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AS Lymm Life was going to press we were receiving reports of further vandal attacks on the new outdoor gym at Ridgway Grundy Park.

The latest incident involves an attack on the security fencing around the new feature, which was attacked by arsonists earlier in the summer.

It defies logic that anybody could take pleasure in vandalising equipment put there to benefit the local community. With the amount of additional money required to replace and repair items damaged by vandals in the village over the

years, surely the time has now come to invest in a proper CCTV security network to protect the whole village?

It is the only way we are going to catch those who seem to take pleasure out of acts and vandalism. It will also provide extra security to deter other crimes, like the recent raid on the Sainsbury's store.

Meanwhile the ongoing planning saga with the Lymm Hotel continues,

with local councillor Ian Marks under fire from the developers who had been described as "greedy".

As a local councillor myself in nearby Appleton, I know only too well how difficult it is to represent your community without upsetting someone. But in all my years of reporting on local news, this is the first time I have reported on a local councillor being threatened with legal action for representing the views of their constituents.

I think most people who live in the area, would see what is being proposed as an over development - but at the end of the day it will be the the planning committee who make the decision, based on whether the site can accommodate what is being proposed, without impacting on the local community in a negative way.

Big Lymm Bonfire

LYMM Roundtable will host their spectacular, fun-filled evening of fireworks, fire and food at Lymm Rugby Club on Crouchley Lane, on Saturday, November 3.

Doors open at 6pm with the Bonfire lighting at 6:30pm followed by the Kids fireworks display at 7pm and the main fireworks at 7:45pm. Advanced ticket prices are £16 for a family (up to 2 adults and 2 children), £7 for adults and £4 for children. On the door is £20 for a family, £8 adult and £4 child.

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For Roger was due to be best man at his best friend's wedding but ended up marrying the bride – Anne!

There was a seven-year courtship in between, but that was mainly because merchant seaman Roger was sailing the seven seas.

"There was no way I was marrying a sailor" says Anne.

The couple, of The Limes, Booth's Hill Close, Lymm, celebrated 50 years of marriage with a party for 80 family, friends and neighbours where Roger told the story of their meeting.

It would never have happened if Anne had not left her home in Yorkshire to work at the Continental Telephone Exchange in London – a job which required her to handle phone calls in French and English.

A work colleague introduced her to a youth group where she met Roger and his friend.

In the fullness of time, the friend and Anne became engaged and Roger was asked to be best man.

It was only months before the wedding, with most of the arrangements made, that the couple mutually agreed they were not meant for each other and called the whole thing off.

Over the next seven years a close friendship between Roger and Anne developed into a courtship – despite the fact he was travelling the world in the Merchant Navy. He believes he visited more than 100 countries.

But all voyages led back to Britain

and Anne, so 50 years ago they married, moving back to Yorkshire where they started their family, which now consists of a son and daughter and four grandchildren.

Roger and Anne have now lived in Lymm for six years and take an active role in the local community. They are members of Lymm Methodist Church, in Eagle Brow, where Roger is a local preacher and Anne is a member of the church magazine editorial team as well as the Open the Book group which provides bible studies at local schools.

They are both members of Warrington U3A and take a keen interest in local music through the Friends of Walton Hall and WACIDOM, the Warrington Competition for Young Musicians while Anne is also a member of Lymm Jubilee WI.



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**November 12
LYMM & DISTRICT LOCAL
HISTORY SOCIETY**
Speaker: Martin Jones
The Man Who Shod War Horses
Village Hall, 8pm

**November 13
LYMM PARISH COUNCIL**

**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
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 LUNCHES
Eagle Brow Methodist Church
3rd Thursday in the month
Light lunches 12 noon till 2pm. All proceeds to
Youth For Christ and YMCA Room at The Inn

**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.
Details: www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk

LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE
3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm
The Spread Eagle Hotel
Details: 01925 604400

LYMM CONCERT BAND
Rehearsals every Thursday evening
United Reformed Church, 8pm.
Details: 01925 752934

LYMM WI
Every second Wednesday, 2-4pm at Lymm
Youth and Community Centre. Visitors
welcome.

