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CONGRATULATIONS to Alan Williams and the team for the superb Brazilymm66 exhibition which took place at the Lymm Hotel - marking the 50th anniversary of when the Brazilian World Cup team from 1966, including legend Pele, stayed at the hotel.

If ever an event showed that Lymm people are interested in the heritage of the area, this was it. Apparently to secure Heritage Lottery funding for a project, it needs to be seen that it will be appreciated - well I think Brazilymm66 has provided the evidence!

The event attracted regional and national media coverage helping show the village in a positive light. It was also fantastic to see England World Cup Winner Roger Hunt at the event.

A huge thankyou must also go to the Lymm Hotel's manager Jamie

McDonald for hosting the event and laying on refreshments completely free of charge.

This was a fantastic gesture by Jamie who is working very hard with passion and enthusiasm with the local community. As a former "Lymm lad" he certainly has the interests of the village close to his heart.

It is always good to see a local business supporting a community event and I would hope in return, the local community can show their support to the hotel which is currently in the process of launching a new bar area and menu.

Meanwhile the ongoing work to create a permanent heritage centre in the village centre, in the old British Legion building, continues at pace.

Again a big thank you to local businessman Howard Platt for

backing this venture. Once completed the heritage centre will be a huge asset to the village and a focal point for the community and the various events which take place each year.

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Three bundles of joy in just two minutes

THEY arrived in the world within two minutes of each other and at one time they were in three different hospitals.

Lymm triplets Billy, Fletcher and Teddy all spent their first Christmas in hospital.

But they're all under one roof now – and don't Mum and Dad Stacey and Ian Brown know it!

Former Lymm High School girl Stacey, 31, said: "They've all settled down and I couldn't say they were difficult babies. But we do have a few sleepless nights!"

Stacey knew in advance, of course, that she was carrying triplets. But they arrived on 28 weeks – and in rapid succession.

Billy arrived first, weighing in at 2 lb seven ounces. One minute later Fletcher arrived, at 2lb 14 ounces. And one minute after that Teddy made his entry, weighing just 1lb 14 ounces. All were born at St Mary's Hospital, in Manchester.

Stacey said: "Teddy is something of a miracle really because he had caused some concern.

"He had stopped growing at 24 weeks and that was why he was so small. It was 111 days before he was allowed out of hospital."

Billy was allowed out after 93 days and Fletcher – so named because Stacey's maiden name was Fletcher – arrived home after 78 days.

They were in different hospitals at one time because there weren't enough cots in any one place to take them all!

The lively threesome are all doing well now, Billy weighing 10lb 14 ounces, Fletcher 10lb 11 ounces and Teddy 7lb 8 ounces.

They have caused great excitement for proud grandparents Debbie and Gary Fletcher and great grandma, former Lymm hairdresser Marlene Lummis.

As for Dad Ian, head of PE at a Wigan school, he can't wait to get his three sons down to Lymm Rugby Club because he used to play at Exeter.

They'll get a good welcome from Stacey's brother Adam who coaches at Lymm – and should by that time have got over the shock of becoming an uncle three times in two minutes.

Stacey and Ian are pictured with the three bundles of joy.



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April 12th

LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB

Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP

Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm
Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm
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ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM

Every Wednesday at Statham Lodge Hotel
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Contact the secretary 01925 650189

LOVING HEARTS & HANDS

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MARKET LUNCHEONS

Eagle Brow Methodist Church
3rd Thursday in the month
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LYMM SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

St Mary's Church Hall
Second and fourth Fridays (Sept - May)
7.30pm. Details: 753853

GARDENING CLUB

Meet Third Wednesday of the month
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 PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
(ex July & Aug), 7.30pm
Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.
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Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

Wildlife mystery



One of Roy's photographs of the two Grebes.

A LYMM couple have spent several weeks watching a pair of Great Crested Grebes as they made their nest, laid four eggs and then sat on them keeping warm their precious potential next generation.

