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Editor's Comment

WITH so many positive things going on in our community it is so frustrating to have to report on the negatives like the recent arson attack on the play equipment at Ridgway Grundy Park.

I struggle to comprehend what is going through the mind or minds of those responsible, especially at a time when we are constantly seeing fires breaking out all over the place due to the hot, dry weather.

Our fire service have far more important tasks in hand than having to turn out at all hours to deal with irresponsible acts of arson.

Fire crews from Lymm were also recently involved in a rescue attempt on cygnets trapped in fishing line at Lymm Dam. Sadly one of the young swans died but the other was successfully rescued.

One wonders whether more needs to be done by local anglers to make sure snagged or discarded fishing line is not left in the dam, as it is clearly lethal to local wildlife.

Turning to the positives I once again have to congratulate all those who give up their free time to organise our many and varied community events.

This year's Lymm Festival, now celebrating an amazing 20 years, was once again an over whelming success and just seems ... strength to strength each year. Historic success and just seems to go from

Meanwhile Lymm Historic Transport Day Event Director Alan Williams continues to amaze me. Those who know Alan, will know he was going through some difficult times in his personal life while still helping co-ordinate this year's event. What he and his wife Su have achieved for our village is unbelievable and not only do we have a fantastic event, but also a permanent heritage centre for future generations to enjoy.

As far as I am aware Lymm Parish Council has never bestowed the freedom of Lymm on anybody - but if they can and if anyone is deserving of it - Alan and Su Williams should be at the front of the queue!

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Residents' anger over park vandalism

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A fire was started late at night on the children's play area, damaging play equipment and the rubber safety flooring.

Firefighters from Lymm Fire Station

dealt with the blaze and were at the scene for about half-an-hour.

Debris was quickly cleared from the site the following day – but the damaged play item was unusable. The fire had clearly been started deliberately and police have appealed for information from the public to help trace the culprits. Anyone who can help should call 101 or use the anonymous Crimestoppers hotline on 0800 555



Rescue operation at Lymm Dam as cygnets trapped in fishing line

A fire and rescue crew from Lymm were called in a bid to rescue a pair of cygnets trapped in fishing line at Lymm Dam.

The stranded baby swans were spotted by local dog walker Andy McLeish, who alerted the emergency services.

A pair of nesting swans recently hatched five cygnets at the dam and two had become trapped in snagged fishing lines.

A member of the public attempted to wade out but the water was too deep.

Four members of White Watch based at Lymm Fire Station used a special floating board as they mounted a rescue operation.



Sadly it was too late for one of the cygnets which died before they could rescue it – but its sibling was rescued and re-united with its mother.

Andy, who runs Bridgewater Lettings in the village, watched the drama unfold after alerting emergency services.

"Thanks to the actions of White Watch one of the cygnets was rescued – but sadly the other one died," said Andy.



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No meeting in August

Cricket club to hold open do

LYMM Oughtrington Park Cricket Club is to hold its annual Open Day at their Oughtrington Lane ground on Sunday, September 2

The all-day event – 11am to 5.30pm – will include a barbecue, tombola, bouncy castle, and a "Kids v Parents" match at 11am.

Officials hope the weather will be fine – but even if it isn't it is unlikely that

rain will stop play!

In the afternoon there will be a Presidents' XI v Chairman's XI game – and all day there will be opportunities for visitors to test their skill in the nets against a bowling machine capable of delivering a ball of up to 100mph.

The day is designed to attract fresh talent to the club, with new players of any

ability welcome.

Lymm Oughtrington Park fields two sides in the UKFast Cheshire League, with the 1st XI currently in the 1st division.

The club also fields a women's team in the Cheshire Women's League.



Last year's kids vs parents match in progress in the rain.

Memories of a farmer

TOD Bulmer owner of Kenyon Hall Farm, Culcheth, was guest speaker at the

monthly meeting of Heatley WI.

