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HAVING attended the fifth and final Rethinking South Warrington's Future (RSWF) information session at Bridgewater High School, it left me in no doubt whatsoever how important it is to respond to Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan.

It is certainly worrying when you hear the former head of the town's planning department describing the Local Plan as "flimsy" and urging people to challenge and question it, especially the proposed development of our Green Belt.

We mustn't let apathy win the day – as it did when a proposed event for the local business community was cancelled due to lack of interest – apparently I was one of the few who responded with an interest to attend!

Whatever our council decide your views will count when the whole plan comes before a Government Inspector at a future date.

So please don't let apathy win the day – make your voices heard and let Warrington Borough Council know exactly how you feel about their Local Plan which many say is not fit for purpose.

You have until 5pm Monday June 15 to lodge your objections.

Meanwhile congratulations to the Local Parish Councils and residents' groups who have come together to put forward a "professional" team to ensure no stone is left unturned in the bid to protect our precious Green Belt for future generations to enjoy.

While these groups have come together in the South, the Local Plan impacts on our whole town

so please don't adopt a NIMBY attitude – everybody needs to work together to ensure whatever future developments take place, we have the right infrastructure with the least impact on our environment.

While the proposed housing on Green Belt in the Lymm area is minimal compared to other areas, the proposed huge logistic developments on Green Belt Land near Lymm Truck Stop will have a huge impact on a much wider area!

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Panto troupe prepare for extra special Vaudeville Show

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The team performed in front of a sell-out audience of over 1,600, raising over £30k for the Lymm Grass Roots Clubhouse Appeal last December.

Summer spectacular

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!

Audience expectation

Producer Simon Plumb said: "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 - with some very special guest appearances.

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Tickets now on sale for Lymm Festival

TICKETS are now on sale for the annual Lymm Festival which is returning soon and it promises to be another great year with something for everyone.

This year organisers are delighted to welcome the remarkable explorer, Sir Ranulph Fiennes (pictured). Don't miss this chance to see him talk about his fascinating life in an intimate venue.

Other headline events include Strictly's Reverend Richard Coles with a light-hearted look at his journey from pop to pulpit and the Director of Jodrell Bank, Professor Michael Garrett, on the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence and The Square Kilometre Array.

There will be plenty of new events this year, including the launch of a new, family orienteering course at Spud Wood, a Champagne Summer Lunch at Laskey Farm in aid of NSPCC, the Lymm Gorge Geology Trail, Lymm Rocks' Festival Rock Drop and Lymm and Thelwall U3A presenting a range of creative activities for all interests.

During the Festival, there will also be an array of brilliant exhibitions to satisfy every artistic taste, including Lymm Artists' Summer Exhibition, this year's community collage Branching Out: A Starry Night and exhibitions by Paul Scates and Richard Cowley.

It all begins on June 20 with



the regular FoodFest which includes entertainment in the form of traditional Indian music and dancers, space and wizard shows for the kids and the Lymm Adivas.

For all the latest information, sign up for the Festival newsletter at lymmfestival.org.uk and follow Lymm Festival on Facebook and Twitter. Event guides will be distributed in Lymm from mid-May and tickets are on sale now at lymmfestival.org.uk and Lymm Electric, Bridgewater Street, Lymm, WA13 0AB. Organisers will also be at Lymm May Queen so come along to see them for more details.

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Local plan "not fit for purpose"

THE borough council's latest version of the Local Plan is "unsound and not fit for purpose."

That's the view of the South Warrington Parish Councils' Planning Working Group.

Parishes in the south of the borough including Lymm - have joined together in collaboration as a response to the huge public reaction against the first version of the Plan published in 2017.

They believe a collective view will carry more weight in trying to get changes to the proposals.

Group chairman Cllr Cliff Taylor

said: "Little has changed in the new version. It still involves the loss of large parts of the Green Belt and green spaces in South Warrington. It still involves a 'Garden Suburb' and large logistics sites. There is no clear plan to improve local roads. The character and distinctiveness of the area will be dramatically changed for ever. We accept that some development will have to take place but we believe there are better and less harmful ways of doing it. We have delivered copies of our leaflet to homes in the south of the town. This gives advice on

how to submit representations to the consultation in ways that we think will be most effective.

