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# Editor's Comment



NEXT month's edition of Lymm Life will be our 20th anniversary edition and hasn't so much changed since the Spring of 1999!!!

The internet was in its infancy while social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter were complete unknowns and while every business was being told they needed a website to survive, few had invested in them.

Now it is almost unheard of for a business not to have a website, or at the very least a social media page and many of us are now spending a large amount of time online.

Of course the way mobile phones have taken over our lives has made life so much easier in many respects - but sadly retail on the high street has taken a battering, so it is more important to shop local whenever

possible.

Here at Lymm Life we have kept pace with the times.

Believe it or not when we launched our first issue of Lymm Life magazine, free colour community magazines were a pretty new concept and ones full of local news content are still pretty few and far between.

Competitors have come and gone and yet we have remained consistent every month for the past two decades, producing an edition of Lymm Life each and every month, full of local news content and for many years, delivered door to door to

the vast majority of properties within the village.

We have also grown a strong online presence, with a section of the warrington-worldwide website

dedicated to Lymm, alongside our popular Facebook and Twitter channels, which have thousands of followers.

None of this would have been possible without our loyal advertisers who provide the funding for what you are reading.

So please don't forget when you are responding to an advert within this publication to mention where you saw it.

Meanwhile a big thank you to all those who continue to support Lymm Life and those who have supported us over the past 20 years.

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# Rosebank Centre rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted

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Sadie Hopley, Educational Director, said "We are pleased that the great work by our fabulous team of staff has been recognised. In particular, we are proud of the observation that our children's language development is astounding in relation to their age".

The inspector summarised the key findings for parents following the visit on January 8 as:-

- The well-qualified and experienced management team is truly inspirational. It is passionate and driven to provide only the highest possible standards in care and education. A culture of highly reflective practice is deeply embedded within the whole staff team. Together with suggestions from parents, they are constantly reviewing and adapting their already excellent practice.

- The key-person system is exceptional and children's emotional well-being is treated with the utmost importance. Care routines for babies are precisely matched to those at home. For example, staff provide familiar noises to help to settle new babies at sleep time. Staff's knowledge of children and their families' individual needs is remarkable.

Parents speak very highly of the manager and staff.

- Partnerships with parents are outstanding. Parents' contributions to assessments are successfully captured using a range of excellent systems. The manager uses her expertise to help to support parents to build on children's already superb learning at home. For example, parents attend a range of training sessions, for example how to enhance children's knowledge of letters and sounds.

- The manager monitors children's progress meticulously and she has an in-depth knowledge of each child. She meets regularly with staff to discuss children's progress. She swiftly identifies the slightest emerging gap and

provides expert interventions. Managers from linked settings moderate staff's assessments. This helps to ensure that they are of a consistently high quality and accurate.

- Professional development for staff has an excellent impact on practice and children's outcomes. For example, staff expertly support children's physical well-being in a range of ways. They provide children with an abundance of exciting physical sessions daily, such as yoga and dance. Staff skilfully monitor children's physical activity to ensure that they receive the recommended daily amount.

- Well-qualified staff demonstrate inspirational teaching skills. In particular, they place a sharp

focus on communication and language and this is promoted exceptionally well throughout the nursery. Children are competent communicators and their language development is astounding in relation to their age.

Rosebank has been delivering high quality childcare and child development for the children in and around Lymm for nearly 30 years. It is a wonderful celebration of combining indoor and outdoor activities, and working with parents to provide the very best of environment for children to learn, play and develop.

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The picking of the May Queen & Rose Queen will be held on 9th March 2019 at Lymm Village Hall on Pepper Street.

Lymm's historic May Queen Festival is to take place on Saturday 18th May 2019. The theme this year is 'Music Through The Ages' with the procession commencing at 1pm.

Doors open at 13:00.

Need to live in Lymm but no other restrictions.

Along with the May Queen and Rose Queen other positions will be picked, including boys to be crown bearers so everyone is welcome!

Please come and support your local village! We need volunteers on the day, if you could spare some time to help in anyway please contact [kjbuckley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kjbuckley@hotmail.co.uk)

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**March 11**  
**LYMM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
Speaker: Martin Berry  
Lantern Light (Slide Presentation)  
Village Hall, 8pm

**March 12**  
**LYMM PARISH COUNCIL**  
7.30pm Lymm Village Hall

**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**  
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Youth and Community Centre. Visitors  
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Tour of Safety Central, 7.30pm Heartstart  
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Free tickets to be booked on the link www.  
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up to date with the ongoing dates.  
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**LYMM  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**Next meeting:  
March 12, 7.30pm  
at Lymm Village Hall**

## Festival film fun

IT'S not long until half term so if you're thinking about how to entertain the kids, join Lymm Festival on Saturday, February 23 for their family film event.