Together with his wife Tod has been running the farm since 1978 but it has been in the family as far back as the 15th century, originally as tenant farmers then owners when his grandfather Walter Boardman purchased the land in

From a sleepy 166 acres the farm now boasts 500 acres plus and is a leading "Pick Your Own" location, with the addition of a well stocked shop, including a plant centre and friendly cafe.

After the vote of thanks, members were treated to strawberries from the farm and cream and a glass of Prosecco.

Members were reminded of coming events, including a tour of the Manchester Police Museum in September and afternoon tea at the Fishpool Inn, Delamere, in October.

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First police community base opens at Lymm

WARRINGTON'S first new police community base has officially opened at Lymm Youth and Community Centre.

Cheshire's police and crime commissioner David Keane and acting chief constable Janette McCormick attended at Lymm Youth and Community Centre to officially declare the building open.

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The centre is one of 23 community bases in the Warrington local policing area and 122 across Cheshire providing a base for PCSOs to spend more time in the heart of the communities they serve.

Housed in existing buildings, the bases will provide a facility for PCSOs to hold regular surgeries or have confidential discussions with victims, witnesses and other members of the public

of the public.

PCSOs will also be able to begin and end their daily shift at their community base to increase the amount of time they have to meet local residents and deal with local issues.

David said: "I am proud that we've been able to introduce a police base and PCSO for every community across Cheshire to help re-establish community policing across the county.

county.

"When I was elected I promised the Cheshire residents 'more feet on the beat' and this model is helping us put community officers back where they belong

they belong.
"Under the previous model, some
PCSOs were travelling miles each

day to the community they were based in, wasting valuable time that they could be spending in their communities.

"The new bases will help increase police interaction with individual communities, providing a named, recognisable officer and an easily accessible police base for local residents in shared community buildings at no extra cost to the taxpayer.

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"I'm extremely grateful that Lymm Youth and Community Centre have been so supportive of the work police are doing in the Lymm area and have let us use the base free of charge."

The launch event in Warrington is one of four events being held across Cheshire's four local authority areas over the next few weeks for the new community base model.

The Lymm event was attended by a number of local councillors, including

borough councillors Cllr Anna Fradgley and Cllr Kath Buckley and the volunteers who run Lymm Youth and Community Centre.

Steve Griffiths, chair of Lymm Youth and Community Association who run the centre, added: "We are happy to have local police officers using the centre as a community base in what is a hub for the local community."

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"Our function is to serve local people and we are happy to continue our very good relationship with Cheshire Police and they're always welcome to drop in even if there isn't a scheduled drop-in session."

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Acting chief constable Janette McCormick said: "We are delighted to be able to open these bases at the heart of each community in Cheshire.

"This will bring policing closer to the communities we serve and will mean our community officers are more accessible and local residents are able to directly speak to PCSOs in their areas."







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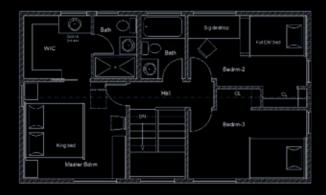
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Spitfire takes to the skies at Lym

GLORIOUS sunshine ensured bumper crowds at Lymm Historic Transport Day which included a flypast by a Battle of Britain Memorial Fund Spitfire, marking the centenary of the RAF.

It followed a fabulous parade of vintage and collector vehicles through the village winding their way onto the May Queen Field where they were joined by various

which live were planted by which exhibitors and community groups.

When local man Alan Williams first organised the event in June 2013 to help raise funds for the ten day Lymm Festival, little did he know it was to become a key event on the region's transport event calendar as well as generating a wide range of education and heritage spin-off benefits.

"We do have a unique setting" said Alan, who is still the Event Director and was delighted with the fantastic weather and huge turnout.

It was the second time the show took to the skies with a flypast by a Battle of Britain Memorial Fund Spitfire.