LYMM BOOK CLUB
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Spread Eagle, Eagle Brow. Details 01925
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**Next meeting:
November 13
at Lymm Village Hall**

U3A visit historic priory

MEMBERS of Lymm and Thelwall University of the Third Age (U3A) enjoyed the first event of their membership year when they visited Norton Priory Museum and Garden.

They were able to admire the walled garden, the landscape surrounding the museum and excavated ruins.

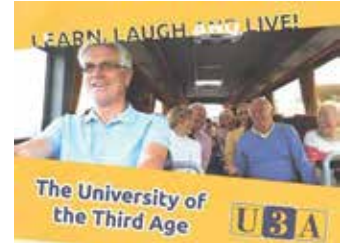
Chairman John Bower said more special events were planned over the coming months.

U3A, which is for retired and semi-retired people, meet at Thelwall Parish Hall at 10am on the third Thursday of each month, except for December. It has more than 20 regular activities, ranging from playing the ukulele to ballet, philosophy and cycle maintenance. The next meeting is on October 18 when retired solicitor John Booth will give a talk entitled "West Bank Witness," based on his three month spell working as a volunteer human

rights observer on the Palestinian West Bank.

Visitors are welcome at the monthly meetings - free of charge for the first two meetings.

More details are available at the website <https://u3asites.org.uk/lymm-thelwall/welcome>



Memory man comes to Lymm

Planning is under way for next year's Lymm Festival, but in the meantime the first Winter Warmer of the season takes place on Friday, October 19 at Lymm Golf Club.

For those looking for an evening of fun, laughter and intrigue, this is the event for you. The show will feature John Holt, an entertainer who combines his background in stand-up comedy and his work as a magician to produce some hilarious results.

Also performing will be Chris Rawlins, a witty illusionist and memory performer who will amaze you with his ability to remember things. This show is like nothing you have seen before.

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Park homes plan is withdrawn

A PLAN to build four park homes on the site of a disused nursery on Green Belt lane in Burford Lane, Lymm, has been withdrawn.

The proposal involved the former Greenscene nursery – close to the former Willowpool Nursery site where a gated development of 14 park homes is already under construction.

Lymm Parish Council had lodged an objection to the scheme and there were also objections from about 12 residents of Burford Lane.

The parish council objected on a number of grounds – including inappropriate use of Green Belt land and the lack of any very special circumstances to justify building in the Green Belt.

There was also an objection because of concerns that the design of the proposed properties was not in keeping with the area.

The parish council added: "Broomedge is a small hamlet in Lymm and as such is surrounded by

Green Belt for that reason.

"The Green Belt prevents the sprawl within a village hamlet and the local planning authority should

respect this."

Burford Lane residents objected on a variety of similar grounds and also pointed out that unlike the Willow Pool Nursery site, which was set back from the road, the proposal was right on the road.



Christmas fair

LYMM Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs are holding a Christmas Fair in Lymm Village Hall on Saturday, November 3 from 10am to 3 pm with stalls for sales of Christmas Cards, Gifts, etc.

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Princess Royal opens £4.5m lifeskills education centre

THE Princess Royal has officially opened Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's Safety Central, taking a tour of the lifeskills education centre in Lymm, as part of her visit.

Her Royal Highness was welcomed to Safety Central by David Briggs, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, and Councillor Bob Rudd, chairman of Cheshire Fire Authority.

The High Sheriff of Cheshire, Mrs Alexis Redmond, local dignitaries and school children were also in attendance at the opening of the service's interactive lifeskills education centre, which gives people of all ages skills and knowledge they need to stay safe and well at home, on the road and in the community.

During the opening Princess Anne was able to see what the £4.5m state-of-the-art indoor village has to offer in its four themed learning zones. She met children from Latchford St James CE Primary School who were taking part in activities delivered by volunteer rangers, who also got the chance speak to the Princess about the contribution they make to the centre.

Cllr Rudd said: "Cheshire Fire Authority is extremely proud of the facility which will help people

to stay safe and keep healthy. We know from our work trying to keep communities safe from fire that some people are more at risk than others. That's why we worked closely with our friends and colleagues in the NHS, the police, councils, housing and lots of other agencies to bring Safety Central to life."

Cheshire Fire Authority is funding the running costs of Safety Central which means that visits by schools and community groups are offered free of charge.