"In summary we do not think the Plan is sound. There is no justification for the predicted growth, there is too much housing and employment land allocated and there is no need for so much Green Belt release. There is no need for development that will harm the environment and which destroys the character of our villages and there is no clarity over the means of delivery. We understand that there is an urgent need for a credible

Local Plan, but this is not it. We urge Warrington Council to take notice of what we are saying and modify the Plan before putting it in front of the Inspector.

"We are working closely with the 'Rethinking South Warrington's Future' group which is an umbrella organisation bringing together resident and protest groups from various areas. We are all working hand-in-hand to deliver a Plan that is right for our residents and protects our villages and green spaces."

Two new insurance and mortgage specialists join Amathus team

AMATHUS Financial Services has appointed two new insurance and mortgage specialists to its Warrington-based team.

Christopher Thorne and Jane Lister have joined the existing team at the Birchwood office and bring with them a wealth of property related experience.

Christopher said: "I'm very much looking forward to working with our

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LYMM Historic Transport Day, which started in 2013, is set to draw an amazing 8,000 visitors to the village for its annual celebration of Lymm's transport heritage.

Some of the old working boats, including those from the Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port, travel for up to three days to take up their position as part of an incredible

display of Lymm's unique history. Top of the bill at this year's event on Sunday, June 23, is a flypast by the RAF's last Dakota C-47.

The North West Casuals Car

Club, based in Warrington, are just one of the car clubs that has been coming since year one. Lancashire Traction Engine Club are also committed supporters with fifteen engines already booked in.

"The enthusiasm for this event has surpassed all our expectations" said Event Director Alan Williams "This year, for the second time,

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Storm Hannah parked gallons of water on Lymm

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Car Park on or around April 26.

The flooding which has plagued the car park for years came back with a vengeance, causing problems for motorists trying to park and pedestrians trying to

avoid being drenched by the motorists trying to park!

Cllr Ian Marks has raised the issue with Warrington Borough Council, who are responsible for the maintenance of the car park, on numerous occasions.

He said: "To be fair, they usually come out and fix things pretty quickly. But it is not too long before the flooding comes back again."

"I don't know what the problem is. It is usually in the autumn when leaves are falling and I have

assumed they contribute to the problem. But there aren't many leaves around at this time of the year.

"I shall be raising the issue with the borough again – and suggesting that rather than a quick-fix we need a permanent solution."

Storm Hannah also wiped out Lymm Oughttrington Park Cricket Club's matches on April 27 – along with every other cricket match in Cheshire!



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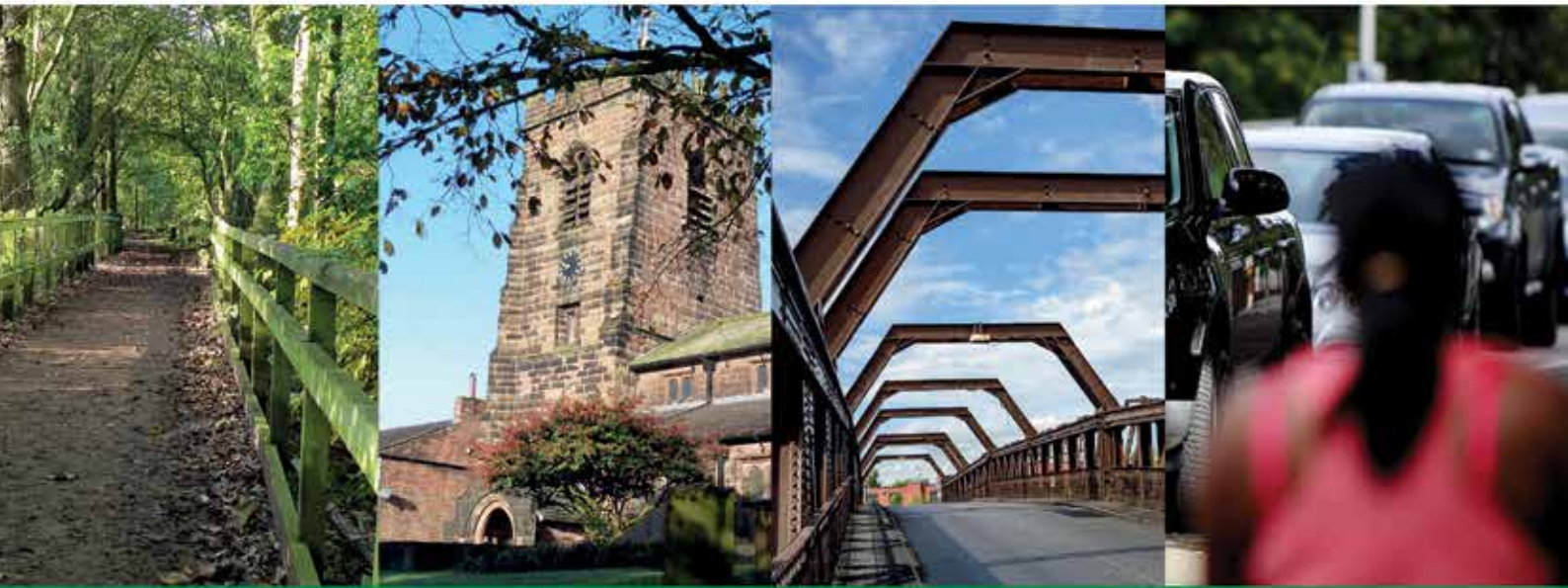
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(RSWF is working alongside the South Warrington Parish Councils' Planning Group)



