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CONGRATULATIONS to the team who organised the annual Lymm Historic Transport Day - which once again had a record breaking year, raising an incredible £14,000 for local good causes.

Add to this around £6,000 raised by other organisations exhibiting on the day and all the business created in the village - this event has become an amazing success.

I've said it many times before and I will say it again - we are truly blessed to have so many fantastic community events in our village including the annual Lymm Festival, Lymm Duck Race, Lymm May Queen, Lymm Dickensian Day, Lymm Rushbearing and the forthcoming Lymm Beer Festival and not forgetting the Lymm Roundtable bonfire and the annual Lymm Panto

and Vaudeville shows organised by Lymm Rugby Club!

We now have a near full year of activities to look forward to, all doing their bit to support the local economy.

The only downside is they seem to keep coming around so quickly a whole year goes in the blink of an eye!

Add to that the success of the Lymm Heritage Centre and the Lymm Youth & Community Centre which also thrive thanks to dedicated volunteers, we have indeed got a lot to be proud of.

I am pleased to say I have experienced all the events at some stage over the past 20 years and I look forward to experiencing and enjoying them for many more years to come.

Here at Lymm Life we are

delighted to support these fantastic community events and are extremely grateful for the support we get back, without which we couldn't survive.

Keep up the good work everyone and be extremely proud of what you have achieved.

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# Sadness and anger as Lymm Hotel closes



THE historic Lymm Hotel has now closed its doors for the final time and demolition work is expected to start soon.

At a meeting of Warrington Council's planning committee in December, 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.

Cllr Ian Marks said, "Lymm Councillors and local residents were extremely disappointed, angry and saddened with the decision to award planning permission for a large development on the site of the Lymm Hotel.

"It was a disgraceful decision by the planners to allow this. The concerns of over one hundred and eighty residents were 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 have been well and truly let down and nothing can be done now.

"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. 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 claimed they would not be able to cope with the extra numbers of elderly people."

Cllr Ryan Bate, the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Candidate for Warrington South added, "When the demolition takes place and then when the new construction starts there will be chaos on the roads nearby. From my time at Lymm High School I am very familiar with the area. The road by the Golf Club is very dangerous and cars are forced to mount the pavement to pass each other. The far end of Statham Avenue is a private unmade section of road with a dangerous exit onto Barsbank Lane."

In 2016 the Hotel was packed at a special exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Brazil World Cup team, including soccer legend Pele, staying at the hotel.

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**LYMM HISTORY SOCIETY**  
The History of Freemasonry  
The Village Hall, Pepper Street, Lymm, 8pm  
Members £1, Non-members £3  
All Welcome

**September 10**  
**LYMM PARISH COUNCIL**  
7.30pm Lymm Village Hall

**LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB**  
Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

**MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP**  
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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

**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  
and December) at 7.30pm. Visitors most  
welcome. Contact: 07876 176501  
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**LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**  
Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday  
(ex July & Aug). 7.30pm  
Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.  
Details: www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk

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

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

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


**LYMM BOOK CLUB**  
Second Thursday of the month 7.30pm,  
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**Next meeting  
September 10,  
7.30pm  
at Lymm Village Hall**

# Anna launches books, products and self- empowerment courses



Lymm local, Anna Fradgley, is set to launch two books, as well as her aromatherapy product range and self-empowerment courses this autumn, under the brand name "Anna Vero".

Publicly, you will know her as local Councillor Fradgley. Whilst tirelessly campaigning for Lymm, she is now helping others to empower themselves with her **SUCCESSFUL LIFE BALANCE** model.

"Being a Councillor is very stressful and can be emotionally draining, so I use an holistic approach for rebalancing. Having studied the subject for years, I have come up with my own model to help me find the balance in life and I want to share it with others. That is why I wrote my "Successful Life Balance" book.

"My Successful Life Balance model is an holistic approach, encompassing body, mind and spirit within your own social environment, based upon balancing the chakras. It is important to look after your body and your environment, so that you are grounded and have a good solid, base to work from. That is why working on what I call **PHYSICAL BODY** is important, incorporating nutrition and physical health as a basis for body healing. Next, is your **SOCIAL DRIVE**. We get knocked off balance if we don't have a purpose in life or follow our passions. We are also susceptible to other people's wants and needs, without really understanding and expressing our own. So **EMOTIONAL COMMUNICATION** is important in order to express yourself, as well as listening to others to achieve win/win situations. And then finally, it is necessary to achieve **MINDFUL CLARITY**. This is about self-belief, resilience and mindfulness.