Situated on the same site as Lymm Fire Station, the centre features:

- * Safer Choices – a series of immersive scenarios encouraging people to think about the impact of their decisions including a police custody suite and cell, courtroom, convenience store and a space for learning about online safety and healthy lifestyles

- * Safe as Houses – a full-sized three-bedroom family home, shed and garden all rigged to not only demonstrate the most common causes of accidents, but also technologies to help prevent injury and promote independence

- * Streetsafe – a dramatic urban environment complete with a road, bridge, toucan crossing, cycle path, railway station, park, canal side, alleyway, building site and substation

- * Ruralrisk – recreating Cheshire's great outdoors... indoors, this zone highlights hidden dangers in the open countryside, forest and lakes, on farms and on rural roads.

Cheshire's chief fire officer, Mark Cashin, said: "Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service has an impressive track record in preventing people of all ages from coming to harm in the home, on the road and in the community. Our state-of-the-art Safety Central takes this work to a whole new level. For the first time ever, we have a purpose-built facility dedicated to public safety. Through a team of dedicated staff members and volunteer rangers, visitors will learn how to stay

safe, well and independent by experiencing a range of hazards in realistic learning zones that simulate the environments in which injury and harm is most likely to occur."

If any schools or community groups working with children and young people would like to visit Safety Central they should get more details from the website www.safetycentral.org.uk for booking information.



Hunt for raiders who stole large quantity of cigarettes

POLICE are hunting raiders who forced their way into a Sainsbury's supermarket at Lymm, stealing a large quantity of cigarettes.

The break in occurred sometime between 11pm Thursday (September 20) and 5.45am on Friday (September 21), when thieves prised the shutters open at the supermarket on Rushgreen Road, Lymm.

The offenders forced their way into the shop, which was closed at the time and stole a large quantity of cigarettes.

Anyone with information should contact Police on 101 or via www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries/ quoting IML 190303.

Alternatively information can be given anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Local Slimmers Walk All Over Cancer



A special "Walk All Over Cancer" event at Grappenhall helped raise funds in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Slimming World consultant for Grappenhall and Lymm, Nicola Chiappa was "overwhelmed" by the turnout for the sponsored charity walk she had arranged for some of her slimming club members.

Hoping for around 50 participants, over 80 volunteers from all of Nicola's slimming groups turned up to enjoy a 5KM walk through the village of Grappenhall.

Departing from the Bellhouse

Club, fine dry weather provided perfect conditions for the walkers, many of whom took the chance to exercise their pet dogs too.

Nicola said: "It was a perfect opportunity for members to meet some of the other slimmers who are improving their health and getting more active by losing weight. There was also a shorter route available – the important thing was being able to take part. After the walk members were presented with their awards and the grand total raised on the day was announced."

On the day over £900 was

raised and with further donations still coming in Nicola hopes that the group can top the £1000 mark.

The event was hosted to raise money for Cancer Research UK and to help raise awareness of how keeping a healthy weight reduces the risk of developing cancer. The members taking part have been working towards "Body Magic" awards and their donations, as well as that of their family and friends collected on the day will go to help make life a little easier for someone.



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Rescue dog steals the show at her owners' wedding

A RESCUE dog who was put on a diet as she needed to lose almost half her weight, has stolen the show at her Lymm owners' wedding.

Labrador Poppy weighed in at 40kg, almost double her ideal weight and needing to lose the equivalent of four Yorkshire Terriers.

While she waited at Dogs Trust Manchester for her new forever home, the 11-year-old was given a tailored exercise regime by the team at the rehoming centre along with a doggy diet.

She had started her weight loss journey when Scott Smith and his fiancé Hannah Wright from Lymm visited and fell in love with her.

Scott said: "She stole our hearts straight away! We just looked into her eyes and saw her wagging tail and that was it! We were committed to helping her lose weight and as we were already planning the wedding we knew she'd have a big role in the day so rather than watching our waistlines we were watching hers!"

Poppy was 'Dog of Honour', accompanying Scott to the wedding at Dunham Massey venue and helping calm his nerves as he waited for Hannah to arrive.

"There was never a doubt that she would be with us at our wedding and she really helped keep me calm. It was lovely having her by my side whilst I watched Hannah walk down the aisle."

Poppy found herself without a

home last year after a change in her family's circumstances meant she could no longer stay with them. She had been at the centre for over a month before she headed off with Scott and Hannah to their home in Lymm.

