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# Editor's Comment



**WHILE many of us will be gripped by England's exploits in the World Cup I couldn't help but notice the abundance of sporting success we appear to be blessed with in Lymm.**

Rower Olivia Oakes has set her sights on the Olympics, Ravenbank Primary pupils have excelled at netball, Lymm Rovers Under 10's have won promotion, Lymm Rugby Under 10s have been crowned national champions, Lymm Hockey Club have had another successful season, three local youngsters are excelling at tennis, all this on top of Lymm Rugby Union Club gaining promotion and reaching the Cheshire Cup final, as reported last month.

We certainly have plenty to celebrate in the village and Lymm Life is proud to be able to report on all these fantastic achievements, involving many of our young citizens.

It is such a refreshing change to be able to focus on the positives in life,

especially involving young people who are so often unfairly criticised in the media.

At time of writing festival season will be in full swing, with the May Queen parade successfully completed and Lymm Festival about

to start. As always a big well done to all those volunteers involved with the May Queen and Lymm Festival.

There will certainly be plenty going on for those of you who wish to get away from World cup fever!

## Grammar school reunion

FORMER pupils of the old Lymm Grammar School, who started in the period 1970-1973, are being invited to a reunion at the Lymm Hotel on Saturday, October 16.

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# Olivia sets sights on Olympics

**FORMER Lymm High School pupil Olivia Oakes has her sights set on the 2012 Olympics.**

Rowing champion Olivia got interested in the sport through Project Oarsome at the school and started at Warrington Rowing Club when she was just 11. Since then she has won a host of competitions and is an honorary member of the club.

She is currently in her second year at University College London studying medicinal chemistry and is vice-captain of the University of London Boat Club, where she trains twice daily.

Olivia said she has a "clear and dedicated" commitment to development, training and sporting excellence.

For the past four years she has been part of the Great Britain Junior and Under 23 Squad.

Her achievements include being a Young Ambassador for Sport in association with the Youth Sport Trust, and she was also chosen as Warrington's sports personality of the year last year.

She has also won gold medals in Coupe de la Jeunesse 2007 in Italy, World Firefighters Championships 2008, Liverpool, Australian Youth Olympics 2009, Sydney, Essen Regatta, Elite Quad at Women's Henley 2009 and in Pair, Quad and four at British University Championships 2009.



## Garden office plan approved

A LYMM resident has won a lengthy planning battle with the borough council over proposals for a garden store with office space above it.

Eleven neighbours had objected to the plan in the grounds of a Grade 2 listed building at the junction of Cherry Lane with Old Smithy Lane and borough planners refused permission after visiting the site.

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# Community survey launched

**A COMMUNITY survey is being carried out in Lymm to identify local problems and find out what local people feel about the village, its facilities, sense of community, and much more.**

The survey is being organised by Lymm Youth and Community Association as part of its ongoing campaign to secure the future of the Youth and Community Centre - formerly known as Lymm Youth Club.

Copies of the survey questionnaire are available at the Youth and Community Centre and a number of local businesses, including Burnetts Premier Stores, Rushgreen Garage and Statham McCalls.

Alternatively, residents can complete the survey online at [www.lymmca.org.uk/survey](http://www.lymmca.org.uk/survey).

Issues highlighted in the survey include Lymm's sense of community, facilities such as meeting rooms, local groups and societies, traffic, speed limits, shops and restaurants, housing

development and anti-social behaviour.  
**Value**

A spokesman for the association said: "We are keen to ensure our community caters for all and we hope that this survey will help us identify key areas for improvement. We value local people's thoughts, ideas and suggestions. Their views will help us make Lymm Youth and Community Centre work for everyone."

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Furthermore it is a false economy as if you miss your pets annual vaccination, rather than just having a booster your pet will need to start a new complete course of injections which will obviously cost more. But help is at hand – at Lymm Surgery on Booths Hill Road we have launched

a Vaccination Amnesty. Any animal that has missed a booster injection can receive a full new complete course and pay only for the booster and at the same time receive a free animal health check.

"We understand that people are feeling the pinch at the moment" says Practice Manager David Tweedle, "but as animal lovers and vets we want to ensure that animals are covered and come up with a scheme that allows owners to look after their pets and their pockets".

