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THIS month we have launched a special business guide feature (see centre pages) encouraging local residents to support local businesses whenever possible.

During these tough economic times many have seen a down turn in business as people look to be a little more careful on how they spend their money.

Lymm is often seen by many as an affluent place and those living outside the area probably see the village as some kind of bubble safe from the outside world.

As many of you will know this is not the case and rising fuel and energy prices hurt just as much in Lymm as anywhere else, in fact with the cost of the average house and mortgage being

much greater in Lymm, it probably hurts twice as much!

Traders have also had to contend with the loss of the local convenience store for more than a month and various road closure issues, so have probably had it tougher than most - so if you haven't paid a visit to the local village or not used local services for your household or business needs - it is now more important than ever to shop local. Here at Lymm Life we have worked hard to ensure the village has a product capable of reporting local news and events, while at the same time giving

local businesses a vehicle to promote what they have got to offer.

Our product is tried and trusted by many and over the years we have moved with the times with an online version, linked in with all the social media networks and the opportunity to report on issues in the village on a daily basis, while at the same time maintaining and enhancing our monthly publication.

I know from the feedback we receive how popular Lymm Life is and how the vast majority of you are community minded people - together we will work through these tough economic times.

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Sean gets back on his bike



LYMM biker Sean Neary loves living life in the fast lane and as a youngster was selected as just one of 12 from the UK for the first ever British Road Race Academy.

Unfortunately due to lack of funds he had to stop racing but is now back in the saddle after nine years away from the sport and is looking for sponsors to help further his motor cycling career.

Now aged 25 Sean started racing again last year after Utility Design and Planning bought him a bike.

He finished a creditable 4th out of 70 riders in the Wirral 100 Championship, his first year back after an absence of nine years and his first year riding a 600cc.

After such a successful year UDP bought him a newer bike to step up to the televised British Superstock Championship in 2011.

He secured a new sponsor who

pledged their support to cover the running costs and things were looking up.

But unfortunately he had to withdraw from the British Championship in May as his new sponsor pulled out after round 4.

After a few heavy crashes and a broken gearbox he was side-lined for two months but now due to the fantastic support of local people he managed to compete in Anglesey in July, finishing the final race in 3rd place.

Sean said : "We are looking to compete in a handful of events this season and we need to raise further funds to continue."

Any one who can help Sean further his career should email seanneary@hotmail.co.uk



Junior angling course starts

LYMM Angling Club Juniors' Autumn Series starts on August 14.

There will be two sessions starting at 10am and 1.30pm, each lasting two hours and taking beginners through all the basics of fishing. Admission is free, but spaces are limited.

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September 13
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 Every 4th Wednesday, 8pm
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 Details: 01925 756085

Festival of transport

CLASSIC cars, trucks and bikes will be on display at a special festival in High Legh on September 10 and 11.

Following two successful Classic Car Weekends, this year's event is being extended for the first High Legh Festival of Transport. It is being organised in association with Knutsford and District Motor Club. The display, at High Legh Garden Centre, will include a range of interesting vehicles and a display by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The event is free to both exhibitors and the public, and all donations raised during the weekend will be go towards the North West Air Ambulance service.

Festival opening times will be on Saturday 10am to 4.30pm, and Sunday 10.30am to 4pm.

93 per cent happy with education standards

A HUGE 93 per cent of Lymm residents who took part in a questionnaire about community life are happy with standards of education in the village.

This has been revealed by the "Big Conversation" event organised by Lymm and District Churches Together in March.

More than 500 people responded to the questionnaire which posed questions on six main issues: policing, education, local government, The role of the church, local business and volunteering.

This community audit was the precursor to a well received "Question Time" style event where almost 100 members of the public interacted with a panel of local representatives for each of six issues. Data from the questionnaires has been fully extracted and analysed and the comprehensive results are available on the Lymm Baptist Church web site - www.lymmbaptistchurch.co.uk.

Hard copies are also available at Lymm Library or the church itself. The main areas of concern included anti-social behaviour, potholes, parking and dog fouling.