Scott added: "She completes our family and we can't imagine life without her. She is simply the best dog! We would have loved her to have reached her weight loss target by the wedding but it has been so hot this summer that we've had to be very careful exercising her.

"We are still aiming to reach her goal of 25kg. She is much happier and healthier having lost weight so we're going to keep on going so she can get the most fun out of life possible!"

Assistant Manager at Dogs Trust Manchester, Carol Margieson, said: "Poppy was a very portly pooch when she arrived with us and it's brilliant that Scott and Hannah have carried on making sure she loses weight. She looked great on the wedding day and it's wonderful that she is at the heart of such a loving family."

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Care home boss calls for councillor to quit over 'greedy developer' slur

THE boss of an award winning care home company is calling for the resignation of a councillor after what he considers to be inaccurate, inappropriate and misleading comments about a planning application for new care facilities in Lymm.

Liberal Democrat Councillor for Lymm North and Thelwall, Ian Marks, made the comments about the proposed application for a multi-million pound state-of-the-art 'new generation' care facility on the site of the Macdonald Hotel on Whitbarrow Road, accusing the company of "gross overdevelopment" and of being a "greedy developer completely ignoring the community in which the site is located."

Director of McGoff Group, Chris McGoff, has hit back, highlighting the Councillor's hypocrisy and the many flaws in his argument that could ultimately mislead the local community and adversely affect future levels of quality care that could be delivered for some of the most elderly and vulnerable people in the borough.

"I entirely object to the defamatory comments made by Councillor Marks, and the highly prejudicial statements made about me, the business and this planning application," said McGoff, "In addition to taking legal action, we have made a formal complaint to Warrington Council through the official complaints procedure and are seeking his immediate resignation.

"The comments made by Councillor Marks are not only highly offensive, but completely hypocritical. Only as recently as July, Mr Marks was quoted in the local press highlighting the lack of social care in the area and calling for "better joined up thinking" to avoid more "years of misery where the sick, vulnerable and elderly are repeatedly let down. He is playing politics at the expense of potentially depriving the delivery of much needed fit-for-purpose facilities in an area where there is a proven and well documented shortage and in our view is potentially technically misrepresenting the application," said McGoff.

The application for the Macdonald Hotel site on Whitbarrow Road in Lymm, includes a request to build a new 66 bed care centre, children's day nursery and elderly care apartments.

The proposal has the full support of Macdonald Hotels who need to redevelop the site due to the loss making nature of the current hotel.

"Some people, including Councillor Marks, may not be aware that the site already has extant planning permission for a significant hotel expansion," continues McGoff, "Our proposed building is circa 40% smaller in terms of floor space and circa 20% smaller in terms of built footprint with more greenspace and, as such, has a much lower impact on the local environment while significantly increasing social care provision within the local community. If our proposed scheme is smaller than the one that already has approved extant planning permission then how can it be gross overdevelopment?" he said.

"I also entirely object to the accusation of greedy developer," said McGoff, "As this is not a quick return investment often associated with the build and sell of open market housing. These are purpose-built care facilities that we build, retain and operate from, with a very lengthy return on investment and we are in this for the long haul."

Evidence gathered following the opening of other Newcare Group care facilities across the UK confirms that the delivery of new build care homes brings other wider community benefits, helping to free up the supply of family homes by affording the elderly an option to effectively downsize into fit-for-purpose accommodation.

Such developments also support the NHS and local health framework, working in partnership to reduce pressure on local hospital beds by caring for those well enough to leave hospital, but not yet well enough to return to their own homes – an award winning scheme that has worked with exemplar effect at The Grand, one of the Group's facilities in Nottingham.

McGoff continued: "On the one hand, Councillor Marks claims to be fighting for better care, yet on the other he is objecting to a private developer willing to make a massive financial investment into providing the better care that he claims is required. The provision of a new purpose-built nursery and care centre offer a unique combination of better care for both the young and the old alike and will leave a lasting legacy in Lymm for the next 30-40 years.

"If Marks was a true champion for social care, he would encourage such contributions and look for ways to work together in a collaborative manner and in the true and best interests of the local community. After all, who is going

to fund the improvements if private investment is not welcomed and sensibly discussed?"