My books, products and courses will empower you to take control of your life and body, so as to reduce stress and create a meaningful direction in life."

Even if you don't need help in re-balancing, you may want to read Anna's cookbook "Food For All Occasions". In it are 150 recipes to make your life simple, with the only recipes you need for everyday family meals and for special occasions, such as casual dinner parties, summer parties and Christmas. Included are Anna's favourite English baked desserts, Italian and French meals, as well as some of her favourite memories with family and friends. "My passion is food and being half Italian really helps! My grandmother, Nonna Maria always told me: "Mangia bene, ridi spesso, amo molto", eat well, laugh often, love much.....and that is the philosophy behind my brand, Anna Vero."

The launch of the books and product range will be on Saturday 14th September between 4.30pm to 6pm at Lymm Village Hall, with some homemade refreshments from the cookbook (for a small donation to MIND charity). Just come along; products and books range from £5 to £20. An initial course will be held on Tuesday 22nd October at Lymm Business Centre 6.30pm to 8pm, £15. Please call or text Anna to book onto the course on 07799386206. Alternatively, email her on annavero@sky.com. Individual consultation is available at £30 per hour.

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# Andrew's 600 mile cycle challenge for hospice



LYMM resident Andrew Morris has just completed a cycling challenge of more than 600 miles to raise money for Claire House Childrens' Hospice on the Wirral.

Andrew initially signed up for the four-day Global Adventure Challenges ride from London to Paris, but he set himself another challenge by starting underneath Blackpool Tower and cycling, alone, to the starting point of the official ride in London via the Tower of London - making his ride "The 3 Towers", finishing under the Eiffel Tower.

After weeks of training he set off from Blackpool and arrived in Paris after seven days. He cycled at least 70 miles each day, sometimes 90, overnighing in such tourist hotspots as Tamworth, Milton Keynes and Croydon in England, and Calais, Arras and Compiègne in France.

Andrew's careful planning could not foresee the heatwave, with temperatures in the high 30s at times, but some very early morning starts helped him cope, and the organised part of the challenge provided support for all the 100-plus participants.

There's still time to show support and Andrew's online giving page can be found at

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/andymorrisclairehouse>

He said: "Thanks to everyone who has supported me. It's really helped me get through the hardest cycle ride ever! Every penny really does count, and the gruelling 600 miles was well worth it, knowing that Claire House can continue to provide the vital support and love to seriously ill children and their families across the North-West."

## Ten years of growth lead to super new opticians



ADCOTT'S Opticians have been open in Lymm for 10 years this year – and are celebrating by moving into new, larger premises.

They have grown year-on-year and decided to move because they had outgrown their existing premises.

When the former bank building just across the road became available it was too good an opportunity to miss.

Extensive alterations and refurbishment have taken place to ensure the new premises match the state-of-the-art service Adcott's provide.

Deborah Adcott said: "I would like to say thankfully we are for our lovely, local customers choosing to support us.

"We're lucky to have grown year on year and are really excited to be moving somewhere bigger within the village. Although we are just moving just across the road it feels like a big change for us and we are excited to be able to provide a much better service to the Lymm community and beyond. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in our bigger and better surroundings.

The larger premises will allow Adcott's to open a new business upstairs and is overlooking the Pepper Street car park.

This will be a craft workshop where local people will be able to learn and practice different creative skills.

Various experts will be available to give friendly advice – and Deborah and her team will be popping in too.

She said: "This is something we are all keenly interested in and we will be frequent visitors."

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# It's official – Lymm Historic Transport Day is another record breaker!

**THE numbers are all in and organisers have now confirmed that this year's Lymm Transport Day broke all records – generating around £14K for local causes with at least a further £6K raised by other groups who took part in the day.**

Nearly 6,500 people paid to visit the event during the day with a further 1,500 tickets going to exhibitors, traders, sponsors and volunteers, making it quite possibly Lymm's busiest day for nearly 50 years.

"It's a fantastic result" said Event Director Alan Williams. "Some of that money has already been allocated to causes like the Heritage Centre as well as the Scout and Air Cadet groups who provided great volunteer support on the day. The rest will be going to other community and transport based charities and groups in the coming months. As well as the financial gain it was wonderful again to see the job done by our outstanding volunteer team.

