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# Editor's Comment



THERE has certainly been lots of news to report on in Lymm since our last issue and apologies if we haven't managed to include any contributions sent in.

Now approaching 20 years of publishing Lymm Life, the hard copy print magazine remains as popular as ever, although many of the articles we receive also appear online, along with a digital version of the magazine which is read all over the world!

It has hard to believe this is our Christmas issue, although our January issue will be out just before Christmas, including coverage of the annual Dickensian Day, one of the highlights of the year, which takes place on Saturday, December 8.

It is an important time of the year for many businesses in the village

and as always we would urge readers to shop local whenever possible.

Meanwhile the proposed vision for the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan has been revealed - full details can be seen on page 8.

I would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who has given up their time to be involved in this important project - whether as a volunteer or a resident.

This document is extremely important for helping shape the future of our village.

The pressure for development on Green Belt land continues and while Lymm is not as badly affected as other areas of South Warrington, it is vital everything is done to protect what green space we can, as once it is gone, it is gone!

Lymm and other areas of the

south are often perceived as being "better off" but when it comes to recreational facilities and infrastructure this is certainly not the case.

We need to fight our corner in Lymm and it is always pleasing to report on great local success stories, like the new Outdoor Gym in Ridgway Grundy Park.

Congratulations to local resident Denis McAllister on his vision for this facility. Now let's hope park users make the most of it to help lead more healthy lifestyles.

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# 50 years as a minister – 35 of them in Lymm

THE Rev Ken Irwin, minister at the Independent Methodist Church in Cherry Lane, Lymm for more than 35 years, recently celebrated 50 years as a minister.

A service to celebrate the event was held at Friars Green Independent Methodist (IM) Church, in Warrington, where his ministry began. It was attended by more than 170 people.

The service was led by Rev Len Ogilvie, from Brandon IM Church, who presented Mr Irwin with a certificate to mark the occasion.

There was no shortage of people who wanted to speak, including

ministers who had worked with Mr Irwin over the years.

His children also spoke and a video was shown from friends in Romania, where Mr Irwin had worked and where he had made many friends.

Presentations of a bible and clock were made by Edith Hardy from the Lymm congregation, who spoke of the welcome she and her friend Joan had received when they first attended the church.

Another presentation, on behalf of Friars Green IM was made by Betty Yates who had known Mr Irwin since he was about 11 years old.

It consisted of a First Edition book, more than 200 years old, on the life of John Wesley.



## Lymm's artisan Christmas fair

THE Lymm Artisan Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, December 15 at Lymm Village Hall.

Organised by Lymm Parish Council, the event will feature crafts, children's clothes, books, fancy good and much more – a great selection of Christmas goods under one roof from local producers and suppliers. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes will be served by Lymm Guides. Entry is free – and friendly dogs will be welcome.

The doors will be open at 11am and the fair will continue until 3pm.

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## What's On in conjunction with Lymm Parish Council



### December 8 LYMM DICKENSIAN DAY

### December 10 LYMM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Speaker: Mr Mike Nevell  
Warburton, The Village and its Church  
Village Hall, 8pm

### December 11 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  
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### LOVING HEARTS & HANDS

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### MARKET LUNCHES

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  
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### LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP

Lymm Village Hall  
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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

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Youth and Community Centre. Visitors  
welcome.

### LYMM BOOK CLUB

Second Thursday of the month 7.30pm,  
Spread Eagle, Eagle Brow. Details 01925  
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11th Dec. 7pm.  
Tour of Safety Central, 7.30pm Heartstart  
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Next meeting:  
December 11  
at Lymm Village Hall

# Coffee morning raised £645



A FANTASTIC £645 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support at a coffee morning organised by Pat Bramwell and her daughter Katrina Pidwell as part of the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" event in Lymm.

Pat, who regularly helps out with activities at Lymm Youth and Community Centre, got plenty of support from friends and members of the Community Centre team, including Pam Higham and William Billing.

About 40 people, including members of the local WI, enjoyed tea, coffee, super food, raffle prizes and a chance to chat.

The sun shone to ensure the team's effort was a huge success.

## The Lymm twin town story

LYMM'S ongoing twinning arrangement with the French town on Meung-sur-Loire will be subject of a talk at a meeting of Lymm and Thelwall U3A on November 15.