McGoff concludes by saying: "Accusing us of being "greedy" will undoubtedly lead to some people forming a negative opinion about the business, and in turn this application, which could then lead to its refusal. Furthermore, his throwaway comments could potentially be responsible for denying local people the private investment that could enable them to benefit from high quality local care and stay in the village where they have always lived.

In addition, given that the extant permission is significantly bigger than the new proposal, which will be viewed as a material consideration at the ensuing appeal, he is also exposing the local council taxpayer to a massive potential financial claim for costs should the application be passed.

We will have no alternative but to seek the same should we have to pursue this route to gain an approval.

"Notwithstanding the course of the application though, the 'developerphobic' comments made by Councillor Marks are completely inappropriate in this day and age and he must resign now or be removed from his post."

Cllr Marks, who received an MBE for his services to local government, responded: "It is the role of a local councillor to reflect the views of the people they represent. The vast majority of local residents are opposed to the scale of this development and support my views.

"Clearly I had no wish to offend anyone and I apologise for any offence my comments have caused.

"I have absolutely no intention of resigning after nearly forty years as a Lymm Councillor."



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Rosie says: 'I love my job! I have the responsibility of working with individuals and couples during times where they often feel at their most vulnerable and supporting them to optimise their health is a real privilege. I take my responsibility for each and every client extremely seriously and I will leave no stone unturned to ensure they can reach their optimum potential.'

That said, I believe the journey to optimum health should be empowering and enjoyable, even through the most difficult times'

*To avoid any confusion or misunderstanding - Dr Art O'Malley BA., M.B. B.Ch., B.A.O., D.C.H., M.R.C.G.P., F.R.C.Psych. EMDR Europe Accredited Consultant for children adolescents and adults is working at Lymm Osteopathic Practice as an EMDR Psychotherapist helping patients with post traumatic stress.



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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the season of mists and autumn fruitfulness

The Neighbourhood Plan Group is still gathering pace with a consultation session on Saturday 13th October in the Village Hall. Details of the event can be found on www.lymmplan.org. The Parish Council thanks all who are involved in this working group and looks forward to receiving feedback from residents.

The recent Grower's Day in the hall was well received and was initiated by allotment holders in the village. Thanks to Spud Wood for bringing their marvellous apple press, to LiveWire for providing fantastic reading material, to the Guides for tasty refreshments, to the National Allotment Society, the Wildlife Trust, the local PCSOs and everyone who helped to make the event a success. The day would not have been possible without Wendy Booth (admin@lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk) and Kerry Duffin (deputy@lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk) who pulled the whole event together.



Guides providing refreshments



Cllr Geoff Hawley trying out Spud Wood's apple press

Councillor Andy Carter is still in discussions with Warrington Borough Council about the parks in Lymm. Unfortunately, a number of incidents of vandalism has left equipment broken or unable to be used. There is no quick fix solution to the problem and Cllr Graham Gowland has initiated a 'Youth Engagement' Scheme involving representatives from different agencies and Friday night youth sessions run by LiveWire.

The Parish Council has agreed to fund the renewal of the Heritage Trail boards. Tim Baker, Ranger, has spent a huge amount of time and effort updating the signs and the technical wizardry has been completed by James Hurrell on a voluntary basis. A huge thanks to these two and we hope to have the new boards up very soon.

The idea to revamp the boards came from the Environment Working Group who meet every other month to discuss small achievable projects than can be undertaken to improve the environment of Lymm. If you have an idea or would like to attend a meeting please contact the Clerk.

Our Environment Wardens have been issued with new green fleeces for the winter – give them a wave if you see them out and about cleaning the streets and strimming the footpaths. It has been an incredibly busy summer for them and we thank them for their hard work in very hot and difficult conditions.

We are sorry to report that we are losing our long standing, hard working and well liked Parish Clerk Amanda Riley and we wish her well in her new ventures. Kerry Duffin, current Deputy Clerk, will be Acting Clerk from 1st October.

*Anna Fradgley
Chairman*

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Karate club celebrates medal successes



LYMM karate club Gen'Dai Matial Arts have been celebrating recent medal success at regional and national competitions.