Exhibitors included the North West Casual Classics Car Club which has been supporting the event since year one, the Burtonwood Association who were

marking the 70th anniversary to the day of the start of the Berlin Blockade and Warrington's own Buses, who provided a vintage double decker shuttle from the centre of Warrington.

The Batmobile and Dinosaurs were also on hand to entertain the

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Curtain comes down on glorious Lymm Festival

THE curtain has come down on the 20th Lymm Festival which provided eleven days of fun and entertainment blessed with glorious weather.

Chairman lan Marks said, "We were delighted with the superb quality performances, events and exhibitions we put on in this our

exhibitions we special year."

Deputy Chairman David Smith added, "Feedback from the speciators was audience and spectators was extremely positive, which gave us all a great deal of satisfaction after all the hard work put in by our volunteers.

The ever popular FoodFest kick started the 20th annual Lymm Festival, attracting thousands of people into the village.

Special guests included Mayor of Warrington Cllr Karen Mundry and Warrington South MP Faisal Rashid

Rashid.

As well as multi-cultural food offerings from around the world, there was also street entertainment and live music to entertain the crowds.

The event also saw the launch of the third exhibition at Lymm's Heritage Centre, which was offically opened by Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Anna Fradgley, who was also joined by the Mayor of Warrington.

The exhibition looks at the history

of Lymm's waterways.

The winners of a special Movie Storyboard competition were Louise Brayne (7) Fiddlers Lane Primary School, Irlam and Faith Holdsworth

(11) Ravenbank Primary, Lymm.
The competition was launched following a workshop with Just English Tuition and Kate Hulme Illustration at Lymm Heritage Centre to link with this year's Movie themed Lymm Transport Day.

The winning entries can be viewed at Lymm Heritage Centre.

The Festival continued with many great events for every taste including a sold-out sunset cruise

which went down very well.

Lymm was also delighted to welcome the world-famous Aquarelle Guitar Quartet who joined the Alteri Chamber Choir to present a colourful programme of brazilian music at St Mary's Church.

Meanwhile headliner and former Goodie, Tim Brooke-Taylor was in conversation with Chris Serle. Tim shared a wealth of anecdotes and

stories about many of the greats of comedy from his career on stage, screen and radio with a full house at Statham Lodge Hotel.

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There was also the welcome return to the Festival of Lymm Photographic Society with a stunning exhibition of local scenes at Lymm Library.

There was also a memorable evening of popular songs performed by the local Big Sing Choir.

The sell-out comedy club returned with a hilarious bunch

The sell-out comedy club returned with a hilarious bunch of comedians, including Milo McCabe's character Troy Hawke with some hilarious scrabble-based conspiracy theories!

Lymm and District Chorus gave an extremely moving performance of 'The Armed Man'. It's powerful message is that peace is preferable

to war.

There was also a fascinating panel discussion with three leading crime writers. The audience learning all about the Golden Age of crime writing. At Lymm High School there was a top-quality performance by Time Travelling Magicians Morgan and West which appealed to both

young and old.

Audiences were also treated to a truly authentic blues performance by Kyla Brox. She is one of the leading singers of her kind in the country. Also in the evening the audience was rapt with attention listening to a talk about the wartime Enigma Machine. The first half was on how the machine worked and the second half on the people who worked at Bletchley Park. It turned out that one of the audience, in his 80's, had actually worked at Bletchley. Bletchley.

There was also the ever-popular Family Garden Party which took place in the grounds of Lymm Hall. A wide range of entertainment was on offer including CBeebies' Mr Bloom. In the evening Classic FM's John Suchet gave an extremely erudite and polished talk on Mozart and Strauss.

Hundreds of people also toured Hundreds or people diso foured the village visiting eleven Open Gardens and not forgetting that throughout the Festival period, 25 scarecrows decorated the village to the theme of 'Let's Party'.