Speaker will be Peter Birchall, chairman of the Lymm Twin Town Society since 2000 and a member of the organisation since 1968, shortly after its formation.

Mr Birchall taught at Lymm Grammar School - now Lymm High School - for 36 years, was head of languages in 1969 and finished as head teacher.

He has visited Meung-sur-Loire many times over the years, so has a wealth of experience to draw on. His talk will be illustrated with slides.

The meeting is at Thelwall Parish Hall.

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# Morris Dance troupe win a hatful of awards



THE Lymm Adivas Morris Dance troupe picked up a hatful of awards when they competed in the Elite Morris Dancing Championships at Prestatyn.

Throughout the weekend competition, they collected numerous awards at a much higher level than expected, including:

**Dinkies:** 1st Place, Troupe of

the year and the Liz Jarvis Sparkle award.

**Tinies:** 1st Place with Best leader and leader of the year

**Juniors:** 1st place

**Seniors:** 3rd place with Mascot of the year.

Kate Pritchard, who runs the troupe said: "We were all incredibly pleased with each and

every dancer. They all worked so hard throughout the year and in preparation for the championships.

"We have now started new lines for the 2019 season and would love to welcome new dancers."

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## Second raid in a month at supermarket

DETECTIVES are urging witnesses to come forward following the second burglary in a month at the Sainsbury's supermarket on Rushgreen Road, Lymm.

At around 2.10am on Saturday, October 27, four men wearing dark clothing and balaclavas broke into the Sainsbury's store on Rushgreen Road, Lymm. They smashed a window at the supermarket's entrance and stole a large quantity of cigarettes.

The offenders then fled in a white Volkswagen Golf GTi that had been stolen from Hale, Altrincham.

Enquiries into the incident are ongoing and detectives are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the offenders entering or exiting the supermarket or saw anything suspicious in the area.

They also want to speak to anyone who believes they may know who the offenders are or the location of the stolen car.

A similar raid took place at the store late on Thursday, September 20 or early the following morning – but police have not suggested they could be linked.

Anyone with information that may help detectives with their investigation, should call Cheshire Police on 101, quoting IML 223815, or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Crime writer receives top literary award

LYMM resident and crime novelist Martin Edwards has received the prestigious "Dagger in the Library" award from the Crime Writers' Association.

He pipped bestselling authors to the post, including Sophie Hannah, Nicci French, and Peter May, all of who were nominated for the prize.

### Admired

The Dagger is awarded each year to a crime writer for a body of work particularly admired by library users, and for their support of libraries. Nominations are submitted by librarians nationwide and the final decision is made by a judging panel comprised of leading librarians. Previous winners have included Alexander McCall Smith, Mo Hayder, Lindsey Davis, and Peter Robinson.

Martin's latest novel, "Gallows Court", is a thriller set in 1930 which has earned rave reviews in the national press, while Lee Child described it as "superb".

His other novels include a series of popular whodunits set in the Lake District. In September he received the Macavity Award in Florida from

Mystery Readers International. He has also won eight other major crime writing awards, four of them in the United States.

He said: "Receiving this award is a tremendous honour, and one of the great thrills of my writing life. Libraries have always played an important part in my life, both as an author and as a reader. I'm a huge admirer of the tireless contributions made by library staff, not only to local communities and but also to society as whole. Britain's libraries are invaluable, and they are a treasure to be prized."



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# Restored – a unique memorial to former pupils who died in World War 1

A UNIQUE and largely forgotten memorial to 11 former pupils of the old Lymm Grammar School who gave their lives in World War 1 has been restored and, hopefully, will be cared for in future rather better than it has been in the past.

It consists of an avenue of 11 lime trees – actually there are only 10 now – which links Limefield Avenue and the path which runs down the side of The Crescent.

They were planted sometime after the end of the war in 1918.

A dedication ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 10 at 3.30pm conducted by Father Michael Burgess and attended by representatives of the parish council, the Royal British Legion and the Grammar School Old Students Association.

Originally, the site was the side entrance to Lymm Grammar School – later to become Lymm Secondary Modern School prior to being demolished more than 20 years ago when the school moved to Oughtrington Lane.