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Approved – a four bedroom house in conservation area garden

BOROUGH planning chiefs have given the go-ahead for a four bedroom house in the garden of an existing house at Lymm.

The development, in Brookfield Road, in the Lymm Conservation Area, was opposed by Lymm Parish Council and there were objections from four nearby residents.

Parish councillors believed the proposal represented over development of the site and that the scheme would have a negative impact on the conservation area.

Neighbours were concerned about drainage arrangements, loss of trees, the access and loss of wildlife habitats.

Members of the borough

council's development management committee were told that similar proposals had been turned down as long ago as 1980 – and again rejected on appeal. As a result the site had remained undeveloped.

But planning officers did not feel the scheme would have a detrimental on the conservation area.

The proposed house would be within easy walking distance of the village centre.

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Lymm May Queen Festival

LYMM'S annual May Queen event was one of the biggest and best for many years with over 30 floats taking part in the carnival parade.

Event organiser, local Cllr. Kath Buckley, was delighted with the turn out as the event also recognised the 25th anniversary of fellow local Cllr. Peter Powell becoming the official Town Crier for the Village.

Although the skies were over cast for much of the day, the rain held off, again justifying the decision taken last year to bring the event forward from June following previous washouts.

Meanwhile Ravenbank Primary School had the honour of providing both the Lymm May Queen and Rose Queen for this year's event.

New May Queen, 10-year-old Isobel "Issy" Boucher, was crowned by local historian Cllr. Joe Griffiths. Her parents are Karen Taylor

who owns Jessobel Boutique in the village and David Boucher, tennis coach at Lymm Tennis Club. She has two sisters Jessyca aged 13 and Harriet aged three.

New Rose Queen Olivia Lombardi Brown was crowned by the Mayor of Warrington Cllr Karen Mundry. Olivia is originally from Ft Lauderdale in Florida, but moved to Lymm with her family when she was aged three.

She is an active member of Lymm Twin Town Society, as well as having taken part in Lymm Transport Day parade for the past

two years.

Olivia was honoured to be in the Rose Queen retinue last year. She enjoys horse riding and gardening with her grandmother.

She aspires to be a doctor and an environmentalist to help others understand how to care for our natural environment.

Most weekends she can be seen walking around the village centre making sure she stops to greet every passing dog!

Statham primary School won the best Junior Float Prize while the Spread Eagle rock chicks won the senior prize.

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Lymm duck race declared a scorching success

LYMM and District Round Table declared their annual Lymm duck race a scorching success with huge crowds enjoying the wonderful Easter weather.

This year's Lymm duck race was blessed with glorious sunshine which added to the party atmosphere in the village. A huge crowd built steadily throughout the Bank Holiday morning and by the time of the start of the race the whole race route and the rest of the village was packed with spectators.