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# School celebrates £1.5m extension

**A WEEK of celebrations marked the opening of a new £1.5 million extension at Oughtrington Primary School.**

During the past nine months work has been completed on four new classrooms, a large hall, group room, new pond and an outside play area for reception children.

A school spokesperson said: "This will give the school the teaching and

learning spaces that they need as the school numbers have grown substantially."

A creative week themed on Alice in Wonderland, linking with literacy, arts topics and the Cheshire location, was held to celebrate the opening,

ending with an official ceremony and open evening.

During the week an artist visited the school to help create a large mosaic made from recycled materials to be hung in the corridor which joins the old building to the new. Parents and people with links to the school were among the invited guests.

On the day of the opening, performed by Lord Daresbury, the children went to school in fancy dress as characters from Alice in Wonderland, and there was a celebration assembly.

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# Round Table's £8,000 gift to local causes

**LYMM and District Round Table is celebrating another successful year after donating almost £8,000 to local causes.**

The impressive total was raised from the proceeds of the Round Table's four main events throughout 2009/10 - the Easter Monday Duck Race, Bonfire Night, Dickensian Day and Burns Night.

New chairman Dave Openshaw said: "It's been another great year for the Lymm and District Round Table with a sharp increase in membership - in stark contrast to the national trend - and pleasing attendances at our events. The main purpose of the Round Table, however, is to help out charities and community groups in need, so it's particularly satisfying that we've been able to raise such a large amount."

Local causes to have benefited from

the Round Table's donations include Cotebrook House, Warrington Speak Up, Camsley Grange Riding for the Disabled, Warrington Mencap and the Steps Charity. Additionally, £1,000 was donated to Lymm Youth and Community Centre and Lymm Rugby Club's disabled access.

Lymm and District Round Table is one of the most buoyant in the country with a large and enthusiastic membership and regular social and charity events planned throughout the year.

For more information on the Round Table visit [www.lymmroundtable.co.uk](http://www.lymmroundtable.co.uk) or contact Chris Stephens on 07932 573 956 or [info@lymmroundtable.co.uk](mailto:info@lymmroundtable.co.uk)



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## Paul will bring barbecues back to life

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The weather men have again promised a barbecue summer and, even if they turn out to be wrong, the World Cup is tempting more than a few people to try some alfresco dining.

Paul, from Ovens Warrington, said: "For many households, taking advantage of the warmer weather and cooking up a feast to enjoy in the garden with friends or family is a much anticipated treat. But the thought of cleaning a grease-encrusted oven or grill is no-one's idea of fun.

"When the weather's nice the last thing you want to be doing is staying inside to clean the oven! Barbecues also quickly become covered in meat juices, coal dust and burnt on debris, which can be very unpleasant to remove.

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# School is 'outstanding'

TEACHERS and pupils at a Lymm primary school are celebrating after it was described as 'outstanding' by the educational watchdog OFSTED.

Cherry Tree Primary School previously held a 'good' status but is now one of just six per cent of primary schools in the country which are classed as 'outstanding'.

Inspectors were impressed by the school's harmonious and inclusive community in which every one of the 207 children is valued and enabled to achieve as well as he or she can.

In a letter to parents, head teacher Helen Hall, said: "I want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to everybody who has worked so hard to help us to achieve such high praise. Our wonderful children always work hard and their progress is excellent."



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# Brothers' amazing year as 'head boys'

**TWO Lymm brothers became 'head boys' in the same year - one at his school and the other at Manchester United!**

Ryan Briody, 16, was selected as head ballboy at United while his brother Elliot, 11, was chosen as head boy at Oughtrington Primary School.

Their achievements – not just this year but also over the previous couple of years – have made mum and dad Kay and Peter extremely proud.

Ryan, a pupil at Lymm High School, was picked as a ball boy at Old Trafford when he was 14 for his commitment to football and his charity fundraising.

He had a dream year at United, seeing his heroes win the Premier

League and reach the Champions League final against Barcelona.

Normally, ballboys are chosen for one season only – unless they are selected to be head ballboy in which case they stay on for another season.

Ryan was chosen and had an amazing second spell with the club, making friends with players and coaches and even making Sir Alex cups of tea! He even did work experience with the club, going out to schools in the community and spending time with the groundsmen looking after the pitch.

Elliot meanwhile had an amazing

year at school, being involved in all sorts of school projects and being on the Pupils Platform, or School Council.