When the site was sold for housing, Lymm Parish Council successfully campaigned for the trees to be preserved, although they became virtually “landlocked”



by houses and gardens.

As a result, the area has been neglected over the years and become overgrown.

But borough council tree surgeons recently did some work on the trees and uncovered a stone bearing the names of the 11 former students.

This has now been restored with funding from the parish and borough councils and a new memorial purchased to place alongside the stone.

It is planned to plant poppy seeds around the stone, cut back the undergrowth around the trees and set up a small “Friends” group to maintain the area in future.



Parish councillor Joe Griffiths, who is also Lymm Local History Society's librarian, points out that the grammar school was, at one time, also a boarding school, which could explain why some of names on the stone are not on the Roll of Honour of local men who gave their lives which is in Lymm Parish Church.

He said: “There was pressure for the trees to be removed when the houses were built. But fortunately the council was able to prevent this from happening.

“One tree has gone – no-one seems to know how it happened but it may have been an accident.”

## Neighbourhood Plan Working Group's proposed vision for Lymm

THE Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has revealed its Vision for Lymm following extensive consultation with residents who are still able to comment online until November 30.

The proposed Vision Statement states: “By 2037 Lymm will continue to provide an excellent quality of life for those who work, live and enjoy their leisure time in the village. The strong awareness of community will have deepened, the physical environment and the social and physical infrastructure improved. The contribution of visitors to the local economy will have grown. The valuable historic elements and the attractive natural environment of the Parish will have been protected and enhanced.”

This is the proposed vision statement for Lymm that will guide the working group as they prepare the policies for the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan.

For the Vision to be implemented it has been broken down into key objectives, all of which contribute to the delivery of the Vision. The proposed objectives presented below address specific issues identified in the preliminary consultation.

### Community and Education Infrastructure

To ensure people of all ages and abilities within Lymm have access to excellent, and timely provision of, quality services and facilities, including schools and community centres.

Healthy Living and Wellbeing  
To meet the health needs of the

whole population by expanding local medical and social services and encouraging healthy living.

### Sport and Leisure

To ensure provision of accessible sports and leisure facilities for all.

### Green Infrastructure

To ensure Lymm's green open spaces, its landscape settings and views, are retained and enhanced, whilst protecting biodiversity and wildlife and recognising their contribution to tourism.

### Heritage

To ensure that any new development complements the existing historic environment.

### Housing

To ensure an appropriate mix of house types and tenures to meet the needs of the community and promote a strong sense of place.

### Design

To ensure that new development is well designed, high quality, sustainable and enhances the existing character of Lymm.

### Employment

To support and encourage local employment including the development of new and varied facilities for small businesses.

### Tourism

To promote the development of facilities for visitors, encouraging economic activity.

### Village Centre

To enhance the range of retail and commercial services in the



village centre, attracting both local and visiting trade. To recognise the distinctive evening economy and balance it with the needs of the daytime economy.

Jonathan Foreman, Chairman of Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Working Group said, “Vision Statements are easy to criticise as being overly simplistic and idealistic. However, they play an important role in the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and its policies. The Proposed Vision Statement has been developed from the many opinions, concerns and aspirations collected from residents over the past 12 months.”

Andy Openshaw the event co-ordinator for the Working Group said: “We are asking residents to complete a survey on the proposed Vision Statement and Objectives which is available on line at [www.lymmplan.org/consult](http://www.lymmplan.org/consult) until 30 November.

“The more opinions we can gather the better we can represent

the views of local residents in the Neighbourhood Plan.”

Anna Fradgley, Chairman of Lymm Parish Council said, “The strong sense of community in Lymm was shown by the dedication of the large team of volunteers who freely gave their time to put on the event. Despite the weather, over 300 Lymm residents attended and took the opportunity to make suggestions on what the plan should include. It is important residents take this opportunity to show their support for the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan by completing the survey.”

The posters displayed in the village hall reported back on the findings from last year's consultation, updated everyone on the information gathered so far and set out the proposed vision and objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan.

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# Father Christmas and Rotary prepare for their big fundraiser

FATHER Christmas will arrive in Lymm on Sunday, December 2 to start his usual tour of the village and surrounding areas on the Rotary Club's festive float.

