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WARRINGTON Borough Council's response to a campaign to increase free parking on pay and display car parks in Lymm is to scrap free parking altogether with a minimum charge of 30p!

Apparently this latest charging policy is a compromise to the scrapping of two hours free parking and reducing it to one hour free with a 50p charge for up to two hours.

You couldn't make it up if you tried – and on top of that we are told the charging policy could even be unlawful!!!

Full details are reported elsewhere in this edition of Lymm Life – but one can't help feeling that the controlling Labour group on

the borough council have decided to totally ignore the views of the 5,000 plus people who signed a petition co-ordinated by local Lib Dem activists.

I do hope this is not the case and that party politics is being allowed to influence decisions which could affect the livelihoods of local business people.

I realise 30p is not a lot of money in the grand scheme of things – and it certainly is hardly likely to offset the losses currently being made

by the council's parking services scheme.

It is more a matter of principle – and also the inconvenience of actually having the right change every time you want to park in the village.

Could someone on the borough council please try and use some common sense and introduce a parking scheme which allows people to pop into their local village and do their shopping and enjoy the local amenities for free for a couple of hours – or even 90 minutes, while at the same time introducing a worthwhile charge which deters people from hogging a parking space for most of the day.

As a well known car insurance comparison website says "SIMPLES!"



Healthier eating

KIDS Planet, Lymm has been presented with the Healthier Together Award from Warrington Borough Council for exceeding the Children's Food Trust's Eat Better Start Better guidelines.

Cook Fiona Pryce (centre) is pictured with the award and Ben Keeley and Daisy Begley both aged 4w ith some of her healthy food.

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Annual Charity Walk set for Lymm



Hayley and her assistant Andrew Wilson after completing a trial walk of the route.

THE inaugural Annual Charity Walk in support of Motor Neurone Disease will take place in Lymm on Sunday September 8 (starting at 12 noon).

Hayley Shatlift-Smith, born and bred in the area, is hoping to establish the annual walk around the pubs of Lymm, starting and finishing at either The Venue, The Wheatsheaf, The Spread Eagle or The Green Dragon, calling in at all of these pubs on a five mile circular route.

The pubs will also organise additional activities for the walkers as they progress around the route, as well as before and after the event.

Hayley's grandfather, Terry Shatlift, suffered from MND, and she hopes that the route will become known as the "Shatlift Shuffle."

In the first year, Hayley is asking walkers to pay to do the walk, rather than raise sponsorship. Prices are adults £5, children £2. Donations are also welcome.

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a progressive disease that attacks the motor neurones, or nerves, in the brain and spinal cord. This means messages gradually stop reaching the body's muscles leading to weakness and wasting.

MND can affect how you walk, talk, eat, drink and breathe. However, not all symptoms necessarily happen to everyone and it is unlikely they will all develop at the same time or in any specific order.

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What's On in conjunction with Lymm Parish Council



September 9

LYMM HISTORY SOCIETY
1745 in Cheshire - Tony Barratt
Lymm Village Hall, 8pm
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More info Lynne Smith 01925 756776

September 10

LYMM PARISH COUNCIL
Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

LYMM LIONS GROUP

Meet: Bridgewater Club, Lymm
2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. 8pm
Contact: 0845 833 5729

LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB

Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP

Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm
Maple Lodge Guide HQ, Pepper St, Lymm
Details: 01925 755126

ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM

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

LOVING HEARTS & HANDS

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

MARKET LUNCHESES

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

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Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
Visitors welcome. £2 includes tea and cake

LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP

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

LYMM ORNITHOLOGY GROUP

Lymm Village Hall, 7.45pm for 8pm,
Last Friday in the month (ex June & July).
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7.30pm

Acoustic guitar event strikes right note St Roccas



PROCEEDS from an acoustic guitar evening held at Lymm Cruising Club featuring Stu Clark and Bernie Southern helped raise over £200 for St Rocco's Hospice.

The event organised by Paul and Agnes Bidston, with the permission of the club committee was part of the Historic Transport Day providing entertainment and support for those visiting Historic and leisure boaters.

The donation was accepted by volunteer staff at the Lymm Charity Shop. Meanwhile Stu can be heard at the Venue on the first Sunday of month at 18:30 - and is described as an amazing local talent.

Pictured (L-R) Margaret Ardern and Maureen Hackett (St Rocco's, Lymm) John Melling (L.C.C. Chairman), and Paul Bidston, event organiser.