As well as the excitement of the duck race there were many other attractions to keep the locals amused including a giant slide, a crooked house, kiddies fairground rides and stalls provided by Chadwick's Family Fun Fair. A food village area kept people fed and watered and the local pubs and restaurants also provided wonderful hospitality.

As a result of the recent dry spell there was a slow current on the brook so the ducks were slower than last year but some encouragement from volunteer canoeists Chris and James helped them along the brook towards the crowded finishing line.

As well as being a great community fun day the race also helps raise vital funds for local causes and this year over £8000 was raised on the day which Lymm and District Round Table will put to good use as always.

Lymm Round Table, Chairman Euan MacDonald said: "Lymm Duck Race is a lot of hard work for the team that puts it together, but it is always great fun to see the village full of happy people cheering the ducks to the finish line. We always look forward to a celebratory pint afterwards and finding out how much we've raised for some great causes. Hopefully 2019 can beat all previous records again."

The winning duck was number 696 with 917 coming second and 221 claiming third. Corporate duck winner was Orb Jewellery and Super Duck Winner was Grill on the Cross.

Lymm Life photographer Paul Jackson took to the water in a canoe expertly captained by Round Table, Ed Gough, to capture photos and a live video of the event which was watched around the world by nearly 4,000 people!



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A massive Lymm and District Round Table 'thank you!' to everyone who supported this year's charity Easter Monday Duck Race. That's all members of the public who came down to enjoy the day, the many stallholders who lined the streets and all the generous businesses (listed below) who purchased ducks. A special mention must also go to **Co-Operative Food** for being our main sponsor for the sixth year running!

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Beekeeper seeks help from public to relocate bee swarms

THE last remaining beekeeper in the area willing to collect swarms free of charge is appealing for help from the public in relocating colonies in substantial forestry areas of the borough.

Lymm based Frank Hilton is now the only Beekeeper prepared to catch swarms in the whole of the Warrington post code area free of charge and has been very successful with the breeding of wild bees in Delamere Forest and Owley Wood in Weaverham, and is now looking for substantial forestry in the Warrington area.

Now that Spring has sprung the Bumble bee queen has left hibernation and is busy looking for a place to nest and raise her four hundred worker bees.

Frank said: "The honey bee has started to propagate our flowers, trees and gardens. The whole land is greener adorned by the coniferous trees joining the evergreens in leaf, the farmer has long since sown the seed which by now has turned fields from brown to green. Very soon their crops will be in flower making this green and pleasant land the most beautiful place in the world for the human being to live.

"What you may also see, is the small workaholic honey bee busy removing nectar from flowers and acquiring pollen from the flower's stamen (the male part of propagation) stuck to its body, which is later transferred to the stigma (female part of propagation) of similar flowers, to facilitating the pollination process. Nectar is stored in the bee's crop (honey sac) and shared with its family of up to 30,000 on return to the hive. The residue is stored in wax combs to become the basis of the honey which we all adore. Meanwhile the queen bee having survived the winter in the middle of a cluster of house bees, who have kept her at a temperature of 34°C throughout the winter irrespective of the temperature outside, starts to lay up to 1,500 eggs per day. She needs to lay at this rate to replenish the bees that die due to stress after 6 weeks of pollination and nectar collection."

Frank added: "To explain the value of the honeybee to pollination in the UK; basically plants are pollinated by the transfer of pollen by wind or physical transfer



by insects. Of the roughly 50% proportion done by insects, 85% is by honeybees, 10% by bumble bees and the balance of 5% by all other insects including flies, butterflies and wasps. Mankind would survive without bees, although some experts predict the opposite, but bee pollination is of major importance to farmers and those who eat their products.

"The way a colony of honeybees propagates its own species is to split it in two usually in late spring, by using a unique, interesting and successful swarm. They decide to leave when they reach a point where there is no more room in the

hive to store honey, to help them survive the coming winter. Or to build comb for the queen to lay eggs for a future generation. Before swarming they build a special large queen cell each day for eight days, in which the queen lays one egg in each. The eggs become larvae in three days and then fed royal jelly for another five days, whereupon the workers seal the cell and prepare to leave. Prior to this the bees about to swarm have been loading their honey sac with honey from the stores and once the last queen cell is sealed they leave the hive taking the queen with them. They have therefore left eight

chances for the bees left behind to survive if one of the eight cells produces a viable queen.