He will visit various parts of the village as part of the build-up to Christmas, helping Lymm Rotary Club with what is their biggest fundraising event of the year.

Thousands of pounds is usually raised for local good causes and charities – and Santa hopes to be able to do the same again this year – or even do better!

The full list of the places he will visit is as follows:

**Sunday, Dec 2:** Abbey Leys (10am to 2pm)

**Monday Dec 3:** Thelwall: Woodlands Drive, Gateley Close, Woodlands Drive, Pickering Cre, Stanton Road, Moore Av, All Saints Dr, Parry Dr, Thelwall New Road, Stanton Road, Beech Avenue, Selworthy Drive, Barley Rd, Dunmow Rd, Watton Close, Baldock Close, Welwyn Clo, Harlow Clo, Walden Clo.

**Tuesday Dec 4:** Thelwall: Thelwall New Road, Bradshaw La, Ollerton Close, Bradshaw Lane, Thelwall New Road, Mottram Clo, Thelwall New Road, Richmond Av, Ashley Clo, Woodford Close, Ferryside, Prestbury Drive, Handforth Close, Alderley Road, Mobberley Close, Wilmslow

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**Thursday Dec 6:** Dingle Bank Close, Lakeside Rd, Baycliffe, Elmtree Rd, Oaklands Dr, Parkwood Clo, Wayside Clo, Elm Tree Road, Elm Tree Av, Elm Tree Road, Cherry Lane (upper), Lady Acre Clo, Huntsfield Close, Booths Ln., Highfield Rd, Highfield Dr, Highfield Road, Hilltop Rd, Highfield Rd, Hardy Road.

**Friday Dec 7:** Cherry La (lower), Cherry Tree Av, Old Smithy La, Wychwood Av, Heyes Dr, Egerton Rd, Lyme Gro, Hardy Rd, Highfield Rd (lower), Barsbank La, Daisy Bank Rd, Oak Rd, Hawthorn Road, Ridgeway Gdns, Grove Av, Newfield Road, The Anchorage.

**Saturday Dec 8:** Sainsbury's Rush Green Rd 9am to 1pm - Dickensian Day Procession.

**Sunday Dec 9:** Sainsbury's Warrington, 10am to 4pm.

**Monday Dec 10:** Stage La, The Paddocks, Crown Grn, Whitebroom, Oughttringon Crescent, Bridge Close, Sandy Lane, Hopefield Rd, Ashcroft Rd, Woodbine Rd, Sandy Lane, Bridge Meadow, Sandy Lane, Birchfield Rd, Cedarfield Rd, Ashfield Close, Sandy La, Rushgreen Rd, Howard Av, Heatley Clo, Lodge Cl, Richmond Dr, Richmond Close, Oughttringon Vw, Church Vw, Moss Grove.

**Tuesday Dec 11:** Rushes

Meadow, Chaise Meadow, Farcroft Road, Chaise Meadow, Millington Gardens, Longcroft Place, School Drive, Reddish Lane, Springfield Ave, Moore Grove, Reddish Lane, Springfield Gds, Rushgreen Rd., Holly Road, Green Vw, Adey Rd, Bucklow Gardens.

**Thursday Dec 13:** Mardale Cres, Langdale Avenue, Thirlmere Drive, Dairy Farm Close, Grasmere Rd, Rushgreen Rd (Eastwards), Reddish Cres, Linden Clo, Reddish La, Bollin Dr, Bollin Cl, Bollin Drive, St Peter's Cl, Warburton Cl, Whitefield Gro, Whitefield Clo, Rushgreen Road, The Greenacres, Rushgreen Road, Dyers Lane, Rushgreen Road, Rush Gardens.

**Friday Dec 14:** Statham Av, Statham Clo, Statham Avenue, Statham Dr, Lymington Av, Star La, Pool La, Brookside Av., Oldfield Road, Crossland Mews

**Saturday Dec 15:** Sainsbury's, Warrington 9am to 5pm.

**Sunday December 16:** Sainsbury's, Warrington 10am to 4pm

**Monday Dec 17:** Albany Rd, Albany Gro, Albany Road, Albany Cres, Albany Road, Sycamore, Northway, Albany Road, Whitesands Rd, The Farthings, West Heath Gro, Jubilee Gro, Turnbury Cl, Star Lane, Whitbarrow Rd.