But the survey also reveals that Lymm is more community minded than the national average when it comes to volunteering.

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Golf star flies in to thrill young golfers

WORLD Number two and Ryder Cup stalwart Lee Westwood helicoptered in to High Legh Park Golf Club to coach juniors and support the Lee Westwood Golf Academy – currently operating at 10 courses throughout the UK.

The Academy and Lee's coaching session were unique opportunities for young golfers to maximise their potential in golf, education and personal development.

Golf Club Director, Martin Cooper said, "The Lee Westwood Golf Academy is a centre of excellence in the development of young golfers. From swing training and sports psychology to practice techniques and nutrition, everything is covered. Needless to say we're delighted the Academy has chosen High Legh Park as a host course and that Lee found time to visit and pass on some of his expert knowledge to our juniors."

Having arrived at High Legh Park on a sun-soaked morning, Lee quickly proceeded to the first tee where he produced a golfing demonstration of trick shots, ball juggling and technique perfecting tips. He hit all clubs from sand wedge to driver and advised juniors on how to get out of tricky situations with fade, draw, low and high shots.

After the coaching session Lee

retired to the clubhouse where he fielded a range of questions from Academy pupils. He spoke of his favourite golf tournaments, his Ryder Cup experiences and his delight at good friend Darren Clarke's Open Championship victory.

"The training session was a real insight into what it takes to be a golf pro," said 13-year-old High Legh Park Junior Tom Fairfax. "The knowledge Lee had for each shot made you realise there is a long way to go before any of us turn pro but he was really encouraging, which made us feel like it was possible. I couldn't believe how far he was hitting the ball though. It was about twice the length I can hit it!"

After signing autographs and memorabilia, Lee got back in his helicopter, waved goodbye and headed off to Northamptonshire where juniors at another Lee Westwood Golf Academy affiliated course were waiting.

"Throughout his visit Lee was very down to earth and approachable,"

added Martin. "And that has been the same for all the coaches from the Lee Westwood

Golf Academy. Juniors need experiences like this to spur them on and, after talking to a few of them, I can see that it's inspired



them greatly. At High Legh Park we're fully committed to junior development and we all hope that one day one of our own will be fighting it out on the world stage just like Lee."

Commenting on his visit, Lee said:

"I am very proud of my Academy and the opportunity it presents for young golfers. My Academy is all about learning about the game whilst also enjoying it and I think we all did that at High Legh Park Golf Club."



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Sign of success for community centre

LYMM Youth & Community Centre has received a major boost in its on-going fundraising endeavours.

Leading retirement specialist, McCarthy & Stone has pledged to provide practical help to the community centre, such as providing new signage to advertise the monthly farmers' market.

Fundraising

Run entirely by volunteers, the centre has been a focal point in the community for over 45 years, and relies solely on the revenue from both fundraising activities and regular events such as the farmers' market, which is hosted on the third Sunday of every month at the centre's facilities on nearby Bridgewater Street.

Secretary of the Lymm Youth & Community Centre, Neville Davies, commented: "The farmers' market offers only the very best in local produce, which each month is sourced from no further than 30 miles away from our centre. The event is popular amongst the local community and goes a long way to supporting our continued presence in the village.

"As a registered charity we welcome all donations and are delighted that McCarthy & Stone has chosen to help our cause in this way. When the development opens we hope we will be able to welcome many of its residents to both the

farmers market and our many events, and trust that they too will benefit from the work we try to do here."

Lymm Youth & Community Centre runs a packed calendar of events throughout the year including a number of specialist classes, Sunday teas, and frequent senior socials where more than 60 local retirees congregate for a relaxing afternoon of tea, cake and good company.

Fiona Brooks, Regional Sales and Marketing Director for McCarthy & Stone added: "As a house builder, we aim to not only create a sense of place where people want to live, but also make a positive contribution to the communities we build in, which is why we chose to support the Lymm Youth & Community Centre.

Support

"The volunteers at the centre are already doing so many great things for the residents of the village, and especially for the older generation, so it felt only right that we support their ongoing endeavours."