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Lymm Ladies' summer ball success

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The ball held at Lymm Golf club was attended by over 80 people, who enjoyed a summers evening consisting of a four course meal followed by a charity auction, dancing for the ladies with music provided by Unseen Hand of Brian and a casino for the gentlemen.

The ball was held in aid of Warrington Foodbank, with all guests being asked to bring a certain food item to the ball to be donated to the bank; and also Warrington Women's aid. The money raised from the evening will be split between the two charities. Lymm Ladies is hoping to be able to purchase 20 new much needed mattresses for the refuge.

Ball organiser Francesca Higham said; "It was a little daunting organising the first ever Lymm

Ladies charity ball, however we all mucked in together and we're so happy with the amount of money we have been able to raise for our chosen charities. A huge thanks also to Lymm Golf Club to guiding us through our first event."

Lisa McAlinden, a family support worker from Warrington Women's Aid said;

"We are extremely grateful that Lymm Ladies chose us as one of their charities to raise money for. The new mattresses that will be purchased are very much needed. We would like to thank Lymm Ladies for not only raising funds but also raising awareness of the service that we provide to women and children fleeing domestic abuse."

Lymm Ladies Circle is a group of women aged between 18 and 45 who have fun socialising, fundraising and much more. More details at www.lymmladiescircle.co.uk



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Bungalow appeal is rejected

AN independent planning inspector has backed local councillors who rejected a controversial plan to develop a small piece of land on the edge of the Green Belt at Lymm.

Mark Dakeyne, an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has dismissed an appeal by Mr B. Evans against Warrington planners' decision to refuse permission for a detached bungalow on land in Longbutt Lane.

He has ruled that the development would have an unacceptable impact on the character and appearance of the area.

The development would look like an encroachment into the countryside and proposals to widen Longbutt Lane and provide a footpath in front of the bungalow would contribute to the "urbanising" of the site, he said.

The inspector noted that the site had views across open arable land to Oughtlington Church spire, with more distant vistas across to the Manchester conurbation and the West Pennine Moors.

When the plan was originally considered by Warrington's planning committee it was opposed by 19 nearby residents, Lymm Parish Council and local borough councillors.

Clr Sheila Woodyatt said: "I believe this is the right decision."



The site is totally unsuitable for development. It is a locally very sensitive site and any development would compromise the openness of the adjacent, very precious Green Belt.

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Local author visits high school

LOCAL author M.P. Ward, who recently published the first in a trilogy of dark tales which draws upon myth and legends within a Cornish setting was special guest at Lymm High School.

Although he has been writing for some time 'Sam and the Sea Witch' is his first published work.

Mike kindly agreed to visit Lymm High School Independent Learning Centre to give two workshops to Year 7 pupils.

During the workshops pupils were encouraged to analyse

extracts from 'Sam and the Sea Witch' and were given tips on writing successful fantasy fiction.

They were also given an insight into accessing the difficult world of literary agents and publishing.

'Sam and the Sea Witch' is currently available as an e-book and will be published in paperback later this year.

Mike told the pupils that he has already completed the second novel in his trilogy and is working on his third manuscript now... watch this space!



Dental practice goes from strength to strength

GRAPPENHALL Dental Practice has announced further expansion due to increased demand.

A third surgery has been added and two new dentists have joined the current team.

Grappenhall Dental Practice was founded in 2006 by Dr Andrew Brown who had previously worked for the NHS in Warrington for 10 years.

He decided to open his own practice and recognised the shortage of NHS dentists in the south of Warrington. Although he wanted to continue to offer NHS dentistry to his patients he was informed by the PCT they had for this. Andrew did not want to charge high private fees to his patients so decided to provide independent 'NHS style' dentistry.

He said: "Our prices have actually been cheaper than the NHS for over seven years. We provide a full range of general dentistry and are able to give the patients all the options without any restrictions or limitations from NHS bureaucracy." A second surgery was added when Dr Andrew Booth, joined the practice.

"We are now opening our third surgery and welcome Dr Ivan Wolfe to our practice. Ivan is a very dedicated enthusiastic and compassionate dentist."

A fourth dentist, Dr Laura Pumford, will be joining the team in September. Laura qualified in 2010 and has worked in both NHS and private practices.