**Tuesday Dec 18:** Crouchley La, Manor Rd), 49 Crouchley



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**Wednesday Dec 19:** Woodlands Ave, Woodlands Dr, Longbutt La, Newarth Drive, White Clover Square, Clanbrook Avenue, Welcroft Gardens, White Clover Square, Marlfield Avenue, Longbutt Lane, Oughttringon La, Foxley Cl, Higher La, Bellfield Clo.

**Friday Dec 21:** Danebank Rd East, LymmHay Lane, Yew Tree Close, Brooklyn Dr, Willow Close, Dane Bank Rd, Millbank, The Cross, Pepper St, Domville Close, Grove Rise, Rose Bank, Hartley Cl, Quayside Mews, Crossfield Av, Fairfield Rd, Orchard Av, Racefield Close, Cyril Bell Cl, Pepper Street, The Peppers, Rectory La, Rectory Gds, Rectory Lane.

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# Under starters orders for Lymm Dickensian Day

THE annual Lymm Dickensian Christmas Festival will take place on Saturday, December 8 and will include the annual Santa Dash by Lymm Runners.

Started in 1985, the festival continues to be a great success for the local community attracting new stalls and entertainment each year.

The Village centre will be closed to traffic from 8am to allow the various stalls to set up, and the day will commence at 11am.

In addition to the stalls there will be entertainment throughout the day provided by the local schools, choirs, dramatic groups, and street entertainers.

The Grand procession will leave Statham Avenue by the Lymm Hotel at 1.30pm.

Lymm Dickensian Christmas Festival will finish with the flotilla along the Bridgewater Canal (Weather permitting) around 4.45pm.

Please come along and support the many local charities, schools, and businesses that help to make Lymm Dickensian Christmas Festival a day for all the family.

Meanwhile The Lymm Runners Santa Dash, which starts at 1pm has now become an established fixture on the Lymm Dickensian Day celebration. Now in its 5th year, the Fun Run creates a buzz at the start of the procession.

The route goes through the village to the applause from the crowds who line the pavements each year to support this long-established event.

Entry is open to Fun Runners aged 10+ capable of completing the 5km course.

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# Heritage Centre's moving tribute to victims of World War 1



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Inside Left to right: Geoff Hawley, Malcolm Young standing, Colin Grimes knelt, Alan Williams, Alison Hawley, Ray Banton knelt.

LYMM Heritage Centre has created a moving tribute to those who fell in World War 1.

"Lymm Remembers" consists of a window display, a small exhibition and a short video which can be seen on YouTube – search for "Lymm Remembers".

More than 200 local primary school children are also taking part in half-day sessions involving

a trail around the village and related activities in the Heritage Centre.

Visitors are invited to call in the centre, perhaps for a few minutes of quiet reflection as well as to see the exhibits.

More than 80 Lymm men gave their lives in the Great War and their names can be seen on the Royal British Legion Roll of Honour, which can

be seen at the Heritage Centre, and which also includes the names of men who were killed in World War 2 and other conflicts.

The Centre is open from 12 till 4 Thursday to Sunday each week. More details can be found at the Heritage Centre website [www.lymmhlc.co.uk](http://www.lymmhlc.co.uk)

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## Sport-loving minister arrives in the "big village"

SHE loves watching sport – a season ticket holder at Wrexham Football Club – enjoys music from opera to rock and was a business manager with British Telecom for 20 years.

But now the Rev Sian Williams is the new minister at Lymm Methodist Church, in Eagle Brow – a post she sees as challenging, exciting and daunting.

### Welcoming

Lymm is a little big to be a village, she feels – but it is a very nice and welcoming place and she is looking forward to working in the local community.

It's her first post as a minister since qualifying in June after studying since 2010, but religion has always been part of her life.

A first language Welsh speaker – she slips a little of the language into services – she studied history and English at university.

She followed her mother into the Welsh Wesleyan chapel in Rhosllanerchrugog, Wrexham, and after returning home from university became the chapel's organist.

"Music was perhaps my first love and through the medium of music my place in worship became fixed," she said.

She was working her way up the ladder at British Telecom but eventually decided God had something different in mind for her, started preaching and then began



studies to become a minister.

