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I like many, will be very sad to see the loss of the Lymm Hotel from the village following the planning decision to allow it to be converted into retirement apartments, care home and children's nursery.

Nor will it just be the loss of a famous landmark but also a business which plays an important role in the local economy.

The owners say it is no longer viable but only a couple of years ago the place was buzzing when it had a locally based manager who was passionate about the hotel and the village.

But now the decision has been made there is nothing anyone can do other than sit back and watch this space!

The hotel has been under threat of demolition for many years now but is currently still open for business and with all the current economic uncertainty who knows

what the future holds?

But one thing for certain is that there is a growing demand for retirement homes, care homes and child care facilities - so if the plans approved ever do get off the ground, they will provide much needed accommodation for our ageing population.

There has certainly been a lot of anger over the issue on social media which gives an easy platform for people to vent their frustrations, which brings me to my next point.

I am sure many of you who use social media will have been subjected to some unpleasant comments over the years. It is easy to post something in anger without

taking into accounts the feelings of those you are aiming your comments at.

Having myself been subjected to some personal abuse I am currently in talks with Cheshire Police on how these issues can be dealt with.

I am pleased to say the Police and Crime Commissioner shares my views and is looking at ways to police these matters.

At the end of the day something posted on social media is just as defamatory as something placed in print.

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Anger at Lymm Hotel planning decision

LYMM Councillors and local residents are disappointed and angry at the decision to award planning permission for a large development on the site of the Lymm Hotel.

At a meeting of Warrington Council's planning committee last week, permission was granted to remove all the existing buildings on the site to be replaced by a children's nursery, a residential care home and retirement with care apartments.

In a joint statement, Lymm Liberal Democrat Councillors Anna Fradgley and Ian Marks said, "We are absolutely devastated with the decision. We are saddened and very angry that the concerns of over one hundred and eighty residents have been ignored and the decision has been made by people who don't even live in Lymm so cannot have direct experience of our worries. We think Warrington Borough Council has let us down.

"We want to apologise to future generations of Lymm for demolishing their history. The Lymm Hotel may not be an architectural gem but it has a distinct charm and character. It has a heritage



with links to the old railway and to famous people who have been associated with it.

"We are losing a hotel and gaining a nursery but we have seen no evidence of a need for more nursery provision. There are serious issues for neighbours with noise from the proposed nursery and, as it stands, a lack of control over its opening hours. The site will be over-developed and the surrounding area will not be able to cope. There are major highway safety issues on the nearby roads and parking will be a big problem.

"There has been no change to the public transport provision although when officers turned the previous proposal down, this was a concern. Both doctors' surgeries claim they will not be able to cope

with the extra numbers of elderly people.

"We are grateful to residents for turning out in force at the meeting to show their opposition and to Alan Williams who led the campaign to save the Hotel. All we can do

now, is lobby to tighten up some of the planning conditions that were vaguely suggested at the meeting."

Members of the planning committee voted to approve the application following the advice of planning officers.



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Village Hall, 8pm

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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

**February 12
LYMM PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**LYMM THURSDAY EVENING
BRIDGE CLUB**
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Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm
Details: 01925 755126

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Spread Eagle. 07786 074741 all welcome

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Every Wednesday at Statham Lodge Hotel
7.15pm for 7.30pm
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12th February. 7pm.
Tour of Safety Central, 7.30pm Heartstart
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Free tickets to be booked on the link www.
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DANCE CLUB**
St Mary's Church Hall
Second and fourth Fridays (Sept - May)
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Meet Third Wednesday of the month
Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
Visitors welcome. £2 includes tea and cake



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**Next meeting:
February 12
at Lymm Village Hall**

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 Big Sing raises over £700 for homeless charity

LYMM Big Sing certainly lived up to their name at Christmas with a bigger than ever 70 strong choir giving three performances of everything from medieval to more modern day carol, helping raise funds for a Warrington based charity for the homeless.

Two of these were to a packed Methodist Church on Dickensian Day with a third show at the Crown Inn on December 17.

The choir, led and directed by Michael and Susan Healey has gone from strength to strength since it was formed six years. And this year for the first time the Big Sing were also loud in their support of a local charity with collections at the concerts bringing in over £700 to support Room at the Inn, the homeless shelter run by Sue Blyth and her team in Warrington.

"We have always sung just for the pleasure of it" explained choir member Tina Watmough "but it

did occur to us this year that as we don't charge admission, and as it is Christmas, people may be willing to make a donation on the way out. We were amazed and delighted by the generosity of audiences which resulted in us being able to hand over £720 to Sue Blyth's team who do such important work."

The choir will take a break now before getting together again in April to prepare for their Summer performance which is always a highlight of Lymm Festival.

If you would like to join or just try it out - (there is no audition) take a look at www.lymmbigsing.co.uk for more information.