They will be showing Paddington 2 at Lymm Youth and Community Centre with doors opening at 14.00. Tickets are £4 (under 2s free) and on sale now exclusively at [lymmfestival.org.uk](http://lymmfestival.org.uk) or on the door (subject to availability). The kids will love this enjoyable adventure with the little bear from Peru and refreshments will be available.

Then on March 9 they have something for the adults with a celebration of Abba. An evening of live music features Paul Thompson and lots of Abba fun including a quiz, raffle and 70s disco.

Tickets are £10 and are on sale now at [lymmfestival.org.uk](http://lymmfestival.org.uk) or to order from Lymm Electric. For all the latest information about the festival, please follow Lymm Festival on Facebook and Twitter and sign up to our newsletter at [lymmfestival.org.uk](http://lymmfestival.org.uk)

## Council plans new £18,000 toilets for Lymm Dam

LYMM Parish Council is moving forward with plans for new £18,000 public toilets at Lymm Dam.

Councillors have inspected examples of the toilet units under consideration and say they are strong and secure and not at risk of being broken into.

Options being studied include units with roller barriers as a deterrent to people climbing on the roof or, the preferred option, anti-vandal paints.

### Concrete platform

Planning permission will be required and a concrete platform needed to secure the base of the unit.

Talks will take place with Warrington Borough Council – who own the site – in order to agree sharing the costs.

The toilets are seen as important with regards to the Dam continuing to have Green Flag status.

So far, capital costs are expected to be in the region of £18,000 with ongoing annual cleaning and maintenance costs of £6,000 – significantly better value than the previous toilets.

A maximum of 50 per cent of the costs would be included in the 2019-20 budget.



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**Paddington 2**  
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# LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Yet again we can reassure the residents of Lymm that there have been some positive moves forward in the village. We have looked carefully at the litter situation and have enabled our environment wardens to have extra capacity to alleviate the situation especially around The Cross. We have also investigated the CCTV situation and are in the process of upgrading our CCTV so we can be proactive regarding the matter.

The Parish is also hoping to install a new toilet at the Dam so that we can maintain Green Flag status and it also helps regarding tourism within the village.

All the village Christmas events went very well starting with the marvellous Christmas tree event at St Mary's (if you missed it, make sure to put it in your diary for next year) followed by yet again a fantastic Dickensian Day. It was very successful despite the weather. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make it such a great event. This was followed by a successful Artisan Market and one of the best ever attended 'Carols Round the Cross' on Christmas Eve.



Pictures by Reverend Beverley Jameson.

Soon, the Duck Race will be upon us followed closely by May Queen – still in May – on May 18th. We then have Lymm Festival, the Food Fest and Transport Day to look forward to.

Can we take this opportunity to formally welcome and make all in Lymm aware that we have a new Parish Clerk - Kerry Duffin - and a new Deputy Clerk - Sarah Morgan.

Finally, to end on a further positive note – we were delighted to support Lymm in Bloom, the National Awards run by the RHS. It is a tribute to all who work hard all year to make Lymm look attractive. Well done to all involved and let's hope that Lymm wins another Gold Award this year.

*Anna Fradgley*  
Chairman

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## New chip shop proposed for village centre

PLANS have been submitted for a fish and chip shop in the former St Rocco's charity shop at The Cross, Lymm.

The scheme involves a change of use of the lower ground floor from a charity flat shop to a hot food takeaway and the rear ground floor and first floor to a two bedroom apartment, including erection of a new front dormer and a new platform access at the rear to the apartment.

Demolition of an existing two-storey flat roofed rear extension and its replacement with a new, two-storey pitched roof extension, with living accommodation in the roof space is also proposed.

The scheme has yet to be considered by the borough council's development management committee.

## Homes plan

OUTLINE planning consent is being sought for two detached dwellings in Mill Lane, Lymm.

The proposals include access, layout and scale, with all other matters reserved for subsequent applications.

# When Belgian refugees "invaded" Lymm

LYMM'S historic links with Belgian refugees during the First World War were explained in detail by speaker Alan Williams at the monthly meeting of Heatley WI.

Mr Williams (pictured), from Lymm Heritage Centre, told how, when Germany marched through Belgium, in order to reach the French border, millions of Belgians fled the country, some to the Netherlands which remained neutral, but about 250,000 to Britain.