Andrew concluded: "We are all committed to providing the very best of care using the latest equipment/techniques in a compassionate way with a fair and reasonable charging system."

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Reproductive Health open evenings

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GyneHealth provides a comprehensive range of women's health services whilst Conceive International offers all aspects of fertility and IVF diagnostics and treatments including genetic screening.

Reproductive Health Group are strongly committed to involving patients in all aspects of their care and believe that holding regular informative events for women helps them to make well-informed choices regarding their health and wellbeing. A series of events are scheduled to take place at Cheshire Natural Health, Stretton, who share the philosophy of combining the wisdom of natural therapies with advances in modern medicine.

Patient Forums will take place on September 9, November 18, December 16 and January 27, 5pm – 6pm, which are free to attend to discuss any aspect of gynaecology or fertility. These forums will provide an ideal opportunity to meet with consultant gynaecologist and IVF specialist Mr Luciano Nardo in an informal environment. For a more private discussion, short free consultation slots with Mr Nardo can be booked in advance.

They will also be holding an Open Evening on Women's Health on Wednesday September 25, 6pm – 9pm, when Mr Nardo and his colleagues Mr Brett Winter-Roach, Mr Jed Howe and Dr Bim Williams, along with therapists from Cheshire Natural Health, will be giving short interactive talks on topics including infertility management, period problems, urinary incontinence management, nutrition, digestive health, natural family planning and acupuncture for women's health.

For more details please contact education@gyne-health.co.uk or visit www.gyne-health.co.uk/www.conceiveinternational.co.uk

Floral art success

MEMBERS of Lymm Floral Art Group are celebrating after being awarded a first prize in the club class at the Cheshire County Show.

Their exhibit, entitled "For the beauty of this Earth" was interpreted by club members Karen Clegg and Gill Davies. Another member, Janet Schofield gained a first in the class titled 'Sunshine and Showers'.

Janet Mawson and Catherine Bower worked with Stockton Heath club member, Denise Wilkinson to celebrate the anniversary of Jane Austen with their interpretation of "Pride and Prejudice".

Lymm Floral Art Group meet at the Village Hall, Pepper Street, Lymm, at 7.30 pm on the third Monday of the month.

Ellie's busy life of music

TEENAGE country singer Ellie Dibben, from Lymm has been enjoying a busy life recently.

Ellie, now aged 15, has just released a single, "Unintended", on the Select Records Label, available on iTunes and all major download sites.



She recently gave a mainstage performance at the huge Americana International Festival in Nottingham and, not forgetting her local fans, appeared at the Warrington Music Festival.

She was also invited to London to support American singing sensation Tiffany Alvord in concert.

Ellie is also collecting quite a following herself, with more than 21,000 followers on Twitter.

She is currently No.2 in the ReverbNation Country Music Charts with her song "Paper and Glue".

Woman wins stables appeal

A LYMM woman has won an appeal against Warrington Borough Council's decision to refuse planning permission for stables, fencing and gates on land off the A56 Higher Lane.

A government-appointed inspector has upheld the appeal by Mrs M Wronko against the council's decision, in December last year, to refuse permission for the development.

The inspector, David Kaiserman, says the use of the land for equestrian purposes and erection of stables is not inappropriate in principle, provided the building is no larger than reasonable necessary.

Although the council believed the building was too large he did not think it excessively large in relation to the amount of land associated with it. Although a building of any size would detract from an attractive view of trees, new planting around it – which would be a condition of the approval – would soften the outlines of the building itself.

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Withington Girls' Success

Currently studying for her GCSEs, 15-year-old Philippa Slattery is a dedicated tennis player who recently reached the semi-finals of the Independent Schools' Tennis Championships at Eton.

The Withington Girls' School Year 11 pupil, who lives in Lymm, plays flute in the School orchestra and has enjoyed school trips as diverse as Euro-Disney Paris and a hockey tour to South Africa.

Philippa has had the opportunity to explore her favourite subject areas of classics and physics through 'super-curricular' activities. She recently attended a course in Electronic Engineering at the University of Portsmouth followed by another in National Grid Engineering at the National Grid Training Centre at Eakring. She also achieved fourth place overall and was awarded a Distinction in the Jowett-Sendelar Classics Competition, which involved 226 students nationwide. Her essay, written in the character of Odysseus, was praised by the judges as being "outstanding" and "wholly convincing."