"I love to sing but who ever heard of a Welsh person who doesn't sing."

Rev Williams is married to Anthony – who she describes as her rock and support."

"Together I think we make a jolly good team," she said.

## Six-year-old's birthday gift to the food bank



WHEN Lucas Wood's sixth birthday was coming up he told his friends not to give him toys or games as presents.

Instead, he asked for things he could give to a food bank.

Now the youngster, a pupil at Oughtlington Primary School, Lymm, has scores of items to give to a foodbank for distribution to the needy.

Mum Minnie said: "We were blown away by people's generosity."

She said: "Lucas has two younger siblings so our house already looks like a toy shop. But we often talk

about plastic, the environment and waste so I suggested a food bank to him.

"I was over the moon when he said he thought it was an excellent idea. How many six-year-olds will say no to presents. I was amazed.

"I was a bit apprehensive telling other parents what our plan was, but I didn't need to be. They all thought it was an amazing idea and a few even said they'll think of doing something similar.

"I hope this will inspire others."

In his spare time, Lucas enjoys gymnastics and plays football. But he also loves jigsaws and Lego.



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# Council wins court battle over airport parking on former nursery site

A FORMER nursery site at Lymm has been given full legal protection against controversial proposals to use it as an airport parking facility for up to 1,000 cars.

Warrington Borough Council has successfully obtained a final injunction to protect land in Lymm Road from unlawful use.

The High Court has confirmed and extended the injunction to cover all the operational development of Vincent Clayton, 36, Caddick's Ltd, Mark Doubleday, 43 and Cheshire Airport Parking Ltd at the former site of Caddick's Clematis Nursery. It protects the land from unlawful use as a commercial off-site airport parking facility.

In March, the council received an application for planning permission to use the land, which is in the Green Belt, for commercial off-site airport parking, for up to 1,000 cars.

However, the landowner and the others involved in the project had already started parking cars on the land, in breach of planning law, before any planning application was decided.

Planning consent was subsequently refused.

As a result, the Council started proceedings in the High Court and was granted:

\* an emergency "without notice" injunction followed by a temporary



injunction (until the outcome of the planning permission, which was refused in August; then

\* a final injunction against the landowner and commercial operator (both limited companies and individuals) prohibiting the unlawful use of the site.

The final order prohibits all four defendants – Mr Clayton, Caddick's Ltd, Mr Doubleday and Cheshire Airport Parking Ltd – from using the land for the purposes of commercial parking services or bringing any cars onto the land for that purpose.

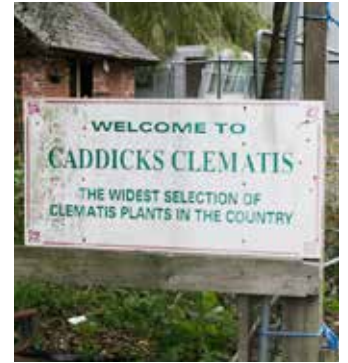
It also prohibits Mr Clayton and Caddick's Ltd, who own/control the land, from bringing hardcore, gravel or other materials onto the

land or creating any further areas of hardstanding.

In addition, Mr Doubleday and Cheshire Airport Parking Ltd are prohibited from undertaking any operational development on the land without either express planning permission or the written consent of the council, as local planning authority.

The council's lead member for environment and public protection, Cllr Judith Guthrie, said: "The decision of the High Court is the latest success for our public protection team, and ensures this land is protected."

"We will always take action against individuals and companies who seek to act outside planning



law. I'm pleased that the hard work of officers to respond to this issue has paid off."

If any of the defendants breach the terms of the final injunction order, they could be fined, have assets seized or be imprisoned for contempt of court.

In addition, the court ordered that the four defendants pay the council a total of £21,218 towards its legal costs of the injunction proceedings. The judge decided that Mr Clayton and Caddick's Ltd should pay slightly more than half of that sum as they own and control the land.

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practice. One of his areas of special interest is the management of M.E./Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, a much misunderstood and debilitating condition.

He is also interested in the treatment of sports injuries and exercise related pain. A keen sportsman himself, he participates in running and judo, which have given him an understanding of the demands that certain activities can have on the body.