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The committee was told the scheme involved demolition of an existing rear conservatory and construction of a two-storey side extension and single storey extension at the rear, although originally it had been intended to include a two-storey extension at the

development would have an overbearing impact and result in loss of light and outlook and privacy for properties along Grasmere Road and Langdale Avenue. Objectors argued that

They believed the site would be overdeveloped and out of keeping

with neighbouring properties.
There were also concerns about parking as on-street parking was already an issue in the area.
The parish council believed the

scheme represented overdevelopment of the site and that parking proposals were unclear, bearing in mind a shared access with neighbouring properties.

Planning officers said the design, scale and massing of the proposal would sit comfortably on the site and adequate amenity space would remain to the side and rear of the

dwelling.
Matching materials were proposed throughout to the development which would not have an unacceptable impact on the property or the streetscene, nor on the character and appearance of the area.



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Fast-growing hockey club gears up for new season

MEMBERS of fast-growing Lymm Hockey Club are preparing for the coming season – and reflecting on its incredible growth in just 13 years.

Since launching in the 2005-2006 season, the club has grown beyond its founders' wildest dréams.

They began with a single men's team with kit begged and borrowed from Lymm Rugby Club. There were just enough players to complete the

Today the club boasts more than 120 male players and more than 200 females affiliated to England Hockey.

Hockey.

The age range is from the youngest, aged five, to experienced veterans of 50-plus.

This year has seen successes on and off the pitch, with a highlight a trip to Lee Valley Stadium – where the Olympic hockey was held in 2012 – to see the men's 1st team complete in the England Hockey National Tier 3 final National Tier 3 final.

Despite losing it was a truly memorable day out for more than 50 Lymm hockey families who travelled to the final with the support of Lymm Round Table.

The men's 1st team was also

The men's 1st team was also shortlisted for England Hockey Team of the year - a great acknowledgement for a relatively small, young, northern club.

Another accolade for the club this year was the achievement of one of its coaches, Chris Hunt, in winning the Cheshire Hockey Association "Lifetime Achievement" award.

Former player Chris has invested many, many hours in coaching juniors and umpiring matches.

But the club stresses it's not all

about winning.

A number of "fun" games and inter-club tournaments for juniors and seniors are held throughout the

One such event is the annual Chivfest when the club remembers sadly-missed women's 1st team player Susie Chiverton, who was always first to volunteer and loved

ChivFest has become an event to look forward to in the club calendar involving juniors, seniors, men and women of all ages and experience for a fun day of semi-competitive

hockey.
This year also saw the Men's 3rd team challenge the Women's 3rd team in a very competitive game which, despite the result, ended with an enjoyable barbecue afterwards.

Lymm Hockey Club stresses it is very much a family club – and that it is still looking for more members.

All ages and abilities are welcome and the club organises "back to hockey" sessions for those who haven't played for some years or, indeed, may never have played.

Anyone interested in joining

should email lymmhockey@gmail. com or visit the club website www. lymmhockey.com





Toddle waddle has double cause to celebrate



It was a double celebration when youngsters from Statham Little Foxes pre-school at Lymm set off on ther annual toddle-waddle.

The youngsters set off from their pre-school nextdoor to Statham School on their way to the canalside gardens of Leckonby Cottage on Whitbarrow Rd. For the children it was probably their first

taste of a "sponsored effort" while for hosts Su and Alan Williams it marked the tenth anniversary of the popular event.

Having walked almost a mile of the Trans-Pennine trail in convoy along with parents, teachers and carers, the children were able to enjoy a picnic on the lawn and the chance to explore before receiving their individual "toddle-waddler" medals.

medals.

"Over the years we have had all sorts of weather conditions to contend with but this year was absolutely perfect" said Su Wiilliams. "We love being able to share our garden with the children for a such a good cause."

The walk also raised close on £200 to help fund an outdoor music area for the pre-school.

"The toddle-waddle is always one of the highlight events of the

one of the highlight events of the summer term and the fact that it also raises money is an added bonus' added Nichóla Kelly of Little Foxes.



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