All this to cap another great year, 2007, when he was chosen by the school for a Citizen of the Year award from Liverpool John Moores University for his caring nature towards other children and people in need of help.

Mr and Mrs Briody are particularly proud of their two sons because much of their caring and charity achievements were inspired by helping to care for their elder brother, Wesley, who has cerebral palsy.

Mr Briody said: "Wesley could not have better brothers in the way they help look after him. We are extremely proud of them."

Elliot will join Ryan at Lymm High in September where Ryan is hoping to stay on in the sixth form doing B-tech Sport with the hope of one day going back to work at Manchester United..



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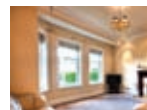


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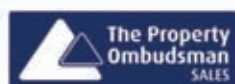


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# Comedy drama comes to village

**A NEW television comedy-drama is to be partly based in Lymm - based on a real-life drama that has already been played out locally.**

'Candy Cabs' is a three-part series to be screened on BBC One revolving around the lives and loves of a group of women who launch an all-female cab company.

The former Lymm Post Office, in Bridgewater Street, has already been painted a garish shade of pink and will take on the role of the taxi firm's

head office.

Candy Cabs has a high profile cast, led by East Enders actress Jo Joyner and comedy star Lisa Millett. It will tell the story of an unlikely pair of northern women who embark on a business adventure and start a cab company run by women, for women.

But the road towards becoming

entrepreneurs never runs smoothly, and it's not long before personal obstacles interfere with their professional dreams.

The plot is based on the real-life story of Pink Ladies, the all-female cab company started in Warrington by two local women, Tina Dutton and Andrea Winders.

They lost a lengthy legal battle with Warrington Borough Council and have only been able to stay operating by registering as a social enterprise and operating as a not-for-profit, members only community transport service.

## Hilarious

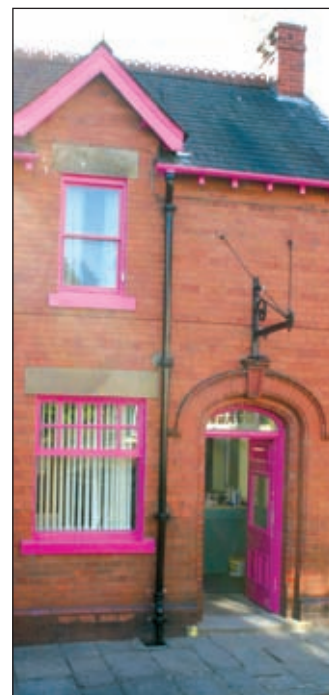
Andrea said: "The TV people originally came to us with a view to doing a documentary. But when they heard about our story they decided it would make a better comedy drama."

"It will be hilarious - although probably not as hilarious as the true story."

Filming for the series has already started and will take place in Lymm, Warrington, Hale, Wilmslow, Cheadle and other parts of the North West.

The cast also includes Paul Nicholls, Denis Lawson, John Henshaw, Jodie Prenger, Paul Kaye, Claire Sweeney, Melanie Hill, Tom Goodman-Hill, Daniel Ryan and Ricky Whittle. Production is by Splash Media, for the BBC.

Candy Cabs is written by a team whose television credits include Dalziel And Pascoe, Daylight Robbery, Holby City and Footballers



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They say: "Our girls are mad, bad and addicted to lip gloss. Candy Cabs is about friendships, fun and finding yourself."

Although initially a three-part series, if successful it could be extended.

In the meantime, Andrea is writing a book telling the true story of Pink Ladies.

## Ladies lunch raises over £5k for Genesis appeal

A LADIES lunch held at the home of Stephanie Johnson in High Legh raised a staggering £5248 for Genesis, the only charity in the UK entirely dedicated to the prevention of breast cancer.

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The sold-out event was organised by Carol Robinson, Ambassador for fundraising in Lymm and Warrington, and began with a champagne reception followed by 2 course meal, with the opportunity to browse exclusive stalls throughout the day. Entertainment included a fashion show by Betty & Belle lingerie, raffle and auction, and two very special waiters, the Rat Pack Boys.

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# Speed campaign aims to expand

**A NATIONAL campaign, founded by a Lymm man two and-a-half years ago aimed at reducing speed limits, is aiming to expand.**

The '20's Plenty For Us' movement now has more than 50 local groups around the country campaigning for 20 mph speed limits on residential roads.