The connection with Lymm was made when Percival Perry, head of Ford Cars UK decided to help find accommodation for as many refugees as possible. He had several properties in the area including Beechwood in Crouchley Lane, now the rugby club and Oughtrington Hall, the old building at Lymm High School.

With the co-operation of Henry Ford in America he transformed the hall into temporary accommodation which initially was home to 90 refugees between 1914 and 1918 and 30 at Beechwood. However these figures increased over the years. They came from many walks of life and a new generation of children was born and went to school in Lymm. A working community developed, many employed in the hall but also on the land, for which they received a small wage, saved for their return

home.

One hundred years later in 2017 Belgian Ludo Holens visited the hall, the birthplace of his father, to learn more about his family history. He much appreciated the help given by everyone including the parish clerk, the school and the Heritage Centre.

Vice president Ann Oakes thanked Mr Williams for his excellent insight into one aspect of local history.



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# Lymm woman helps raise awareness of Hate Crime via virtual reality

LYMM based Jude Limb has helped raise awareness of Hate Crime through a virtual reality experience working with Manchester's Muslim community.

Changing Places – a collaboration between Jude's Mother Mountain Productions (MMP) and the Manchester Muslim community (MMC) - has created a 360 3D virtual reality experience that will allow members of the public to directly experience hate crime.

Seeing hate crime from the victim's viewpoint - in effect 'changing places' with them, the film focuses on Islamophobia, portraying the real life experience of a young Muslim woman who is subjected to this abhorrent crime during her day-to-day life.

Funded by the Big Lottery, the national campaign was launched at GMP Headquarters during Greater Manchester's Hate Crime Awareness Week (HCAW) Feb 4 - 10.

Jude, who came up with the idea for the project said: "Many Muslims in Greater Manchester still live with the trepidation that they may be a victim of hate crime at some point

in their lives and we think that this is totally unacceptable. We have been working closely with the Manchester Muslim Community, to learn what could help them in such situations, nudging all of us not just to stand by and let these crimes happen."

"The Changing Places project literally puts viewers in the shoes of people experiencing hate crime by letting them feel that discomfort first hand. Ultimately we hope to shift entrenched prejudices and misconceptions and encourage empathy and understanding."

Fesl Reza Khan, Chair of the Manchester Muslim Community said: "Hate crime is an ongoing issue and there is a need for communities to unite in a constructive approach to tackle the problem."

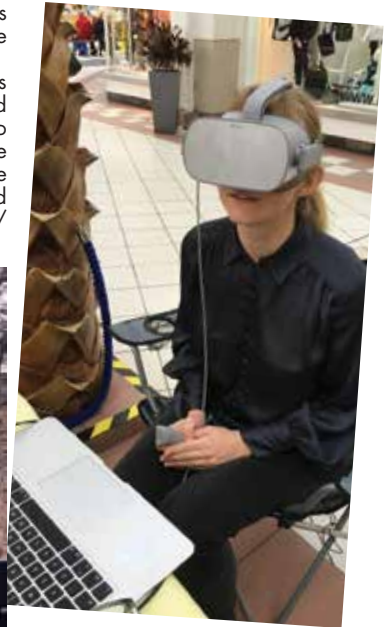
"We wholeheartedly support this project and feel that we need to engage more people in an open and honest dialogue about hate crime but also demonstrate how that crime impacts the people who directly experience it."

Changing Places is working with Greater Manchester Police and their partners to help raise



awareness of hate crime and prompt people to safely challenge and report hate crime incidents as well as stand alongside those affected.

During HCAW people across the city-region were encouraged to watch the film and sign up to the Greater Manchester Promise to show that hate crime will not be tolerated and that we are united against it: [letsendhatecrime.com/promise](https://letsendhatecrime.com/promise)



*Pictures show Jude being interviewed at the launch of the virtual reality event and a scene from the film.*



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# Rotary say thank you to helpers

AFTER a very successful Float collection around the streets of Thelwall and Lymm, Lymm Rotary hosted a Presentation Evening to say thank you to the hundred plus helpers who turned out at night over fifteen evenings last December.

President Geoff Stocker said: "We could not fulfil our commitment to the local communities without the help of our volunteers. Lymm's Rotary float is a part of village life and has been for the past thirty years. As well as being a good fund-raiser, it enables us to tour the streets and meet many friends who are waiting for the Float, and Santa, to arrive. Often children are queueing to talk and to hand in letters for Santa. This can make it hard for us to keep to a schedule but we believe that this is an essential part of our service".

"Volunteers are drawn from local groups, Scouts, Guides, Lymm Youth Club, Lymm High School,

Gendai and many others. At the presentation evening each group will receive a donation based on the number of evenings on which their volunteers attended.