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appointment with, or simply advice from Darren Hayward, or any other practitioner, you can call Lymm Osteopathic Practice on 01925 752264. Or, alternatively, take a look at the website on [www.lymmosteopathicpractice.co.uk](http://www.lymmosteopathicpractice.co.uk). All practitioners have completed a high standard of professional training and are appropriately registered. They are always happy to help find the health solution that's perfect for you and your requirements.



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# Roofers scale new heights raising £3k for charity



A team from Warrington based Young's Roofing Contractors scaled new heights helping raise an estimated £3,000 for charity by completing the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge.

Managing Director Tom Young and members of his team climbed the highest mountains of England, Scotland and Wales in 24 hours raising money for Audacious Foundation, a charity which tackles issues including poverty, homelessness and family challenges.

Over the last year the foundation has been working alongside the community to educate, encourage and empower people to overcome life challenges and live a balanced, healthy life.

Tom and his team and support driver Liam Grady from Build Materials UK tackled Ben Nevis (4,413 ft), Scafell Pike (3,209 ft) and Snowdon (3,560 ft).

Now after completing the three peaks challenge in 23 hours and feeling "on top of the world" they have set themselves a new challenge - a 15 mile trek on Saturday December 1, around

Manchester city centre pulling a ton of clothes.

Tom said: "We are setting out on this crazy Christmas adventure to support THE BIG GIVE where the Audacious Foundation is inviting families, whose children are on free school meals, to a Christmas Spectacular.

"It is an all singing all dancing Christmas show, with free ice skating, Santa's Grotto, Mulled wine and mince pies for all the family. Following this event each family will have hand delivered a hamper with all they need for dinner on Christmas day.

"The team will be starting bright and early with the ton of clothes ready to roll and will push and pull them around the 15 mile course! The day will end with a BBQ for the friends and family of all who have supported with all the proceeds from the BBQ also going to the Audacious foundation."

Anyone who would like to support Tom and his team can do so by visiting <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/onetonofclothes> www.youngsroofing-warrington.co.uk

## Former international footballer set to open Outdoor Gym



THE new Outdoor Gym in Ridgway Grundy Park in Lymm will be formally opened at 11am on Sunday, November 18 by a former professional footballer who lives in the village.

The opening will be performed by local resident David Weir who is a former professional footballer with a career including playing for Everton and Rangers and sixty nine appearances for Scotland.

Cllr Ian Marks says "We are very grateful for the financial support we have received from WREN through landfill tax, Lymm Parish Council, Lymm Round Table, Active Cheshire and crowd-funding. We also thank several sporting organisations for their backing and Warrington Council for managing the project for us."

Local resident Denis McAllister who had the idea for the Gym added: "I am delighted the work has now been completed. There are nine pieces of equipment and I hope it will be well used and contribute to people's healthy living."

"Anyone is welcome to join us for the opening."



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## Twin Town society launches a fundraiser with a difference

LYMM Twin Town Society is launching a new twinning project.

It has joined forces with Lymm High School to put on a fundraising social event with a difference on Saturday November 17 which will be open to all local adults.

The "Beaujolais Evening" is an event that Lymm Twin Town Society started more than 10 years ago for its members and contacts and it has been hosted at various local restaurants since.

This year, the event will be at the Hexagon facility at the high school and will be open to the public as the society joins forces with Lymm High School PTA to make it a double fundraiser. Local people are invited to get involved either by attending with friends to make it an early Christmas night out or by simply donating a raffle prize or by buying a ticket as a donation if they can't make the date.

Every penny raised will be shared between the Twin Town Society and the school PTA who are approaching the latter stages of their "Pitch In" campaign to fundraise for 3G pitches, having been identified as a site for FA investment subject to the school raising the first £100,000.

Tickets cost £15.50 and include a two course French meal and Beaujolais 2018 talk and tasting. There will also be a cheese and wine bar, raffle, and even a "snail bar" for those who wish to try the French delicacy.

Tickets are available via LHS ParentPay for those connected with the school or via the society. Details on the Facebook pages for both Lymm High School and Lymm Twin Town Society.