So successful has it become that it is now looking to recruit a dedicated person to work on its campaigns.

Founder Rod King said: "20's Plenty for Us supports communities wanting lower speeds on their residential streets with advice and guidance."

"It also lobbies central and local government on the benefits of implementing 20 mph speed limits across a complete town without speed bumps in a manner which maximises compliance through the democratic process and public involvement."

He said it started with a focus on

Warrington streets but has become recognised throughout the UK for its activities and expertise. More than three million people now live in towns which are committed to 20 mph speed limits for residential streets.

The group works with local campaigns and communities and is now looking for a new part-time campaigner for 20 hours a week.

Mr King said: "Having a dedicated campaigner to support our local campaigns and organise activities will make a big difference in our effectiveness and bring the benefits of lower speeds to even greater numbers of residents in our towns and villages."

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The draw will take place on Friday July 23 in The Jolly Thresher at 7pm and the proceeds will go to Lymm Youth Club and St Peter's Church, Oughtrington.

## Planners to inspect waste recycling centre

**PLANNING** chiefs at Warrington are to visit a waste recycling centre where expansion proposals have caused a storm of protest.

They want to inspect the ADS Recycling site in Camsley Lane, Lymm before deciding if the scheme can go ahead.

The company want to build two

industrial steel frame buildings, one for use as a waste reception area and the other to provide an additional waste picking station.

But more than 20 nearby residents have objected, along with three members of the borough council, Ian Marks, Sheila Woodyatt and Elaine Welborn.

Objections have also been received from Lymm Parish Council and Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council.

Council planning officers say the development will increase the recycling of materials and so reduce the need for landfill.

Originally the site was used for processing animal carcasses but in 1992 it was given permission to recycle inert waste and for haulage and in 2001 permission was granted for installation of a waste picking conveyor.

Objectors claim the development

would be inappropriate in the Green Belt, would cause noise, smells, dust, vermin and loss of rural outlook.

They also believe there will be increased traffic hazards and burning of materials on site and that the development would be detrimental to the nearby Trans Pennine Trail.

Planning officers say many of the objections relate to the existing site and that the proposals would actually improve the situation.

They say there would be no increase in the amount of material processed and no increase in traffic movement.

## Band hope to be cut above the rest



**A LYMM band** has won through to the national finals of a battle of the bands style competition with the chance to win a recording contract.

Cheap Cuts will be performing at the "Live and Unsigned 2010" Festival at the O2 in London on July 10.

"Cheap Cuts" wowed judges at the regional and area heats at The Willows in Salford and are now through to the national final.

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

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

"They recently did a gig in Sale and were seen by a friend of mine who has put them in touch with a recording agent who has given them recording time in a studio for four days free of charge."

The band consists of Joe Forshaw aged 23 of Oughtrington Crescent, Joe Bennett aged 22 of Highfield Road and Gaz Roberts aged 24 from Birchwood.

Joe said: "Playing at the O2 will be amazing I am fairly confident about our chances because we gig together pretty much full-time so we shouldn't be too nervous."

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# Lymm May Queen success

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Thousands lined the streets as sunshine greeted those taking part in the annual parade which had been under threat due to an ongoing dispute about access to the local May

Queen Field following an insurance wrangle.

But thanks to the dedicated hard work of a team of volunteers, led by May Queen organiser Lynn Shaw,

who stood in at the last minute to ensure the event took place, it proved to be a resounding success.

Thea Field, aged 11 from Statham Primary School was crowned May Queen while Rebecca Layhe, aged 10 from Cherry Tree Primary School, was crowned Rose Queen.

Town Crier Peter Powell launched the parade from the top of Eagle

Brow, as various community organisations paraded through the village before entering the May Queen field for the traditional crowning ceremony.

The whole event had been put in doubt when previous organisers feared they would be held liable to any damage caused to utility pipes at the entrance to the field.



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# New business launches bra amnesty!

**LOCAL resident and business woman Angie Naylor is celebrating the launch of her new 'PUURE' shop premises in the village with a special bra amnesty for charity!**

Angie has moved her successful lingerie and bridal business from Liverpool to Lymm village based on Eagle Brow.

To help with her launch she is holding a bra amnesty in aid of third world countries. Anyone is invited to bring in their old bras and cash them in for a 10% off voucher towards a new bra.