"A swarm's normal procedure is to rest not far from the hive usually on a branch of a local tree, in a fence or bushes. From where they send out scouts to find somewhere more desirable to live and set up a new colony. The big problem now is that they may choose your chimney, wall cavity or some other desirable (to them) space within your roof, from where they cannot be removed without major building damage and cost. As the majority of swarms only stay in the local tree for less than 24 hours it is imperative that we remove them on the day they swarm. The only chance we beekeepers can help, is for you to immediately inform us when you see a swarm or on them settling down by contacting a local beekeeper. A swarm when flying, are so dense that they may even darken the local area blocking out the sun, a swarm will consist of more than 10,000 bees, so when they have settled they may be difficult to see them or whatever they are clustering on. If you see a swarm in flight just stand still and watch them go by, it is a beautiful sight and they will not sting unless you seriously interfere with them."

Frank is the local BBKA approved Swarm Collector covering the whole of Warrington and its surrounds.

"My role is to save the bees from being a nuisance to the general public, to restore them into manageable equipment, ensure the continuation of their availability for pollination of crops and gardens and for my own enjoyment.

"I do not charge anything and will even help you with bumble bees if required and would welcome the opportunity to tell you all the amazing things that these wonderful insect do. What can you do to help you may ask?"

Frank can be contacted on the BBKA (British Beekeepers Association) web site www.bbka.org.uk/services/SwarmRemoval and click your post code in the swarm collection section. Or Email: frankqesl@yahoo.co.uk Or phone 01925 551839, mobile 07801632832.

The Shatliff Shuffle is back again

THE eighth annual "Shatliff Shuffle" – a five mile walk taking in four pubs – will take place on Saturday, June 22, as part of the Lymm Festival.

Organised by local woman Hayley Shatliff-Smith, the walk aims to raise funds to fight Motor Neurone Disease.

It will start from the Spread Eagle at 12 noon and take in three other pubs and offer plenty of fun, laughter and free T-shirt and map.

Hayley established the walk

after her grandfather, Terry Shatliff, suffered from Motor Neurone Disease (MND) – a progressive disease that attacks the motor neurones, or nerves, in the brain and spinal cord. This means messages gradually stop reaching the body's muscles leading to weakness and wasting.

MND can affect how you walk, talk, eat, drink and breathe. However, not all symptoms necessarily happen to everyone and it is unlikely they will all

develop at the same time or in any specific order.

Although there is currently no cure for MND, symptoms can be managed to help achieve the best possible quality of life – but are not funded by the NHS.

There is an entry fee of £5 for adults and £3 for children. Dogs go free!

More details are available from Hayley on 07912 562621.



Lymm rider's disappointing holiday weekend



LYMM motor cyclist Sean Neary had a disappointing May Day Bank Holiday weekend at Oulton Park, recording a sixth and a fifth in the Ducati Performance TriOptions Cup.

Neary, in the SMC team, qualified for a third row start to the first race and said: "I royally messed up during qualifying and finished in eighth position. With light rain falling I just didn't push hard enough as I wasn't sure on grip."

He had high hopes for the following day but things didn't go quite to plan as, although he was running in sixth place and poised to move further forward, the red flag halted the race for a crash on lap seven of 10. With the race already

past the two thirds distance a result was called leaving Neary to record sixth place.

He said: "A couple more laps and I could have had a chance of fourth but it is what it is. Rest assured I'm giving it 110 per cent, but it just ain't happening at the moment."

Starting race two from the second row Neary was sixth on the first lap and overtook Sam Middlemas one lap later. He was unable to catch Mark Cheetham who was circulating several yards ahead and had to be satisfied with fifth place at the flag.

The next round is at Donington Park on the shorter National circuit over the Bank Holiday weekend of May 24/28.



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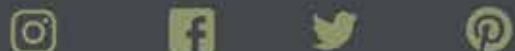
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Festival Trail Races are back for a seventh year

THE ever-popular Lymm Festival Trail Races event is on June 30.