With the temperature sub-zero some nights, Roy and Jean Merrifield say they have been tempted to take the hardy birds an electric blanket!

They themselves have resorted to insulated cushions and hand warmers to ward off the cold as Roy has taken several hundred photographs.

Roy and Jean are relatively new residents of Lymm but have quickly fallen in love with the village, not just the cafes, restaurants, shops and pubs but village life in general.

They love the canal, the Pennine Way, The Dam and all the other beauty spots.

But in particular they have enjoyed watching the Grebes.

Then one morning Roy visited the nest site and was heartbroken to see the female Grebe was no longer sitting on the nest – and that all the eggs had gone.

Two days previously they had all been there.
Roy said: "I understand that the main predator for such eggs are Eurasian Coots – but for all four eggs to have gone so quickly?"

"I just hope that there has been no malicious human intervention, and if so, that in the future we can do something to prevent a recurrence."

Grants available to help create your own woodland



COMMUNITIES across Cheshire are being offered funding from a £170,000 pot to manage and own their local woods.

The new pilot launched by the Woodland Trust is an attempt to increase the level of woodland currently in community ownership, building on the work of existing organisations in the region.

Start-up grants of £500 are on offer to new groups looking to form with established groups looking to take on some form of woodland ownership being eligible to apply for a grant of up to £10,000.

The charity will also hold a number of training events to help communities build management and engagement skills and has launched a website which provides information and resources for anyone to find out how to set up a group to help manage or acquire an area of woodland.

One local group which has been established for four years is the Friends of Spud Wood (FoSW), at Lymm.

It was established to help maintain the wood, planted by the local community and create a sustainable source of woodfuel. The group now has over 30 regulars and has even piloted a woodland allotment.

Jo Yellen from Friends of Spud Wood, said: "As there wasn't a group originally, with the support of the Woodland Trust, we began gradually to create one. Though initially hesitant we have created a small, but active group. It's very rewarding to be out working with the group and to see what our combined energy can do."

Beccy Speight, Woodland Trust chief executive, said: "Trees and woods have so many benefits for society but we're becoming increasingly disconnected from the natural world. By providing resources and funding we can try and halt this worrying trend, helping people in Cheshire who are passionate about their local woods take an active role in the care and management of them."

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Photographic society helps put village on the map

LYMM Photographic Society is helping to put the village on the map as a result of a deal with Sky Television.

Sky 1's recently screened comedy series "After Hours" was filmed almost entirely in Lymm in the summer of 2014 and included some stunning photography showcasing the village, including various aerial shots taken using an octocopter.

TV bosses made available some of the "stills" from the show for the photographic society to use on its website and these can be seen using the link <http://lymmphotosoc.org.uk/community.html> on the LPS website's community page.

LPS members hope that clubs and societies local to Lymm will be interested in linking to the images

from their own websites.

"After Hours" was directed by The Royle Family's Craig Cash and its stars included Ardal O'Hanlon, John Thomson and Jaime Winstone.

LPS spokesperson Carol Sparkes said: "The Lymm Photographic Society is a friendly bunch of enthusiasts who have formed a

group for people of all ages and abilities who are interested in photography. This is a community group for anyone who wants enjoy and improve their photography."

They meet twice a month at the Spread Eagle. More information is available from the website <http://lymmphotosoc.org.uk>



Labour select Police and Crime Commissioner candidate

LYMM resident and Warrington Borough councillor David Keane has been selected as Labour's candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire.

David, who represents the Penketh and Cuerdley ward, has been chosen to stand in the upcoming elections in May. David said: "I am delighted that the Labour Party has placed their confidence in me and chosen me to be their candidate for this important post. I'm determined to stand up and challenge the current Conservative PCC on his failure to protect our local communities. The police are under huge pressures after budget cuts from the Tory government. Current priorities need challenge, consultation and reform - only possible with a strong and committed Labour PCC."