The developer recently commenced construction of a new retirement complex of 38 specially designed apartments on Booths Hill Road.



(L-R) Eric Cruice of McCarthy & Stone with Neville Davies from Lymm Youth & Community Centre


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3 Laburnum Court, Lymm

Well presented modern mews in a court yard development. The property comprises of an entrance hall, downstairs W/C, fitted kitchen, lounge/dining room, three bedrooms, two bathrooms (one being an en-suite), gas central heating, double glazed, parking for two cars, enclosed rear garden. Viewings recommended.

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Teenagers launch new rock band

FOUR Lymm teenagers - inspired by bands like The Killers - have formed a rock group.

The boys Alex Royle, 13, (drums), and 14-year-olds Rory Boyle (singer/guitar), Sam Ward (guitarist)



Pictured: (left to right) Brody Cook, Alex Royle, Rory Boyle and Sam Ward.

and Brody Cook (bass guitar) are all pupils of Lymm High School.

Their band "Tainted Memories" played at an under 18s' concert at

Thelwall Parish Hall recently with two other bands.

Alex's dad, Keith Royle said the boys are inspired by bands like Bon Jovi and The Killers, whose hit "Mr Brightside" is one of their favourites.

He said: "Alex is quite deep and he thinks a lot about life. He enjoys

writing lyrics and poetry. He and the others are quite grown up, which is why they chose a mature name for the band."

The band formed in March and have performed so far at several events including at the Parr Hall in April, Orford Park Festival in June and at the recent Warrington Music Festival - where they were believed to be the youngest band performing.

Keith said: "At present all the dads act as 'roadies' transporting the boys around and carrying the equipment."

One of the boys has a music room at home, where the band practices.

He said the boys are serious about their music career and have a five year plan of how they want their career to progress.

"If they make it - then I'll retire," he joked.

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History walk for youth club

MEMBERS of Lymm Junior Youth Club were treated to a walk around the grounds of Lymm Hall with local historian and parish councillor Joe Griffiths.

In the party was Ossie Davies, the great grandson of Sir Oswald Davies, who built the youth club building.

Ossie was with his mum, Helen, who works with the youngsters. Joe's brother Steve is a prime mover in the fight to keep the building for the community and helps run both the Monday night Youth Club for the seniors and the Junior Club as well as being chairman of the management committee.

Singing, dancing and drama classes are to start at the youth club on Wednesday, September 7 so the junior youth club will meet on a Thursday, 5.30-7pm.

Details of the singing and dancing classes can be obtained from Lauren Kelly on 07979 644948

More details of what's happening at LYCA can be found at www.lymmjca.org.uk

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Golf driving range thrown out

A CONTROVERSIAL plan for a golf driving range on Green Belt land at Lymm has been thrown out by borough planners.

The scheme, put forward by Arena Developments, involved land adjoining the Lymm Nurseries site off Rushgreen Road.

Angry residents set up an action group to oppose the scheme on the grounds of loss of amenity, traffic problems and loss of wildlife habitats.

Lymm Parish Council lodged a strong objection and the plan was rejected by borough planning officers under delegated powers.

Arena Developments now have the right to appeal against the decision.

Cllr Sheila Woodyatt said: "I am delighted with this decision. Our Green Belt land is so precious, there is so little left of it in Lymm.

"This would have been a most unsuitable development."

Anna Fradgley, spokeswoman for the action group had spearheaded a vigorous campaign against the development.

She described the plan as an attempt to build in the Green Belt "by the back door."

She said: "Lymm is such a beautiful village and we are lucky to be able to enjoy the countryside. But more and more of it is being built upon, just for the benefit of developers."

Mrs Fradgley said the scheme involved a clubhouse, changing

facilities, car parking and 20 driving ranges. It would be open from 8am to 10pm every day.

It would increase traffic on Rushgreen Road and local homes would be affected by floodlights and stray golf balls.

"Why do we need a golf driving range when we already have golfing facilities in and about Lymm? What percentage of Lymm's population will actually use it? I would much rather see a public park which more people could enjoy."

Woman's body found in river

A woman whose car was found at Lymm after she had disappeared from home was found dead in the Mersey at Woolston.