Now in its seventh year, the day will start at 10.30am with a one mile fancy dress fun run for children on Lymm High School playing fields.

The theme will again be "Superheroes", with the children in pursuit of Billy Bikeman and a prize for the best dressed Superhero boy and girl.

This is followed by the 5k and 10k Trail Race for teens and adults through the beautiful Helsdale and Spud Wood with goody bags

and medals for all who finish. In response to many requests from previous runners, veteran winner categories have been added. Prizes will be awarded to:

- * 5k - junior male and female, senior male and female, V40 male and female, V50 male and female
- * 10k - senior male and female, V40 male and female, V50 male and female

Two charities are being supported. Race director Katy O'Connor

said: "Running has a wonderful effect on health and wellbeing and this year, Lymm Festival Trail Races is proud to be supporting Mind, the mental health charity. Proceeds from the fun run will be donated to the Woodland Trust who manage Spud Wood, so every penny raised from this year's event will go to good causes".

Places are limited to 250 for each race and are filling up fast, so anyone who doesn't want to miss out the fun, should go to <https://lymmrunners.org.uk/lymm-festival-trail-races> and click ENTER.



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Mother thanks school for caring for "banana arm" boy

A MOTHER has sent her heartfelt thanks to a Lymm school which went "far beyond the call of duty" after her son broke his arm during playtime.

Six-year-old Josh Picton broke his arm in two places when he fell from the monkey bars at Oughtrington Primary School.

The school couldn't contact his parents – dad John was in a meeting at work and mum Sue had no signal on her mobile – so called for an ambulance.

But when they were told it would be two hours before an ambulance could get there they took the youngster to the nearest hospital.

Altrincham Hospital deals only with minor injuries, however, so had to call an ambulance to take Josh to Wythenshawe Hospital.

By this time his mum had walked into a supermarket where her mobile picked up the wi-fi and she got the school's original message.

"I've never driven so fast – I almost got to Wythenshawe before Josh did," she said later.

"But I was so grateful for what the school did. They were all

fantastic – the teachers, the other staff and the pupils."

Josh – whose arm was so bent that hospital staff dubbed him "banana arm" – underwent surgery and has made a good recovery.

He was off school for three weeks, although he went back before that to thank everyone.

Sue said: "He has climbed on the money bars many times before and never fallen. Even he doesn't know how it happened."

"He's still got to take things easy for a while, but is doing very well."

"The school certainly went beyond the call of duty to see he was cared for as soon as possible."



Arley to welcome top garden designer to festival

ONE of the UK's most renowned garden designers will attend this year's Arley Garden Festival.

Tom Stuart-Smith, who designed a garden at Windsor Castle to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee, will give a lecture at the festival which is in its 25th year.

"I am looking forward to being part of this event, which I am aware attracts both horticultural enthusiasts as well as less experienced gardeners," said Tom. "Arley is the perfect place for a festival of this kind because it is renowned in the horticultural world for its immaculate gardens and in particular the double herbaceous border."

Tom has designed a number of gardens for the Chelsea Flower Show, eight were awarded gold medals and three won 'Best in Show'.

He runs a landscape design practice with an international reputation for making gardens that combine naturalism and modernity.

His work ranges from large gardens and parks that open to the public, to smaller private gardens and is responsible for the masterplan of the RHS' new garden at Bridgewater, Salford to be opened in 2020.

Tom's lecture at the Arley Garden Festival, tickets to which can be booked now, will focus on walled gardens.

"I will be looking at examples as varied as an Islamic garden in the heart of Marrakech, the

new Paradise garden at RHS Bridgewater and of course the proposals for a Memorial Garden soon to be built at Arley Hall," he said.

Every year around 5,000 enthusiasts – as well as those looking for a great family day out – visit the Arley Garden Festival.

Among the highlights are specialist plant nurseries, a floral marquee, food fair, craft stalls and a Question Time with gardening experts.