"There are around fifteen people working all year round as well as 100 plus stewards on the day. Their welcome and friendly support throughout the day really adds to the buzz of the whole occasion."

In spite of that outstanding result the team who run the event were quick to explain that raising money is not actually their main motivation.

"We start from the idea of giving

everyone the best possible day out that is also great value" explained Event Field Manager John Parry.

"We also see Transport Day as a great advert for the village. So many people who come have not visited us before but leave pledging to return and enjoy the village again on another day. That's great news for the local economy".

The team has already met to review this year's event and identify what can be done better next year. And work has already begun on building an equally special day for Lymm's eighth Transport Day on June 28th 2020. If you would like to be part of it and join the organising team then fresh faces are always welcome. Contact via [lymmtransport@gmail.com](mailto:lymmtransport@gmail.com) or call Alan on 01925 754080.

And if you have a vintage vehicle or are a trader who would like to take part be sure to put January 3rd 2020 in your diary. From what we hear only Glastonbury fills up quicker than Lymm Historic Transport Day. More information including photos and video of this year's event at [lymmtransport.org.uk](http://lymmtransport.org.uk)



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The "animal friendly" service is held every year in October – the month when the feast of St Francis of Assisi is celebrated. He had a special relationship with the rich variety of creation.

The Rector, Father Michael Burgess, said pets and their owners would be welcome at the 11.15am service.

Children and adults will receive a special card and there will be treats for the animals.

"It is an opportunity to give thanks for our pets and all that they mean to us," he added. Pictures are from last year's service.



## Celebrating 10 years of local banking

HANDELSBANKEN, the local relationship bank, is celebrating its 10th anniversary of supporting personal and business banking customers in the Warrington and Lymm area. Since opening its doors in 2009, the branch has grown rapidly through recommendation. After originally starting life at Centre Park near Warrington town centre, the branch is now based at Wilderspool Business Park, Stockton Heath.

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His son 'G P Broadsmith' (known as 'Peter') then took over the business which is now run by his son Ray.

Most of their cows have been born and bred on the farm and you can read stories about some of their favourites which are printed on the side of their glass milk bottles.

Joe Broadsmith, who works as a barrister but helps out with social media and marketing, said: "We take good care of our free range dairy herd, the majority of which are British Friesian, Shorthorn and Ayrshire cattle. On our facebook page @broadsmiths you can watch videos of the cows grazing and relaxing in the fields.

"The cows are free to roam the fields throughout spring, summer and autumn. In the winter when the fields are wet and muddy the cows are kept inside in open, spacious barns with deep bedded straw. They are milked twice daily in our milking parlour, producing fresh quality milk and cream which is then bottled in our own farm dairy.

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businesses and offer a wider range of associated products including bread, juices and locally sourced potatoes and eggs. We are also eager to be as environmentally friendly as we can. We have an electric vehicle for deliveries and are able to help people cut back on single use plastics by delivering milk to doorsteps in glass bottles - cutting down on food miles too!

Joe's mum Angela takes care of all the accounts/office work for the retail side of the business while his father Ray and brother, John, take care of looking after the cows, pasteurising the milk and then

bottling.

Two local men Chris Harrop (who has worked for the business for 25 years) and Paul King are the roundsmen.

Joe added: "Over the years things have changed very little on the whole. Technological advances mean that things can be done much more quickly - the cows are milked in an automated parlour nowadays whereas when the family business started in the 1930s they were milked by hand. Likewise, years ago the milk was raw, bottled straight from the cow, however today we have the processing equipment to pasteurise the milk and make skimmed, semi skimmed and full cream milk.

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# Playful greyhound has found a new home

**A FROLIC SOME greyhound, forced out of racing by his playful nature, has a new home.**

Paul Clark and his wife Andrea, have adopted him after hearing of his unlucky past.

The couple, who run oven valeting business Ovenu Warrington, learned about the three-year-old who had been retired from racing because, despite showing early promise, he had only won one of his seven races.

During his final race at Nottingham, he was disqualified because he preferred playing to running!

He ended up with independent charity Lincolnshire Greyhound

Trust and while at their kennels contributed to saving the lives of fellow canines by becoming a doggy blood donor. He still sports the "lifesaver" red bandana he was given as a result.