Medical secretary Ann Norah

Finnan, 50, was reported missing from her home in West Derby Village on July 12 and her car was found at Old Smithy Lane, Lymm the same night.

Belongings

Some of her personal belongings were also found in the Sow Brook area of the village.

A major police hunt involving helicopters, was launched but was called off when her body was found in the river five days later. Police do not believe there are any suspicious circumstances.

Joe talks about Lymm 'as it was'

A TRIP down memory lane was enjoyed by Heatley WI when guest speaker Joe Griffiths talked about Lymm "as it was."

There was a buzz from the audience as members remembered sights from their youth - illustrated with old pictures.

They saw the old cottages and lots of old pubs, and enjoyed the stories Joe told about each venue.

He selected Jean Roland's entry as winner of the scenes of old Lymm competition and was thanked by Carole Turner for his talk.

Flowers were sent to secretary Anne Malcolm who is ill. Her place was taken by Anne Oakes.

Anne has just celebrated her ruby wedding and Eve Miles has celebrated her golden wedding. Both were presented with flowers.

Names were taken for the county meeting at Winsford and details were finalised for an outing to the Sefton coast.

Margaret Sharpe gave a report on the national meeting in Liverpool.

There was a lively discussion about controversial farming methods, before the meeting closed with tea and cakes.

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Lymm Life has teamed up with Lymm Traders' Association to produce this special pull out and keep guide to help boost trade in and around the village.

Various factors including the downturn in the economy, out of town competition, various road works, parking issues and the loss of the former Somerfields supermarket have all compounded to make times tougher than ever for many businesses in the village.

Ever since **Lymm Life** was launched back in April 1999 we have actively campaigned for local residents to support local businesses - because they are the lifeblood of our unique community.

Two hours free parking

The introduction of the pay and display parking on Pepper Street, including two hours free for shoppers (but don't forget to display your ticket!!) has helped resolve some of the parking problems, while the impending arrival of a new Sainsburys local will also provide a welcome boost to trade in the village centre.

As you will see within this special feature Lymm village is blessed with a wide choice of businesses.

Meanwhile members of the Traders' Association are helping co-ordinate a special map of the village, working in conjunction with Lymm Parish Council, which will be displayed at the top of the Dingle, opposite Lymm Dam, highlighting the various businesses in the village centre, to help attract passing trade.

As well as the shops, Lymm village centre and the surrounding areas are blessed with a number of beauty spots to enhance your shopping experience.

There is the Bridgewater Canal, The Lower Dam, Slitten Gorge and Lymm Dam, to name but a few.

Other facilities in the village include the Community and Youth Club, which now includes a farmers market on the 3rd Sunday of each month and of course the local library which has recently undergone a major facelift, not to mention a whole host of hosteleries.

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After leaving school Claire progressed in full time education to successfully obtain a degree in graphic design however after working in this industry, she decided she wanted to work for herself and trained in Acrylic Nails.

Charlotte left school, studied at college and started to work for the City Council where she progressed into management within the Council. She had studied in Acrylic Nails in her spare time and enjoyed using this skill as a hobby. She later studied part time at Beauty College

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THE Corsa is Vauxhall's second best-selling model after the Astra and is a near-permanent fixture in the UK's top three best sellers' list.

Recently it has been given a makeover with many of the premium styling cues from other Vauxhalls, such as the Insignia, Astra and Meriva now features a signature chrome bar carrying the new Griffin badge.

It stretches across the front grille and, with a re-styled front bumper with a more prominent, wider lower grille has given the Corsa a smiling appearance.

Framing the Corsa's new face are "Eagle-Eye" headlamps, which have also made an appearance on the recently launched Meriva.

The units have a chrome finish and include daytime running lights as standard across the range. New chrome-finished fog lamps and housings complete the picture at the front of the car.

Complementing the Corsa's fresh look are five new exterior colours in

the range.

Vibrant new colours also dominate the Corsa's cabin, brightening the interior.

Also inside, is Vauxhall's new optional Touch and Connect multimedia system, which replaces the existing CD60 unit.