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Philippa Slattery

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Free parking to be scrapped – but is it legal?

FREE parking on Lymm's car parks is to be scrapped altogether, the borough council has decided.

In future it will cost 30p to use either the Pepper Street, Davies Way or Henry Street car parks – even if you are just stopping for two minutes to pick up a pint of milk.

The decision was made after the council received a 5,000-strong petition asking for extra free parking time at Lymm and in Stockton Heath, where free parking is also being ended.

It infuriated shoppers and shopkeepers alike. One disgruntled shopper said: "The council has raised two fingers to the people of Lymm."

The opposition Liberal Democrat group on the borough council

condemned the move – and claimed the council could be breaking the law.

Cllr Brian Axcell, the Lib Dem highways spokesman, said the ruling Labour group had not listened to the people. If they had, they would have restored a two-hour free period instead of ending free parking altogether.

He said: "Charging 30p for the first hour will either act as a disincentive to visit Lymm and Stockton Heath or encourage drivers to park on the streets, making matters worse."

"It unfair because no charges are levied on other district car parks in the borough."

The Lib Dems say the borough may be acting illegally following a High Court ruling against Barnet Council on a similar issue.

Cllr Axcell said: "I have written to senior council officers asking for the two hour free parking to be reinstated until the result of an appeal by Barnet Council against the High Court ruling is known."

"If the ruling is upheld on appeal then it seems to me crystal clear that Warrington Council has acted unlawfully."

The borough says it has made its decision after "listening to



Cllrs Ian Marks and Bob Barr leading the campaign for the two hours free parking to be restored

the people" and believes the 30p charge is a reasonable compromise.

Cllr Linda Dirir, executive member for highways, said: "One of the biggest issues was the anxiety people have felt if they thought they might exceed their hour's free parking and end up not just paying for that hour, but getting a parking ticket. What we've done will completely remove that anxiety. Our new flat charge of just 30p for up to two hours' parking will give people plenty of leeway."

"We feel we've reached a good balance. Inevitably some people will object to paying 30p for an hour's parking. Set against that, other people will be glad that their charge for two hours has been

reduced by 40 per cent. Nobody could reasonably object to paying 30p for up to two hours' parking. At a time of heavy pressure on council budgets we simply can't go back to free parking, and we feel this very low charge is a reasonable compromise."

Cllr Dirir added that borough legal officers had examined the Barnet case and believed it had no relevance to Warrington.

Meanwhile, a Lymm Life reader snapped a parking wardens' van parked not only on double yellow lines but also half on the pavement in Pepper Street. He claims that when he remonstrated with the wardens they argued that they were allowed to do so.



The parking warden's van in Pepper Street.

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LOW Carbon Lymm are proud to announce the launch of a new interactive website which aims to break down the challenge of green technologies and installations, and introduces you to local people who have achieved it for themselves and can share their experiences of doing so.

The website was created following the success of the Green Trail event at the 2011 Lymm Festival when 11 homes with a variety of green technologies and home improvements were opened to the public. The development of the website was carried out during the recent Green Deal Pioneer Places

project with Warrington Borough Council which was funded by DECC. We have created an on-line resource with all this information at the click of a button – a 'virtual' Green Trail. The site enables you to read, see and hear about the installations on real homes in Lymm, including solar electricity panels, solar thermal water heating, wood burning stove, vegetable beds and home composting.

There are two ways to search the website, one shows you different Lymm homes and the improvements they've made and the other allows you to search for a particular installation such as LED lights or voltage optimiser's.

There are many homes in Lymm

that have made changes in order to reduce their carbon emissions and save money – and some of them are happy to open their doors and share their experiences with people looking to make some of those changes themselves. If you're interested in meeting someone with a green installation that you're thinking about installing or want to find out more about them we at

Low Carbon Lymm can make that possible.

Start searching the Green Trail by following the link on the front page of the Low Carbon Lymm website at www.lowcarbonlymm.org.uk or go direct to www.greentrail.lowcarbonlymm.org.uk and email us at info@lowcarbonlymm.org.uk if you'd like to visit one of the properties or have any questions.



Welcome to Low Carbon Lymm's Interactive Green Trail



Following the success of the inaugural event in 2011 when 11 homes were opened to the public, to see a variety of green technologies and home improvements, we have visited a number of those homes again, and a few new ones to inspire you and show you real life installations.