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New pub book helps unearth rare photo

A new book "The Pubs, Inns and Alehouses of Lymm" has helped unearth a rare photograph and provide a boost for the heritage centre based in the village.

Visitors to Lymm's pubs were also able to do a little of their Christmas shopping at the bar this year, as most pubs and hotels were acting as sales points for the new Heritage Centre book "The Pubs, Inns and Alehouses" of Lymm – described as a short pub crawl through history.

In total over 400 copies were sold in just five weeks in the run up to Christmas raising almost £2,000 toward the running costs of the Centre.

Alan Taylor – co-author of the book with Alan Williams, said: "We are really grateful to all the pubs who have given our sales a huge boost. Hopefully we have introduced a new audience to another aspect of Lymm's fascinating history too."

The book has also sent local people digging into their own photo collections. The most exciting find so far is a photograph of the "Dog" on Mill Lane in its heyday, possibly 100 years ago that was discovered by Chris Adamson in his grandfather Jack Adamson's collection.

The book is also on sale at Lymm Post Office, Lymm Library and, of course, the Heritage Centre.



Rare photo: "The Dog" on Mill Lane.

Historic house to be demolished

PLANNING chiefs have approved proposals to demolish a historic house on Green Belt land at Lymm and build two new houses within its grounds.

Field House stands well back from the A56 Higher Lane between Lymm and Broomeedge. And is, according to the Cheshire Archaeology Planning Advisory Service, of historical value with archaeological significance on a local level.

Lymm Parish Council had objected to the scheme, which also includes demolition of an adjoining barn which was converted for residential use some years ago, because the site is in the Green Belt.

But the borough's development management committee was told the footprint of the two new houses would be less than that of the existing properties. They would be built considerably closer to the A56 than the existing properties.

Members approved the proposals subject to a condition that the existing properties be demolished and the site be returned to Green Belt.

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New team and new name for care company

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Having started from humble beginnings the company now employs over 80 people and care for over 200 clients and cover all areas of Warrington from its base in Padgate.

In 2018 a new team of Investors and Management joined the business, which has now been renamed and rebranded as Care At Home, to align with the Company's strategy of providing the highest quality of Domiciliary Care in Warrington.

The new team, led by new Managing Director, Karl Jacobie, has vast experience in providing Care in Warrington and are passionate about quality in every aspect of its business. They offer a full range of home care services that can be bespoke to match your individual requirements.

The business has seen substantial investment over the past 9 months with the appointment of a completely new management team including Lisa Collins, Care Manager, Laura Ellis, Training Manager, Jenny Hughes, HR and Recruitment Manager, Jane Stanton, Private Business Manager and Lynn Patterson, Quality & Compliance Manager. This new team brings a combined 100 plus years of experience in the care industry to the company.

"With these appointments I believe we now have the best management team in the industry" said Karl, adding "our Company ethos is to provide the best care possible, whilst treating all of our Clients with Respect, Dignity and Integrity, at all times. We treat each person as an individual and therefore provide

bespoke care packages in each client's home".

The new investors in the company (two of whom were born in Warrington) have a wealth of experience managing their own successful businesses as well as working in large global corporate organisations. "We decided to become involved in the Care Sector due to the personal experiences we have had with our own family members who have required home care in recent years" said Karl, adding "We felt that if we could bring our years of experience running our own businesses and also working in world class corporate companies into the Care sector we could truly make a difference".

Care at Home are one of the largest providers of Home Care Services to Warrington Borough Council. The care business is led by Lisa Collins who has over 25 years' experience working in the sector. "I was excited to have joined Care At Home and was impressed by its values and ethics and also by the

vision of the Investors to provide the best domiciliary care service in the area."

Care at Home recently launched a new Private Home Care Division, led by Jane Stanton, who has over 15 years' experience managing Private Home Care in Warrington and Cheshire. "I am delighted to be joining such an ambitious, exciting, proactive company and I am looking forward to growing our Private Business by providing a unique service to Private Clients, with tailored visit times and personal packages for each individual".

Karl added "Being at Home, is where we all feel the happiest and most comfortable, our aim at Care At Home, is to help you maintain this."

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Hand beast dinosaur exhibition visits Lymm

QUARRYMEN working in Lymm in the 1840s made a remarkable discovery that played an important part in developing scientists' understanding of dinosaurs of the Triassic period.