Charity plant sale

LYMM Jubilee Gardening Club is holding a charity plant sale at Lymm Village Hall, Pepper Street, on Saturday May 14.

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Woman lay in street for an hour waiting for ambulance

A SERIOUSLY injured Lymm woman lay in the street for more than an hour on a cold winter's night waiting for an ambulance that never turned up.

Later she had to wait nearly three hours in A&E at Warrington Hospital before she was seen by a triage nurse – and even after being seen by a doctor she had to be left on a trolley in a corridor because a place could not be found for her on a ward.

Now, more than a month after suffering head and facial injuries and two fractures of her wrist when she fell in Danebank Road, Lymm, Anne Askew, 67 and her husband Joe are still waiting for an explanation as to why an ambulance which was supposed to arrive in 10-15 minutes still hadn't turned up after about an hour and 15 minutes.

Mr and Mrs Askew had been celebrating their grandson's birthday at a restaurant in Lymm village and decided to walk home. Mr Askew had had a couple of pints but Mrs Askew does not drink.

They commented on how dark it was in Danebank Road and to be careful about the speed humps in the road. But Mrs Askew tripped and fell heavily on her face, screaming so loudly that a nearby resident – an off-duty police officer – rushed out to see what was happening.

He dialled 999 for an ambulance and advised that Mrs Askew not be moved. He was a former police paramedic and provided blankets to keep her warm.

When the ambulance had still not arrived after 35 minutes, Mr Askew called his daughter and son-in-law who drove over from Bowdon. After about an hour Mr Askew decided they should take his wife to A&E in his son-in-law's car and after another 15 minutes they set off. The police officer cancelled the ambulance and called A&E to explain that they were coming.

Mr Askew was especially concerned because his wife had suffered a stroke in 2011 and a brain haemorrhage in 2006.

Once at the hospital they fell foul of the temporary restriction on walk-in patients. The only people being seen were those seriously ill and brought in by ambulance, they were told by a receptionist. They explained about the ambulance not turning up but it was still two hours and 50 minutes before Mrs Askew was seen by a nurse.

Once the extent of her injuries were seen she was seen within minutes by a doctor and Mr and Mrs Askew are full of praise for the treatment they received from then on. Specialists at the Walton Neurological Hospital in Liverpool were consulted and indicated that appeared to be no need for



surgery but that Mrs Askew should be kept under observations for four or five days.

Since then Mrs Askew's condition has improved, although she is still receiving treatment. Warrington Hospital, in a telephone call, has apologised and explained that A&E were under intense pressure at the time. The North West Ambulance Service has said they are investigating the cause for the

delay and this will take up eight weeks.

Mr Askew said: "We do understand the hospital is under pressure during the winter months but with my wife's history of a stroke and brain haemorrhage we think it should have been possible for her to be seen by a medic more quickly – and we certainly think the delay in getting an ambulance to the scene is inexcusable."

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Dave celebrates 15 years of creating quality kitchens

DAVE Charlton takes great pride in the fact that he has built his kitchen business up starting off from a spare back bedroom at his house, to a showroom boasting quality kitchens.

What started off as a project from his back bedroom selling relatively basic kitchens and work tops has now blossomed into mid to high end kitchens, from a showroom on Gorsey Lane, Warrington.

He aims to celebrate the 15th anniversary with a couple of special events, including an open day on Saturday April 30 from 12 noon, showcasing his showroom which has recently been refurbished with the latest Next125 line of kitchens from Germany.

Special guest at the event will be Mayor of Warrington Geoff Settle and it will also include cooking demonstrations.

Dave, who is also a director on the Kitchen, Bedroom Specialist Association (KBSA), which helps regulate the industry, is the only outlet in the local area to supply modern and contemporary style German manufactured kitchens, whilst also offering a more traditional style kitchen from UK



manufacturer, Mackintosh. He is also the local Neff Master Partner.