Paul and Andrea learnt of his plight and initially offered to take care of his vet and food bills for the remainder of his life. But he quickly captured their affections and they formally adopted him – re-naming him Flash.

Paul said: "Flash had such a compelling story that once we got to know him, we fell in love with

him and just had to make him part of our family.

"He is a sweet-natured dog and the fact that he was disqualified from a race because he preferred to play just goes to prove he has great character.

"I called him Flash simply because, despite his spirited nature, he remains very fast indeed!

"It's a privilege to provide Flash with a caring home and secure future. Greyhounds are lovely creatures and make excellent pets."

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## Estate agents win Gold again

LYMM-based estate agents Admove are celebrating winning Gold at the British Property Awards for the fourth year running in the Warrington South category.

The multi-award winning independent estate agents are run by former Lymm High School pupils Mike Chung and Charlie Green, which initially operated from a bedroom back in September 2015.

Since then, they have gone from strength to strength

Mike Chung said: "Myself and Charlie are exceptionally proud to have come this far and built the company ourselves with no investments which is something we are keen to continue with moving forward. We have big plans for the future and our staff and have thoroughly enjoyed the

journey so far."

In May last year they opened a further office in a prominent location in Manchester Road, Altrincham

Charlie Green said: "It is a fantastic achievement for the Lymm branch and we would once again like to thank our clients for their continued business and support. We're looking forward to the future of Admove and will most certainly be looking to open further offices in thriving areas."

The duo say they have a further initiative up their sleeve which will be launched early in 2020

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# Walkers braved wind and rain to support children's hospice

**WET and windy weather did nothing to deter the 131 walkers who bravely took part in the Francis House Children's Hospice challenge to tackle the Cheshire Three Peaks.**

Eager participants – including staff from Ivanti in Daresbury, near Warrington – gathered at Tegg's Nose Visitor Centre in Macclesfield to embark on a 13.6 mile route, covering Tegg's Nose, Shutlingsloe and Shining Tor.

Some opted instead for a shorter 6.5 mile scavenger route but found more than just a gentle stroll lying in wait.

Ivanti global development operations director, David Crookes, encouraged colleagues and friends to take part including Lymm resident Andrea Thompson.

David from Warrington, wife Jane, together with children Ewan, Laura and their twin sisters, went on to claim victory on the 6.5 mile Scavenger Hunt route.

David said: "Francis House is a very worthy charity and relies heavily on community support. I feel so proud to be involved in something that really makes a difference and to see the charity support grow with colleagues, friends and family contributing in different ways is simply amazing."

Through the combined efforts of the Ivanti staff and wife Jane's collecting skills the group raised an impressive £1,248 in sponsorship.

Charity champion David has big

plans to support the Didsbury based hospice that cares for families from across the North West including Cheshire.

A collection point for donations to the charity shop has been set up at the Daresbury office as well as a regular rota of staff volunteering at the shop in Manchester.

First to roll up his sleeves and spend a day volunteering, charity champion David described the

experience.

"I felt great to get involved in a totally different environment and make a difference. The other regular volunteers made me feel super welcome and it was extremely rewarding to see our donations being sorted, displayed and creating value for this great cause."

The annual Cheshire Three Peaks Challenge has raised over £7,300 for Francis House, which will go towards the day-to-day running costs of the children and young adults hospice.

Rachel Astill, event organiser at Francis House, said: "Unlike adult hospices, children's hospices cover large geographical areas and at any one-time Francis House has around 2,000 people receiving some form of care. Thank you to everyone who faced up to the challenge of the Cheshire Three Peaks for going that extra mile to support their local children's hospice."

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# Lymm girl's inline skating success

**A LYMM girl has just returned from Fasarno, in Italy, where she was a member of a team representing Great Britain in the World Open Inline Skating Championships.**

Olivia Smith-Hughes, aged 10, from Lymm is a member of the Silver Blades Altrincham Inline Skating team.

Each year the competition grows in size and this year there were nearly 350 skaters from around the world competing, including 22 in the GB team.

It was a hugely successful event

for the Altrincham skaters, returning with four new world champions taking Gold in their respective categories, four silver medallists and two bronze medallist. The competition spanned four days.

Olivia came eighth in the Third Division cadets, which was a new, higher category for her after her win in the same competition last

year in Cork.

In addition to this, the Silver Blades also won Bronze in the team category, finishing behind Russia (Gold) and Ireland (Silver).