Touch and Connect uses a five-inch touch screen display featuring both 2D and 3D maps for the navigation system, as well as a CD/tuner, aux-in, USB and Bluetooth mobile phone connectivity.

Outside, the new Corsa benefits from new 16-inch alloy wheels on both SE and SXi models, while the 192PS VXR receives a new 18-inch alloy wheel, modelled on the design of the optional 20-inch wheel worn by the Insignia VXR.

Corsa's new appearance complements recent upgrades to chassis and powertrain.

With its fresh new look, it is now a very different car to the one on sale little more than a year ago. Before the

latest exterior and interior design changes were made, the Corsa had already benefited from a long list of significant upgrades to its chassis and powertrains. For example, certain ecoFLEX engines now feature Vauxhall's Start/Stop technology, which has reduced emissions on the 1.3 CDTi (95PS) ecoFLEX model to just 94g/km,

combined with fuel consumption of 91.1mpg on the government's extra urban cycle (80.7mpg combined).

Vauxhall's engineers have also made important revisions to the car's steering and suspension set-ups. Softer springs were employed in the front suspension, mate to an anti-roll bar with new bushes and an increased diameter, improving ride

and control characteristics.

Complementing this were revised damper setting all round, an optional re-tuned ESP system and enhanced steering geometry, ensuring that the Corsa remained as pleasurable to drive as it was economical to own.

The new Corsa range starts at £9995.

'Oldies' more likely to be Good Samaritans

OLDER drivers are much more likely than younger drivers to stop to help if they saw someone broken down at the roadside, according to a recent AA/Populus poll.

Almost one quarter of drivers would not stop to help as they would suspect that the breakdown was a con trick.

Participants were asked: "If you saw someone by the roadside (not a motorway) by a vehicle that looked like they had broken down, what would your reaction be?"

Sixty one per cent would stop if they felt comfortable it was safe and thought they could help - 65 per cent male and 55 per cent female.

Of those that definitely would not stop, 16 per cent were in the 18-24 age group and only 10 per cent over 65s.

Twenty two per cent think most people have mobile phones so can seek assistance themselves and 24 per cent would be concerned it was a con trick. Londoners would be least likely to stop.

More affluent drivers would be more likely to stop than semi-skilled or unemployed drivers.

AA president Edmund King believes it is perhaps surprising that 61 per cent of motorists would stop.

He said: "Our poll shows that the 'Good Samaritan' is alive and well and driving along the highways and byways of Britain. On the other hand it is disappointing that almost 40 per cent don't feel able to stop.

"It is interesting that older drivers seem much more likely to stop to help other drivers."



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Everyone playing is fully safety briefed prior to play. Camouflage overalls are provided, but gamers are expected to bring their own, suitable footwear.

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For only £20 people can join this elite group and become part of Oughttrington's heritage.

For more information contact Oughttrington Primary School or Heather Higgins at hhigg100@gmail.com for more information.

Scarecrow competition winners



WINNERS of the scarecrow competition in the Lymm Festival were Rachel and David Smith, from Booths Lane.

They created Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble, in a innovative animal print car and were presented with their prize, a £10 voucher from Harrisons of Lymm, by Lesley Campbell, immediate past chairman of Lymm Ladies Circle - the group which organised the competition.

Theme of the competition was Children's Television. Runners-up were the Oldlands family from Adey Road, with a scarecrow featuring Scooby Doo and the Ghost and Lymm Village Pre-School came third with Bob the Builder. Both received prizes and certificates.

This year, for the first time, the scarecrow trail could be viewed on mobile phones, making it even easier to find the scarecrows.

Many people managed to find and identify all the scarecrow and the winner of the quiz drawn from the correct entries was Kate Pritchard, who also won a gift voucher from Harrisons.

More pictures of scarecrows can be seen at www.lymmladiescircle.co.uk/scarecrows

Vandals don't give a hoot about art!



AN appeal has been launched to help track down a beautiful carving of an owl which has been sawn off its mounting and stolen from a popular beauty spot.

