'Maple Lodge', will provide facilities to the current Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Explorers, as well as other community groups and users.

The project is being led by the current Community of Guides and Scouts (CoGS) team, who would like to thank and pay tribute to all who have helped them get to this point.

3rd Lymm Group Scout Leader, James Hurrell, said "Its great news, not just for the Scouts and Guides, but also the wider community."

"We are already hearing from

groups expressing an interest in using the building and I am sure we will hear from many more. The future is looking great."

As part of the final funding, a Buy-a-brick campaign has been launched, giving individuals or groups the chance to contribute and get their name recorded for posterity in the foundations of the building for future generations to find. Companies are also being offered the chance to sponsor a leaf on a Maple Tree which will greet all users as they enter the building.

Anyone interested in supporting the project, interested in hiring the building or simply following progress can find more information at <https://sites.google.com/site/lymmmaplelodge>

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October 14

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What's happening after 2020 at the Records Office - Paul Newman
Lymm Village Hall, 8pm
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More info Lynne Smith 01925 756776

October 15

LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

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MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP

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1.30pm - 3pm. Details: 01925 753298

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Lymm Festival looking for new help

ORGANISERS of the annual Lymm Festival are looking for new people to help them run next year's event.

Following the success of this year's Festival, the Committee is now starting to plan for 2014.

Chairman Ian Marks said, "We are extremely grateful to all the people who help us in all sorts of ways to put on the Festival. Putting on over fifty very different events is a major task and requires a huge amount of effort. On top of the main eleven day Festival in June we run 'Winter Warmers' and this year these were all sell-outs. We are planning to do this again and we have already organised a

Jane Austen evening with Robert Powell on November 24 at Statham Lodge.

"To help spread the load we are looking for volunteers to help out with marketing and promotion, and managing the website. We would also like to hear from anyone with skills in health and safety, insurance and raising money through sponsorship.

Any one who would like to get involved in some way please call Ian on 01925 753051 or email him at chair@lymmfestival.org.uk

Fund-raising food and gift fayre

A Food and Gift Fayre in aid of St Rocco's takes place at Lymm High School on Saturday October 5 from 10am to 4pm with all proceeds in aid of St Rocco's Hospice.

The event is being organised by Suzette Pullman from Lymm Osteopathic Practice on Grammar School Road.

Admission is by ticket costing £3 for adults and £1 for school children - Under 5s are free.

Tickets are available from Lymm Osteopathic or pay on the door. There will be a huge selection of stalls including St Rocco's Christmas cards, a craft corner with hand made cards, woodturning gifts, gadgets and personalised gifts, face painting, a sweetie stall, organic apple juice, Church Mouse Cheese, pies, cakes and much more!

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Fifty one per cent of pupils achieved A Level grades at A*-B, in particular Further Maths, Biology and English Literature.

A school spokesperson said: "Many have gone on to secure places at Britain's top universities on highly competitive courses including Medicine, Science and Law."

"All our students have worked hard to achieve their results and we congratulate them all on their achievements."

The school also expressed pride over BTEC students' who achieved a 100 per cent pass rate, with a large proportion passing with distinction and distinction* grades.

"We are particularly delighted that several of our students have been awarded places on highly competitive and oversubscribed courses at UK universities."

At GCSE, more than 70 per cent of pupils achieved five or more

A*-C grades, including English and Mathematics, while 84 per cent achieved five A*-C grades and 98 per cent achieved five or more A*-G grades.

Almost a third of pupils secured one or more of the highest grades at GCSE, achieving an A*.

In BTEC courses, there was a 98 per cent pass rate, with 43 per cent of pupils achieving a Merit grade or above and 20 per cent of the overall grades awarded at Distinction Star (D*).

Many pupils achieved a full complement of A* and A grades. The highest of these were: Emma Catlow - 9 A*, 1 A, 1 A^; Sebastian Reid - 9 A*, 2 A.

Donia El-Nemr - 9 A*, 1 A, 1 Distinction; Rania El-Nemr - 9 A*, 1 A, 1 Distinction; Ella Wyss - 8 A*, 3 A; Camille Hatcher - 8 A*, 2 A, 1 Distinction*; Daniel Gordon - 8 A*, 3 A; Matthew Pyman - 8 A*, 3 A.





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Rugby club phone mast appeal thrown out

A GOVERNMENT-appointed inspector has thrown out an appeal against the refusal of planning consent for a 20 metre telecommunications mast at Lymm Rugby Club's Crouchley Lane ground.

He says the mast would be an inappropriate development in the Green Belt, adding to the "visual clutter and incipient urbanisation" of a generally open area of land.

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Everything Everywhere Ltd had appealed against Warrington Borough Council refusal to grant permission for the mast.

Proposal

The inspector, David Kaiserman, said there was an existing mast in the south western corner of the site and the appellants' proposal was for a similar installation about 20 metres from it. A metal cabinet would be sited close to the main entrance to the club.

He accepted there was a need for a new mast in the area to improve and maintain the operator's network and noted that Lymm Water Tower - a private residence and local sandstone landmark about 300 metres away, was suitable.