The aim of the site is to enable you to read, see and hear about the installations on real homes with real people from Lymm. If you're interested in meeting someone with a green installation that you're thinking about installing or want to find out more about them we at Low Carbon Lymm can make that possible.

Before you've had too choice, and take you through Lymm residents homes and what they have done, or you can search for a particular installation.

So please have look around and get in touch with us here if you want to visit one of the properties for real.

Firm won £40,000 costs

A LONG-running planning battle against a Lymm company led to costs of £40,000 being awarded against Warrington Borough Council.

The award related to enforcement action against ADS Recycling, of Camsley Lane, Lymm following the borough council's decision to refuse an application for a variation of planning conditions which would allow the company to operate from 7am.

About 20 local residents, Lymm Parish Council and Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council also opposed the company's application.

But ADS, who claimed noise from its vehicles "below the level of marginal significance" successfully appealed against the council's decision.

They originally claimed for costs of £56,473 but eventually a settlement figure of £40,000 was agreed.



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Degree prizes for former students

TWO former students from Lymm High School are celebrating degree successes with prizes at Sheffield University.

Charlotte Nightingale and Jack Morton Clarke both went to Sheffield University to study Economics.

Both have been awarded first class honours Bachelor of Science degrees and have also been awarded prizes.

Jack gained a prize from Investec Wealth and Investment and Charlotte won the Knoop Prize for the Best Economics Student.

Proud parent Fiona Nightingale said: "This is a good news story for Lymm High School and all the teachers who gave them the grounding to go on to excel."

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Classic Transport Day back on the road?

Obituary

Thomas Heesom

THE funeral has taken place of Thomas Anthony Heesom, aged 77, of The Crescent, Lymm who died at home on July 12.

Committal was at Altrincham Crematorium and Mr Heesom's ashes were interred at St Peter's Church, Oughtrington, with his parents.

A keen amateur radio operator, Mr Heesom also enjoyed fairground organ music, brass bands, bagpipe music and steam engine fairs.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

READERS of last month's Lymm Life were concerned to read that this year's Historic Transport Day could be just a one-off and a couple of local transport enthusiasts have already stepped forward to try and ensure there is a repeat.

Roger Nowell from Lymm – owner of a magnificent 1934 Yellow Rolls Royce that also appeared in the May Queen Parade said: "The view I have heard everywhere is that the event was a roaring success in spite of the weather. It clearly brought visitors into the village from a wide area and must be good for the village as a whole as well as being a lot of fun. I have talked to organiser Alan Williams since though, and I can see that it is a "big job" that needs a sizeable team.

"Having said that I feel sure that there must be enough transport enthusiasts as well as people with good organisational skills living locally who could make this happen again. That said they don't need to be transport enthusiasts as we will need volunteer co-ordinators, site managers plus admin, publicity and marketing help".

As well as volunteer organisers, the group, who are working closely with Lymm Festival, will also be seeking exhibitors, sponsors, stallholders, food vendors and fresh ideas to build on the success of the first year.

"Running an event like this for the first time was always going



to be tough," explained Alan, who led the organisation of the event on behalf of the Festival. "Hopefully now that we have proved ourselves and have a track record – including an attendance of 3,000 on a very poor weather day – we should have less difficulty attracting interest."

"We hope that in the next issue of Lymm Life we will be able to give positive news about next year's event."

But as Roger and Alan emphasised the future of the event depends entirely on the public response. Without a team of committed volunteers it simply won't happen again.

So come on Lymm; whether you are an individual interested in transport or not ... or maybe part of a club or organisation who could bring in some resources get in touch by email –lymmtransport@gmail.com or pick up the phone and call 754080.

There are also plans for an informal meeting of interested individuals and groups on September 11.

Alan is also keen to hear from anyone who took photos at the event as the team are looking at putting together a book about Lymm and its Transport History featuring photos of the day.

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Inheritance Tax is currently paid to the government at a rate of 40% (if your estate is worth more than £325,000). Most gifts left to charity are exempt from the tax, and in fact following recent

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Campaigners fight to stop HS2



RESIDENTS of Lymm are now able to give their views about the proposed HS2 high speed rail line from London to Manchester and its spur line from Agden to Wigan.

The consultation period has started and will run until January 31.