At the 49th North West Open Karate Championships in Leigh Gen'Dai A and B teams battled their way through the earlier rounds of the event. Following a league style competition in the kumite (freestyle fighting) Gen'Dai A, comprising David Lomas, Jack Lomas and Hannah Tarrant, finished third. Gen'Dai B made it through to what proved to be a tense and exciting final against a gritty Kirby team.

After demonstrating some true fighting spirit the Gen'Dai B team (Emma Benson, Ryan Rushton and Ethan Towey) were victorious taking the prestigious North West Open Shield by 2 wins to 1.

Other notable performances saw Jack Lomas receive a silver medal in the boys individual kumite (under 5') and his older brother David Lomas win a bronze medal in the boys individual kumite (5' to 5' 6").

In the Northern Open Classic

International Karate Championship the Gen'Dai club entered a team into the boys under 14 division. On this occasion the Gen'Dai team consisted of Ethan Towey, David Lomas and Jack Lomas. Some impressive performances saw the team again progress all the way to the final. Despite giving it their all, the boys came away with silver medals after losing a closely fought contest to Kanzen Karate club from Dundee. Nevertheless, a great achievement for all involved especially given the very high standard of the competitors.

Dave Shipton, 5th Dan and chief instructor, said: "I really enjoy watching my students develop confidence and improve their karate skills. The medals are the icing on the cake and for them to win against such quality opposition makes me so proud of them. The students deserve every bit of this success."



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Lymm Runners remember the late Paul Crouch with donation

THIS year's Festival Trail Races, organised by Lymm Runners, raised a significant £915.51 for the British Heart Foundation, in memory of the late Paul Crouch of Lymm who died suddenly in May.

Paul's widow Debbie was one of the founding members of Lymm Runners back in 2010 and has since worked tirelessly as a volunteer to help make the club what it is today.

Trail Race Director, Katy O'Connor, said: "Lymm Runners has been organising the Festival Trail Races for seven years and this year's event was the best yet with over 500 runners of all ages taking part. As a local running club we were delighted to pledge a donation to BHF on behalf of us all and it was very special to see Debbie and her daughter Emily taking part in the 5k Race with their friends in memory of Paul."

Leah Goodhind of the BHF said: "We're incredibly grateful to Lymm Runners for their support. Without our wonderful supporters the British Heart Foundation simply couldn't fund its lifesaving research. There are currently over 100,000 people in the Cheshire area living with

heart and circulatory disease and so the money raised by Lymm Runners will go on to help us beat heartbreak forever for all of those

people".

Debbie Crouch added: "I feel absolutely humbled but delighted that Lymm Runners chose to support the British Heart Foundation following the sudden death of my husband, Paul. Paul was always willing to support me as a volunteer

with Lymm Runners and it was a lovely tribute in his honour. My daughter, Emily and her friends, all aged 13, completed the 5k trail run and it was a great way to spread the message to the young people. Thank you Lymm Runners".



Lymm biker claims third place despite crash

LYMM-based motorcyclist Sean Neary ended his season on a high note when he sealed third place in the final round of the Ducati TriOptions Cup at Assen, in the Netherlands – despite crashing.

He got back on his bike with the runners-up spot still in his sights but eventually had to settle for third place.

He said: "That is 2018 done and dusted and I finished third in the championship.

"We went out to win, but a third in any British Championship is not easy so I'm grateful to the guys in the team."

Disaster struck for the Zoek Racing rider on the final lap of race one.

At the final corner, Neary just

clipped the back wheel of Levi Day, causing him to crash and slide into the gravel.

Starting the second race from the third row, Neary settled into a safe sixth place and opted for a steady ride which would consolidate this third place in the overall championship.

Earlier, in the penultimate round of the competition at Silverstone, Neary secured a sixth and a third place.

The racing was transferred to the short National circuit at the Northamptonshire venue because of problems with the International track normally used.

This was because of problems encountered two weeks previously which caused the MotoGP round to

be cancelled.

Neary completed his qualifying in fifth position and began the first 15 lap affair from a second row grid position. But he was unable to match the pace of the leaders and completed the race in sixth position.

After some considerable changes to the bike overnight, Neary once again started the race from the

second row and maintained sixth position on the opening lap.

But then he made his move forward and took up third place on lap two. Try as he might he was unable to make a pass on Lewis Rollo and although he remained within touching distance he crossed the finish line in third place just over a second behind his rival.