Failed

The appellants already had equipment on the tower and had attempted to locate the additional equipment on it. They had only failed to do so because agreement could not be reached with the owner on the appropriate level of rent.

The inspector concluded there were no very special circumstances for allowing the development in the Green Belt.

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High Legh girls Cambridge-bound

HIGH Legh students Charlotte Senn and Sarah Slattery - who attended Withington Girls' School - are thrilled to be heading to Cambridge University after scoring impressive results in their A Levels.

Charlotte, 18, achieved an exceptional 5 A* grades - for Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Physics and German. She will now go on to study Natural Sciences at Magdalene College, Cambridge. Charlotte is an accomplished musician - to Grade 8 distinction level - having played the cello for the Halle Youth Orchestra and leading the cello section in the Senior School orchestra. Charlotte received a school award for her long-term commitment to sport and is the Ladies Singles Champion at

High Legh Tennis Club.

Sarah, aged 17, scored A*'s in Maths and Latin and A grades in Greek and French. She is looking forward to studying Classics at Churchill College, Cambridge. Sarah was editor of the pupil-run school magazine "Scrawl" and also led the school's Amnesty International society through which she enjoyed raising awareness amongst other pupils of contemporary issues. As well as participating in the Mock Trial competition and several Model

United Nations conferences, Sarah is also a keen horse rider.

Charlotte and Sarah are among a group of 7 Withington girls who are going on to study at Cambridge this year whilst a further 5 are going to Oxford.

Withington Girls' School has posted outstanding A Level results this year bucking the national trend to achieve a significant increase in A* grades. Overall, from a group of 75 sixth formers 37.6% achieved A*'s, 80.4% secured A* or As and 94% achieved A*, A and B grades. The overall pass rate was 100%. Withington was recently named as the top secondary school in the North West by the Sunday Times.



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The Cheshire Food Festival has attracted lots of producers showcasing the best in local, seasonal and speciality food and drink. It's a great opportunity to get a real taste of the best of Cheshire produce - sample, enjoy and buy. After you've done your foodie shopping, sit out enjoying tasty hot food, with Cheshire's amazing mix of cuisines including some more exotic elements - so you can try Thai pies, Ostrich burgers, or Samosas as well as pulled pork, prime steak, and the best local burgers and sausages, for those with more traditional tastes! Grab a locally made real ale or a glass of wine (or two), and sit down and relax with great live music in the beautiful surroundings of Arley Hall.

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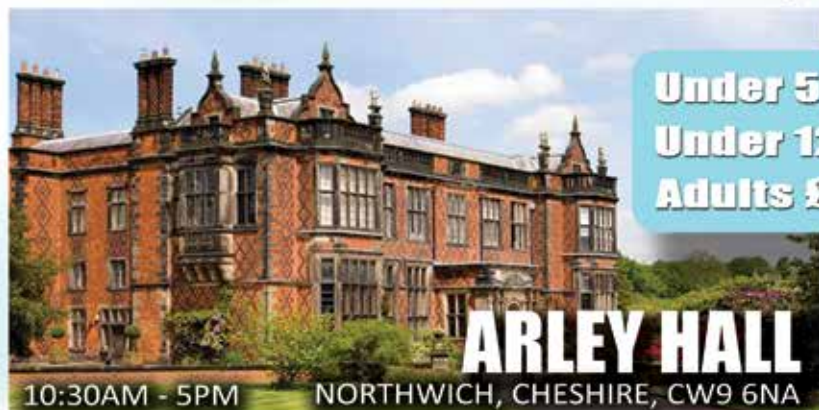
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Lymm Rushbearing turns b

VILLAGERS turned back the clock to medieval times for the annual Lymm Rushbearing Festival.

The festival originates from ancient times when carts of rushes made their way to the church for use as floor covering.

Bullrushes and garlands were paraded through the village as part of the festival.

Town Crier Peter Powell led proceedings from the pepper Street car park with Su Williams from

Lymm Parish Council and other community groups walking through the village to attend a special service at St Mary's church.

Rushbearing symbolised a procedure of changing rushes used on the church floors just before harvest to symbolise a healthy crop.

At one time, Rushbearing Day was virtually a Bank Holiday in Lymm, with shops and offices closing.

But in recent years it has always been held on a Sunday.



Lymm Town Crier Peter Powell



Lymm Rushbearing procession on Pepper Street



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Lymm May Queen and Rose Queen. From left, Eve Shaw aged 11, Rose Queen Ellie Caple aged 11

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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.

"It just goes to show that you can't be too careful. It pays to deal with someone local who you can speak to face-to-face."



Obituary

Lady Joyce Davies

THE funeral has taken place of Lady Joyce Davies, aged 92 – widow of the late Sir Oswald Davies.

Joyce Davies, nee Eaton, was born in Lymm and lived all her life in the village. She died at home on August 6.

The funeral service was conducted by Father Michael Burgess at St Peter's church, Oughtrington, where Lady Joyce was buried with her husband. She leaves a daughter, Christine, son Neville, three granddaughters, one grandson, eight great grandchildren and a sister, Betty. Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

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New support for women's health

KARIN Elgar, PhD, has recently joined the team at Cheshire Natural Health in Stretton to provide nutritional support to women who experience hormonal imbalances or want to boost their fertility.