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Parents get to grips with e-safety

PARENTS from across Lymm gathered together at Cherry Tree Primary School to hear local experts talk about the dangers of the internet and social media, particularly for children.

To mark national Safer Internet Day 2016, Lymm resident and businesswoman, Kirsty James, hosted the third Colony Community event, which help busy families access information and services on their doorstep relevant to modern day family lifestyle challenges.

The evening began with a surprise visit and emotional talk from Stop Hate UK Ambassador Adrian Derbyshire. The event then included several video clips about eSafety from the NSPCC and CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) highlighting the risks children face when using the internet.

Local experts, including the NSPCC Schools Service, the Local Authority's Education Safeguarding



Kirsty James and Kristy Messham from NSPCC Schools Service

Team, the eSafety Co-ordinator from Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, and detectives from Greater Manchester Police's Sexual Crimes Unit, then discussed their work to protect young people.

Local businesses, including TekSure IT Support and WSI Internet Consultancy, also gave up their time to provide a better understanding of online dangers and speak about the practical steps parents can take to protect their kids. Further information and resources on anti-fraud and anti-virus services were provided by supporting businesses, Barclays and Utilities Warehouse.

Kirsty James, founder of Colony Community, said: "The Internet is a fantastic resource, crucial to developing core skills so this event was not about internet or even technology-bashing. Nor was it is about telling parents how to parent. Our events are intended as a vehicle to short-circuit the process of finding reliable and useful information from multiple sources. They are about information-sharing so that busy parents don't need to trawl the internet researching subjects themselves or worse still rely solely on word-of-mouth hearsay which may be inaccurate or subjective.

"From a young age, our children are plugged into an

online world through a range of electronic devices and with terms such as cyberbullying, sexting, paedophilia, grooming, trolling and safeguarding so frequently bandied about in the media, it's often hard for parents to keep up.

"Think Family eSafety was designed to help parents, guardians and carers to take an interest in the subject and learn what they can do to support their children's safer use of the internet. The feedback to date has been amazing and though many parents had already encountered eSafety content via schools, the detail provided at this event has served to equip parents with a much broader understanding. The ultimate benchmark of success though, and personal reward for me as the event organiser, is when parents tell you the content has immediately informed them, changed their online behaviour and provided potentially life-changing information."

Colony Community offers workshops and events on topical subjects aimed at parents and other members of the community.

For more information, contact Kirsty James on 0844 504 6627, email kirsty@colonynetworking.co.uk, visit the Colony Networking Facebook page or visit www.colonynetworking.co.uk to see further events.

Reader's Letter

Thank you to the Lymm Hotel

Alan Williams Chair Lymm Heritage Centre Group

I would like to use the letters page of your magazine to write an open thank you letter to the manager, Jamie McDonald, and team at the Lymm Hotel who hosted the recent Brazilymm 66 exhibition.

The event itself was successful beyond all of our expectations. It attracted national media attention and drew 600+ visitors to Lymm from a wide area. It represented everything that we are trying to achieve as a Heritage Centre in terms of bring history to life, involving all age groups and encouraging tourism.

But none of this would have been possible without the enthusiastic backing of the hotel. As well as giving us a venue for four days they also provided all of the catering for a packed launch event with nearly 250 people on Sunday February 21, all at no charge.

This is a great example of business getting involved in community events, not just by writing a cheque but by active participation. Many of our guests and visitors commented on the great atmosphere and service at the hotel.

Thanks to the contribution of the hotel the event raised around £1,750 toward establishing the Heritage Centre which will in turn, we believe, will contribute to the continued economic vibrancy of the village. We look forward to many more such partnerships in the future.

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Senior citizens party is lively affair

MORE than 140 invited guests from Lymm and the surrounding area attended the Lymm Rotary and Lymm Inner Wheel club's annual Senior Citizens' Party at Statham Lodge Hotel.

The afternoon's entertainment was given a great start by "The Serenaders", a group of ladies who all sing in unaccompanied 4-part harmony.