The thief will have used a chain saw to remove the owl carved by Tim Burgess, renowned chain-saw sculptor, as part of the 2010 Lymm Festival project "Talking Up The Trees".

It was situated by the path leading from the Crouchley Lane car park at Lymm Dam.

Honor Giles, retiring director of the festival, has expressed her anger and sadness that this should happen. "It beggars belief that anyone should be so selfish and dishonest as to do something like this! I know the owl was a favourite with many visitors to the Dam and I walked past it almost daily with my dog and always felt it was so life-like that it would turn it's head to watch me as I passed".

The police have been informed, and anyone who has any information about this theft, should contact them or the Rangers on 01925 758195.



Lions serve up a treat

OUGHTRINGTON Luncheon club enjoyed a slap up fish and chips lunch at the Barn Owl Pub at Agden thanks to a donation of £250 from Lymm Lions.

The annual event can only take place thanks to the generosity of the lions group, who are one of the sponsors of the luncheon club, based at Oughttrington Community centre.

Ken Scully from the Lions is pictured presenting a cheque to Joyce Penlington from the luncheon club, watched by fellow supporters including mine host Carl Warbuton from the Barn Owl.

Teacher retires after 39 years

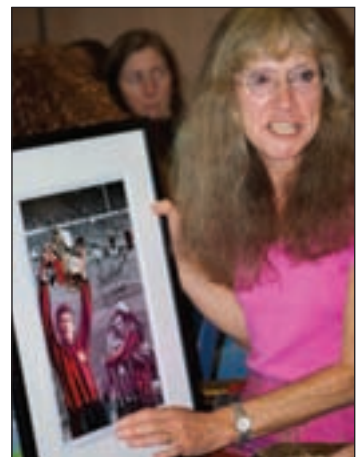
PUPILS at Ravenbank Primary School, Lymm, have said a fond farewell to a teacher who has retired after 39 years at the school.

Mrs Anita Rushman is a familiar and popular figure in the local community, a former member of the Bridgewater Players and a long-time Manchester City season ticket holder.

Former City player Mike Sheron arrived for her farewell party when she was presented with a framed Manchester City picture.

Praised for her hard-working, conscientious, child-centred approach to teaching, Mrs Rushman is a dog-lover, with two Cavalier dogs.

Her rapid walking pace through the village to the school in Pepper Street has been the envy of many over the years.





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Balloon fund-raiser

PUPILS at Lymm High School organised a special balloon launch in memory of a Year eight pupil who tragically died from meningitis. Fellow Year Eight pupils from Arley Hall sold balloons in memory of their former colleague, raising funds for the Meningitis Trust. The event was organised with the assistance of Head of Year Helen Walsh and the balloons were released on the school fields where they were given an emotional send off in front of watching pupils and staff from all school years.



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Marathon fund-raiser

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The Lymm based salon offered blow dries and file and polishes for £5 each, raising a total £700 with a further £300 raised from a grand raffle.

Linda, Kerrie and Stephanie would like to say a huge "Thank You" to everyone who participated in the event that has helped raise money for a charity close their hearts. They also said a big "Thank You" to everyone who donated all of the wonderful prizes and for turning up the day.

The Prize winners were:
1st - A contemporary Oil Painting by Danny Cawley -Donated by "The Art Shop" and won by Sandra who works in "Elma's Restaurant".

2nd - A Professional Teeth Whitening Kit donated by "Labform" in London, and won by Helen Adcott, who works in the opticians in Lymm.

3rd - Three Scuba Diving Lessons - donated by "BSAC North West

Diving Club", and won by Graham Edgar from "Edgar Framing Services" in Lymm.

4th - A Gift Packed Range of "NAK" Products, donated by "The Hair Studio" and "Salon Fusion" and won by John from "Alan Howard".

5th - Sunday Lunch for Two at "Statham Lodge Hotel" and won by Jo from "Beauty Unlimited" in Lymm.

6th - A meal for Two at "Cafe Salar" donated from Simon, and won by Jill at "Xross Interiors" in Lymm.