Angie said: "I had five very successful years in Liverpool and have such a loyal customer base that I knew that if I moved, my customers would follow and sure enough they have!"

The new shop is split into two sections, bridal to the right and lingerie to the left. The bridal dresses start at £300 and go to £3500, with everything inbetween. Bridal designers include Kate Sherford, Demetrios, Alfred Sung, Sacha James and Venus.

"Buying a bridal dress is the biggest

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# Olympic gold medallist inspires pupils

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The sports Faculty's very successful Gifted and Talented (G and T) programme gave the school the opportunity to host Denise Lewis for the day, through the 'STARS' programme, run by the Youth Sports trust which works with a selective group of talented pupils.

'STARS' pupils, Emma Bartlett GB Water Polo, Edward Shattock - England talent programme swimmer, Emily Knowles Jones - National Swimmer and Mark Jennings - England Rugby, spent the day at Loughborough training with GB elite athletes. One of the challenges faced by pupils was to develop their presentation skills. They were required to give a presentation stating why Denise should come to their school. Their presentation highlighted how

good Lymm High School is and how they really wanted to show the school off.

The day gave the school the opportunity to give every G and T in PE and Sport pupils the chance to listen to, speak with and/or take part in a training session with Denise.

She was greeted by the Schools band and had reception nibbles made by the catering pupils. Denise then led a talk and took questions from all G and T pupils in PE. Lunch was spent talking with pupils who had won a raffle giving them the chance to meet her and of course see her medals.

Denise also led a practical session to 21 of the school's high performing athletes.



*Denise Lewis during her visit to Lymm High School*



## Lymm Rovers win promotion

LYMM Rovers Under 10s football team are celebrating winning promotion to the Timperley and District Football First Division, after being crowned champions of division two at the District Presentation evening.

Manager Neil Copeland said: "We have had a fantastic season for the lads, only losing three games out of 18 played.

"The lads have been fantastic this season and deserve their rewards. We are looking forward to playing in the first division next season, taking on the best that South Manchester has to offer. Thanks to all the parents for their support over the season."



*Squad Members: Thomas Copeland, James Cafferty, William Caldwell, Jack Bennett, Jack Heale, Ben Welch, Ben Corrigan, Max Allardyce, Thomas Howarth, Thomas Trenholm, Neal Llewellyn.*

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## Mary runs up £5,000 for charity

**LYMM resident Mary Cottrill raised more than £5,000 for orphaned and abandoned children in under-developed countries by taking part in the London Marathon.**

She said: "Against all the odds I managed to complete the London Marathon and, when the going got tough, it was the thought of people's generosity in donating over £5,000 to the charity SOS Children's Villages that really kept me going."

Mary, 62, a former French teacher and the wife of former Lymm GP Dr Paul Cottrill, had been trying for several years to get a place in the marathon.

She decided to raise money for SOS Children's Villages, which builds groups of houses for orphaned and abandoned children all over the world.

The couple had visited several of the villages on their travels and had

been impressed with what they saw.

Mary said: "I would like to thank all the locals who contributed."

Anyone who didn't sponsor Mary but who would still like to, can do so by visiting the website [www.justgiving.com/marycottrill](http://www.justgiving.com/marycottrill)

## Bid to keep community centre costs down

A LOCAL trader is hoping to get colleagues to donate materials and time to keep costs down for a project at Oughtrington Community Centre.

An outdoor activity area for pre-school children is being provided and up to £7,000 has been allocated for the project, according to landscape gardener James Slavin.

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# Rotary Club's charity concert success

**THE Rotary Club of Lymm's annual charity concert at Manchester's Bridgewater Hall was again a huge success, with almost 100 club members, friends and families joining an audience of more than 1,100.**

Rotary district governor Elizabeth Tatman and Lymm Parish Council chairman Joe Griffiths were also in the audience.

The concert gives local young musicians an opportunity to appear on stage at a prestigious venue alongside professional artists.

Manchester tenor Martin Toal was joined on stage by violinist Craig

Owen and soprano Louise Taylor and they were supported by Lymm High School Brass Band, Stockport Youth Orchestra, The Loreto Girls Junior Choir, the June Rendall Academy of Dance and the Liverpool Signing Choir.