But they don't just sing! They also demonstrate how the parts are put together. An impressive feat as they perform matching, choreographed dance moves which help to make the songs livelier and entertaining to watch. They received loud approbation from the audience at the end of their performance.

After the rousing start, the afternoon continued with a traditional session of bingo, followed by afternoon tea, prepared and served by the Inner Wheel club's ladies.

The party was concluded by Bernard Cromarty, who, humorously presented Folk Songs, accompanying himself on various instruments, including a guitar, mandolin and accordion.

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Heritage centre launch attracts national attention

WHEN the recently formed Lymm Heritage Group came up with plans for their launch event, Brazilymm 66 marking the visit of the Brazil team to Lymm in 1966, they knew they had a great subject that would rekindle memories for people who were around at the time.

They also hoped to generate interests from younger and newer residents. But even they could not

have imagined the national interest it would spark.

"It all started with a call from BBC Radio Manchester following great initial coverage in the local press including Lymm Life" explained organiser Alan Williams.

"Another interview, this time with Radio Merseyside quickly followed and within twenty four hours the story had become a main feature

on the BBC News site.

At that point seemingly everyone picked it up including ITN, Sky Sports and Mirror on-line. The highlight was a three minute feature on Granada Reports.

The exhibition attracted over 600 visitors in three and a half days kicking off with a gala opening with former England star Roger Hunt and the Mayor of Warrington Cllr Geoff Settle among the guests.

"It has been terrific welcoming in so many people" said Trish Cockayne, one of over twenty volunteers involved in the event.

"Some people came because they had been associated with the original visit. We had a real

surprise when former hotel owner Roger Allen's secretary at the time, Adelaide Hough (nee Atherton) turned up as we had been told she lived in Australia. ... In fact she lives in Hatton."

People came from as far afield as Oxford specifically to see the exhibition.

"We had a good number of visitors from a wide area many of whom had not visited Lymm or the hotel before. We are enormously grateful to Jamie McDonald and his team at Lymm Hotel for all their support and it was terrific to see the hotel packed for such a popular event," added Alan.

Local schools, youth clubs and special needs groups also took advantage of the opportunity and two classes from Statham left to write a 100 word piece of "Flash Fiction" in a competition sponsored by JustEnglish of Lymm.

As a result of the exhibition the "Lymm Story" is now expected to become a feature of another anniversary exhibition at the National Football Museum in Manchester.

The event also launched the 100 Friends in 100 days campaign. This is the number of friends that the Heritage Centre judges it needed as a minimum to have the confidence to sign a lease on what will be a completely remodelled former Royal British Legion branch.