Visitors to the village will have seen part of what they discovered, described as the "Dinosaur's Footprint", at Lymm's lower dam. Its scientific name is actually "Chirotherium" and it preceded what we commonly think of today as the dinosaur age by possibly as much as one hundred million years. Now a new exhibit at Lymm

Heritage Centre tells the fascinating story of the "hand beast" as it is commonly called and, most exciting of all, includes a life size model of what experts think the creature might have looked like. The beast gets its name from the unusual splayed four fingers and thumb style footprint. Come and see for yourself. As well as the

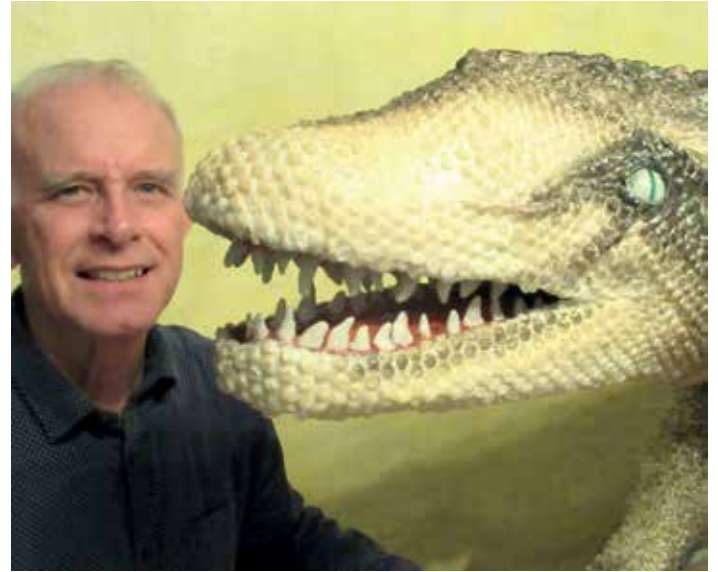
chance to have your photo taken with "Kerry the Chirotherium" there will be other prehistoric activities for kids.

The model made by local artist Colin Grimes will be the centrepiece of the exhibit but the story of the hand beast also acts as the launch for another new initiative- the Lymm Gorge Geology Trail.

Lymm Heritage Centre Chairman Alan Williams said: "Many of us have will have seen and pondered the sandstone outcrops all over the village especially at the Cross

and the dam. But there is much more to discover too and this trail, which takes in Slitten Gorge, the village, the Dingle and the Dam sets out to explain and demystify the fascinating geological features that are such an important part of Lymm's unique identity."

The exhibit and the trail have both opened at Lymm Heritage Centre. With activities for youngsters too it's yet another reason to keep coming back to the Centre to learn more about Lymm's story.





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Lymm's alternative approach to fertility issues

For some women, it can be one of those frustrating ironies in life. Spending years and years trying not to conceive (and maybe having a scare or two in the process) - then when you eventually do want a baby, it simply doesn't seem to be happening.

Fertility problems can often come as something of a shock and can quickly take over your life. Experts generally tell women to give it at least six to twelve months before considering it an issue, however, once you have decided that you do want to take steps to improve your chances of pregnancy it can be difficult to know what to do and where to turn.

There are several medical routes that can be explored with the help of your doctor. However, alternative therapies can also have a valuable place in helping women who want to get pregnant.

At Lymm Osteopathic Practice they have a multidisciplinary approach to helping their patients achieve optimum health and overcome whichever health issues they feel to be important to them. The practice has several practitioners, who can all offer advice and assistance with various aspects of fertility, depending on a woman's individual health concerns.

For example, an Osteopath

can identify if a woman has a misaligned pelvis, which can have an impact on reproductive health - then take steps to try and correct it. A variety of osteopathic techniques can also be used to improve function of the musculoskeletal, circulatory, nervous and hormonal systems

Another complementary therapy often used to increase a woman's chance of conceiving is Acupuncture. It is said that this centuries-old discipline can help improve blood flow to the reproductive organs and balance hormone levels.

Caroline Wardropper at Lymm Osteopathic Practice has spent 3 years studying traditional acupuncture at the Northern College of Acupuncture, and is a member of the British Acupuncture Council, with a specialist interest in fertility support.

Nutritional therapies are another way forward and can be extremely effective. At the practice, Rosie Tadman is a Nutritional Therapist who studied at the prestigious College of Natural Medicine, in London. Rosie uses modern science and traditional wisdom to get women in hormonal flow and support couples who want to conceive, ensuring they are as healthy as possible. She also helps women who have a hormonal condition (PCOS, endometriosis, amenorrhea) as well as women who are actively trying to get pregnant

through assisted routes. She supports underlying causes, rather than just suppressing symptoms.

For more information, an appointment or assessment you can call Lymm Osteopathic Practice on 01925 752264. Or, take a look at the website on www.lymmosteopathicpractice.co.uk. All Osteopaths and other 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.

Transport Day open for business

LYMM Historic Transport Day is open for business again.

Bookings opened on January 3 - and by the time you are reading this it could already be sold out - it has become so popular! The event is on Sunday June 23, the first weekend of Lymm Festival and, as in other years, it will be preceded by four days of school activities organised by Lymm Heritage Centre. More details at www.lymmtransport.org.uk

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Community champion receives New Year Honour

LYMM community champion Alan Williams is one of four Warrington residents to be recognised in the New Year honours.