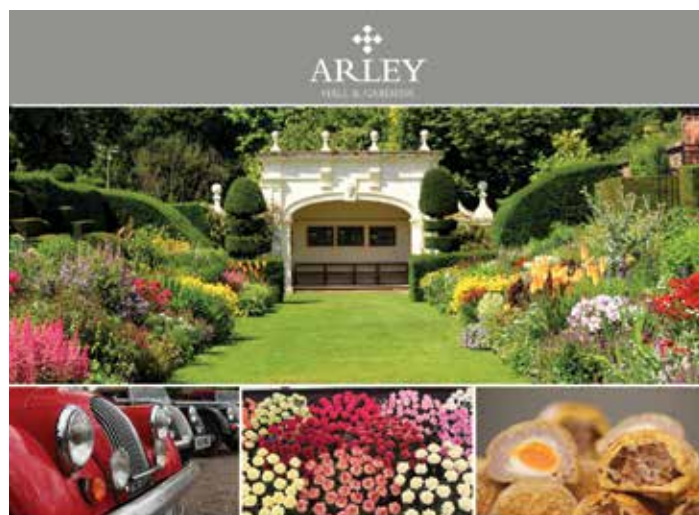
There's also live music, a classic car display and children's entertainment. In the Countryside Marquee visitors will be able to enjoy stick making, coppice fencing and willow weaving demonstrations.

Pupils from local schools will create their own show gardens, which will be given awards based on the votes of judges and the public.

Event organiser Helen Begent said the show would be one of the best in recognition of its 25 years.

"This is such a landmark for us that we have got some special plans to celebrate the occasion as well as all the usual elements that have made it such a successful show over the years," she said.

The Arley Garden Festival is open 10am to 5pm on June 22 and 23. To book tickets for Tom Stuart-Smith and the garden festival go to www.arleyhallandgardens.com or call 01565 777353.



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New World Record and over £30,000 raised

MORE than £30,000 has been raised for charity by the 12 Lymm Runners who ran this year's Virgin Money London Marathon.

One team member, James Williams, ran the marathon in a full snowboarder kit whilst carrying a 5kg board and managed to set a



new world record. James said: "Who needs nails on their big toes when I have a Guinness World Record? I now hold the record for fastest Marathon Dressed as a Snowboarder in 5 hours, 21 minutes and 50 seconds..." This is 24 minutes faster than the previous record.

James also beat his target of £1,650 by raising over £2,000 for the Round Table Children's Wish Charity, for this attempt.

Though less flamboyant, the other runners also raised significant sums for their chosen charities totalling an excess of £30,000. All finished safely, with Jonathan Smith first home in a terrific 2hrs, 39 mins 04 secs, setting a new Club Record

Three other runners also achieved Personal Bests.

Lymm Runner First Timer Karen Philpotts summed up the feeling on taking part and reaching that finishing line:

"I just wanted to thank Lymm Runners for the opportunity to have one of the club ballot places for the London Marathon. Such an amazing experience and Lymm Runners kept popping up on the course throughout the day. Note to anyone else doing this in the future you will need to train your face muscles as my cheeks are aching from all the smiling."

Lymm Runners meet outside the Leisure Centre on Thursdays at

7pm (this now includes a Power Walk group), and outside the Library on Sundays at 8.30 am and Wednesdays at 9.15am.

On Tuesdays there is a choice of meeting outside the Leisure Centre at 7.00pm for the 4 mile Social Whistle Run or on the High School playing fields for the Track Training Session in summer and the track at Victoria Park, Warrington in the Winter

The Club was formed in 2010 and now has over 300 members. It is the only running club in the village.

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He won the V55 age group and finished in 461st place overall with a fantastic new personal best time of two hours 40 minutes 39 seconds.

Steve was one of four members of Warrington Athletic Club who took part in the race.



Obituary

Shirley Cope

THE funeral has taken place of Shirley Cope, aged 71, of Parkwood Close, Lymm, who died in St Rocco's Hospice, Warrington, on March 6.

Shirley had lived in Lymm for 47 years and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, who loved her for her warmth and kindness.

She is survived by her husband David and children John, Ian, Sarah and Sean, sons and daughters-in-law Jo, Ian and Iselin and grandchildren Adam, Zoe, Eva, Jamie, Jake, Toby and Elliot.

The funeral took place on March 14 at Dunham Massey Crematorium.

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