"This year we have benefitted from a group of mainly new drivers who have towed the Float around the district. This is not always easy but our drivers have done an excellent job and their chosen charities will also receive a donation."

In addition to street collections, the Float attended Abbey Leys, Dickensian Day and static collections at Sainsbury's in Rushgreen Road and in Warrington Town Centre.

Part of this year's collection will be used to fund a Senior Citizen's Party at Statham Lodge Hotel in February when they hope to feed and entertain around 150 local residents with appearances from Lymm Adivas and a local Rock Musician.

Rotary also have funds to respond to requests for help from local groups who have projects which need financial assistance.

The club would like to thank the residents of Lymm, Thelwall and Warrington for their support, generosity and kindness over the Christmas.

With help from club members, local volunteers and the local community, they hope to continue these collections for at least another thirty years.



President Geoff Stocker with students from Lymm High School's Afritwin Project.

## Travel photography

CHRIS Beard will be the speaker at a meeting of Lymm Photographic Society at the Spread Eagle on March 13 at 7.30pm.

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# School raises amazing £8,000 to help boy with rare cancer

A LYMM school has raised £8,000 towards the £500,000 needed to try and save a 10-year-old boy suffering from a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

Oughttrington Primary School held a special day to raise the money for Harry Banks whose family was given the devastating news when he was six that he had Stage 4 Neuroblastoma – an aggressive children's cancer which affects just 100 youngsters a year in the UK.

He underwent two years of intensive chemotherapy, continuous investigations, major surgery, radiotherapy, immunotherapy and more.

After the treatment came to an end, Harry enjoyed nearly two and half years of remission.

But in November, the family was devastated to learn that the neuroblastoma had returned – and as yet there is no cure for the relapse.

A two inch tumour has been removed from his brain – but doctors have warned that without further radical treatment, not available in this country, the disease will return a third time.

Harry lives in Woburn, but his cousin, Sophie Cook, aged nine, is a pupil at Oughttrington Primary and asked her head teacher, Gillian Marsland, if the school would raise money for the "Mad About Harry" campaign which family and friends have set up to enable him to receive further treatment in the United States.

The head needed little persuading and the school has held a "Yellow Day" to raise money.

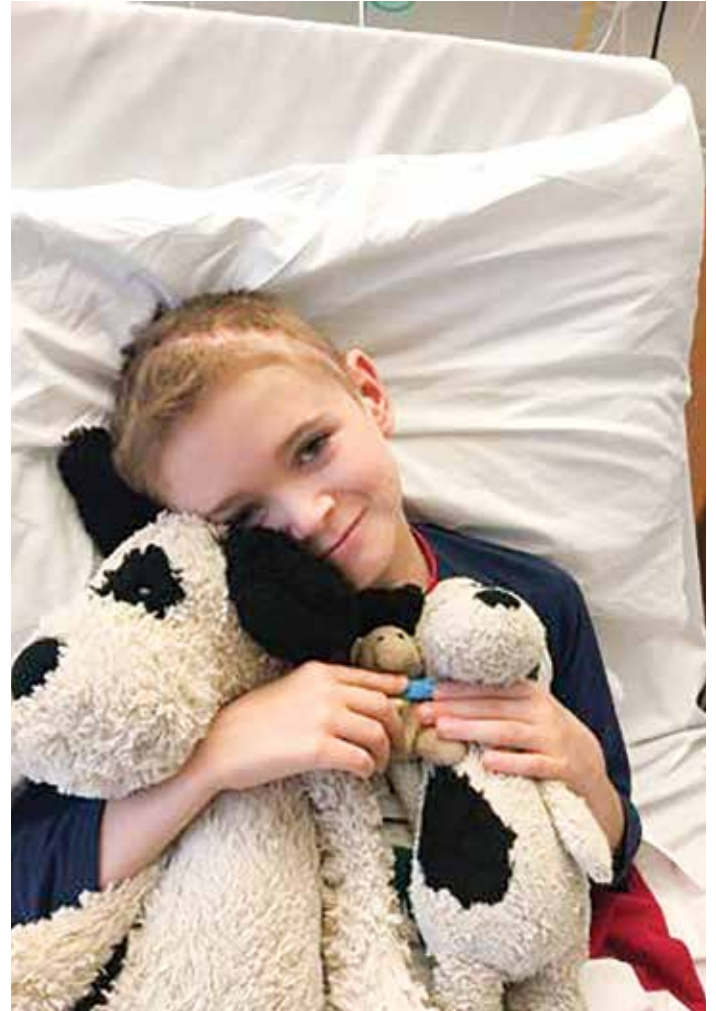
But youngsters on the school council wanted to do more so the special fair was organised.