For more information, visit [www.lymmtowntownsociety.co.uk](http://www.lymmtowntownsociety.co.uk)

# Progress report on the new Lymm Sanctuary Hub project

TWO information events have been arranged to share with residents, businesses and community group the progress being made on the new Lymm Sanctuary Hub project.

Sanctuary Hub Information Evening will be on Tuesday, November 20 from 7-8pm.

Small Business Saturday and Lymm Business Centre Pre-launch will be on Saturday, December 1 from 12 noon to 3pm.

Both events will be at Lymm Library Annexe and are part of the initiative to keep Lymm Library open.

Lymm Sanctuary Hub is a new charity set up by a working group consisting of representatives of a number of Lymm organisations – Sanctuary Café, Churches Together, Redeeming Our Communities, Friends of Lymm Library and The Colony Networking Group.

Back in June they won the bid to take on the lease of the Library Annexe building to set up a new community facility - Lymm Sanctuary Hub - and a business centre - Lymm Business Centre.

Downstairs, the main space as well as a smaller private room will be re-vamped and primarily used by community, wellbeing and counselling groups to provide a range of much-needed services and activities supporting those with special needs including the young, elderly and vulnerable.

Businesses will also be able to hire space for events and workshops that support the goals of the overall project.

Upstairs, the first floor space will be turned into a small business centre offering affordable hot-desking, office space, a meeting and training room and flexible support services for small/micro businesses and home workers.

The working group says it is making great progress with work in the Library Annexe, sourcing quotations, securing agreements with local suppliers and partner organisations, and beginning a rolling process of fit-out and improvement to the space.

On November 23-24, the Lymm IT Recycling Scheme will be launched at the Library Annexe. The Sanctuary Hub and the business centre have partnered



with SE Recycling to provide a safe, secure and free solution to disposing of unwanted IT. Any funds raised will be donated to the Lymm Hub charity project.

The scheme's first collection will run 10am-5pm on November 23-24.

More details are available at [www.facebook.com/lymmbusinesscentre](http://www.facebook.com/lymmbusinesscentre)

In the meantime, the Hub team would welcome enquiries and offers of assistance, as the current wishlist of support required, including time as well as equipment, furniture and decoration, is extensive. To request a copy or the current wish list or for more general information, email [officemanager@lymmbusinesscentre.co.uk](mailto:officemanager@lymmbusinesscentre.co.uk)

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# Scouts' Honour outgoing leader with "Hurrell Huddle"



Picture shows James Hurrell (centre, front) with Lymm 3rd Scouting Group enjoying Hurrell Huddle.

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THE 3rd Lymm Scout Group have marked the significant contribution of outgoing Group Scout Leader, James Hurrell, by naming their new outdoor space after him.

'Hurrell Huddle' is a newly created outdoor fire pit and seating area at the group's HQ, Maple Lodge, in Lymm.

The space will be used by the group's Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides who list campfire cooking and roasting marshmallows amongst the highlights of their packed activity



The Hurrell Huddle

schedules.

The 'Hurrell Huddle' seating area was completed by staff at Barclays on a recent community volunteering day. The area was unveiled with an inaugural campfire and Scout Group celebratory singalong.

The incumbent Group Scout Leader, Richard Storey, said: "We felt this was an excellent way to honour James' commitment and

contribution to Lymm 3rd Scouts over the years. Thank-you to Barclays staff for helping to make it a reality and to James for everything he's done for the Group."

Maple Lodge has two large halls available for private hire for birthday parties and events (no fires permitted!) for more details email bookings.maplelodge@gmail.com

## Obituaries

### Mrs Emily James

THE funeral has taken place of Lymm resident Emily Elizabeth "Betty" James, aged 95, who died on September 23.

Betty enjoyed spending time with family and friends, attending Lymm Jubilee WI, the Gardening Club and going to the theatre.

She leaves her daughter, Patricia, son-in-law Neil and two grandchildren, Marc and Samantha.

The funeral took place on October 10 and funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



### Mrs Margaret Hampson

THE funeral has taken place of Margaret Hampson, nee Peers, of Burford Lane, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on October 23. Aged 81.

Mrs Hampson is survived by her husband, James, three daughters, Tracy, Vickie and Lisa and five grandchildren, Aimee, Danielle, James, Chloe and Mollie.

The funeral service was at Dunham Crematorium on October 31.

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