7th - A Set of Gel Nails donated by "Nails by Andrea" at "The Hair Studio" and won by Maggie Duggan, who was visiting Lymm.

8th - A Fashion Handbag donated by "The Naked Mannequin" and won by Jade Williams from "Karl Welsh Floral Design".

9th - 2 Bottles of Wine - A Rose and A Chardonnay, won by Helena a local resident of Lymm.

10th - A Cute n Cuddly Duck, donated by Lill from Lymm and won by Johnathon a local Landscape Designer.



Ex-high school pupil awarded PHd

A FORMER Lymm High School pupil has been awarded a PhD at Manchester University and was presented with her Doctorate by Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, vice chancellor at the Whitworth Hall.

Helen, who was born in Lymm but now lives in Manchester, was at Lymm High from 1991 to 1998 and then went on to Leeds Metropolitan University where she achieved her BSc (Hon) in the Department of Social Studies in 2001.

She studied part time when working at Manchester University Department of Social Sciences as an administrative assistant and from 2008 successfully applied for a Doctoral Study at The Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research within the department.

Her study "An Analysis of the conditions associated with paternal involvement in childcare and housework" looked at how external conditions such as work patterns, household income, age and



education, ethnicity and other aspects influence the involvement of fathers during the early informative years of children.

Helen has presented papers at international conferences in Montreal and Paris in addition to several visits to Brussels attending consultative groups. She now works within the Department of Sociology at Manchester University as a Research Associate and Assistant to Professor Fagan and will shortly be the co-author of papers published in international journals.

Her proud parents, Paul and Elisabeth Norman, still live in Lymm.

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This year there are two new attractions to the show - an apple press and an "ask the experts" session.

People can bring apples and pears and an empty bottle and press them into juice for drinking now, freezing, or making into cider.

Anyone with a lot to press can book a slot with the press over the weekend by emailing orchard@oughtrington.co.uk

For the "experts" session, organisers have asked the fruit and vegetable judges to stay during the show and answer questions on a one-to-one basis.

The show takes place at Oughtrington Community Centre between 2pm and 4pm. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be available. There is an auction of entries at 3.30pm.

There are a whole host of categories including vegetables, fruit, flowers, food (cakes and jam) and children only. Further details are available on the website www.oughtrington.co.uk/orchard on the produce show page.

Visitors who want to find out more about the orchard can visit during the summer on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm.

John's hat-trick

LYMM Rotary stalwart John Beard has been inducted as club President for the third time.

John took over from retiring President Martin Dunkley at the club's Swan swong at Statham Lodge.

During the last 12 months Lymm Rotary Club has donated over £9000 to local charities and supported international causes particularly international emergency relief through the shelter box scheme and donated money to the worldwide polio eradication project.

Twenty local charities and organisations connected to supporting young people have benefited from Rotary Clubs efforts this year.



Obituary

Walter Pritchard

THE funeral has taken place of former Lymm resident Walter Pritchard, who died on July 6, aged 84.

Mr Pritchard formerly of Boothshill Road, Lymm died in the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield.

He was born in Cadishead but moved to Lymm in 1949 when he married.

Eighteen months ago he and his wife Mary moved to Sheffield to be near to his daughter Diane and her family.

Mr Pritchard had many friends in Lymm and also made many new friends in Sheffield.

He leaves his wife, three children, 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



The funeral was at Grenoside Crematorium, Sheffield on July 14.

Mr Pritchard's family are planning to have a service of thanksgiving for his life at St Mary's Church, Lymm, in October.

William Arthur Gough

THE funeral has taken place of Mr William Arthur Gough of Moss Lane, High Legh, who died on June 24 aged 89.

Mr Gough died in Keate House, Brookfield Road, Lymm. He leaves a son, twin daughters, seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

Before retirement he was a partner in the family business J Gough and Sons, Rushgreen Road.

In his spare time Mr Gough was a pigeon fancier and with his son Roy achieved some outstanding racing performances over the years. He was a keen supporter of Manchester United FC and Wigan Rugby League Club. The funeral service was at Altrincham Crematorium. Father Michael Burgess officiated.

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