Head coach Donna McCarthy was thrilled with the results and said "Each and every skater should be very proud of what they have achieved. They worked hard and impressed everyone with their performance and their team spirit."

Photo shows Olivia skating in the competition.



## Lymm rider moves up to third

LYMM motor cyclist Sean Neary recorded a win and a second place in round five of the Ducati Performance TriOptions Cup at Snetterton, in Norfolk.

As a result, the SMC Racing rider moved up to third in the overall rider standings.



After a five week break in the action Neary was eager to get back underway and was on the pace during free practice and qualifying, being second in both sessions. He began the first race from a front row grid position but didn't make the most of his position and was in fourth place at the first corner. But by the time he completed the first lap he was up into third and chasing down the leaders who had made a break from the pursuing pack. On lap four Neary slipped past Rob Guiver and began to catch Josh Day who was less than a 10th of a second away from him.

As they began to pass the back markers on lap eight Neary took his chance and hit the front. He began to pull away but when Sam Middlemas'

Ducati blew an engine the race was brought to an early end with fluid on the track making it unsafe to continue and Neary was declared the victor with a 1.43s advantage over Guiver with Day just a fraction behind in third place.

Neary said: "That will do nicely! Absolutely made up to get the win for the SMC Racing Team, the lads deserve that. We changed the wheelbase and gearing quite drastically after qualifying but it really helped me pull the gears down the straights. It is never easy to beat both Josh and Rob as we are all riding the wheels off the bikes. You know it is always going to be a battle so to get the win is mega."

Starting the second race from pole position Neary was third on

the opening lap but made a move up to second at Riches on lap two. The three leading riders began to pull away from the pack and Neary took the lead on lap three. But his lead was short lived as he ran onto the grass and dropped back to third.

But he was not to be denied and spent the next few laps playing catchup again. On the penultimate lap he passed Josh Day for second place and got within a tenth of a second of Guiver before running wide at Wilson's hairpin on the final lap. He hung on to his second place but his chance of the win had gone.

He said: "I made a massive mistake on the last lap and that put paid to challenging for the win."



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# Heatley WI prepare for 2020 centenary celebrations

PRESIDENT Eileen Woods welcomed members and guest Jean Harding, Cheshire County Chairman and after the usual business gave a short talk about what is store for the forthcoming 2020 centenary celebrations.

Members are looking forward to all the good things to come, events and dates when known, will be distributed on social media and every WI will receive a hard copy as soon as the itinerary is confirmed.

The Centenary Celebrations 2020 commemorate the formation of the Cheshire Federation of Womens Institutes in 1920 but the first WI group in Cheshire in 1919 was established at Dunham by Lady Stamford, the first President and later County Chairman.

Speaker for the evening Melanie Latham of Holly Cottage Preserves entertained and informed members with her talk 'Chutney and Cheer' whilst demonstrating her plum chutney which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Members were then able to buy from the various preserves on sale.

Thursday July 18 saw 27 members travel by coach for a brilliant day out in Merseyside. First stop the Wirral Transport Museum at Birkenhead. After a short ride from Woodside to the museum in one of the heritage trams, they were transported back in time wandering through the fascinating collection of trams, buses,

and motorcycles all lovingly restored by wonderful volunteers who were on hand to give a history of the vehicles and to answer questions.

With support from Wirral Borough Council, the museum saw an extensive refurbishment last year and now boasts a tea room and improved toilet facilities, with a lift to the second floor it is accessible to all and nothing is too much trouble for the staff.

Back on the coach, next stop Port Sunlight where members enjoyed lunch at Hulme Hall after a trip round the estate. William Lever (Lord Leverhulme) built these beautiful houses for his employees when he established a soap manufacturing company in 1886. His workers received better wages and benefits than was normal for the industry of the time but stringent rules were

imposed and if sacked a family would lose their home too.

With a museum and lovely gardens Port Sunlight is well worth a visit.

On to Liverpool with a trip down the Mersey, a great view of 'The Three Graces', the Royal Liver, Cunard and Port of Liverpool buildings, Albert and Stanley Docks to name but a few.

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### Dates for Diaries:

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# Rugby League and solicitors – What's the Connection?

WHAT'S the connection between Rugby League and solicitors?

Well, at FDR they have a solicitor – Michelle Davis – who plays for Warrington Wolves' women's team, is part of the England Women's National Performance Squad and hopes one day to represent her country.