Veteran runner helps bring home silver medal for Great Britain

Warrington Athletics Club runner Steve Watmough, from Lymm, represented Great Britain in two events at the World Masters Athletics Championships in Malaga recently, helping bring home a silver medal.

Steve competed in the 5000 metres for over 55s at the Carranque Sports Centre in Malaga, where he finished in an excellent 8th place in a high class race recording a time of 17 minutes 01.40 seconds.

Then Steve finished in a fabulous 6th place in the over 55s Half Marathon recording a time of 1 hour 19 minutes 12 seconds to lead the British team to the Silver Medals behind the Spanish team.

The team was Steve along with Nick Martin (Mile High/South West Masters) 21st in 1 hour 25 minutes 18 seconds and Mark Halls (Brighton & Hove/South East Masters) 23rd in 1 hour 25 minutes 58 seconds for a total time of 4 hours 10 minutes 28 seconds to Spain's 3 hours 53 minutes 51 seconds with Ireland taking the Bronze Medals with 4 hours 29 minutes 29 seconds.



Steve competed in the 5000m race in Malaga (number 3423)

Chairman says thank you with cream tea

LYMM Parish Council Chairman Cllr. Anna Fradgley said "thank you" to everyone who had helped her and supported community events in the village, with a special cream tea at the village hall.

Guests included fellow councillors, volunteers from various groups and the village PCSOs.



Cricketers avoid relegation – but only just

LYMM Oughtrington Park managed to stay in the UKFast Cheshire Cricket League first division – but only just.

When they lost their last match of a difficult summer, the 1st XI were just once placed above the relegation zone, although they were more than 30 points clear of danger.

The 2nd XI did slightly better – they were two places above the relegation zone in division A but were almost 100 points above the club facing the drop.

But although it was not the best of seasons for the club, a number of individual members enjoyed considerable success.

Leading run-scorer was Jake

Hughes, who hit 423 runs at an average of 26.44 and a top score of 69, while Dave Evans hit 422 runs at an average of 28.13 and a top score of 81.

Highest average was achieved by Arvind Pillai whose 379 runs came at an average of 47.38 and included a top score of 75.

There were only two century-makers, Matthew Bradshaw who hit a fine 104 not out and Paul Tonge who hit 103.

Leading wicket taker was Syed Kahn, whose 56 wickets came at an average of 14.38 and included five five wicket hauls.

He took twice as many wickets as his nearest rival.

Obituaries

Mrs Lillian Priestner

THE funeral has taken place of Lillian (Lil) Priestner, nee Stevens, aged 78, who died suddenly at Warrington Hospital on July 1.

Lil moved to Lymm in 1961 when she married her husband, Albert and had lived in the village ever since.

She was born at Orford, one of seven children.

She worked at a number of places, including Richmond's, where she met her husband.

Lil enjoyed knitting and cross-stitch and travelling. She also enjoyed collecting charity pin badges, of which she had several hundred.

She is survived by her husband, Albert, daughters Linda and Jennie, sons Bob and Steve and six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was nick named Nanna Sunshine by her eldest granddaughter as she was always happy and smiling.

The funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium and donations were made to Epilepsy Research UK.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, of Lymm.

Mrs Iris Turner



THE funeral has taken place of Iris Turner, aged 97, of School Drive, Lymm, who died peacefully following a stroke on August 16.

Mrs Turner was a much loved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend.

She was previously an active member of Lymm United Reformed Church and was renowned for her love of flowers, being a florist and founder members of Lymm Flower Club.

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Mr Hugh Wesby

THE funeral has taken place of Hugh Wesby, aged 95, of Howard Avenue, Lymm who died peacefully at Summerville Care Home on September 10.

A former research manager at Pilkington Glass, he moved to Lymm in 1981. He was active in the ATC, Probus, the Twin Towns Society and bowls club.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, three daughters and five grandchildren.

The funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium on October 5.

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Mr Andrew Wright



THE funeral has taken place of Andrew Hill Wright, aged 74, of Orchard Avenue, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on August 3.

Andy was a keen member of Lymm Lions and supporter of Lymm Festivities.

During his working life, he had been a popular teacher in Ellesmere Port.

He is survived by his wife, Gina and son, Joshua.

The funeral service took place at Dunham Massey Crematorium on Friday, August 17.

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