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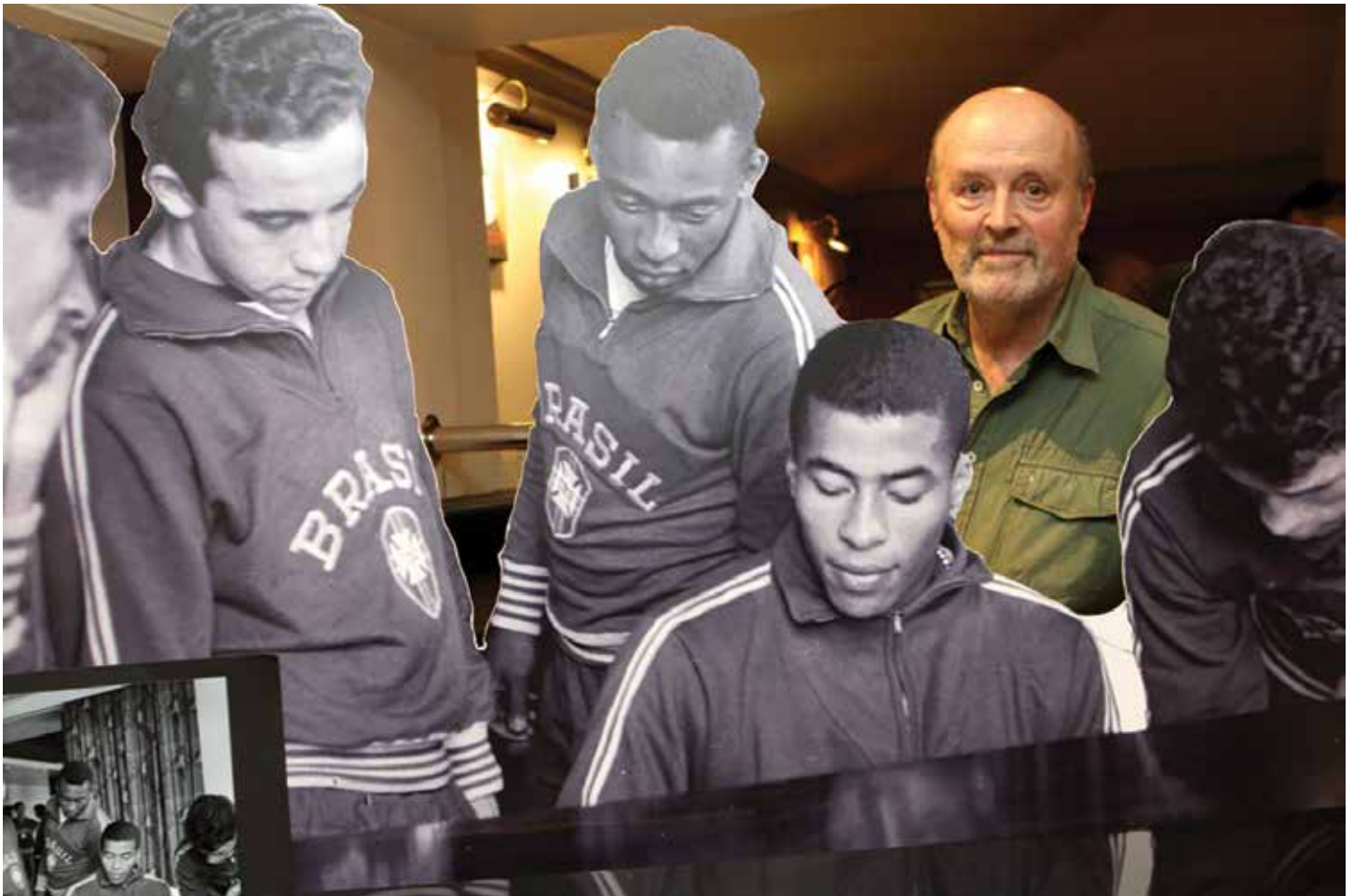


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Right: Roger Hunt with the Mayor and Mayoress, Geoff and Jean Settle.

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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the final newsletter for this parish year. When you read this I will have nearly finished an enjoyable tenure as Chairman of Lymm Parish Council. It has been a great year in general for the parish and I have once again been extremely proud and privileged to serve the local community.

Village Centre

I am pleased that the refurbishment of The Cross has finally been achieved. As with all such projects it took considerable planning and organisation but the result, I hope you agree, really enhances the village. I would like to thank Cllr Peter Powell and Cllr Joe Griffiths for all their hard work in bringing this to fruition.

Thank you again to Lymm in Bloom for making the village and surrounds so attractive. I know that a royal theme is being considered for the Queen's 90th birthday – let's hope that we win a gold gilt at the Britain in Bloom Awards this year to add to our silver from last year.

Grants

I am pleased to say that a new venture was launched to create a grant scheme that encouraged charitable concerns to bid for small grants to help the community. This has been very successful and many organisations such as Statham Little Foxes Preschool, Lymm Air Cadets and Gendai Marshall Arts have benefitted from this.

Well done to the Heritage Centre – Lymm Parish are happy to support this worthy cause and have given this venture an initial grant in order to help the group establish itself in its new premises that was previously the British Legion Club.