Away from the rugby pitch, she specialises in preparing Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) and Probate work - and believes her experience has brought home the importance of Lasting Powers of Attorney.

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So how does this relate to sport? Anybody who plays any sport risks suffering a severe injury – so most competitive athletes have accident/injury insurance.

Michelle said "Every athlete evaluates the risk of injury before



they step onto their chosen field of play, so to speak, and therefore every athlete should consider putting LPAs in place as an additional insurance policy in case the worst outcome does happen."

LPAs ensure your loved ones are able to deal with your affairs without any additional stress. Even joint accounts can be frozen if a bank becomes aware that one party has lost mental capacity.

On a happier note, an LPA can be useful for managing your personal or business affairs if you are lucky enough to tour abroad with a sports team.

As a keen Rugby League player Michelle is passionate about

educating all athletes from all sports about LPAs and other ways to plan and protect their assets for the future.

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## Homes flooded as river bursts its banks

SEVEN or eight homes were flooded at Lymm when the River Bollin burst its banks causing what was said to be the worst flooding in the area for 30 years.

Householders received a 5am flood warning call from the Environment Agency – but looked out of the window and saw the floodwater had already arrived.

Local councillor Kath Buckley, who was quickly on the scene, said: "It was horrific. I have never seen flooding like this in 30 years."

"The Bollin doesn't look like a river – it looks like a lake. It looks like Lake Coniston!"

The flooded homes were in Reddish Lane, Heatley but there was also flooding near the Green Dragon pub.

Cllr Buckley said Warrington

Borough Council had reacted quickly. They were at the scene by 6am with sandbags. But they were still too late.

"Everybody seems to have been caught napping by this – the Environment Agency, the council and, unfortunately, the residents."

"Apparently the problem started in the Manchester area, or at Macclesfield, and has come down the river, which just couldn't cope and burst its banks."

"Council staff remained at the scene, offering comfort and what help could be offered to the residents. United Utilities were also there."

"I don't think anybody could have done more – the council were here as soon as possible."





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# Lymm Runners host successful Trail Race

RUNNERS of all ages gathered at Lymm High School playing fields to take part in the seventh annual Festival Trail Races, organised by Lymm Runners.

It was a happy family occasion, helped by the ideal weather conditions and some great new features.

These included a striking new Finish Arch, very generously funded by a grant from the Trail Running Association, performances by the Lymm POP Choir to get competitors in the mood and a fun group warm-up for all 3 races by Scott Pearson of Fast Fit Strong. The chosen Charity this year was Mind and over £500.00 was raised through donations and the cake raffle.

Club Co-Chair Lynn Wheeler said: "It's fantastic to see so many runners of all abilities taking part - and the event has a friendly community-based feel."

"The races start and finish on

the sports fields of Lymm High School and take in the best bits of Helsdale and Spud Wood. It's the perfect backdrop for a summer's morning of running events. There's something for everyone."

The races kicked off with the Children's Fun Run led by the Caped Crusader Superhero and included many children in fancy dress. Winners of Woodland Trust prizes for the best outfits, were Wilf Bradbury and Tilly Scammell.

This was followed by the 5k and 10K races through the woods and concluded with a medal, a great goody bag and some refreshing fruit.

Last year's 10K winner, Daniel Cliffe of Liverpool Harriers returned this year to scoop prizes for both the 5K and 10K races and Alison Roberts of Lymm Runners and Sandra Stepniak (unattached) won the women's prizes for the 5k and 10K respectively.

Lymm Runners would like to thank all the marshals and volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success, the High School for allowing them to use their facilities and finally to the local companies and shops for their very generous sponsorship of fantastic refreshments, goodies for the bags and prizes.

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.



Daniel Cliffe, winner of both 5K and 10K races being presented with his prizes by Race Director Katie O'Connor.

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

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## Obituaries

### Rita Kelly

THE funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium on Monday, May 20 of Rita Kelly (nee Donovan), aged 84, of Statham Close, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on May 3.

Rita loved family life and was a much loved mother and grandmother.

She was keen on gardening, badminton and travel and was a member of the Bridgewater Players drama group for many years.

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



### James Hodgson

THE funeral has taken place of James "Jim" Hodgson, of Church View, Lymm, who died suddenly in Warrington Hospital, on July 9. He was 88. The service was St Peter's Church, Oughttrington on July 26.

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