Some of the winners of the Lymm High School Young Musician of the Year competition, sponsored by Lymm

Rotary Club, also performed including Meera Mahara, flute, Lauren O'Neil, trumpet and singer Pamela Dick, who also accompanied Martin Toal during the evening.

### Entertain

Lymm High School also provided a string ensemble to entertain in the foyer before the concert.

The artists were introduced on stage by John Stalker, former Deputy Police Chief of Manchester.

The concert was in aid of the Christie Hospital.

## Gary joins the team

LYMM based Dental solutions has a new team member.

Gary Zolty has an MSc in Endodontics – an area of dentistry that is concerned with the inside of the tooth and the root canal. He first graduated in 1991 in South Africa where he established and ran a private referral practice before coming to the UK.

He successfully completed an Advanced Postgraduate Technique Course in Endodontics at the University of Illinois (Chicago, USA) followed by a Postgraduate Higher Diploma in Endodontics (1999) with distinction, at the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa). In 2000, he worked part-time as a co-head of the Department of Endodontics at the University of the Witwatersrand. He immigrated to the UK and gained experience while working in Harley Street before moving to Manchester, where he has specialist referral practices in Endodontics throughout the North West of England, now including Dental Solutions in Lymm.

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**2 Woodbine Road, Lymm**

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# Ravenbank crowned champions

**YOUNGSTERS at Ravenbank Primary School are celebrating after the girls netball team were crowned Warrington area champions.**

The team progressed from the local area final to the Warrington Final where they were Champions ensuring they competed in the County Final at Northwich.

They won two out of three matches in the first stage and narrowly lost out in an exciting quarter final.

*Back row from left, Eve Phillips, Willow Viehoff, Tara Patterson, Ellena Hudson, Eleanor Van Biljon and Alice Beckett. Front row from left, Freya Buckley, Sophie Instone, Lauren Hood, Isabella Barnes and Sarah McGrail.*



## Poppy Day cyclists raised £1,000



MORE people than ever took part in the annual Royal British Legion bike ride from Lymm to Tatton Park and back - and the event is likely to have raised around £1,000 for the Poppy Appeal.

RBL president Raymond Massey was particularly pleased at the number of children who took part in the 18-mile ride.

He said: "It was wonderful to see so many young people taking part and recognising the importance of the Poppy Appeal."

The ride was officially started at Lymm Cross by parish council chairman Coun Pam Hunter.

Refreshments were handed out to competitors at the half-way stage at Tatton Park.

## 'Senior Socials' gain popularity

MONTHLY 'Senior Socials' taking place at Lymm Youth and Community Centre are proving increasingly popular.

The free events take place on third Wednesday of each month as part of the Bridging the Gap project for the Warrington South Stronger Together Network. There was a record attendance at the May social, those attending enjoy an afternoon of chat, bingo, quizzes, etc.

Refreshments are provided by volunteers from the Youth and Community Association.

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# Young tennis stars excelling

**THREE talented young tennis players are making a name for themselves after slamming the local competition to win prestigious titles.**

Kim Schmyder, 14, who plays at Lymm Tennis Club, has won the coveted National Road To Wimbledon Singles and Doubles Tournament.

She also won the Cheshire Under 16 Singles Title and was selected to play for Cheshire Ladies Senior Team. Not to be outdone, her brother Tom has been selected to play for Cheshire Under 18s team.

## Celebrating

School boy Matthew Bates also has something to make a racket about - he's celebrating winning two top tennis tournaments.

The 11-year-old, from Broomedge, slammed fierce competition from 12 other local competitors to win two Cheshire Lawn Tennis Association Grade five Tournaments.

The High Legh Primary School pupil joined High Legh Tennis Club two years ago but his talent was spotted when he was just three years old by a nursery school teacher.

Matthew's mum Alison said: "It was at a very young age, around three to four years old, at High Legh Nursery School that a teacher pointed out Matthew's innate ability with a bat and ball!

"His dad, Paul, took him down to High Legh Tennis Club, initially when it had old courts, for a little hit but it was about two years ago that Matthew's real interest in the game started to blossom."

Rob McNulty, coach at High Legh Tennis Club said: "I could see immediately that Matthew had real aptitude for the game.

"He listens well, is always enthusiastic and has real determination to succeed. I believe Matthew has the potential to play tennis at the very highest level".

Talking about his recent match win, Matthew said: "The high point was winning the tie-break in the final. I really had to concentrate hard but it paid off.