Drawings of the route that crosses from Agden to Wigan show a massive 100m wide Y intersection at Agden, high viaducts over the Bridgewater Canal and the Bollin River and a further much larger 30m high one mile long viaduct over the Manchester Ship Canal, similar in size to Thelwall viaduct.

The building work is expected to take up to 10 years and will mean re-routing the A56 and surrounding lanes.

The disruption will be enormous, according to campaign group ABLE to stop HS2.

There is already debate about the cost benefit case for the whole of HS2 and its rationale, based on 300,000 passengers a day. There are environmental concerns as well, such as its large power consumption and the visual and noise impact.

ABLE say costs estimates are already more than £40 billion and says there are better ways of spending taxpayers' money.

The consultation document can be downloaded at www.hs2.org.uk or a free copy can be ordered from 0300 123 1102 or www.dft.gov.uk/orderingpublications

There are copies in the library and in the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Anyone who wants to join a local campaign group can do so at www.warringtonstophs2.co.uk

Expansion keeps it in the family

An oven cleaning business is keeping things in the family after its owner appointed his ideal work colleague – his wife.

Andrea Clark, 46, has decided to link up with her husband and owner of Ovenu Warrington, Paul, 50, in the oven valeting business after seeking a career change.

Paul, who averages three oven cleans a day, was looking for a sub-contractor to help handle the increased workload, which could potentially see the business expand into a new area.

Andrea was inspired by Paul's success in business to create the ideal partnership for the couple, who have been married for 19 years.

She previously worked as a Learning Manager, where she taught at a local primary school for 12 years. She also had an affiliation with the business, as she did the bookkeeping, but her duties from now on will be more hands on.

Andrea is set to complete her Ovenu training in August, when she will swap her marker pen for an oven scourer as she embarks on her new career.

"After vowing I wouldn't go

into oven valeting, the increased business and prospect of working closely with Paul, prompted me to join him," said Andrea.

"After teaching for 12 years I felt it was a good time to do so and I am looking forward to becoming a fully trained Ovenu technician.

The couple have a son and a daughter together and are also keen animal lovers. The family owns three horses, three rescue greyhounds, guinea pigs and fish.

Paul said: "I am delighted that Andrea has decided to come into the business with me and I am relishing the opportunity to work with her. It was a difficult decision for her to change careers, but one that she won't regret.

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Tai Chi group recognised in China



LYMM based Chenjiagou Taijiquan GB has been recognised as the official UK headquarters by China's oldest Tai Chi (Taiji) school.

The club organised a hectic week of activities that included an international seminar at Birchwood Leisure Centre attended by Tai Chi players from Spain, Slovenia, Poland and Norway.

This was followed by a grading examination during which twenty members of the Warrington club successfully achieved grades from first to fourth Duan (the Chinese Martial Arts Associations equivalent to the Japanese Dan grades). The seminar and grading were overseen by visiting Chinese Tai Chi master Chen Ziqiang, the head coach of the Chen Village Tai Chi School in Henan Province.

There are many misconceptions about the art of Tai Chi. David Gaffney (6th Duan) and Davidine Sim (6th Duan) of Chenjiagou Taijiquan GB have travelled to China many times to train at the birthplace of the art to learn the authentic system.

The highlight of the week was an official ceremony marking the inauguration of Chenjiagou Taijiquan GB as a branch of the school in China.

Long time Tai Chi practitioner Julian Wilde described the occasion as "UK Tai Chi history in the making".

The group meets on Saturday mornings at the Lymm Methodist Church.



Touch Rugby group seeks members

LYMM Rugby Club's fast-growing Touch Rugby group is on the look-out for new players – particularly women.

The group has just started a new season in the Halton League and needs more women and girls to enable it to regularly turn out mixed six-a-side teams. League matches are on Monday evenings and there are training sessions on Thursday evenings.

They also take part in mixed and single-sex tournaments throughout the year.

Organiser Shaun Brogan said: "This is a fast moving, minimal contact sport which is highly suitable for women to play. Although some of our players are former, or even current rugby players, not all of them are by any means. Our current age range is 15 to 60-plus and anyone is welcome to join us."

Former Warrington Wolves player Iestyn Harris – a former Rugby Union and Rugby League international – is an enthusiastic member of the group.

The group has just been awarded O2 Touch Centre status, bringing with it funding, kit and marketing support.

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Anyone interested can contact Shaun on 07799 216121.

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