Commenting on his British Empire Medal (BEM) honour, Alan aged 67, who founded Lymm Historic Transport Day and helped co-ordinate the Lymm Heritage Centre, said: "My first reaction, and I'm sure it's the same for many award recipients, is to think of all the other people I have met who are more deserving of recognition."

"But of course I accept the honour with gratitude as it gives me the opportunity to dedicate it to all the great people that work alongside me, particularly on the Heritage

Centre and Historic Transport Day projects. Most of all though I dedicate it to my wife Su, who taught me by example the value of trying to make a positive difference and who I strongly suspect may have had something to do with my nomination too!

"We both feel very fortunate to have lived in a place like Lymm for the past 25 years where we see so much good work being done by so many to strengthen that sense of community."

Meanwhile another Lymm

resident, retired Myerscough College principal and chief executive Ann Turner, has received an MBE for services to education and training.

Others honoured with a BEM were Karin Snape, from Warrington, for services to Scouting and High Legh resident Christine Williams, for services to the Save the Children charity for sixty years.

Also honoured was Christine Gaskell, the chairman of the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership, who has received a CBE for services to the community in Cheshire.



Thousands flock to Lymm Cross for annual carol service

THOUSANDS of people flocked into Lymm village for the annual "Carols around The Cross" event on Christmas Eve.

Organised by the local community and supported by Lymm Parish Council, Warrington Brass entertained the crowds, who sang along to traditional carols and Christmas favourites.

Town Crier and local councillor Peter Powell compered the event from a mobile stage set up in the village centre.



Another price freeze and reduced bus fares in and around Warrington

To kick start 2019, local bus company Warrington's Own Buses has reduced even more bus fares on top of a four year price freeze on its normal fares.

There have already been several reductions since Summer 2017 and this latest wave of reductions goes even further.

When bought through the 'Warrington's Own Buses Touch & Go mobile app', a Day Rover is reduced by £1; a weekly by £3 and a monthly by an eye-catching £20.

The bus fare reductions come at a time when railway ticket prices and the fares of other bus companies in the area have increased.

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Bright future for Lymm Rugby Club

THE future is looking bright for Lymm RFC, as Lymm U18 Senior Colts were well represented at the recent match between Cheshire and Lancashire.

In addition Joe Senior was Lancashire Captain (scoring a hat-trick of tries) and Alfie Simpson the Cheshire skipper. Alfie Simpson has also been selected for Cheshire Under 20s v North Midlands.

Pictured: From left to right - Jack Wadsworth, Rhys Price, Alfie Simpson (capt), Joe senior (Lancs capt, scored hat trick), Harry Aird, Harry Ratcliffe, Josh Hadland, George Norman.

In addition, but not on this photo, James Rooney & Joe Johnson are injured but are both in the Sale Sharks Academy with Josh Hadland & Joe Senior.

Another honour, Ethan Yates played for England RL Colleges v Australia recently.



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New hub at Lymm Library open for business

THE new Sanctuary Hub at Lymm Library, a charity set up to oversee the delivery of community and business services to local residents is now open for business.

Also part of the project is the Lymm Business Centre, with all profits going to the Hub charity to fund its community work and pay rent to the Library run by LiveWire, to help keep the building open.

Fit-out and decoration works have been undertaken in the annexe so the facility is now open for use.

It offers various facilities and services in the Lymm Sanctuary Hub including ground floor event space for community groups and activities as well as business events and workshops and ground floor consultation room for health, wellbeing and counselling services.

Activities are already being run by health visitors, midwives, toddler groups, U3A (IT skills for the elderly), universities, business groups, craft circles and reading groups.

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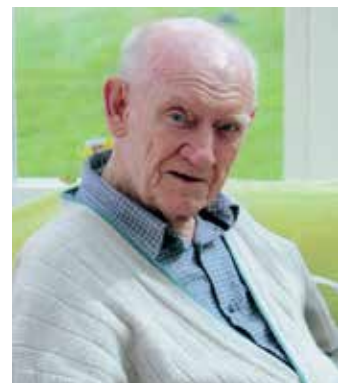
Obituary

Sydney Jenkins

The funeral has taken place of Sydney Jenkins, aged 91 of Rush Green Road, Lymm, who passed away on December 30. His funeral service was held on January 8 at Altrincham Crematorium.

Sydney, known to his friends as Syd and his family as "Gr" is survived by his daughter, Laurie, grandchildren Luisa, Alexandra and Stephen, and great grandsons, Jack and Max.

Sydney was an engineer, working for Shell Chemicals until his retirement. He was described as a kind and lovely man with a good sense of humour by all who knew him.



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