Dozens of local businesses supported the event with raffle and auction prizes and parents, staff and friends of the school turned out in force to help raise as much as possible.

Nationally, scores of sporting and showbusiness celebrities supported the "Mad About Harry" campaign.

Harry's Mum, Nina, said: "My poor son's beaten cancer twice – please help me stop it coming back a third time."

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# Historic Transport Day team hand out more donations

MEMBERS of the Lymm Historic Transport Day team were busy on the first weekend of February giving out the last of their donations to local causes and charities following the success of last year's event.

Alan Williams, chair of the event, handed over a cheque for £200 to Trish Cockayne of Warrington Foodbank (pictured right) while John Parry, vice-Chair presented £500 to Statham Little Foxes pre-school and nursery as a contribution to the cost of a new security gate system.

In total over £6,000 was donated this year, to 13 mainly local causes and transport related charities.

This brings the total raised since the event started in 2013 to around £27,000.

Chair Alan added: "As well as making donations we have had to build up our reserves having started from scratch, with the initial risk taken by Lymm Festival to support the idea in year one.

"It's a risk that certainly paid off. As well being able to put money back into the festival we are now in a strong financial position and look forward to being able to increase our annual donations- subject to success on the day of course."

Vice-chair John added: "In a way it is the event itself that always comes first with the incredible

buzz it creates round the whole community. Having said that it is a real bonus that we are able to provide a platform for so many local causes and charities to raise funds and awareness themselves in addition to the money we are able to donate."

If you would like to be part of it all the group are always in need of more volunteers in the run up to the event and on the day itself- June 23.

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# Lymm Panto troupe to present the Vaudeville Show



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No sooner was it over the scriptwriters and performing troupe were thinking about the 2019 summer spectacular, The Vaudeville Show!

Performed in Lymm Rugby Club's Summer Marquee on Friday, June 14, this will be the Vaudeville Show's fourth consecutive year, with the objective of another sell-out!

The quality of performance, and therefore audience expectation, has risen significantly since this show started, but the audience can look forward to another brilliant and exceptional night of entertainment at Lymm Rugby Club, all in aid of the Lymm Grass Roots Clubhouse Appeal.

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# Lymm couple receive Poppy Appeal long service awards

LYMM couple Margaret and Leonard Woodward have been presented with special long service awards in recognition of 40 years loyal service fund-raising on behalf of the Poppy Appeal.

The award was presented when volunteers and supporters joined Ruth Jones, Community Fundraiser for the Poppy Appeal, and local Poppy Appeal organisers, June Gittins and Linda Monk, for an evening at Lymm Village Hall.

June and Linda wanted to thank the many people who had made last year's Appeal so very successful. They were delighted to be able to let everybody know, that thanks to the amazing generosity of local communities, a total of

£20,970 was raised for the 2018 Poppy Appeal.

During the evening, which saw guests enjoy a cheese and wine supper, Ruth presented the special long service awards to Margaret and Leonard.

Margaret and Leonard have given 40 years of service in one way or another to the Poppy Appeal, a cause which holds a very special place in their hearts.

Over that period of time they have gained tremendous respect and success. Apart from organising the appeal itself, they have organised quiz nights, sponsored bike rides, bingo evenings and many more things for the Poppy Appeal.

Ruth said she was "honoured and delighted" to award the long service pins and badges to Margaret and Leonard in recognition of their long and loyal service to the Appeal.



## Council to investigate "live streaming" Carols on the Cross

LYMM Parish Council is to look into the possibility of live-streaming the "Carols on the Cross" event next Christmas.

Last year's event has been voted a huge success, with an estimated 6,000 people attending.

An additional 2,000 carol booklets were printed and all booklets – old and new – were handed out on the night. The majority were handed back after the event.

A working group is to be set up to share the knowledge and experience of running events in the past and councillors are to investigate live streaming this year's carols – with CCTV seen as opening up opportunities for this.

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### Outdoor gym

Passer-by, Lymm  
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I CAN only applaud the actions of Lymm Parish Council in providing the new Outdoor Gym in Ridgway Grundy Park. Anything that encourages local people to take more exercise must be welcomed.

But I find the sign, which states that the equipment is for the use of those aged over 16 rather amusing because from my observations it would seem if it relied on this age group it would be standing idle and unused most of the time.

I certainly don't object to children using the gym, although I do wonder why they find it more attractive than the adjoining children's play area. But surely their parents should, instead of helping their youngsters to get on and off equipment that is really too large for them, be using it themselves?

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