Floods

The start of 2016 was marred by the floods in Statham. We as a Parish Council are continuing to try and help those affected by the flooding. We are also in talks with Peel Holdings to improve the canal towpaths.

Local Elections

May brings with it all out elections in both the Parish Councils and Warrington Borough Council. We as a Parish fought against the Whitehall decision to split Lymm into Lymm South and Lymm North with Thelwall. Unfortunately, we did not succeed but on a Parish Council level you will still be represented by Councillors from Lymm.

Finally, on a positive note I wish good luck and good weather to all the approaching festivities which are staffed by volunteers and bring such pride and joy to our village.

Cllr Sheila Woodyatt

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Dental practice celebrates 10th anniversary

AS Grappenhall Dental Practice celebrates their 10th anniversary they are proud to say that they provide quality dental treatment at affordable prices.

The practice was established in April 2006 by Dr Andrew Brown as an independent dental practice providing very high quality dental treatment at very reasonable prices. They receive no funding from the NHS but still provide NHS type treatments at similar prices. They are the only private/independent dentists in the area to provide treatment at NHS prices.

Unfortunately government support for NHS dentistry has declined rapidly over the past decade with well publicised difficulties in patients being able to access NHS dental practices and not being able to afford expensive private clinics. Grappenhall Dental Practice still believes in the public's right to access high quality care at reasonable prices. They provide a full range of treatments both NHS quality and private treatments not available on the NHS such as white fillings, cosmetic dentistry, tooth whitening, endodontics (root treatments).

Andrew is the owner and principal dentist at the practice. Since qualifying in Manchester in 1996 he has worked in Warrington for an NHS practice gaining a very good depth of knowledge and experience in treating every kind of dental problem from children to the elderly and uses this experience to put all his patients at ease.

Due to very rapid growth he was joined by Dr Andrew Booth, a local lad who studied for his dental degree in Dundee where he worked for several years gaining his experience in NHS dentistry. He then came back to the north west of England working in NHS practices

and a private practice for several years before joining the practice in 2007.

In recent years the practice has expanded again due to demand and the need for affordable dentistry in the area and has more recently been joined by Dr Tessa Madden.

Tessa joined the team in 2014. She graduated from Newcastle University in 2011 and gained Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 2012. Following this, she has furthered her experience providing both NHS and private treatments. Tessa is also a registered provider of Quick Straight, an alternative to conventional braces.

Dr Elgan Rees was born and raised in Lymm and joined the team in 2015.

He graduated from Liverpool University in 2009 with a degree in Biochemistry. He then went on to study dentistry, also at Liverpool, and qualified in 2014.

Elgan was the winner of the RCS Ed Dental Clinical Skills competition (Liverpool Region) and has since gone on to further study for a Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery.

In the 10 years that they have been open Grappenhall Dental Practice have received no funding from the NHS but continue to offer a comparable if not better service.

They have carried out a random audit of patients who attended the practice since 2006, when they opened, until the present day.

The audit revealed that when they compared like for like comparisons against NHS prices for the last ten years, results showed that 85% of their patients were treated at equivalent or lower prices.

The remaining 15% of patients seen received treatment that would

not usually be covered by the NHS system.

For families that come to the practice, they treat children under the age of 16 free of charge, even though they receive no funding from the NHS and will continue to do so if their parents are regular attenders at the practice.

Andrew said: "We are committed to continuing dental education and keep abreast of the changes in modern dentistry.

All of our team participate in a continuing professional development programme which keeps our knowledge and skills up to date. We are a modern practice with state of the art facilities and equipment, utilising the very best materials and techniques allowing us to provide our patients with the very best possible care. We pride ourselves on this service and will endeavour to always do so."

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Land 'desecrated' by contractor set to be improved

WORK to build a new Air Training Corp hut on Park Road off High Legh Road which left the land looking "desecrated" by the contractor is set to be improved.

Cllr Sheila Woodyatt received numerous complaints from local residents about the state of the land.