"I felt really determined and I can see that all the practice and the coaching made a real difference. I was so thrilled to win two tournaments in the last few weeks".

## Success

Now Matthew is tipped for tournament success and hopes to become a professional tennis player in the future.



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# Lymm rugby under 10s crowned national champions

**LYMM RFC Under 10s were crowned national champions at Twickenham after completing the season unbeaten. They were crowned champions by Nick Abendandon (Bath & England RU International).**

All national finals took place at Twickenham RFU HQ, as a curtain raiser to Premiership Grand Final day, with Lymm defeating Middlesex Champion team, Teddington in the semi final two tries to nil and then Yorkshire's Champion team, Sandal one try to nil in the final, in a battle of the roses clash.

At this level of competition, all are tight games against well organised and drilled teams. This was certainly the case but the boys managed to produce moments of quality in their play that made the difference to the score lines.

In being crowned National Champions the boys had already

defeated Topsham (Devon Champions), Northampton Old Scouts (Northamptonshire Champions) and Upminster (Essex Champions) at the Nottingham Qualification Festival.

## Commitment

In winning, the National title, the boys did not concede a single try in the competition - the only team in any age grade from U9-14 to do so. Commitment to defending was always important part of this team but to achieve this at a National level against the best teams in the country is a fantastic achievement and says

everything about this team.

The Twickenham experience brings an end to the 2009-10 season, where the boys maintained an unbeaten record. Highlights being winning the Cheshire Mini Cup, Lancashire Festival, Manchester Festival along with successes in Yorkshire, East & West Midlands & Wales.

The boys will now break for the off season re-starting in September 2010. If anyone is interested in joining Lymm RFC Under 10s or another of the mini and junior teams, please contact Nick Hughes [nhughes1007@aol.com](mailto:nhughes1007@aol.com) or 07834 307556.



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# Another season of success



## MEMBERS of Lymm Hockey Club celebrated another season of success in style at their annual awards dinner.

The award winners, pictured left to right, are, Back: Jayne Buck, Diane Moore, Caitlin Anderson, Hollie Acklam, Alex Mitchell, Lucy Tondzeil. Front: Lee Vaughan, Andy Hunt, Andy McGrath and Chris Hunt,

Other awards went to Ben Hodgkinson and George Allman and the award for the best player in the junior section went to Alice Wadsworth.

Lymm Hockey Club was formed in 2005 and since then the men's first

team has won promotion every year. The women's first team, formed in 2006, has enjoyed the same fantastic achievement for four seasons.

The club now has three men's teams and three women's teams, with the women's and men's second teams following in the footsteps of the first teams by earning promotion every year since they were formed.

New members are always welcome and further details are available at the club website [www.lymmhockey.com](http://www.lymmhockey.com)

## Obituaries

### Susan Sheldon

LYMM has lost one of its oldest and most colourful residents with the death of Susan Sheldon.

"Susie" died peacefully in Warrington Hospital after a short illness.

One of seven children, Susie was born in Barrow in 1912 before later moving to Stockport and finally settling in Lymm 11 years ago. Susie had a zest for life and travel and, as a young woman in her twenties, she travelled extensively in Europe before being evacuated from Holland on the outbreak of war in 1939.

She leaves three sons and families and is greatly missed by all who knew her.



### Ronald Holt

THE funeral has taken place of Ronald Holt, formerly of Paddock Lane, Warburton and later of Applecourt Care Home, Warrington.

He died peacefully at the home on April 26 aged 79 after a lengthy illness.

Mr Holt worked at the former Rushgreen Garden Centre for more than 40 years. His hobbies included gardening and he was a life member of Lymm Angling Club.

He is survived by his wife Mary, nine children, 28 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren, two brothers and a sister. The service was at Dunham Crematorium. Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, Lymm.



## Reader's Letter

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## Parking

Chris Wakefield, Lymm

MANY people have commented positively on the ideas I put forward in my previous letter on the subject of parking at junction of Highfield Road and the A56. But sadly the councillors on the traffic committee never got to hear them on April 20 for a number of reasons.

1. I cannot locate copies of letters of objection on the council committee page as I can for other traffic proposals.

2. The report that summarised the objections was selective.

3. Many objectors only received 36 hours notice of the committee meeting after being told earlier that the report would not be ready in time for April 20.

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