Over the autumn and winter she will run a series of talks on specific women's health issues and how to approach them naturally.

The talks will be run on the last Saturday of each month at Cheshire Natural Health and will include the following topics: menopause (September 28), polycystic ovary syndrome/PCOS (October 26), premenstrual syndrome/PMS (November 30) and bone health (January 25).

They will offer practical tips on how diet and lifestyle can support hormonal balance and with that health and wellbeing.

Small changes in diet may lead to big changes in health. Previous attendees have commented that Karin's seminars were "enlightening", "very interesting and enjoyable", "helpful on a personal level" and provided "ideas to take away with you to put into practice". For more details on what will be covered please see www.karinelgar.com/events

Karin also works with individuals one-to-one, devising tailor-made



nutrition programmes and providing individualised support.

She offers a free 15 minute telephone consultation to anyone interested in how nutritional therapy may help them towards health and vitality.

Karin has been practicing as a nutritional therapist for over 9 years and specialises in women's health and fertility. She works alongside a variety of other complementary therapists as well as GPs and consultant gynaecologists. Karin is registered with the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council, the UK regulator for Nutritional Therapists.

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Chairman of Playing Alex 'Bosh' Bennett (left) and President of Lymm Rugby Club, Simon Plumb.

A rugby player who was left paralysed following a freak sporting accident has bounced back to be named head of rugby at Lymm Rugby Union Club.

Alex 'Bosh' Bennett has been named Chairman of Playing just 18 months after breaking his neck on the rugby pitch playing for Lymm.

Commenting on his appointment Alex said: 'How could I stay away any longer? From total paralysis to Chairman of Rugby inside 18 months, that wouldn't have been possible without all that rugby has given me, or without Lymm RFC.'

'From my perspective the Club has supported me through thick and thin, as has the rugby fraternity. This role allows me to give something back to my club and the sport but also will help me get back to normal life. As I get stronger I will be able to give more and more theoretically.'

Alex added: 'Lymm is a beautiful, amateur rugby club that hold dear all that is so magnificent about our sport. The Club as a whole values its community and has the very best Mini, Junior and Colts environment I've ever seen. The future, in terms of talent and development, is very bright and my job should be relatively simple.'

As an amateur club Alex also recognises the challenges ahead but is very optimistic. 'At a senior level we are playing at National Level Three, Midlands Division this season, which, considering we are strictly amateur, is outstanding.'

'Whilst developing our own home grown senior coaches we will have international players coaching specialist sessions. We also have our local Lymm resident, Premiership referee Trevor Fisher coaching us all on the subtlety and nuances of the laws of the game.'

Alex's vision for rugby at Lymm is very clear: 'We aspire to provide the highest possible level of rugby union without paying our players, yet providing both a coaching and playing environment of the highest professional standard.'

President of Lymm Rugby Club, Simon Plumb added: 'Bosh is a remarkable man in many ways. We are proud and delighted he has volunteered to take this role in a key period of Lymm Rugby Club's development. His background in terms of experience is second-to-none and we look forward to building on the success we have achieved to date.'

After suffering his injury the rugby union community rallied to Bosh who has made a remarkable recovery to get back on his feet.

Any one who would like to join Lymm Rugby Club as a senior player please contact Alex Bennett on 07775 818171, or the Mini & Junior and Colts section please contact Andy Leach on 07778 817782, or visit www.pitchero.com/clubs/lymmrfc

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The appeal by Gary Beckett related to the refusal by the borough in March to grant planning consent for a first floor extension to the front and side of his house in Higher Lane, a new garage and rear ground floor extension.

Inspector Matthew Birkinshaw said the substantial size, scale and massing of the alterations at first floor level in addition to a new double garage and dormer windows would dominate the property having a detrimental effect on its character and appearance.

Despite several mature trees along Higher Lane restricting views of the property from further up the street, the

majority of the extensions proposed would still clearly be visible. He believed the proposals would be harmful to both the character and appearance of the house and the street scene within Higher Lane.

Mr Birkinshaw noted the council had not raised any concerns about the rear extension and he did not disagree with them. However, the appellant had not indicated that he would wish to implement this aspect of the scheme in isolation from the front extensions.

Although there was support for the scheme from immediate neighbours, he concluded the appeal should be dismissed.

Junior anglers were runners-up

LYMM Angling Club Juniors took second place in the Mersey Angling championships at Rouge Hill, near Chester.

The competition was won by Matrix Tameside, but there was keen competition for second and third places and Lymm did well to come out on top.

Richard Hansley, in his first team match on a lake he had never even seen before, caught a small carp with his first cast which put him in good stead for the rest of the match.

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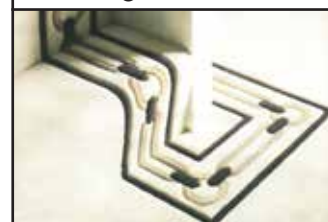
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