She said: "The old hut was a real mess and the new hut was badly needed."

"During the work to replace the hut the contractor churned up the grass and entrance to the site, leaving the area very muddy."

"Park Road itself was filthy and the contractor did not clean the road which meant local residents were treading mud into their houses."

The land in question is owned by the MoD which caused complications.

Now following Cllr Woodyatt's intervention the contractor has accepted responsibility for the damage and agreed to reinstate the area in the near future.

Meanwhile local residents are also planning to put in some shrubs and plants to brighten up the area.

The Borough Council is looking at what can be done to improve a nearby childrens' play area.

Cllr Woodyatt added: "A full refurbishment would cost £70,000 but there is no funding available for that. But I have suggested they could update the swings and put in some see saws."



Lymm Junior Colts crowned league champions

LYMM Junior Colts became league champions, completing their league fixture programme with a comfortable 27-0 win over local rivals Warrington.

As a result they progressed into the RFU U17's National Cup but were narrowly beaten by Wharfedale.

In an evenly matched game, Lymm were 17 - 14 up with 5 minutes remaining, then the visitor's elusive fly half found a gap in the home defence and scored a try under the posts which was duly converted.

Both teams scored 3 tries, the difference being Wharfedale converted all of theirs, Lymm only converted one.

Meanwhile Lymm firsts continued their recent run of good form with a 25-13 victory over Huddersfield YMCA to cement third spot in the National League Three North.



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Obituaries

Mike Tandy

THE funeral has taken place of Lymm funeral director Mike Tandy, aged 72, of Higher Lane, Lymm who died in Warrington Hospital on February 9.

Mike grew up in Stockton Heath where his father was a florist on London Road. He moved to Lymm in 1969, joining his then father-in-law Bill Burrows as a funeral director.

A keen gardener and a dab hand with DIY, Mike was a member of what later became the Bridgewater Players amateur dramatic society, acting on occasions but more regularly as a stage manager and enthusiastic set builder.

A founding member of the Lymm Festivities Group, he helped to decorate the village hall for Christmas and May Queen festival. He retired from the chairmanship recently and was very honoured when he was made president.

He and his son James organised the Lymm Dickensian Christmas for three years, a role he really enjoyed.

Mike was always very proud of his role of village undertaker, of being approachable and doing his best to help people at a difficult time in their lives, something he picked up from Bill and instilled in James after he went to work with his dad. He was proud to be in a family firm and that his experience was being passed on to the fourth generation.

Very well cared for by his wife, Maureen, he was a supportive dad



to all the children and a very proud grandpa..

The funeral service took place at St Mary's Church, Lymm, on February 18, prior to committal at Altrincham Crematorium. The Rev Keith Maudsley led the service, with Father Michael Burgess.

Maureen, James and all his family were touched by all the cards and messages of support and the number of people who attended at church to give Mike a fitting send off. He'd have been very proud.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

Howard Gregory



THE funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium of Howard Gregory, aged 68, of Mill Lane, Heatley, who died at St Rocco's Hospice on January 14

Howard has lived in Lymm for about 40 year and was active in Oughtrington Community Association and a member of Lymm Photographic Society.

He worked in the electricity supply industry, overseeing many major projects. He was chairman of Wilmslow Guild Adult Education Centre and also chairman of WG Audio Visual Group.

He produced tutorial CDs for audio visual workers, mainly about

sound. Together with his wife, Suzanne, he gave many talks all over the country and judged AV competitions at local, national and international level.

He is survived by his wife, stepson Brian, daughter-in-law Sarah and grandson Christopher.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.

Pauline Chesters



THE funeral has taken place at Walton Lea Crematorium of Pauline Chesters, nee Barker, aged 66, of Booths Hill Road, Lymm, who died at Warrington Hospital on January 21.

Pauline loved her lovely garden, home and family and also caravanning with her twin sister, Christine, in Wales.

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